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# Top Picks 2020



7 days | June & September | See page 32

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## Lake District & Aberdeenshire

A twin centre tour that takes in two of the UK's most loved and scenic destinations - the Lake District, England's largest National Park, and the beautiful coastlines, pretty towns and rugged cliffs of Aberdeenshire.



5 days | June & September | See page 52

Lochranza ©VisitBritain

## Isle of Arran

Clear green seas, sandy beaches, mountains and lochs - it's little wonder the Isle of Arran is referred to as "Scotland in Miniature".



10 days | August | See page 65

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# Ireland

Image: Renvyle Beach, Ireland



Explore the beauty and wonder of the breath-taking coastline from Co. Antrim to Co. Donegal. Our journey starts on the Antrim Coast Road and continues by train from Coleraine to the Maiden City. We round off this fantastic coastline with a day on the Inishowen Peninsula.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast travelling to Carrickfergus where we begin our journey along the world famous coast road. We make stops in Cushendall and Ballycastle before discovering the craft of making Irish Whiskey in Bushmills.

**Hotel:** Atlantic Hotel, Portrush  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Today we are on the train from Coleraine to the Maiden City, a journey described by Michael Palin as being "one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world". The train runs alongside the sands of one of the most unspoilt beaches in Ireland, whilst on the opposite side, we pass the cliffs of Downhill and the impressive Binevenagh Mountain. Our coach meets us in the Waterside and takes us to the Cityside for a walking tour of the walls before time at leisure in this historic city.

**Hotel:** City Hotel, Derry~Londonderry  
(2 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

Enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Inishowen Peninsula today, with its traditional villages and unspoilt beaches. Experience breath-taking views from Malin Head, the most northerly point in Ireland, before continuing around the coast for an informative tour of Dunree Fort, an excellent relic of military history with outstanding views across Lough Swilly.

### Day 4

We return to Belfast today stopping at the Dark Hedges, of Games of Throne fame, for a photo opportunity.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Atlantic Hotel, Portrush

Situated in the heart of Portrush the hotel's bedrooms come with television, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is a lift.

**Hotel:** City Hotel, Derry~Londonderry

Nestled beside the River Foyle the hotel has 158 bedrooms equipped with television, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is a lift.

## 4 Days

April, August, October, November

### Tour Highlights

Antrim Coast Road  
Cushendall  
Ballycastle  
Bushmills Distillery  
North Coast Train  
Maiden City Walking Tour  
Inishowen Peninsula  
Malin Head  
Dunree Fort  
Dark Hedges

### Prices from

£305pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 10am	Return Wednesday 3:00pm	Price
26 Apr	29 Apr	£355
2 Aug	5 Aug	£389
25 Oct	28 Oct	£345
8 Nov	11 Nov	£305

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement  

- April & October - £90
- August - £100
- November - £80

Holiday Insurance





# Donegal Sheephaven Bay

Fanad Lighthouse



Shandon Hotel



Glenveagh National Park

With a personality that is both rugged and awe-inspiring, Donegal seems more like a country than a county. Isolated wild landscapes give way to soaring sea-cliffs and deserted white sandy beaches. Mount Errigal dominates the landscape of the far north-west of Donegal as it towers above the Poisoned Glen. To the north, the land sweeps down from Muckish towards Horn Head, Doe Castle and Sheephaven Bay.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We depart Belfast and enjoy a leisurely drive to the north coast where we board the Lough Foyle Ferry at Milligan Point. On arrival on the Inishowen Peninsula we proceed to our hotel for the next four nights.

**Hotel:** Shandon Spa & Hotel, Dunfanaghy  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Our tour today takes us around the Bloody Foreland. From here we pass through the Rosses and Gweedore. At Dunlewey Visitor Centre at the foot of Mount Errigal we get an insight into what life was like here for those who emigrated to America. We return to Sheephaven Bay in time to enjoy the hotel facilities before dinner.

### Day 3

It is off to Fanad Head today. We travel through Creeslough and around the famous Atlantic Drive before travelling on to the Fanad Peninsula to the historic towns of Rathmullan and Ramelton.

### Day 4

This morning we visit Glenveagh National Park, a remote and hauntingly beautiful wilderness of rugged mountains, pristine lakes and tumbling waterfalls. After lunch we travel further south to Glebe House & Gallery for a guided tour and to hear the fascinating story of the artist Derek Hill.

### Day 5

We break our return journey home with a visit to the Guildhall in the Maiden City. After a bite of lunch we return directly to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Shandon Hotel & Spa

The hotel is situated close to the small village of Portnablagh offering wonderful views of Sheephaven Bay. The hotel has 50 bedrooms each with flat screen TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. There is complimentary use of the leisure club which features a swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gym.

## 5 Days

May, June, July, September

### Tour Highlights

Lough Foyle Ferry  
Innishowen Peninsula  
Bloody Foreland  
Dunlewey Visitor Centre  
Mount Errigal  
Fanad Peninsula  
Glenveagh National Park  
Glebe House & Gallery  
Guildhall

### Prices from

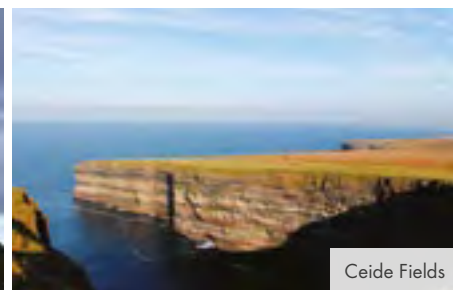
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### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 10am	Return Friday 4:00pm	Price
11 May	15 May	£379
22 Jun	26 Jun	£419
20 Jul	24 Jul	£439
7 Sep	11 Sep	£419

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £95  
Holiday Insurance



Ceide Fields



Lissadell House

Snuggled into the Sligo coastline, on the Wild Atlantic Way, lies the seaside town of Enniscrone, a place renowned for its breath taking coastal beauty offering a wealth of amenities for all interests. On this tour we take in some of the best attractions that the counties of Sligo and Mayo have to offer, from the neo-Georgian Lissadell House to the excellent Glen Keen Farm.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We depart Belfast, travelling west through Enniskillen and Sligo to Enniscrone.

**Hotel:** Diamond Coast Hotel, Enniscrone (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We have a scenic drive today, first stopping at the Ceide Fields, the most extensive Stone Age monument in the world, and 110m high viewing platform. Our journey then takes us through parts of the Wild Atlantic Way and the Ballycroy National Park before returning to our hotel.

### Day 3

Travelling east we visit Lissadell House and Gardens, with its incredible neo-Georgian house, magnificently restored gardens and specially assembled Countess Markievicz exhibition gallery. We stop in Sligo for a couple of hours before returning to Enniscrone.

### Day 4

Further afield today as we first visit the beautiful town of Westport. After lunchtime it is Glen Keen Farm & Visitors Centre for a sheep herding demonstration before continuing to the impressive Aasleagh Falls (*photo opportunity*) and turning back north into Co. Sligo.

### Day 5

Time to return home. We break our journey with a visit to Florence Court, with its Georgian house and scenic and restful gardens. We are due back in Belfast at approximately 4.30pm.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Diamond Coast Hotel, Enniscrone

The hotel, overlooking Killala Bay, commands a prime location taking in breathtaking views of the Enniscrone championship golf course and dune lands. It is the perfect base for visiting Mayo and Sligo. The hotel has 95 spacious bedrooms which include a hairdryer, TV, safe, and tea/coffee-making facilities with a lift to each floor.

## 5 Days

May, June, August

## Tour Highlights

Ceide Fields  
Lissadell House and Gardens  
Sligo  
Westport  
Glen Keen Farm & Visitors Centre  
Aasleagh Falls  
National Trust Florence Court

## Prices from

£399pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 9:30am	Return Friday 4:30pm	Price
4 May	8 May	£399
15 Jun	19 Jun	£419
24 Aug	28 Aug	£419

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £105  
Holiday Insurance





## Co. Mayo

Westport House



Strokestown Park House



Ballintubber Abbey

Co. Mayo has some of the most spectacular scenery in the west of Ireland and really is the Ireland of your imagination. Be amazed at the breathtaking landscapes and fascinating countryside, the spectacular scenery of the many lakes and appreciate the stunning islands and stretches of coastline. It's hard not to fall in love with Mayo!

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Co. Mayo via Enniskillen.

**Hotel:** McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

After breakfast we travel to Westport House, one of Ireland's best loved heritage attractions, for a guided tour. The afternoon is free to explore the town and harbour.

#### Day 3

First stop today is the 800 year old Ballintubber Abbey where we have a guided tour and discover the rich history that the church has to offer. Our second stop is the award-winning National Museum of Country Life where you will discover the story of Irish country life between 1850 and 1950.

#### Day 4

Further afield today as we travel onto Achill Island, a place of stunning landscapes and beauty, and a rich history. Before leaving the island we stop off at the 'Deserted Village' a haunting reminder of times past.

#### Day 5

Our journey home sees us stopping at the Strokestown Park and the Irish National Famine Museum.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris

The hotel, which is in the centre of the town, enjoys a great location in the west of Ireland, not far from the rugged shoreline of counties Mayo, Sligo and Galway. The hotel has 103 bedrooms decorated in warm welcoming colours, all of which come with multi-channel TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. There's a swimming pool, modern gym, steam room, sauna, whirlpool and Jacuzzi.

### 5 Days

July, August

#### Tour Highlights

Westport House  
Westport  
Ballintubber Abbey  
National Museum of Country Life  
Achill Island  
Deserted Village  
Strokestown Park and the Irish  
National Famine Museum

#### Prices from

£489pps

#### Dates & Prices

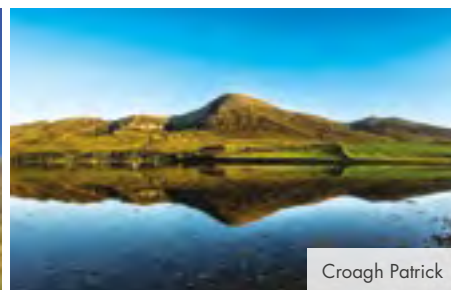
Depart Monday 9:30am	Return Friday 5:00pm	Price
6 Jul	10 Jul	£489
3 Aug	7 Aug	£489

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £80  
Holiday Insurance



Achill Island ©TourismIreland



The scenery of Co. Mayo ranges from rich, verdant countryside inland, to barren rocky cliffs at the Atlantic coast. Our base in Westport is set against the majestic expanse of Clew Bay, the Atlantic Ocean and Ireland's holy mountain, Croagh Patrick. We visit rugged Achill Island, discover traditional ways of life at the National Museum of Country Life, step back to the 16th century in Westport House and get a first-hand experience of sheepdog herding.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Westport via Sligo.

**Hotel:** Clew Bay Hotel, Westport  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

After breakfast we drive to Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre for a short stop to discover more about the Holy Mountain. This is followed by a 90min cruise on Killary Fjord, enjoying panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. We return to Westport via the impressive Aasleagh Falls *(photo opportunity)*.

#### Day 3

Our first stop today is the award-winning National Museum of Country Life which tells the story of Irish country life between 1850 and 1950. We return to Westport for a guided tour of Westport House, whose history dates back to the 1650s.

#### Day 4

Today we travel around Clew Bay crossing to Achill Island where we follow the Atlantic Drive capturing wonderful views of steeply-sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. We spend the afternoon back in Westport.

#### Day 5

We return to Belfast via Enniskillen.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Clew Bay Hotel

Our base, the Clew Bay Hotel, is a comfortable, family-run hotel in the town centre. The en-suite bedrooms are different in size and décor, and are equipped with a hairdryer, satellite TV, tea/coffee-making facilities. There is free WiFi in public areas and complimentary access to the Westport Leisure Park next door.

### 5 Days

May, June, September

#### Tour Highlights

Croagh Patrick Visitors Centre  
Killary Fjord Cruise  
Aasleagh Falls  
National Museum of Country Life  
Westport House  
Achill Island

#### Prices from

£399pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 10am	Return Thursday 5:00pm	Price
17 May	21 May	£399
21 Jun	25 Jun	£419
20 Sep	24 Sep	£439

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement

- May & June - £80
- September - £95

Holiday Insurance





Galway City ©TourismIreland



Mayo Coastline ©TourismIreland

# Glorious Connemara

Westport ©TourismIreland

Connemara's location on the very edge of Europe gives it some very special characteristics. It is a place of earthy colours, untamed wilderness and warm, hearty welcomes. From the bogs and lakes of the Gaelic-speaking south, to the mountain vistas of the north and west, the diversity of the landscapes and nature of its people offer much to the visitor.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Connemara via Sligo.

**Hotel:** Clifden Station House Hotel, Clifden  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Travelling north we stop at the National Museum of Country Life where you can immerse yourself in the unique stories, rich heritage and fascinating cultural traditions of rural life. We return to Clifden via Westport (short stop) and part of the Wild Atlantic Way, through Louisburgh.

### Day 3

We travel towards Galway and visit the Celtic Crystal Visitor Centre for a short tour and Glass Cutting Demonstration city. There is time in Galway before, in the afternoon, we enjoy a lovely lake cruise aboard the Corrib Princess.

### Day 4

Today our destination is the Twelve Pins. We drive via Ballyconneely, past Dog's Bay and on to Roundstone. At the Dan O'Hara Homestead we have a guided tractor-drawn carriage tour to the hilltop overlooking the Roundstone Bog Complex. We're back in Clifden by mid-afternoon.

### Day 5

We return home via Co. Dublin.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Clifden Station House Hotel

The hotel is set around the old Clifden Railway Station in the town centre, offers 78 bedrooms all with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi in public areas. The hotel's leisure centre has an 18m pool, gym, sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi.

## 5 Days

May, July, September

## Tour Highlights

National Museum of Country Life  
Westport  
Wild Atlantic Way  
Celtic Crystal Visitor Centre  
Galway  
Lough Corrib River Cruise  
Twelve Pins  
Guided Tractor Drawn Carriage Tour

## Prices from

£499pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday/ Monday 10:00am	Return Thursday / Friday 5:00pm	Price
25 May	29 May	£499
13 Jul	17 Jul	£549
27 Sep	1 Oct	£499

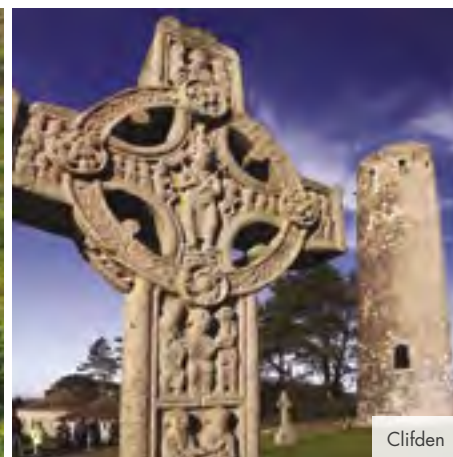
## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement  
• May & September - £95  
• July - £115  
Holiday Insurance



# Galway Bay & the Aran Islands

Kylemore Abbey



Clifden



Aran Islands

Galway city has been selected as the joint European City of Culture in 2020, so what better time to discover what makes this beautiful corner of Ireland so special. It takes its name from the River Corrib that formed the western boundary of the earliest settlement, which was called Dún Bhun na Gaillimhe ("Fort at the mouth of the Gaillimh") and has a reputation as Ireland's Cultural Heart.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Galway via Enniskillen.

**Hotel:** Salthill Hotel, Galway  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Today we take the ferry out into Galway Bay for a day on Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. Inishmore features the spectacular Dún Aengus Fort, one of the best-preserved stone forts in all of Europe.

### Day 3

A free day to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities or take the coach for a day in Galway city.

### Day 4

It is Connemara today, calling at Clifden and Kylemore Abbey before travelling along the edge of Lough Inagh between the Twelve Bens and the Maumturk Mountains.

### Day 5

Our journey home sees us stopping in Carrick-On-Shannon before arriving back in Belfast at approximately 5pm.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Salthill Hotel, Galway

Situated on Galway promenade the hotel gives panoramic views of Galway Bay and the Clare hills. The hotel has 161 tastefully designed bedrooms all with multi-channel TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. There's a swimming pool, a hydrotherapy pool, steam room, sauna, whirlpool and fully equipped gym.

## 5 Days

May, June, July, August, September

### Tour Highlights

Aran Islands  
Connemara  
Clifden  
Kylemore Abbey  
Carrick-On-Shannon

### Prices from

£535pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 9:30am	Return Friday 5:00pm	Price
11 May	15 May	£535
8 Jun	12 Jun	£639
20 Jul	24 Jul	£639
17 Aug	21 Aug	£639
21 Sep	25 Sep	£535

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £135  
Holiday Insurance





Nestled just between the jaw-dropping Cliffs of Moher and the wild empty Burren National Park lies the beautiful spa town of Lisdoonvarna in Co. Clare. It became a popular health resort in the early 19th century and hosts an annual matchmaking festival. Nowadays it is the ideal base from which to explore the natural beauty and rugged coastline of this area.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast travelling south past Dublin, arriving in plenty of time to freshen up before dinner.

**Hotel:** Hydro Hotel, Lisdoonvarna  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

After breakfast we make the short trip to the charming seaside village of Doolin where we embark on a 60 minute cruise to the Cliffs of Moher. We spend the afternoon on the winding medieval streets of Ennis, the "Boutique Capital of Ireland".

### Day 3

A less busy day with a visit to Caherconnell Fort, a well-preserved ring fort, followed by a Sheepdog Demonstration with dogs working with both sheep and cattle. A drive through the Burren takes us to the hotel in early afternoon. The rest of the day is free.

### Day 4

Today we visit the beautiful town of Killaloe and take a river cruise along the mighty River Shannon. We round off the day with a few hours in nearby Limerick city.

### Day 5

We return to Belfast arriving back at approximately 5pm.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Hydro Hotel, Lisdoonvarna

Situated in the centre of Lisdoonvarna this family-run hotel has 110 bedrooms each with multi-channel TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is live traditional music most nights in the hotel bar.

## 5 Days

July, August

### Tour Highlights

Doolin  
Cliffs of Moher Cruise  
Ennis  
Caherconnell Fort & Sheepdog  
Demonstration  
Burren  
River Shannon Cruise  
Limerick City

### Prices from

£409pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 9:30am	Return Friday 5:00pm	Price
6 Jul	10 Jul	£409
27 Jul	31 Jul	£409
31 Aug	4 Sep	£409

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £80  
Holiday Insurance



Birr Castle ©TourismIreland



Clonmacnoise Monastic Settlement ©TourismIreland

# Hidden Midlands

Slane Castle

The hidden heartlands of Ireland are a place of great natural beauty, with a very relaxed atmosphere. It is a place of rural roads winding their way around stone-walled pastures, bogs and woodlands, and historic towns. On this new tour we visit some of those hidden treasures - discovering science at Birr Castle Gardens, going back in time to Clonmacnoise, relieving recent history at the Donaghmore Workhouse & Agricultural Museum, enjoy a tipple at the Tullamore D.E.W. distillery, and lastly, visit the home of Ireland's great concert venue, Slane Castle!

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

On leaving Belfast we have a leisurely drive south past Dublin and onto Birr, in Co. Offlay, in plenty of time for dinner.

**Hotel:** County Arms Hotel, Birr  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

A relaxing start as we travel the short distance to Birr Castle where we search out the Castle Gardens, the great telescope, once the largest in the world, and the Science Centre. After lunchtime we visit the Donaghmore Workhouse & Agricultural Museum, which tells the story of the families who lived and died within the Famine Workhouse walls before, during and after the Great Famine.

### Day 3

Our first stop today is the monastery of Clonmacnoise. The site includes the ruins of a cathedral, seven churches (10th -13th century), two round towers, three high crosses and the

largest collection of early Christian grave slabs in Western Europe. In the afternoon it is to the more modern, 19th century, Tullamore D.E.W whiskey distillery, for a guided tour of the Old Bonded Warehouse, and of course a wee taster.

### Day 4

Our return journey home takes us north through the heartlands to Slane Castle where we have a guided historical tour of the castle, giving us the opportunity to learn about the Conyngham family. We are due back in Belfast at approximately 5pm.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** County Arms Hotel

Our Georgian family run hotel sits on the edge of Birr, the historic centre of Ireland. All 70 bedrooms come with satellite TV, hairdryer, iron, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is an indoor swimming pool, a gym, sauna, whirlpool and steam room.

## 4 Days

June, September

### Tour Highlights

Birr Castle  
Donaghmore Workhouse &  
Agricultural Museum  
Clonmacnoise  
Tullamore D.E.W  
Slane Castle

### Prices from

£389pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 10:00am	Return Wednesday 5:00pm	Price
28 Jun	1 Jul	£389
13 Sep	16 Sep	£389

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £55  
Holiday Insurance





# Garden Odyssey

Botanic Gardens ©TourismIreland



Belvedere House ©VisitWestmeath



Birr Castle ©TourismIreland

For our Garden Odyssey we focus on the Irish midlands with its beautiful scenery of fast-flowing rivers, mountains, lakes and a treasury of unique and fascinating gardens, all found in the counties of Westmeath, Offaly and Laois. We return to Gash Gardens, a firm favourite of 2019, Belvedere House Gardens, Bellefield House and Gardens, and explore Collon House Gardens, in Co. Louth, on our way home. So join us and experience a different theme and contrasting beauty of the Irish gardening world.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

On leaving Belfast we travel to the oasis of calm and beauty that is the National Botanic Gardens in Dublin, before continuing our journey to Birr, arriving in time for dinner.

**Hotel:** County Arms Hotel, Birr  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

This morning we return to Gash Gardens and enjoy a tour of many interesting and unusual plants. After some light refreshments we next visit Angela Jupe's Bellefield House & Gardens, situated at the foot of the Sliabh Bloom mountains, with its beautifully restored walled garden.

### Day 3

Crossing into Westmeath this morning we visit Belvedere House Gardens & Park for a self-guided tour of the walled garden and the arboretum that surround the house - it is also home to The Jealous Wall, Ireland's largest folly. We return to Birr in the afternoon. The gardens of Birr Castle and Oxmantown Mall are well worth a visit.

### Day 4

Our return journey home takes us to Co. Louth to visit the Collon House & Gardens, where we have a guided tour of the house and garden, and enjoy tea/coffee and cake before heading on to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** County Arms Hotel

Our Georgian family run hotel sits on the edge of Birr, the historic centre of Ireland. All 70 bedrooms come with satellite TV, hairdryer, iron, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is an indoor swimming pool, a gym, sauna, whirlpool and steam room.

## 4 Days

July, August

### Tour Highlights

National Botanic Gardens  
Gash Gardens  
Bellefield House & Gardens  
Belvedere House Gardens & Park  
Collon House & Gardens

### Prices from

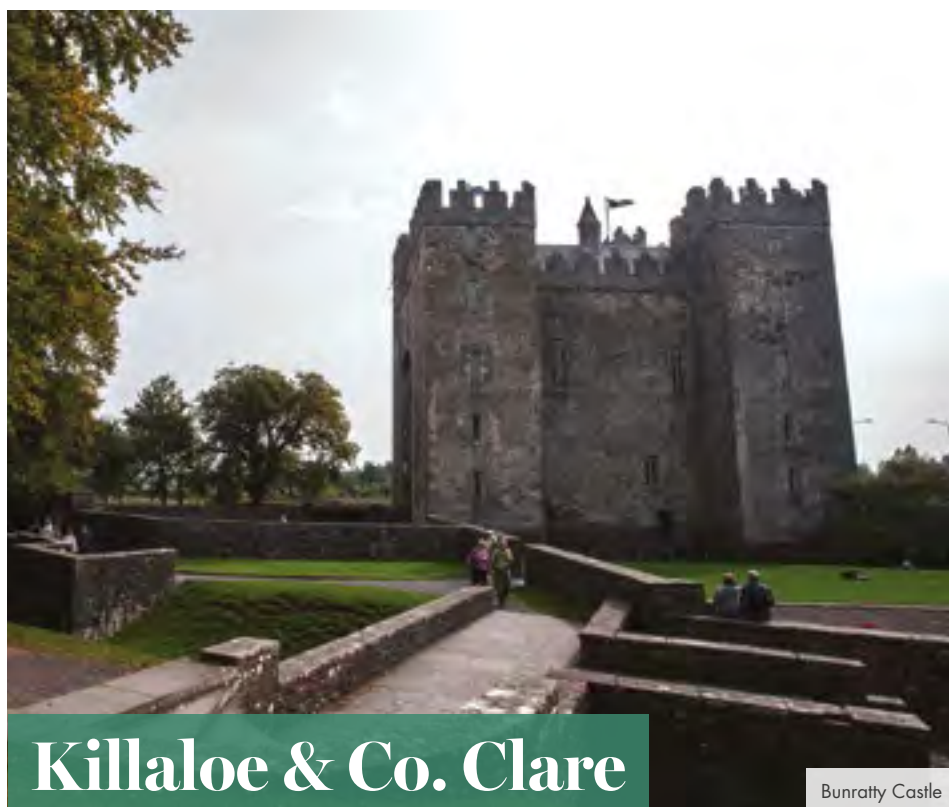
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### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 9:30am	Return Wednesday 5:00pm	Price
12 Jul	15 Jul	£389
9 Aug	12 Aug	£389

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £55  
Holiday Insurance



# Killaloe & Co. Clare

Bunratty Castle



Lakeside Hotel



Cliffs of Moher

Our tour is situated on the banks at the southern end of Lough Derg, in the twin heritage towns of Ballina, Co. Tipperary and Killaloe, Co. Clare. With the famous 13 arch bridge and the 13th century Gothic St Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe is often described as one of Ireland's best kept secrets. From this perfect base we discover some of Co. Clare's most popular and famous attractions, and explore its extraordinary coastline.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We travel to Killaloe stopping off at Burtown House & Gardens, where we discover lush flower, vegetable and woodland gardens. On arrival at our hotel there is a welcome tea/coffee. A cookery demonstration and a table quiz follows dinner.

**Hotel:** Lakeside Hotel and Leisure Centre, Killaloe  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

This morning we enjoy a cruise on the mighty River Shannon on board the Spirit of Killaloe, followed by a visit to the rustic west coast of Clare to the Cliffs of Moher to encounter nature in its wildest, purest form.

### Day 3

Ireland has many spectacular ocean drives, but few are as rugged and jaw-dropping as the R477. As it cuts through Co. Clare your senses are in for a treat as we journey through spine-tingling curves, impossibly steep drop-offs, and rocks and boulders of all sizes!

### Day 4

It is the Bunratty Folk Park today. Explore over 30 buildings in a 'living' village in a rural setting, reconstructed to appear as they were in the 19th century. Don't miss the beautiful walled garden, the last surviving part of the demesne which was originally formed around the castle. We return to Killaloe in mid-afternoon.

### Day 5

We return to Belfast stopping off at the Newbridge Silverware Visitor Centre.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Lakeside Hotel and Leisure Centre, Killaloe

Our four-star hotel has 43 bedrooms, all with multi-channel TV and tea/coffee-making facilities. There is free WiFi in public areas. Relax in the lovely landscaped gardens or unwind in the leisure centre with its swimming pool, sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi.

*Please note, the hotel does not have a lift but there are numerous ground floor rooms*

## 5 Days

May, June, August, September, October

## Tour Highlights

Burtown House & Gardens  
River Shannon Cruise  
Cliffs of Moher  
R477 Coastal Drive  
Bunratty Folk Park  
Newbridge Silverware Visitor Centre

## Prices from

£389pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 10:00am	Return Friday 4:30pm	Price
4 May	8 May	£399
15 Jun	19 Jun	£399
29 Jun	3 Jul	£399
31 Aug	4 Sep	£419
14 Sep	18 Sep	£399
28 Sep	2 Oct	£399
12 Oct	16 Oct	£389

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £95  
Holiday Insurance





# Co. Cork East & West

St. Finbarr's Cathedral



The Jameson Experience



Kinsale ©TourismIreland

Co. Cork has a history spanning over a thousand years, set in a beautiful soft coastal environment where land, the people and their culture will allow you to discover a quirky way to stimulate your senses. On this tour we are based in the tranquil setting of Garryvoe in east Cork, an ideal base for exploring some of the county's fine attractions. We explore the city of Cork, Kinsale, Ireland's gourmet capital, the historic Charles Fort, and travel into west Cork to Clonakilty with its quintessential Irish architecture.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We depart Belfast and travel south to east Cork in time for our evening meal.

**Hotel:** Garryvoe Hotel, Garryvoe  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We spend the day in the picturesque town of Kinsale, one of Ireland's most attractive towns. We also include a visit to the 17th century star shaped Charles Fort, one of the largest military installations in Ireland.

### Day 3

This morning we visit the gardens at Blarney Castle and journey through diverse surroundings from tranquil to serene, to mystical and magical places. After lunchtime we travel into Cork city. Check out St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, which has three giant spires, the Cork Museum, and the famous English Market, a Cork landmark since 1610. We return to our hotel in late afternoon.

### Day 4

It's into West Cork calling at the West Cork Model Railway Village where we take the road train around the heritage town of Clonakilty. We return via the mystical Gougane Barra in the Shehy Mountains.

### Day 5

We interrupt our return journey to Belfast with a visit to the National Botanic Gardens with its 15,000 plant species and cultivars from a variety of habitats from all around the world.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Garryvoe Hotel, Garryvoe

This family owned hotel overlooks a golden, sandy, five-mile beach with a view of Ballycotton Bay and its lighthouse. Alternatively there is the view of the unspoilt country! The hotel has 82 bedrooms include a hairdryer, TV, WiFi and tea/coffee-making facilities with a lift to each floor. There is a Health Club with a Jogging Ring, swimming pool, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, outdoor hot tub & fully equipped gym.

## 5 Days

May, June, July, August

### Tour Highlights

Kinsale  
Charles Fort  
Blarney Castle Gardens  
Cork City  
West Cork Model Railway Village  
Clonakilty Road Train  
National Botanic Gardens

### Prices from

£485pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 9:30am	Return Friday 5:00pm	Price
18 May	22 May	£485
29 Jun	3 Jul	£485
27 Jul	31 Jul	£485
24 Aug	28 Aug	£485

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £100  
Holiday Insurance



# Waterford

## The Ancient East

The Jameson Experience



Irish National Heritage Park



Mount Congreve Gardens

Waterford is part of Ireland's Ancient East and is recognised as Ireland's oldest city with the glittering House of Waterford Crystal as its centrepiece. The county of Waterford has some of the most beautiful and varied scenery in Ireland, filled with historic sites, lush green river valleys and a stunning coastline. Our tour visits the gardens at Mount Congreve, the Elizabethan manor house of Ormond Castle, and samples whiskey in Midleton.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

We depart Belfast and travel south to Waterford in time for our evening meal.

**Hotel:** Dooley's Hotel, Waterford  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

We start the day with the award winning Walking Tour of Waterford and discover the historic core of the city. The rest of the day is free for you to explore and possibly take in the House of Waterford Crystal or the Viking Triangle.

#### Day 3

Today we visit the Mount Congreve Gardens, a 70 acre garden and home to one of the largest private collections of plants in the world. This is followed by a visit to the scenic little town of Carrick-On-Suir where we have a guided tour of Ormond Castle, the best example of an Elizabethan manor house in Ireland. There is time to relax before returning to Waterford.

#### Day 4

We travel west today, via Dungarvan Bay, to the bustling, walled seaport of Youghal. In the afternoon we call at Midleton to visit the home of Jameson's Whiskey. We have a tour of the excellent Jameson Experience Visitor's Centre, where everyone gets a complimentary drink. We arrive back at our hotel in good time for dinner.

#### Day 5

We return to Belfast today via the Irish National Stud, home to thoroughbred horses and the iconic Japanese Gardens.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Dooley's Hotel, Waterford

This modern, family-run hotel is located just a few minutes' walk from the main shopping and cultural areas of the city. Three generations of the Darrer family have welcomed guests to the city and their special brand of hospitality means the hotel is the first choice for a great holiday in Waterford city. All 112 bedrooms include a hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee-making facilities.

### 5 Days

May, June, July, August, September

### Tour Highlights

Walking tour of Waterford  
Mount Congreve Gardens  
Carrick-On-Suir  
Ormond Castle  
Dungarvan Bay  
Youghal  
Midleton Distillery  
Irish National Stud & Gardens

### Prices from

£399pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 10:00am	Return Thursday 5:00pm	Price
24 May	28 May	£399
21 Jun	25 Jun	£419
19 Jul	23 Jul	£429
16 Aug	20 Aug	£429
27 Sep	1 Oct	£419

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £90  
Holiday Insurance





Wexford Harbour



Dunbrody Famine Ship



Kilkenny Castle

Co. Wexford is the cornerstone of Ireland's Ancient East, steeped in heritage and rich with history, with a maritime past going back to the Vikings. Our hotel is based in Enniscorthy, a quiet hilltop town with a picturesque setting above the River Slaney. To help you soak up the traditional Celtic flavours of this part of Ireland, the tour features four nights entertainment - including a special Celtic Roots 'Riverdance' show and a Taste of Ireland experience.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

We travel south via Bray to our hotel in Enniscorthy.

**Hotel:** Treacy's Hotel, Enniscorthy  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

Today we start with a visit to the Dunbrody Famine Ship, an authentic replica of the 19th century famine ship, before spending the afternoon in medieval Kilkenny, where you could visit St. Canice's Cathedral, the imposing Butler Castle or just browse the local shops.

#### Day 3

A tour of Ireland's 'South Riding' area today taking us to the Galtee Mountains. We travel via Clonmel, through the Glen of Aherlow before stopping in Cashel for lunch. We complete our circular route travelling back via Urlingford. In the hotel tonight we have the Celtic Roots Riverdance Show (*this may take place in local hall*).

#### Day 4

This morning we visit the Irish Agricultural Museum at Johnstown Castle, where you can explore the gardens and see comprehensive displays of farming and rural life. We round off the day with a few hours in Wexford.

#### Day 5

We return to Belfast but break our journey at the Kildare Outlet Village.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Treacy's Hotel

Treacy's Hotel is perfectly located in the bustling town of Enniscorthy, just a short stroll to the market square. There are 75 bedrooms all with television, air-con, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities, safe and free WiFi. There is complimentary access to The Waterfront Leisure Centre.

### 5 Days

April, May, June, July, August, September, October

### Tour Highlights

Bray  
Dunbrody Famine Ship  
Kilkenny  
Galtee Mountains  
Cashel  
Celtic Roots Riverdance Show  
Irish Agricultural Museum  
Wexford  
Kildare Outlet Village

### Prices from

£325pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 9:30am	Return Friday 4:00pm	Price
20 Apr	24 Apr	£325
11 May	15 May	£365
15 Jun	19 Jun	£399
13 Jul	17 Jul	£425
24 Aug	28 Aug	£425
7 Sep	11 Sep	£399
5 Oct	9 Oct	£365

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £80  
Holiday Insurance



# Co. Cavan Lakes, Castles & Gardens

Lough Gill



Slane Castle



Mourne Mountains ©Tourism NI

Co. Cavan is situated just south of the border and is considered to be Ireland's Lake District. Its location is ideal for us to explore the surrounding counties as we visit Lough Gill in Leitrim, Enniskillen in Fermanagh, Strokestown Park in Roscommon, Slane Castle in Meath and Tullynally Castle Gardens in Westmeath. And that's not mentioning the other three counties we visit on the last day!

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave the Europa Buscentre, travel to Newcastle and through the Mourne Mountains. We continue inland through Co. Louth to Cavan to our hotel for the next 4 nights.

**Hotel:** Cavan Crystal Hotel, Cavan  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Today we travel west to Lough Gill where we board the Rose of Innisfree for a cruise on the lough. We enjoy the spectacular scenery which was spoken so fondly of by the poet WB Yeats. On our return journey we stop off in Enniskillen.

### Day 3

Strokestown Park is our first stop today. Here you will discover a Georgian Palladian Mansion, with its original furnishings and fabrics, the National Famine Museum & Archive and historic gardens & woodlands. After lunch we turn north to Carrick-on-Shannon, where we spend a couple of hours at leisure.

### Day 4

This morning we have a guided tour of historic Slane Castle, where we learn about the Conyngham family, the history of the building and the concerts! In the afternoon we visit the gardens of Tullynally Castle. There are over 12 acres of garden in all, divided between the walled gardens and woodland gardens.

### Day 5

Our journey home sees us travelling through the breathtakingly scenic Glenelly Valley, an area of outstanding natural beauty in the Sperrin Mountains, before arriving back in Belfast at approximately 4pm.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Cavan Crystal Hotel

This contemporary four star hotel is situated on the edge of Cavan town and gives excellent access to the surrounding area. All 85 rooms come with multi-channel TV, iron, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is a swimming pool, gym, sauna, Jacuzzi and steam room.

## 5 Days

July, August, September

### Tour Highlights

Mourne Mountains  
Lough Gill Cruise  
Enniskillen  
Strokestown Park  
Carrick-On-Shannon  
Slane Castle  
Tullynally Castle Gardens  
Glenelly Valley

### Prices from

£419pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 10:00am	Return Friday 4:00pm	Price
6 Jul	10 Jul	£429
10 Aug	14 Aug	£429
14 Sep	18 Sep	£419

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement  
Holiday Insurance





# Wonders of West Cork At The Maritime Hotel



Maritime Hotel



Bantry Bay

A place like no other, West Cork is at the heart of nature in the Southwest corner of Ireland. A sense of freedom and tranquillity abounds. Framed by the Sheep's Head hills and the craggy Caha Mountains, Bantry is one of West Cork's most beautiful towns. Located on the sprawling Bantry Bay, the town is one of the country's most attractive holiday locations with sea views, cafes, galleries and one-off shops.

The base for your tour is the superb 4-star Maritime Hotel located in the town and overlooking Bantry Harbour. A warm welcome awaits.

The stylish Maritime Hotel, which is a part of The Gleneagle Group, offers a relaxing stay with contemporary styled bedrooms offering all modern amenities. Relax over a drink in the Maritime Bar and enjoy dinner in the Ocean Restaurant. There is a full leisure centre offering a large swimming pool, steam room, jacuzzi and gym. Guests can stroll to shops and pubs which are located beside the hotel.

The hotel's location is ideal for exceptional day trips around West Cork. Marvel at the coastal scenery of the Beara Peninsula and the stunning seascapes of the Wild Atlantic Way. Visit the fishing towns of Skibbereen and Schull while taking some time at Mizen Head, Ireland's most South-westerly point.

Also included in the itinerary is an optional day trip to Cork City (€17.00pp). Visit the Shandon Bells in the 300-year-old tower of St Anne's Church or marvel at the French Gothic spires of St Finbarre's Cathedral. Discover the food delights of the English Market and take a walk along Grand Parade or Patrick's Street for some shopping time.

The Maritime Hotel offers luxurious 4-star accommodation overlooking Bantry Harbour. Each bedroom has all modern amenities along with complimentary WiFi internet and tea/coffee-making facilities. Guests also enjoy free access to Club Maritime and have the option of Spa treatments in YouTime treatment rooms.

**Please note:** These itineraries are subject to change without prior notice and are weather dependent.

## Your tour includes...

### 5-Day Tour (4 nights)

- Luxury coach transfers from Belfast to Bantry
- 4 nights bed & breakfast
- 4 dinners in The Ocean Restaurant
- Live entertainment on 2 nights of your stay
- Day tour of The Beara Peninsula and the mountainous Healy Pass, one of the most spectacular views in Ireland
- Day tour along The Wild Atlantic Way and visit the fishing towns of Skibbereen and Schull plus Mizen Head, Ireland's most South-westerly point

### Addendum:

Ulsterbus Tours act as agents for The Maritime Hotel. Itineraries, dates and prices are set by The Maritime Hotel.

Prices from  
**£249pps**

## Dates & Prices

Depart	Nights	Price
10 Feb	4	£249
23 Mar	4	£269
13 Apr	4	£289
20 Apr	4	£309
4 May	4	£309
11 May	4	£309
1 Jun	4	£309
15 Jun	4	£309
6 Jul	4	£329
20 Jul	4	£329
24 Aug	4	£319
31 Aug	4	£319
21 Sep	4	£309
28 Sep	4	£299
5 Oct	4	£299
2 Nov	4	£289
7 Dec	4	£289

## All Tours

Departs 9:00am Returns 5:00pm  
Single Room Supplement  
£22.50 per night



# Killarney & The Wild Atlantic Way - The Gleneagle Hotel

Experience the best of Killarney and County Kerry with this very popular sightseeing tour to Southwest Ireland. Your stay is in the famous Gleneagle Hotel where a warm welcome awaits and live entertainment each night. Visit the stunning Wild Atlantic Way coastline, the wonders of Killarney National Park and the quaint seaside towns of County Kerry.

There is a choice of five and six day tours with a variety of itineraries including sightseeing, country music festivals and the hugely popular Christmas Craicer and Christmas Holiday breaks. Along with the breath taking Ring of Kerry and Dingle day trips, we are offering a day trip to the bustling market town of Listowel as an optional tour.

The Gleneagle Hotel has welcomed guests to Killarney for over six decades and is one of Ireland's most popular hotels. It is renowned for its resort facilities with live nightly entertainment, a choice of great bars and restaurants along with an amazing location overlooking Killarney National Park.

The Gleneagle Hotel has all the elements to make your holiday memorable. Each guest room has modern amenities along with complimentary WiFi internet and tea/coffee-making facilities. Guests also enjoy complimentary access to the Aquila Club leisure centre. There is a hair and beauty salon, ATM, gift shop and an accessible shuttle bus service to Killarney town centre. Special dietary requirements are catered for and all Ulsterbus guests receive a complimentary voucher for a free drink during their stay.

*Please note: These itineraries are subject to change without prior notice and are weather dependent.*

## Sightseeing Tours

### 5-Day Tours (4 nights)

- Luxury coach transfers from Belfast to Killarney
- 4 nights bed & breakfast
- 4 dinners followed by live nightly entertainment
- Welcome drinks voucher on arrival
- Ring of Kerry day tour including stops and photo opportunities along the rugged Wild Atlantic Way.
- Dingle & Slea Head Tour including stops at Inch Beach and Coumeenole Strand, of Ryan's Daughter fame. Viewing Time at Sybill Point to admire Clogher Strand, the location of Star Wars set.

### Optional Tour to Listowel (€17pp)

Explore the literary capital of Ireland. Learn about the famous playwright John B Keane at Listowel Writer's Centre and take time to visit his pub of the same name. Pay a visit to Listowel Castle, St Mary's Church, and Lartigue Monorail. Have lunch in one of the pubs or restaurants in the town square followed by shopping time before returning to Killarney.

### 6-Day Tours (5 nights)

This package includes all of the above as well as an additional night's accommodation including breakfast and dinner. This package also includes a highlights tour of Killarney with free time in the afternoon to enjoy some shopping.

## Christmas Craicer Breaks

### 5-Day Tours (4 nights)

- Luxury Coach transfers from Belfast to Killarney
- 4 nights bed & breakfast
- 4 dinners including a Gala Christmas Banquet evening with a mulled wine reception.
- Live entertainment each night.
- Highlights tour of Killarney including a visit to Muckross Craft Centre, followed by an afternoon of shopping in Killarney with discount shopping vouchers for those last-minute Christmas gifts.
- Shopping trip to Cork and Blarney Woollen Mills.

### 6-Day Tours (5 nights)

This package includes all of the above as well as an additional night's accommodation including breakfast and dinner. This has an optional coach trip to the Ring of Kerry and to explore the Wild Atlantic Way (€20pp).





# Celebrate Christmas at The Gleneagle

## Let's get going...

### Day 1: Arrive

We depart Belfast at 9am and travel south to Killarney where a welcoming hot punch reception awaits us. Once we are settled in, dinner served followed by live entertainment and dancing.

### Day 2: Christmas Eve

Spend a day relaxing in Killarney, where locals have decorated the streets and shops in festive cheer. Upon returning to the hotel, savour some hot port or sparkling wine at a special pre-dinner reception where The Gleneagle Concert Band will perform a medley of Christmas favourites. This is followed by a celebratory Christmas Eve Banquet-style dinner and an evening of dancing or sing along.

### Day 3: Christmas Day

Wake up to a festive breakfast in The Flesk Restaurant. Santa Claus pays a visit to the hotel with gifts for all the children. Buses will be on hand to take you to town to specified church services. Spend the afternoon relaxing and enjoying an afternoon sing-along. Christmas Day Dinner is served complete with all the trimmings. In the evening enjoy some complimentary servings of mince pies and mulled wine followed by resident's entertainment.

### Day 4: St. Stephen's Day

Begin the day with a hearty breakfast in The Flesk Restaurant. Fancy getting out for the day? Why not join the optional day trip around The Ring of Kerry (€20 supplement, subject to minimum numbers and weather). Alternatively relax in the hotel or take a stroll through the National Park. Dinner this evening will be followed by live entertainment.

### Day 5: Departure

Bid a fond farewell to Killarney before returning to Belfast

### Addendum:

Ulsterbus Tours act as agents for The Gleneagle Hotel. Itineraries, dates and prices are set by The Gleneagle Hotel.

Prices from  
**£249pps**

### Sightseeing Tours Dates & Prices

Depart	Nights	Price	Note
27 Jan	4	£249	
24 Feb	4	£249	
2 Mar	4	£295	Country Music Festival
16 Mar	4	£295	St Patrick's Day in Killarney
13 Apr	4	£295	
26 Apr	5	£369	Country Music Week
27 Apr	4	£325	Country Music Week
4 May	4	£315	
17 May	4	£315	
1 Jun	4	£329	
7 Jun	5	£379	
15 Jun	4	£329	
5 Jul	4	£329	Summer in Killarney
12 Jul	5	£379	Summer in Killarney
13 Jul	4	£329	Summer in Killarney
26 Jul	5	£379	Summer in Killarney
27 Jul	4	£329	Summer in Killarney
3 Aug	4	£335	
9 Aug	5	£385	
16 Aug	4	£335	
23 Aug	5	£385	
30 Aug	5	£385	Bank Holiday Break
6 Sep	4	£329	
14 Sep	4	£329	
20 Sep	4	£329	
28 Sep	4	£309	
12 Oct	4	£309	Social Dancing Week
18 Oct	5	£359	Country Music Week
19 Oct	4	£309	
26 Oct	4	£309	
2 Nov	4	£299	

### Christmas Craicer Breaks Dates & Prices

Depart	Nights	Price
16 Nov	4	£299
22 Nov	5	£349
30 Nov	4	£299
6 Dec	5	£349

### Christmas at The Gleneagle Dates & Prices

Depart	Nights	Price
23 Dec	4	£549

### All Tours

Departs 9:30am Returns 5:00pm  
Single Room Supplement  
£22.50 per night



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Phoenix Park Visitor Centre

### 3 Days

January, February, March, April, May, July, August, September, October, November, December

### Prices from

£129pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart	Return	Price	Tour
25 Jan	27 Jan	£129	
15 Feb	17 Feb	£129	
22 Mar	24 Mar	£139	
3 Apr	5 Apr	£199	Murder Mystery Weekend
26 Apr	28 Apr	£139	
3 May	5 May	£149	
28 May	30 May	£239	Bloom in the Park
5 Jul	7 Jul	£149	
30 Aug	1 Sep	£149	
20 Sep	22 Sep	£149	
25 Oct	27 Oct	£139	
6 Nov	8 Nov	£199	Murder Mystery Weekend

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement  
£25pp per night  
Holiday Insurance

### Weekend Breaks

#### 2B&B, 1 Dinner

(served on Friday evening)

Departs: 11:00am Returns: 5:00pm

Enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cookies on arrival. A four course meal is served on Friday evening and there is entertainment in McGottigan's Bar each night until late! Shopping in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre!

Relax and unwind in the Merrill Leisure Club with 10% discount offered to all guests (advanced booking essential). Dinner is not served on Saturday night but you could try our Table d'hôte dinner in the Quin's Bistro or McGottigan's Bar Food Menu.

### Special Theme Weekends

#### Bloom in the Park

2B&B, 2 Dinners

Departs: 10:00am Returns: 5:00pm

Bloom is Ireland's largest gardening & food event, held at Phoenix Park Visitor's Centre. Your break includes a visit to the National Gardens Exhibition Centre on Friday, a day at Bloom on Saturday and entrance to Powerscourt House and Gardens on Sunday. There is live music each night after dinner in McGottigan's Bar.

#### Murder Mystery Weekend

2B&B, 2 Dinners

The murder mystery weekend is full of surprises guaranteed to keep you on your toes, with suspense, murders, lots of laughter and entertainment. There is a buffet evening meal on Friday, followed by live music in McGottigan's Bar. On Saturday have a relaxing day in Bray followed by a Gala Dinner where the story will unravel and the mystery will be solved. The night will finish with a presentation of the best dress award. *Theme to be confirmed.*

### Addendum:

Ulsterbus Tours act as agents for the Royal Hotel. Itineraries, dates and prices are set by the Royal Hotel.





## Christmas Breaks

### Shopping Break

**2B&B, 1 Dinner**

**(served on Friday evening)**

**Departs: 11:00am Returns: 5:00pm**

Soak up the festive atmosphere in the hustle and bustle of Dublin City Centre. Your weekend break includes a day's shopping in Dublin. Enjoy a mulled wine reception followed by a scrumptious four course evening meal. You can also attend the Christmas Party Night with live entertainment (Supplement of £30 per person) - advance booking essential. We stop in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre before returning to Belfast.

## Leopardstown Christmas Racing

### 3B&B, 2 Dinners

**(served on Wednesday & Thursday)**

**Departs: 11:00am Returns: 5:00pm**

Your midweek racing break includes a mulled wine reception each night, reserved enclosure tickets for two days (28th & 29th December) at Leopardstown Race Course, weather permitting, two Table d'hote dinners with steak included and live entertainment in McGettigan's Bar.

## New Year Package

**3B&B, 3 Dinners**

### Day 1

Arrival at the Royal Hotel and Merrill Leisure Club.

Depart Belfast at 11am and arrive mid afternoon to be greeted with Hot Punch Reception. You will have plenty of time for a stroll around Bray or relax and unwind in the hotel's leisure facilities before the dinner is served in the Quin's Bistro followed by a live entertainment in the McGettigan's Bar.

### Day 2 - New Year's Eve

Enjoy a full Irish breakfast before spending the day in Dublin (coach transfer to and from included) before returning to the hotel in time to get ready for the nights festivities, which start with a Pre-Dinner champagne reception, sumptuous gala dinner in the Powerscourt Suite where you can dance in the early hours of 2021 with our Live band: Fancy Dress optional and a prize for the best costume on the night.

### Day 3 - New Year's Day

A day to recover starts with brunch served at leisure. Take time for a walk along the seafront, or catch the 'Dart' into the city centre to check out the January Sales. Dinner in the hotel tonight.

### Day 4

After a full Irish Breakfast, say goodbye to old friends and new before departing for Belfast.

## 3 & 4 Days

December

## Prices from

**£139pps**

## Dates & Prices

Depart	Return	Price	Tour
6 Dec	8 Dec	£139	Christmas Shopping
13 Dec	15 Dec	£139	Christmas Shopping
27 Dec	29 Dec	£299	Leopards-town Racing
30 Dec	2 Jan	£319	New Year Package

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement

£25pp per night

Holiday Insurance

## Addendum:

Ulsterbus Tours act as agents for the Royal Hotel. Itineraries, dates and prices are set by the Royal Hotel.







# England & Wales

Image: Falmouth, England ©VisitBritain



# Lake District & Aberdeenshire

Aberdeen ©VisitBritain



Lake Windermere ©VisitBritain

On this new two centred tour we have combined two of the UK's most loved and scenic destinations. We start with the Lake District - England's largest National Park - and finish with the beautiful coastlines, pretty towns and rugged cliffs of Aberdeenshire.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We travel out on the mid-morning P&O Ferries sailing. We stop at the Devils Porridge Museum, a former WWI munitions factory, before reaching Keswick in the late afternoon.

**Hotel:** Skiddaw Hotel, Keswick  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We have a full day today. This morning we travel south through the lakes to Bowness-on-Windermere where we have a 40min cruise on Lake Windermere. On arrival at Lakeside we board the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway for a single steam train journey to Haverthwaite (18 mins) where we re-board our coach. We return to Lakeside and after a bite of lunch we have time in Lakes Aquarium to explore the lakes of the world and discover incredible creatures.

### Day 3

A free day for you to enjoy this typical Lake District town.

### Day 4

Time to go north and head for Scotland. We travel through the Borders, past both Stirling and Perth, before arriving at our hotel in the late afternoon.

**Hotel:** Aberdeen Altens Hotel  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 5

Today we follow the coastal route to Fraserburgh, where we visit the unique lighthouse museum on top of a castle, looking

far out across the North Sea. Returning via the inland route through Aberdeen Angus country, we stop at the Pitmedden Garden, a re-created Scottish Renaissance walled garden with unique and vibrant floral designs.

### Day 6

We spend a full day exploring the little towns and villages along the banks of the River Dee - Banchory, the quaintly named Kincardine O'Neill, Aboyne, Ballater and on as far as Braemar. We see Balmoral Castle (*only from the road*) but we do call at Crathie Church, the regular place of worship of the British Royal Family.

### Day 7

Our homeward route today takes us through Angus and into Perth and Kinross. We make a mid-morning stop in the 'fair city' of Perth and a longer lunch stop in historic Stirling, before returning to Cairnryan on the evening Stena Line sailing back to Belfast.

## Accommodation

**Hotel:** Skiddaw Hotel

Situated in the centre of the picturesque market town of Keswick. The 43 bedrooms come equipped with WiFi, TV, direct dial telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. The hotel's conservatory overlooks the town square.

**Hotel:** Aberdeen Altens Hotel

A modern hotel three miles south of Aberdeen. All 216 bedrooms are equipped with WiFi, TV, direct dial telephone, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. There is an indoor pool, steam room and gym.

## 7 Days

June, September

## Tour Highlights

Devils Porridge Museum  
Lake Windermere Cruise  
Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway  
Lakes Aquarium  
Museum of Scottish Lighthouses  
Pitmedden Garden  
Banchory  
Crathie Church  
Perth  
Stirling

## Prices from

£645pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 9:00am	Return Sunday 10:15pm	Price
29 Jun	5 Jul	£645
14 Sep	20 Sep	£649

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £135  
Holiday Insurance





Levens Hall ©VisitBritain



Ullswater ©VisitBritain

Follow in the footsteps of William Wordsworth as we explore the stunning Lake District. Wordsworth was inspired by the beauty and grandeur of this National Park and you too can witness the same spectacular sights. We have included a railway journey, a cruise on the Lakelands second largest lake, a visit to a beautifully maintained private home and finally, a haunted castle on the less explored western lakes. Of course we can't forget about the spectacular Kirkstone Pass!

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to Keswick via Cairnryan with P&O Ferries.

**Hotel:** Skiddaw Hotel, Keswick  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We spend this morning at Levens Hall, with its ten wonderful acres of gardens and the world's oldest topiary garden waiting to be explored. In the afternoon we board the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway for a single journey to Haverthwaite (18 min journey) where our coach meets us for our trip back to Keswick.

### Day 3

Today we travel to Pooley Bridge at the northern end of Ullswater (*the second largest lake in the Lake District*) where we board the Ullswater Steamer for a wonderful one hour cruise. Our coach meets us at Glenridding where we continue our journey with a drive over the Kirkstone Pass to Bowness-on-Windermere.

### Day 4

We depart Keswick mid-morning (it's market day!) for Muncaster Castle, Gardens & Hawk & Owl Centre. Spend time exploring this haunted castle, its grounds which offer stunning views over Eskdale, and revel in a bird of prey display.

### Day 5

Time to return home, on the afternoon Stena Line sailing to Belfast from Cairnryan.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Skiddaw Hotel

Situated in the centre of the picturesque market town of Keswick, this family-run hotel combines traditional décor with modern facilities and efficient service. There is a restaurant, lounge bar and all 43 bedrooms come with WiFi, TV, direct dial telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. The hotel's conservatory overlooks the town square.

## 5 Days

May, June, July, August

### Tour Highlights

Levens Hall  
Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway  
Ullswater Steamer  
Kirkstone Pass  
Muncaster Castle, Gardens and  
Hawk & Owl Centre

### Prices from

£499pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 9:00am	Return Thursday 6:15pm	Price
3 May	7 May	£499
7 Jun	11 June	£529
19 Jul	23 Jul	£539
9 Aug	13 Aug	£539

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £80  
Holiday Insurance



# Yorkshire Rail & Sail

Monument of Earl to Carlisle ©VisitBritain



Leeds Liverpool Canal ©VisitLancashire



York ©VisitBritain

Our base for this new tour is the elegant spa town of Harrogate which is surrounded by 200 acres of countryside. It is the perfect location from which to explore this most beautiful part of England. Our adventure begins with a steam train through the North Yorkshire Moors, continues afloat on the Leeds Liverpool Canal and ends in the fascinating railway museum in York. We have also included visits to Whitby, inspiration to Bram Stoker's Dracula, and the popular market town of Skipton.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to Harrogate via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Cairn Hotel, Harrogate  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

A little further afield today as we join the North Yorkshire Moors Railway as it travels through Heartbeat Country to Goatland where we re-join our coach. We make our way to Whitby, with free time to explore the narrow streets, attractions and bustling harbour, overlooked by the striking ruins of Whitby Abbey.

### Day 3

It is market day in the delightful market town of Skipton with its picturesque quay and canal towpaths running through the centre of the town. Browse the famous market "setts", enjoy lunch and explore the town and its attractions. In the afternoon, we embark on a leisurely one hour return canal cruise along the beautiful Leeds Liverpool Canal, with commentary.

### Day 4

Not too far today as we visit the National Railway Museum in York where you discover the story of rail transport and its impact on society. The rest of the day is at leisure in the historic city.

### Day 5

We retrace our outward journey back to Cairnryan for the evening sailing to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Cairn Hotel

The hotel is a short walk from the town centre. As a result of the age of the building there are some period features of the architectural mix that might make access difficult for people with limited mobility. All 135 bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. The hotel has a restaurant, bar/lounge, fitness room and WiFi.

## 5 Days

May, September

### Tour Highlights

North Yorkshire Moors Railway  
Whitby  
Skipton  
Leeds Liverpool Canal Cruise  
National Railway Museum  
York

### Prices from

£455pps

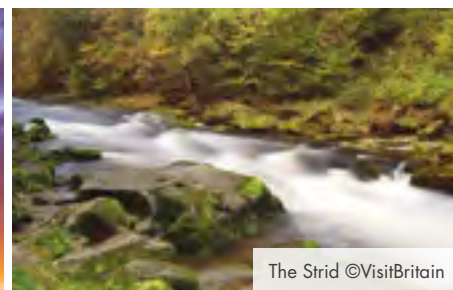
### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Friday 10:15pm	Price
11 May	15 May	£455
21 Sep	25 Sep	£465

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £65  
Holiday Insurance





The Strid ©VisitBritain



Harrogate

# Harrogate & the Yorkshire Dales

Yorkshire Dales ©VisitBritain

On this tour we stay in the beautiful Victorian spa town of Harrogate from where we visit the historic walled city of York and journey through the wild, but beautiful, Yorkshire Dales. We have visits to the 18th century Newby Hall, with its exceptional interior, witness butter and cheese making at Wensleydale Creamery, wet our appetite at the Black Sheep Brewery and have a nostalgic journey through the former home of James Herriot.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to Harrogate via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Cairn Hotel, Harrogate  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We spend the morning in Thirsk exploring the World of James Herriot, author of All Creatures Great and Small. In the afternoon we stop at Newby Hall & Gardens, one of England's finest houses with its exceptional example of 18th century interior decoration.

### Day 3

Time to explore the picturesque Yorkshire Dales with a circular route taking in the famous Ribbleshead Viaduct (*photo opportunity*), before arriving at the Wensleydale Creamery, where you can witness butter and cheese making. After lunchtime we continue through the Dales to the Black Sheep Brewery for a guided tour and tasting.

### Day 4

A more relaxed day today as we spend the morning in the historic city of York, with attractions waiting to be discovered, before returning to our hotel in mid-afternoon.

### Day 5

We retrace our outward journey back to Cairnryan for the evening sailing to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Cairn Hotel

The hotel is a short walk from the town centre. As a result of the age of the building there are some period features of the architectural mix that might make access difficult for people with limited mobility. All 135 bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. The hotel has a restaurant, bar/lounge, fitness room and WiFi.

## 5 Days

June, August

### Tour Highlights

World of James Herriot  
Newby Hall & Gardens  
Yorkshire Dales  
Ribbleshead Viaduct  
Wensleydale Creamery  
Black Sheep Brewery  
York

### Prices from

£485pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Friday 10:15pm	Price
22 Jun	26 Jun	£485
17 Aug	21 Aug	£495

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £65  
Holiday Insurance



# Leicestershire & Northamptonshire

Boughton House



Boughton Stateroom



Barnsdale Gardens

Leicestershire is a county as famous for its battlefields as it is Balti! With a mix of exciting city life, wild countryside, and a surprising amount of water for an inland county, Leicestershire has something to offer for everyone. Northamptonshire, to the south, has Elizabethan mansions, romantic deer parks and earls' residences hidden in English farmland. Northamptonshire knows how to do countryside! On this new tour we will sample just a small piece of what these two counties have to offer.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to the East Midlands via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Hilton Leicester  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Today we visit the beautiful Barnsdale Gardens, created by the late Geoff Hamilton, star of *Gardener's World*, before travelling to the pretty, traditional English market town of Oakham - look out for the unusual stocks, the five hole stocks are somewhat of a mystery! We end the afternoon with a relaxing 45 min cruise on Rutland Water.

### Day 3

We have a day at Boughton House and Gardens, the "English Versailles". There is a guided tour of the splendours of the House on arrival followed by time to enjoy the 18th-century landscaped gardens, woodlands and a grand country park. For June and September departures we have included a lunch of soup and sandwiches. In the afternoon we board our coach for a guided tour of the Estate, including the local villages and church with family monuments.

### Day 4

This morning we travel to the historic market town of Melton Mowbray, famous for its pork pie and speciality cheeses. You can visit the Ye Olde Pie Shoppe or The Melton Cheeseboard shop to taste and buy the area's most famous pies and cheeses. After lunchtime we enjoy a guided tour at Belvoir Brewery followed by a tasting of three fine ales (*practical footwear required*).

### Day 5

Time to return home, on the evening Stena Line sailing to Belfast from Cairnryan.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Hilton Leicester Hotel

Located just off the J21 of the M1 this contemporary hotel gives great access to the surrounding area. Each bedroom is designed with comfort and convenience in mind and comes with large windows, TV, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. The hotel boasts a fitness suite, heated indoor pool, sauna and steam room.

## 5 Days

June, August, September

### Tour Highlights

Barnsdale Gardens  
Rutland Water Cruise  
Boughton House and Gardens  
Melton Mowbray  
Belvoir Brewery Tour  
One Lunch (Jun & Sep only)

### Prices from

£439pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:30am	Return Thursday 10:15pm	Price
28 Jun	2 Jul	£439
2 Aug	6 Aug	£445
6 Sep	10 Sep	£439

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £80  
Holiday Insurance





# Splendours of Shropshire

Severn Valley Train



Ludlow



Blists Hill ©IronbridgeGorgeMuseums

On this tour we cover a lot of visits but without the mileage, so sit back and relax! We step back in time and explore the fascinating history of this beautiful region with a visit to the award winning attractions of the Ironbridge Gorge Museums, an Historic Working Farm and a scenic river cruise.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Telford via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

It's a short drive to medieval Shrewsbury for a cruise on the River Severn followed by time at leisure to explore the cobbled streets and excellent shopping on offer. In mid-afternoon we return via Love Plants, where you can browse the traditional favourites and enjoy an included cream tea.

### Day 3

Another short drive takes us to the Ironbridge Gorge UNESCO World Heritage Site, referred to as 'the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution' and home to the world's first cast bridge. We spend the day here as all attractions are included. Try out Blists Hill Victorian Town with its street of shops, a state of the art visitor centre and narrow gauge railway. Costumed guides are on hand to provide information on what life was like in Victorian times.

### Day 4

Our longest day takes us through Wenlock Edge woods to Church Stretton, set in the hills of 'Little Switzerland', to Acton Scott Historic Working Farm, as seen on BBC's Victorian Farm. Experience country life of yesteryear through the regular demonstrations. We finish the day in Ludlow, 'Shropshire's Food and Drink Capital'.

### Day 5

We return north via Shropshire and Holyhead taking the Stena Line sailing to Dublin.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Buckatree Hall Hotel

This traditional hotel has a lovely rural setting within Wrekin woods, offering a warm welcome, well maintained gardens and a lovely ornamental pond. The hotel has 62 bedrooms equipped with TV, telephone, hairdryer, safe and tea/coffee-making facilities. Please note the lift does not serve all floors .

### 5 Days

June, July

### Tour Highlights

Shrewsbury  
River Severn Cruise  
Love Plants Cream Tea  
Ironbridge Gorge UNESCO World Heritage Site  
Acton Scott Historic Working Farm  
Ludlow

### Prices from

£499pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Friday 7:30pm	Price
8 Jun	12 Jun	£499
27 Jul	31 Jul	£499

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £95  
Holiday Insurance



Tintern Abbey



River Wye ©VisitBritain

# Herefordshire, Wye Valley & Worcester

Brecon Beacons ©VisitBritain

Herefordshire is situated in the West Midlands, surrounded by Wales, Shropshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. On this tour we visit all but the ladder taking in spectacular limestone gorges, superb wildlife, intriguing archaeological and industrial remains. We explore the fascinating cities of Hereford and Worcester, and experience the past splendour of the area with visits to Tintern Abbey and Hampton Court Palace.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Stourport via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Hallmark Stourport Manor, Stourport-on-Severn (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Our first venture into Herefordshire takes us to the historic market town of Ross-on-Wye. We continue south through the beautiful Wye Valley before crossing into Wales and stopping at the spectacular remains of Tintern Abbey. We return directly back to our hotel.

### Day 3

This morning it is Hereford, home to the Mappa Mundi, the oldest known medieval map of the world, where you can explore the cathedral or the historic architecture of its streets. After lunch we travel north to Hampton Court Castle to discover its 15th century castle and extensive gardens.

### Day 4

A change of county as we visit the City of Worcester. There's free time to visit the imposing cathedral, admire the half-timbered buildings in Friar Street, and the Guildhall which dates back to 1721. In the afternoon we visit Spetchley Park Gardens, a lovely 30 acre Victorian paradise boasting many plant treasures, a walled garden and pools.

### Day 5

We return north via Shropshire and Holyhead taking the Stena Line sailing to Dublin.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Hallmark Stourport Manor

This contemporary country house property, set in 23 acres, offers 102 bedrooms equipped with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. Other facilities include a spacious lounge, bar, stylish Brasserie restaurant and superb Waves Health and Leisure Club, including an indoor swimming pool, fully equipped gym, sauna, steam room, solarium and spa bath.

## 5 Days

July, August

### Tour Highlights

Ross-on-Wye  
Wye Valley  
Tintern Abbey  
Hereford  
Hampton Court Castle  
Worcester  
Spetchley Park Gardens

### Prices from

£459pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Friday 7:30pm	Price
6 Jul	10 Jul	£459
10 Aug	14 Aug	£459

### Price Excludes

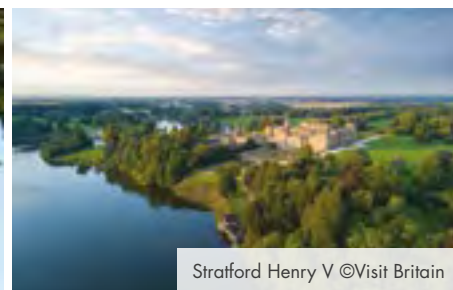
Single Room Supplement - £100  
Holiday Insurance





# Stratford Upon Avon & the Cotswolds

Blenheim Palace ©VisitBritain



Stratford Henry V ©Visit Britain



Shakespeare's Birthplace ©VisitBritain

Perhaps best known as the hometown of the famous playwright William Shakespeare, Stratford Upon Avon is now a popular tourist destination located on the River Avon. It is characterised by its beautifully preserved timbered Tudor buildings and stunning rural scenery, which includes 800 square miles of The Cotswolds that surround this medieval market town. It's easy to see why visitors repeatedly return time and time again. For 2020 we combine a relaxing river cruise with a steam train journey through spectacular scenery and discover one of England's most famous houses.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to Stratford-upon-Avon via Cairnryan with Stena Line. We have a welcome tea/coffee on arrival.

**Hotel:** Mercure Shakespeare Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Today it is Blenheim Palace, where, with your audio guide, you can immerse yourself in 300 years of fascinating history. Explore the Palace State Rooms, Formal Gardens, the Churchill Exhibition and much much more!

### Day 3

Experience the sights and ambience of Stratford-Upon-Avon, a town synonymous with William Shakespeare. His influence is everywhere and there are also cafés, shops and riverside gardens to enjoy. This afternoon we board the 'Countess of Evesham' for an included gentle relaxing cruise and cream tea on the River Avon.

### Day 4

This morning we explore the northern Cotswolds stopping in the delightful Bourton-on-the-Water, followed by the market town of Stow-on-the-Wold, highest of the Cotswolds towns. After lunch we board the Gloucester Warwickshire Steam Railway at Broadway for a 60min steam journey through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Cotswolds. We re-join our coach at Cheltenham Racecourse and return directly to our hotel.

### Day 5

Time to return home, on the afternoon Stena Line sailing to Dublin.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Mercure Shakespeare Hotel

The hotel is set in the heart of Stratford and is the ideal base for exploring both the town and the surrounding countryside. This hotel has 78 individually named bedrooms, each of which is equipped with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. Bedrooms vary in size, as befits this beautiful 17th century building.

*Please note some of the rooms are accessed by steps.*

## 5 Days

May, June, July, September

### Tour Highlights

Blenheim Palace  
River Avon Cruise with Cream Tea  
Bourton-on-the-Water  
Stow-on-the-Wold  
Gloucester Warwickshire Steam Railway

### Prices from

£515pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:30am	Return Thursday 7:30pm	Price
10 May	14 May	£515
28 Jun	2 Jul	£535
26 Jul	30 Jul	£535
13 Sep	17 Sep	£525

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £135  
Holiday Insurance



# Kent - Castle, Cathedral & Train

Leeds Castle ©VisitBritain



Rochester Cathedral

You're never stuck for things to do and see in Kent. Not only will you discover its beautiful shoreline but you will visit its most famous castle - the elegant 12th century Leeds Castle - the very historic Rochester Cathedral - the UK's second oldest - and travel back in time on a steam train. Kent is a haven of breathtaking landscapes - hence its 'Garden of England' title - from mysterious marshland and sleepy villages, to bustling seaside resorts and orchards and farms.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to the Midlands via Stena Line ferry from Cairnryan.

**Overnight Hotel:** Jurys Inn, Hinckley Island (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We continue through the Chiltern Hills around London to our hotel in Ashford.

**Hotel:** Ashford International Hotel, Ashford (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

Today our local coach takes us to Leeds Castle & Gardens, an elegant 12th century castle rising majestically from the waters of its moat. Here you have a guided tour, discovering 900 years of history with time to explore 500 acres of beautiful parkland and gardens. This afternoon we visit Rochester Cathedral, the second oldest in the UK, with stunning architecture and a rich history.

### Day 4

This morning we take a trip to the historic city of Canterbury with its magnificent cathedral, cobbled streets and long high street with plenty of options for shopping, drinks or lunch. Later this afternoon we visit Whitstable, the place to go if you like quirky shops, oysters, and the English seaside.

### Day 5

We travel back in time this morning on a leisurely journey through Kent's green countryside aboard a restored vintage steam train, part of the historic Kent & Sussex Railway. On arrival at Bodiam we travel to Hastings, where we spend the afternoon and where you could enjoy a walk through the Warrior Square Gardens, along the seafront, or maybe visit Hastings Pier.

### Day 6

Time to leave Kent behind returning north to our last hotel.

**Overnight Hotel:** Telford Centre, Telford (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 7

We leave Telford this morning and return to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

## Accommodation

**Hotel:** Ashford International Hotel

Our hotel is situated just outside the quintessential English village of Ashford. Its 179 contemporary bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities, air-con and complimentary WiFi. The hotel also has a swimming pool, gym, sauna and steam room.

## 7 Days

July, August, September

## Tour Highlights

Chiltern Hills  
Leeds Castle & Gardens  
Rochester Cathedral  
Canterbury  
Whitstable  
Kent & Sussex Railway  
Hastings

## Prices from

£645pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:30am	Return Saturday 7:30pm	Price
5 Jul	11 Jul	£655
16 Aug	22 Aug	£655
13 Sep	19 Sep	£645

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £140  
Holiday Insurance





# Norfolk A Royal Retreat

Sandringham Estate ©SandringhamEstate



USE Norwich ©VisitBritain

Norwich is the most complete medieval city in Britain, boasting a rare blend of historic interest with modern sophistication. The coast and countryside offer areas of outstanding beauty and diversity, with hills and undulating fields, wooded valleys, forest areas and marshes. Around every corner you will find pretty villages and historic churches, miles and miles of unspoilt beaches and rivers teeming with wildlife.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast for the early Stena Line crossing to Cairnryan and are due in our hotel in late afternoon.

**Overnight Hotel:** Jurys Inn, Hinckley Island (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Our journey continues with a stop in historic Cambridge before concluding in Norwich.

**Hotel:** Mercure Norwich (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

Today, we visit the magnificent Holkham Estate situated in a stunning location on the north Norfolk coast. Our visit will include a visit to the Hall, the Field to Fork Experience and finally the Walled Garden. In the afternoon, we enjoy a drive to Cromer where we have free time to enjoy this classic Norfolk seaside town.

### Day 4

This morning we have a 90min sailing on the River Bure discovering the Norfolk Broads on-board the 'Southern Comfort', a Mississippi Paddle Boat. After disembarkation we return to Norwich city centre where we spend the afternoon. The coach will return you to the hotel in plenty of time for dinner.

### Day 5

Our local coach operator transfers us to Sandringham Estate, the much loved country retreat of The Queen. The house, set in 24 hectares of stunning gardens, has knowledgeable guides in every room and the museum houses collections of Royal vehicles, rare ceramics, photographs and memorabilia. We spend the day exploring the house, gardens, museum and Visitor Centre.

### Day 6

Leaving Norwich this morning we visit the historic city of Ely, home to one of the most magnificent cathedrals in England. Our day finishes in our final overnight hotel of the tour.

**Overnight Hotel:** Telford Centre, Telford (1 night D, B & B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 7

Telford to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

## Accommodation

**Hotel:** Mercure Norwich

The Mercure Norwich Hotel is situated just three miles from the city centre and the perfect location for exploring the surrounding area. All 107 bedrooms come with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and complimentary WiFi. There is an indoor swimming pool, sauna and mini-gym. The hotel has two floors but does not have a lift.

## 7 Days

August

## Tour Highlights

Cambridge  
Holkham Estate  
Cromer  
Mississippi Paddle Steamer  
Norwich  
Sandringham Estate  
Ely

## Prices from

£599pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Saturday 6:30am	Return Friday 7:30pm	Price
1 Aug	7 Aug	£599

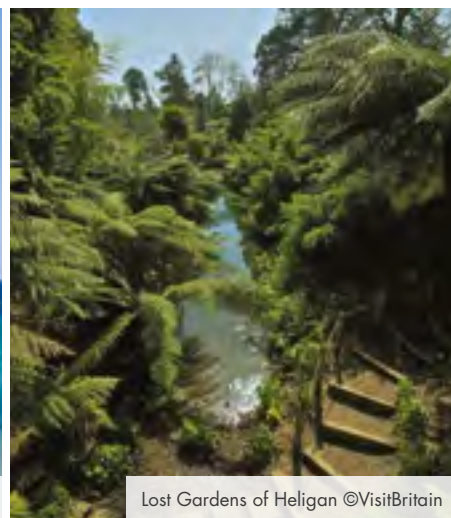
## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £140  
Holiday Insurance



## Newquay

St. Michael's Mount ©ViewBritain



Lost Gardens of Heligan ©VisitBritain

Situated on Cornwall's Atlantic coastline, Newquay boasts nine sandy beaches and exudes a warm and relaxed charm all of its own. It is perfectly located for further exploration of the beautiful beaches, cliff-top views and seafront shops that Newquay has to offer. From here we are able to explore much of the county's rugged coastline, experiencing stunning scenery on the west, east and south coasts.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to the Midlands via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Jurys Inn, Derby  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

We continue south through Somerset and Devon into Cornwall and on to our hotel in Newquay.

**Hotel:** Esplanade Hotel, Newquay  
(5 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 3

Today we have a break and a chance to explore Newquay at your own pace.

#### Day 4

We are off to Falmouth where, after some free time to explore, we take a boat journey to Truro across Falmouth's magnificent harbour and along the waters of the River Fal. Passengers can enjoy a sailor's view of St Just, Trelissick and Tolverne. *(Note that at low tide, the ferry moors at Malpas Village rather than Truro).* We have some time visiting the cobbled streets of Truro before returning to the hotel.

#### Day 5

There is a scenic drive to Penzance travelling via Marazion with views of St Michael's Mount. In the afternoon we continue to the fascinating Geevor Tin Mine Museum to discover the history of mining in Cornwall.

#### Day 6

After a leisurely breakfast we switch coasts to the Lost Gardens of Heligan with its 200 acres of garden history, mystery and romance. We return to Newquay in mid-afternoon.

#### Day 7

On leaving Newquay we travel through Bodmin Moor, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to our last hotel.

**Hotel:** Telford Centre, Telford  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 8

Telford to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Esplanade Hotel

Perfectly situated opposite Fistral Beach, with outstanding views of the Bay, the hotel has 90 stylishly decorated bedrooms each equipped with hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee-making facilities. There is a spacious bar, lounge and restaurant, which all offer fantastic views out to sea. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, spa and sauna. There is a lift.

### 8 Days

May, September

### Tour Highlights

Falmouth  
River Fal Cruise  
Truro  
Penzance  
Geevor Tin Mine Museum  
Lost Gardens of Heligan  
Bodmin Moor

### Prices from

£759pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Saturday 6:30am	Return Saturday 7:30pm	Price
30 May	6 Jun	£759
19 Sep	26 Sep	£779

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £120  
Holiday Insurance





The popular seaside town of Looe is the perfect destination for a holiday in Cornwall offering visitors so much to see and do. It is still a working fishing port and a must see is to stand on the quayside and watch the boats come and go throughout the day. There is a wide range of souvenir, arts and craft shops and boutiques located in buildings dating from the 16th and 17th centuries. As a base it is ideal to explore attractions such as Trelissick Garden, Plymouth, Tintagel and of course, Truro.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hinckley via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Jurys Inn, Hinckley Island  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

We continue south into Cornwall and on to our hotel in Looe.

**Hotel:** The Portbyhan Hotel, Looe  
(5 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 3

After two days of travelling we have a day to relax.

#### Day 4

This morning we visit the National Trust Trelissick Garden - set on its own peninsula, with panoramic views over the Fal estuary - for a visit to the house and gardens. After lunchtime it's the cathedral, and beautiful, city of Truro, a small, bustling city that's easy to get around.

#### Day 5

It is Plymouth today where our first stop is the The Mayflower Museum, which celebrates the story of the pilgrims' epic journey to the New World. After some free time we enjoy a 40 minute guided tour of the historic Plymouth Gin Distillery, the oldest working gin distillery in England, and sip a complimentary G&T at the bar.

#### Day 6

Today we visit the fishing village of Padstow with its quaint quayside, colourful fishing boats and narrow cobbled streets with tea rooms and small shops selling local crafts, art, and locally produced food. A little further up the coast is the village of Tintagel, where legend has it that King Arthur was born and where the remains of the 13th century castle stand today.

#### Day 7

Leaving Portbyhan, we travel through the Dartmoor National Park and continue north to our overnight hotel.

**Hotel:** Telford Centre, Telford  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 8

We leave Telford this morning and return to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** The Portbyhan Hotel

This hotel is situated on the quayside, overlooking the harbour. All 44 bedrooms, which come in various shapes and sizes, are equipped with a hairdryer, television, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. Most rooms, but not all, have front or side views of the harbour and town. The restaurant uses seasonal local products, whenever possible, and there is a bar, a sun terrace and a lift to all floors.

### 8 Days

July

#### Tour Highlights

National Trust Trelissick Garden  
Truro  
Plymouth  
The Mayflower Museum  
Plymouth Gin Distillery  
Padstow  
Tintagel  
Dartmoor National Park

#### Prices from

£729pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:30am	Return Sunday 7:30pm	Price
5 Jul	12 Jul	£729

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £140  
Holiday Insurance



# Torquay & Devon

Torquay Harbour ©VisitBritain



Devon ©VisitBritain

Known for having a warm climate, there's little wonder that Torquay, on the 'English Riviera', remains a popular destination. With its bustling marina, lively harbour and palm tree-lined promenade, the resort still manages to retain all of its Victorian character. Torquay's famous seven hills provide the backdrop to the waterfront, with 22 miles of coastline, cliffs, coves, beaches and walks that offer stunning views.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hinckley via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Jurys Inn, Hinckley Island  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

After breakfast we continue south to Torquay via Exeter.

**Hotel:** Livermead House Hotel, Torquay  
(5 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

We journey into the Dartmoor National Park to the Benedictine monastery of Buckfast Abbey before continuing to Princetown where we call at The National Park Visitor Centre to discover exciting exhibitions and displays.

### Day 4

A day to relax and enjoy all that the resort has to offer.

### Day 5

Today we explore the Dart Estuary taking the ferry (*weather permitting*) to the bustling fishing town of Brixham, where you have time to explore this attractive town. After lunch we head to Totnes, a small market town, situated at the head of the estuary, with a fascinating history right in the heart of beautiful south Devon.

### Day 6

Travelling directly to Exmouth this morning we enjoy a delightful cruise (*60mins*) on the River Exe before re-joining the coach to Powderham Castle where we discover secret doors within the castle and the lovely maintained gardens.

### Day 7

Time to leave Torquay travelling north to our last hotel.

**Hotel:** Telford Centre, Telford  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 8

We leave Telford this morning and return to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

## Accommodation

**Hotel:** Livermead House Hotel

The elegant 1820's Livermead House Hotel is situated on the seafront. All of the bedrooms, which come in various shapes and sizes, are equipped with TV, radio, tea/coffee-making facilities, hairdryer, telephone and WiFi. There are two outdoor swimming pools, a relaxing bar and terraced garden.

## 8 Days

June, July, August

## Tour Highlights

Exeter  
Dartmoor National Park  
Buckfast Abbey  
The National Park Visitor Centre  
Brixham  
Totnes  
River Exe Cruise  
Powderham Castle

## Prices from

£699pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:30am	Return Sunday 7:30pm	Price
14 Jun	21 Jun	£699
12 Jul	19 Jul	£709
16 Aug	23 Aug	£709

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £40  
Holiday Insurance





# Bournemouth & the Jurassic Coast

Lulworth Cove ©VisitBritain



Bournemouth Pier ©VisitBritain

Bournemouth has everything you could wish for and is justly described as the Garden City of the South with over 2,000 acres of superb parks and gardens, seven miles of glorious seafront edged with golden sands and a fabulous pier. This all new itinerary now takes in the port city of Southampton, Lulworth Castle on the Jurassic Coast and Longleat House.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to the Midlands via the Stena Line ferry.

**Hotel:** Jurys Inn, Hinckley Island  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

After breakfast we continue south through some of England's most picturesque counties to our hotel in Bournemouth.

**Hotel:** The Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth  
(5 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

Free day of leisure to relax, unwind and get to know Bournemouth.

### Day 4

We are off to the cruise capital of Europe, Southampton, a diverse city with fantastic shopping, museums, art galleries and award-winning parks. We visit the SeaCity Museum, which tells us the story of the city's historic connections to Titanic and the sea. We return to Bournemouth via the southern end of the New Forest National Park.

### Day 5

After breakfast we travel to Dorchester, to visit what is one of the biggest weekly markets in the county. Our return route on the Jurassic Coast is to Lulworth Castle, right in the heart of Lulworth Estate, and Lulworth Cove, world famous for its unique geology and landforms.

### Day 6

Today we are transported back in time to the Elizabethan area at Longleat House. Here you can explore the house and formal gardens, and enter a land of adventure travelling through its very own safari park.

### Day 7

Leaving Bournemouth, we head north to our overnight hotel in Telford.

**Hotel:** Telford Centre, Telford  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 8

Shropshire to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

## Accommodation

**Hotel:** The Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth

Situated on a hill the Trouville Hotel is a comfortable property in the heart of Bournemouth, just a few minutes' stroll from the town centre. There are 81 bedrooms each with TV, telephone, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. The hotel also has an indoor leisure complex with heated swimming pool and sauna.

## 8 Days

June, July, August

## Tour Highlights

Southampton  
SeaCity Museum  
New Forest National Park  
Dorchester  
Lulworth Castle  
Lulworth Cove  
Longleat House

## Prices from

£595pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Saturday 6:30am	Return Saturday 7:30pm	Price
6 Jun	13 Jun	£595
25 Jul	1 Aug	£605
15 Aug	22 Aug	£605

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement  

- June - £140
- July & August - £145

Holiday Insurance



# Great Yarmouth & the “Poppy Line”

Norfolk Coast ©VisitBritain



Happisburgh Lighthouse ©VisitBritain

A holiday of contrasts, from the hustle and bustle of a busy seaside resort, to the tranquillity of the Norfolk countryside - a fine and relaxed destination. Our base is Great Yarmouth, one of the UK's most popular seaside resorts and with a proud maritime heritage. It is the ideal base to explore the charming villages of Norfolk and also its neighbour Suffolk, where we explore traditional Lowestoft and the Victorian Somerleyton Hall.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast for the early Stena Line crossing to Cairnryan and are due in our hotel in late afternoon.

**Hotel:** Jurys Inn, Nottingham  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Continuing our journey we call into Kings Lynn where we spend some time before arriving on the east coast and our hotel for the next four nights. A welcome tea/coffee awaits us.

**Hotel:** The Prom Hotel, Great Yarmouth  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

We enjoy a North Norfolk tour and take in the miles of unspoilt countryside and rolling hills. We travel to Cromer where we have time to explore one of Norfolk's classic seaside towns. After lunch we continue to Sheringham where we board the North Norfolk Line Railway, or “Poppy Line”, for a one way journey to Holt, “the Prettiest Georgian Town”, with some leisure time before returning to Great Yarmouth.

### Day 4

Time for a rest today and for you to get to know the resort.

### Day 5

We follow the coast south for a visit to Lowestoft, which offers a traditional seaside experience, seafront Victorian Gardens and two piers. We make our way to Somerleyton Hall - an early Victorian Mansion with Jacobean origins set in a wooded park with 12 acres of lovely gardens including a maze, tearoom and gift shop.

### Day 6

After breakfast we head west to our overnight accommodation, breaking our journey in St Ives for market day.

**Overnight Hotel:** Novotel Wolverhampton  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 7

Wolverhampton to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

## Accommodation

**Hotel:** The Prom Hotel

This beautifully maintained family-run seaside hotel is situated on Great Yarmouth's golden mile and is a short walk from the town centre and peaceful sandy beach. All 50 bedrooms are tastefully decorated with good quality bathrooms and come equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. There is a bar, restaurant, games room and a lift.

## 7 Days

June, September

## Tour Highlights

Kings Lynn  
Cromer  
North Norfolk Line Railway  
Holt  
Lowestoft  
Somerleyton Hall  
St Ives

**Prices from**  
**£559pps**

## Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:30am	Return Saturday 7:30pm	Price
21 Jun	27 Jun	£559
13 Sep	19 Sep	£559

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £125  
Holiday Insurance



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# Caernarfon & Snowdonia

Caernarfon ©VisitBritain



Llandudno ©VisitBritain



Trefriw Wollen Mills

Dominated by its stunning Medieval castle and walls, the historic royal town of Caernarfon is the perfect base from which to explore North Wales. We visit an old favourite, National Trust Bodnant Gardens, the traditional Trefriw Wollen Mills and ride the Welsh Highland Railway through Snowdonia National Park.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast for the early afternoon Stena sailing from Dublin. We have a late dinner in the hotel tonight.

**Hotel:** Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

This morning we board the Welsh Highland Railway for a 25 mile scenic journey climbing to over 650ft on the foothills of Snowdon, before zigzagging dramatically down the steep hillside to Beddgelert. The train then journeys through the magnificent Aberglaslyn Pass on to Porthmadog, our destination. After time for lunch we return to Caernarfon by coach.

### Day 3

We enjoy a full day in Llandudno, a true seaside classic with the longest pier in Wales. Be sure to take the UK's only cable-operated tram to the summit of the Great Orme.

### Day 4

Today we explore the beautiful Snowdonia countryside, passing through Llanberis and Betws-y-Coed before reaching the Trefriw Wollen Mills, to discover traditional woollen products, the mill museum and the Weavers Garden. The afternoon is spent in the famous National Trust Bodnant Gardens with its 80 acres of the finest gardens in the UK.

### Day 5

After a leisurely breakfast, we return to Holyhead, catching the early afternoon ferry to Dublin, arriving in Belfast at approximately 7.30pm.

## Accommodation

**Hotel:** Celtic Royal Hotel

The Celtic Royal Hotel is our home for this tour. Conveniently located within the town, all of its bedrooms offer TV, telephone, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. The well-equipped leisure club has a gym, indoor heated swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, and steam room. The hotel lift serves all floors.

*Please note some of the rooms are accessed by steps.*

## 5 Days

May, July, August, September

## Tour Highlights

Welsh Highland Railway  
Snowdonia  
Porthmadog  
Llandudno  
Trefriw Wollen Mills  
National Trust Bodnant Gardens

## Prices from

£499pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 11:30am	Return Friday 7:30pm	Price
25 May	29 May	£499
27 Jul	31 Jul	£525
17 Aug	21 Aug	£525
21 Sep	25 Sep	£499

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement from - £95  
Holiday Insurance





## Criccieth & Castles

Caernarfon Castle ©VisitBritain



Barmouth ©VisitBritain



Harlech Castle ©VisitBritain

Criccieth is a beautiful unspoilt seaside town of on the Llyn Peninsula with splendid views over Cardigan Bay. Also known as "The Pearl of Wales On the Shores of Snowdonia" it provides the perfect base for exploring this part of Wales, an area of outstanding natural beauty. We visit two of Wales most impressive castles, Harlech and Caernarfon, as well as the "Mediterranean" village of Portmeirion.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

We leave Belfast for the Stena Line crossing to Holyhead. On arrival in Wales we travel directly to our hotel where, after checking in, we have a light evening meal of soup and sandwiches.

**Hotel:** The Lion Hotel, Criccieth  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

We visit stunning Harlech Castle this morning. From its high vantage point we can look back across the bay towards our base in Criccieth. In the afternoon we travel a little further south to the pretty seaside town of Barmouth before returning to our hotel.

#### Day 3

This morning we visit Portmeirion, a unique village on the shore, built by the architect Clough Williams-Ellis as a 'tribute to the Mediterranean'. The afternoon is spent in Porthmadog, a busy harbour town with a good range of shops and attractions.

#### Day 4

Today it is Caernarfon Castle, a brute of a fortress with a pumped-up appearance which is unashamedly muscle-bound and intimidating! Our return journey in the afternoon is along part of the scenic drive of the Llyn Peninsula. Time permitting, we will stop in Pwllheli before reaching Criccieth.

#### Day 5

After a leisurely breakfast, we return to Holyhead, catching the early afternoon ferry to Dublin, arriving in Belfast at approximately 7.30pm.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** The Lion Hotel

Overlooking the village green and the bay this family run hotel enjoys a well-earned reputation for a traditional warm welcome and personal service. As you would expect from a period building the 46 bedrooms, which come equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities, are very different and individual. *Some guests may be accommodated in the adjacent Castle View Cottage - which does not have a lift.*

### 5 Days

August

#### Tour Highlights

Harlech Castle  
Barmouth  
Portmeirion  
Porthmadog  
Caernarfon Castle

#### Prices from

£445pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 11:30am	Return Friday 7:30pm	Price
31 Aug	4 Sep	£445

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement  
Holiday Insurance

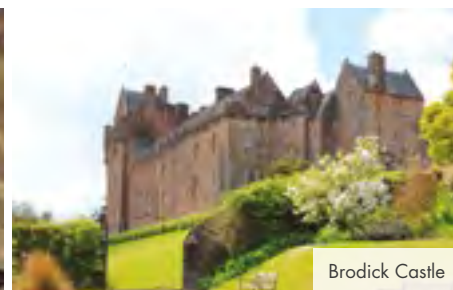








# Scotland



Brodick Castle



Brodick Castle Arcade

Clear green seas, sandy beaches, mountains and lochs - it's little wonder the Isle of Arran is referred to as "Scotland in Miniature". One of Scotland's most southerly isles, the Isle of Arran boasts a myriad of landscapes, from stunning rural sprawls to lapping ocean views that will blow you away. We also step across to the Mull of Kintyre Peninsula with a visit to Britain's most famous short-cut.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We take the mid-morning P&O ferry to Cairnryan and follow the west coast to Ardrossan where we catch the ferry to the Isle of Arran. We travel across the island to our hotel for the next four nights.

**Hotel:** Best Western Kinloch Hotel, Arran (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We have a scenic tour of the Island via Whiting Bay, where a Viking burial ship was excavated, then along the coast to Lamlash, with views to Holy Island. Continuing on to Lochranza where we have a tour, and wee dram, of the Isle of Arran Whisky Distillery.

### Day 3

Today we leave the island, taking the coastal drive via the "12 Apostles" to Lochranza, boarding the ferry to the Mull of Kintyre. We travel along the shores of Loch Fyne, stopping for a light lunch in the Grey Gull Hotel. We take time to marvel at the Crinan Canal, with its 15 locks that connect to the open sea, before returning to Arran.

### Day 4

This morning we visit Brodick, the island's capital, and its Castle which houses a collection of paintings, porcelain and furniture, while the grounds boast a walled garden, Ice House and Bavarian Summer House. Before returning to our hotel we stop off at the famous Arran Aromatics. You will have time to relax back at the hotel before dinner.

### Day 5

After breakfast we return to the mainland stopping at The Whisky Experience, Kirkoswald, before catching afternoon P&O ferry to Larne.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Best Western Kinloch Hotel, Arran

This family owned hotel sits on the beach front, on the sunset side of the Island. The hotel offers comfort, value and a "service with a smile"! There are 37 bedrooms each with flat screen satellite television, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. The hotel also has an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna, squash court and snooker room.

## 5 Days

June, September

### Tour Highlights

Lochranza  
Isle of Arran Whisky Distillery  
Mull of Kintyre  
Crinan Canal  
Brodick  
Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park  
Arran Aromatics  
The Whisky Experience  
One Lunch

### Prices from

£555pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 9:00am	Return Friday 7:15pm	Price
15 Jun	19 Jun	£555
14 Sep	18 Sep	£555

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement  
Holiday Insurance





# Loch Lomond All Inclusive House Party

Loch Katrine ©VisitScotland



Stirling ©VisitScotland



Edinburgh Castle ©VisitBritain

Loch Lomond is one of the most beautiful sights in the whole of Scotland. Surrounded by hills and green pines it is truly spectacular. The Winnock Hotel in Drymen, at the foot of Loch Lomond, makes the perfect base from which to enjoy a variety of all-inclusive breaks with a party atmosphere. For 2020 we have introduced Regal Scotland, taking in castles, lochs and gardens, and a Victorian Steam Break covering trains and a rotating boat!

## Let's get going...

Your very own Scottish house party retreat just a stone's throw from the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

### Day 1

Belfast to Drymen via Cairnryan with Stena Line. Welcome drinks reception on arrival at our hotel in late afternoon. The hotel offers a free bar\* on selected brands each evening from 7.30pm until 10.30pm, with entertainment after dinner.

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen  
(3 nights D, B&B & 3 packed lunches) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

This morning we drive through the beautiful Trossachs and Aberfoyle and on via Loch Katrine to Callander. Later we visit Stirling, the ancient capital of Scotland. Traditional Scottish entertainment tonight.

### Day 3

We spend the day in Edinburgh. Traditional Scottish entertainment this evening.

### Day 4

The coach leaves Drymen after a late breakfast and retraces our outward journey.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen

The Winnock Hotel was originally an 18th century inn and has successfully blended old style with modern facilities. All 73 bedrooms come with telephone, Satellite TV and tea/coffee-making facilities.

## 4 Days

February, March, April, July, August, November, December

## Tour Highlights

The Trossachs  
Callander  
Stirling  
Edinburgh

## Prices from

£299pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Friday 10:30am	Return Sunday 6:15pm	Price
7 Feb	10 Feb	£299
27 Mar	30 Mar	£299

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £55  
Holiday Insurance

*\*Disclaimer for All Inclusive with Free Bar: Under the terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the supply of alcoholic drinks in the hotel's All Inclusive Package is not unlimited. Subject to the hotel's discretion in the case of drunkenness, patrons on an All Inclusive Package shall be permitted a maximum of £18 worth of alcoholic drinks per day as part of the package.*



# Loch Lomond Regal Scotland

Royal Yacht Britannia ©VisitScotland



Loch Katrine ©VisitScotland



Stirling Castle ©VisitScotland

Visit and explore Scotland's great castles, lochs and gardens including a chance to explore the castle and grounds at Duntreath Castle with Lady Edmonstone. There are three nights of entertainment in the hotel.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We take the mid-morning Stena Line sailing to Cairnryan and follow the scenic Ayrshire coast before crossing the Clyde to arrive in Drymen.

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

Travelling into the Trossachs National Park we have a cruise on Loch Katrine on-board the "Lady of the Lake" and enjoy a cream tea as we sail. We board our coach and travel east to Stirling visiting the magnificent Castle which was once the seat of power in Scotland.

### Day 3

Our second Castle is at Dunreath, the ancestral home of the Edmonstone family since 1435. You will have time to explore this "magical place" and enjoy some homemade cakes and coffee. Next we have a tour of Glengoyne Distillery, described as Scotland's "most beautiful".

Follow the journey of spirit through mashtun and washbacks to the swan-necks of our copper stills - don't forget your wee dram!

### Day 4

Today we travel to Edinburgh and visit the Royal Yacht Britannia, The Queen's former floating palace for over 40 years. We follow this with a guided tour of the Botanic Gardens before returning to Drymen.

### Day 5

Time to return home, catching the afternoon Stena Line sailing to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen

The Winnock Hotel was originally an 18th century inn and has successfully blended old style with modern facilities. All 73 bedrooms come with telephone, Satellite TV and tea/coffee-making facilities.

## 5 Days

April, July

### Tour Highlights

Trossachs National Park  
Loch Katrine Cruise with Cream Tea  
Stirling Castle  
Dunreath Castle  
Glengoyne Distillery  
Royal Yacht Britannia  
Edinburgh  
Botanic Gardens

### Prices from

£459pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 10:30am	Return Thursday 6:15pm	Price
26 Apr	30 Apr	£459
19 Jul	23 Jul	£589

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement

- April - £75
- July - £80

Holiday Insurance





Explorers the world over have been fascinated by steam travel for centuries. Re-live a bygone era and celebrate the very best of Scottish Steam travel. There are two nights of entertainment in the hotel.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We depart Belfast for the mid-morning Stena Line sailing to Cairnryan, follow the scenic Ayrshire coast, and cross the Clyde to arrive in Drymen.

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

This morning we travel through the Trossachs National Park to Loch Katrine where we board the Steam Ship SS Sir Walter Scott for a two hour cruise. After lunch (included) we continue to the most northerly point in the park to the spectacular white waterfall at Killin before returning along the western shore of Loch Lomond.

### Day 3

The iconic Falkirk Wheel, the world's only rotating boatlift, is our first stop today. We ascend and descend through the wheel, with the entire boat trip lasting approximately one hour. We continue to Bo'Ness station for a round trip on the heritage Bo'Ness & Kinneil Steam Railway with Afternoon Tea, followed by a visit the Museum of Scottish Railways.

### Day 4

We leave sharply after breakfast and travel direct to Stirling where we spend a couple of hours. On our return to Winnock we have the Afternoon Tea Dance what better way than to round of the week!

### Day 5

Time to return home, catching the afternoon Stena Line sailing to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen

The Winnock Hotel was originally an 18th century inn and has successfully blended old style with modern facilities. All 73 bedrooms come with telephone, Satellite TV and tea/coffee-making facilities.

## 5 Days

August

### Tour Highlights

Trossachs National Park  
Loch Katrine Cruise  
Falkirk Wheel  
Bo'Ness Kinneil Steam Railway  
with Afternoon Tea  
One Lunch  
Tea Dance

### Prices from

£589pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 10:30am	Return Thursday 6:15pm	Price
2 Aug	6 Aug	£589

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £80  
Holiday Insurance



Loch Lomond

## Loch Lomond All Inclusive Turkey & Tinsel

The perfect chance to enjoy the Spirit of Christmas and the excitement of a Scottish Hogmanay all in one holiday.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1 - Christmas Eve

Belfast to Drymen via Cairnryan with Stena Line with a welcome drinks reception on arrival at our hotel. The hotel offers a free bar\* on selected brands each evening from 7.30pm until 10.30pm, with entertainment after dinner.

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen  
(3 nights D, B&B & 3 packed lunches) ★ ★ ★

## Michael Bublé Tribute with All Inclusive Turkey & Tinsel House Party

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Belfast to Drymen on mid-morning Stena Line sailing. The hotel offers a free bar\* each evening from 7.30pm until 10.30pm, with entertainment after dinner.

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen  
(3 nights D, B&B & 3 packed lunches) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2 - Christmas Day

This morning we drive through the beautiful Trossachs and Aberfoyle and on via Loch Katrine to Callander, stopping to explore the town. Later we visit Stirling, the ancient capital of Scotland. Traditional Christmas dinner served tonight with a visit from Santa!

#### Day 3

We spend the day in Edinburgh to explore the Christmas Markets. Traditional Scottish dinner and "Hogmanay" Show tonight.

#### Day 4

We depart after a "Hot Toddy" and return on the mid-afternoon Stena sailing.

*\*Disclaimer for All Inclusive with Free Bar: Under the terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the supply of alcoholic drinks in the hotel's All Inclusive Package is not unlimited. Subject to the hotel's discretion in the case of drunkenness, patrons on an All Inclusive Package shall be permitted a maximum of £18 worth of alcoholic drinks per day as part of the package.*

#### Day 2

Today it is Glasgow to visit their Christmas Markets.

#### Day 3

We spend the day in Edinburgh and explore its split level Christmas Market on Princess Street. After dinner we enjoy our Michael Bublé Tribute Night (day subject to change).

#### Day 4

The coach leaves Drymen after a late breakfast (and a "Hot Toddy") and retraces our outward journey.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen

The Winnock Hotel was originally an 18th century inn and has successfully blended old style with modern facilities. All 73 bedrooms come with telephone, Satellite TV and tea/coffee-making facilities.

#### 4 Days

November

#### Prices from

£349pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Friday 10:30am	Return Monday 6:15pm	Price
13 Nov	16 Nov	£349

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £55

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Winnock Hotel, Drymen

The Winnock Hotel was originally an 18th century inn and has successfully blended old style with modern facilities. All 73 bedrooms come with telephone, Satellite TV and tea/coffee-making facilities.

#### 4 Days

December

#### Prices from

£319pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Friday 10:30am	Return Monday 6:15pm	Price
4 Dec	7 Dec	£319

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £55

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Doune Castle ©VisitScotland



Falkland Village ©VisitScotland

# Heart of Scotland

St. Matthew's Church, Perth  
©VisitScotland

The Heart of Scotland is an area famed for dramatic mountains, glens and lochs, ancient castles, such as Doune Castle and Scone Palace, and unspoilt nature. The city of Perth was once Scotland's ancient capital and is now the country's newest city with historic buildings, castles and museums, and its location makes it ideal to explore the nearby region of Fife and the famous cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We take the early morning Stena Line ferry, stopping at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum (*entrance not included*) before arriving in Perth.

**Hotel:** The Salutation Hotel, Perth  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

After a hearty Scottish breakfast we journey through the beautiful Stirlingshire countryside to visit and tour Doune Castle. This formidable fortress with its striking keep-gatehouse was built for the Regent Albany, "Scotland's uncrowned king". In the afternoon we travel the short journey north to visit Drummond Castle Gardens, whose formal terraced layout offer marvellous views of the castle and surrounding Perthshire countryside.

### Day 3

First stop today is the historic seaside town of St Andrews where you will have a few hours at your leisure to explore the shops and attractions. We next journey through Fife to stop in Falkland, where you can explore the quaint village before travelling to the historic town of Culross, the jewel in Fife's crown.

### Day 4

We spend the morning at Scone Palace, home to an outstanding collection of antiques and rare artefacts, and grounds renowned the world over. We return to Perth for a free afternoon.

### Day 5

Time to return home, this time stopping in Edinburgh before boarding the evening Stena Line ferry to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** The Salutation Hotel, Perth

The hotel is situated in the heart of the city and is reported to be the oldest established hotel in Scotland. The hotel is full of character and charm, and was built in 1699. There are 84 bedrooms which, due to the age and nature of the grand old building, are individual in size and shape but all come with TV, hair dryer, tea/coffee-making facilities.

## 5 Days

July

### Tour Highlights

Doune Castle  
Drummond Castle Gardens  
St Andrews  
Falkland  
Culross  
Scone Palace  
Edinburgh

### Prices from

£479pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:30am	Return Thursday 10:15pm	Price
12 Jul	16 Jul	£479

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £65  
Holiday Insurance



# Edinburgh, Stirling & Perth

Royal Mile ©VisitBritain



Perth ©VisitBritain



The Kelpies ©VisitScotland

Edinburgh is not only a capital city but a festival city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On this tour we put together three of Scotland's ancient cities. We have a guided tour of Edinburgh, visit Stirling Castle, explore compact Perth, and enjoy a boat lift in Falkirk. Of course no visit to Scotland would be complete without a wee dram at Scotland's oldest distillery.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We take the mid- morning P&O Ferry, stopping at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum (*entrance not included*) before arriving at our hotel.

**Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh - Queensferry Crossing  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

It's off to Edinburgh this morning where we have a guided coach tour of the city. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore.

### Day 3

This morning we visit The Kelpies, 30-metre high sculptures of mythical water horses. Close by is the Falkirk Wheel where we take a boat trip on the world's only rotating boat lift. In the afternoon we visit Stirling Castle, Scotland's 'Royal' castle and one of Scotland's most historically important sites.

### Day 4

Today it is the "Fair City" of Perth, where you can visit the palace, art galleries, stunning gardens or just relax. After lunchtime we make our way to the Glenturret Whisky Distillery, Scotland's oldest, for a guided tour and a wee dram.

### Day 5

Time to return home but we break our journey at the Riverside Museum in Glasgow before boarding the afternoon P&O ferry to Larne.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh

Nestled between the iconic Forth Road Bridge and the Queensferry Crossing, this newly refurbished hotel sits within 10 acres of peaceful parkland and boasts stunning views across the picturesque shores of the River Forth. The 147 bedrooms come with A/C, flat screen TV, iron, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. The hotel also has a fully equipped gym.

## 5 Days

July, September

### Tour Highlights

Guided tour of Edinburgh  
The Kelpies  
Falkirk Wheel  
Stirling Castle  
Perth  
Glenturret Whisky Distillery  
Riverside Museum

### Prices from

£599pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 9:00am	Return Friday 7:15pm	Price
6 Jul	10 Jul	£599
7 Sep	11 Sep	£599

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £140  
Holiday Insurance





# Scottish Border Country & the Lake District

Drumlanrig Castle ©VisitScotland



Ullswater ©VisitBritain



Dumfries ©VisitScotland

On this tour we explore the south-east of Scotland, where you can fall under the spell of the beauty and enthralling history of this part of the Scottish Borders. We also venture into the English Lake District, famous for its lakes, mountains and, of course, William Wordsworth.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast and travel to Gretna via the mid-morning Stena Line ferry to Cairnryan. There is a tea/coffee and shortbread welcome on arrival.

**Hotel:** Gretna Hall, Gretna Green  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

This morning, we visit the 17th century Renaissance "Pink Palace" - the majestic Drumlanrig Castle - which boasts 120 rooms, 17 turrets and impressive gardens with breathtaking views across the Nith Valley. The castle is one of the finest examples of architecture in Scotland. We spend some time in Dumfries before returning to our hotel.

### Day 3

We enjoy a day in the Lakelands as we board the "steamer" for a one-way cruise on Ullswater. We reboard our coach which takes us to Dove Cottage in Grasmere, William Wordsworth's home from 1799 to 1808, and where he produced the most famous and best-loved of his poems.

### Day 4

Straight after breakfast we travel north to Glasgow where we visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum. You have time to visit this famous city before returning to Gretna.

### Day 5

Time to return home but we break our journey at the Castle Kennedy Gardens before boarding the afternoon Stena Line ferry to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Gretna Hall

From 1792, Gretna Hall was a coaching inn and was the first stop coaches made as they crossed the border. Built in 1710 the hotel is set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens offering all the character of a substantial historical building with all the facilities you would expect from a contemporary hotel. All 100 bedrooms have Freeview TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is also two nights' in-house entertainment in the hotel.

## 5 Days

May, July

### Tour Highlights

Drumlanrig Castle  
Dumfries  
Ullswater Cruise  
Dove Cottage  
Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum  
Glasgow  
Castle Kennedy Gardens

### Prices from

£399pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 10:30am	Return Friday 6:15pm	Price
18 May	22 May	£399
6 Jul	10 Jul	£399

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £60  
Holiday Insurance







# Europe

Image: Trier Cathedral, Germany



# Italian Dolomites & South Tyrol

Italian Dolomites



Italian Dolomites

This tour reveals the stunning scenery of the Italian South Tyrol and offers you a unique mix of Italian and Austrian cultures. It's all within a spectacular Alpine setting, with jagged, soaring peaks and steeply carved valleys. The tour includes wonderful excursions that embrace both the scenery and mountain life.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hull via Larne.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 2

Travel from Zeebrugge to Saarbrücken.

**Overnight Hotel:** Mercure Saarbrücken Sud (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

We continue through Germany to our hotel just outside Munich.

**Overnight Hotel:** Mercure Sud Messe, Munich (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 4

After breakfast we enjoy a scenic drive into Italy, arriving at our hotel in time for dinner. A welcome glass of Prosecco proceeds the four course dinner.

**Hotel:** Hotel Paganella, Fai della Paganella (5 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 5

Today we get to know where we are staying as Fausto, the hotel owner, takes us on a mystery walk through the area, followed by a pizza/wine picnic.

### Day 6

Our guided tour of the Dolomites begins at romantic Lake Toblino. Next stop is Pinzolo, a tiny jewel nestled amongst the Dolomites. Enjoy the spectacular views of the Brenta Peaks before we return to our hotel via Madonna di Campiglio ('Pearl of the Dolomites'), descending through the Val di Sole.

### Day 7

The beautiful spa town of Merano is today's destination. We return via the stunning wine route through the Adige Valley to Mezzolombardo. Grola evening tonight.

### Day 8

Our route this morning takes us past the lesser known but incredibly scenic Lake Molveno and onto Riva del Garda where you can enjoy pretty lakeside walks and the charming Medieval centre. Tonight there is candlelit Trentino dinner with music marking our last evening.

### Day 9

We leave Italy and return to Germany.

**Overnight Hotel:** Mercure Hotel, Heilbronn ★ ★ ★ ★ (1 night D, B&B)

### Day 10

We catch the overnight ferry from Europoort to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 11

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

## 11 Days

May

## Tour Highlights

Lake Toblino  
Pinzolo  
Brenta Peaks  
Pearl of the Dolomites  
Merano  
Mezzolombardo  
Riva del Garda

## Prices from

£1,019pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:15am	Return Wednesday 10:15pm	Price
31 May	10 Jun	£1,019

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £175  
Holiday Insurance

## Accommodation

**Hotel:** Hotel Paganella  
This intimate friendly family run hotel is an ideal base from which to explore the area and you will enjoy a warm welcome from Fausto and his family. All 26 bedrooms are well appointed, with a hairdryer and TV. There is unlimited wine with your dinner and a free bar of local drinks each evening from 6pm to 10.30pm. Entertainment is provided on three nights.





# Italian Lakes & Switzerland

Lake Maggiore



Lake Orta

Lake Maggiore is an idyllic retreat where magnificent mountains plunge to the lakeside and grand villas lie secluded behind palm trees and lush gardens. The stylish resort of Stresa, which is our base, is within sight of the Borromean Islands and during this tour you will see no less than four lakes in addition to historic towns and villages.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hull via Larne.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 2

Travel from Zeebrugge to Saarbrücken.

**Overnight Hotel:** Mercure Saarbrücken Sud (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

Our journey today takes us straight through Switzerland. We are only an hour from our hotel when we cross the border into Italy.

**Hotel:** Milan Speranza Au Lac, Stresa (5 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 4

We have 'hop-on, hop-off' tickets for short boat trips to the three Borromeo Islands, each just minutes from the pier in front of the hotel.

### Day 5

We visit another two lakes today starting with a drive into Switzerland to pass through Locarno and onto Lugano, on beautiful Lake Lugano, where the town's wonderful tree lined promenade is overlooked by the surrounding peaks. Our second lake is Lake Como, where we have a short stop to visit historic Como City.

### Day 6

A morning to enjoy market day in Stresa. In the afternoon we visit nearby Lake Orta and the pretty, traffic-free town of Orta San Giulio.

### Day 7

A full day round trip on the Lake Maggiore Express railway and ferry. We board the narrow gauge train to Locarno where we have lunch and explore. A gentle cruise takes us back down Lake Maggiore to Stresa. Late dinner tonight.

### Day 8

Sadly time to leave Italy as we return to Germany.

**Overnight Hotel:** Mercure Saarbrücken Sud (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 9

We catch the overnight ferry from Zeebrugge to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 10

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

## 10 Days

July

## Tour Highlights

Lake Maggiore Islands  
Lake Lugano  
Lake Como  
Lake Orta  
Orta San Giulio  
Lake Maggiore Express

## Prices from

£1,149pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:15am	Return Tuesday 10:15pm	Price
26 Jul	4 Aug	£1,149

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £205  
Holiday Insurance

## Accommodation

Hotel: Milan Speranza Au Lac  
Our hotel is located right in the centre of Stresa overlooking the lake. All 164 bedrooms come with air-con, satellite TV, safe and free WiFi. There is an outdoor pool and roof terrace.

# Lake Maggiore & Austria Grand Tour



Bramberg

We return once again to the stunning Italian Lakes and the majestic mountain scenery and clear air of the Austrian Tyrol. For 2020 this two-centred grand tour covers the new attractions of the Roman city of Aosta and the impressive Villa Taranto Gardens in Italy, and travels through the Ziller Valley, in Austria, on a narrow gauge train.



Lake Maggiore

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hull via Larne.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 2

Travel from Zeebrugge to Saarbrücken.

**Overnight Hotel:** Mercure Saarbrücken Sud (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

Our route today takes us through Alsace, into Switzerland, past Lucerne and into Italy to our hotel in Stresa.

**Hotel:** Milan Speranza Au Lac, Stresa (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 4

Explore the three Borromeo Islands at your own pace with your very own 'hop-on, hop-off' tickets.

### Day 5

We travel to charming Aosta, one of the best preserved Roman cities in the world. Spend the day visiting famous sights such as the stunning Roman Theatre, the Arch of August, Chanoux Square, the city walls and the imposing 'Porta Pretoria', which once provided the main access to the town.

### Day 6

This morning is market day in Stresa followed by an afternoon in the Villa Taranto Gardens, where you can enjoy a botanical experience with terraced gardens, waterfalls and much more.

### Day 7

Time to leave the lakes and travel into the mountains, admiring the Dolomites as we make a stop at Vipiteno. We cross the Brenner Pass into Austria and to our hotel.

**Hotel:** Hotel Tyrol, Söll (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 8

Enjoy a guided walking tour of the village this morning with the rest of the day free to explore.

### Day 9

Today it's the Ziller Valley narrow gauge train, boarding at Janbach and arriving in Mayrhofen for lunchtime. Our return journey to Söll takes in Mittersill and Kirchberg in Tyrol, completing a scenic circular day out.

### Day 10

We relax today, visiting some beautiful small towns and villages in the Wilder Kaiser Mountains, finishing in nearby Saint Johann.

### Day 11

Time to leave the Alps and return through Germany to our overnight hotel.

**Overnight Hotel:** Mercure Saarbrücken Sud (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 12

We catch the overnight ferry from Zeebrugge to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 13

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

## 13 Days

August

### Tour Highlights

Borromeo Islands  
Aosta  
Villa Taranto Gardens  
Vipiteno  
Brenner Pass  
Söll Walking Tour  
Ziller Valley Narrow Gauge Train  
Wilder Kaiser Mountains

### Prices from

£1,299pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:15am	Return Friday 10:15pm	Price
30 Aug	11 Sep	£1,299

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £220  
Holiday Insurance

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Milan Speranza Au Lac  
Our hotel is located right in the centre of Stresa overlooking the lake. All 164 bedrooms come with air-con, satellite TV, safe and free WiFi. There is an outdoor pool and roof terrace.

**Hotel:** Hotel Tyrol, Söll  
Very traditional family-run hotel. Bedrooms are spread over two separate buildings and come with hairdryer, Sat-TV, radio, telephone and safe. There is a lift to most floors and a leisure complex with heated outdoor swimming pool.





# Switzerland Lake Geneva & the Matterhorn

The Matterhorn



Lake Geneva ©STV

Villars is blessed with an outstanding location on a 'balcony' above the Rhône Valley. Fantastic views extend in all directions and the fertile valley contrasts with the dramatic alpine peaks and pine forests. Our hotel has a great location within the village and is the perfect base from which to explore.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hull via Larne.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 2

Travel from Zeebrugge to Nancy.

**Overnight Hotel:** Novotel Nancy Ouest, Nancy (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

Our journey today takes us straight through France, into Switzerland and past Lausanne to our hotel where we are greeted with a welcome drink.

**Hotel:** Eurotel Victoria, Villars (5 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 4

There is a full day at leisure in Villars. We have included the Villars Access Card which allows you free unlimited use of the local trains, coaches, gondola lifts and more.

### Day 5

Today we travel along the beautiful Rhône Valley and ascend to Täsch where we board the train for the climb up to Zermatt which sits at the foot of the mighty Matterhorn, the near-symmetrical pyramidal peak in the extended Monte Rosa area of the Pennine Alps.

### Day 6

Our excursion today takes us into France to stylish Evian, situated between the lake and the mountain, where take the ferry across Lake Geneva to Lausanne. Here you can explore the swish Ouchy Harbour area before we return to Villars via beautiful Montreux with its long lakeside promenade and stylish shops and cafés.

### Day 7

We have full day scenic excursion travelling via Les Diablerets and Gstaad to fortified medieval hillside town of Gruyères. This pedestrianised town is ideal for a gentle stroll, with its cobblestones and fountains (*there may be a requirement to walk an incline from the coach park to the town*).

### Day 8

We leave Villars this morning for Saarbrücken, this time via Alsace and Strasbourg.

**Overnight Hotel:** Mercure Saarbrücken Sud (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 9

We catch the overnight ferry from Zeebrugge to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 10

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

## 10 Days

August

## Tour Highlights

Villars Access Card  
Rhône Valley  
Zermatt  
Matterhorn  
Evian  
Lake Geneva Cruise  
Montreux  
Gruyères

## Prices from

£1,199pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:15am	Return Tuesday 10:15pm	Price
9 Aug	18 Aug	£1,199

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £215  
Holiday Insurance

## Accommodation

Hotel: Eurotel Victoria  
This family run hotel is close to the centre of Villars. All 165 bedrooms come comfortable equipped. The hotel has an outdoor terrace and outdoor pool.



Heidelberg Castle ©GNTB



Mainz ©GNTB

# Germany & Austrian Tyrol

On this tour we showcase two of the best countries to visit in Europe - Germany and Austria. In Germany we stay in Mannheim, which straddles the rivers Rhine and Neckar, and in the Austrian Tyrol it is the village of Soll, 'Europe's loveliest village in bloom', located in a wide valley between the Wilder Kaiser and Hohe Salve Mountains.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hull via Larne.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 2

Europoort to Mannheim.

**Hotel:** Maritim Parkhotel, Mannheim (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

A day in the Medieval city of Heidelberg, where we have a guided tour of its ruined castle.

### Day 4

After a guided introductory walking tour of Mannheim, you can explore the "Grid City" at your own pace.

### Day 5

Today it is Mainz, capital of the Rhineland-Palatinate. We discover the history of the city from the Roman era to the modern day on our guided walking tour.

### Day 6

Time to head for the Alps and our base in Soll.

**Hotel:** Hotel Tyrol, Soll (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 7

Enjoy a guided walking tour of the village this morning followed by a free afternoon.

### Day 8

We start our day with a scenic drive to the lovely resort of Mayrhofen. We have some free time here before visiting the magnificent Tratzberg Castle, high in the Inn Valley.

### Day 9

Scenic day to Kitzbuhel and Austria highest waterfall, the Krimml Waterfalls at the foot of the mighty Gerlos Pass.

### Day 10

Time to return to Germany to our overnight hotel.

**Overnight Hotel:** Mercure Saarbrücken Sud (1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 11

We catch the overnight ferry from Zeebrugge to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 12

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

## 12 Days

July

## Tour Highlights

Heidelberg  
Heidelberg Castle  
Walking Tour of Mannheim  
Walking Tour of Mainz  
Walking Tour of Soll  
Mayrhofen  
Tratzberg Castle  
Kitzbuhel  
Krimml Waterfalls

## Prices from

£1,255pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Saturday 6:15am	Return Wednesday 10:15pm	Price
4 Jul	15 Jul	£1,255

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £205  
Holiday Insurance

## Accommodation

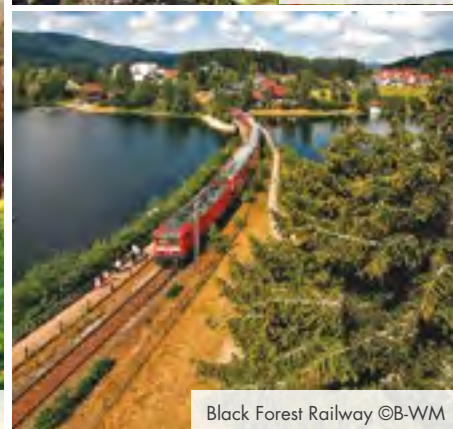
**Hotel:** Maritim Parkhotel, Mannheim  
Situated in the heart of the city, just metres from the famous squares, the has 173 bedrooms which come with air-con, TV, hairdryer and free WiFi. There is an indoor pool, sauna and steam bath.

**Hotel:** Hotel Tyrol, Soll  
Very traditional family-run hotel. Bedrooms are spread over two separate buildings and come with hairdryer, Sat-TV, radio, telephone and safe. There is a lift to most floors and a leisure complex with heated outdoor swimming pool.





Gengenbach ©GT



Black Forest Railway ©B-WM

# Black Forest - Rail & Sail

The Black Forest is one of the most picturesque areas of Germany, where you will find scenery to rival even the Alpine regions. The forest is a carpet of tree-lined hills laced with beautiful villages of unique charm, nestling in lush green valleys. This is the land where houses have long sloping roofs and where workshops specialise in intricate carvings and cuckoo clocks. We explore this beautiful region by coach, two scenic train journeys and a boat trip on Lake Titisee.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hull via Larne.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 2

Today is a long day as we travel the length of Belgium, through the Alsace region of France, before crossing the Rhine to our hotel in Germany.

**Hotel:** Schwarzwald Hotel, Gengenbach (4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

A day to relax and explore. See the River Kinzig and the old town with its half-timbered houses and romantic narrow streets and alleyways. Before dinner we include a tasting at Gengenbach Winery, approximately a five minute walk from the hotel.

### Day 4

Today we travel further into the Black Forest to the old walled town of Villingen and join the Black Forest Railway for a journey that includes loops, tunnels and a high viaduct. We follow this with a guided visit of the Black Forest Open Air Museum, where we find out more about the history and culture of this beautiful region.

### Day 5

We switch our attention to stunning Lake Titisee where our sightseeing cruise opens up a new and inspiring landscape. We are back on the train for a trip on the Pig Tail Railway, or "Sauschwänzlebahn", between Blumberg and Weizen. It features many twists and turns and great photo opportunities.

### Day 6

Time to leave the Black Forest and retrace our journey back to Zeebrugge.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 7

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

## 7 Days

July

### Tour Highlights

Gengenbach Winery  
Black Forest Railway  
Black Forest Open Air Museum  
Lake Titisee Cruise  
Pig Tail Railway

### Prices from

£969pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Wednesday 6:15am	Return Tuesday 10:15pm	Price
15 Jul	21 Jul	£969

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £150  
Holiday Insurance

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Schwarzwald Hotel  
Our hotel is found in the little town of Gengenbach, surrounded by the rolling hills of the Black Forest, situated close to the River Kinzig, near to the town centre. All 59 bedrooms are bright and well appointed, and come equipped with a hairdryer, satellite TV and minibar. There is an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gym.



# Rhine Valley

The Rhine



Hunsrück High Road ©GNTB



Trier Market ©GNTB

The Rhine Valley offers much to the traveller with spectacular scenery and a warm welcome. This attracts visitors from all over the world, charmed by its vine-clad slopes, fairy tale castles and picturesque riverside towns and ancient castles. Our base is Boppard, which was once a Roman fort and is now the heart and soul of this holiday area. Its situation in the heart of the Rhine Gorge is a premier location right on the banks of the river.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hull via P&O Ferry from Larne to Cairnryan.

**Overnight:** P&O Ferries (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 2

On disembarking we follow the course of the River Rhine upstream, to the small town of Boppard. We arrive in mid-afternoon, in good time to settle in before dinner.

**Hotel:** Hotel Ebertor, Boppard (3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

This morning we take the Hunsrück High Road, one of Germany's hidden gems, and enjoy fabulous views (*weather permitting*) before arriving in Germany's oldest city, Trier. We spend a few hours in this UNESCO Heritage city whose many attractions include the world famous Porta Nigra and the Roman Amphitheatre.

### Day 4

Today we focus on the river, with a 90-minute panoramic cruise from Boppard to Sankt Goar. From there we drive to Bacharach to see its beautiful market square and half-timbered houses. Our final stop is Bingen-am-Rhein, which overlooks the legendary stone Mouse Tower in the middle of the Rhine.

### Day 5

After a leisurely breakfast we leave Boppard today and return to Europoort for the evening sailing back to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Ferries (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 6

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

## 6 Days

October

### Tour Highlights

Hunsrück High Road  
Trier  
Rhine River Cruise  
Bacharach  
Bingen-am-Rhein

### Prices from

£579pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:15am	Return Friday 10:15pm	Price
4 Oct	9 Oct	£579

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £80  
Holiday Insurance

### Accommodation

Hotel: Hotel Ebertor, Boppard  
The ever popular family-run hotel occupies a prime site in the town with an outdoor terrace overlooking the mighty Rhine River. All the 101 bedrooms offer a bright decor with hairdryer, TV, telephone and WiFi. The hotel also has a sauna and Jacuzzi.





Ypres Tynecot Cemetery

## Remembering the Somme

The Somme is a byword for British and Irish sacrifice in the Great War, from the deadly summer's day on which it commenced - the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army - to the snow-flecked day which ended the fighting.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Hull via P&O Ferry from Larne to Cairnryan.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

#### Day 2

Driving south to Passchendaele we visit Tyne Cot Cemetery, the German Cemetery at Langemark, followed by Sanctuary Wood (Hill

62), before finishing at the Peace Tower at Messines.

**Hotel:** Park Inn Lille Grand Stade (3 nights B&B plus 2 dinners) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 3

Included today are the communal graveyard at Bailleul, the Brandhoek New Military Cemetery, In Flanders Fields Museum, Ypres, and the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate. *Dinner is not provided tonight.*

#### Day 4

Today we visit the Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge to experience life in the trenches and the Wellington Quarries - beneath the city of Arras - where Commonwealth troops were quartered in preparation for the Battle of Arras. We finish with visits to Thiepval and the Ulster Tower.

#### Day 5

We travel through the villages of Flanders before catching the overnight ferry to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

#### Day 6

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

### 6 Days

August

### Prices from

£599pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:15am	Return Friday 10:15pm	Price
9 Aug	14 Aug	£599

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £135  
Holiday Insurance

## The Somme & the Armistice

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Belfast to Hull via Larne.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

#### Day 2

Driving south to Passchendaele we visit Tyne Cot Cemetery, the German Cemetery at Langemark, followed by Sanctuary Wood (Hill 62), before finishing at the Peace Tower at Messines.

**Hotel:** Park Inn Lille Grand Stade (3 nights B&B plus 2 dinners) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 3

Today we follow that terrible first day of the Somme, starting at Gommecourt, then Serre, where the Northern Pals battalions fought. Following lunch we visit Thiepval and the Ulster Tower, the memorial to all who died in the Great War.

#### Day 4

We travel to Ypres today to witness the moving Last Post at Menin Gate and also include a visit to the In Flanders Fields Museum. *Dinner is not provided tonight.*

#### Day 5

We travel through the villages of Flanders before catching the overnight ferry to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

#### Day 6

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

### 6 Days

November

### Prices from

£585pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:15am	Return Friday 10:15pm	Price
8 Nov	13 Nov	£585

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £145  
Holiday Insurance



Heidelberg Christmas Market ©GNTB

## German Christmas Markets

The towns and cities of Germany provide an idyllic setting for a romantic Christmas Market break. Half-timbered buildings are festively lit and the aroma of mulled wine and cinnamon scents the air at traditional Christmas markets. Our base in Boppard, overlooking the Rhine, is the perfect place from which to explore these festive scenes.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Belfast to Hull via Larne with P&O Irish Sea.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

#### Day 2

Leaving Europoort, we visit the market at Koblenz for a couple of hours before continuing to Boppard, arriving late afternoon.

**Hotel:** Hotel Ebertor, Boppard  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 3

A full day in the wonderful city of Heidelberg, visiting its famous Christmas Market.

#### Day 4

We spend today in Frankfurt where the scenic surroundings of the Römerberg and St Paul's Square combine to make it one of Germany's most beautiful.

#### Day 5

There are a few hours in Bruges before catching the overnight sailing to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

#### Day 6

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

### 6 Days

November

#### Tour Highlights

Koblenz  
Heidelberg  
Frankfurt

#### Prices from

£529pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Thursday 6:15am	Return Tuesday 10:15pm	Price
26 Nov	1 Dec	£529

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £45  
Holiday Insurance



Trier

## Trier & Luxembourg Christmas Markets

Now in its 41st year the Trier Christmas Market takes place on the medieval Main Market and in front of the imposing backdrop of the Trier Cathedral. You'll find the festively decorated wooden booths covering all things Christmas! Combined with Luxembourg City, a small city with a huge festive heart, you are sure to have plenty of festive cheer to celebrate!

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Belfast to Hull via Larne with P&O Irish Sea.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

#### Day 2

From Europoort we travel into the heart of Europe to Germany's oldest city, Trier, on the banks of Moselle River (*portage is not provided*).

**Hotel:** Ibis Hotel Trier (3 nights B&B) ★ ★

#### Day 3

Today we visit the amazing medieval Christmas Market in Bernkastel-Kues, on the Moselle, with its miniature half-timbered houses, on narrow little streets, making the perfect Christmas market setting.

#### Day 4

Have a relaxing morning. After lunchtime we travel to Luxembourg City where the three main squares are turned into a Christmas Village. We return to Trier for approximately 9pm.

### 6 Days

December

#### Tour Highlights

Bernkastel-Kues  
Luxembourg City

#### Prices from

£525pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 6:15am	Return Friday 10:15pm	Price
29 Nov	4 Dec	£525

#### Day 5

We return to Europoort for our overnight sailing to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

#### Day 6

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.





# Valkenburg & Düsseldorf Christmas Markets

Christmas Market Stall



Düsseldorf ©GNTB

It's not every day that you can experience Christmas Markets in a cave! During the Christmas Season, the residents of Valkenburg transform the extraordinary caves under the city into spectacular Christmas Markets - it is protected from the elements and opens late into the evening. The ancient galleries provide an atmospheric setting for this wonderful event and the Christmas market is alive with song and music. So as you wander through the grotto, you will surely be tempted by the seasonal items on offer.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to Hull via Larne with P&O Irish Sea.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 2

We travel directly from Zeebrugge to Maastricht to sample their market before arriving in Valkenburg in late afternoon.

**Hotel:** Hotel Walram, Valkenburg (3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

Relax today and take time to explore Valkenburg's magnificent Christmas markets, held in caves deep under the city. It is unlike any Christmas Market you have ever seen! In addition to the caves, there are the castle ruins, museums as well as a chair lift offering great views - don't forget about the Christmas Parade this evening.

### Day 4

A day in Düsseldorf. Here you will find seven different themed Christmas markets all of which are within walking distance of each other. There are other attractions too such as the Dome of Lights on Königsallee.

### Day 5

We retrace our outward journey but spend some time in Bruges before catching our overnight sailing to Hull.

**Overnight:** P&O Cruise ferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

### Day 6

Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

## 6 Days

December

## Tour Highlights

Maastricht  
Düsseldorf  
Bruges

## Prices from

£519pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Thursday 6:15am	Return Tuesday 10:15pm	Price
3 Dec	8 Dec	£519

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £95  
Holiday Insurance

## Accommodation

**Hotel:** Hotel Walram, Valkenburg  
The hotel is situated on the banks of the River Geul and just a short walk to the town centre. The hotel has 76 bedrooms, each equipped with a TV, hairdryer, telephone and WiFi. There is a lift, restaurant, bar, swimming pool, sauna and solarium.

# Events & Shows







# Cheltenham Festival

Experience all the drama and excitement of four days of extraordinary National Hunt racing, and its highlight event, the Gold Cup. The Cheltenham Festival is a place of pilgrimage for race goers and each year the Irish invade to take on the English on their own turf.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to Stourport-on-Seven via the early morning Stena Line ferry to Cairnryan.

**Hotel:** Hallmark Stourport Manor, Stourport-on-Seven (5 nights D, B&B) ★★ ★

### Day 2 - 5

We leave the hotel immediately after breakfast each race day, arriving in good time for the first race. There is a daily super card including Champion Day, Ladies Day, St Patrick's Thursday and the climax of the week, the Gold Cup on Friday. Each evening, the coach returns to the hotel after the final race.

### Day 6

We leave the hotel immediately after breakfast and return via the Stena Line sailing from Holyhead to Dublin.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Hallmark Stourport Manor

There's a lot of history attached to this former stately home. The hotel is situated on the edge of Birmingham and was once home to former Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, and has welcomed many dignitaries over the years. There are 72 bedrooms are tastefully decorated and come with Freeview TV, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. The hotel boasts an indoor pool, sauna, steam room, gym, tennis courts and landscaped gardens.

## 6 Days

March

## Prices from

£699pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Saturday 7:30pm	Price
9 Mar	14 Mar	£699

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £150  
Holiday Insurance

*Upgraded tickets can be organised with the relevant non-refundable supplement paid at the time of booking.*



## Easter in Co. Cork

Blarney Castle

Cobh Cathedral

Kinsale Harbour

Cork is the biggest county in Ireland and is part of both the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland's Ancient East. The county's landscape is incredibly diverse, with golden beaches, rocky coastlines, peaceful lakes, vast mountains, and a quiet, roaming countryside. For this Easter break we visit the famous fishing town of Kinsale, make the short journey to Midleton, to the Distillery, and round it all off with an afternoon in Cobh, with its magnificent harbour and wonderful panoramic views.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

We depart Belfast and have a leisurely drive south to east Cork where we arrive in late afternoon, in time for our evening meal.

**Hotel:** Garryvoe Hotel, Garryvoe  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

After breakfast either relax in the hotel and enjoy the leisure facilities or spend a couple of hours in the picturesque town of Kinsale, one of Ireland's most attractive towns. We return to the hotel for our traditional Easter lunch. There will be a light evening meal of soup/sandwiches tonight.

#### Day 3

We start the day with a trip to Midleton, where we visit the whiskey distillery for the Jameson Experience Tour and get to sample one of Ireland's top tipples. Next we're off to the historic harbour town of Cobh, the last port of call of the ill-fated RMS Titanic. The town's architecture and streetscape is distinctly Victorian and it is dominated by St Colman's Cathedral whose 49-bell Carillon is the only such instrument in Ireland and is the largest in the British Isles.

#### Day 4

Time to return home but we stop at the Newbridge Silverware Visitors Centre on our return journey to Belfast.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Garryvoe Hotel, Garryvoe

This family owned hotel overlooks a golden, sandy, five-mile beach with a view of Ballycotton Bay and its lighthouse. Alternatively there is the view of the unspoilt country! The hotel has 82 bedrooms include a hairdryer, TV, WiFi and tea/coffee-making facilities with a lift to each floor. There is a Health Club with a Jogging Ring, swimming pool, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, outdoor hot tub & fully equipped gym.

### 4 Days

April

### Tour Highlights

Kinsale  
Jameson Experience Tour  
Cobh  
Newbridge Silverware Visitors Centre

### Prices from

£459pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Saturday 9:30am	Return Tuesday 5:00pm	Price
11 Apr	14 Apr	£459

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £100  
Holiday Insurance





# Chelsea Flower Show & Gardens of Surrey

Chelsea Flower Show  
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Chelsea Flower Show ©VisitBritain



Chelsea Flower Show ©VisitBritain

This tour combines all the colour and excitement of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show with some of the best gardens in the county of Surrey. We begin our tour in the Cotswolds at Kiftsgate Court before concentrating our efforts with three gardens in Surrey - Loseley Park, with its 2.5 acre Walled Garden, the National Trust garden of Polesden Lacey, with its perfect Edwardian setting, and our old favourite of RHS Garden Wisley. *Some gardens will have uneven surfaces, it is advisable to wear sensible footwear.*

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to the Midlands via Stena Line ferry from Cairnryan.

**Overnight Hotel:** Novotel Wolverhampton  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We start our garden visits in the Vale of Evesham at Kiftsgate Court. You will find an admirable selection of plants and flowers, not least of which is the well-known rambling rose R. filipes 'Kiftsgate'. We continue to our hotel in Croydon.

**Hotel:** Hilton London Croydon  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 3

The first of our two gardens today is Loseley Park, a highlight of which is the Walled Garden, an extensive area divided into 'rooms', each with its own rare planting scheme and personality. We follow this with an afternoon at the National Trust's Polesden Lacey, nestled within a valley and formal gardens offering something for every season.

### Day 4

A day at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, which holds the rare position as a great British tradition and an exciting source of inspiration and advice.

### Day 5

We depart Surrey and travel to RHS Garden Wisley, one of the world's great gardens, packed with horticultural inspirations, before arriving at our last hotel.

**Overnight Hotel:** Telford Centre, Telford  
(1 night D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 6

We leave Telford this morning and return to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Hilton London Croydon

Our hotel is situated just to the south of London, in Surrey, and is ideally located for visiting gardens in the surrounding area. Designed with comfort and convenience in mind the hotel's bedrooms come equipped with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities, air-con and WiFi. The hotel also has its own fitness suite.

## 6 Days

May

### Tour Highlights

Kiftsgate Court  
Loseley Park  
National Trust's Polesden Lacey  
RHS Chelsea Flower Show  
RHS Garden Wisley

### Prices from

£659pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Saturday 7:30pm	Price
18 May	23 May	£659

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £115  
Holiday Insurance



# Knitting & Stitching Show, Harrogate

Knitting ©VisitBritain



Knitted Hearts ©VisitBritain



Betty's Tea Room

The Knitting & Stitching Show, Harrogate, is a must for anyone with a love of textile based craft. There are over 200 exhibitors selling specialist craft supplies, plus hundreds of workshops, demonstrations, interactive features and professionally curated galleries.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast and travel to our hotel south of Bradford.

**Hotel:** Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

There is a full day at the Knitting and Stitching Show *(tickets included)*.

### Day 3

This morning we visit Harewood House and Gardens, one of the Treasure Houses of England. In the afternoon we return via Salts Mill, a place for art, dining and shopping in one stunning historic building, and home to a collection of works by David Hockney.

### Day 4

We return to Belfast via Holyhead and Dublin.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford

The hotel is located just off the motorway making it the perfect base for exploring Yorkshire. This modern, spacious hotel, has 131 bedrooms, each equipped with TV, hair dryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is an indoor pool and gym.

## 4 Days

November

## Tour Highlights

Knitting & Stitching Show  
Harewood House  
Salts Mill

## Prices from

£355pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Friday 6:30am	Return Monday 7:30pm	Price
27 Nov	30 Nov	£355

## Price Excludes

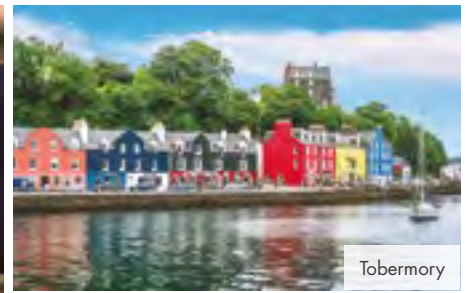
Single Room Supplement - £55  
Holiday Insurance





## Drams & Dances in Oban

Dances in Oban



Tobermory



Fort William ©VisitScotland

Enjoy the festivities in the build up to Christmas at the Royal Hotel Oban. The hotel hosts entertainment every night, tasty Scottish breakfasts, dinners and much more! From the moment you arrive the views are never to be forgotten - panoramic views of mountains, lochs and islands which makes you want to return again and again for relaxing breaks. Don't forget your own tartan!

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

We take the early Stena Line ferry and travel through the Trossachs National Park to Oban. There is a welcoming drinks reception with a selection of fine local malts to wash down some tasty Scottish canapés.

**Hotel:** Royal Hotel, Oban  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

The route along Loch Linnhe takes us to Fort William at the foot of Ben Nevis, where we spend time exploring at leisure. Afterwards we stop at Neptunes Staircase, where you can see boats of all shapes and sizes navigating the eight locks of the Caledonian Canal. There is a mulled wine drinks reception before a delicious three course carvery dinner.

#### Day 3

Sit back and relax as we travel over the Pass of Brander to Loch Ewe and along Glen Aray to the lovely little town of Inveraray. After a bite of lunch we return to the hotel for an Afternoon Tea and quiz.

#### Day 4

Today we board the ferry to Mull and visit Tobermory, the island's main town. It is a picture postcard of a place with the brightly painted buildings along the main street. Back in the hotel the entertainment tonight includes the Strathmore Ceilidh Band, followed by a typical Scottish Fayre Dinner.

#### Day 5

Time to return home. We catch the afternoon P&O ferry to Larne.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Royal Hotel, Oban

Built in the late 1800's, in the heart of Oban, this old-world charm hotel is sure to delight. Each of the 91 traditionally decorated bedrooms are unique in size and shape, but still offer such modern conveniences as TV, hairdryer, tea/ coffee-making facilities and WiFi.

*Full entertainment package subject to change in 2020*

### 5 Days

November

#### Tour Highlights

Trossachs National Park  
Fort William  
Neptunes Staircase  
Inveraray  
Afternoon Tea  
Isle of Mull  
Tobermory  
Highland Banquet

#### Prices from

£319pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Friday 7:15pm	Price
23 Nov	27 Nov	£319

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £65  
Holiday Insurance



Ripon Cathedral



York ©VisitYork

# Yuletide in Yorkshire

Enjoy a lovely tour to Yuletide Yorkshire that's sure to get you in the Christmas spirit. This "Fizz & Fayre" festive break to the Cairn Hotel, in the heart of Harrogate, offers you the chance to browse the stalls of the German market in Leeds, soak up the atmosphere of the traditional St Nicholas Fair in York, and explore the cathedral city of Ripon. Each evening there will be live entertainment following the hotel's three-course carvery dinner.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Belfast to Harrogate via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Cairn Hotel, Harrogate  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

After breakfast we set off for the Leeds Christkindelmarkt Traditional German Christmas Market. Find a little piece of Germany in the Millennium Square which is transformed into a scenic winter village featuring a variety of authentic wooden chalet stalls, cosy indoor retreats and a traditional carousel.

### Day 3

This morning we depart for an excursion to the cathedral city of Ripon, with its imposing cathedral, fascinating museums and a bustling market square. We return to the hotel in the afternoon to rest our feet whilst we enjoy a sumptuous 'festive themed' Mini Afternoon Tea and a glass of Festive Fizz.

### Day 4

Today we head for St Nicholas Festival in York for their annual Christmas fayre. Set in the historic square, the city comes alive with Victorian costumed traders, carol singers and delicious smells of roasted chestnuts and hot chocolate laced with brandy. We return to the hotel in time to refresh before dinner and the last evening of entertainment.

### Day 5

We retrace our outward journey back to Cairnryan for the evening sailing to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Cairn Hotel

The hotel is a short walk from the town centre. As a result of the age of the building there are some period features of the architectural mix that might make access difficult for people with limited mobility. All 135 bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. The hotel has a restaurant, bar/lounge, fitness room and WiFi.

## 5 Days

December

### Tour Highlights

German Christkindelmarkt Leeds  
Ripon  
Mini Afternoon Tea  
St Nicholas Fair York

### Prices from

£339pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Friday 10:15pm	Price
7 Dec	11 Dec	£339

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £65  
Holiday Insurance





# Holly & Mistletoe in Gretna

Glasgow ©VisitScotland



Gretna Hall Hotel



Delight in traditional Scottish festive hospitality with a trip to the beautiful Gretna Hall Hotel. The tour includes tea/coffee with mince pies on arrival; a themed dinner each evening; and two nights live entertainment, plus entry to the Blacksmith Shop Museum. We also have visits to Brampton, Hexham, Glasgow and Keswick, and round off this festive break with 10% off shopping at Gretna Green.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast and travel to Gretna via the mid-morning Stena Line ferry to Cairnryan. There is a tea/coffee and mince pies welcome on arrival.

**Hotel:** Gretna Hall, Gretna Green  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We cross the border today to explore Brampton, the main market town and base for exploring Hadrian's Wall. We then travel through the sweeping countryside to the historic market town of Hexham, characterised by its stone architecture, cobbled streets and historic buildings with an impressive medieval abbey.

### Day 3

It's off to Glasgow where we spend the day hunting for some Christmas shopping bargains.

### Day 4

After a relaxing breakfast we travel back into the Lake District to Keswick where it is market day. After lunch we return to Gretna where you can relax or visit the Blacksmiths Museum (*free entry*).

### Day 5

Time to return home as we catch the afternoon Stena Line ferry to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Gretna Hall

From 1792, Gretna Hall was a coaching inn and was the first stop coaches made as they crossed the border. Built in 1710 the hotel is set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens offering all the character of a substantial historical building with all the facilities you would expect from a contemporary hotel. All 100 bedrooms have Freeview TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is also two nights' in-house entertainment in the hotel.

## 5 Days

November

### Tour Highlights

Brampton  
Hexham  
Glasgow  
Keswick  
Blacksmith Shop Museum

### Prices from

£349pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 10:30am	Return Friday 6:15pm	Price
2 Nov	6 Nov	£349

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £60  
Holiday Insurance



# Lincoln & Birmingham Christmas Markets



Lincoln's traditional German-style Christmas Market has grown from just a few stalls in the early 1980s to the hundreds that line the streets today. The Birmingham market is based on the famous Frankfurt Christmas Market Stalls and is the largest authentic German Christmas market outside of Germany or Austria.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast and travel to our hotel just outside of Leicester.

**Hotel:** Hilton Leicester  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

There is a full day at the famous Lincoln Christmas Markets. The streets, dominated by the Gothic cathedral, are lined with stalls, carol singers and dancers creating a fabulous Christmas atmosphere.

### Day 3

We have a full day in Birmingham to explore the "Frankfurt Christmas Market" which offers a large range of traditional goods and gifts, and a selection of tempting food and drink, plus there is time for the neighbouring Craft Market.

### Day 4

We have an early start as we return to Belfast via Holyhead and Dublin.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Hilton Leicester

Located just off the J21 of the M1 this contemporary hotel gives great access to the surrounding area. Each bedroom is designed with comfort and convenience in mind and comes with large windows, TV, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. The hotel boasts a fitness suite, heated indoor pool, sauna and steam room.

## 4 Days

December

## Tour Highlights

Lincoln Christmas Market  
Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market

## Prices from

£299pps

## Dates & Prices

Depart Friday 6:30am	Return Monday 7:30pm	Price
4 Dec	7 Dec	£299

## Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £60  
Holiday Insurance





# New Year in Donegal

Crohy Head Sea Arch Stack



Killybegs Harbour



There are a million reasons to visit the wild and wonderful county of Donegal, and the New Year is yet another! With its rich cultural heritage and breathtaking scenery it is an ideal place to relax and breeze into 2021. Entertainment in the hotel each night.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Donegal via Enniskillen and Lower Lough Erne.

**Hotel:** Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Ardara  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We take a scenic tour along the Atlantic coast to Dungloe, the principal town of the Rosses, before calling at the village of Kincasslagh, taking in views of the spectacular Derryveagh Mountains. We return to our hotel in plenty of time to enjoy a five course meal to bring in the New Year.

### Day 3

After a relaxing morning we have a tour of Donegal's most westerly point taking in both Glencolumbkille and Killybegs.

### Day 4

We return to Belfast today travelling through the Blue Stack Mountains, stopping for a break in the Maiden city.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Ardara

This boutique hotel is situated in Ardara, on the Wild Atlantic Way. The hotel has recently been refurbished to offer the most comfortable experience. The 49 bedrooms offer TV, hairdryer, telephone and free WiFi.

## 4 Days

December

### Tour Highlights

Dungloe  
Kincasslagh  
Killybegs  
Maiden City

### Prices from

£355pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Wednesday 10:00am	Return Saturday 3:00pm	Price
30 Dec	2 Jan	£355

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £75  
Holiday Insurance



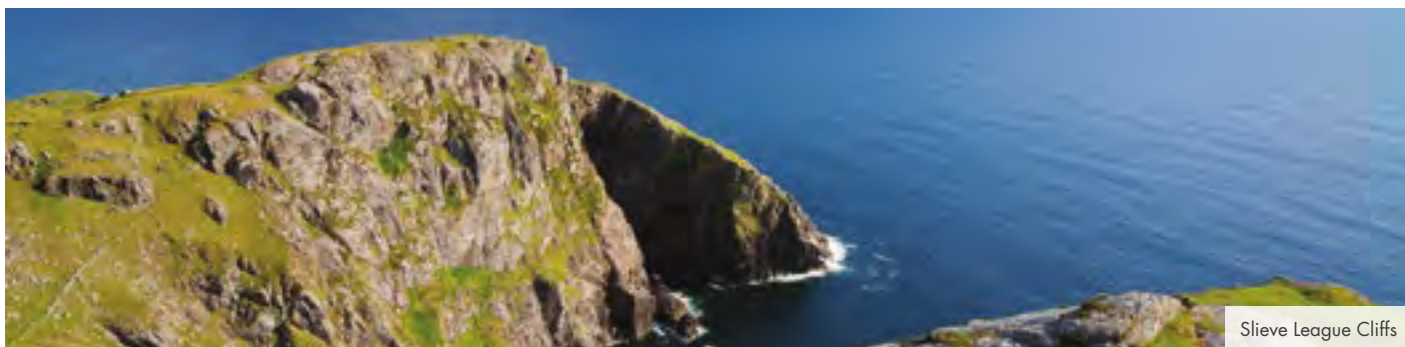






# Simply Value

Image: Glenveagh National Park, Ireland



Slieve League Cliffs

## Coastal Donegal Simply Value

### Let's get going...

Ardara, our base, is enveloped in the most beautiful mountain scenery and rivers, and is only a 10 minute walk from the award-winning Narin beach. Its location is perfect for exploring the wonderful scenic Atlantic Coast of Ireland's most northerly county.

#### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Donegal via Enniskillen.

**Hotel:** Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Ardara  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

Our scenic tour today calls at Dungloe, the principal town of the Rosses which is recognised as one of Europe's most beautiful coastlines. We continue to the village of Kincasslagh, taking in views of the spectacular Derryveagh Mountains, before returning to Ardara.

#### Day 3

This morning we visit Glencolumbkille, bounded by the mountains of Slieve League, Leahan and Tooley, and of course the restless Atlantic Ocean, before rounding off the day in Killybegs.

#### Day 4

We return to Belfast today travelling through the Blue Stack Mountains to Ballybofey and then Letterkenny. We are expected home at 5pm.

#### 4 Days

March, October, November

#### Prices from

£219pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 10:00am	Return Wednesday 5:00pm	Price
1 Mar	4 Mar	£219
29 Mar	1 Apr	£219
18 Oct	21 Oct	£219
15 Nov	18 Nov	£219

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £45  
Holiday Insurance



Achill Island

## Westport Simply Value

### Let's get going...

Westport is one of the most popular short break destinations in Ireland. Compact and cosmopolitan, and set on the banks of the beautiful Carrabawn River, its busy shops, restaurants and bars are matched by its bustling Quay area on the shores of Clew Bay. Few towns in Ireland can match Westport's charisma and continental flavour.

#### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Westport via Sligo.

**Hotel:** Clew Bay Hotel  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

Today we cross over the bridge to Achill Island and follow the Atlantic Drive to capture wonderful views of steeply-sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. We return to Westport after lunchtime with the afternoon at leisure.

#### Day 3

A full day excursion to Galway city.

#### Day 4

We return to Belfast via Enniskillen.

#### 4 Days

March, April, October, November

#### Prices from

£235pps

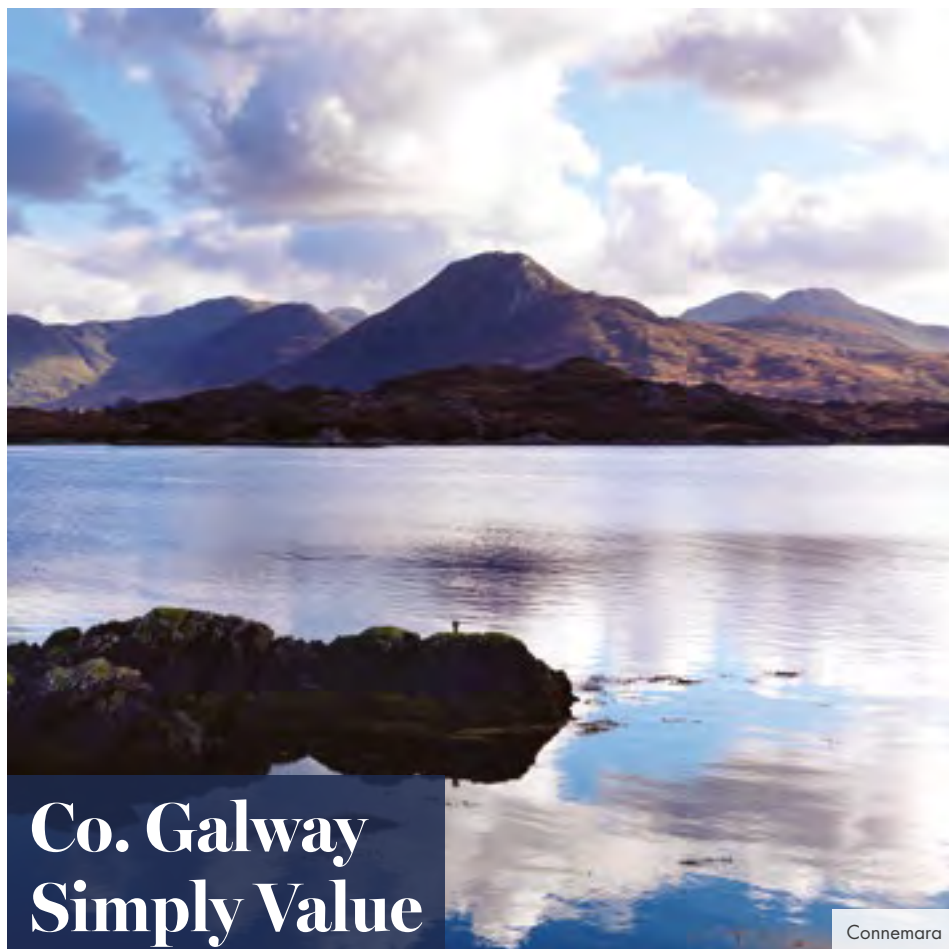
#### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 10:00am	Return Wednesday 4:00pm	Price
8 Mar	11 Mar	£235
5 Apr	8 Apr	£285
11 Oct	14 Oct	£265
8 Nov	11 Nov	£235

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £60  
Holiday Insurance





Some of Ireland's most picturesque scenery can be found along the breathtaking Connemara Peninsula where tiny roads wander along its coastline studded with islands, dazzling white sandy beaches and intriguing villages. And of course there is Galway city, a gem on the Wild Atlantic Way.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Co. Galway via Enniskillen.

**Hotel:** Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

We make the short journey into Galway city for a day of self-exploration. Among the many attractions why not visit Eyre Square, the cathedral or the Galway City Museum. If you fancy the coast head out to Salthill with its fine beach and the famous Spanish Arch.

#### Day 3

Today we travel into Connemara following the Atlantic coastal route to Roundstone, which is a popular holiday resort with a busy harbour. We continue along the coast to Clifden the "capital of Connemara", before returning to Athenry via Maan Cross."

#### Day 4

The return journey home takes us through Co. Dublin.

#### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry

The hotel is situated on the edge of the medieval town of Athenry. There are 50 bedrooms all with satellite TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. There is an indoor swimming pool, sauna and gym.

#### 4 Days

February, March, October, November

#### Tour Highlights

Galway City  
Connemara  
Clifden

#### Prices from

£229pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Sunday 9:30am	Return Wednesday 5:00pm	Price
2 Feb	5 Feb	£229
22 Mar	25 Mar	£229
4 Oct	7 Oct	£229
1 Nov	4 Nov	£229

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £80  
Holiday Insurance

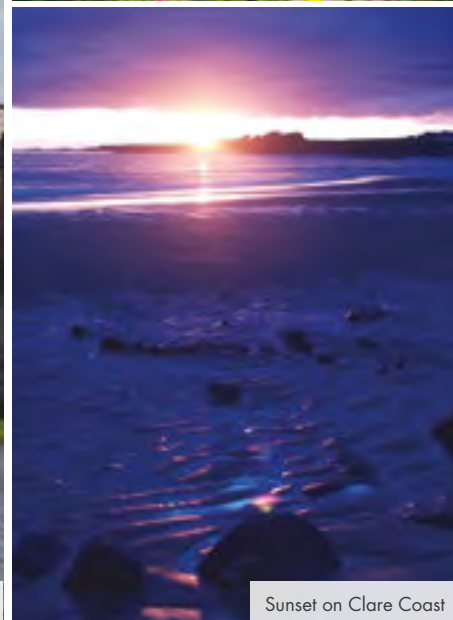


# Co. Clare Simply Value

Limerick



Adare Village Cottages



Sunset on Clare Coast

Our tour is based in the twin towns of Ballina and Killaloe, at the southern edge of Lough Derg, and offers the best opportunity to explore the rugged coast of Co. Clare and the heritage town of Adare.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We travel direct to Killaloe.

**Hotel:** Lakeside Hotel and Leisure Centre, Killaloe  
(3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

This morning we have a short visit to the heritage town of Adare, renowned as Ireland's prettiest village, before travelling to Limerick, where we spend the rest of the day.

### Day 3

Today we enjoy the beauty (*weather permitting!*) of what is considered one of the top 10 drives in the world - the dramatic R477 coastal road.

### Day 4

We return to Belfast stopping off at Newbridge Silverware.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Lakeside Hotel and Leisure Centre, Killaloe

Our hotel has 43 bedrooms, all with multi-channel TV and tea/coffee-making facilities. There is free WiFi in public areas. Relax in the lovely landscaped gardens or unwind in the leisure centre with its swimming pool, sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi.

*Please note, the hotel does not have a lift but there are numerous ground floor rooms*

### 4 Days

January, February, March, October, November

### Tour Highlights

Adare  
Limerick  
R477 Coastal Drive  
Newbridge Silverware

### Prices from

£229pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 10:00am	Return Thursday 4:30pm	Price
20 Jan	23 Jan	£229
24 Feb	27 Feb	£249
30 Mar	2 Apr	£269
26 Oct	29 Oct	£249
23 Nov	26 Nov	£229

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement

- January, February & November - £70
  - March & October - £75
- Holiday Insurance





## Donegal Winter Weekends

Wipe away those winter blues with a weekend in Letterkenny, Donegal's largest town and at the heart of the Northwest. Letterkenny has long been a heartland of traditional Irish 'Craic agus Ceol' and its reputation as a friendly and lively town.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

We depart Belfast and travel directly to the Maiden City, where we spend a couple of hours, before arriving at our hotel in the centre of Letterkenny.

**Hotel:** McGettigan's Hotel, Letterkenny (2 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

#### Day 2

We explore the Inishowen Peninsula today, following Lough Foyle as far north as Malin Head, Ireland's most northerly point. We return via the Lough Swilly route stopping off in Buncrana before reaching Letterkenny.

#### Day 3

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast before returning directly to Belfast.

#### 3 Days

January, February

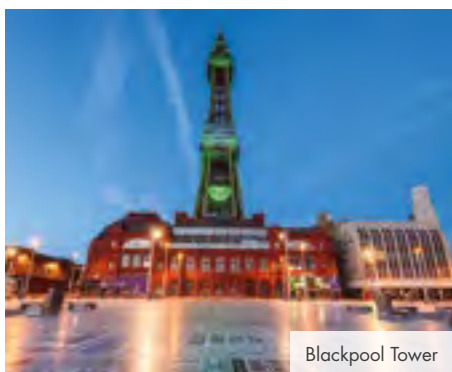
**Prices from**  
£189pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Friday 11:00am	Return Sunday 2:00pm	Price
10 Jan	12 Jan	£189
24 Jan	26 Jan	£189
14 Feb	16 Feb	£189

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £60  
Holiday Insurance



## Blackpool - "Take That Tribute" Weekend

Famous for its Tower, three piers and spectacular ballroom, Blackpool has an enduring appeal to groups of all ages - it is the UK's very own playground by the sea! So join us for a long weekend and superb tribute act, the excitement of the resort, and a day in the diverse and historical city of Chester.

### Let's get going...

#### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Blackpool via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Elgin Hotel, Blackpool (3 nights D, B&B) ★ ★

#### Day 2

Today is free to enjoy all that Blackpool has to offer! Tonight is the highlight of the weekend, the 'Take That Tribute Night'.

#### Day 3

We spend the day in Chester and enjoy an Illuminations tour (*to be confirmed*) this evening. Entertainment follows dinner.

#### Day 4

Blackpool to Belfast via Cairnryan.

#### 4 Days

November

#### Tour Highlights

Chester  
Illuminations Tour

**Prices from**  
£309pps

#### Dates & Prices

Depart Friday 6:30am	Return Monday 6:15pm	Price
6 Nov	9 Nov	£309

#### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement - £35  
Holiday Insurance



# Blackpool & Lancashire

Blackpool at Dusk ©VisitBritain



Blackpool Pier

Few resorts can rival Blackpool, in Lancashire, for its wealth of attractions - so it's no wonder it remains Britain's most popular holiday destination. It's packed with entertainment for people of all ages and tastes - from pier-end shows to West End musicals. There are three piers and miles of golden sands for taking a walk and enjoying the sea air. For 2020 we have added historic Lancaster and Morecombe, another of Lancashire's celebrated seaside towns.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to Blackpool via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Elgin Hotel, Blackpool  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★

### Day 2

Today is free to enjoy all that Blackpool has to offer!

### Day 3

We indulge in some serious retail therapy at the excellent Bury Market before returning to our hotel in late afternoon.

### Day 4

This morning we visit Lancaster, one of England's 'Heritage Cities'. Follow bygone footsteps along hidden alleyways, or delight in quirky shops. After lunch we travel to the seaside town of Morecambe - watch out for the Eric Morecambe Statue, which looks out across the promenade - The Tern Project, a series of public art installations. *Illuminations tours include a coach tour along the promenade this evening to see Blackpool's famous lights.*

### Day 5

We return north for the afternoon Stena Line sailing to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Elgin Hotel

We will be guaranteed a warm, friendly welcome at the family run Elgin Hotel, on the cliffs at Queen's Promenade. The Elgin is the amalgamation of four promenade hotels that were originally built in the 1930's and this makes all of the 89 bedrooms unique in shape and size. All have TV and tea/coffee-making facilities. The hotel features a promenade patio, two lifts and entertainment on three nights.

## 5 Days

May, June, July, August, September

### Tour Highlights

Bury Market  
Lancaster  
Morecombe

### Prices from

£325pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Friday 6:15pm	Price
11 May	15 May	£325
15 Jun	19 Jun	£335
6 Jul	10 Jul	£345
13 Jul	17 Jul	£345
20 Jul	24 Jul	£345
27 Jul	31 Jul	£345
10 Aug	14 Aug	£345
24 Aug	28 Aug	£345
31 Aug	4 Sep	£385
7 Sep	11 Sep	£385
14 Sep	18 Sep	£385

Please note, during August the hotel is only available for adults.

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement

- May - £30
- June, July, August - £45
- September - £70

Holiday Insurance





The sheer beauty of the Lake District has inspired poets and artists for centuries. On this tour we will paint a picture that will last in your memory for years to come. From our base we can explore both the dramatic landscapes of the Lakes and see the Cumbrian Mountains that tower above the wooded hillsides and green fields.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

Europa Buscentre to the Cumbrian Fells via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Hotel:** Shap Wells Hotel, Penrith  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★

### Day 2

We travel back in time today with a visit to the Museum of Lakeland Life & Industry, where you discover how people have lived in the Lake District and how the unique landscape has shaped their lives. We have the afternoon free in Kendal.

### Day 3

Our day begins with a ride over the rugged Shap Fells and Tebay to Bowness-on-Windermere. Here we spend the morning with a chance to look around the town and shops, maybe visiting the World of Beatrix Potter Exhibition or just enjoy lunch. This afternoon we have a delightful 45min circular cruise of the islands of Lake Windermere before returning to our hotel.

### Day 4

We spend the morning in Keswick exploring the weekly market. In the afternoon we take a drive through the northern lakes passing through Ambleside, Glenridding and Ullswater.

### Day 5

We return on the afternoon Stena Line sailing to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Shap Wells Hotel

Set in tranquil surroundings amongst the Lakeland fells and an ideal base from which to explore this beautiful corner of England. Located in 30 acres of grounds, the hotel offers a bar, lounges and a spacious restaurant. All 98 bedrooms are equipped with TV, radio, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. Hotel has a lift.

## 5 Days

March, October

### Tour Highlights

Museum of Lakeland Life & Industry  
Kendal  
Bowness-on-Windermere  
Lake Windermere Cruise  
Keswick Market  
Ambleside

### Prices from

£349pps

### Dates & Prices

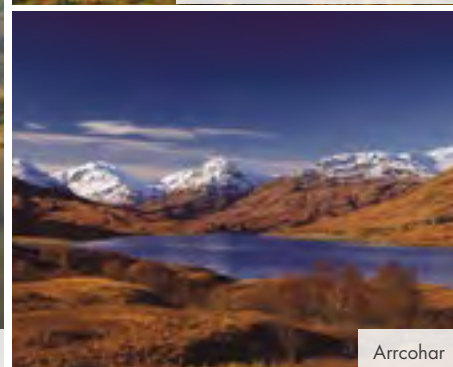
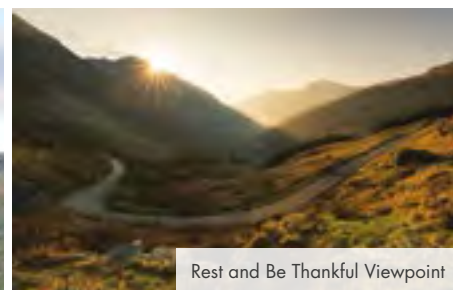
Depart Monday 6:30am	Return Friday 6:15pm	Price
30 Mar	3 Apr	£349
5 Oct	9 Oct	£399

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement from - £60  
Holiday Insurance



Kilchurn Castle ©VisitScotland



Admire majestic beauty and the unspoilt scenery of the Western Highlands from the picturesque village of Arrochar. Nestling at the head of Loch Long the village also offers wonderful views of the beautiful Clyde sea-loch and is the perfect base from which to explore. Our tour uncovers some of Scotland's finest scenery which includes the Arrochar Alps and Trossachs National Park.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

All on board the mid-morning P&O ferry to Cairnryan and onward to Arrochar.

**Hotel:** Arrochar Hotel, Arrochar  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★

### Day 2

Prepare for a memorable adventure through the Arrochar Alps where you will continue to admire the natural beauty of Scotland as we travel as far north as Kilchurn Castle (*photo opportunity*), past the awesome Loch Awe before finally reaching the pretty town of Inveraray, situated on the shores of Loch Fyne. We return via Rest and Be Thankful Viewpoint to our hotel.

### Day 3

A day in Stirling. The historic Old Town boasts the finest concentration of historic buildings in Scotland. Look out for the beautifully preserved medieval and renaissance churches and mansions.

### Day 4

Another day of fantastic scenery - weather permitting of course! This excursion to Perthshire takes us via Crieff to Aberfeldy, Scotland's first Fairtrade Town and onwards to the conservation village of Kenmore. Driving parallel to Loch Tay, we view the mighty Falls of Dochart in the village of Killin before returning to the hotel.

### Day 5

We return to Belfast via The Whiskey Experience in Kirkoswald, catching the afternoon P&O ferry to Larne.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Arrochar Hotel, Arrochar

This 19th century hotel, which is a popular choice with those on a budget, sits at the very foot of the 'Arrochar Alps'. The hotel aims to offer you a relaxing and friendly stay in this spectacular landscape. Many of the 76 bedrooms offer stunning views of Loch Long and come equipped with tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi.

### 5 Days

March, April, May, July, August, September, October, November

### Tour Highlights

Arrochar Alps  
Kilchurn Castle  
Inveraray  
Rest and Be Thankful Viewpoint  
Stirling  
Aberfeldy  
Falls of Dochart  
The Whiskey Experience

### Prices from

£269pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 9:00am	Return Friday 7:15pm	Price
16 Mar	20 Mar	£269
20 Apr	24 Apr	£279
25 May	29 May	£399
27 Jul	31 Jul	£465
24 Aug	28 Aug	£465
21 Sep	25 Sep	£449
19 Oct	23 Oct	£315
16 Nov	20 Nov	£289

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement

- March, July, August, September, October & November - £40
- April & May - £50

Holiday Insurance





# Gretna Simply Value

Riverside Museum ©VisitBritain



Glasgow River Boat ©VisitBritain



Hexham ©VisitNorthumbria

Gretna, home of clandestine marriages and traditional Scottish hospitality, is easily accessible from Northern Ireland and is an ideal location for this Simply Value Break. We visit Glasgow, plus Hexham and Haltwhistle, both in England's Tyne Valley, and the ancient town of Dumfries, just a short drive away.

## Let's get going...

### Day 1

We leave Belfast and travel to Gretna via the mid-morning Stena Line ferry to Cairnryan. There is a tea/coffee and shortbread welcome on arrival.

**Hotel:** Gretna Hall, Gretna Green  
(4 nights D, B&B) ★ ★ ★

### Day 2

We have a day touring the charming old towns of Hexham and Haltwhistle, both in the Tyne Valley. Historic Hexham is characterised by its stone architecture, cobbled streets and historic buildings, whilst Haltwhistle has its quaint houses snuggled around the pretty market square.

### Day 3

It's off to Glasgow where we visit the Riverside Museum and enjoy free time in this rejuvenated city.

### Day 4

After a relaxing breakfast you have a free morning to investigate the town or visit the Blacksmiths Museum. After lunchtime we make the short journey to Dumfries, an ancient town that has a compact centre and has long been the main centre of this region.

### Day 5

Time to return home as we catch the afternoon Stena Line ferry to Belfast.

### Accommodation

**Hotel:** Gretna Hall

From 1792, Gretna Hall was a coaching inn and was the first stop coaches made as they crossed the border. Built in 1710 the hotel is set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens offering all the character of a substantial historical building with all the facilities you would expect from a contemporary hotel. All 100 bedrooms have Freeview TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is also two nights' in-house entertainment in the hotel.

## 5 Days

April, October

### Tour Highlights

Hexham  
Haltwhistle  
Riverside Museum  
Glasgow  
Dumfries

### Prices from

£319pps

### Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 10:30am	Return Friday 6:15pm	Price
6 Apr	10 Apr	£319
12 Oct	16 Oct	£319

### Price Excludes

Single Room Supplement from - £60  
Holiday Insurance

# Holiday Insurance

A holiday insurance scheme is available to eligible passengers traveling on our holidays. This scheme is arranged by Townergate Travel and for policies sold before the 1st January 2020 is underwritten by ETI - International Travel Protection (ERV), the UK branch of Europäische Reiseversicherung AG, who are licensed by the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht ([www.bafin.de](http://www.bafin.de)) and approved by the Financial Conduct Authority ([www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk)) to undertake insurance business in the UK. Policies sold from the 1st January 2020 will be underwritten by Great Lakes Insurance SE. Great Lakes Insurance SE is a German insurance company with its headquarters at Königinstrasse 107, 80802 Munich. UK Branch office: Plantation Place, 30 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 3AJ, company number SE000083. Great Lakes Insurance SE, UK Branch, is authorised by Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority: register number 769884. This policy is administered by ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (ETI): registered in the UK, company number 11091555. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, register number 805870 and registered office: Plantation Place, 30 Fenchurch Street London, EC3M 3AJ. Details about the extent of GLISE's and ETI's authorisation and regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority are available on request. Should you wish to take out this holiday insurance please include the appropriate premium when booking your holiday.

## Demands and Needs

This insurance policy will suit the demands and needs of an individual or group (where applicable) who have no excluded medical condition(s), are travelling in countries included within the policy terms and who wish to insure themselves against unforeseen circumstances/events detailed in the cover section below. Subject to the terms, conditions and maximum specified sums insured.

### Important

We will not provide you with advice about the suitability of this product for your individual needs but will be happy to provide you with factual information.

We summarise below the details of the insurance cover provided which also includes 24-hour emergency service from Townergate Assistance. The following is a summary of the cover available. Full details of the cover, conditions and exclusions will be forwarded with your confirmation of booking. In any event you may ask for a specimen copy of the policy wording before booking should you wish to examine this in advance.

## Significant or Unusual Limitations or What is Not Covered

1. Cover is only available for the whole duration of a booked trip to a maximum 17 consecutive days, and cover cannot be purchased once a trip has already begun.
2. The excess amount deductible from a claim applies to each and every claim, per incident claimed for, under certain sections by each insured person.
3. If your money, valuables, any items of baggage, your passport or visa are lost or stolen, you must notify the local Police within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as possible thereafter. Please make sure you get a copy of the Police report. Failure to comply may result in your claim being rejected or the amount of any relevant claim reduced.
4. You are not covered for valuables, your passport or visa if left unattended at any time (including in a vehicle, in checked in luggage or while in the custody of a carrier, tour operator or public transport operator) unless deposited in a hotel safe, safety deposit box or left in your locked accommodation.
5. Stolen property: You are not covered for baggage stolen from:
  - a) an unattended coach/bus unless it was locked in the luggage compartment of the coach/bus and evidence of force or violent entry to the vehicle is available, or
  - b) the passenger compartment of any unattended vehicle.

## Residency

The cover under this policy is only available to United Kingdom residents for travel within the Geographical limits contained in this policy and which begins and ends in the United Kingdom. Repatriation will be to the United Kingdom only.

## Health Conditions

You must be able to comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of your policy. If you do not comply we may refuse to deal with any relevant claim or reduce the amount of any relevant claim payment.

If you are travelling within the United Kingdom you are not required to declare your medical conditions. However, to be covered for any medical conditions you have or have had, you must be able to answer NO to questions 1. to 4. and YES to questions 5. and 6. a) and b) below:

1. Are you aware of any reason why the trip could be cancelled or cut short (such as the health of a close relative).
2. Are you travelling:
  - a) against the advice of a medical practitioner, or
  - b) for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment.
3. Have you been given a terminal prognosis.
4. Are you receiving or awaiting treatment for any bodily injury, illness or disease as a hospital day case or in-patient.
5. If you are on prescribed medication, are your medical condition(s) stable and well controlled.
6. If you suffer from stress, anxiety, depression or any other mental or nervous disorder, have you received written confirmation (at your cost) that you are fit enough to take this trip by either:
  - a) a registered mental health professional (if you are under the care of a Community Mental Health Team), or
  - b) a consultant specialising in the relevant field.

If you are travelling outside of the United Kingdom you must telephone MediScreen on 0344 892 1698 if anyone to be covered by this policy, or any person upon whose health the trip depends:

1. Has or has had a medical condition (excluding childhood and minor ailments not requiring treatment).
2. Is taking prescribed medication.
3. Has or has had any medical condition still requiring periodic review.
4. Is awaiting any tests, treatment, investigation, referral or the results of these.

MediScreen's office hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 4pm Friday excluding bank holidays.

## If You Have a Change of Health Between Booking and Departure

You must notify MediScreen immediately of any changes in medical circumstances arising between the date the policy is issued and the time of departure for the trip. You may have to pay an additional premium to cover your medical conditions. This applies to all destinations including trips solely within the United Kingdom (being defined as England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Isles of Scilly).

Examples of these and other conditions and exclusions are contained within the policy wording, a specimen copy of which is available upon request. If after purchasing a policy from us should you find it does not meet your requirements, you have 14 days or before departure, whichever is less, from the date of receipt of the policy documents to cancel the policy and receive a full refund of your premium.



## Travel Insurance Premiums

Trip Duration	UK & RoI	Europe
1 - 3 days	£14.00	
4 - 7 days	£17.00	£28.00
8+ days	£22.00	£35.00

All premiums include Insurance Premium Tax.

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Section of Cover	Maximum Sum Insured/Benefits Per Person	Excess Per Person
Cancellation	£5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£10 trips up to 3-days</li> <li>£10 Loss of Deposit only trips 4-days plus</li> <li>£85 Cancellation trips 4-days plus</li> </ul>
Travel Delay (Northern Ireland, Scilly Isles, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Republic of Ireland, Europe & Worldwide)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£30 for the first 12-hours then £30 for each subsequent 12-hour delay up to £90 Travel Delay</li> <li>£5,000 (after delay of 12-hours) Holiday Abandonment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil Travel Delay</li> <li>£10 trips up to 3-days Holiday Abandonment</li> <li>£85 trips 4-days plus Holiday Abandonment</li> </ul>
Missed Departure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£100 (Northern Ireland &amp; Republic of Ireland)</li> <li>£300 (England, Scotland, Wales, Isles of Scilly, Isle of Man, Channel Islands &amp; Europe)</li> <li>£600 Worldwide</li> </ul>	NIL
Personal Accident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£15,000 (subject to age)</li> </ul>	NIL
Medical & Other Expenses (including Curtailment)	£2,000,000, sub-limited as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£350 Emergency Dental Pain Relief (Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Republic of Ireland, Europe &amp; Worldwide)</li> <li>£1,500 Additional Accommodation, Repatriation &amp; Travel Expenses (United Kingdom &amp; Isles of Scilly)</li> <li>£1,000 Local Funeral expenses (Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Republic of Ireland, Europe &amp; Worldwide)</li> <li>£100 Taxi Fares &amp; Telephone calls necessarily incurred</li> <li>£5,000 Curtailment</li> <li>£300 Additional Travelling Expenses Following Curtailment (United Kingdom &amp; Isles of Scilly)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£85 Medical &amp; Other Expenses</li> <li>£10 trips up to 3-days Curtailment</li> <li>£85 trips 4-days plus Curtailment</li> </ul>
Hospital Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£10 per 24-hours up to £100 (United Kingdom, Isles of Scilly)</li> <li>£15 per 24-hours up to £500 (Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Republic of Ireland, Europe &amp; Worldwide)</li> </ul>	NIL
Baggage (including Personal Money)	£2,000 sub-limited as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£1,500 baggage, further sub-limited as follows:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£250 Single Article Limit</li> <li>£500 Valuables &amp; Photographic Equipment</li> </ul> </li> <li>£2,000 Personal Money (whilst in custody of Group Leader's on Educational Tours)</li> <li>£250 (£50 if aged under 16-years at the time of the incident) Personal Money (whilst custody of individual policyholder)</li> <li>£100 (after delay of 12-hours) Delayed Baggage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£85 Personal Property &amp; Personal Money</li> <li>Nil Delayed Baggage</li> </ul>
Loss of Passport and/or Visa Expenses	£250	NIL
Personal Liability	£2,000,000	NIL
Legal Expenses	£25,000	NIL

# Hotel Directory

## KEY TO AMENITIES

- Lift
- Restaurant
- Bar
- Leisure Facilities
- Swimming Pool
- Television
- Tea/Coffee
- Hairdryer
- WiFi
- Air-Con

## Ireland

### Atlantic Portrush

★★★★

028 7082 6100  
www.portrushatlantic.com

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### Cavan Crystal

★★★★

00353 49 436 0600  
www.cavancrystalhotel.com

85

### Clew Bay Hotel

★★★★

00353 98 28088  
www.clewbayhotel.com

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### Clifden Station House Hotel

★★★★

00353 95 21699  
www.clifdenstationhouse.com

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### County Arms Hotel

★★★★

00353 57 912 0791  
www.countyarmshotel.com

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### Diamond Coast Hotel

★★★★

00353 96 26000  
www.diamondcoast.ie

92

### Dooley's Hotel

★★★★

00353 51 873 531  
www.dooleys-hotel.ie

113

### Garryvoe Hotel

★★★★

00353 21 464 6718  
www.garryvoehotel.com

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### Gleneagle Hotel

★★★★

00353 64 667 1500  
www.gleneaglehotel.com

250

### Hydro Hotel

★★★★

00353 65 707 4005  
www.hydrohotel.ie

110

### Lakeside Hotel

★★★★

00353 61 376 122  
www.lakesidehotel.ie

46

### Maritime Hotel

★★★★

00353 27 54700  
www.themaritime.ie

114

### McGettigan's Hotel

★★★★

00353 074 912 2066  
www.mcgettiganhotels.com

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### McWilliam Park

★★★★

00353 94 937 8000  
www.mcwilliampark.ie

103

### Nesbitt Arms

★★★★

00353 74 954 1103  
www.nesbittarms.com

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### Raheen Woods Hotel

★★★★

00353 91 875 888  
www.raheenwoodshotel.ie

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### Royal Hotel Bray

★★★★

00353 1286 2935  
www.royalhotel.ie

130

### Salthill Hotel

★★★★

00353 91 5227  
www.salthillhotel.com

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### Shandon Hotel & Spa

★★★★

00353 749 136 137  
www.shandonhotelspa.com

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### Treacy's Hotel Enniscorthy

★★★★

00353 53 923 7798  
www.treacyshotel.com

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## England

### Ashford International

★★★★

01233 219 988  
www.qhotels.com

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### Buckatree Hall Hotel

★★★★

01952 641821  
www.buckatreehallhotel.com

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### Cairn Hotel

★★★★

01423 504005  
www.strathmorehotels-thecairn.com

89

### Cedar Court Hotel

★★★★

01274 406606  
www.cedarcourthotels.co.uk/hotels/harrogate

100

### Elgin Hotel

★★

01253 353 535  
www.elginhotel.com

98

### Esplanade Hotel

★★

01637 818 148  
www.esplanadehotelnewquay.co.uk

71

### Hallmark Stourport Manor

★★

01299 289955  
www.hallmarkhotels.co.uk

102

### Hilton Leicester

★★★★

0116 263 0066  
www.hilton.com

179

### Hilton London Croydon

★★★★

020 8680 3000  
www.qhotels.com

168

### Jurys Inn Hinckley Island

★★

01455 631 122  
www.jurysinn.com

362

### Jurys Nottingham

★★★★

0115 901 6700  
www.jurysinn.com

264

### Livermead

★★

01803 299666  
www.livermead.com

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### Mercure Norwich

★★★★

01603 294330  
www.mercure.com

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### Mercure Stratford-Upon-Avon Shakespeare

★★★★

024 7709 2802  
www.qhotels.com

78

### Novotel Wolverhampton

★★

01902 871 100  
www.novotel.com

132

### Portbyhan Hotel

★★

01503 262 071  
www.portbyhan.co.uk

44

### Shap Wells Hotel

★★

01931 716628  
www.shapwells.com

98

### Skiddaw Hotel

★★

01768 772 071  
www.lakedistricthotel.net

43

### Telford Centre

★★

0195 2217 680  
www.accorhotels.com

153

### The Prom Hotel

★★★★

01493 842308  
www.promhotel.co.uk

50

### Trouville Hotel

★★







01202 552 262  
www.trouvillehotel.com

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## Wales

### Lion Hotel

★★★  
01766 522460  
www.lionhotelcrickieth.co.uk  
46      

### Celtic Royal Hotel






★★★  
01286 674477  
www.celtic-royal.co.uk  
110      

## Scotland

### Aberdeen Altens Hotel

★★★★  
0871 376 9002  
www.aberdeenaltenhotel.co.uk  
216      







### Arrochar Hotel

★★★  
0843 178 7105  
www.bespokehotels.com  
76     







### Best Western Kinloch Hotel

★★★  
0333 003 4181  
www.bw-kinlochhotel.co.uk  
37      







### DoubleTree Hilton Edinburgh

★★★★  
0131 221 5555  
www.hilton.com  
138      






### Gretna Hall

★★★  
01461 338257  
www.gretnahallhotel.com  
97      

### Royal Hotel Oban

★★★  
01631 563 021  
www.strathmorehotels.com  
91      

### The Salutation Hotel






★★★  
01738 630066  
www.strathmorehotels-thesalutation.com  
84     

### Winnock Hotel

★★★  
01360 660 245  
www.winnockhotel.com  
73     

## Europe






### Eurotel Victoria

★★★★  
041 24495 3131  
www.eurotel-victoria.ch/villars  
167     

### Hotel Milan Speranza Au Lac

★★★★  
0039 323 31178  
www.milansperanza.it  
164     

### Hotel Paganella

★★★  
0039 461 583116  
www.hotelpaganella.it  
101     






### Hotel Tyrol Soll

★★★  
0043 5333 5273  
www.hotel-tyrol.com  
60     

### Hotel Walram

★★★  
0031 43 601 3047  
www.hotelwalram.nl  
76     






### Ibis Trier

★★★  
049 651 994920  
www.accorhotels.com  
100     

### Maritim Parkhotel

★★★★  
0049 621 15880  
www.maritim.com  
173     






### Mercure Heilbronn

★★★★  
0049 7131 749950  
www.accorhotels.com  
136     

### Mercure Saarbrücken Sud

★★★  
0049 681 58630  
www.hotel-saarbruecken.org  
100     

### Mercure Sud Messe Munich

★★★  
0049 89 63270  
www.accorhotels.com  
185     

### Novotel Nancy Ouest

★★★  
0033 383 934545  
www.accorhotels.com  
119     

### Park Inn Lille

★★★  
0033 320 644000  
www.parkinn.com  
127     

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 [ulsterbus.tours@translink.co.uk](mailto:ulsterbus.tours@translink.co.uk)

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# Fair Trade Agreement

## 1. Financial Protection

Your contract is with Ulsterbus Tours of Translink Travel Centre, Europa Buscentre, Glengall Street, Belfast BT12 5AH. When you book a holiday with us, which doesn't include a flight, the money you pay us for the booking will be protected by the Bonded Coach Holidays (BCH), this is a Government approved consumer protection scheme. The scheme will also ensure your repatriation in the event the company becomes insolvent. Our Trading Charter and Booking Conditions set out clearly and simply the responsibility we have to you and in turn, you have with us, when a contract is made. Please see the BCH Consumer Guarantee at [www.bch-uk.org](http://www.bch-uk.org). There is no financial protection if you purchase just transport or accommodation-only from us. We fully comply with the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. The combination of travel services offered to you is a package holiday within the meaning of the Regulations. Therefore, you will benefit from all rights applying to package holidays. Ulsterbus Tours will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the holiday and providing assistance if you are in difficulty. Your key rights will be in the details of the tour which will be provided prior to booking.

## 2. Booking and Payment

When a booking is made, the 'lead name' on the booking guarantees that he or she is 18 or over and has the authority and accepts on behalf of the party the terms of these booking conditions and pays the deposit indicated in the brochure and as confirmed in the pre-contract information. After we receive your booking and all appropriate payments, if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will send you or your booking agent a confirmation invoice within 14 days. This confirmation will include any special requests we have agreed. All monies paid to your booking agent are held by them on your behalf until we issue our confirmation invoice, thereafter your booking agent holds the money on our behalf. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the 'lead name' or your booking agent. Please check the confirmation carefully to ensure all the information is correct. The contract is made subject to the terms of these booking conditions which are governed by the law of Northern Ireland.

Single occupancy of rooms, when available, may be subject to a supplementary charge and these will be shown in the brochure. You can book by paying a deposit for each person named on the booking but our commitment is always conditional upon the balance being paid as below.

Deposit per person £50 for UK and Ireland tours and £150 for Continental tours. Deposits for Sports Breaks are variable and will be notified at the time of booking.

The balance must be paid to Ulsterbus Tours at least 4 weeks before the holiday departure date (8 weeks for Continental Tours). If you book within our balance due period, you will need to pay the total holiday cost at the time of booking. If the balance is not paid in time we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain your deposit, and apply the cancellation charges set out in the paragraph below. The date of cancellation will normally be the date we receive your written confirmation that you intend to cancel or 15 days after the balance due date, whichever comes first.

Where optional items are purchased as part of the holiday, these are payable on the balance due date except where items, such as theatre tickets, have been specifically purchased for you. In this case the cost will be payable at a separate date notified to you and will not normally be refunded unless we obtain a refund from the supplier we use.

## 3. Brochure Accuracy

Although Ulsterbus Tours make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure information and pricing, regrettably errors do sometimes occur. You must therefore ensure you check the price and all other details of your holiday with us at the time of booking and when you receive our confirmation invoice.

## 4. Our Pricing Policy

Ulsterbus Tours endeavour to ensure that the most up to date and correct prices are shown in our brochure. Occasionally, an incorrect price may be shown, due to an error. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or as soon as reasonably possible. We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the price which is applicable to the holiday. Local Authorities in many towns and cities throughout Europe have introduced new tourist taxes which must be paid directly to the hotel by all guests in person. These taxes are not included in our prices but we will notify you when applicable.

Holiday prices include all travel, hotel accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT payable in the UK where applicable. The price of the holiday will not be subjected to any surcharges except those arising from exchange rate changes, transportation including the price of fuel, air & ferry operator fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals, duties and taxes (including the rate of VAT). Even in these cases we will absorb the cost equivalent to cost of the first 2% of the holiday price. Amounts more than this plus £1 administration fee and Travel Agents commission will be surcharged to you. If this means the total cost of the holiday increases by more than 8% then you are entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund of all monies paid except any insurance premium and amendment charges. We will communicate the options with you either through email or letter, with a reminder if necessary.

If you exercise the right to cancel we must receive written notice within 20 days of the date of the surcharge invoice.

## 5. If you change your booking

If, after our confirmation has been issued, you wish to change to another of our holidays or change departure date, we will do our utmost to make the changes, but we cannot guarantee to do so. However, notification must be received in writing at our offices from the 'lead name' on the booking, at least 4 weeks before departures. This must be accompanied by a payment of £10 to cover our administrative costs, plus costs we incur in making the amendment. Alterations cannot be made within 4 weeks of departure and any such request for an alteration will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges set out in paragraph below. Some arrangements cannot be changed without paying a cancellation charge of up to 100% of the ticket cost.

## 6. Transferring your booking

You can transfer your booking to somebody else but the person must satisfy all the conditions of the holiday and you must inform us either by letter or email no less than 7 days before departure. This transfer will cost £20 plus reasonable costs to make the transfer. You will remain responsible for ensuring payment before the balance due date. This is in addition to (and does not affect) the separate liability of the transferee to us.

## 7. If you need to cancel your holiday

You or any member of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time provided the cancellation is made by the 'lead name' on the booking and is communicated to us in writing via the office who made your original booking. You must pay cancellation charges to cover our administration costs and to compensate for the risk of us not reselling the holiday. If the holiday is resold a refund will be made. Your cancellation will take effect from the date on which we or our agent receive your written confirmation of your cancellation. You must also return any tickets or vouchers you have received. A reduction in room occupancy may increase the charges for the remaining passengers by the application of supplements for low occupancy of rooms. Where bought in supplies, such as ferries, hotel accommodation etc have been bought in on your behalf, and where the terms and conditions of the supplier are non-refundable, these products will be charged to you at the full retail rate. If this applies, the non-refundable items will be deducted from your holiday costs and the following scale of charges will be applied to the remainder:



Period before departure that cancellation is notified	Cancellation charge expressed as a % of the total holiday cost	
	UK	Europe
43 days plus	Loss of Deposit	Loss of Deposit
42 to 28 days	30%	30%
27 to 14 days	50%	50%
13 to 7 days	60%	100%
6 days to day of departure or later	100%	100%

In the event of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occurring at the place of destination of its immediate vicinity and which significantly affect - (a) the performance of the package or (b) the carriage of passengers to the destination. The traveller may terminate the package travel contract before the start of the package without paying any termination fee.

## 8. Alterations to your holiday by us

We hope that we will not have to make any change to your holiday but, because our holidays are planned many months in advance, we sometimes do need to make minor changes. We reserve the right to do this at any time. We will let you or your booking agent know about any important changes as soon as possible, including the minimum number of passengers required on the trip. If after booking, and before departure, we make a major change to your holiday, you will have the option of withdrawing from the holiday without penalty or transferring to another holiday without any charge. In either case, we will pay you compensation, according to the scale set below. A major change includes the time of your departure or return time by more than 12 hours, a change in departure point, location of resort or type of hotel, a change in cross channel travel, or specification of the coach. If we tell you about any of these changes after we have confirmed your holiday booking (other than force majeure), you may either:

- accept the new arrangements offered by us; or
- accept a replacement holiday from us of equivalent or similar standard and price (at the date of the change), if we can offer you one; or
- cancel your holiday with us and receive a full refund of all monies.

Either way, we will pay you compensation, using the Compensation table shown below:

Period before departure within which significant change is notified to you or your travel agent	Compensation Per Person
More than 42 days	Nil
42 - 29 days	£10.00
28 - 15 days	£15.00
14 - 8 days	£20.00
7 - 0 days	£25.00

**IMPORTANT NOTE** Compensation will not be payable if the holiday is cancelled because the number of persons booked is less than the number required, or for events beyond our control, which include: war, threat of war, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activity and its consequences, industrial disputes, natural and nuclear disasters, fire, epidemics, health risks and pandemics, unavoidable and unforeseeable technical problems with transport for reasons beyond our control or that of our suppliers; hurricanes and other actual or potential severe weather conditions and any other similar events. You are also advised to check with The Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice Unit regularly at [www.fco.gov.uk/travel](http://www.fco.gov.uk/travel) prior to travel.

All holidays operate if the minimum number of participants is met. However, in no case will we cancel your holiday less than 4 weeks before the scheduled departure date, except where you have failed to pay the final balance or because of force majeure (force majeure means an event which we or the suppliers of the services in question could not foresee or avoid and is therefore beyond our control).

## 9. Our responsibility to you

We accept responsibility for ensuring the holiday which you book with us is supplied as described in our publicity material and the services offered reach a reasonable standard and if you are in difficulty we will assist you. If any part of our holiday contract is not provided as promised, you may terminate the contract without paying a termination fee and we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected your enjoyment of your holiday. We will however, not be liable if there are any unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of a third party not connected with our travel services, or there were unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances, or the lack of conformity is due to a traveller in the party. We accept responsibility for the acts and/or omissions of our employees, agents and suppliers except where they lead to death, injury or illness. Our liability in all cases shall be limited to a maximum of twice the value of the original holiday cost (not including insurance premiums and amendment charges). We accept responsibility for death, injury, or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents together with our suppliers and sub-contractors, servants and/or agents of the same whilst acting within the scope of, or during their employment in the provision of your holiday. We will accordingly pay to our clients such damages as might have been awarded in such circumstances under Northern Ireland Law. In respect of carriage by air, sea, tunnel and rail and the provision of accommodation our liability in all cases will be limited in the manner provided by the relevant international convention.

If we make any payment to you or any member of your party for death or personal injury or illness, you will be asked to assign to us or our insurers the rights you may have to act against the person or organisation responsible for causing the death, personal injury or illness. This clause does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter for excursions or activities during or outside of your holiday. If you or any member of your party suffers death, illness or injury whilst overseas arising out of an activity which does

NOT form part of your holiday, we may offer guidance and where legal action is contemplated and you want our assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to any proceedings. (We limit the cost of our assistance to you or your party to £5,000 per party). In the cases of, Gleneagle and Maritime Hotel, and The Royal Hotel, Bray, and where noted, Ulsterbus Tours are agents of the respective tour supplier. In all other products offered herein, Ulsterbus Tours are the principal operator.

## 10. If you have a complaint

If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative immediately who will endeavour to put things right.

If they are unable to resolve the matter to your satisfaction you must notify us in writing within 14 days after the end of the tour. Please address your letter to The Manager, Ulsterbus Tours, The Travel Centre, Europa Buscentre, Belfast, BT12 5AH and give the tour title and departure date. If you do not tell us at the earliest opportunity about a problem giving rise to your complaint we cannot take steps to investigate and rectify it.

It is therefore a condition of this contract that you communicate any problem to the supplier of the services in question AND to our representative whilst in resort and obtain a written report form. If you fail to follow this simple procedure, we cannot accept responsibility as we have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify the problem. Should you wish to pursue the complaint further, the BCH/CPT has an Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme and full details are available from them. Please contact them at, The Confederation of Passenger Transport UK, Fifth Floor South, Chancery House, 53 - 64 Chancery lane, London WC2A 1 QS.

## 11. Our Coaches

We will always use our reasonable endeavours to provide a coach to the specification in our brochure or advert, but reserve the right to substitute an alternative vehicle should there be unforeseen circumstances. There is a seating plan but in some cases, operational reasons may require a coach with a different configuration. We reserve the right to alter a coach seating plan and allocate seats other than those booked. Single passengers will be required to share a double seat with other single passengers. When your booking is confirmed, you will be offered the best seats that are available at that time. If you feel that you require two seats, then these must be booked and paid for in advance, at the time of booking. If you fail to do this and it transpires that the seat allocated to you is insufficient for your needs and there is no alternative seating available then you will be refused access to the coach and any payments made will be liable to forfeiture.

Specific seats will not be allocated on coaches which operate on feeder services between joining points and main package departure points, on coaches which carry out transfers to and from seaports or on Goldline or Cross Channel Services.

## 12. Hotel facilities/Accommodation

Some hotel facilities and entertainment may be withdrawn for routine maintenance or be subject to seasonal availability and provision of the facilities cannot be guaranteed. Single occupancy of rooms may be subject to a supplementary charge.

Hotel accommodation varies across our programme and among the geographical areas which we cover. We use hotels ranging from 4 stars to small independent hotels. Customers' attention is drawn to the star ratings clearly marked beside each one, as these are the most widely recognised indicator of accommodation standards.

## 13. Health and Safety

In some foreign countries, standards of infrastructure, safety and hygiene may be lower than those to which we are accustomed in the UK. You should therefore exercise greater care for your own protection. There may be countries that we visit that have special medical requirements for tourists. These regulations are subject to change and our clients are responsible for complying with entry and current health requirements. If you are not sure of the health requirements for the country you are visiting, you are advised to check with your own GP before travelling. You are also advised to refer to the Department of Health leaflet "Health Advice for Travellers". Some people may be at risk from discomfort or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) if they remain immobile on a journey for a long period. If you are planning to undertake a journey of more than three hours, you should consult your doctor, if you have ever had DVT, pulmonary embolism, a family history of clotting conditions, cancer or treatment for cancer, stroke, and heart or lung disease or if you have had major surgery in the past three months.

We reserve the right to refuse any booking in the absence of a doctor's certificate confirming that you are fit to travel. Where we provide comfort stops you are encouraged to walk around. Exercise reduces any discomfort, which may be caused by periods of immobility. NO SMOKING is allowed on our coaches (including E-Cigarettes) and we do not allow pets or any other animals, although we accommodate registered assistance dogs, but not on overseas holidays.

## 14. Travel documents, itineraries, pick-up points and passports

For all Continental holidays, you will require a full 10 year British/Irish/EU Passport (machine readable) valid for a further 6 months plus one day after your holiday. We strongly recommend that you carry your passport or other photographic identification when embarking on any of our tours. If you do not hold a full British/Irish/EU Passport or you have any doubts about your status as a resident, you must check with the Embassies or Consulates of the Countries to be visited to confirm the Passport or visa requirements when you book. We cannot accept responsibility if passengers are not in possession of the correct travel documents. Details can be found on [www.dfa.ie/home](http://www.dfa.ie/home) or [www.nidirect.gov.uk/passports](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/passports).

You are responsible for ensuring you are at the correct departure point, at the correct time and with the correct documents. Ulsterbus Tours reserve the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from competent authorities both within the UK and abroad.

Excursions which are included in the cost of your booking are detailed on the brochure page and refunds will not be made for excursions not taken. Optional excursions booked and paid for in resort do not form part of your booking. Admission fees to buildings may not be included in the price of the holiday, please check.

## 15. Special Requests

All special needs and requests, if agreed, should be notified in writing and be included in the confirmation of the holiday. These cannot be guaranteed except where confirmed as part of our holiday commitment to you and are detailed on your holiday booking confirmation. We are keen to ensure that we plan the arrangements for your holiday so that special needs and requests can be accommodated as far as possible. If you will need assistance, or may be unable to fully enjoy all aspects of your holiday you must tell us in advance so that we can maximise your enjoyment of the holiday. We will need to know if you will need special facilities in the hotel, taking part in the excursions or have difficulty boarding and travelling on the coach or other means of transport. Before booking your holiday, you should be sure that you and your party are both physically and mentally capable of completing the itinerary. If you need advice or further information either you or your booking agent should contact us and we will make arrangements to meet our Accessibility Manager. If you require a special diet please tell us at the time of booking, or as soon as you are medically advised, together with a copy of the diet.

## 16. Passengers with disabilities

We want everyone to enjoy our travel arrangements. We are happy to advise and assist you in choosing a suitable holiday. But, as some of the accommodation and resorts featured may not cater for even minor disabilities, it is important that, when booking, you advise us of any disability, specific need or complex need you may have and any special requirements that will make sure the holiday is suitable. If a passenger requires personal assistance (for example, assistance with feeding, dressing, toileting, mobilising) then this passenger must travel with an able-bodied companion or carer and written confirmation that such assistance will be provided for the entirety of the holiday is required at the time of booking. Coach drivers/Tour Managers are unable to provide such assistance.

### Important

You must tell us if you have an existing medical condition, disability or complex need that may affect your holiday or other group members' enjoyment of it before you book your holiday. We reserve the right to request a doctor's certificate confirming the passenger is fit to travel. If, in our reasonable opinion, your chosen holiday is not suitable for your medical condition or disability, we reserve the right to refuse your booking. You are responsible for bringing with you the proper clothing and equipment, which we

advise you about in our printed trip information. We want you to enjoy your holiday and will help you select an appropriate trip.

## 17. Passenger Behaviour

We want all our customers to have a happy and carefree holiday. You are responsible for your behaviour and hygiene and the effect it may have on others. If you or any other member of your party is abusive, disruptive or behaves in a way that could cause damage or injury to others or affect their enjoyment of their holiday or which could damage property, we have the right to terminate your contract with us and we will have no further liability or obligation to you. The coach driver/representative, ship's captain, or authorised official is entitled to refuse you boarding if in their reasonable opinion you are unacceptably under the influence of drink or drugs or you are being violent or disruptive. If you are refused boarding on the outward journey we will regard it as a cancellation by you and we will apply cancellation charges. If on your return journey, we have the right to terminate the contract with you. We also request that mobile telephones are not used on the coach.

## 18. Travel Insurance

Our tours do not include insurance in the price but a Holiday Travel Insurance Scheme is available - for details see 'Holiday Insurance'. We believe that taking out a holiday insurance policy, albeit not necessarily the policy which we offer, is a very important part of your travel plans. You may use an alternative insurer but you must advise us. The insurance should cover medical and repatriation costs, personal injury, loss of baggage and cancellation charges. If you do not have adequate insurance and require our assistance during your holiday, we reserve the right to reclaim from you any medical repatriation or other expenses which we may incur on your behalf which would otherwise have been met by insurers. You must advise us if you use an alternative insurer, the policy number and 24 hour contact number.

## 19. Luggage

One medium-sized suitcase is permitted per passenger (max size 18kg/40lb). We cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to luggage unless through our negligence. Please do not leave valuable items in your suitcase when left on the coach. Please contact us for our policy on mobility scooters.

## 20. General Data Protection Regulations

We comply with the GDPR 2018 Regulations, our data controller is the Travel Centre Manager and our data protection policy can be found at [www.ulsterbus-tours.com/Privacy-Policy](http://www.ulsterbus-tours.com/Privacy-Policy) or you can request a copy from Ulsterbus Tours, Translink Travel Centre, Europa Buscentre, Glengall Street, Belfast BT12 5AH.

## 21. Publication date and details

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# Useful Information

- Hotels range from two, three and four-star standard. Hotels are selected for a number of reasons ranging from their quality to location, particularly when selecting overnight hotels. Dinner, bed and breakfast are included unless otherwise indicated.
- On Simply Value tours menus tend to be set with no choice, and some hotels may only offer two courses - this can also be the case particularly on overnight hotels.
- Occasionally hotels will require you to select your evening meal up to 24 hours in advance. Most breakfasts, and increasingly evening meals, are buffet style - this is especially welcome on the Continent where set menus are still very much the norm and where meals are normally local, traditional and seasonal. It is quite normal for the coach party to be seated together at meal times. Individual seating can never be guaranteed.
- City/town centre hotel bedrooms will normally be more compact in size.
- See hotel directory for brief hotel descriptions on pages 94-95. For further details please check individual websites as shown. We reserve the right to change hotels when circumstances dictate. This is rare and we only accept transfers to similar or higher standard hotels.
- Coaches drive on-board all ferries.
- Overnight ferry crossings include outside cabins with a combination of side-by-side and bunk style beds. Dinner and breakfast is included.
- All tours start and finish at the Europa Buscentre, Glengall Street, Belfast. If you require an alternative pickup en-route please enquire as to availability at time of booking.
- Departure times are shown clearly in the brochure and on your tour ticket. Please consult your ticket as departure times and itineraries can be subject to change after booking.
- Check in is 20 minutes before departure.
- All tours have a single room/cabin supplement. If it is not shown on the relevant tour page, please ask our reservation staff at time of booking.
- Children under 12 years at time of travel may be offered a discount when sharing a room with two adults - subject to availability.
- Coach seat numbers are shown on your ticket. You retain the same seat throughout the tour.
- Luggage - one medium-sized suitcase is permitted per passenger (max size 18kg/40lb). Porterage is included at most hotels - not all hotels provide this service. If you need assistance just ask the driver. Small hand luggage is permitted on board, but remember that space is limited on the coach.
- An overnight bag is essential for onward ferry crossings when overnight accommodation on board a ship is involved, and also for transit hotels used on European and English tours prior to arrival at main hotel. Overnight hotels do not provide porterage.
- Valid passports are needed on all Continental tours. Please bring photo ID, preferably current passport on all tours, in case of unforeseen emergency return by air. Passports MUST BE valid for a minimum of 6 months and 1 day.
- EHIC (European Health Insurance Cards) - this allows you to get state-provided health care in all European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Switzerland at reduced costs or sometimes free of charge - this arrangement may change after Brexit. You can apply online free of charge at: [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk)
- Currency when abroad - please check currency needed for your holiday with the reservation staff.
- Brexit - We reserve the right to use third party coaches or in the event of a no-agreement Brexit, a third party operator. Tours operating outside of the UK will be subject to any agreement/non-agreement which could result in cancellation of a tour with no compensation payable.
- Visits - admission to attractions included in tour itineraries and guide fees are included in the tour price. Some guided tours may involve walking, sometimes over uneven ground or up flights of steps. Please enquire about suitability of individual tours if you have any concerns regarding personal mobility. Reservations staff will be happy to advise.
- Additional needs - we try to provide holidays that all customers can enjoy. However, if you do have a disability or additional requirements it would be helpful if you could furnish us with details at the time of booking your holiday so that full consideration can be given to the suitability of the particular tour.
- Please take advantage of all comfort stops and 'stretch your legs' to help circulation - remaining seated without walking or doing in-seat exercises may lead to discomfort.
- Complimentary travel is available within Northern Ireland by scheduled Translink train or bus service when joining or leaving a tour. Connecting services are not guaranteed and do not form part of your holiday. Please enquire at time of booking.
- All arrival/finish times of tours in Belfast are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.
- Car park discount vouchers are available on request for all tours - please ask at time of booking. Car park opens from 6am Monday to Saturday and 9am on a Sunday. For earlier entry please ring the telephone number displayed at the entrance. For up to date information and public holiday arrangements please visit [www.goparkni.co.uk](http://www.goparkni.co.uk).
- Tipping is at your discretion.
- Deposits for tours are as follows:
  - UK and Ireland: £50.00
  - Europe: £150.00
  - Cheltenham Festival: £150.00\*
- \* Upgraded ticket requests are payable at time of booking and are non-refundable.
- Ulsterbus Tours cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions and are not liable for the accuracy of information provided by third parties. For up-to-date details, please contact the Travel Centre or visit our website [www.ulsterbustours.com](http://www.ulsterbustours.com).
- This is the First Edition of the 2020 Ulsterbus Tours Coach Holidays brochure. We reserve the right to publish subsequent editions which may have price changes and/or additional tours added to the tour programme. Price modifications are not transferable between the various brochure editions.

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NB: Some coaches have a toilet at the rear. We reserve the right to use coaches with an alternative seating plan.

- All information in this brochure is correct at a time of going to print.

# Departure Calendar

## January

Donegal Winter Weekends	Friday 10 January 2020
Co. Clare - Simply Value	Monday 20 January 2020
Donegal Winter Weekends	Friday 24 January 2020

## February

Co. Galway - Simply Value	Sunday 2 February 2020
Loch Lomond - All Inclusive House Party	Friday 7 February 2020
Donegal Winter Weekends	Friday 14 February 2020
Co. Clare - Simply Value	Monday 24 February 2020

## March

Coastal Donegal - Simply Value	Sunday 1 March 2020
Westport - Simply Value	Sunday 8 March 2020
Cheltenham Festival	Monday 9 March 2020
Arrochar - Simply Value	Monday 16 March 2020
Co. Galway - Simply Value	Sunday 22 March 2020
Loch Lomond - All Inclusive House Party	Friday 27 March 2020
Coastal Donegal - Simply Value	Sunday 29 March 2020
Co. Clare - Simply Value	Monday 30 March 2020
Lake District Explorer	Monday 30 March 2020

## April

Westport - Simply Value	Sunday 5 April 2020
Gretna - Simply Value	Monday 6 April 2020
Easter in Co Cork	Saturday 11 April 2020
Co. Wexford & A Taste of Ireland	Monday 20 April 2020
Arrochar - Simply Value	Monday 20 April 2020
North by Northwest	Sunday 26 April 2020
Loch Lomond - Regal Scotland	Sunday 26 April 2020

## May

Lake District	Sunday 3 May 2020
Killaloe & Co. Clare	Monday 4 May 2020
Enniscrone - the Scenic West	Monday 4 May 2020
Stratford Upon Avon & The Cotswolds	Sunday 10 May 2020
Galway Bay & The Aran Islands	Monday 11 May 2020
Co. Wexford & A Taste of Ireland	Monday 11 May 2020
Donegal - Sheephaven Bay	Monday 11 May 2020
Yorkshire - Rail & Sail	Monday 11 May 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 11 May 2020
Westport, Co. Mayo	Sunday 17 May 2020
Co Cork - East & West	Monday 18 May 2020
Scottish Border Country	Monday 18 May 2020
Chelsea Flower Show & Gardens of Surrey	Monday 18 May 2020
Waterford - the Ancient East	Sunday 24 May 2020
Glorious Connemara	Monday 25 May 2020
Arrochar - Simply Value	Monday 25 May 2020
Caernarfon & Snowdonia	Monday 25 May 2020
Newquay	Saturday 30 May 2020
Italian Dolomites & South Tyrol	Sunday 31 May 2020

## June

Bournemouth & The Jurassic Coast	Saturday 6 June 2020
Lake District	Sunday 7 June 2020
Galway Bay & The Aran Islands	Monday 8 June 2020
Splendours of Shropshire	Monday 8 June 2020
Torquay & Devon	Sunday 14 June 2020
Killaloe & Co. Clare	Monday 15 June 2020
Co. Wexford & A Taste of Ireland	Monday 15 June 2020
Enniscrone - the Scenic West	Monday 15 June 2020
Isle of Arran	Monday 15 June 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 15 June 2020
Great Yarmouth & the "Poppy" Line	Sunday 21 June 2020
Westport, Co. Mayo	Sunday 21 June 2020
Waterford - the Ancient East	Sunday 21 June 2020
Donegal - Sheephaven Bay	Monday 22 June 2020
Harrogate & the Yorkshire Dales	Monday 22 June 2020
Hidden Midlands	Sunday 28 June 2020
Stratford Upon Avon & The Cotswolds	Sunday 28 June 2020
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	Sunday 28 June 2020
Killaloe & Co. Clare	Monday 29 June 2020
Co Cork - East & West	Monday 29 June 2020
Lake District & Aberdeenshire	Monday 29 June 2020

## July

Germany & Austrian Tyrol	Saturday 4 July 2020
Kent - Castle, Cathedral & Train	Sunday 5 July 2020
Cornwall	Sunday 5 July 2020
Lisdoonvarna	Monday 6 July 2020
Co. Mayo	Monday 6 July 2020
Co Cavan - Lakes, Castles & Garden	Monday 6 July 2020
Edinburgh, Stirling & Perth	Monday 6 July 2020
Scottish Border Country	Monday 6 July 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 6 July 2020
Herefordshire, Wye Valley & Worcester	Monday 6 July 2020
Garden Odyssey	Sunday 12 July 2020
Glorious Connemara	Monday 13 July 2020
Heart of Scotland	Sunday 12 July 2020
Torquay & Devon	Sunday 12 July 2020
Co. Wexford & A Taste of Ireland	Monday 13 July 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 13 July 2020
Black Forest - Rail & Sail	Wednesday 15 July 2020
Lake District	Sunday 19 July 2020
Waterford - the Ancient East	Sunday 19 July 2020
Loch Lomond - Regal Scotland	Sunday 19 July 2020
Galway Bay & The Aran Islands	Monday 20 July 2020
Donegal - Sheephaven Bay	Monday 20 July 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 20 July 2020
Bournemouth & The Jurassic Coast	Saturday 25 July 2020
Stratford Upon Avon & The Cotswolds	Sunday 26 July 2020
Italian Lakes & Switzerland	Sunday 26 July 2020
Lisdoonvarna	Monday 27 July 2020
Co Cork - East & West	Monday 27 July 2020
Arrochar - Simply Value	Monday 27 July 2020
Caernarfon & Snowdonia	Monday 27 July 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 27 July 2020
Splendours of Shropshire	Monday 27 July 2020



## August

Norfolk - A Royal Retreat	Saturday 1 August 2020
North by Northwest	Monday 2 August 2020
Loch Lomond - Victorian Steam Break	Monday 2 August 2020
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	Monday 2 August 2020
Co. Mayo	Tuesday 3 August 2020
Garden Odyssey	Sunday 9 August 2020
Lake District	Sunday 9 August 2020
Switzerland - Lake Geneva & The Matterhorn	Sunday 9 August 2020
Remembering The Somme	Sunday 9 August 2020
Co Cavan - Lakes, Castles & Garden	Monday 10 August 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 10 August 2020
Herefordshire, Wye Valley & Worcester	Monday 10 August 2020
Bournemouth & The Jurassic Coast	Saturday 15 August 2020
Waterford - the Ancient East	Sunday 16 August 2020
Kent - Castle, Cathedral & Train	Sunday 16 August 2020
Torquay & Devon	Sunday 16 August 2020
Galway Bay & The Aran Islands	Monday 17 August 2020
Harrogate & the Yorkshire Dales	Monday 17 August 2020
Caernarfon & Snowdonia	Monday 17 August 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 24 August 2020
Co. Wexford & A Taste of Ireland	Monday 24 August 2020
Co Cork - East & West	Monday 24 August 2020
Enniscrone - the Scenic West	Monday 24 August 2020
Arrochar - Simply Value	Monday 24 August 2020
Lake Maggiore & Austria Grand Tour	Sunday 30 August 2020
Killaloe & Co. Clare	Monday 31 August 2020
Lisdoonvarna	Monday 31 August 2020
Criccieth & Castles	Monday 31 August 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 31 August 2020

## September

Lake District & Aberdeenshire	Friday 4 September 2020
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	Sunday 6 September 2020
Co. Wexford & A Taste of Ireland	Monday 7 September 2020
Donegal - Sheephaven Bay	Monday 7 September 2020
Edinburgh, Stirling & Perth	Monday 7 September 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 7 September 2020
Great Yarmouth & the "Poppy" Line	Sunday 13 September 2020
Hidden Midlands	Sunday 13 September 2020
Kent - Castle, Cathedral & Train	Sunday 13 September 2020
Stratford-Upon-Avon & the Cotswolds	Sunday 13 September 2020
Killaloe & Co. Clare	Monday 14 September 2020
Co Cavan - Lakes, Castles & Garden	Monday 14 September 2020
Isle of Arran	Monday 14 September 2020
Blackpool & Lancashire	Monday 14 September 2020
Stratford Upon Avon & The Cotswolds	Thursday 17 September 2020
Newquay	Saturday 19 September 2020
Westport, Co. Mayo	Sunday 20 September 2020
Galway Bay & The Aran Islands	Monday 21 September 2020
Arrochar - Simply Value	Monday 21 September 2020
Yorkshire - Rail & Sail	Monday 21 September 2020
Caernarfon & Snowdonia	Monday 21 September 2020
Waterford - the Ancient East	Sunday 27 September 2020
Glorious Connemara	Sunday 27 September 2020
Killaloe & Co. Clare	Monday 28 September 2020

## October

Co. Galway - Simply Value	Sunday 4 October 2020
Rhine Valley	Sunday 4 October 2020
Co. Wexford & A Taste of Ireland	Monday 5 October 2020
Lake District Explorer	Monday 5 October 2020
Westport - Simply Value	Sunday 11 October 2020
Killaloe & Co. Clare	Monday 12 October 2020
Gretna - Simply Value	Monday 12 October 2020
Coastal Donegal - Simply Value	Sunday 18 October 2020
Arrochar - Simply Value	Monday 19 October 2020
North by Northwest	Sunday 25 October 2020
Co. Clare - Simply Value	Monday 26 October 2020

## November

Co. Galway - Simply Value	Sunday 1 November 2020
Holly & Mistletoe in Gretna	Monday 2 November 2020
Blackpool "Take That Tribute" Weekend	Friday 6 November 2020
Westport - Simply Value	Sunday 8 November 2020
North by Northwest	Sunday 8 November 2020
The Somme & the Armistice	Sunday 8 November 2020
Loch Lomond - All Inclusive Turkey & Tinsel	Friday 13 November 2020
Coastal Donegal - Simply Value	Sunday 15 November 2020
Arrochar - Simply Value	Monday 16 November 2020
Co. Clare - Simply Value	Monday 23 November 2020
Drams & Dances	Monday 23 November 2020
German Christmas Markets	Thursday 26 November 2020
Knitting & Stitching Show, Harrogate	Friday 27 November 2020
Trier & Luxembourg Christmas Markets	Sunday 29 November 2020

## December

Valkenburg & Dusseldorf Christmas Markets	Thursday 3 December 2020
Loch Lomond - Michael Buble Tribute	Friday 4 December 2020
Lincoln & Birmingham Christmas Markets	Friday 4 December 2020
Yuletide in Yorkshire	Monday 7 December 2020
New Year in Donegal	Wednesday 30 December 2020



## Environmental Statement

A Coach Tour by its very nature is a more sustainable option and Ulsterbus Tours work hard to offer tours that are attractive, sustainable and good value, in order to attract passengers.

As part of our commitment to reducing paper usage and promoting sustainable environmental practices we aim to provide you with your documentation electronically.

If you have an email address please provide this at time of booking.









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