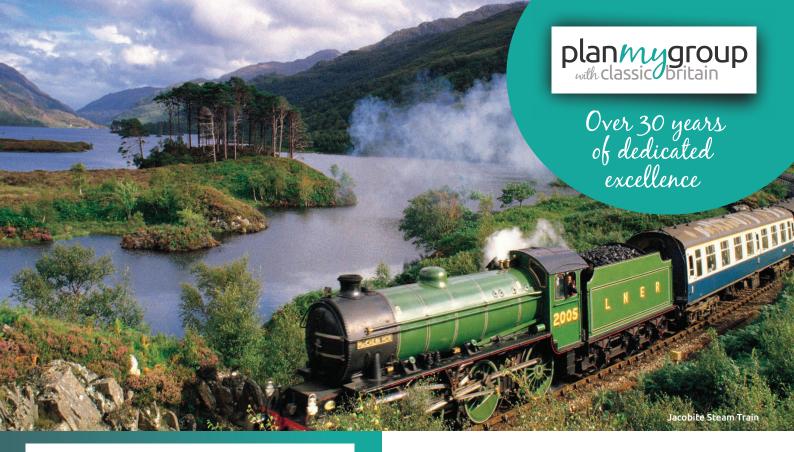
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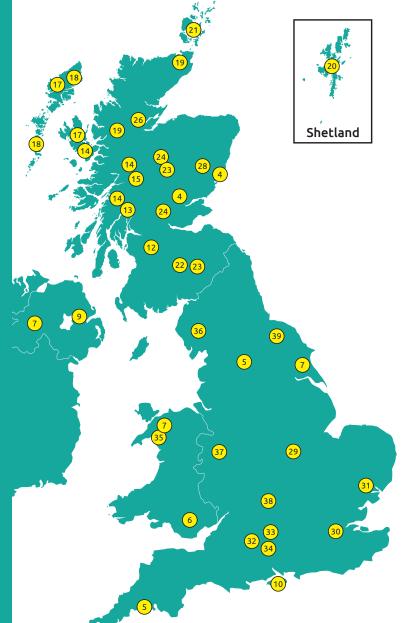
Our aim is to get rid of all the unnecessary hurdles and make the whole process of making a booking painless and easy. The process is about to become a whole lot easier with our new website launching this Summer. This coupled with our customer friendly tours really set us aside from others.

- Select a tour from the brochure or website (coming soon) and contact us for dates or bespoke ideas.
- You can book or enquire by phone, email or online.
- We don't ask for any deposits on booking.
- You can sell your tour right up until 30 days before arrival with additional rooms available on request for late bookers. (Subject to hotel)
- Majority of packages offer a free place for your driver over 25 paying pax.
- Prepayment is only required 21 days beforehand, and a proforma will be sent detailing the amount due. (Subject to the hotel)
- The majority of tours as standard include:
- Welcoming refreshments on check in.
- 3 course 3 choice dinners plus tea and coffee.
- Full hot breakfasts each morning
- Porterage and Wifi

Individual contracts will confirm.

We are as keen as you for your tour to be a success and we can offer free marketing support:

- Full access to our royalty free image bank with thousands of high-resolution images.
- Looking for copy word doc files are available for each package, which you can modify for your brochure.
- Availability of thousands of real time hotel reviews on www.myhotelbreak.com and soon to be released www. planmygroup.com
- Need extra time to sell, often hotels will provide extra time within 30 days of arrival.



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MEET THE TEAM

Known for our "excellence" and "professionalism" many of our staff have been with us from the start. With both Myhotelbreak and Planmygroup under the Classic Britain brand the sky is the limit. Year after year our ability to build great relationships is evident, from new hotels to new coach operators we are stronger than ever.



Left to right back: Richard, Stacey, Anne Marie, Stephanie, Clare Front Row: Pauline, Mark, Fiona

PRICES, REVIEWS & RATINGS

Here at Planmygroup we do things a little differently from the rest. For instance, this brochure is funded by our hotel partners. This together with our rating and reviewing processes, keeps prices down and quality right.

Our product team regularly visit our hotel portfolio to ensure the right quality, and this together with the thousands of real-time reviews we have collected from our leisure division www.myhotelbreak.com determines the hotels we work with.

Not all hotels reach our minimum entry level, but those which do are either three or four stars. To further assist with your hotel selection, we have graded each hotel into one of three categories:

Approved

At the lower end of their star rating, meeting our minimum level of expectation.

Commended

Considered average or just above average in all key areas within their star rating.

1st Class

Top end in their star rating in all departments.

INCOMING & PRIVATE GROUPS

Planmygroup packages are not only geared for the UK market but also to a growing number of operators from across the world. Our team can tailor make itineraries and take care of all the ground handling arrangements. The same principle applies for any private groups you may have. Our key objective is to provide you with first class delivery of service right through the whole booking process. Our personal and friendly style of service, where you deal with the same person males the whole procedure quick and hassle free. One of the reasons our clients return year after year.

EASTERN SCOTLAND NEW HOTEL

5 days from £423

Price Includes

- I nights DBB, 1 night BB
- I Fish & chips dinner
- Gin and whisky tasting
- Gourmet chocolate tasting
- Themed afternoon Tea

INVERCARSE HOTEL DUNDEE 3* Commended Reviews 90%



Best Western Invercarse

Hotel in Dundee has a great location with outstanding views over the River Tay and its own private grounds. This traditional 3-star hotel is just minutes away from Dundee city centre and offers a comfortable and charming atmosphere.



CENTRAL NEW HOTEL SCOTLAND

5 days from £427_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4nts DBB
- Afternoon Tea
- 1/2 Day Glasgow guide
- Haggis demo and cruise
- Distillery tour and tasting
- Cheese tasting

ALONA HOTEL STRATHCLYDE



3* Commended Reviews 89% Take a moment and unwind in one of the 51 thoughtfully

designed bedrooms at the Alona Hotel. Each spacious modern room comes equipped with either double or twin

beds. The pristine en suite bathrooms include a walk-in shower & heated mirrors





Highlights: • Dundee • Gin Tasting • Arbroath • Whisky Tasting St Andrews Gourmet Chocolate

A FEAST OF THE EAST

Various arrival davs

Launched in 2021 the feedback from this tour has been exceptional. Featuring a new hotel for 2025, it's still packed full of culinary experiences whilst enjoying some of Scotland's loveliest landscapes. With whisky, gin, chocolate and more it will be sure to tickle your tastebuds.

Day 2 Smokie Trail

On the trail of the famous "Smokie" starts with a coastal drive visiting the famous golf town of Carnoustie, then onwards to Arbroath - steeped in maritime history and famed for the "Smokie". Back to discover Dundee stopping for an afternoon tea along the way.

Dav 3 St Andrews

Not only is St Andrews famous for golf but also for its whisky. Kingsbarns distillery offers the perfect introduction to Scotland's amber nectar with a tour and tasting. Afterwards enjoy free

time in beautiful St Andrews finishing with a Fish and Chip dinner at one of the towns best chippies.

Day 4 Gin and Chocolate

Follow the River Tay to Glamis, not only home of the castle but also to the Gin Bothy. Sample the seasonal flavours and hear the story behind this quirky building. Afterwards free time in Pitlochry before touring deep into Perthshire for a visit to the Highland chocolatier for a guided tasting. Jain Burnett's chocolates are hailed by Michelin star chefs worldwide.



flavours of the Clyde

Highlights: • Willow Tearooms • Glasgow Guide • Whisky Tasting History of Haggis
 Gourmet Cheese Tasting

FLAVOURS OF THE CLYDE

Various arrival days

Back for 2025 this tour samples some of Scotland's most famous exports whilst taking in the area's diverse landscapes. From the cityscapes of Glasgow, the "Bonnie Banks" of Loch Lomond and the weaving Ayrshire coastline this tour has a bit of everything.

Day 2 Lovely Lanark

Based in Lanark, only forty minutes from Glasgow in Errington dairy. Founded in 1984, Errington Cheese are a multi-generational farmhouse cheese producer. Specialists in ewe and goat dairy. Handcrafting iconic styles including Lanark Blue, Corra Linn, & Blackmount. Hear the history and sample the delights they have to offer. Afterwards return via historic Lanark and the Clyde Valley with its many famous garden centres.

Day 3 The Great City

A local guide joins you for a half day tour of the Glasgow. Hear tales of tenement times and the city's deep design history. The day culminates with a visit to Mackintosh and the Willow

tearooms. Enjoy sumptuous afternoon tea surrounded by the décor based on design by the great Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Guests with mobility issues may be seated on the lower floor.

Dav 4 Whisky, Haggis & Loch Lomond

Deep in the Campsies and not far from Loch Lomond is one of Scotland's oldest whisky distilleries – Glengoyne. Enjoy a whisky tour and tasting before making the drive to nearby Balfron. The highlight of today is to hear the history of haggis, learn the real recipe and enjoy a haggis lunch with the traditional accompaniments. The afternoon is spent visiting Loch Lomond, stopping off at Lomond Shores, Balmaha, a good spot to see the vastness of the UK's largest fresh water lake.

Whitby Fish and Chips

Highlights: •York •Yorkshire Dales • Train Journey • Brewery Visit Wensleydale Creamery Afternoon Tea Chocolate Tasting Fish & Chips

YUMMY YORKSHIRE

Various Arrival Davs

The people of Yorkshire are immensely proud of their county and especially of their food and drink. Today some of the best meat, cheese, beer, and baked goods can be found in Yorkshire and there's no better way to enjoy them than on this culinary adventure based in York.

Day 2 Beer and Cheese

Travel to Ripon the Black Sheep Brewery. First opened in 1992 the tour will tell you the tales of how the brewery started to the present day, visit the Brewhouse and sample a range of the delicious beers. Next up Journey into the heart of the Yorkshire Dales to Wensleydale Creamery. The centre takes you on the journey of the art of cheese making through the years. Travel back through Settle and Skipton; "The Gateway to the Dales".

Day 3 Chocolate and York

From Rowntrees to Terry's some of the most famous names in confectionary were founded in York. York Chocolate House, established in 2011 tells the story of York chocolate and what it has become today. Have a go at making the sweet

stuff yourself and enjoy the all-important taste test. Afterwards, afternoon tea will showcase some of Yorkshire's best produce before free time to explore (groups may be split for afternoon tea and chocolate)

Day 4 Day at the Coast

First stop is Pickering before hopping aboard the Yorkshire Moors Railways for a relaxing journey to Whitby (reverse journey may be added due to timetable). Overlooking the North Sea, the ruined gothic Whitby Abbey was Bram Stoker's inspiration for "Dracula". No visit to Whitby would be complete without trying its famous fish and chips. Return to York via Robin Hood's Bay with a stop off in Scarborough to complete the Yorkshire Coaster.

5 days from £345_{PP}

Price Includes

- I nights DBB, 1 night BB
- Black Sheep Brewery tour & tasting
- Wensleydale Creamery
- York Chocolate House
- Yorkshire afternoon tea
- Single train journey
- Fish tea in Whitby

BURN HALL HOTEL HUBY



3* Commended Reviews 80%

Nestling in glorious Yorkshire countryside, this Victorian manor house is packed full

of personality, with 94 well furnished bedrooms. Hotel is less than 30 minute drive into York.



SOUTHWEST ENGLAND

Devon Scone

Highlights: • Plymouth • Paignton • Exmouth • Looe River Cruise Vineyard Visit

DELICIOUS DEVON & CORNWALL

Various Arrival Days

Back for 2025 this tour samples the delights of Devon. The area is bursting with unique food and drink experiences and the scenery isn't too bad either. Sample local wines at Alder Vineyard and relax on a leisurely river cruise with a Devon cream tea. Don't worry about the calories on this tour.

Day 2 Exmouth and Paignton

Head East to Exmouth and enjoy a ninety minute cream tea cruise. Sail along the calm and protected waters of the nationally renowned River Exe, whilst enjoying a delicious Devon Cream Tea, with oodles of cream and lashings of strawberry jam. Free time in Paignton before enjoying traditional fish and chips to top of a day by the coast.

Day 3 Vineyard Tour

Travel through the heart of the of the Dartmoor National Park to Alder Vineyard. Discover the mud, sweat and laughter that goes into growing grapes at the foot of Dartmoor. Enjoy a tour of the vineyard, along with plenty of samples. Afterward head to the coast stopping in historic Liskeard and onto Looe to finish the day with a delicious ice cream.

Day 4 Plymouth

Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring Plymouth with its narrow-cobbled streets and historic harbour. Dating back to 1400s is Black Friars, one of the oldest buildings in Plymouth is now home to a gin distillery. Enjoy a tour of the distillery along with a tutored tasting for the final taste of delicious Devon.

5 days from £368_{PP}

Price Includes

- 3 nights DBB, 1 night BB
- Vineyard Tour
 Gin Distillery Tour
- Chippie Tea
- Ice Cream
- Cream Tea Cruise
- Vinyard Tour and Tasting

DUKE OF CORNWALL PLYMOUTH 3* Commended Reviews 88%



When looking for accommodation in Plymouth

the Duke of Cornwall has a choice of 72 uniquely decorated bedrooms including single, double and twin rooms, so there's an option to suit every need.



SOUTH WALES

5 days from £406_{PP}

NEW

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Welsh lunch
- Cheese and Gin tasting
- Chocolate tasting
- Afternoon tea
- Entry to Welsh Coal Mining Museum

MERCURE CARDIFF NORTH CARDIFF



 $\Theta \Theta O$ The Mercure Cardiff North is in the docklands district

of Tiger Bay, 3 miles from Cardiff city centre. The location inspired its design, with a copper aesthetic and Welsh love spoons, textiles and miners' hats displayed.



NORTH WALES

5 days from £352_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Sea Salt tour
- Gin tasting
- 2 cruises
- Afternoon tea

BEAUFORT PARK HOTEL MOLD 3* commended Reviews 79%



service & varying entertainment.



Hensol Castle Distillery

Highlights: • Welsh Valleys • Cheese Tasting • Gin Tasting • Cardiff Chocolate Tasting Afternoon Tea
Rhondda Valley
South Wales Coast

HENSOL CAS SMALL GIN

MOUTH-WATERING SOUTH WALES

Arrive Monday & Depart Friday

Returning for 2025 we say Yaki Dah to some of Wales's finest culinary treats. From gin tasting in a grand castle and a chocolate masterclass in the former coal mining district. A visit to the national coal mining museum provides some history along with a full day taste of Wales experience at the Blaenavon Cheese Company. The tour is topped off with free time in the Welsh capital to enjoy a traditional afternoon tea.

Day 2 Venture into to the Valleys for a day of cheese and Welsh charm. Established in 2006 is the Blaenavon Cheddar Company. The only company in the world to produce cheddar 30ft below the ground in an ex-coal mine. Enjoy tea and Welsh cakes on arrival before hearing the story of the cheese production before a delicious tasting. Enjoy a three-course taste of Wales lunch in the Lion Hotel.

Day 3 The Rhondda Valley was another famous coal mining hub, and it plays host to the heritage centre that tells the story of Wales's most famous export. A tour has been arranged along with entry to the interactive exhibition, no longer

producing coal, the centre has its very own chocolate house. Enjoy sampling the produce and discover the origins of chocolate as part of a 40minute guided tasting session.

Day 4 Wales doesn't just produce mouthwatering food; it makes a not too bad gin too. Hensol Castle is South Wales's first full scale gin distillery and visitor experience. A tour and tasting has been arranged. Take the coastal route back to Cardiff passing through Barry Island and Penarth with its vintage pier. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea before exploring the city's Victoria arcades bustling with character and Welsh charm.



Highlights: • Chester • Llandudno • Anglesey • Llandudno Gin tasting Afternoon Tea Cruise

TEMPTING NORTH WALES & CHESTER

Various Arrival Davs

Back for 2025 this tour showcases the culinary treats of North Wales and Chester. Enjoy exclusive gin tasting at a unique and quirky Cheshire distillery. Explore the North Wales coastline with the option to stop at some of the areas most loved seaside towns. Discover the secret to making the perfect sea salt on a dedicated tour and talk at Halen Mon.

Dav 2 Sea Salt

After meeting at university, a young couple started looking for ways that they could continue to live and work in the area of outstanding natural beauty that is Anglesey. After various other projects they left a saucepan of seawater to boil on the Aga in their family kitchen and as the salt crystals started to form, they knew they had struck culinary gold. Enjoy entry to the Halen Mon visitor centre to discover the full story. Afterwards board the cruiser to Puffin Island – home to many species of birds and wildlife.

Dav 3 North Wales Coast

Enjoy a leisurely morning before a day on the North Wales coast. Take your pick of seaside resorts such

as Prestatyn and Rhyl. Continue west passing sandy beaches & coastal villages like Conwy & its castle. Spend the afternoon in Llandudno strolling its famous promenade or explore the towns Victorian pier. Enjoy the perfect end to a day at the seaside with a delicious dinner of fish and chips at one of Llandudno's many chippies.

Day 4 Chester Gin and the River Dee

Founded in 2019 by owner Nick, the Three Wrens Distillery is Cheshire's number one ain experience. Enjoy a guided tour and tasting with the creator himself. Finish the day with a leisurely River Dee cruise accompanied by afternoon tea. See Chester's unique architecture whilst sipping tea and eating delicious cakes and sandwiches.



Highlights: • Derry City • Derry guide • Armagh • Enniskillen • Lough Erne Cruise commentary Ladies, Loughs, and Local Liquor

LADIES, LOUGHS & LOCAL LIQUOR

Various Arrival Days

Launched last year, this luxurious tour, set in a Lakeside Hotel in Enniskillen, offers a perfect blend of experiences. Enjoy sampling delicious local gin, followed by a tranquil cruise on Lough Erne to explore historical sites. Learn about the process of making cider before indulging in a hearty Irish lunch. The package concludes with a tour of Derry and a delightful afternoon tea.

Day 2 The Real Derry Girls

Visit Londonderry, an hour from Enniskillen, renowned for its intact 17th-century walls and influential women, the "Real Derry Girls." Explore the city with an expert local guide, discovering its notable women. Conclude the day with a Derry Girls themed afternoon tea at the Everglades hotel.

Day 3 Orchard Tour

Experience the renowned Bramley apples of County Armagh at Ballinteggart House, established in 1776. Enjoy a welcome drink in the orchard before embarking on the Blossom to Bottle tour. Indulge in a lunch of soup, traditional wheaten bread, and the orchard's signature apple tart. Spend the afternoon exploring Armagh, including its cathedrals, museum, and planetarium.

Day 4 Gin Tour and Boat Trip

Begin with a gin and tonic reception at the Boatyard Distillery, followed by a comprehensive tour and cocktail tasting. After lunch, cruise on Lough Erne aboard the MK Kestral waterbus, passing historic landmarks like Enniskillen Castle and Devenish Island's round tower, Augustinian Abbey, and church ruins.



5 days from **£638**_{PP}

Price Includes

- Derry guided tour
- Afternoon Tea
- Cider Experience
- Light Lunch
- Gin Tour
- Loch Cruise

KILLYHEVLIN LAKESIDE HOTEL



88888 On the shores of picturesque

Lough Erne, the 4-star Killyhevlin Lakeside Hotel &

Lodges has a gym, a spa, and an indoor pool. Each room at Killyhevlin is spacious, with modern décor and tea and coffee making facilities.





Highlights: • St Andrews • Fish & Chips Dinner • Dunfermline Abbey River Cruise
 Rosslyn Chapel
 Edinburgh
 Loch Leven
 Constant

THE REEL SCOTLAND ON SCREEN

Various Arrival Davs

Based in a luxury Scottish retreat, fit for a film star, this new tour explores some of Scotland's most famous locations that have also shot to fame on screen. From Harry Potter to Outlander. Embark on a reel adventure through the stunning landscapes and historic landmarks that have graced the silver screen.

Day 2 St Andrews & Fife Villages

Explore St Andrews, renowned as the birthplace of golf and featured prominently in the film "Chariots of Fire." Enjoy free time in the University town, with its cathedral, boutiques, and cafes. End the day with a classic chippie tea. On the way back to Dunfermline, pass by picturesque fishing villages like Anstruther & Crail, and take photos at Loch Leven, featured in the movie "Braveheart."

Day 3 Blackness Castle and Dunfermline Abbey

Visit Dunfermline Abbey, where medieval monarchs like Robert the Bruce are buried, and explore the Palace and Abbey's nave. Enjoy free time in South Queensferry before a cruise on the Forth passing Blackness Castle, known for its roles in "Outlaw King" and "Outlander." Indulge in a cream tea onboard for a touch of luxury.

Day 4 Rosslyn Chapel and Edinburgh

Begin with a visit to the iconic Rosslyn Chapel, famous for its appearance in "The Da Vinci Code." Spend the afternoon exploring Edinburgh's captivating sights, including Victoria Street, known as the inspiration for Diagon Alley in "Harry Potter." JK Rowling drew inspiration from the city for her renowned series.

LUXURY SCOTLAND

5 days from £452_{PP}

Price Includes

- Fish and Chip Dinner
- Entry to Dunfermline Abbey
- Cream Tea Cruise
- Entry to Rosslyn Chapel

KEAVIL HOUSE DUNFERMLINE 4* Commended



Keavil House Hotel is a

country house hotel and health club in a beautiful

rural setting. Nestling in12 acres of landscaped gardens, it's perfectly located for both leisure breaks the south Fife area.



LUXURY ENGLAND

5 days from £395

Price Includes

- Fish and Chip Dinner
- Yorkshire Railway
- Afternoon Tea

CROWN SPA HOTEL SCARBOROUGH 4* Commended



prominently on the Esplanade overlooking South Bay, the hotel offers panoramic views of the coastline.

Situated



LUXURY WALES

5 days from £488_{PP}

Price Includes

- Entry to Potmeirion
- Two Train Journeys
- Puffin Island Cruise
- River Dee Cruise

LLANDUDNO BAY HOTEL 4* Commended



The Llandudno Bay Hotel is a charming boutique hotel located on the picturesque seafront of Llandudno Bay in North Wales. .





Highlights:

North Yorkshire Moors
Steam Train
Whitby and Filey
Robin Hoods Bay
Coastal Comforts in Scarborough

COASTAL COMFORTS IN SCARBOROUGH

Arrive Monday & Depart Friday

Scarborough, the pioneering seaside destination, boasts a 12th-century castle and 350 years of hospitality. Indulge in a lavish hotel stay by the south bay with a spa, steam train excursions, and scenic Yorkshire coast exploration, topped off with delightful afternoon tea.

Day 2 Whitby & Yorkshire Moors

After breakfast, embark on a scenic coastal drive to Whitby, pausing at Smugglers Cove, Robin Hood's Bay. Enjoy free time in Whitby before relishing a traditional fish and chip lunch. Hop on the North Yorkshire Railway to Goathland, known as Aidenfield in "Heartbeat" and Hogsmeade in "Harry Potter." Return to Scarborough, soaking in Yorkshire Moors' beauty, including Thornton Le Dale village.

Day 3 Free Day in Scarborough

Enjoy a free day to explore Scarborough, dubbed

the "Queen of the Yorkshire Coast." Experience its beaches, shops, coastal walks, amusements, and cruises. Later, enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea in the hotel's charming restaurant.

Day 4 Yorkshire Coast

Begin with a visit to Filey, a Victorian resort boasting a 5-mile golden beach and charming Edwardian houses. Follow the coastal heritage trail to Flamborough Head's white chalk cliffs (wear suitable footwear), admiring spectacular views and seabird colonies. Time permitting, explore Bridlington's beach, harbour, and shops.



Highlights: • Ffestiniog Railway • Portmeirion • Puffin Island • Llangollen Railway • Tracks and Sails of North Wales

TRACKS & SAILS OF NORTH WALES

Various Arrival Days

Discover North Wales in style with our deluxe package, situated in a 4-star hotel on Llandudno's seafront. Experience the stunning landscapes via rail, water, and road, featuring scenic trips on Wales's renowned Ffestiniog and Llangollen railways. Explore diverse boat cruises and picturesque drives along the Welsh coast and through Snowdonia's Mountain passes.

Tuesday Ffestiniog and Portmeirion

Board the Ffestiniog steam train, operated by the world's oldest independent rail company. Enjoy a 14-mile journey through breathtaking Victorian engineering, winding around mountain bends and descending 700 feet to Porthmadog harbor. Explore the nearby "Italianate Village" of Portmeirion, famous for its appearance in films like Dr. Who and The Prisoner.

Wednesday Caernarfon Castle, Boat Cruise, and Snowdonia

Admire the impressive Caernarfon Castle dating back to the 13th century. Cross the Menai Straits

to Anglesey, pausing for a photo opportunity at Beaumaris. Embark on a cruiser bound for Puffin Island, known for its bird species and wildlife, with live commentary.

Thursday Llangollen Steam Railway & Chester Board the Llangollen Steam Train for a scenic ten-mile journey to Corwen. Continue to the Roman city of Chester, renowned for its timberframed houses and galleried shopping arcades. Enjoy a 30-minute guided cruise on the River Dee to discover the city's ancient Cathedral and highlights.



The Titanic Quarter

Highlights: • County Down • Belfast City • Lisburn • Titanic Experience • Saint Patricks Resting Place • Inch Abbey

RAILS, ALES & SUNKEN SAILS

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Back for 2025 after its popularity last year this package offers an insight into some of Ireland's biggest icons along with some of its tastiest tipples. A tour and tasting at Hilden Brewery are included along with entry to the mesmerising Titanic experience. Hear the story of Saint Patrick and visit his resting place before enjoying a relaxing train ride whilst admiring the beautiful Irish scenery. Ireland is back, bigger and better than ever.

Day 2

Famed for being Irelands most easterly county, Downpatrick is only a short journey from Belfast. The Saint Patrick Centre is the only permanent exhibition in the World about Ireland's Patron Saint. The History of Ireland starts here in Patrick's words, which guides you through the amazing multimedia exhibition. Down Cathedral and Saint Patrick's Grave are located on Cathedral Hill beside the Saint Patrick Centre flanked by a massive granite stone, to protect the grave from pilgrims looting soil in previous years. Nearby is Downpatrick and Country Down Railway, visit the museum and carriage gallery before boarding the train to Inch Abbey with beautiful views of Mourne Mountains. Time to explore the Abbey which featured in Game of Thornes (some walking involved).

Day 3

First opened in 2012, the Titanic Experience is a monument to Belfast's maritime heritage on the site of the former Harland & Wolff shipyard in the city's Titanic Quarter where the RMS Titanic was built. This fantastic visitor centre is immersive, informative and tells stories of shipyard workers, passengers, and the crew. Hours can be spent exploring the exhibition with so much to discover and so many emotions felt walking between the galleries. Afterwards enjoy a tour at Titanic distillers, walk in the footsteps of the dock workers as you journey through the history of The Pumphouse, and explore the site where Titanic last rested on dry ground before her maiden voyage. Experience a sensory tasting experience of premium Irish Whiskey and awardwinning Irish Vodka.

Day 4

Enjoy a leisurely morning before a midday tour at Hilden Brewery in Lisburn, the oldest of its kind in Ireland. Learn about Hilden House, visit the brewhouse and bottling plant before sampling the produce itself with a flight of three beers. Visitors are served a bowl of Irish stout stew and wheaten bread, the perfect way to set you up for the rest of the day. Spend the remainder of the day with free time in Belfast City, hop aboard an open top tour bus or a famous black cab tour. Admire the architecture of City Hall and visit the galleries of the Cathedral quarter with their boundary pushing artwork.



NORTHERN IRELAND

"We are really looking forward to the new Irish itinerary this year, the program looks fantastic." - UK Tour Operator



5 days £547

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to the St Patrick Centre
- Single on County Down Railway
- Entry to the Titanic Experience
- Hilden brewery tour
- Distillery tour and tasting
- Return ferry to Belfast

The iceberg that the Titanic collided with is speculated to have been anywhere from 50 to 100 feet above water.

> RAMADA BY WYNDHAM BELFAST CITY 3* Approved



Ramada by Wyndham Belfast is in the heart of town in the Cathedral Quarter of Belfast's city centre. All rooms at the Ramada by Wyndham Belfast have a private bathroom with power shower, tea/coffee making facilities and 40-inch flat-screen television.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available

April - October

"This is the first time we have used Classic & everyone had a great time. Hotel was good and days out well thought out & enjoyed by all." - Group Organiser



5 days from £425_{PP}

Price Includes

- •4 nights DBB
- Return ferry to Isle of Wight
- Entry to Osborne House
- Open ticket Isle of Wight Steam rail
- Guided tour Havenstreet station
- Entry to Ventnor Botanic Gardens
- Needles boat tour

CHANNEL VIEW HOTEL SHANKLIN 3* Approved



Situated in a prime cliff top location overlooking Sandown Bay, the Ocean View Hotel offer guests spectacular views, warm and friendly services with food sourced from local suppliers and comfortable rooms.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.







Highlights: • The Needles • Shanklin • Newport • Benbridge • Steam Train Ride

THE SIGHTS ON WIGHT

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Back for 2025 this tour showcases the best of the Isle of Wight. Known for its beaches and seafront promenades such as Shanklin and South facing Ventnor, the island may be small, but it offers everything needed for the perfect holiday. Enjoy everything from a needles boat trip to a journey on the island's nostalgic railway. The icing on the cake is entry to Osborne House, the much-loved historical holiday home of the Royal family.



Day 2 Steam train and Bembridge

One of the best kept secrets on the Isle of Wight is its steam railways. The beautifully preserved railway creates the perfect backdrop for a special day out. Riding the majestic steam train is the most convenient way to explore the island's countryside. Enjoy a private tour of Havenstreet station to discover its history along with the secrets to preserving the carriages themselves. Spend the afternoon in Bembridge, situated on the most Easterly part of the Island. With its stunning beaches and beautiful buildings it's no wonder its home so some of the wealthiest residents on the Isle of Wight.

Day 3 Ventnor Gardens and Needles

Only a short trip from the hotel lies Ventnor Botanic Gardens, situated in the remarkable microclimate at the heart of the famous 'Undercliff.' This unique garden is protected from the cold northerly winds by chalk down and is unrivalled for its collections of subtropical plants grown unprotected out of doors. Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring the gardens before hugging the coast to Alum Bay. From east to west across West Wight runs a chalk downland ridge that ends at the Needles, a row of three chalk stacks off the Isle of Wight's most westerly point. Rising 30 m (98 ft) out of the English Channel. Board the short boat trip to enjoy panoramic views of Alum Bay, hear of shipwrecks in the area and discover the origins of the needles with the informative live commentary.

Day 4 Osborne House

Undoubtedly one of the most famous historical homes is on the Isle of Wight. Famous for being the holiday home of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, Osborne house is cemented in history as one of the UK'S most opulent royal residences. Albert designed the house himself, in the style of an Italian Renaissance palazzo. Inside the house get an intimate glimpse into royal life as you explore private apartments and grand reception rooms lined with furnishings and artworks from the Royal Collection. Finish the day off in Newport, the island's largest town which was recently voted in the top ten places to live in the UK.





Highlights:
Mountain Railway
Cregneash
Laxey Wheel
Port Erin
Peel

RAILS & TALES OF THE ISLE OF MAN

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Immersed in myth and legend, the "Kingdom of Man" boasts a captivating narrative deeply rooted in its diverse culture. Steeped in mystery, our journey takes us to the world's oldest parliament and Cragneash Village, where we glimpse into the lives of crofters and keep our eyes peeled for tailless cats along the countryside trails. Two scenic rail journeys unfold, offering a leisurely way to appreciate the island's stunning coastal scenery. Throughout the tour, enjoy the comfort of two of the Island's most group-friendly hotels.



Day 1 Isle of Man Sailing

Board the Isle of Man ferry from Heysham for the 3 ¾ hrs sailing to Douglas.

Day 2 Laxey & Snaefell Mountain Railway

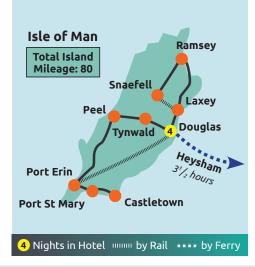
Heading north, you'll discover the historic village of Laxey, renowned for housing the world's largest working waterwheel, named "Isabella." From the "Cottage," board the mountain railway to ascend Snaefell Peak, offering ample time to absorb panoramic views of the island. Continue to Ramsey, the second-largest town, where you can enjoy some free time. On the return journey, traverse a portion of the iconic TT course, passing landmarks such as Kates Cottage, Keppel Gate, and Windy Corner.

Day 3 Free Day in Douglas

Nestled on the Isle of Man, Douglas stands as a bustling coastal resort, brimming with a rich tapestry of attractions and activities for visitors. The strategically located hotel, at the heart of this vibrant town, serves as an ideal base for exploration. Notably, Douglas boasts a newly refurbished promenade, offering a picturesque stroll along the coastline. Don't miss the chance to experience the Victorian charm of the local pier, adding a touch of nostalgia to your seaside retreat.

Day 4 Steam train, Cregneash & Peel

Hop on the IOM steam railway for a 16-mile journey through picturesque countryside to Port Erin. Your coach awaits to take you to Cregneash, the British Isles' first open-air folk museum, showcasing indigenous animals and traditional farming. Explore Port St Mary and Port Erin on a coastal drive before heading to Peel for its kippers, castle, and sandy beach. Return to Douglas along the TT circuit, passing Tynwald Hill and the world's oldest parliament, the 1000-yearold Manx Parliament.



ISLAND ESCAPES

"I have worked with the team for over 25years and will continue to do so for many more to come."

- UK Tour Operator



5 days from £388_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Return Isle of Man ferry
- Train to Snaefell Peak
- Single steam train journey
- Entry to Cregneash

The Isle of Man hosts the world-famous Isle of Man TT motorcycle race, renowned for its prestige and challenging course.

> RUTLAND HOTEL DOUGLAS 3* Commended



One of the top rated hotels in Douglas with a stunning sea view location. 67 bedrooms with a restaurant and bar overlooking the bay not suitable for wheelchair access due to the design of the building.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available

April - October

"The products offered are second to none, which make dealing with Classis Britain a real pleasure" - UK Tour Operator



5 days from £306_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Return ferry to Arran with your coach
- Entry to Brodick Castle & Gardens
- Return Ferry to Bute with your coach
- Entry to Mount Stuart Mansion & Gardens
- Culzean Castle

Robert Burns is widely regarded as Scotland's National Poet and Lyricist.

RIVERSIDE LODGE IRVINE 4* Commended



Located in its own grounds of the outskirts of the town and within 1 mile of the sea. The hotel has been totally transformed into a high quality 4* hotel. A real firm favourite with our groups.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available April - October

HOTEL INFO www.myhotelbreak.com



Highlights: •Isle of Bute •Isle of Arran • Brodick Castle and Gardens • Mount Stuart • Culzean Castle

CASTLES & COASTAL SECRETS OF THE AYRSHIRE ISLES

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Based in the coastal town of Irvine, this affordably priced holiday offers scenic coastal drives along the Ayrshire coastline. Full-day excursions include exploring the Isle of Arran, Scotland's 7th largest island, with entry to Brodick Castle & Gardens, and continuing to Bute for a visit to the opulent Mount Stuart. Enhancing the experience, the itinerary extends to include the historic Culzean Castle, adding a touch of architectural grandeur and rich history to your coastal adventure.

Tuesday Isle of Bute & Mount Stuart

Embark on a scenic morning drive along the Firth of Clyde to Wemyss Bay, where a ferry awaits to transport you to Rothesay. Explore the Victorian charm of this once-fashionable resort, featuring gardens, coastal walks, and quaint eateries. Later, the island tour covers highlights like Ettrick Bay's golden sands and Scalpsie Bay before reaching Mount Stuart, the UK's flamboyant grand house. Stroll through its intricate rooms and enjoy breathtaking views from the expansive 300-acre gardens.

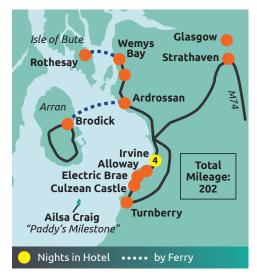
Wednesday Ayrshire Coastal Drive

Embark on a journey exploring the local area in the morning and then dive into Scottish history in the afternoon with a visit to Culzean Castle. Perched on Ayrshire's cliffs with architectural grandeur by Robert Adam, this historic gem was once the home of the Kennedy family. Enjoy panoramic views, opulent interiors, and gardens designed by Sir Thomas Mawson. Uncover its wartime secrets and immerse yourself in the enchanting history of Culzean Castle, a blend of architectural elegance and natural beauty.

Thursday Isle of Arran & Brodick Castle

Embark on a morning ferry journey with your coach for a $\frac{3}{4}$ hour crossing to Arran, often referred to as "Scotland in Miniature." Your first

destination is the Baronial Brodick Castle & Gardens, a historic site dating back to the 13th century. The castle, brimming with treasures, boasts impressive gardens with views of the Firth of Clyde and has recently reopened after a £1.5 million restoration. Enjoy free time in Brodick before a scenic tour around the island, capturing sea views towards Kintyre and south to Ailsa Craig, also known as "Paddy's Milestone."



"They are the experts of the islands, they really take over the hard work for us" - US Tour Guide



5 days from £401_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Return ferry Oban to Mull
- Return ferry Mull to Iona
- Entry to Iona Abbey
- Distillery entry and tasting

Oban, known as the "Gateway to the Isles" serves as a launchpad for Hebridean Island exploration.

COLUMBA HOTEL OBAN 3* Commended Reviews 82%



We believe the Columba to be the best hotel in central Oban for groups. It's central harbour side location means everything is close by and 47 of its 49 rooms has either a sea or town view. Inside the hotel is in a good shape with constant improvements being made but yet retaining many of its traditional Victorian features.

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Available April - October

HOTEL INFO www.myhotelbreak.com

Neptune's Staircase

Highlights: • Oban • Isles of Mull and Iona • Neptune's Staircase • Fort William • Commando monument • Distillery visit

OBAN DRAMS & IONA DREAMS

Various Arrival Days

Nestled in the lively coastal hub of Oban, each day unfolds with its own unique charm. Discover the captivating Hebridean Islands of Mull and the historic Iona. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of the UK, traversing roads along the lochsides with towering mountains above. Experience one of the world's tiniest distilleries and savor their golden elixir. A picturesque journey to Fort William encapsulates the Highland's finest scenery in a single day a genuine taste of the Highlands.



Day 2 Isles of Mull and Iona

Embark on a ferry journey with your coach for a scenic 55-minute crossing to the captivating Isle of Mull. As you explore the island, head south, passing the impressive Duart Castle en route to Fionnphort. Take a brief ferry crossing as foot passengers to the sacred Isle of Iona. Leisurely wander the island, adorned with a white sandy beach and charming pathways. Iona, a historic pilgrimage site, is recognized as the birthplace of Christianity in the UK. Included is entry to the renowned Abbey, serving as the final resting place for over 100 Scottish Kings

Wednesday Oban

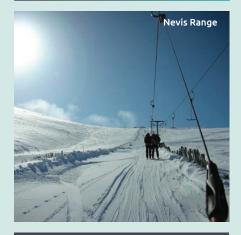
Savor leisure time in Oban, exploring the town at your own pace. Delight in the charm of quirky boutique stores and cozy tea rooms. Established in 1794, the local distillery stands at the town's heart. Renowned as one of Scotland's smallest distilleries, you can partake in an intimate tour and tasting experience. *Note that visits may be staggered based on group size. Thursday Fort William & Lovely Lochaber

Following the loch's shoreline, the journey leads to Fort William for sightseeing. The afternoon is dedicated to exploring the highlights of Lochaber. Nearby lies Neptune's Staircase, where boats of various sizes navigate the 8 locks of the Caledonian Canal. The tour then proceeds to Gairlochy, running alongside the famous canal, offering photo opportunities to capture the magnificent views of Ben Nevis and the Great Glen at the renowned Commando Monument in Spean Bridge.



REFRESHED

"if you're a fan of the Scottish Islands this is the tour for you" - UK Coach Operator



7 days £742_{PP}

Price Includes

- 6nts DBB
- All ferry crossings included
- Whisky distillery tour and tasting
- Nevis Range Gondola
- Entry to Dunvegan Castle

INVERARAY INN INVERARAY 3* Commended Reviews 79%

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To the front of the hotel are stunning views over Loch Shira and Loch Fyne, ideal for freshwater or sea fishing. This



Inveraray Hotel also has a dramatic backdrop of mountain ranges making it a great location for bird watching or walking breaks.

> MORAR HOTEL MORAR 3* Approved

In an excellent location just 3 miles from Mallaig, the southern Gateway to the Isle of Skye, making it the perfect base for



Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.





Highlights: • Isles of Arran • Islay and Skye • Oban • Fort William Whisky tasting Ounvegan Castle

ARRAN, ISLAY & SKYE SPECTACULAR

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Join seven memorable days of Island adventure as the holiday criss-crosses three of the best Inner Hebridean Isles, each one with its unique character and culture. From Arran in the south, then westwards over to Islay, famous for its whisky and where island life has little changed in generations. Finishing with perhaps the most well-known of the Scottish islands – The romantic Isle of Skye, with its incredible coastline and unspoilt scenery.

Dav 1 Avrshire Overnight Day 2 Isle of Arran

Board the morning ferry to Arran. Time to explore the island's capital Brodick, before a tour of the island, visiting Lamlash, Whiting Bay & Blackwaterfoot. Free time at sense of Arran and Arran Cheese (they are next to each other). Board the late afternoon ferry from Lochranza to the Mull of Kintyre, with a drive along Loch Fyne to your hotel.

Day 3 Isle of Islay

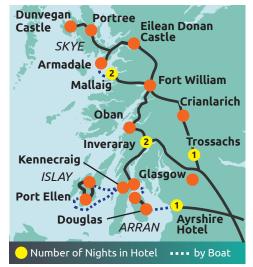
Embark with your coach on the 3 hour sailing to the Queen of the Hebrides - Islay. The tour visits Bowmore, the islands capital, with its round church, where spirits have nowhere to hide! Followed by a more tasty spirit - a tour & tasting at a whisky distillery. Afterwards, spend time at the "Big Strand" on Laggan Bay with 6 miles of unspoilt sandy beach, before travelling across the island to catch the Port Askaig ferry back to the mainland. (Breakfast or dinner served on ferry dependant on ferry schedule)

Day 4 Oban

Depart hotel and journey through lochs and glens for free time in Oban; "Gateway to the Isles", before passing through Fort William. The Road to the Isles is recognised as one of the best drives in the UK, stopping off at Glenfinnan, where you have every chance of seeing the Harry Potter train. Arrive in Mallaig for the next two nights. Day 5 Isle of Skye

Board the morning ferry to Skye with its wealth of history from Jacobite battles to feuding clans with evidence of the Highland clearances still very much in evidence. The island is abundant in

wildlife and the scenery ever changing from the patchwork of velvet moors to jagged mountains and towering sea cliffs. Today's tour makes the most of the island visiting Portree the islands capital & Dunvegan Castle – home of the Macleod Clan for over 800 years, sweeping back round the west coast with clear coastal views of the Cullins. Day 6 Great Glen, Glencoe & Loch Lomond Enjoy a leisurely journey south arriving at the Nevis Gondola, the only one of its kind in the UK. Afterwards enjoy free time in Fort William, Scotland's outdoor capital. Finally journey through Glencoe and the shoreline of Loch Lomond checking into your hotel for your final night's stay.



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exploring the beautiful Scottish Highlands.

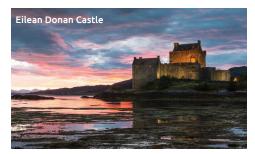


Highlights: • Isle of Mull • Duart Castle and Tobermoray • Skye • Oban • Eilean Donan Castle • West Highland Line

SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Glistening like precious gems in the pristine waters, Scotland's 750 islands contribute to the charm of its coastline. Nestled in a lakeside hotel, this vacation is designed to fully embrace the islands' beauty, offering a cultural immersion, insights into traditions, and a chance to marvel at breathtaking landscapes. Two distinctive and enchanting islands are chosen for exploration - Mull, boasting 300 miles of coastline, and Skye, rich in tales of historical feuds and romance.



Day 2 Oban and Mull

Embark on a leisurely drive along the lochside to Oban, known as Scotland's "Gateway to the Isles." Catch a 40-minute ferry to the Isle of Mull, where you'll spot the Eilean Musdale Lighthouse and the impressive Duart Castle as our first destination. Delight in a welcome talk from the head guide, exploring the castle's history, and savor free time to appreciate the castle rooms, concluding with tea and scones. Afterwards, visit Tobermory, the island's capital, renowned for its vibrant houses and storefronts. Indulge in lunch at a charming tea room or try local cheese and chocolate produced on the island.

Day 3 Lovely Lochaber & Mountain Cable Car

Time free in Fort William before a brief tour to explore the surrounding area. Witness boats traversing the eight locks of Neptune's Staircase in Banavie, proceed to Spean Bridge for panoramic views of Ben Nevis, and pause for photos at The Commando Monument. Conclude the day with a cable car ascent 2200ft into the mountains near Ben Nevis, offering a bird's-eye view of Fort William and its lakes. The location features a café and accessible graded walks for added enjoyment.

Day 4 West Highland Line & Isle of Skye Circular

Board the train in Fort William and embark on one of the most scenic railway journeys in Britain. Traverse through glens, along loch sides, and across the breathtaking 21-arched Glenfinnan Viaduct. Upon reaching Mallaig, your coach awaits to board the ferry "Over the Sea to Skye." Marvel at the rugged scenery of southern Skye, including the Cuillin Mountains, before a lunch at a local hotel(included). After lunch, explore Skye and cross the bridge at Kyle, making a stop at the renowned Eilean Donan Castle, Scotland's second most photographed castle. As the road ascends steadily at Glen Shiel, the Five Sisters of Kintail come into view.





"They are one of the friendliest teams I've ever worked with, always a familiar voice at the end of the phone"

ISLAND

- UK Coach Operator



5 days from £469_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Return Ferry Oban-Mull
- Single rail Fort William to Mallaig
- Single ferry Mallaig to Skye
- Entrance to Duart Castle, tea and scones
- Lunch on Isle of Skye
- Mountain cable car ride

Fort William's "Old Fort," constructed in 1690 after the Jacobite uprising, remains a captivating relic from Scotland's turbulent history.

> **ONICH HOTEL NEAR FORT WILLIAM** 3* Commended Reviews 85%



This 26 bedroom hotel will is scheduled to have been completely refurbished by 2025. Located on the edge of Glencoe, 7 miles south of Fort William. The hotel has the most amazing uninterrupted loch & mountain views.

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Available

April - October

"Enquiries are responded to lightning fast. Standard of hotels & itineraries give you full confidence" - UK Tour Operator



5 days from £305_{PP}

Price Includes

- Porterage on arrival and departure
- 4 nights DBB
- All Ferry services as described
- Entry Benmore Gardens
- Entry Mount Stuart & Gardens
- Entry Inveraray Castle & Gardens
- Entry to Historic Kilmun

Dunoon is one of Scotland's most popular islands

ESPLANADE HOTEL DUNOON 3* Commended Reviews 84%



Situated on the quieter West Bay side of Dunoon, with unparalleled views down the Firth. Hotel has been refurbished in recent years & is very much geared to group needs.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available April - October



Mount Stuart

Highlights: •Isle of Bute •Benmore Gardens •Inveraray Castle •Mount Stuart •Rothesay •Dunoon

SCOTTISH ISLAND GARDENS

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Be it spring, summer or autumn, the Scottish Islands are a joy to explore with their colourful gardens on display throughout the seasons. Our island garden tour is designed for those who not only appreciate gardens but also for those who wish to visit the beauty of Scotland's West Coast & two of its most loved islands. A true Island hopping tour featuring two of Scotland's most opulent properties in Bute and Inveraray. The latter still home to the Duke of Argyll and his family.

Day 2 Isle of Bute & Mount Stuart

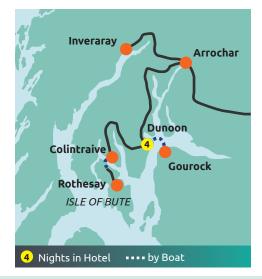
A short but beautiful drive over the Kyles of Bute to catch the short crossing from Colintraive to the Isle of Bute. Time free in the Victorian seaside town of Rothesay, the islands capital. Afterwards, the coastal drive to Mount Stuart - a 19th-century neo-gothic mansion with extravagant interiors and over 300 acres landscaped gardens with a wide selection of native and exotic flora. The woodland walks lead to a private beach with views across the Firth of Clyde.

Day 3 Inveraray

Morning free in Dunoon, perhaps visit Castle House Museum. In the afternoon tour along The Holy Loch and Loch Fyne to the ancient maritime port of Inveraray. Entry into Inveraray Castle & Gardens included. The castle is home to the Duke of Argyll playing an important role in the shaping of Scotland through the ages. The garden covers sixteen acres. The remainder being park and woodland extending to 180 hectares forming one of the most important designed landscapes in Scotland. Don't forget to say hello to the Highland cows.

Day 4 Kilmun & Benmore Gardens

This morning travel to along the shoreline to Historic Kilmun. The former church, with the Argyll Mausoleum at its side, overlooks the Holy Loch on a site with a religious history dating back to the 7th century. The current building, erected in 1841 and set in an historic graveyard, boasts one of the very few working hydraulic water powered organs in Britain together with impressive stained-glass windows by Stephen Adam. Adjoining the church is the Argyll Mausoleum a burial place of Campbells of Argyll from the 16th century until the last Duke was interred there in 1949. Enjoy an afternoon visit to Benmore Gardens. Set ove 120 acres its home to a world-famous collection of plants from regions ranging from the Himalaya, China and Japan to North and South America.



"I find the ferry networks so confusing, this is where the teams come into their own, we just turn up and it's all arranged for us."

- UK Coach Operator

7 days from £608_{PP}

Price Includes

- 6 nights DBB
- All ferry crossings as shown
- Services of a local and experienced guide for full day tour of Lewis
- Entrance into the Black Houses & Museum

Drivers Day off Option

On day 4. We can arrange a local coach & driver for approx £650.

DUNOLLIE HOTEL ISLE OF SKYE 3* Approved Reviews 76%

The main hotel on Skye for groups. Waterside location in Broadford. Hotel has been significantly refurbished in last few years.



DARK ISLAND HOTEL BENBECULA 3* Approved

A friendly and welcoming hotel, with the emphasis on fresh food from around the isles.



CABARFEIDH HOTEL STORNOWAY

4* Commended

Best hotel in the Hebrides. Located one mile from Stornoway.



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Available April - October

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Harris Beach

Highlights: • Glencoe • Isle of Skye • Benbecula • Inverness • Guided Tour on Stornoway • Blackhouses

HEBRIDEAN ODYSSEY

1 overnight, 1 night Skye, 1 night Uist, 2 nights Stornoway. 1 overnight

Experience an extraordinary holiday exploring the Highlands and Skye, followed by an enchanting sailing adventure to the Hebrides, positioned 30 miles off the west coast of Scotland. Revel in the unparalleled beauty of unspoiled landscapes, endless stretches of pristine beaches, numerous lochs, quaint island communities, ancient historical sites, and a wealth of wildlife. The journey includes a guided tour of Lewis led by one of our seasoned and knowledgeable guides, adding a captivating dimension to your unforgettable travel experience.

Day 1 Perthshire / Speyside

Travel to overnight Hotel suitable for catching the ferry from Ullapool the day after.

Day 2 Inverness, NW Highlands & Stornoway ferry

Catch the early evening sailing from Ullapool with dinner served on the ferry. (timings may change in line with the ferry schedule)

Day 3 Guided Tour of Lewis

Be immersed in the folklore and history of the Isles as your local island guide takes you to see the impressive 5,000-year-old standing stones of Callanish (Scotland's Stonehenge, but older). Ancient thatched "Blackhouses", typical of crofting settlements, with entry included, and the imposing Carloway Broch, a fortified tower dating back over 2,000 years.

Day 4 The Uists

Travel along the spine of the Island to Harris with its rugged and mountainous landscapes covered in moorlands, deep lochs, and glorious coastline. Take the sea crossing to Uist—a captivating necklace of islands and islets, where water often dominates the landscape, interconnected by charming causeways and bridges. before spending the afternoon exploring the islands, discovering their remarkable beaches and scenic coastlines. The night will be spent in Benbecula, offering a tranquil and immersive experience in this unique island chain.

Day 5 Skye

Catch the ferry from South Uist to Skye. Where time permits enjoy a scenic down through the island to your hotel for the night ensuring you fully immerse yourself in the enchanting landscapes of this captivating region.

Day 6 Fort William and the Great Glen

The morning brings a tour through the stunning Great Glen, allowing for picturesque moments and photo opportunities at the iconic Eilean Donan Castle. Enjoy for free time in Fort William before travelling through the Glencoe, the scenery takes on a notably more dramatic and awe-inspiring quality with a final overnight in the central belt.



"Classic Britain is our first choice because of the efficiency of their booking team"

- UK Coach Operator

7 days £778_{PP}

Price Includes

- 6 nights DBB
- Ferry Uig Tarbert
- Full Day Guide on Lewis
- Entry Blackhouses & Museum
- Entry Callanish Standing Stones
- Ferry Stornoway Ullapool



A friendly and welcoming hotel, with the emphasis on fresh food from around the isles.

CALADH INN STORNOWAY 3* Commended Reviews 81%



Positioned 100 yards from the seafront and harbour, the Caladh Inn is the perfect hotel for groups staying in Stornoway. All shops, scenic seafront walks and attractions are all very close by. The hotel has been substantially refurbished, with all 68 bedrooms redone with a Highland twist theme.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.



Highlights: • Great Glen • Road to the Isles • Lewis and Harris • Uist • Barra

HEBRIDEAN ADVENTURE

1 nights Loch Lomond area , 2 nights Uist, 2 nights Stornoway, 1 night Perthshire Area or reversed

Coupled with its intricate network of island ferries Scotland hosts spotlessly clean deserted beaches with cream coloured sand accompanied by sound of the gulls as they ride the air currents. This fantastic island-hopping holiday travels the full length of the Outer Hebrides covering the most southerly island of Barra to Lewis in the North. Experienced guides will me n hand to ensure you get the most of this island-hopping adventure.

Day 1 Loch Lomond and Arrochar

Overnight in the Loch Lomond/Arrochar are with an introduction to some of Scotland's most breath-taking scenery.

Day 2 Glencoe and Uist

Embarking on a captivating journey through the mesmerizing landscapes of Glencoe, your adventure unfolds with a northward trajectory, where the grandeur of towering mountains and tranquil valleys sets the stage for a truly immersive experience. Catch the ferry to Uist from Mallaig with dinner or lunch served onboard depending on day of departure. Arrive at Lochboisdale before travelling North to the Dark Island Hotel for two nights.

Day 3 Guided Tour of Eriskay

Today a guide has been arranged for a tour of Isle of Eriskay. Make the short ferry crossing to the Island of Barra. Barra is the most southerly of the inhabited islands and long famed for its beauty, boasting beaches, hills, machair and moor all in one small island.

Day 4 Harris and Lewis

Take the sea crossing to Harris, a rugged and mountainous island with moorlands, deep lochs and of course glorious beaches. Admire the beaches of Berneray, Nisabost and Horgabost before continuing along the spine of the island to Lewis with its history dating back 5000 years. 2 nights Stornoway, the island's capital.

Day 5 Guided Tour on Lewis

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the impressive 5,000-year-old standing stones of Callanish (Scotland's Stonehenge, but older). Ancient thatched "Blackhouses", typical of crofting settlements, with entry included, and the imposing Carloway Broch, a fortified tower dating back over 2,000 years.

Day 6 Depart The Hebrides

Aboard the ferry for the 2 ½ hour sailing to Ullapool. Followed by a scenic drive across the sweep of the Highlands, with time free in the Highland Capital, Inverness (where ferry timings permit). Proceed south through "bonny" Speyside and your final night's stay in an appropriate area.





Highlights: • Isle of Skye • Dunvegan Castle • John o Groats Thurso Inverness

SCOTLAND'S **NORTH COAST 500**

1 night Central, 1 night Skye, 1 night Ullapool, 2 night Thurso, 1 night Perthshire

Regarded as a trip of a lifetime. Discover Route 500 - Scotland's Route 66 – a jaw dropping journey skirting the very top of the UK's Northwest coastline passing deserted beaches and ancient castles. 430 miles of some of the most unspoilt and picturesque scenery in Europe, with its diverse array of wildlife and a culture which has little changed in generations. To top it all with a wonderful, guided day tour of the Orkneys. Coach hire can be arranged for the transfer to the ferry.

Day 1 Overnight in Glasgow / Loch Lomond Area Book a minimum 3* hotel for your stay.

Day 2 West Highlands & to Skye

Begin your journey along the picturesque shores of Loch Lomond, then venture through Glencoe, known as "The Weeping Glen," and continue along the Great Glen, where you'll be treated to breathtaking loch and mountain vistas. Make a stop at the iconic Eilean Donan Castle before reaching your Skye hotel for a two-night stay.

Day 3 Isle of Skye

Discover the rich history and stunning landscapes of Skye, visiting landmarks like the capital, Portree, and Dunvegan Castle, the ancestral home of the Macleod Clan. Take in the dramatic coastal views of the Cullins as you explore the island with an experienced guide.

Day 4 To Gairloch

From Skye head Northwards to the vast region of Wester Ross. Along the shores of Loch Maree, regarded as one of Scotland's bonniest lochs. Time free to take in the Highland air in Gairloch with its pretty harbour where the next night will be spent before embarking on the true beginnings of the NC500.

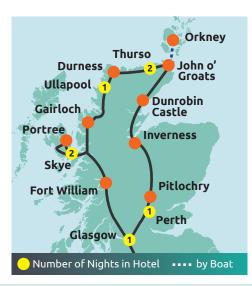
Day 4 Caithness & Sutherland on Route 500

Experience the rugged beauty of Caithness and Sutherland along the North Coast 500, featuring dramatic cliffs, serene lochs, and pristine beaches. Enjoy lunch at Smoo Cave Hotel in Durness before arriving in Thurso for a two-night stay.

Day 5 John o Groats and Distillery Visit Visit Explore the historic Castle of Mey, once a retreat for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and indulge in a whisky tasting experience at Wolfburn Distillery. If time permits, stop at John o Groats for some memorable photos. Some dates may exclude Castle of Mey

Day 7 Inverness & Pitlochry

Drive along the coastal road, passing through historical sites like Helmsdale and Brora, and capturing photos of Dunrobin Castle. Enjoy free time in the Highland capital of Inverness before continuing through the picturesque Spey Valley and Drumochter Pass. Spend your final night in a minimum 3* hotel, either in Pitlochry or further south.



ISLAND **ESCAPES**

"I have the utmost respect for Classic's team and have nothing but praise for the work they do"

- UK Coach Operator



7 days from **£606**_{PP}

Price Includes

- 7 nights DBB
- Half day Skye Guide
- Entry to Dunvegan Castle
- Lunch Smoo Cave Hotel
- Castle of Mey (limited dates)
- Wolfburn Distillery

KINGS ARMS **KYLEAKIN (ISLE OF SKYE)** 3*

 Θ The hotel is in Kyleakin village with delightful Panoramic views across the Kyle of Lochalsh.

GAIRLOCH HOTEL GAIRLOCH

3* Commended Reviews 85%

This traditional Scottish Highland Hotel is the ideal base for visitors looking to enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery in Britain.



STATION HOTEL THURSO 3* Commended

Groups either stay in the Station or neighbouring 3* St Clair Hotel. Both are similarly styled and are centrally located. Each with 35 bedrooms. Privately owned and



managed by North Hotels. Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

April - October

Available

"The feedback from our Shetland tour has been amazing, we could never have arranged it without your expertise" - UK Coach Driver



6 days £POA

Price Includes

- Overnight Return Sailings DBB Aberdeen/Lerw ick
- 2 nts DBB in Shetland Hotel
- 3 days Shetland Guide
- Entry to all attractions as shown in itinerary
- 1 x Shetland Light Lunch
- Entry Victoria & Albert Museum, Dundee
- 1 x homeward overnight

With almost 1700 miles of coastline, the water around the 100 islands of Shetland is the seafood industry is worth millions of pounds a year.

SHETLAND HOTEL LERWICK 3* Commended



Situated across from the ferry terminal with commanding views overlooking the bay, the hotel is only a few minutes' walk from the town centre. There are 65 modern bedrooms & has highly rated reviews about the food. A lift serves most floors.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.



HOTEL INFO www.myhotelbreak.com



Highlights: • Shetland Mini Cruise • 3 days Shetland guide • Aberdeen • St Andrews • V&A Museum • Angus and Fife

SHETLAND – THE ISLAND OF THE VIKINGS

Arrive Various Days

On the edge of the Arctic Circle, 130 miles north of the Scottish mainland lies the Shetland Isles. An archipelago of 100 islands with 5000 years of history and Viking influenced culture. With a mild climate and up to 19 hours day light, be enchanted by the rugged beauty & serene seclusion. A wonderful island experience, where along with your experienced guide, you will see landscapes like no other, visiting international acclaimed sites. The convenient overnight sailing in a comfy cabin makes the journey a breeze.

Day 1 Cruise Aberdeen - Shetland

Overnight sailing to Lerwick. Dinner on board. Comfortable en-suite twin berth cabins provided. On arrival in Lerwick you will be closer to Arctic Circle than Manchester.

Day 2 Northern Isles (Yell & Unst)

After breakfast meet your local experienced guide for a tour of the Northern Isles - Yell & Unst. Photo stop at the vast Sullom Voe Oil Terminal, then the short ferry crossing to Yell, with entry into the Old Haa Museum, Cullivoe - full of unusual artefacts from the lives of islanders. Board the short ferry to Unst, with many beautiful beaches and home to the RAF for decades. Light lunch included. See Muckle Flugga - the most northern tip of the UK, then Skidbladner - a replica Viking Long Ship. Check into Shetland Hotel c1800hrs. **Day 3 South & West Mainland**

Coastal tour towards Sumburgh Head RSPB, stopping at probably the best beach on Shetland - St. Ninians. View cliff scenery, golden beaches & seabird colonies. Afterwards to Viking Jarlsof archaeological site – one of Europe's largest and most complex sites spanning over 5000 years. Entry included into the Croft House Museum. After lunch we have a photo stop of Shetland Ponies in the Tingwall Valley before arriving in Scalloway, the former capital of The Shetland, with its 15th century castle dominating the skyline. Entry into the museum displaying local island exhibitions, history & folklore.

Day 4 North Mainland & Cruise Lerwick - Aberdeen

To Voe & Brae & the "Drongs" - a spectacular series of sea stacks. After lunch guided tour of Shetland Jewellery Nordic Workshop. Free time in Lerwick via Wormadale Viewpoint, before boarding your ship for the overnight sailing to Aberdeen with dinner on board.

Day 5 Angus & Fife

After breakfast disembark ship, taking the coastal road passing sandy St Cyrus Beach, Montrose, Arbroath – famous for its "Smokies". Time free in Dundee, with entry into the new V&A Museum. Over the Tay Bridge and into Fife, with a short stop at the golf and University town of St Andrews, before continuing along the coast through the fishing villages of Crail and St Monans and your hotel in Dunfermline, near the 3 Forth Bridges, crossing the new bridge on Monday morning.

Day 6 Home





Scapa Flow

Highlights: • Guided Tour of the Orkneys • Loch Nes • Great Glen • Spey Valley • Northern Highlands

DISCOVER ORKNEY

1 central overnight, 1 night Thurso, 3 nights Orkneys, 1 night Perthshire

First inhabited some 6000 years ago. The Orkneys offers an unspoilt experience blending history old and new with 570 miles of dramatic coastline. Located off Scotland's North coast lies the ancient cluster of 70 islands brimming with history, with raw and dramatic coastlines. With the services of a local guide discover ancient civilisations, world famous archaeology and bountiful wildlife from our base in the Island capital Kirkwall. Only a one-hour ferry crossing lies between the mainland and a hub of historic delight.

Day 1 Overnight Desired Area

Day 2 Glencoe, Loch Ness & Northern Highlands From the comfort of your coach, this great Highland drive takes you through mountainous Glencoe, with time free in Fort William before continuing along the total length of Loch Ness (23 miles). The loch contains more freshwater than all lakes in England and Wales combined! Time free in Inverness, the Highland capital. Depart mid-afternoon along the coastline passing Dornoch, Dunrobin Castle, silver sands at Brora & Wick. Overnight in Thurso.

Day 3 The Orkneys

Board the early afternoon ferry with your coach across the Pentland Firth - a graveyard to sunken ships, arriving in St Margaret's hope 1 hour later. The day concludes with a drive along the shoreline of Scapa Flow – famous as the naval refuge during both world wars. Next 3 nights in the capital - Kirkwall, with its 12th century St Magnus Cathedral.

Day 4 Guided Tour of the Orkney Isles

Your local guide joins your coach for a memorable day out. As the day unfolds, the islands Neolithic ancestry is evident as many ancient monuments, stone circles, settlements and tombs are visited - a testament to its UNESCO World Heritage status. The tour includes a scenic circular tour of the island visiting most of the main sites including 5000-year-old Scara Brae, Churchill Barriers, Ring of Brodgar, Stennes Standing Stones & Italian chapel. Along the way, listen to the tales of Viking intruders, wartime exploits and immerse yourself in Orkney's rich maritime heritage.

Day 5 Kirkwall

New for 2025 is the Orkney Distillery. Enjoy a tour and a guided tasting of the area's most up and coming spirit. Enjoy a walk in the local town followed by a relaxing afternoon tea to finish off a relaxing day in Kirkwall. (can be a drivers day off).

Day 6 Homeward Bound

Catch the morning ferry back to the mainland, southwards bound on the coastal drive to Inverness. Time free in Aviemore, before your final night's stay, suited for your onward journey home the next day.



ISLAND ESCAPES

"Booking multi-centre holidays with several inclusions is quick and simple with Classic"

- Overseas Tour Operator



7 days from £691_{PP}

Price Includes

- 2 nights mainland DBB
- I nights Orkneys DBB
- Return Orkney Ferry
- Full day island tour with local quide
- Entry to Skara Brae and Italian Chapel
- Orkney Distillery tour and tasting
- Afternoon tea

STATION HOTEL THURSO 3* Commended

3* Commended

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bedrooms. Privately owned and managed by North Hotels.

AYRE HOTEL KIRFWALL 3* Commended Reviews 94%

Family-run Ayre Hotel & Ayre Apartments overlooks Kirkwall harbour. It offers local produce in its restaurant and



traditionally styled rooms, with free Wi-Fi. Free private parking is available on site.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available April - October

SCOTLAND

"Tinto Hotel has been great for us for the last 5 years, with its refurbishment I'm sure it will be evenm ore popular" - UK UK DMC



5 days from £236_{PP}

Price Includes

- Welcoming Tea & Shortbread
- 4 nights DBB
- 3 nights entertainment, 1 Scottish themed
- Glass of with dinner each night
- Cream tea
- Guided Tour Dumfries House with lunch (Apr-Oct)
- Entry Rosslyn Chapel

Rosslyn Chapel famously featured in scenes in the adaption of Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code.

TINTO HOUSE HOTEL SYMINGTON 3* Commended Reviews 81%



Sitting at the foot of Tinto Hill, the hotel boasts 39 on-suite rooms. On arrival you'll receive the warmest of welcomes from the friendly staff, who are always on hand to provide exceptional service. Many rooms display beautiful views of the Lanarkshire countryside.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.



HOTEL INFO www.myhotelbreak.com

Highlights: • Dumfries House • Rosslyn Chapel • Edinburgh • Ayr • Loch Lomond

DUMFRIES HOUSE & THE DA VINCI CODE

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Tinto is a charming 3-star rural hotel located on the outskirts of a village near Peebles. Serving as an ideal hub for exploring various top destinations like Ayrshire, Edinburgh, Loch Lomond, and the Borders, the hotel offers excellent food and abundant entertainment making it a favoured choice among Classic's tours. Highlights include visits to Dumfries House, the renowned Palladian property rescued from closure by King Charles, and leisure time spent on the picturesque shores of Loch Lomond.



Rosslyn Chapel

Tuesday Edinburgh & Rosslyn Chapel Our first stop is the 15th Century Rosslyn Chapel, a truly compelling and unique building that survived the turbulent times of the Reformation. Immortalized in Dan Brown's film "The Da Vinci Code," starring Tom Hanks, it is one of the most famous chapels globally, surrounded by myths and legends of the "Holy Grail." After exploring the chapel, the afternoon is free for you to discover the captivating sights of Edinburgh, from its historic landmarks to vibrant cultural offerings.

Wednesday Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Renowned for its breathtaking beauty, the glorious Trossachs are just a 90-minute drive away. Explore the charming villages of Callander, Aberfoyle, and Drymen at your leisure before heading to the southern shoreline of Loch Lomond. Visit Lomond Shores for some retail therapy and to soak in the scenic views of the Loch. The return journey takes you through Glasgow, completing this picturesque excursion.

Thursday Ayrshire & Dumfries House Breathe in the refreshing sea air during our visit to Ayr on the route to the nearby Dumfries House, a hidden gem among Britain's stately homes. Boasting opulent interiors and splendid furnishings, Dumfries House is renowned as one of the country's best-kept heritage secrets, surrounded by expansive grounds spanning two thousand acres. Considered an 18th-century time capsule, the principal rooms and their contents have retained their original charm for 250 years. As part of this exclusive experience, you'll enjoy private access to a designated room within the house for lunch, followed by a personalized guided tour unveiling the rich history of this remarkable residence.





Highlights: • Traquair House • Borders Towns • Rosslyn Chapel • Edinburgh • Thirlestane Castle • Peebles

TWEED TALES & TRAILS

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

An area which belies a turbulent past of romantic heroes, religious feuds and marauding outlaws. Our tour visits a feast of historical places from a romantic castle, to the oldest inhabited "keep" in Scotland finishing with the myths & legends of Rosslyn Chapel. This tour showcases the many small border town's offerings and personality from tweed to whisky.



Day 2 Traquair House & Border Towns

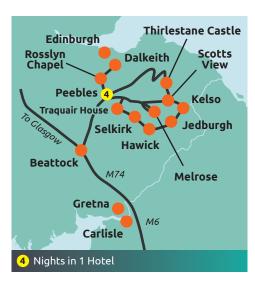
Today's journey begins with an exclusive entry to Traquair House, dating back to 1107, offering a unique blend of history as a refuge for Catholic priests and later a royal hunting lodge. Traquair stands as a captivating highlight, showcasing living history. The afternoon unfolds across the rich cultural heritage of the Scottish Borders, exploring riverside towns like Selkirk, Hawick, Jedburgh, and Kelso, each adorned with 13thcentury abbey ruins. Inspired by Sir Walter Scott, we pause for a photo at Scott's Hilltop lookout, providing stunning views of the river and valley.

Day 3 Rosslyn Chapel & Edinburgh

En route to Edinburgh, our itinerary includes entry to what can be considered the most captivating of all chapels. The 15th-century Rosslyn Chapel is truly distinctive, having endured the challenges of the Reformation. Renowned for its majestic stonework and a history dating back to the era of the Holy Grail, famously depicted in the Tom Hanks film "The Da Vinci Code," the chapel holds a unique allure. The journey then proceeds to Edinburgh, where you'll have free time to explore this fabulous city.

Day 4 Peebles & Thirlestane Castle

Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring the Ancient and Royal Burgh of Peebles, a serene town nestled along the banks of the river Tweed, boasting boutique shops and charming eateries. In the afternoon, embark on a brief and picturesque drive to Thirlestane Castle. This splendid 16th-century fortress stands as one of Scotland's oldest and finest inhabited castles. Explore a collection of weapons dating back to 1745, witness the Grand Bedchamber where Bonnie Prince Charlie once stayed, and marvel at the impressive furnishings, artwork, and treasures within



SCOTLAND

"Classic always come up with fresh ideas, totally unique to others" - UK Coach Operator

Edinburgh Castle

5 days from £430_{PP}

Price Includes

- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Porterage on arrival and departure
- 4 nights DBB
- Entry Thirlestane Castle
- Entry Traquair House
- Entry Rosslyn Chapel

The Borders' textile industry supplies wool and cashmere to the world's most iconic fashion houses including Chanel and Dior.

> PEEBLES HYDRO PEEBLES 4* Commended Reviews 90%



The Peebles Hydro in Peebles is set amongst 30 acres of grounds and is an ideal indoor and outdoor resort located in the beautiful Scottish Borders.

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Available

April - October

SCOTLAND

"Well done to your team. They all do a great job and it is a pleasure to work with them" - Hotel Partner



5 days from £227_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Cruise on Loch Katrine
- Entry Falkirk Wheel & Boat Lift
- Three Forth Bridges Cruise
- 2 nights entertainment

In the Trossachs, even the squirrels wear kilts – it's the Highland dress code for the local wildlife!





One of our most popular and well-run hotels for groups, surrounded by scenery, on the edge of the village, with bags of entertainment.

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Highlights:

Loch Katrine Cruise
Falkirk Wheel and Boatlift

Forth Bridges Cruise
Five Lochs Drive
The Kelpies
Stirling

SCOTLAND'S BONNY WATERWAYS

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Scotland boasts an abundance of renowned historical sites, with none more impactful than the Firths of Forth and Clyde—an area that undeniably influenced Britain's heritage and played a crucial role in shaping the modern world. This tour presents genuine treasures, from being lifted 35 meters by the Falkirk Wheel to marveling at the impressive engineering feats of the three bridges during a Forth River cruise.



Tuesday Loch Katrine and The Trossachs Explore the magnificent Trossachs, then cruise on Loch Katrine. Ease into the experience, unwind, and let a crew member regale you with the captivating tales and legends of the loch. The day unfolds through the landscapes of Rob Roy MacGregor to Callander and culminates in the historically rich city of Stirling, boasting its renowned castle.

Wednesday The Kelpies, Falkirk Wheel and Three Bridges Cruise

In the morning, our journey takes us to two of Scotland's premier attractions - The Kelpies and the adjacent award-winning Falkirk Wheel. Experience a unique boat ride as you are lifted 35 meters on the world's sole rotating boatlift. Following this, our tour proceeds to Edinburgh for an enchanting cruise beneath the iconic trio of bridges, showcasing nearly 140 years of Scottish engineering prowess. Notably, the most recent bridge, inaugurated in 2017, holds the distinction of being the world's longest threetower cable-stayed bridge.

Thursday Five Highland Lochs

Enjoy a captivating day of sightseeing, starting with the scenic beauty of Loch Lomond and a journey across the picturesque Arrochar Alps and Loch Long. Traverse the renowned "Rest & Be Thankful" pass, enjoy free time in the ancient town of Inveraray on Loch Fyne, where its castle dominates the skyline. Following lunch, proceed north into the Highlands, with a photo stop at Kilchurn Castle on Loch Awe. Then, turning south into Perthshire, travel along the shores of Loch Earn, pausing in the characterful town of Crieff.





Highlights: • West Highland Line • Kyle Line • Strathspey Railway • Isle of Skye • Fort William

ALL ABOARD THE HIGHLANDS EXPRESS

Arrive Various Days

Undoubtedly, the most beloved and successful offering from Classic. Unwind and fully experience the breathtaking Highland landscapes through three renowned railway journeys. Travel the West Highland line, showcasing the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct featured in the Harry Potter films. Enjoy a delightful excursion from Aviemore on a meticulously restored locomotive, a hidden gem in the Cairngorms. Conclude the adventure with the exhilarating Kyle line journey between Skye and Dingwall, immersing yourself in Scotland's most spectacular rail routes.

Full Day Highland Folk Museum & Strathspey Railways

Only a short journey away is the Highland Folk Museum, the UK's inaugural open-air museum. Housing collections of local, national, and international significance, it provides insights into Scottish life from the 1700s to the mid-1900s. Afterward, savor leisure time in Aviemore before embarking on a captivating Strathspey Railway journey. Nestled in the heart of the Highlands, this leading heritage railway invites you to enjoy vintage carriages pulled by a meticulously restored locomotive, all while taking in the rugged scenery.

Full Day Kyle Line & Isle of Skye

Hop aboard for what Michael Palin hails as "one of the most beautiful rail journeys in Europe." Start your journey from Dingwall to Kyle, where a coach awaits for time of the Isle of Skye, allowing time for sightseeing. You'll return to your hotel by coach, traversing through the magnificent Highland grandeur. (Note: The sequence mentioned above may be reversed.)

Full Day West Highland Line

Renowned as one of the world's most breathtaking railway journeys, this experience is celebrated not only for its stunning 46-mile scenery but also for its prominent role in the Harry Potter films. Drift past captivating views of lochs, mountains, the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct, and the Isles of Eigg, Muck, and Rum. Enjoy leisure time in the Highland fishing town of Mallaig. The return coach journey offers a contrasting perspective, with stops at Glenfinnan to see Bonnie Prince Charlie's monument and the massive viaduct, followed by a visit to Neptune's Staircase in Banavie—a series of eight lock gates on the Caledonian Canal.



SCOTLAND

"We first started using Classic because of their vast Scottish product they offer, amazing tours all over." - UK Coach Operator



5 days from £304_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 Nights DBB
- Single Rail Journey Dingwall to Kyle
- Single on the Strathspey Railway
- Single Scotrail Journey Fort William to Mallaig (Jacobite separate conditions)
- Entry to The Highland Folk Museum

BALAVIL HOTEL NEWTONMORE 3* Commended Reviews 88%

Enjoy a true Highland experience in this family run hotel with free use of leisure facilities.



HIGHLANDER HOTEL NEWTONMORE 3* Commended Reviews 84%

Operators book this hotel year after year. Testament to the consistent high standards. A lot of refurbishment has taken place in recent years.



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Available April - October

SCOTLAND NEW HOTEL

"Classic offers new, fresh & exciting ideas to meet the demands of the modern day customer" - UK Coach Driver



5 days from £POA

Price Includes

- 4 nts DBB
- Cruise on Loch Ness
- Single Rail Golspie Thurso (1 ½ hours)
- Distillery Tour and tasting
- Single Rail Dingwall Skye (2 ³/₄ hours)
- Light lunch Dunollie Hotel, Skye

The true northernmost point is Dunnet Head, located a few miles to the north west not actually John o' Groats.

> HIGHLAND HOTEL STRATHPEFFER 2* Commended Reviews 78%

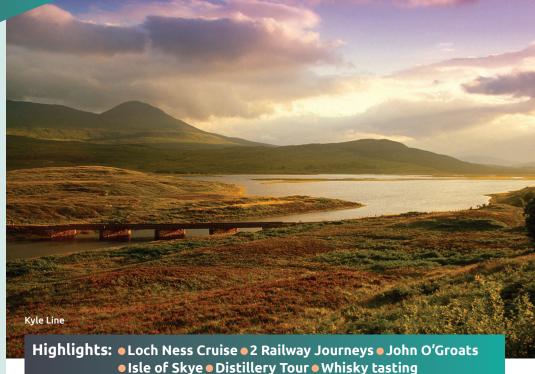


The Highland Hotel in Strathpeffer can be found nestled in a peaceful glen just to the north of the Cairngorms National Park. With 131 en-suite bedrooms the hotel still holds its character with beautiful, beamed ceilings and wood panelling.

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BOATS & TRAINS OF THE HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

A varied tour, based in Strathpeffer, within easy reach of Inverness, surrounded by magnificent Highland landscapes. A holiday designed to capture all the great things that make this area so popular. Take a cruise on a famous loch with a photo stop at Urquhart Castle. Journey on two of Europe's most scenic railway lines as well as sampling some of some of the areas finest Whisky in Thurso.



Tuesday Loch Ness

Time free in Inverness, before driving along the shoreline of Loch Ness where we explore and take in its grand scale. Brimming with history, and tales of the world's shyest monster. Board a two hour cruise at the Locks of Dochgarroch onto the loch itself with a photo opportunity of Urquhart Castle. On return from your cruise enjoy a coffee and cake on the banks or purchase some local sweet treats at the An Talla centre.

Wednesday Kyle Railway Line & Isle of Skye Take your seat on "One of the best railway journeys in the world" according to Michael Palin. In Kyle your coach awaits to take you over the bridge to the Isle of Skye, an island full of mystery and history. Included is a light lunch at the Dunollie Hotel, Broadford. Returning over the bridge, stopping at Eilean Donan Castle for photos, before crossing The Highlands from the west coast to east coast.

Thursday Northern Line

Trace the North Sea coastline on this picturesque rail journey passing Fairy-tale Dunrobin Castle and the beautiful beaches around Brora. Experience how remote Scotland can be passing famous salmon rivers & distilleries with miles of moorland before re-joining your coach at Thurso. A tour and tasting has been arranged at Wolfburn Distillery followed by a visit to nearby John o'Groats, the most northerly point on mainland Britain. Returning south by coach stopping at what once used to be the mighty fishing port of Wick, on your return to the hotel.



REFRESHED SCOTLAND

"Products are refreshed each year enabling us to offer an ever-changing variety of tours for our customers" - UK Tour Operator



5 days from £419_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry RSPB Osprey Centre
- Funnicular Railway and Ranger Talk
- Deer Feeding
- Highland Cow Safari
- Falconry Display
- Moray Firth Cruise

The Artist Constable is famous for his landscapes, which are mostly of the Suffolk countryside, where he was born and lived.



A high quality coach orientated hotel with lots of character with a Highland twist.

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Available April - October

HOTEL INFO www.myhotelbreak.com



Highlights:

Hairy Coo Safari
Moray Firth Cruise
Funicular Railway
Whisky Trail
Falconry Display
Osprey Centre

GO WILD IN THE HIGLANDS

Arrive Mondays & Depart Fridays

This carefully designed tour blends together the beauty of the Highlands visiting some impressive places. Enjoy interacting with some of Scotland's wildlife, with a falconry display, Osprey watching, Highland cow safari and deer feeding. Take in some of the country's best scenery from the Cairngorm Mountain Railway. It's a little wonder why we are all so Wild about Scotland and your clients will be too.



Day 2 Whisky Trail and Moray Firth Cruise

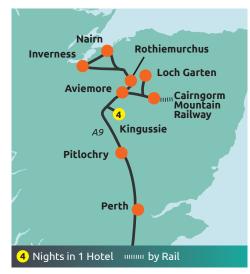
Scenic drive along the total length of the Whisky Trail. It is the most recognised region in the world for whisky production with 9 working distilleries. Time free in Nairn, renowned for its white sandy beaches before continuing along the Moray Firth, to join "The Spirit" for a cruise into the Firth for an effortless voyage around picturesque Inverness and Beauly Firth.

Day 3 Steam Train and Ospreys

Enjoy a slow-paced morning before heading to the foot of the Cairngorm mountains to enjoy a breath-taking trip on Scotland's only funicular railway, the highest in the UK reaching the Ptarmigan building at over 1,097m above sea level. A light lunch has been arranged whilst enjoying the breath-taking scenery followed by a wildlife talk with one of the centres experienced rangers. Afterwards to Boat of Garten to spot some of the area's most famous birds, Osprey's. A wildlife ranger will provide an update on the Ospreys activity. There's every chance of watching the birds feed their young from either a webcam or viewing the Osprey nest through provided binoculars. The centre is in an ancient pine forest with signed level forest walks with plenty other birdlife and red squirrels to see.

Day 4 Rothiemurchus

Saving the best day until last, make the short journey to Rothiemurchus. Situated at the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, we present a unique blend of stunning landscapes, Scottish wildlife, and locally sourced Scottish crafts. Firstly, meet the estates resident Highland cows whilst enjoying a detailed commentary by an expert ranger. Feed the local deer and tour the estate onboard your coach before disembarking for a hearty highland lunch. The day is complete with a thrilling and in depth 90-minute falconry display with expert handlers. Finish the day browsing the local produce in the farm shop before leaving the unique estate.



SCOTLAND

"Their product is always a breath of fresh air, always re-inventing the wheel" <u>- UK Coach Op</u>erator



5 days from £376_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to the V&A
- Entry to Scone Palace
- Entry to Royal Yacht Britannia
- Gin Bothy guided tasting
- Entry to Glamis Castle

Dundee, nicknamed the "City of Discovery," is renowned for its historic role in shipbuilding, notably the RRS Discovery.

WOODLANDS HOTEL BROUGHTY FERRY 3* Commended Reviews 90%



The Best Western Woodlands Hotel is a warm and welcoming 3* accommodation surrounded by mature wooded gardens. Conveniently located close to Dundee city centre and a short walk to the bustling seaside town of Broughty Ferry.

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Scone Palace

Highlights: • Dundee • Edinburgh • Perthshire • Forth Bridges • Scone Palace • Glamis Castle

ROYAL RETREATS

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Experience the splendour of a 5-day getaway to Dundee and Perthshire, where ancient castles and a renowned Royal ship await your discovery. Immerse yourself in the rich history of clan feuds, battles, and Jacobite uprisings in this storied region. Indulge in the area's finest exports at the Gin Bothy, complemented by a visit to one of Dundee's newest architectural marvels the V&A museum. From the historic to the contemporary, this tour promises a regal touch, fit for royalty.



a fascinating self-guided tour. Day 4 Glamis Castle & The Gin Bothy

discover the heart and soul of this regal ship with

Regarded as Scotland's most beautiful castle. It is the childhood home of the Queen Mother, birthplace of Princess Margaret and the legendary setting of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Explore the castle with its lavish rooms, each telling a different story of the castle's history. Stroll round the Italian Gardens and pathways throughout the estate. Afterwards enjoy an intimate guided gin tasting in one of Glamis most loved local gin producers. The quaint and quirky Gin Bothy has now become one of Scotland's best kept secrets; the proof is in the pudding.

Glamis Scone Palace Gin Bothy Perth Perth Dundee A9 Oueensferry Royal Yacht M90 Edinburgh

Day 2 Dundee

Indulge in leisure time in Dundee, where admission to the iconic V&A museum is reserved. Following the multimillion-pound revitalization of the city's waterfront, the Royal's Museum stands as a symbol of this transformative project. Nearby lies Scone Palace, where the "Stone of Scone" once crowned numerous Scottish Monarchs throughout history. Now known as the "Coronation Stone," it was last utilized in 1953 for Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. Outside, more than 100 acres of breathtaking Perthshire countryside awaits.

Day 3 Forth Bridges, Edinburgh & Royal Yacht

Venture South over the newest of the Forth Road Bridges and into Edinburgh. Enjoy fee time to explore both the old and new town, before heading to Leith and The Royal Yacht Britannia. The yacht was home to the Royal Family for over 40 years, sailing over 1,000,000 miles on official state visits. Follow in the footsteps of Royalty to

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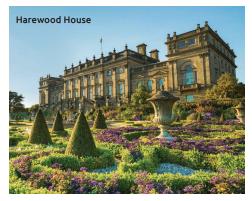


Highlights: • Yorkshire Dales • Harrogate • Skipton • Leeds and Liverpool Canal • Bronte country

TRAILS THROUGH THE YORKSHIRE DALES

Arrive Sundays Depart Thursdays

Discover the grandeur of the UK's largest National Park nestled in Yorkshire. Uncover the varied tapestry of this expansive county, traversing its ancient cities, captivating dales scenery, charming villages, lofty fells, and historical ruins. The itinerary encompasses a nostalgic train journey and a serene canal cruise. Alternatively, immerse yourself in the renowned Yorkshire coast for an added seaside experience.



Tuesday Harrogate & Harewood House Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore Harrogate's charm, including Valley Gardens, tree-lined avenues, parks, Victorian arcades, and a plethora of boutiques and tearooms. Nearby, discover the magnificent Harewood House, hailed as 'The Jewel in Yorkshire's Crown,' with access to the house, its majestic staterooms, and the expansive 100 acres of glorious gardens.

Wednesday Yorkshire Dales and Steam Train Embark on a picturesque train journey through the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, meandering past charming villages like Grassington and Kettlewell, as well as castles and waterfalls, surrounded by captivating scenery. Take a pause at the breathtaking Aysgarth Falls and then hop on the remarkable Wensleydale steam railway at Leyburn, treating yourself to 14 miles of spectacular landscapes en route to Leeming Bar. The return to your hotel will be a delightful journey through Masham and Ripon.

Wednesday Skipton & Bronte Country Fondly recognized as the "entrance to the dales," Skipton is a charming market town brimming with quintessential Yorkshire character. With its castle, canal, and historic cobbled streets, it provides a wealth of attractions for every visitor. Following some leisurely exploration, indulge in a serene cruise along the Leeds and Liverpool canal. Later, venture to Haworth, the ancestral abode of the Bronte family, where the Brontës crafted many of their renowned works, including "Wuthering

Heights" and "Jane Eyre."



ENGLAND

"They really offer an experience rather than just a holiday" - UK Coach Operator



5 days from £312_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Harewood House
- Single journey on Wensleydale Railway
- Skipton canal cruise

MAJESTIC HOTEL HARROGATE 4* Commended Reviews 80%



Majestic Hotel is a 4-star stately Victorian Hotel situated on 8 acres of landscaped gardens in the heart of the elegant spa town of Harrogate.

> CRAIGLANDS HOTEL ILKELY 3* Commended Reviews 86%



Set in 6 acres of beautiful, landscaped grounds and woodland, the Craiglands hotel is just a short walk to the historic spa town of Ilkley and the famous Ilkley Moor.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available

May - October

ENGLAND REFRESHED

"Every year I look forward to the brochure being delivered, the tours are inspirational" - UK Coach Operator



5 days from £426_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry Leeds Castle & Gardens
- Entry Sissinghurst Gardens
- Guided Wine Tasting
- Entry to Chatham Dockyard

Kent is the proud supplier of Wimbledon's perfectly formed strawberries - each red juicy berry must measure between 25mm-45mm in diameter.

> BRIDGEWOOD MANOR CHATHAM 4* Commended



Top quality hotel with excellent amenities, this privately owned 100-bedroom hotel is perfectly located for our Kent programme. Free use of extensive leisure.

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Available May - October

HOTEL INFO www.myhotelbreak.com



Highlights:

Rochester
Chatham Dockyard
Wine Tasting
Sissinghurst Gardens
Canterbury

KENTS CASTLES, VINES & MARITIMES

Arrive Sundays Depart Thursdays

Discover fine gardens, historical towns, imposing castles and rolling meadows based in the "Garden of England". A packed tour which a visit to what is reported to be the "loveliest castle in the world" and historic Chatham Dockyards is washed down with lashing of fine English wine. Some of the UK'S most popular wine and champagne is produced in Kent. Enjoy everything the area has to offer whilst staying in one of the area's best hotels.



Day 1 Canterbury & Leeds Castle

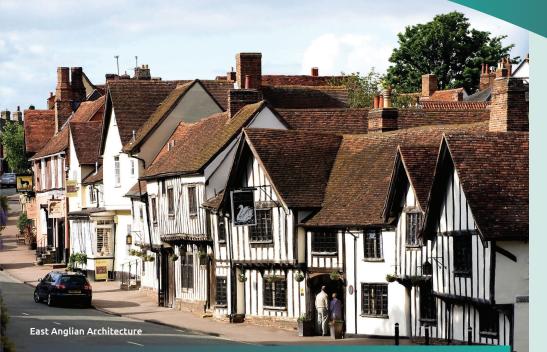
Morning free to sightsee the cathedral city of Canterbury, dating back to 597AD, with its Roman walls encircling its medieval centre of cobbled streets and timber-framed houses. Nearby, is 900 year old Leeds Castle described as the "loveliest castle in the world". The afternoon provides time to explore the castle with its labyrinth of rooms and 500 acres of parkland and formal gardens. Daily activities, special events and falconry display are available each day.

Wednesday Rochester & Chatham Historic Dockyard

First stop is the attractive town of Rochester with its Norman castle & ancient cathedral, with curling lanes of old buildings leading to the Medway. The afternoon is spent at the most complete Dockyard of the Age of Sail in the world - a leading maritime heritage attraction, set in 80 acres with three historic warships, a working Victorian ropery, historic lifeboat collection, dockyard railway, interactive theatre, plus magnificent collections from two national museums. The historical role of Chatham Dockyard spans 400 years until its closure in 1984.

Thursday Sissinghurst Gardens & Wine Tasting Todays' first stop is Sissinghurst - one of the most famous & extensive English gardens arranged into ten areas. As you walk through each distinctly different "room" another area of the garden is discovered. Main areas include the Rose Garden, Lime Walk, White Garden and the colourful Cottage Garden. After lunch we make our way to the award winning Hush Heath Winery, with 400 acres of manicured vineyards and apple orchards. Included is a guided tasting.





Highlights:
• Constable Country • Lavenham • Clacton
• Heritage Coastline

CONSTABLE COUNTRY

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Suffolk is one of the oldest and most celebrated counties in England and blessed with some of the country's best stately homes. On this well priced tour staying in a 3* hotel, see for yourself the historical importance of this formidable county – quintessentially preserved villages, ancient manor houses, lined with 50 miles of heritage coastline. This year we feature the Brome Grange hotel, a country retreat set in four acres of private grounds, recently restored to bring back some of its original character.



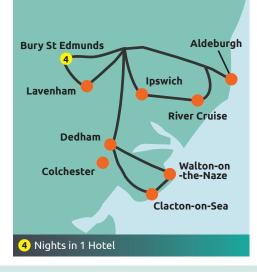
Day 2 Constable Country

Passing patchwork fields and woodlands arrive Dedham, where John Constable attended school. Nearby is 16th century Bridge Cottage, housing an exhibition of the life and work of this 17th century painter. Nestled beside the meandering River Stour, Flatford is centrally located in the heart of the Dedham Vale. Embark on a guided tour to unveil the picturesque scenes that propelled John Constable to fame. Afterward, relax in the riverside tea-room with a choice of snacks or freshly prepared light bites.

Day 3 Bury St Edmonds Market, The Harry Potter Village & Gainsborough

Enjoy the morning in historic Bury St Edmunds, where on Wednesday there is an open-air market in the town square. Visit the ancient Abbey dating back to the Magna Carta, or pop into the Angel Hotel of Dickens & Mrs Pickwick fame. Next stop is Lavenham – considered to be the UK's best preserved medieval villages, dating back to Saxon Times. The main street was filmed in scenes of Harry Potter's Deathly Hollows. Then on to the ancient market town of Sudbury, home to one of England's best known artists Robert Gainsborough. Thursday Suffolk Heritage coastline & River Dedham Cruise

Today, head to Ipswich where the voyage commences, setting the stage for a leisurely exploration along the River Orwell. As you glide through the waters, you'll have the opportunity to take in the captivating sights, culminating at the charming Pin Mill before returning to Ipswich. This carefully curated experience combines the tranquility of a river cruise with the delight of a delectable afternoon tea, making it the perfect way to savor the afternoon with a touch of elegance and charm.



ENGLAND

"As a group organiser I felt completely confident, that everything would run smoothly for our groups" - UK Tour Operator



5 days from £296_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Flatford
- River Orwell Cruise

The Artist Constable is famous for his landscapes, which are mostly of the Suffolk countryside, where he was born and lived.

PRIORY HOTEL BURY ST EDMUNDS 3* Commended Reviews 89%



The Priory Hotel has a great reputation as quality 3-star hotel in East Anglia. The grade 2 listed building is ideal for visiting this rea of England.

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April - October

Available

ENGLAND

"The team at Classic have fantastic knowledge of many of the UK's best coach friendly locations" - UK Coach Operator



5 days from £374_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Bristol Harbour Cream Tea Cruise
- Clifton Bridge Tour
- Entry to Aerospace Bristol
- Single Journey on the GWSR

Blackbeard the Pirate was born in Bristol in the late 1600s and called the city his home.

> MERCURE BRISTOL NORTH GRANGE BRISTOL 4* Commended



19th-century manor set in 18 acres of pristine grounds, enjoy the calm of the country eight miles from central Bristol.

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HOTEL INFO www.myhotelbreak.com



Highlights: • Clifton • Cheltenham • Bristol

BRISTOL'S BOATS, TRAINS & AEROPLANES

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Explore Bristol's vibrant atmosphere and awe-inspiring architecture on this new tour. Visit the iconic Clifton Suspension Bridge, towering over the Avon, and cruise the harbor to admire unique and quirky buildings. Relax with a train ride to Cheltenham, home of the famous racecourse, and enjoy entry and a guided tour at Bristol Aerospace.



Day 2

Bristol's renowned aeronautical engineering history takes center stage at Aerospace Bristol, established in 2017. A guided tour unfolds the city's aviation journey, from early flights to modern advancements, culminating in an exclusive visit to the Concorde, the world's fastest passenger jet. Explore the cockpit, passenger cabin, and enjoy a captivating exterior show.

Day 3

The iconic Clifton Suspension Bridge stands as a symbol of Bristol, designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and completed in 1831. It represents a milestone in engineering history, embodying a city of innovative minds and independent spirit. Let a knowledgeable guide lead you through the structure's history, construction, and upkeep. Following lunch, descend to ground level for a leisurely cruise. Sail through the Harbor and into picturesque rural areas along the River Avon, where entertaining and informative commentary provides an ideal introduction to Bristol's maritime legacy and the city's origins.

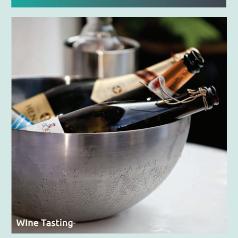
Day 4

Today, escape Bristol's hustle and head north to the Cotswold's tip. Start at Broadway train station, riding the Gloucester and Warwickshire heritage railway to Cheltenham. The scenic route, once the Great Western Railway's main line, offers breathtaking Cotswold views. Arriving in Cheltenham, famous for its racecourse, explore its blend of regency charm and modern vibrancy during free time amidst cultural delights.





"It's been one of the best tours we've ever been on" - Private Group Organiser



5 days from £403_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Blenheim Palace
- Entry to the Roman Baths
- Winery tour and tasting

On Good Friday, locals hurl hot cross bun's at Sarah Lunn's house, the woman responsible for introducing the delicacy in the area.

> LIMPLEY STOKE HOTEL BATH 3* Commended



The hotel occupies a delightful village setting in an area of outstanding natural beauty, overlooking the spectacular Limpley Stoke Valley.

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HOTEL INFO www.myhotelbreak.com

Highlights: • Salisbury • Bath • Oxford • Wine Tasting • Blenheim Palace

BATH, BUBBLES & BLENHEIM

Various arrivel days

Back for 2025 is a tour for those who enjoy the finer things in life. Built for pleasure and relaxation, beautiful Bath has been a wellbeing destination since Roman times. Based close by in Swindon the tour is perfectly located for time in Bath itself with a visit to the famous Roman baths included. No bath would be the same without some bubbles at a local winery. Finally, the icing on the cake is a visit to Blenheim Palace; the UK's only non-royal country house in England with palace status.

Day 2 Bath

Blenheim Palace

As the UK's only city designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, the waters of Bath are still as big a draw today than they were in Roman times. Stroll round the baths themselves and witness how settlers liked to unwind back in the day. Enjoy free time to wander through the pages of one of Austen's classic novels as you stroll past mellow architectural masterpieces like the Royal Crescent and the Circus.

Day 3 Bubbles

Enjoy a leisurely morning before travelling South though the North Wessex countryside via Aylesbury where you may catch a glimpse of Stonehenge before arriving in Salisbury. Bluestone Vineyard, once a rare breed's farm goes back many years. In the 2000's an educational archaeological dig took place which subsequently resulted in soil samples being analysed and the result shared with a wine expert. After marvelling at the results Bluestone began producing its very own sparkling wine. Enjoy a vineyard tour, tasting and charcuterie board lunch on site and perhaps take some bubbles home. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon in the medieval cathedral city of Salisbury itself. Steeped in ancient history there are thousands of years of ancient sites to see.

Day 5 Blenheim

Explore the awe-inspiring Blenheim Palace, a Baroque masterpiece and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Delve into the rich history as you wander through gilded State rooms and priceless collections set against striking stonework. Experience the grandeur of this Grade 1 listed building before venturing to the renowned University city of Oxford, known as the "City of Dreaming Spires" with its 38 colleges.



ENGLAND

"Classic's tours are a breath of fresh air offering something different and exciting". - UK Coach Operator



River Avon Cruise

5 days from £298_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry into Sudeley Castle & Gardens
- Single Steam Train Journey
- River Avon Cruise

MERCURE BOWDEN HALL NEAR GLOUCESTER 4* Commended Reviews 82%



Contemporary 4* hotel with full leisure facilities with a superb location set on the edge of the Cotswolds and only 2 miles from Gloucester city centre



The Whitehouse Hotel Worcester is a wonderful centrally located hotel that offers impeccable standards and quintessential English charm throughout.

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Highlights: • Sudeley Castle & Gardens • Steam train journey Moreton-in-Marsh Bourton-on-the-water Stratford-Upon-Avon

CREAM OF THE COTSWOLDS

Various Arrival D ays

Classic's Cotswolds program offers a diverse excursion experience, showcasing the quintessential English charm found in the picturesque Cotswolds countryside. The itinerary includes a scenic steam train journey, providing access to what is widely considered the most beautiful castle in the Cotswolds. A day is dedicated to exploring Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Renowned for its distinctive Tudor revival architecture, the Cotswolds will immerse you in a bygone era. Both hotel are strategically situated for optimal sightseeing opportunities

Tuesday Leisurely tour of the Cotswolds

Relax and take in the scenery as you journey through picturesque landscapes featuring rolling hills and grasslands adorned with charming medieval villages and grand stately homes. Enjoy leisure time in Moreton-in-Marsh, especially on Tuesdays when a bustling farmers market takes place. Explore delightful villages like Bourtonon-the-Water, the highest settlement in the Cotswolds, and Stow-in-the-Wold, where the final skirmish of the English Civil War occurred in 1646. The itinerary also includes visits to Broadway and the verdant meadows and orchards of the Vale of Evesham.

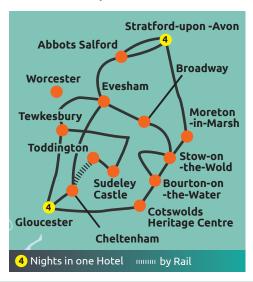
Wednesday Shakespeare Country

The morning unfolds in the charming town of Stratford-Upon-Avon, the birthplace of the legendary playwright William Shakespeare. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of this historical gem, adorned with a plethora of sights, inviting shops, upscale boutiques, and delightful eateries. As part of the experience, indulge in a leisurely river cruise that offers enchanting views of the renowned Theatre and Holy Trinity, the final resting place of Shakespeare. On the return journey to the hotel, pass by Shakespeare's wife Anne Hathaway's cottage.

Thursday Southern Cotswolds & Sudeley Castle & Gardens

Our first stop is Cheltenham, where we board the Glos. & Warcs. Steam Railway for a 40-minute journey through serene Cotswold countryside

to Toddington. Rejoin your coach to visit the nearby Sudeley Castle & Gardens, with Royal connections stretching back over 1000 years. Explore the award-winning 1,200-acre estate and gardens and discover the fascinating treasures within. Notably, Sudeley is the only private castle in England to have a gueen buried within its grounds – Katherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII's six wives, lies entombed in the beautiful 15thcentury church. We return via the medieval river town of Tewkesbury.



WALES

"Every year we do the North Wales tour, it's our top selling tour, a great package" - UK Coach Operator

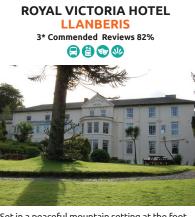


5 days from £392_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Penrhyn Castle & Gardens
- Return diesel rail journey on Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Entry into National Slate Museum
- Cruise to Puffin Island
- Porterage & Free on-site coach park

You'll find three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, three UNESCO World Heritage Sites in North Wales.



Set in a peaceful mountain setting at the foot of Snowdon, within 30 acres of gardens. *Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.*

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Penrhyn Castle

Highlights: • Anglesey • Penrhyn Castle and Gardens • Caernarfon • Snowdon Mountain and railway • Llandudno

CASTLE HUES AND MOUNTAIN VIEWS IN SNOWDONIA

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Discover the rich offerings of North Wales with this popular package, featuring a variety of experiences. From exploring an enchanting fantasy castle to reaching the "roof-top" of Wales, the journey winds through picturesque coastlines and islands. Enjoy a leisurely cruise, visit a renowned North Wales castle, and gain insight into quarry life at the National Slate Museum, making this tour a perennial favourite.

Day 2 North Wales Coast & Penrhyn Castle

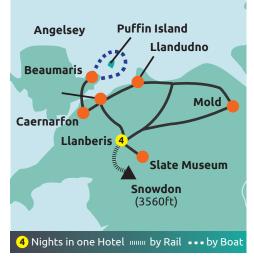
Experience leisure time in the charming seaside resort of Llandudno. A short distance away lies the expansive 19th-century wonder - Penrhyn Castle. This neo-Norman castle is brimming with captivating artifacts, including a one-ton slate bed crafted for Queen Victoria, intricate carvings, elaborate plasterwork, and imitation-Norman furniture. The castle also hosts an exceptional collection of paintings and an intriguing industrial railway museum. The extensive 60-acre grounds feature exotic trees, plants, and a Victorian walled garden.

Day 3 Journey to the "roof-top" of Wales

Join the 4.7mile rail journey at Llanberis on mount Snowdon; the highest peak in Wales. At 3560ft it dominates the landscape, with stunning views. There is a state of the art visitor centre with restaurant, and a path leading to Snowdon's summit. (Train goes 3/4 April/May) Close-by travel back to Victorian times at the National Slate Museum - see the workshops, split a slate and hear a real insight into the hardships of quarry life.

Day 3 Anglesey & Puffin Island Cruise

With origins dating back to the 13th century, Caernarfon is defined by its commanding castle, standing as one of Wales' most impressive fortresses. Crossing the Menai Straits, our journey continues to the Isle of Anglesey, where we pause for a photo opportunity at the striking Beaumaris Castle—an unfinished masterpiece constructed in 1295. Embark on a cruiser bound for Puffin Island, a habitat for various bird species and wildlife. The 80-minute cruise, featuring live commentary, encircles the island, providing regular sightings of puffins, grey seals, and dolphins.



ENGLAND NEW HOTEL

"Our customers love the Lakes, we've tried lots of hotels over the years, all booked by Classic Britain" - UK Coach Operator



5 days from £434_{PP}

Price Includes

- Entry to the Beatrix Potter Experience
- Afternoon Tea
- Return Journey of Ravenglass Railway
- Windermere Cruise
- Ullswater Steamer

Lake Windermere. Spanning approximately 11 miles in length making it the longest Lake in England

NEWBY BRIDGE HOTEL ULVERSTON 3* Commended Reviews 85%



This 3-star hotel overlooking Lake Windermere has been extended and refurbished to offer high-quality accommodation. With 46 ensuite bedrooms including 11 superior rooms, guests to Newby Bridge have a great selection of rooms to choose from for their stay in the Lakes.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available April - October





Highlights: • Ullswater • Lake Windermere • Keswick • Ambleside • Beatrix Potter Experience • Cockermouth

RAIL & SAIL IN THE LAKES

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Recognised as a region with World Heritage status, the 912 sq. miles of The Lake District is an inspirational place to visit. Cascading waterfalls, 16 sparkling lakes, charming Lakeland towns and sweeping mountain landscapes are all there to be seen on our carefully balanced Lakeland programme. The tour features many of the Lake districts best visitor attractions, from boats to trains it's a real showcase of the Lakes.

Ravenglass Railway



Day 2 Ullswater

Sit back and relax on a circular cruise on Ullswater; the second largest lake in the Lake District. Afterwards enjoy free time in Keswick. Surrounded by mountains such as Skiddaw it's a real hidden gem. Explore its pretty street or visit some of its small galleries and museums. Stationary enthusiasts may choose a trip to the famous pencil museum.

Day 3 Windermere And Beatrix Potter

At the far north of Windermere lies Ambleside. All aboard the for a unique cruise skimming the largest Lake in the district. Disembark at Bowness on Windermere for a visit the famous Beatrix Potter experience. See the stories of the famous author brought to life in a beautiful recreation in the Lake District countryside. Enjoy afternoon tea before free time in Windermere town.

Day 4 All Aboard

Head away from the hustle and bustle towards the coast. Alight at Ravenglass to board the quirky narrowed down railway to Dalsgerth. Enjoy seven miles of spectacular scenery before arriving at the foot of England's highest mountains. It is affectionately called 'La'al Ratty' which means 'little railway' in old Cumbrian dialect. On return visit the railway's museum before a visit to charming Cockermouth for free time.





Highlights: • Ludlow • Shrewsbury • River Cruise • Aquaduct Cruise Blists Hill
Ironbridge Gorge

SHROPSHIRE'S SECRETS

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

Shropshire is England's 6th least populated county, giving the area a relaxed feel. It has a truly remarkable variety of places to visit from its scenic beauty, historic sites, timber framed villages to steam trains & the World Heritage site of living Victoriana at Blists Hill. Take a walk across the 1st iron bridge in the world with the crowning glory being a venture into Wales to 'float in the sky' on the magnificent Pontcysyllte aqueduct.



Day 2 Tudor Shrewsbury & Medieval Ludlow

A leisurely morning drive through Shropshire through Shropshire's farmlands via Wenlock Edge to one of England's most ancient towns. Ludlow dates back 1000 years having over 500 listed buildings and a castle. In the afternoon head north to the river town of Shrewsbury famed for its black and white timber buildings. Full of boutique shops and cosy cafes, a River Severn cruise has been arranged for you to sit back, relax and admire the town whilst enjoying a cuppa on board.

Day 3 Ironbridge Gorge & Victoriana Blists Hill Just a short drive away stands Blists Hill Victorian Town. Rocket back to the age of steam and see life more than 100 years ago at the famous openair museum. Meet some (almost) real Victorians in their authentic shops and cottages. Top your

visit off with a bag of fish and chips cooked the traditional way in beef dripping and some treats from the old-fashioned sweetie shop. The journey home takes you via Ironbridge where the industrial revolution began. Built in 1779 the cast iron structure was the first ever cast-Iron Bridge.

Day 4 Welsh Borders

The terrain becomes more mountainous as the Welsh roads leads the tour to Llangollen – a thriving little town and home to both a steam railway and Llangollen Canal. Time free to have a stroll and have lunch before boarding the narrowboat for a two hour trip across Thomas Telford's Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – 1000 feet long and 126 feet high, and recognised as a World Heritage site. Returning through Shropshire countryside.



NEW HOTEL ENGLAND

"The team will always" lend a hand or share their wealth of knowledge' - UK Tour Operator



5 days from £382_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Blists Hill Museum
- Aqueduct Cruise
- River Severn Cruise

Salop is an old name for Shropshire, historically used as an abbreviated form for post or telegrams.

> LION QUAYS HOTEL OSWESTRY 4* Commended Reviews 91% 88002



Lion Quays offers a luxury hotel experience with comfortable rooms featuring amenities like flat-screen TVs, free Wi-Fi, power showers, and complimentary toiletries.

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Available

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ENGLAND

"We love the fact that Classic are offering more varied locations every year" - UK Coach Operator



5 days from £310_{PP}

Price Includes

4 nights DBB

- Entry to Chatsworth House and Gardens
- Single train journey Rowsley to Matlock
- Free use of leisure facilities

Bakewell pudding is said to have been invented following a culinary accident in the mid-19th century at the White Horse Inn, Bakewell

DERBY MICKLEOVER HOTEL MICKLEOVER 4* Commended Reviews 84%



The Derby Mickleover, is one of the most conveniently located hotels in Derby, being only a half hour drive from the Peak District National Park makes it perfect for exploring.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.





Highlights:
• Chatsworth House • Steam Railway • Ladybower Dam
• Snake Pass • Buxton • Bakewell

DERBYSHIRE PEAKS & CHATSWORTH HOUSE

Various Arrival Days

Relax in a beautiful 4* hotel, complete with leisure, situated half an hour from the Peak District. Admire some of England's finest scenery as the daily tours explore all the main Peak District areas including entry into one of England's finest stately homes as well as stepping back in time on a nostalgic steam train journey across rolling Peak District countryside. Famed for its tasty tart the tour stops in Bakewell where you can treat yourself in the original pudding shop.



Chatsworth House

Day 2 Northern Peaks

Today is High-Peaks Day. Firstly, over "Snake Pass" traversing across the Park to the vantage point of Bleaklow overlooking Ladybower Reservoir, where the Dambusters trained during WWII. Further on is Derwent Reservoir, with the ruins of a village hidden beneath its waters. Free time in Eyam - the 1665 plague town, with its museum and imposing ruins of Peveril Castle, dating back to 1176. Finally, the pretty village of Castleton, home of the legendary Blue John Caverns, said to be the finest in the UK.

Wednesday Matlock Bath & Nostalgic Steam

Discover the southern end of the Peak District as you sit back on a nostalgic 25 minute steam train journey between Rowsley & Matlock, gliding past villages and open countryside from the comfort of your carriage. Beside the River Derwent is the popular tourist spot of Matlock Bath, located in a steep and beautiful gorge. Take the cable car upto Abraham Heights and take in the wonderful views, or explore the number of attractions, walks, shops and eateries.

Thursday Peak District & Chatsworth

In the heart of the Peaks lies Bakewell, famous for its tart, with a visit to the original Bakewell Pudding shop, where the tart is still made. On to the nearby "Palace of the Peaks". Explore Chatsworth's rich interior furniture & unique treasures. Stroll round the 105 acres of landscaped gardens with sculptures, mazes and waterfalls. Chatsworth was voted in the top 10 UK visitor attraction by Trip Advisor users. On the way home stop off in the spa town of Buxton.



ENGLAND



- UK Tour Operator



5 days from £290_{PP}

Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry Alnwick Castle & Gardens
- ½ day guided tour of Newcastle
- 2 nights entertainment (Caledonian)

CALEDONIAN HOTEL NEWCASTLE 3* Commended Reviews 84%



Positioned in the leafy suburb of Jesmond - 1 mile from the city centre. This Georgian hotel has, in recent years, undergone extensive refurb. combining many of its original features with a contemporary twist.

ROYAL STATION HOTEL NEWCASTLE 3* Commended Reviews 82%



The Royal Station Hotel offers a great location amidst the vibrancy of Newcastle city centre. This historic building offers convenience and top-class facilities, ideal for exploring the local area.

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Highlights:
Hadrians Wall
Alnwick Castle
Holy Island
Hexham
Newcastle

KINGDOM OF NORTHUMBRIA'S CASTLES & COASTLINE

Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays

A different style of excursion unfolds each day in this land of outstanding beauty. From exploring Northumberland's Heritage coastline, dotted with ancient castles, golden beaches and pretty market towns, to spending time exploring a proud & friendly city showcasing the areas illustrious history and traditions. One of the area's best tour guides is on hand to give you the secrets of the city followed by free time to explore.



Monday Hexham and Alnwick Castle & Gardens With its striking cathedral, Hexham is regarded as one of the best market towns in UK. On our way to Alnwick Castle stop off at Hadrians Wall for photos before spending the afternoon at 700 year old Alnwick Castle. See the lavish state rooms, drawing room, dining room and the 400 year old library with 16,000 books. Roam the 26 acre garden with elaborate water features and Poison Garden.

Tuesday Newcastle Guided Tour

Known as a major shipbuilding and manufacturing hub during the industrial revolution Newcastle has become a centre for business, culture, arts and science. A local tour guide has been arranged to show you the sites and tell the tales of Newcastle, famous for its industrial heritage, brown ale and "Geordie" dialect. After lunch enjoy free time to explore the city and its culture for yourself.

Wednesday Heritage Coastline & Holy Island Northumbria is a country that lies within its own borders. It's a unique and beautiful place with its distinct cuisine, tradition and lilting tongue. The coastal trail passes Brednall Bay and along the coastal road to the popular fishing village of Seahouses, where stalls sell the freshest of seafood. Continue along the coastline to Bamburgh with time free for lunch. Take a walk on the golden beach or visit impressive Bamburgh Castle. A must see is Holy Island of Lindisfarne – access is across the 2-mile causeway (tides permitting). Not only is the island the cradle of Christianity, but also a breathtakingly beautiful isle to stroll round with several cafés and characterful pubs to enjoy a refreshment.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW 2025

- 1. Information is believed to be correct at time of going to print
- Prices shown are per person sharing a twin or double room including VAT for the duration of stay on a DBB basis, unless otherwise specified. Single supplements do apply, although several hotels will provide some singles without a supplement.
- 3. **Packages shown** exclude your own coaching arrangements unless specified in the itinerary. All packages have been negotiated & designed by us for the benefit of our clients and cannot be booked directly with our partner hotels. Classic has used, at time of printing, all available safeguards to provide you with as accurate information as possible so far in advance. Certain elements of a package, for example a train journey, may be subject to change of day. If this should occur, we will let you know as soon as we can.
- Cancellation without charge 30days before arrival unless individual hotel terms apply.
- 5. Payment terms before arrival unless credit facilities have been agreed.
- 6. Making a change to a Package All our recommended packages can be "tailor made" to suit your exact needs. Just call and let us know what you are looking for.
- 7. Confirmations We will send you a copy of our terms of business on request, which are in place to protect us both in case something peculiar arises. If you wish to see a copy before making your booking, let us know and we will send one out to you.
- Adjustment of Itinerary In the unlikely event an element of the holiday becomes unavailable, then we will let you know, either providing you with an alternative or reducing the cost of the package.
- Minimum numbers required to operate a package or special themed event is 20 passengers. If you are booking a hotel only then group rates apply to 15 or more adults.
- 10. **Porterage** is provided in most hotels within the price, whether on a package or just booking the hotel. 1 piece of luggage per person. Any additional luggage, hotels reserve the right to charge the client at the hotel.
- 11. Late Bookings We recognise the need for late space, after 30days additional rooms must be requested on an individual basis.
- 12 **Extra Time for selling** We will assist as much as possible to ensure the operation of each tour. In the event you require extra time to sell a tour, please discuss with us first, before cancelling. Quite often our hotels will provide you with extra selling time or further incentives without any financial penalty.
- 13. Hotel only group rates vary enormously. Firm best available group rates will be agreed with you on enquiry. Rates depend on time of year, length of stay, day of week, and volume of business.
- 14. Entertainment Many of our hotels provide evening entertainment free of charge or included in the package. We have taken all possible steps to provide you with as accurate information as possible so far in advance, and may be subject to change of day, or style of entertainment provided. If Classic considers this a major change, we will contact you before arrival. On themed evenings, where there is a significant cost for entertainers, the hotel reserves the right to reduce the entertainment cost if numbers fall below 35 pax. If this should happen, we will let you know.
- 15. Accessibility Please check with Classic for any walking restrictions for passengers booking a package involving a boat cruise. Crew members are on hand to assist as much as possible, but access to the smaller cruise boats will not be possible for passengers who are wheel chair bound. CalMac ferries have full access facilities.
- 16. Ferry Prices based on maximum 13m length coach. This is the size recommended for most ferry crossings. If your coach is longer than 13m, or your numbers are below 25 passengers, then an extra charge will be incurred.
- 17. **Drinks Inclusive Packages** in Scotland conditions apply to packages which include drinks or drinks vouchers, as governed by Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. Service of which is at the discretion of the hotel concerned. Full terms available on enquiry.
- 19. Seats on the Jacobite Steam Train must be fully prepaid in advance with the agreement being between the Operator and West Coast Railways. Full terms and cancellation charges can be issued on request.

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Hotel Symbols

- Free onsite coach parking
- Hotel lift or ground floor rooms
- Disabled assisted rooms available on request
- Entertainment provided on certain nights at no extra cost
- Great reviews about the food
- Town or city centre location
- 🗤 🕺 Fine views from the hotel
- Free use of leisure facilities



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