Introduction

It is our pleasure to present you with our 2019 Escorted Coach Holidays.

Since 1968, we at Ulsterbus Tours have always taken enormous pride in the fact that we put our customer’s needs first and foremost. We strive to provide you with excellent value for money tours, reliable hotel choices and ever-evolving itineraries that are designed with you, our own customers, in mind. We trust our tours include something that appeals to everyone.

Inside you will find a wide range of destinations from the Outer Hebrides to Co. Cork, and from Llandudno to Dresden. There is a makeover of all your old favourites, the return of some tours from years gone by and brand new destinations to whet your appetite. Once again we offer you the most spectacular and enchanting areas of Ireland, the UK and Europe.

Back in 2012 we introduced our Winter Warmer Tours, an ’off-season’ tour programme offering great value for money. This evolved into our Bargain Breaks series with tours across more months of the year.

For 2019 this has developed into our Simply Value range, a series of all year round tours where hotels may serve set menus, be more traditional in style but still provide excellent service, or are simply just offering a good deal! Either way these great value for money breaks will complement our more traditional tours, ensuring there is something for everyone!
Tours for every taste
Whatever your particular passion may be, we’ve probably got a tour that is right up your street. Whether it’s the ancient, weathered landscapes of the UK, the hustle of bustling cities or the highest Alpine passes, we’ll take you there. Or perhaps you prefer the drama of the Cheltenham Festival, the scented air of an exquisite flower show or the hustle and bustle of Europe’s liveliest markets. There’s a world of experience on offer with us.

Handpicked accommodation
We like to think that our hotels offer each and every Ulsterbus Tour traveller a home-from-home experience. And given that many of them are family-run establishments, it’s no surprise that this is most often the case! The point is that we have stringent accommodation standards and we handpick each hotel to make sure it meets or exceeds them in terms of service, quality and ambience.

Delivering great experiences to you

Exciting excursions
There is so much more to an Ulsterbus Tour than simply sitting in a coach. Travelling with us, you not only look at the landscape, you become part of it – whether it’s chugging through the Cairngorms on a steam train, or traversing an Italian lake by ferry. Moments like these create a frisson of excitement that stays long after the holiday is over.

Taking care of you
One of the most enjoyable aspects of taking a break with Ulsterbus Tours is that all you have to do is decide where you want to go. We take care of everything else. This means that as soon as you step on board the luxury coach to be greeted by your friendly driver, the pressure is off. No deadlines to meet, no luggage to haul, no hassle at all. Simply sit back and go with the flow.

Delivering great experiences to you

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Top Picks

Berlin & Dresden
Explore the rich cultural past of two of Central Europe’s most historic cities.

A twin-centre tour combining the immense, but unpretentious, multicultural Berlin with the 800-year-old capital of Saxony that is Dresden – a city with a skyline of spires, towers and domes with a rich cultural heritage.

Enniscrone – Best of the West
Take a journey along Ireland’s very dramatic western shore.

Snuggled into the Sligo coastline lies the seaside town of Enniscrone, a place renowned for its breathtaking coastal beauty offering a wealth of amenities for all interests. From rugged coasts to traditional rural life we enjoy the ‘Best of the West’.

Oxfordshire Splendour
A tour with luxury at its heart.

With skylines pierced with spires and domes, palace estates and idyllic meadows, Oxfordshire has a dreamlike quality offering something for everyone. There are many scenic villages, castles and parks, each with its own character and charm.

10% Discount
With early booking

Exclusions Apply: Discount excludes Cheltenham Festival, F1 British Grand Prix, tours operated by the Gleneagle Group and Royal Hotel, Bray, and tours departing prior to 31st March – not available with any other offers. Available until Sunday 13th January 2019.

Warwick Castle & Cadbury World Tour
Knights, Dungeons and Chocolate – one for all of the family!

This family-themed tour includes the medieval (but modern!) Warwick Castle – a family themed castle of jaw-dropping history, great battles, spellbinding tales and heroic knights. Cadbury World remains a firm favourite with families and here we uncover a world of chocolaty delights and fascinating themed zones.

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There’s no doubt about it: Ireland is stunning and maybe the locals are right when they claim it’s the most beautiful place in the world. Opinions differ over what you must see, but you can’t go wrong with these tours, taking in the wild unruliness of the Atlantic coastline, the savage beauty of Connemara, the verdant loveliness of Ireland’s finest gardens and the cosmopolitan vigour of Dublin and Cork. History, culture, unspoilt towns and rugged landscapes, all wrapped up in a warm, welcoming céad mile fáilte – a hundred thousand welcomes.
“There are no strangers here, only friends that you haven’t yet met.”

W.B. Yeats
Experience all the beauty Ireland has to offer with seasonal getaways in glorious Donegal. This breathtaking county promises wild landscapes blanketed in bog and heather, isolated white sandy beaches and a roughly hewn coastline. Donegal is a county that will force you to kick back, slow down and admire the view.

Let's get going

Day 1
Depart Belfast travelling via the Glenshane Pass for a leisurely drive to Ballybofey where we are greeted with a roaring fire and afternoon tea.

Day 2
We drive through Glenties and Ardara and past the Blue Stack Mountains before reaching the fishing port of Killybegs, where you might just catch a sight of the seals. The afternoon takes us to Donegal Town, home of the O’Donnell Clan and Donegal Castle, where we spend some time before returning to the hotel.

Day 3
Today we have a scenic drive through Donegal, skirting the Glenveagh National Park before arriving at Falcarragh on the Atlantic coast. Turning south we travel to Dungloe for the highlight of the day, the Daniel O’Donnell Visitor Centre which tells his story through displays, videos and exclusive memorabilia.

Day 4
After breakfast we travel through the stunning Inishowen Peninsula to Malin Head, Ireland’s most northerly point. We follow this with a guided tour of the fascinating Doagh Famine Village to learn the story of a family that lived on the edge from the 1840s.

Day 5
Enjoy a final breakfast before travelling past Lower Lough Erne to Enniskillen, where we stop for a couple of hours before returning to Belfast.

Accommodation
Hotel: Kee’s Hotel, Ballybofey ***
(4 nights D, B&B)

Donegal Delights

5 Days • March, November, December

Tour Highlights
Blue Stack Mountains • Killybegs • Falcarragh • Daniel O’Donnell Visitor Centre • Inishowen Peninsula • Malin Head • Doagh Famine Village • Enniskillen

Prices From
£259 pps

This family-run hotel in Ballybofey is our base once again in 2018. All 53 bedrooms come with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. The hotel boasts a swimming pool, gym, Jacuzzi and steam room. Entertainment is available most nights in the hotel.

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Killybegs Harbour

Malin Head, Inishowen

Killybegs Headland
Discover Donegal

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. Donegal lets you sit back, slow down, admire the view and recall a gentler pace of life – the perfect escape.

Let’s get going

Day 1
We travel directly to the Ulster American Folk Park and follow the trail of thousands of emigrants before we arrive at our hotel in late afternoon to be greeted with some tea/coffee and homemade biscuits.

Day 2
There is a scenic drive this morning as we pass through Creeslough to Dunfanaghy, overlooking Sheephaven Bay. We turn west to Falcarragh before arriving at the spectacular Glenveagh National Park, a remote and hauntingly beautiful wilderness of rugged mountains, pristine lakes and tumbling waterfalls.

Day 3
This morning we venture south to Mullaghmore Head for a coastal drive before continuing onto Drumcliffe Churchyard, where Yeats is buried, returning via Lower Lough Erne and Belleek.

Day 4
Today we visit Oakfield Park with its formal gardens and lakes, all within 100 acres of picturesque parkland and mature woodlands. We return to Ballybofey in the afternoon for some shopping, possibly McElhinney’s famous department store, or to relax in the hotel.

Day 5
After a late breakfast, we return to Belfast via the Glenshane Pass.

Accommodation
Hotel: Kee’s Hotel, Ballybofey ***
(4 nights D, B&B)

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Prices From £359 pps

5 Days • May, June, July, August

Tour Highlights
Ulster American Folk Park • Sheephaven Bay • Glenveagh National Park • Mullaghmore Head • Drumcliffe Churchyard • Lower Lough Erne • Oakfield Park
Enniscrone – Best of the West

Snuggled into the Sligo coastline lies the seaside town of Enniscrone, a place renowned for its breathtaking 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 rugged coasts to traditional rural life, we enjoy the ‘Best of the West’.

Let’s get going

Day 1
We depart Belfast, travelling west through Enniskillen and Sligo to Enniscrone.

Day 2
Our first visit today is award-winning National Museum of Country Life where you will discover the story of Irish country life between 1850 and 1950. This is followed by a visit to Hennigan’s Heritage Centre where we have a tour around this traditional rural cottage and enjoy tea with freshly baked scones.

Day 3
Further afield today and into north Connemara we have a 90-minute cruise on Killary Fjord, enjoying views of hills rising steeply from the silvery sea, with frequent shifts in light and shadow creating different colours on the peaks and valleys. We return to Enniscrone around the east side of Lough Mask.

Day 4
Today it is the beautiful town of Westport, where we have some time to explore. Our return journey takes in Mallaranny and Bangor Ferris, part of the Wild Atlantic Way.

Day 5
Our return journey home takes in Lissadell House and Gardens, with its incredible neo-Georgian house, magnificently restored gardens and specially-assembled Countess Markievicz exhibition gallery.

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

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 92 spacious bedrooms which include a hairdryer, TV, safe, and tea/coffee-making facilities with a lift to each floor.

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5 Days • April, June, September

Tour Highlights
National Museum of Country Life • Hennigan’s Heritage Centre • Killary Fjord Cruise • Westport • Lissadell House & Gardens

Prices From £379 pps
Westport, Co. Mayo

County Mayo has some of the most spectacular scenery in the west of Ireland. 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 first-hand experience of sheepdog herding.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Westport via Sligo.

Day 2
Today we travel through the breathtaking landscapes and fascinating countryside of Co. Mayo, passing Ballycroy National Park, to visit the award-winning Céide Fields Visitor Centre, located beside some of the most spectacular cliffs and rock formations in Ireland. Try the viewing platform positioned on the edge of the 110m high cliff!

Day 3
This morning we pass Croagh Patrick for a visit to Glen Keen Farm & Visitor Centre where we enjoy sheepdog herding and a light lunch. We continue to the impressive Aasleagh Falls (photo opportunity) before discovering the history of sheep farming and the local woollen industry at the Sheep and Wool Centre.

Day 4
We travel around Clew Bay today crossing to Achill Island where we follow the Atlantic Drive capturing wonderful views of steeply-sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. Near Slievemore we stop briefly at the Deserted Village, abandoned around the time of the 1840’s Famine before returning to Westport after lunchtime. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 5
We return to Belfast via Enniskillen.

Accommodation

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

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

5 Days • May, June, September

Tour Highlights
Céide Fields Visitor Centre • Croagh Patrick • Glen Keen Farm & Visitor Centre • Aasleagh Falls • Sheep & Wool Centre • Achill Island • Deserted Village

Prices From
£365 pps

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- Holiday Insurance
Connemara – Ireland’s Wild West

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. And for this special place we are giving you a choice of hotels to pick from!

Let’s get going

Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Connemara via Sligo.

Day 2
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 our hotel by mid-afternoon.

Day 3
Not too far to travel today as we first stop in the Connemara National Park which covers some 2,957 hectares of scenic mountains, bogs and woodlands. We proceed to Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Walled Garden, where we spend a few hours exploring the house and its extensive gardens.

Day 4
A bright start today as we head to Lough Corrib for a one-hour History Cruise – there are reputedly 365 islands, one for every day of the year. We spend some time in Cong, where you can visit The Quiet Man Museum, before returning to the hotel.

Day 5
We return home via Dublin.

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

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.

Hotel: Renyvle House Hotel

Renvyle House is a four-star, family owned, historic country house resort, with an award-winning restaurant. Spectacularly located on a 150-acre estate on the shores of the Atlantic, the hotel has 68 bedrooms varying in size and style but all in keeping with the features of the historic house.

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement from £80
- Holiday Insurance

Prices From £439pps
Galway Bay

The harbour city of Galway is a fascinating place to visit. Sitting where the River Corrib meets the Atlantic Ocean, at its heart is 18th-century Eyre Square, a popular spot surrounded by shops and traditional pubs with live folk music. Remnants of the medieval town walls stand between shops selling handcrafted Claddagh rings, books and musical instruments.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Galway via Enniskillen and Sligo, arriving late afternoon.

Day 2
Galway was built at the point where the Corrib River enters the ocean and it is from here that we take a return boat trip up as far as Lough Corrib. After disembarking you are free to spend the rest of the day in the city.

Day 3
Today we travel inland to visit Rathbaun Farm to see traditional farming methods, vintage farm machinery and gasp as Watching Ted, the sheepdog, rounds up the sheep! After tea and scones (included) we travel south to the Ailwee Cave for a leisurely underground tour.

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 at Strokestown Park and the Irish National Famine Museum.

Accommodation

Hotel, May and September:
Salthill Hotel ★★★★ (4 nights D, B&B)
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.

Hotel, July only:
Connemara Coast Hotel ★★★★ (4 nights D, B&B)
The hotel has 141 bedrooms of different styles all with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. There’s a swimming pool, steam room, sauna and gym. Hotel does not have a lift.

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Tour Highlights
- Corrib River Cruise
- Rathbaun Farm
- Ailwee Cave
- Connemara
- Clifden
- Kylemore Abbey
- Strokestown Park and the National Famine Museum

Prices From £479 pps
Lisdoonvarna & Aran Islands

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.

Day 2
Today we visit the beautiful town of Killaloe and take a river cruise along the mighty River Shannon. This is followed with a visit to Craggaunowen, the original award-winning prehistoric park.

Day 3
After breakfast we make the short trip to the charming seaside village of Doolin where we take the ferry to Inis Mor, home to the spectacular Dún Aengus Fort, one of the best-preserved stone forts in all of Europe.

Day 4
Our journey today is along part of the spectacular R477 coastal road, one of the ten best road trips in the world, through Fanore to Galway City, where you can explore at leisure. We arrive back at our hotel in late afternoon.

Day 5
We leave Lisdoonvarna and arrive back in Belfast around 5pm.

Accommodation
Hotel: Hydro Hotel, Lisdoonvarna (4 nights D, B&B)
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.

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement £80
- Holiday Insurance

Tour Highlights
- River Shannon Cruise
- Craggaunowen
- Aran Islands
- R477 Scenic Drive
- Galway City

Prices From £369pps
Ireland reveals one of her most stunning secrets when you visit the counties of Clare, Tipperary and Limerick. Our base, in the heart of the west coast of Co. Clare, is the popular twin heritage towns of Ballina and Killaloe. From here we combine the stunning beauty of its long, meandering coastline with unique landscapes and an historical past.

**Let’s get going**

**Day 1**
Belfast to Killaloe direct. We have a welcome tea/coffee, followed by a cookery demonstration and a table quiz after dinner.

**Day 2**
After breakfast we travel to Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum before boarding the Shannon Ferry to travel part of the Wild Atlantic Way through Doonbeg to Lahinch, with time for lunch sightseeing. Join in the Irish Night entertainment this evening.

**Day 3**
This morning we travel a little further south to explore the private Coolwater Garden, with its absolutely breathtaking Water Garden. Going further east through the Glen of Aherlow, we take in the spectacular Rock of Cashel (please note there is a steep hill up to the rock itself) before returning to Killaloe. Entertainment in hotel tonight.

**Day 4**
A shorter day as we visit King John’s Castle, a 13th century Norman castle situated in Limerick on the banks of the River Shannon. We spend some time in the city before returning to our hotel in mid-afternoon. Entertainment tonight.

**Day 5**
Time to return home.

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

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.

**Tour Highlights**
Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum • Lahinch • Coolwater Garden • Rock of Cashel • King John’s Castle

**Prices From**
£319 pps

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

**Price Excludes**
• Single Room Supplement £95
• Holiday Insurance

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Co. Cork

This new tour to the tranquil setting of Garryvoe in east Cork is designed to let you explore some of the area’s fine attractions but very much at a leisurely pace with short journeys each day. We explore the city of Cork, Jameson’s Distillery in Midleton, the historic harbour town of Cobh, formerly known as Queenstown, and enjoy some of the scenery of the Ring of Cork.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to east Cork in time for our evening meal.

Day 2
We start the day in the historic harbour town of Cobh where we visit the Queenstown Story and discover the Irish Emigration story and learn about the ill-fated Titanic. After lunchtime we make the short journey to Midleton, where we explore the heritage of the Jameson Distillery and get to sample one of Ireland’s top tipples.

Day 3
Today it is on to Cork city for a leisurely day of self exploration. Check out Shandon Church with its pepperpot steeple, St Finbarre’s Cathedral, which has three giant spires, the Cork Museum, Cork City Gaol and the famous Old English Market, a Cork landmark since 1610. We return to our hotel in late afternoon.

Day 4
Our last full day in east Cork takes us to Fota House for a guided tour of the house and the Victorian Working Garden. In the early afternoon we return to our hotel via part of the Ring of Cork enjoying wonderful views as we past Roche’s Point and Ballycotton. Why not spend some time before dinner enjoying the hotel’s excellent facilities?

Day 5
The return journey to Belfast is interrupted by 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 4**** (4 nights D, B&B)

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 which include a hairdryer, TV, WiFi, tea/coffee-making facilities and a lift. There is a Health Club with a jogging ring, swimming pool, sauna, steam room, jacuzzi, and fully-equipped gym.

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- Holiday Insurance

Prices From £449pps
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.

Let’s get going
Day 1
We depart Belfast and travel south to Waterford in time for our evening meal.

Day 2
This morning we enjoy a relaxing award-winning walking tour of Waterford to 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.

Day 3
Today we drive along the scenic Copper Coast to the pretty coastal town of Dungarvan for a ‘Meet and Greet’ before settling in for a couple of hours. In the afternoon we take a 40-minute return train journey on the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway, riding through the countryside enjoying panoramic views of the river, rolling farmland and hills of Waterford.

Day 4
Our visit today is Kilkenny, a well preserved ancient city, followed by an afternoon stop at the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience, which provides a world-class interpretation and understanding of the famine emigration.

Day 5
We return to Belfast today via Russborough House and Parklands, by Blessington Lakes, for a guided tour of the house to discover Irish architecture, art, and interior design from as far back as the 1740s.

Accommodation
Hotel: Dooley’s Hotel (4 nights D, B&B)
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.

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Co. Wexford & the Garden of Ireland

Co. Wexford is the cornerstone of Ireland’s Ancient East and pulsates with a vibrant history just waiting to be discovered. With a maritime past going back to the Vikings, it’s now a peaceful and tranquil land with sandy beaches, isolated mountain ranges and ancient sites. Enniscorthy, our base, is the second largest town in the county and enjoys a picturesque setting above the River Slaney and is renowned for its friendly atmosphere and natural beauty.

Let’s get going

Day 1
We travel south past Dublin to our hotel in Enniscorthy. After dinner there is entertainment in the hotel.

Day 2
Our first visit today is the award-winning Carlow County Museum where we have a guided tour. This is followed in the afternoon by a visit to Kilkenny Castle and Gardens, which dominate the ‘High Town’ of the city. Entertainment tonight.

Day 3
It’s the Garden of Ireland today as we explore Powerscourt with its charming walled garden, striking terrace and carefully designed walkways. Next is the ancient monastic site at Glendalough, where the extraordinary relics include a vast, roofless cathedral and the famous Round Tower. In the hotel tonight we have the Celtic Roots Riverdance Show (this may take place in local hall).

Day 4
Today we visit the Hook Head Lighthouse and Heritage Centre, where we enjoy a guided tour of the oldest operational lighthouse in the world. We spend the afternoon in Wexford, the cornerstone of Ireland’s Ancient East. Live music tonight.

Day 5
We return to Belfast but break our journey at the Kildare Outlet Village.

Accommodation
Hotel: Treacys Hotel, Enniscorthy ***
(4 nights D, B&B)

Our hotel is perfectly located in the bustling town of Enniscorthy and offers 60 bedrooms all with LCD televisions, air-con, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities, safe and free WiFi.

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- Single Room Supplement £75
- Holiday Insurance

Prices From
£305 pps

5 Days • April, May, June, July, August, September, October

Tour Highlights
Carlow County Museum • Kilkenny Castle & Gardens • Powerscourt Gardens • Glendalough • Celtic Roots Riverdance Show • Hook Head Lighthouse and Heritage Centre • Wexford • Kildare Outlet Village
Co. Monaghan & Dublin

Co. Monaghan is one of Ireland’s hidden gems, notable for its lakes, undulating hills, quaint farmhouses and busy market towns. The scenery and historical resources, of which we visit the more well-known ones, make the county a popular spot for many people. On this new tour we combine it with a day in Dublin at one of the capital’s newest ‘must-see’ attractions.

Let’s get going

Day 1
We leave the Europa Buscentre and travel via Killyleagh and Downpatrick to Newcastle where we stop over lunchtime. Proceeding through Hilltown we enjoy the magnificent views of the Mournes, weather permitting of course!

Day 2
After a leisurely breakfast we make the short trip to the Carrickmacross Workhouse, one of only a few of the 130 built throughout Ireland that is still open for access. This is followed by a guided tour of historic Slane Castle, where we learn about the Conyngham Family, the history of the building and the concerts!

Day 3
Shortly after breakfast we head directly to the European award-winning EPIC Museum in Dublin, the world’s only fully digital museum telling the unforgettable story of Irish emigration. You will have the remainder of the afternoon free to explore Dublin before returning to our hotel.

Day 4
We spend the morning at the Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre learning about the history of the battle of the two kings. The afternoon is spent in Drogheda, where you could visit the St Oliver Plunkett Shrine or Magdalene Tower.

Day 5
Before returning to Belfast we journey north to the National Trust’s The Argory, a neo-classical mansion on a wooded riverside estate close to Moy, for a tour of the house.

Accommodation
Hotel: Treacys Hotel, Carrickmacross 4*** (4 nights D, B&B)

This family-owned hotel is set in a rural location and is one of the most modern hotels in Co. Monaghan, providing an ideal base for us to explore from. It boasts 50 newly renovated bedrooms which all offer a TV, WiFi, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities.

5 days • July, August, September

Tour Highlights
Carrickmacross Workhouse • Slane Castle • EPIC, The Irish Emigration Museum • Dublin City Centre • Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre • Drogheda • The Argory

Prices From
£369 pps

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West of Ireland Gardens

There are some fascinating gardens in the west of Ireland. Even non-gardeners will find something of interest, such as the gardens at old castles. This tour takes you on a journey of gardening exploration and discovery, as we travel east to west across Ireland. You will be amazed at the diversity of characteristics, features and settings we uncover.

Let’s get going

Day 1
On leaving Belfast we travel to Airfield Estate for a guided tour of the gardens. We continue our journey to Athenry and our hotel for the next three nights.

Day 2
Its off to Connemara for a day at Kylemore Abbey where we have guided tours of both the house and the six-acre Victorian Walled Garden, with its delightfully restored garden buildings. Discover woodland and lakeshore walks that will take you on a beautiful journey through the 1,000-acre estate.

Day 3
We cross into Co. Clare and visit The Burren, and the Visitor Centre, where you can explore the flora, fauna and geology of the area. Before returning to our hotel, we visit the nature reserve of Coole Park and explore its 4.5 acres of Walled Garden whose high walls allow the growing of more delicate plants – look out for the Autograph Tree!

Day 4
We leave Athenry and visit the Strokestown Park House Gardens, where the six-acre walled garden gives an insight into horticultural design and architecture from the 1740s to the present day. We return direct to Belfast.

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

The four-star Raheen Woods Hotel in the medieval town of Athenry, has 50 bedrooms each with satellite TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. There is an indoor swimming pool, sauna and gym.

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- Holiday Insurance

4 Days • August

Tour Highlights
Airfield Estate • Kylemore Abbey • The Burren • Coole Park • Strokestown Park House Gardens

Prices From
£349pps
Houses & Gardens of Co. Laois

Co. Laois is the most landlocked county in Ireland and is home to one of the oldest mountain ranges in Europe, and once the highest, the Sliabh Blooms. Co. Laois plays host to numerous gardens and houses, and with this tour we aim to give you a chance to experience some of the best. From the 18th century house and gardens at Emo Court to the more modern private Gash Garden, we hope your senses will relish this varied horticultural experience.

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.

Day 2
This morning we make the journey to Gash Gardens and enjoy a tour of many interesting and unusual plants. After some light refreshments we return for a free afternoon in Birr. Some interesting gardens to visit are at Birr Castle and Oxmantown Mall.

Day 3
A little further afield today to Emo Court for a guided tour of this neo-classical mansion. We have free time to explore its beautiful gardens before taking a guided tour of the South gardens. Courtyard and Walled garden of Castle Durrow Country House. Enjoy some tea/coffee and Castle-made biscuits!

Day 4
Our return journey home takes us to Burtown House and Gardens to discover its flower gardens, vegetable patches, parklands and woodland walks. We are expected back in Belfast at 5pm.

Accommodation
Hotel: County Arms Hotel, Birr
(3 nights D. B&B)

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

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- Single Room Supplement £60
- Holiday Insurance

Prices From £339 pps

4 Days • July, September

Tour Highlights
National Botanic Gardens • Gash Gardens • Emo Court & Gardens • Castle Durrow Country House • Burtown House & Gardens
Connemara Weekends – Pure Tranquility

**Tour Highlights**
Errismore Peninsula • Roundstone • Westport

**Prices From**
£229 pps

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 Enniskillen.

**Day 2**
Today we drive south to the Errismore Peninsula. Admire the stunning Twelve Bens Mountain Range view from the pier of Grace O'Malley castle, all before reaching the village of Roundstone at the foot of Errisbeg Mountain. We return to our hotel via the beautiful clear waters and glistening white sands of Dog's Bay Beach.

**Day 3**
Tranquility, like all good things, must come to an end. We call into Westport before returning to Belfast via Sligo.

**Accommodation**
Hotel: Renyve House Hotel ★★★★ (2 nights D, B&B)

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Easter in Waterford

**Tour Highlights**
Newbridge Silverware • Jack Burtchaell’s Walking Tour of Waterford • Kilkenny • Avoca Weavers Mill Tour

**Prices From**
£289 pps

Waterford is both a city and a county that is filled with historic sites, lush green river valleys and stunning coastline. With this relaxing Easter tour we spend some time exploring the surrounding historic cities of Waterford and Kilkenny and the popular tourist destination of the Avoca Weavers.

**Let’s get going**

**Day 1**
We depart Belfast and travel to Waterford via Newbridge Silverware in Co. Kildare.

**Day 2**
After a relaxing breakfast we participate in the award-winning Jack Burtchaell’s Walking Tour of Waterford. Back in the hotel, Easter Sunday lunch is served with the rest of the afternoon free to relax. Light dinner tonight of soup and sandwiches.

**Day 3**
After breakfast we travel north to Medieval Kilkenny, with its linear streetscape and attractive covered stepped slipways, returning to Waterford in the late afternoon.

**Day 4**
Our return journey to Belfast is interrupted by a visit to the Avoca Weavers for a guided tour of the Mill.

**Accommodation**
Hotel: Dooley’s Hotel ★★★ (3 nights D, B&B)

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- Holiday Insurance
Christmas in Donegal
4 Days • December

Prices From
£519 pps

Co. Donegal is home to some of Ireland’s most breathtaking scenery and beautiful, unspoilt beaches. The laidback pace of Donegal makes it the perfect place for a relaxing festive break.

Let’s get going
Day 1 - Christmas Eve
We travel along the M1 and through Omagh to Ballybofey. There’s a welcoming glass of mulled wine and mince pies to greet us when we arrive and a log fire blazing in the hearth. Tonight’s dinner is followed by music and Christmas carols in Harry’s Bar.

Day 2 - Christmas Day
The morning is free (there are several churches within walking distance for a Christmas service) but otherwise it’s a busy day. Hot punch is served before a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Santa calls in for a visit, there are prize competitions in the afternoon and this evening’s full buffet is followed by a quiz in Harry’s Bar.

Day 3 - St Stephen’s Day
Relax in the hotel today or if you’re feeling more energetic, take the morning coach trip through the mountains to the coast (weather permitting). Homemade soup, sandwiches and tea/coffee will be served in the afternoon. This evening’s dinner is followed by live entertainment in the bar.

Day 4
After a late breakfast, we return to Belfast via the Glenshane Pass.

Accommodation
Hotel: Dooley’s Hotel (2 nights D, B&B)

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- Holiday Insurance

Winterval – Ireland’s Christmas Capital!
3 Days • December

Tour Highlights
Jack Burtchaell’s Walking Tour of Waterford • Copper Coast • Dungarvan • Waterford Museum • Newbridge Silverware

Prices From
£189 pps

Waterford, Ireland’s oldest city, transforms into its Christmas capital! Throughout Winterval, the Viking Triangle and the retail heart of the city come alive with Christmas markets, Santa’s Kingdom, a light show and so much more for young and old alike.

Let’s get going
Day 1
We depart Belfast and travel south to Waterford in time for our evening meal.

Day 2
After breakfast we enjoy the award-winning Jack Burtchaell’s Walking Tour of Waterford before setting off on a scenic drive along the Copper Coast to the pretty coastal town of Dungarvan where we visit the Waterford Museum. We return to the hotel in late afternoon.

Day 3
We return to Belfast today via Newbridge Silverware where we stop for some Christmas retail therapy.

Accommodation
Hotel: Dooley’s Hotel (2 nights D, B&B)

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Dublin & Bray Weekend
Getaway Breaks

Weekend Breaks
2 nights B&B,
1 dinner (served on Friday night)

Enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cookies on arrival. A four-course meal is served on Friday evening. Entertainment in McGettigan’s Bar each night. 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’hote dinner in Quin’s Bistro or the food menu in McGettigan’s Bar.

Departs 11.00am Returns 5.00pm

Special Theme Weekends

Bloom in the Park
2 nights D, B&B

Bloom is Ireland’s largest gardening and 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 McGettigan’s Bar.

Departs 10.00am Returns 5.00pm

Murder Mystery Weekend
2 nights B&B, 1 dinner

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 McGettigan’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 dressed award. Theme to be confirmed.

Departs 11.00am Returns 5.00pm

Prices From
£122pps

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

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Christmas Breaks

Shopping Break

2 nights B&B, 1 dinner (served on Friday evening)

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.

Departs 11.00am Returns 5.00pm

New Year Package

3 nights D. B&B

Day 1
We arrive at the Royal Hotel and Merrill Leisure Club mid-afternoon to be greeted with a 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 dinner is served in Quin's Bistro followed by live entertainment in McGettigan's Bar.

Day 2 - New Year's Eve
Enjoy a full Irish breakfast before spending the day in Dublin (coach transfer included) then returning to the hotel in time to get ready for the night's festivities, which starts with a pre-dinner champagne reception, followed by a sumptuous gala dinner in the Powerscourt Suite where you can dance in the New Year with our live band. fancy dress optional, 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.

Departs 11.00am Returns 3.00pm

Leopardstown

Christmas Racing

3 nights B&B, 2 dinners (served on Saturday and Sunday)

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

Departs 11.00am Returns 5.00pm

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Experience
The Gleneagle

An escape to The Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney, Co. Kerry, is the perfect place to get away and enjoy a relaxing break. The county of Kerry has a coastline carved over millennia by a wild ocean, has ten of the highest peaks in the country and a vast national park containing the country’s oldest oak forests. Is it any wonder that travellers continue to return to The Gleneagle Hotel and enjoy the Experience that offers a warm welcome with true Irish hospitality and a live entertainment programme that is legendary?

We are pleased to offer you a wide range of five and six-day tours with a variety of itineraries including sightseeing tours, country music festivals and the hugely popular Christmas Craic-er and Christmas Holiday breaks. Along with the very popular Ring of Kerry and Dingle and Slea Head day trips, we are offering a day trip to Tralee as our optional day tour for 2019.

The Gleneagle welcomed its very first guest over six decades ago and has matured into one of Ireland’s leading leisure and entertainment hotels. It is renowned for its live nightly entertainment, so be prepared and don’t forget to bring your dancing shoes, no matter which break you choose!

The Gleneagle Hotel has all the facilities you could possibly wish for under the one roof. Each guestroom has complimentary WiFi and tea/coffee-making facilities. Guests also enjoy complimentary access to our leisure facilities. Other facilities include 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 on arrival, all Ulsterbus guests receive a complimentary voucher for a drink during their stay.

Additional tours may be introduced throughout the year to those listed so please contact Ulsterbus Tours for details.

Sightseeing Tours

5-day tours (4 nights)
- Luxury coach transfers from Belfast to Killarney.
- 4 nights bed and breakfast.
- 4 dinners followed by live nightly entertainment.
- Welcome drinks voucher on arrival.
- Ring of Kerry Tour including many photo opportunity stops.
- Dingle and 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 the Star Wars set.
- Optional tour to Tralee (Price €15pp) – enjoy time to wander around Tralee for some shopping and a visit to Ballyseedy Home & Garden Centre. Alternatively enjoy free time around Killarney town to shop or visit Killarney’s many coffee shops and restaurants.

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.

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

Prices From £245pps

Christmas Craic-er Breaks at The Gleneagle

5-day tours (4 nights)
- Luxury coach transfers from Belfast to Killarney.
- 4 nights bed and breakfast.
- 4 dinners including a Gala Christmas Banquet evening which begins with a mulled wine reception. (Don’t forget to bring your festive attire to celebrate our Gala Banquet in style!)
- Live, festive 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.
- Trip to Tralee including a stop at Ballyseedy Home & Garden Centre for refreshments. Afternoon singalong on one evening.

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 also includes an optional trip to Dingle and Slea Head (£20pp).
Celebrate Christmas at The Gleneagle
5-day Tour (4 nights)

Day 1
We depart Belfast at 9am and travel south to Killarney where a welcoming hot punch reception awaits us. Once we are settled in, dinner is 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 singalong.

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 various mass services. Spend the afternoon relaxing and enjoying an afternoon singalong. Christmas Day Dinner is served complete with all the trimmings, followed by an evening of entertainment complemented by servings of mulled wine and mince pies.

Day 4: St Stephen’s Day
Begin the day with a hearty breakfast in The Flesk Restaurant. Take an optional day trip around the Ring of Kerry (£20pp supplement), simply relax at the hotel or take a stroll around the National Park. Dinner will be followed by live entertainment.

Day 5
Bid a fond farewell to everyone at The Gleneagle before returning to Belfast.

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All Tours
Depart 9.30am Return 5.00pm
Single Room Supplement £20 per night

Call 028 9033 7004 • Book online ulsterbustours.com • Visit the Translink Travel Centre
The Maritime

5 Days • February – December
Prices From
£245 pps

It’s no wonder they call West Cork ‘A Place Apart’. Nature sets the pace in this beautiful south-west corner of Ireland – stretching from smart south-coast Kinsale to three rugged westerly peninsulas reaching into the wild Atlantic. You’ll find more open spaces, scenery and tranquility than it is possible to take in one visit! The base for this tour, The Maritime Hotel, beautifully blends all this together – world-renowned scenery, delicious food crafted from locally-sourced produce and of course the friendliest of West Cork hospitality.

The stylish Maritime Hotel, which is a member of The Gleneagle Group and so offers similar great value packages to its sister hotel The Gleneagle in Killarney, is set on Bantry Bay amid the three rugged peninsulas of Mizen Head, Sheep’s Head and Beara. The hotel offers contemporary accommodation with luxurious bedrooms, featuring one and two bedroom suites offering many of the comforts of home in this beautiful part of Ireland.

The hotel’s location allows for exceptional day trips around the dramatic Beara Peninsula and to nearby Skibbereen taking in both Schull and Mizen Head. Also included in this year’s itinerary is an optional day trip to Cork City – one of the most spectacular views in Ireland, before returning to our hotel for dinner.

Day 1
Travel directly from Belfast to Bantry with comfort stops along the way. Enjoy dinner in the Ocean Restaurant this evening.

Day 2
Today we explore the Beara Peninsula, taking in the mountainous Healy Pass – one of the most spectacular views in Ireland, before returning to our hotel for dinner.

Day 3
Today we visit Skibbereen, Schull and Mizen Head (Ireland’s most south-westerly point). We return to The Maritime for dinner which is followed by live entertainment.

Day 4
Relax in the hotel, explore Bantry town or, avail of the optional day trip to Cork City. Enjoy free time to wander around Cork City, take in some shopping and enjoy the many coffee shops and restaurants Cork has to offer (optional: £15pp).

Day 5
Five-day tours retrace their outward journey arriving back in Belfast around 5pm.

Entertainment will be on at least two of the nights of your stay in The Maritime Bar.

The Maritime Hotel offers luxurious four-star accommodation, many rooms boast spectacular views across Bantry Bay, with complimentary WiFi and tea/coffee-making facilities. Guests also have complimentary use of Club Maritime which includes a 19m pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and hydro-pool facilities. Other onsite facilities include You Time Spa which offers a range of facials and massages.

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All Tours
Depart 9.00am  Return 5.00pm
Single Room Supplement £20 per night
RAILBREAKS NIR Travel
Dublin & Irish Citybreaks

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At 2,795 miles, England’s coastline is one of the longest in Europe and on these tours you’ll have the chance to explore a good part of it, savouring numerous seaside delights along the way. Inland, there are the towering peaks and deep, still waters of the Lake District; quintessentially English villages of the Cotswolds and Yorkshire’s vast, intriguing Dales. A short hop across the border takes us into Wales, with mountains and beaches, castles and culture at every turn in the road. Plus a warm welcome from the Welsh people that will long remain in your memory.

“If we were meant to stay in one place we’d have roots instead of feet...”

Rachel Wolchin
The Lake District is an area of outstanding natural beauty and has been awarded UNESCO World Heritage Status. You’ll soon discover why, as we travel through its wild and unspoilt landscape. Our tour includes a cruise on Ullswater, a narrow gauge train journey through the South Tyne Valley and two new historic houses with their impressive gardens. And of course we can’t forget about the spectacular Kirkstone Pass!

Let’s get going

Day 1
We leave Belfast and travel to Keswick via the mid-morning P&O ferry from Larne.

Day 2
We cross onto the North Pennines this morning for a narrow gauge railway journey through the South Tyne Valley, enjoying lovely scenery and varied wildlife. This is followed with a guided tour of Dalemain House and Gardens, a beautiful Georgian façade of dressed pink stone with five acres of landscaped gardens and parkland.

Day 3
After a relaxing breakfast this morning we travel to Pooley Bridge where we board the Ullswater Steamer for a wonderful hour long cruise, taking in the stunning scenery of the surrounding mountains and clear waters. We follow this with a visit to our second historic house, Lowther Castle and Gardens, once abandoned but now an award-winning attraction.

Day 4
It’s market day in Keswick. In the afternoon we take a drive through the very scenic Kirkstone Pass before stopping in the vibrant town of Ambleside.

Day 5
We’re homeward bound – Keswick to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Hotel: Skiddaw Hotel, Keswick 三星（4 nights D. B&B）
The Skiddaw Hotel in Keswick town square is a family-run hotel combining traditional decor with modern facilities and efficient service. There is a restaurant, lounge bar and all 43 bedrooms are equipped with WiFi, TV, direct dial telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities.

5 Days • April, May, July, August

Tour Highlights
South Tynedale Railway • Dalemain House and Gardens • Ullswater Steamer • Lowther Castle & Gardens

Prices From
£465pps

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• Holiday Insurance

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Northumbria & the Lake District

Northumberland is a magical place filled with ancient castles, hidden gardens, rolling hills, sweeping views and a cultural heritage all of its own. Combined with the outstanding Lake District, this tour takes in some of the best scenery and attractions in the north of England.

Let’s get going

Day 1
We leave Belfast and travel to Durham via the mid-morning P&O ferry from Larne.

Day 2
After breakfast we have a guided walking tour of the city followed by free time to explore at will. Both the famous cathedral, which dominates the skyline, and Crook Hall Garden are well worth a visit.

Day 3
A morning visit to Beamish: the Living Museum of the North. The world famous open air museum tells the story of the north east of England in the Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian periods. In the afternoon we spend a little time in Newcastle, full of friendly people, great shopping and, of course, the famous bridges over the Tyne.

Day 4
As we leave Durham towards the Lake District we make a stop at Raby Castle, one of the finest and best-preserved medieval castles in North East England, for a guided tour of the house and then to visit its picturesque walled garden. After lunchtime we complete our journey in Keswick.

Day 5
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 hour long cruise. Our coach meets us at Glenridding where we continue our journey with a drive over the Kirkstone Pass to Bowness-on-Windermere.

Day 6
We are off to the Western Lakes today as we explore the house and gardens of Muncaster Castle, take in a Bird of Prey Show and get lost in the Meadowvole Maze!

Day 7
Time to return home.

7 Days • June, September

Tour Highlights
Durham City Tour • Beamish • Newcastle-upon-Tyne • Raby Castle • Ullswater Steamer • Kirkstone Pass • Muncaster Castle & Gardens

Prices From
£699pps

Accommodation
Hotel days 1 – 3: Durham Marriott, Durham ★★★★★ (3 nights D, B&B)

This historical hotel is in the city centre and blends traditional sophistication with contemporary convenience. The bedrooms offer stylish decor and state-of-the-art technology, equipped with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is a leisure centre with indoor pool, sauna and fully equipped gym.

Hotel days 4 – 6: Skiddaw Hotel, Keswick ★★★ (3 nights D, B&B)

Situated in Keswick town square, this family-run hotel combines traditional décor with modern facilities and efficient service. There is a restaurant and bar. All 43 bedrooms come with WiFi, TV, direct dial telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

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Affectionately known as ‘God’s Country’ by locals, Yorkshire offers stunning scenery, cities steeped in industrial heritage, and charming market towns. The county is brimming with historic castles and houses and on this tour we visit two of them, Ripley Castle and Harewood House. There are many markets and we have chosen the award-winning Skipton as our destination with the bonus of an hour long canal cruise. We round off the tour we a drive through the beautiful North Yorkshire Moors.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Harrogate via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Day 2
We spend the morning in Ripley Castle where we have a guided tour of the house. This 700-year-old castle has magnificent grounds, lakes, deer park, walled gardens, hothouses and a kitchen garden. After lunchtime we return to Harrogate to enjoy a leisurely afternoon.

Day 3
Turning south today we visit Harewood House, one of the Treasure Houses of England. Take time to explore the State Rooms, Below Stairs, Terrace Gallery, Gardens, Bird Garden and Grounds.

Day 4
It is market day in the delightful market town of Skipton. 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.

Day 5
We return home via the North Yorkshire Moors on the evening Stena Line sailing to Belfast.

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

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.

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Price Excludes
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- Holiday Insurance

Prices From £439pps
Emmerdale, ‘Victoria’ & Harrogate

Yorkshire has had its fair share of television and film locations over the years. Emmerdale still remains one of the nation’s favourites and we once again take in ‘Beckindale’, the original ‘Woolpack’, ‘Hotton’, and the Emmerdale Studio Experience where we discover some behind-the-scenes secrets. The newest addition is ‘Victoria’ where we explore Prince Albert’s ‘home’ at Allerton Castle. Our base once again is Harrogate, home to elegant Georgian and Victorian architecture, beautiful parks and handsome tree-lined boulevards.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Harrogate via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Day 2
Today, on our guided tour of Emmerdale Country, we travel to Esholt, formally Emmerdale’s ‘Beckindale’, enjoy a visit to the original ‘Woolpack’ and finish with a stop in Otley, known as ‘Hotton’ in Emmerdale.

Day 3
This morning we visit Allerton Castle, the backdrop of Prince Albert’s home in ITV drama ‘Victoria’. We have a tour of the splendid house and gardens, and finish with tea and biscuits. We are back in Harrogate for an afternoon of leisure – why not visit the Royal Pump Rooms Museum, Mercer Art Gallery or have a cuppa at Betty’s Tea Room?

Day 4
In Leeds, we visit the Emmerdale Studio Experience for a guided tour of the interactive exact set reconstructions. You may even get to ‘pull a pint’ in the Woolpack Bar. After some free time in Leeds, we return to Harrogate for dinner.

Day 5
Time to return home as we catch the evening Stena Line sailing from Cairnryan to Belfast.

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

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.

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- Single Room Supplement £65
- Holiday Insurance

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The city of Chester, on the River Dee, is encircled by a two-mile Roman wall. Within the walls there is a wonderful variety of buildings reflecting its long history: buildings ranging from the popular black and white ‘Rows’ of shops, largely a Victorian restoration, back through time to the largest open amphitheatre in the UK, located beside the river.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Chester via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Day 2
After a leisurely breakfast we meet our local guide for an introductory coach tour of the city. The rest of the day afternoon is left free for you to explore at your own pace.

Day 3
A full day excursion around north-east Wales stopping firstly in Llangollen, renowned for its surrounding hills and the River Dee, before continuing via Denbigh to the tiny city of St Asaph, which has the smallest ancient cathedral in England and Wales.

Day 4
First stop today is the National Waterways Museum, with its delightful waterside setting, flotillas of historic boats and fascinating displays housed in fine Victorian buildings. Next it’s the Norton Priory Museum and Gardens, a fascinating combination of historical, archaeological and natural beauty.

Day 5
Time to return home via the afternoon Stena Line sailing from Holyhead to Dublin.

Accommodation
Hotel: Hallmark Hotel Chester The Queen ★★★★ (4 nights D, B&B)

The hotel enjoys a marvellous location in the centre of the city and boasts ‘regal’ public areas, spectacular staircases, a courtyard garden, charming bars and lounges and over 220 fine bedrooms with all the mod-cons you would expect.

5 Days • May, June, July, August

Tour Highlights
Guided tour of Chester • Llangollen • St Asaph • National Waterways Museum • Norton Priory Museum & Gardens

Prices From
£435 pps

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- Holiday Insurance
Wye Valley & Shropshire Hills

On this tour we cover parts of two of England’s Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The River Wye winds down the Wye Valley through spectacular limestone gorge scenery and dense ravine woodlands. Superb wildlife, intriguing archaeological and industrial remains and impressive geological features all make it so fascinating. The stunning scenery of the Shropshire Hills includes the craggy Stiperstones and Wrekin, Wenlock Edge and the Clee Hills, the wide open spaces and hidden valleys of the Long Mynd, and peaceful river valleys such as the Clun and the Onny.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Stourport-on-Severn via Cairnryan.

Day 2
This morning we enjoy a scenic drive to the historic market town of Ross-on-Wye before continuing south through the beautiful Wye Valley. We cross into Wales and stop at the spectacular remains of Tintern Abbey. We return directly back to our hotel.

Day 3
Today we take a short trip to Bewdley for a scenic journey on the Severn Valley Railway which meanders through the Shropshire countryside to the market town of Bridgnorth. We follow this with a guided tour of RAF Museum Cosford, an enthralling museum which is not just for aviation enthusiasts.

Day 4
It’s the Shropshire Hills today as we head through Much Wenlock towards Shrewsbury before turning south and into the hills to Bishops Gate, where in the medieval centre you will find many crafts and independent shops, plus the oldest working brewery in Britain. We continue our scenic drive through the hills to Clun before turning east to Ludlow where we spend some time. There are nearly 500 listed buildings to find!

Day 5
We return to Belfast via Holyhead and Dublin with Stena Line.

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

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 lounge, bar and the superb Waves Health and Leisure Club with an indoor swimming pool, fully equipped gym, sauna and steam room.

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- Holiday Insurance

Wye Valley
Tintern Abbey
The Cotswolds -
Castle & Gardens

The Cotswolds covers an area of 800 square miles and runs through five counties. One of the delights of visiting the Cotswolds is exploring the different areas, each with its own identity, yet all with those defining Cotswold features: golden stone and rolling hills, the ‘wolds’. Quintessentially English villages of honey-coloured stone, lively market towns, some of the country’s greatest castles and country houses, all play their part in making the Cotswolds a must-see destination.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Stratford-upon-Avon via Cairnryan with Stena Line. We have a welcome tea/coffee on arrival.

Day 2
Take time to relax and explore Stratford at your own pace. There is the famous Henley Street filled with shops, restaurants and of course Shakespeare’s birthplace or just stroll through the quaint side streets with their unique shops – there is something for everyone here.

Day 3
This morning we explore the towns and villages of the northern Cotswolds. Our first stop is the delightful Bourton-on-the-Water, after which we continue to the market town of Stow-on-the-Wold, highest of the Cotswold towns. Next we spend the afternoon at Hidcote Manor Garden, famous for its rare trees and shrubs, herbaceous borders and unusual plants from all over the world.

Day 4
We have a day at Sudeley Castle and Gardens, the only private castle in England with a queen buried in its grounds! There are ten award-winning gardens to explore as well as the castle rooms and exhibits containing many fascinating treasures, from ancient Roman times to the present day. We return to our hotel via the stunning little town of Broadway.

Day 5
We return to Belfast via the Stena Line sailing from Cairnryan.

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

The hotel is set in the heart of Stratford and is the ideal base for exploring the Cotswolds. 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.

5 Days • May, July, August, September

Tour Highlights
Bourton-on-the-Water • Stow-on-the-Wold • Hidcote Manor Garden • Sudeley Castle & Gardens • Broadway

Prices From
£449 pps

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Oxfordshire Splendour

With skylines pierced with spires and domes, palace estates and idyllic meadows, Oxfordshire has a dreamlike quality offering something for everyone. There are many scenic villages, castles and parks, each has its own character and charm. With so many to visit we have brought you a selection from the very grand Blenheim Palace to the more modest, but equally interesting, Sulgrave Manor.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Oxfordshire via Cairnryan with Stena Line. We have a welcome tea/coffee on arrival.

Day 2
It is Blenheim Palace today, a masterpiece of Baroque architecture providing an awe-inspiring experience with gilded State Rooms and priceless collections. There are two gardens, a maze and butterfly house – truly one of England’s most spectacular stately homes.

Day 3
Today we visit the ‘City of the Dreaming Spires’ – Oxford. The city has over 1,000 years of history and has been the inspiration for Morris Cars, Oxford Bags and the oldest university in Britain.

Day 4
Our first stop is Broughton Castle and Gardens, a moated and fortified manor house set in parkland. The Ladies Garden is particularly beautiful in summer, boasting a variety of roses and borders stocked with perennials and shrubs. Second visit is Sulgrave Manor and Garden, a modest Tudor and Georgian house with a wonderful collection of 16th century furniture and a fine example of a formal English-style garden.

Day 5
We have an early breakfast as we begin our homeward journey through Holyhead to Belfast.

Tour Highlights
Blenheim Palace • Oxford • Broughton Castle & Gardens • Sulgrave Manor & Garden

Prices From
£599 pps

Accommodation
Hotel: Best Western Plus Wroxton House, Wroxton **** (4 nights D, B&B)

Set in the beautiful honey-stoned thatched village of Wroxton, this privately owned award-winning hotel offers both eloquence and tranquility. All 32 rooms are simple, luxurious and welcoming with a choice of traditional in the original part of the house and contemporary in the new wing. All the bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities, mineral water and WiFi. Bedrooms come in different sizes, some with low ceilings, which reflect the historical nature of the building.

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- Holiday Insurance

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Newquay & Coastal Cornwall

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.

Please note: this is an adults only tour.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to our overnight hotel in the English Midlands.

Day 2
We travel direct to our hotel for the next five nights in Newquay.

Day 3
Enjoy a free day to explore the beautiful beaches, cliff-top views and seafront shops that Newquay has to offer.

Day 4
We cross Cornwall today with a visit to the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth, a place to enrich your understanding of the sea, and Cornwall. On our return journey we stop off in Truro, make sure you visit the stunning Gothic Revival Cathedral.

Day 5
After breakfast, we will make our way to the charming fishing port of Padstow, the perfect destination for food-lovers due to its selection of restaurants owned by celebrity chefs such as Rick Stein and Paul Ainsworth.

Day 6
There is a leisurely journey south to Land’s End, Britain’s most south-westerly point. Take in the awe-inspiring views from the First and Last Point or take a stroll along the paths above cliffs carved out by the Atlantic Ocean. We then travel to St Ives, with free time to lose yourself in the maze of narrow, cobbled streets and alleyways, and travel down to explore the harbour beach.

Day 7
On leaving Newquay we travel through Bodmin Moor, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to our last hotel.

Day 8
Telford to Belfast via Holyhead and Dublin with Stena Line.

Accommodation

Overnight hotel day 1, May only:
Novotel, Wolverhampton (1 night, D, B&B)

Overnight hotel day 1, June, Aug, Sept:
Jury’s Inn, Hinckley (1 night, D, B&B)

Hotel days 2 – 6, June only: Fistral Beach Hotel & Spa, Newquay (5 nights, D, B&B)

This contemporary beachfront hotel offers jaw-dropping ocean views and boasts 71 comfortable rooms each with a TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. There is a vitality pool, sauna and spa.

Hotel days 2 – 6, May, Aug, Sep:
Esplanade Hotel, Newquay (5 nights, D, B&B)

Perfectly situated opposite Fistral Beach with outstanding views of the Bay, the hotel has 90 stylishly decorated bedrooms equipped with hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee-making facilities.

Overnight hotel day 7: Park Inn by Radisson, Telford (1 night, D, B&B)

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Price Excludes

- Single Room Supplement From £40
- Holiday Insurance

Prices From

£699 pps
Cornwall

Cornwall is famous for its seafaring history, spectacular sandy beaches, gorgeous gardens, dramatic coastline and captivating fishing harbours. The popular fishing town of Looe is a truly delightful and picturesque place from which to base ourselves to explore this fascinating region. We take in some examples of this with visits to Pinetum Gardens, Charlestown Shipwreck Centre and the Polperro Heritage Coast.

Let's get going

Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Hinckley via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Day 2
We continue south through Somerset and Devon into Cornwall and on to our hotel in Looe.

Day 3
After two days of travelling we have a free day for you to get to know this fishing port. Here you may want to meander your way through the maze-like streets and learn the town's maritime history.

Day 4
This morning we visit Pinetum Gardens in St Austell where you will find over 6,000 plants from around the world. After lunch we dive into the Charlestown Shipwreck Centre before returning to Looe via the Polperro Heritage Coast.

Day 5
There is a longer day as we travel deep into Cornwall as far as Marazion, where we stop to admire St Michael's Mount. On the return journey we stop in the beautiful city of Truro.

Day 6
A short day excursion to the delightful old harbour town of Padstow on the Camel Estuary, a fine example of a Cornish fishing port with a colourful busy harbour surrounded by medieval houses. We return to Looe in mid afternoon.

Day 7
Leaving Portbyhan. we travel through the Dartmoor National Park and continue north to our overnight hotel.

Day 8
We leave Telford this morning and return to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

Accommodation

Overnight hotel day 1: Jurys Inn, Hinckley ★★★ (1 night, D, B&B)

Hotel days 2 – 6: The Portbyhan Hotel ★★★ (5 nights D, B&B)

This hotel is situated on the quayside and overlooks the harbour. All 44 bedrooms are equipped with a hairdryer, television, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. Most rooms have front or side views of the harbour and town. The restaurant uses seasonal local products, whenever possible, and there is a bar, sun terrace and a lift to all floors.

Overnight hotel day 7: Park Inn by Radisson, Telford ★★★ (1 night, D, B&B)

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- Single Room Supplement £140
- Holiday Insurance

Prices From

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8 Days • July

Tour Highlights

Pinetum Gardens • Charlestown Shipwreck Centre • Polperro Heritage Coast • Marazion • Truro • Padstow • Dartmoor National Park

8 Days • July

Tour Highlights

Pinetum Gardens • Charlestown Shipwreck Centre • Polperro Heritage Coast • Marazion • Truro • Padstow • Dartmoor National Park

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The English Riviera boasts miles of spectacular coastline, picturesque villages and warm weather, making it one of the UK’s top holiday destinations. Little wonder that the Victorian town of Torquay remains so popular! The waterfront is the focus of town life, with its palm-lined promenade, seafront gardens, lively harbour and international marina.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to the Midlands via the Stena Line to Cairnryan.

Day 2
After breakfast we travel to Torquay via Bath.

Day 3
Today is free to relax, unwind and get to know the hotel and resort.

Day 4
It’s the historic city of Plymouth today. We visit the Mayflower Museum, which explores the story of the voyage of the pilgrims and their journey aboard the Mayflower to the New World. The rest of the day is free in the city. We return to Torquay in late afternoon.

Day 5
This morning we travel to Dartmouth to take a circular boat trip viewing Bayard’s Cove, Kingswear and Dartmouth Castles. Sir Walter Raleigh’s Boathouse and more. After lunch we head to Totnes, a small market town with a fascinating history and culture in the heart of beautiful South Devon at the head of the Dart Estuary.

Day 6
We spend the morning in Exeter where the coach will leave you at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery. Feel free to explore this award-winning museum or the cathedral city itself. We return to Torquay after lunchtime.

Day 7
Sadly time to leave Torquay. We return north to our overnight hotel in Telford, stopping in the historic riverside town of Tewksbury on the way.

Day 8
After breakfast we leave Telford, returning to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

Accommodation

Overnight hotel day 1, May only: Novotel, Wolverhampton *** (1 night D, B&B)

Overnight hotel day 1, July and August: Jurys Inn, Hinckley *** (1 night D, B&B)

Hotel days 2 – 5: Livermead House Hotel, Torquay *** (5 nights D, B&B)

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.
Bournemouth has everything you could wish for – seven miles of glorious seafront edged with golden sands, a fabulous pier and award-winning public gardens, as well as wonderful shops, castles and museums.

Let's get going

Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Hinckley via Stena Line ferry.

Day 2
After breakfast we continue south through some of England’s most picturesque counties to our hotel in Bournemouth.

Day 3
Today you are free to relax, unwind and get to know the hotel and Bournemouth.

Day 4
We explore the New Forest, England’s smallest National Park, with a memorable visit to Beaulieu. There will be ample time to explore the Palace House and Gardens, the Abbey and, of course, the National Motor Museum.

Day 5
This morning we set off through the Dorset countryside to the historic market town of Dorchester to visit what is one of the biggest weekly markets in the county. The afternoon is spent in Weymouth, a classic Victorian resort with an impressive sweep of Georgian seafront buildings and a busy harbour.

Day 6
There is a one hour boat cruise from Poole harbour down the Jurassic coast to the traditional seaside resort of Swanage. After some free time we take the Swanage Steam Railway for a six mile journey through picturesque Purbeck to the idyllic village of Corfe Castle (NT) where we re-board our coach for the journey back to Bournemouth.

Day 7
Leaving Bournemouth, we head north to our overnight hotel in Telford.

Day 8
Shropshire to Belfast via Holyhead and Dublin.

Accommodation

Overnight hotel day 1: Jury’s Inn, Hinckley (1 night D, B&B)

Hotel days 2 – 6: Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth (5 nights D, B&B)

Situated on a hill, the Trouville Hotel is a comfortable, family-run hotel in the heart of Bournemouth, just a few minutes’ stroll from the town centre. There are 80 bedrooms each with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. The hotel also has an indoor leisure complex with heated swimming pool and sauna.

Overnight hotel day 7: Park Inn by Radisson, Telford (1 night D, B&B)

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Kent – Castles & Gardens

You’re never stuck for things to do and see in Kent. Its beautiful shoreline is dotted with idyllic sand and shingle beaches and bustling seaside resorts. And its ‘garden of England’ landscape is speckled with hop gardens and oast houses, orchards and farms, historic castles and towering cathedrals. Our tour takes us to the wonderful gardens at Penshurst Place and Hever Castle, and we enjoy a light railway journey exploring the Kent coast.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Europa Buscentre to the Midlands via Stena Line ferry from Belfast to Wolverhampton via Cairnryan.

Day 2
We make a stop in Oxford before continuing around London to our hotel in Ashford.

Day 3
Enjoy a free day to benefit from the hotel’s leisure facilities or travel into Ashford.

Day 4
Today it is Hever Castle and Gardens, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn. Due to popular demand and many requests we spend the day exploring the romantic double-moated castle and the 125 acres of glorious gardens.

Day 5
It’s off to the 14th century, and former home of Henry VIII. Penshurst Place where we have time to explore both the house and gardens. After lunch we return to Ashford via the High Weald, stopping in Rye.

Day 6
There is a short journey to Dungeness where we board the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway and enjoy a scenic coastline journey to the historic cinque port town of Hythe. Restaurants, antique dealers, small family-owned shops and old buildings are features waiting to be explored.

Day 7
We leave Ashford for a leisurely journey through the Chiltern Hills to our final hotel in Telford.

Day 8
Telford to Belfast via Holyhead and Dublin with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight hotel day 1: Novotel, Wolverhampton★★★ (1 night D, B&B)

Hotel days 2 – 6: Ashford International Hotel, Ashford★★★★ (5 nights D, B&B)

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.

Overnight hotel day 7: Park Inn by Radisson, Telford★★★ (1 night D, B&B)

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• Holiday Insurance

Prices From
£679pps
Norfolk & Suffolk

Big skies, sweeping beaches, the tranquil Norfolk Broads and miles of golden sands offer the traveller a fine and relaxed destination. Our base is Great Yarmouth and it is one of the UK’s most popular seaside resorts with a proud maritime heritage. All around the town are charming villages set in beautiful rural surroundings and we get to see these by coach, train and boat!

Let’s get going

Day 1
We leave Belfast for Nottinghamshire via Stena Line crossing to Cairnryan.

Day 2
Continuing our journey we call into King’s 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.

Day 3
Time for a rest today and for you to get to know the resort.

Day 4
This morning we enjoy a steam train journey from Aylsham on the Bure Valley Railway through the beautiful Norfolk countryside. On arrival in Wroxham, we disembark and take a leisurely stroll (or coach transfer) to Wroxham Bridge, from where we have a cruise of the Norfolk Broads. You will have time to visit the famous Roys of Wroxham – “The World’s Largest Village Store” – before we return to our hotel.

Day 5
We explore the Suffolk coast today as far as the seaside town of Southwold, an area of outstanding natural beauty, before turning inland to Bressingham Gardens, a mecca for gardeners with 17 acres of intensely planted gardens (steam train ride available at extra cost). The return journey takes us through Bungay and Gorleston-on-Sea.

Day 6
After breakfast we head west to Telford, breaking our journey with a visit to the Coventry Transport Museum to see its extensive collection.

Day 7
Our homeward journey to Belfast is via Holyhead and Dublin with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight hotel day 1: Novotel Nottingham/ Derby *** (1 night D, B&B)

Hotel days 2 – 5: The Prom Hotel, Great Yarmouth **** (4 nights D, B&B)

This beautifully maintained family-run seaside hotel is situated on the resort’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.

Overnight hotel day 6: Park Inn by Radisson, Telford *** (1 night D, B&B)

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Price Excludes
• Single Room Supplement £120
• Holiday Insurance
Yorkshire Fizz & Fayre

This Yorkshire twist on the ‘Turkey and Tinsel’ is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit. From the festive comfort of the Cairn Hotel, you can browse the stalls of the German market in Leeds, soak up the atmosphere of the traditional St Nicholas Fair in York and garb a bargain at Skipton’s award-winning outdoor market. Each evening you can enjoy the hotel’s three-course carvery dinner, followed by live entertainment.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Harrogate via Stena Line’s early morning sailing to Cairnryan. We arrive in our hotel where we enjoy a pre-prandial mulled wine drinks reception.

Day 2
After breakfast we set off for the Leeds Christkindelmarkt Traditional German Christmas Market. This is a continental-style festive shopping experience with a variety of gifts on offer including toys, jewellery, Christmas cards and unique festive decorations, and of course a range of seasonal food and delicacies.

Day 3
This morning we depart for an excursion to the lovely market town of Skipton known as the ‘Gateway to the Dales’ for market day. 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. Entertainment will follow dinner tonight.

Day 4
Today it’s the 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 return to Belfast on the evening Stena Line sailing from Cairnryan.

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

Built during Harrogate’s period as a spa town when people came from far and wide to take the waters, grand original features still welcome you to this charming Victorian hotel, located only a short walk from the centre of town. Facilities include the Windsor Restaurant, fitness room and bar and lounge. All bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors but some period features might make access difficult for people with limited mobility.

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement £65
- Holiday Insurance

Prices From £319 pps
Llandudno and The Wirral

Llandudno has retained all the charm of an elegant Victorian resort with a sweeping promenade and pier. It occupies a wonderful location on the Welsh coast, built around a natural sandy bay in the shelter of the Great Orme headland with the mountains of Snowdonia National Park as a spectacular backdrop.

Let’s get going

Day 1
We leave Belfast for the Stena Line crossing from Dublin Port to Holyhead. There is a two-course self-service dinner provided on the ferry crossing. We arrive in Llandudno at approximately 8pm (no dinner in hotel tonight).

Day 2
Our first stop today is the wonderful Bodnant Gardens, an awe-inspiring collection of plants from all over the world, with spectacular views over Snowdonia (please note some areas of the gardens have steep inclines). Afterwards we traverse the breathtaking Horseshoe Pass stopping in Llangollen before heading back towards the coast.

Day 3
The Wirral is our destination this morning as we discover Port Sunlight, built by ‘Soap King’ William Hesketh Lever in 1888 to house his factory workers. Our return journey is on the Denbighshire coastal road through Flint and Prestatyn, stopping in Rhyl, before arriving back in Llandudno.

Day 4
There is a short morning excursion to Caernarfon via the spectacular Llanberis Pass. You can spend your time exploring the town walls or even take a visit to the impressive castle or Segontium Roman Fort. We return to the hotel just after lunchtime.

Day 5
Llandudno to Belfast via Holyhead to Dublin Port.

Accommodation
Hotel: St George’s Hotel, Llandudno (4 nights B&B, 3 dinners)
Situated on the promenade with wonderful views across Llandudno Bay, the hotel has cleverly combined traditional Victorian elegance with the stunning setting.

5 Days • June, July & August

Tour Highlights
Bodnant Gardens · Horseshoe Pass · Llangollen · The Wirral • Port Sunlight & Museum · Rhyl · Caernarfon · Llanberis Pass

Prices From
£599pps

There are 81 bedrooms with LCD TVs, tea/coffee-making facilities, iron and ironing board, hairdryer and WiFi.

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- Holiday Insurance

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Criccieth &
the Llyn Peninsula

The beautiful unspoilt seaside town of Criccieth, known as “The Pearl of Wales on the Shores of Snowdonia”, provides the perfect base for exploring the northwest of Wales. The Padarn Country Park is host to two fascinating attractions and Caernarfon Castle is, architecturally, one of the most impressive of all the castles in Wales.

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 we have a late dinner.

Day 2

After a leisurely breakfast we skirt the Snowdonia National Park to Padarn Country Park and ride the Llanberis Lake Railway, a 60-minute narrow-gauge steam train journey. This is followed with a visit to the National Slate Mine (uneven surfaces) to travel into the past of an industry and a way of life that has chiselled itself into the very being of Wales.

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

Time to return home, leaving mainland Wales for the Isle of Anglesey to catch the Stena Line ferry from Holyhead to Dublin.

Accommodation

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

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. There is a lift in the main building (some guests may be accommodated in the adjacent Castle View Cottage – no lift).

Dates & Prices

Depart Monday 11.00am Return Friday 7.30pm Price
13 May 17 May £405

Price Excludes
• Single Room Supplement
• Holiday Insurance

5 Days • May

Tour Highlights
Llanberis Lake Railway · National Slate Mine · Portmeirion · Porthmadog · Caernarfon Castle · Llyn Peninsula

Prices From
£405 pps
Cardiff & South Wales

Cardiff is really a wonderful place. It may be 2,000 years old but it has, in many ways, embraced its role as a truly modern, European city and proud capital of Wales. From the grandeur of the 19th-century Cardiff Castle to the renowned Millennium Centre and the vibrant waterfront development of Cardiff Bay, there is something to suit all tastes in this great city.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Wexford.

Day 2
We have an early start to catch the Irish Ferries sailing to Pembroke. We travel directly to Swansea and visit the National Waterfront Museum, to learn about 300 years of Welsh industry and innovation now, before completing our journey to Cardiff.

Day 3
This morning we have a walking tour of the city and then you are free to explore at will.

Day 4
We have a busy day visiting the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre, with its many interactive exhibitions, and the Blaenavon Ironworks. We finish at the Big Pit National Coal Museum and experience tours with real miners and venture 300 feet below ground.

Day 5
The day begins at the Royal Mint Visitor Centre, for an escorted tour of the production process and an engaging, self-guided tour of static and interactive exhibits, bringing to life the Mint’s heritage. We finish the day at the Victorian castle and opulent Castell Coch (steep access).

Day 6
On leaving Cardiff we cross into England through the Herefordshire countryside to Ross-on-Wye. After lunch we continue through Mortimer country to Ludlow, a thriving medieval market town. We arrive in Telford in time for dinner.

Day 7
Telford to Belfast via Holyhead and Dublin with Stena Line.

7 Days • July, September

Tour Highlights
National Waterfront Museum • Cardiff City Tour • Blaenavon World Heritage Centre • Blaenavon Ironworks Big Pit • National Coal Museum • Royal Mint Visitor Centre • Castell Coch • Ross-on-Wye • Ludlow

Prices From
£535pps

Accommodation
Overnight hotel day 1: Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford 4* (1 night, D, B&B)

Hotel days 2 – 5: The Angel Hotel, Cardiff 3* (4 nights, D, B&B)

This charming classic Victorian property, dating back to 1883, is located in the centre of Cardiff, near to Cardiff Castle and the Principality Stadium. Its central location makes it an ideal spot for exploring the City. Every room in the hotel features free WiFi, a TV and tea/coffee-making facilities.

Overnight hotel day 6: Park Inn by Radisson, Telford 3* (1 night, D, B&B)

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement from £175
- Holiday Insurance

Please note, all attractions are fully accessible but there are areas of uneven surfaces.

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Scotland

Watch golden eagles soar over the mountains and lochs of the northern Highlands. Spot otters hunting herring along the shorelines of the Outer Hebrides. Tramp along the deep, wild peatlands of the Cairngorms. And savour the true flavour of Scotland with a rich, complex dram of single-malt whisky. Scotland is packed with treasures – from vast, empty landscapes dotted with ancient castles alive with history, awe-inspiring wildlife, to vibrant towns and cities, alive with culture and warm, welcoming people. It all awaits you on these wonderful tours of Scotland.

“It is one of the most hauntingly beautiful places in the world…”

J. M. Rowling
Orkney & Shetland Mini-Cruise

Follow the banks of Loch Lomond and Loch Ness right up to the northern tip of the Highlands where we board the Northlink Ferry for a mini-cruise to both the Orkneys and Shetlands. Both sets of islands have amazing prehistoric remains with a strong Viking legacy and a wide variety of beautiful Scottish landscapes.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Arriving early morning in Cairnryan, we drive north along the western edge of Loch Lomond, then through Glencoe and follow the shoreline of Loch Ness to our hotel near Inverness.

Day 2
After an early breakfast we drive to Scrabster to catch Northlink’s 90-minute cruise past the Old Man of Hoy to Orkney. Disembarking at Stromness, a guided tour takes us to various important cultural sites, including the World Heritage Site of Skara Brae, the Ring of Brodgar, Churchill’s Barriers, the Italian Chapel and Scapa Flow. After dinner in Kirkwall, we board the late overnight sailing to Shetland.

Day 3
This morning we join our coach in Lerwick for a day-long guided tour of Shetland. We visit Jarlshof in the south, see Shetland’s famous ponies and explore Scalloway Castle and Museum, before re-boarding the ferry for dinner and the overnight sailing to Aberdeen.

Day 4
We have an early arrival in Aberdeen and proceed directly to Stirling Castle, one of the grandest and most important castles in Scotland. The final leg of our journey is the return ferry to Belfast.

Accommodation
Hotel: Lovat Arms Hotel, Beauly ***
(1 night D, B&B) Some rooms in Gladstone House annex
Overnight ferry days 2 – 3: Northlink Ferry (en-suite cabin, lunch and breakfast included)
Overnight bag recommended

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement from £115
- Holiday Insurance

4 Days • May, July
Tour Highlights
Guided tours of Orkney & Shetland - Jarlshof - Scalloway Castle & Museum - Stirling Castle
Prices From
£739 pps
Hebridean Adventure

There’s nowhere quite like the islands of Outer Hebrides – the crystal-clear beauty of the waters, the wide stretches of white sand and the rare isolation. The Outer Hebrides, also known as the western Isles, is a 150-mile long archipelago lying 40 miles off the west coast of Scotland. It stretches from the Butt of Lewis in the far north, through some 15 inhabited, individual islands, to Barra at the southern tip. This is an epic journey along the extreme edge of Europe from where the next landfall is Nova Scotia in Canada!

Let’s get going
Day 1
We take the early Stena Line crossing and drive direct to Malliag for the ferry to the Isle of Skye and to our hotel.

Day 2
A more relaxed day today as we visit Portree, the island’s capital, on the east coast before turning west to Dunvegan Castle, home of the Macleod Clan, for a guided tour of this historic castle and gardens.

Day 3
After a leisurely breakfast we leave the distinctive Cullen Hills behind to catch the ferry from Uig to Tarbert on the Isle of Lewis.

On arrival we complete our outward leg at Stornoway, at the north end of the Outer Hebrides.

Day 4
Lewis and Harris together make up the largest landmass in the group and we are joined today by a local guide to show us some of its fascinating sites. There is a long history of settlement dating back to 3,000 BC and today we see evidence of this at the spectacular Callanish Standing Stones – Scotland’s Stonehenge, but older! We then take a leap forward in time when we visit the fascinating Black House Village.

Day 5
We have an early breakfast as we catch the ferry back to the mainland at Ullapool. On arrival we make our way to the Culloden Battle Visitor Centre to learn about the last battle of the Jacobite Rising. We spend some in Inverness before making the short journey to our last hotel in Beauly.

Day 6
We return home after breakfast on the late afternoon ferry to Larne.

The hotel offers comfortable accommodation in a pleasant waterfront setting with lovely views across Broadford Bay. Each of the 86 bedrooms are unique in size and shape, but still offer such modern conveniences as TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. Hotel does not have a lift.

Hotel days 3 - 4: Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway (2 nights D, B&B)

The highest graded full-size hotel on the Isle of Lewis, offering modern facilities and accommodation with 46 bedrooms equipped with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. A lift serves all floors.

Overnight hotel day 5: Priory Hotel, Beauly (1 night D, B&B)

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- Holiday Insurance

Accommodation
Hotel days 1 - 2: Dunollie Hotel, Isle of Skye (2 nights D, B&B)
Drymen, just north of Glasgow at the foot of Loch Lomond, makes the perfect base from which to enjoy a variety of all-inclusive breaks with a party atmosphere. Not only do we wash away the New Year blues but we welcome back the popular Michael Buble Tribute (twice!) and return to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

All Inclusive Burns Night

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Drymen via Cairnryan, with 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. Entertainment after dinner.

Day 2
A beautiful drive takes us to the pretty town of Inveraray on the shore of Loch Fyne, then to Luss beside Loch Lomond. Traditional Scottish entertainment after dinner.

Day 3
We spend the day in Glasgow. Traditional Burns Supper tonight (day subject to change).

Day 4
After a ‘Hot Toddy’ we retrace our outward journey.

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

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- 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.
Let's get going

Day 1
Belfast to Drymen via mid-morning Stena Line ferry. The hotel offers a free bar* each evening from 7.30pm until 10.30pm. Entertainment after dinner.

Day 2
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.

Day 3
We spend the day in Edinburgh (Christmas Market on November departure). After dinner we enjoy our Michael Buble Tribute Night (day subject to change).

Day 4
The coach leaves Drymen after a late breakfast and retraces our outward journey.

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

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Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Drymen via mid-morning Stena Line ferry.

Day 2
It’s the Loch Lomond Shores Visitor Centre this morning where we have a relaxing cruise on the lake. After lunch we take a scenic drive to the coastal town of Helensburgh before continuing along the shore of Gare Loch to Garelochhead, where we have a short stop. We return to Winnock by the inland route.

Day 3
We have a leisurely morning in the hotel before heading to Edinburgh in the afternoon. Explore the city at your own pace as in the evening we take our seats for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo (time TBC). We will return you back to the hotel straight after the performance. Dinner is not provided today.

Day 4
We retracing our outward journey back to Belfast (note: if Tattoo tickets are for the late show we will stop in Glasgow and return on the evening sailing).

Accommodation
Hotel: Winnock Hotel, Drymen ***
(3 nights B&B, 2 dinners)

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• Holiday Insurance

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All Inclusive House Party

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Drymen via Cairnryan. Welcome drinks reception on arrival at hotel. The hotel offers a free bar* on selected brands each evening from 7.30pm until 10.30pm. Entertainment after dinner.

Day 2
A beautiful drive takes us to the pretty town of Inveraray on the shore of Loch Fyne, then to Luss beside Loch Lomond. 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 ***
(3 nights D, B&B, 3 packed lunches)

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All Inclusive Turkey & Tinsel

Let’s get going

Day 1 – Christmas Eve
Belfast to Drymen via Cairnryan. Welcome drinks reception on arrival at hotel. The hotel offers a free bar* on selected brands each evening from 7.30pm until 10.30pm. Entertainment after dinner.

Day 2 – Christmas Day
This morning we drive through the beautiful Trossachs and Aberfoyle, and 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 – Hogmanay
We spend the day in Edinburgh and explore the Christmas Markets. Traditional Scottish dinner this evening followed by ‘Hogmanay’ Show.

Day 4
We depart after a ‘Hot Toddy’ and return on the mid-afternoon Stena sailing.

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

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- Holiday Insurance
Scottish Borders

Nestled within an area of outstanding beauty, 23 miles south of Edinburgh, the Borders town of Peebles sits straddling the majestic River Tweed. A Royal Burgh since 1152, Peebles has for many years been a market town cherished by locals and visitors alike for its picturesque and unspoilt character. The Borders is very different from the rugged Highlands that we recognise in tourist board magazines. It is rich, rolling, well-stocked farmland, dotted with dozens of good-sized market towns, many built around an abbey, with random castles and more stately homes per square mile than any other part of Britain.

Let’s get going

Day 1
We start the day on the mid-morning P&O sailing to Cairnryan and enjoy a leisurely drive to our hotel.

Day 2
Following breakfast we head to Tweedbank and join ScotRail’s Scottish Borders Railway, the longest new domestic railway to be built in over 100 years, to Edinburgh’s Waverley Station. You have the remainder of the day free in Edinburgh. The return coach will depart from Waverley Station at 4pm.

Day 3
A tour of the Scottish Border towns today, an area famed for its association with the textile industry, the River Tweed and its many tributaries. We visit the house and gardens of Abbotsford House, picturesque Kelso, with its spacious market square and five arched bridge over the River Tweed, and Jedburgh, a strategic border town with a turbulent past.

Day 4
It’s market day in Peebles so relax and enjoy some shopping or browsing. In the afternoon we visit the New Lanark Heritage World Heritage Site, an 18th century cotton mill village sitting alongside the picturesque River Clyde.

Day 5
We return to Cairnryan via Dumfries and take the mid-afternoon Stena Line ferry to Belfast.

Accommodation

Hotel: Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles  **** (4 nights D, B&B).

Peebles Hydro is an early 20th century country house hotel and spa resort and offers a beautiful setting with its own gardens. The bedrooms have WiFi, TV and tea/coffee-making facilities. There is an indoor swimming pool, spa and gym.

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- Single Room Supplement £100
- Holiday Insurance

5 Days • July, September

Tour Highlights
Scottish Borders Railway • Edinburgh • Abbotsford House • Kelso • Jedburgh • New Lanark Heritage World Heritage Site • Dumfries

Prices From
£499 pps

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Highland Railways, Whisky & Castle Adventure

We have two spectacular railway journeys which let you explore some of the most beautiful countryside in the Scottish Highlands, visit the ‘The Pearl of the North’ and go back in time to the Culloden Battlefield, and enjoy whisky and chocolates at the Dalwhinnie Distillery. So relax, sit back and soak up the Highland atmosphere.

Let's get going

Day 1
Catch the early morning ferry to Cairnryan and travel on to our hotel in Nethy Bridge.

Day 2
After a relaxing breakfast we make the short journey to Aviemore in late morning. After some free time and following lunch, we board the wonderful Strathspey Steam Railway where we steam along on a round trip through Boat of Garten and Broomhill. This nostalgic 20-mile trip along part of the original Highland Railway travels through historic forestry, alongside the majestic River Spey, with the Cairngorm Mountains in the background.

Day 3
This morning we travel to Cairn Gorm Mountain to board Scotland’s only Funicular Railway. The 2km long funicular ascends the northern slopes of Cairn Gorm, 1,097m above sea level. Get ready for some wonderful sights today! We follow this with whisky and chocolate sampling at the award-winning Dalwhinnie Distillery.

Day 4
On today’s circular route we take in the Ballindalloch Castle and Gardens, known as ‘The Pearl of the North’ and one of the most romantic and renowned castles in Scotland. This is followed by a visit to the Culloden Visitor Centre, scene of the final Jacobite Rising and one of the most harrowing battles in British history.

Day 5
Back to Belfast on the evening Stena Line ferry.

Accommodation
Hotel: Nethybridge Hotel, Nethy Bridge ***
(4 nights D, B&B).

The Nethybridge Hotel is a traditional hotel set amidst the scenic splendour of the Cairngorm Mountains and close to the Highland capital, Inverness, as well as Cairngorm. All 70 bedrooms, each individual in size and shape, have TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities. There is WiFi, a restaurant, bar and lift to all floors.

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- Single Room Supplement £65
- Holiday Insurance

5 Days • August

Tour Highlights
Aviemore • Strathspey Steam Railway • Cairngorm Funicular Railway • Dalwhinnie Distillery Whisky & Chocolate Sampling • Ballindalloch Castle & Gardens • Culloden Visitor Centre

Prices From
£539 pps
Drams & Dances in Oban

5 Days • November

Tour Highlights
Trossachs National Park • Fort William • Neptunes Staircase • Ben Cruachan • Afternoon Tea • Isle of Seil • Inveraray • Highland Banquet • Riverside Museum

Prices From
£319pps

Oban is one of the most popular holiday destinations on the west coast of Scotland. From the moment you arrive the views are never to be forgotten. From the first glance of Oban when you arrive is one you’ll never forget - panoramic views of mountains, lochs and islands which makes you want to return again and again for relaxing breaks. With this tour the emphasis is on fun and enjoyment, with nightly entertainment, two drinks receptions and an afternoon tea.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Oban with Stena Line. There is a drinks reception with canapés. Dinner is followed with an evening of Scottish entertainment.

Day 2
We spend some time in Fort William before stopping at Neptune's Staircase, where you can see boats of all shapes and sizes navigating the eight locks of the Caledonian Canal. There is a drinks reception of mulled wine tonight with a carvery dinner and live entertainment.

Day 3
It's Ben Cruachan – the Hollow Mountain – this morning for a guided tour and to marvel at one of Scotland's most amazing engineering achievements. We have Afternoon Tea back in the hotel and burn off some calories with dancing and singing after dinner.

Day 4
Enjoy a scenic loop travelling to the Isle of Seil, through Lochgilphead to reach the pretty white-walled town of Inveraray. Entertainment tonight includes a full Highland Banquet followed by dancing to the Strathmore Ceilidh Band, with the legendary Torquil Telfer on the bagpipes.

Day 5
Our return journey home takes us to the Riverside Museum in Glasgow before catching the evening Stena ferry to Belfast.

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

Full entertainment package subject to change in 2019.

Dates & Prices
Depart Return Price
Monday 6.30am Friday 10.15pm £319
25 Nov 29 Nov

Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement £65
- Holiday Insurance

Christmas in Ben Nevis

5 Days • December

Tour Highlights
Trossachs National Park • Fort Augustus • Mallaig • Two Light Lunches • Glasgow

Prices From
£499pps

Take a load of Christmas this year and join us for this new tour to Fort William and enjoy the Christmas Fayre with all the trimmings, music and dancing.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Fort William. There is a welcome drinks reception followed by the evening meal and live music and dancing.

Day 2 – Christmas Eve
After a hearty breakfast we take a morning trip to the pretty town of Fort Augustus on the shores of Loch Ness before returning to our hotel for a light lunch. A glass of bubbly precedes a delicious three-course dinner followed by an evening of dancing and live music. For those attending Midnight Service there will be hot soup served upon your return.

Day 3 – Christmas Day
MERRY CHRISTMAS! Begin the day with a Bucks Fizz and full breakfast and build up an appetite by enjoying a stroll around the beautiful town. We have a Traditional Christmas Day Lunch in the afternoon followed by a special visitor with a small gift for everyone! Toast the Queen's Speech with a glass of bubbly. An appetising finger buffet will be served early evening followed by a night of fabulous entertainment and dancing until 11pm.

Day 4 – St Stephen’s Day
After breakfast join us for a morning drive out to the Western Highlands as far as the thriving port of Mallaig. There is a tasty light lunch and dinner back in the hotel followed by dancing in the Ballroom.

Day 5
We return to Belfast via Glasgow.

Accommodation
Hotel: Ben Nevis Hotel & Leisure Club, Fort William *** (4 nights D, B&B)

The hotel is situated a mile outside of Fort William and is made up of two buildings, the main building and the quieter East Lodge which is connected by a walkway. All 119 bedrooms come with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. The hotel does not have a lift, there are ground floor rooms. There is a pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and fully equipped gym.

Full entertainment package subject to change in 2019.

Dates & Prices
Depart Return Price
Monday 6.30am Friday 10.15pm £499
23 Dec 27 Dec

Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement £65
- Holiday Insurance

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Events & Family

What’s your fancy? Backing a winner at the Cheltenham Festival? Urging the Irish team on to victory against Scotland at Murrayfield? Or the mind-boggling exhilaration of the Formula One British Grand Prix.

Perhaps you prefer the refined elegance of the RHS Flower Shows at Chatsworth and Chelsea? The gentle click of needles at the Knitting & Stitching Show in Harrogate? Or a truly memorable (and tasty) family experience at Warwick Castle and Cadbury World?

Indulge yourself and tickle your fancy with these wonderful Events and Family trips from Ulsterbus.

“A little nonsense now and then is cherished by the wisest men.”
Roald Dahl
Rugby International
Scotland v Ireland

Join us as the reigning Six Nations champions Ireland take on Scotland at Murrayfield in Edinburgh. Our weekend break includes match ticket, two nights bed and breakfast and dinner on the first night.

Let’s get going
Day 1
We take the mid-morning Stena Line sailing to Cairnryan, arriving late afternoon at our hotel in the village of Drymen.

Day 2
After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Murrayfield Stadium arriving around lunchtime. Kick-off is at 2.15pm. After the match there will be time to enjoy dinner (not provided) in the city before we return to the hotel.

Day 3
The coach leaves Drymen after a late breakfast and retraces our outward journey.

Accommodation
Hotel: Winnock Hotel, Drymen ***
(2 nights B&B, 1 dinner)

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement £35
- Holiday Insurance

Location of match tickets to be confirmed.

Cheltenham Festival

6 Days • March

Prices From
£699 pps

Experience all the drama and excitement of the National Hunt’s Blue Riband, 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
We take the early morning Stena ferry and continue south to our hotel on the edge of Stourport-on-Severn.

Days 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, St Patrick’s Thursday and, of course, 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 have an early breakfast and return via Holyhead to Dublin, arriving back in Belfast at approximately 7.30pm.

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

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement £125
- Holiday Insurance

Upgraded tickets can be organised with the relevant non-refundable supplement paid at the time of booking.
Fl British Grand Prix

4 Days • July

Prices From
£509 pps

Experience all the excitement, action and glamour of motorsport when you join our Formula 1 British Grand Prix tour. Your weekend includes luxury coach transfers each day, with General Admission viewing from the banks on Saturday and Sunday.*

Perhaps you have your own race weekend ticket? Why not travel in comfort with us and benefit from a reduction in the tour price!

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Leicester via Cairnryan.

Day 2 – Practice Day
After an early breakfast, we hot-foot it to Silverstone to experience the thrilling spectacle of the drivers fighting for pole position in the Qualifying Sessions.

Day 3 – Race Day
An early breakfast means an early arrival at the track and with General Admission tickets, you’re able to soak up the atmosphere in different parts of the circuit. Then get ready for the highlight of the weekend – the Formula 1 British Grand Prix.

Day 4
We return to Belfast via the Stena Line sailing from Cairnryan.

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

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Price Excludes
• Single Room Supplement £60
• Holiday Insurance
* Upgraded seating can be organised with the relevant non-refundable supplement

Warwick Castle & Cadbury World

3 Days • July, August

Prices From
£199 pps

This new family-themed tour includes the medieval (but modern!) Warwick Castle – a family themed castle of jaw-dropping history, great battles, spellbinding tales and heroic knights. Cadbury World remains a firm favourite with families and here we uncover a world of chocolate delights and fascinating themed zones.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Taking the early morning Cairnryan ferry and arrive in our hotel in time for dinner.

Days 2
First visit today is Warwick Castle. There is plenty of family friendly attractions to explore and daily shows and activities throughout the day. We have also included The Castle Dungeon, which brings together immersive sets and surprising special-effects (due to its scary content, The Castle Dungeon may not be suitable for those under the age of 10 or those of a nervous disposition).

In mid-afternoon it’s off to Cadbury World to uncover a world of chocolate delights and experience the magic, creation and history of its confectionery through one of the many zones to discover ranging from the 4D Chocolate Adventure to Bournville Village. We return to our hotel for our evening meal.

Day 3
We have an early breakfast, returning home via Holyhead and Dublin.

Accommodation
Hotel: Hallmark Stourport Manor, Stourport-on-Severn *** (2 nights D, B&B)

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Price Excludes
• Single Room Supplement £40
• Holiday Insurance

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Grand Gardens & Chelsea Flower Show

This tour combines the all colour and excitement of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show with some of the most visited gardens, and grand houses, in the south of England. Our new list of gardens for 2019 include both RHS-owned properties as well as partnered gardens, and gardens belonging to estates better known for their houses.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Harrogate via Stena Line Ferry from Belfast to Cairnryan.

Day 2
Before journeying south today we first visit the RHS Gardens Harlow Carr to wander through the tranquil surroundings of this stunning 58-acre garden. We expect to be in our hotel by late afternoon.

Day 3
Our first stop today is the magnificent award-winning gardens of Hever Castle. Marvel at the classical statuary in the Italian Garden or inhale the fragrance of over 4,000 rose bushes, with much, much more! In the afternoon we have a stroll amongst the one mile of yew hedging that divides the gardens of Penshurst Place into a series of ‘rooms’, each with its own season and colour.

Day 4
A full day at RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Day 5
Leaving Maidstone, we enjoy a morning visit to the National Trusts Nymans, a garden lovers’ home for all seasons. An extensive yet intimate garden set around a romantic house and ruins. We arrive in our last hotel in the late afternoon.

Day 6
We leave Telford this morning and return to Belfast via Holyhead with Stena Line.

Accommodation

Overnight hotel day 1: Crowne Plaza, Harrogate ★★★★★ (1 night D, B&B)

Hotel days 2 – 4: Tudor Park Marriott Hotel & Country Club, Maidstone ★★★★★ (3 nights D, B&B)

The Tudor Park Marriott Hotel and Country Club is in the heart of picturesque Maidstone. Its 120 bedrooms all offer flatscreen TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee-making facilities and WiFi. Enjoy complimentary use of the Fitness Club, indoor pool and sauna during your stay.

Overnight hotel day 5: Park Inn by Radisson, Telford (1 night D, B&B)

Tickets

RHS Chelsea Flower Show

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Price Excludes

- Single Room Supplement £145
- Holiday Insurance

Prices From

£629 pps
RHS Chatsworth Flower Show & Peak District

4 days • June

Prices From £369 pps

Now in its third year, Chatsworth House provides a spectacularly picturesque setting for what is becoming one of the RHS’s most popular flower shows. Discover a delightful mix of gardening inspiration, spectacular colour and unique shopping.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Sheffield via Cairnryan.

Day 2
A full day at the Chatsworth Flower Show.

Day 3
Today we explore the Peak District calling at Buxton before travelling further through the picturesque countryside to Castleton. We finish our day with a stop at Ladybower Reservoir (photo opportunity) – famed as the practice area for the WWII Dambuster crews. Alternatively you can stay in Sheffield and enjoy excellent shopping!

Day 4
Time to retrace our outward journey back to Belfast.

Accommodation
Hotel: Hilton Sheffield **** (3 nights B&B)

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• Holiday Insurance

Knitting & Stitching Show, Harrogate

4 Days • November

Prices From £279 pps

Based in Harrogate, the Knitting and Stitching Show is the definitive event for all who love textile-based crafts. It features hundreds of workshops, demonstrations, interactive features, professionally-curated galleries, as well as over 200 exhibitors selling specialist craft supplies.

Let’s get going
Day 1
We leave Belfast and travel to Harrogate via Stena Line ferry to Cairnryan.

Days 2
You can enjoy a full day at the Knitting and Stitching Show (tickets included).

Day 3
Today you can enjoy a day trip to Castle Howard, one of the great palaces of Europe, or stay and explore Harrogate. The choice is yours.

Day 4
Harrogate to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Hotel: Cairn Hotel, Harrogate *** (3 nights D, B&B)

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• Holiday Insurance
Simply Value

Whether it’s a spur-of-the-moment decision, or a carefully planned getaway, one thing is certain – these Simply Value Breaks will thrill, delight and reinvigorate you. Get off the beaten track in Ireland, enjoy the heather-clad beauty of Highland Scotland, or live it up a little in bohemian Blackpool and elegant Edinburgh. Whichever break you choose, you’re guaranteed to recharge your batteries, meet new friends and be thoroughly entertained. So go on, take a break, you know you deserve it!

“Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes…including you.”
Anne Lamott
Discover one of the most beautiful areas of Ireland, a region renowned for its ancient Gaelic culture and for the charm and allure of its scenery – a land of mountains, lakes and waterfalls, rocky coastlines, welcoming villages and verdant pastures.

Let’s get going
Day 1
The first part of our day is spent exploring the Fermanagh Lakelands with a stop in Enniskillen, before skirting Lower Lough Erne and travelling through south Donegal before reaching our destination of Ballybofey. Entertainment follows dinner.

Day 2
Today we drive through Glenties and Ardara and past the Blue Stack Mountains before reaching the fishing town of Killybegs. We continue to historic Donegal Town, with ‘The Diamond’ at its centre, before returning to our hotel. Entertainment after dinner.

Day 3
After a relaxing late breakfast we return home via the Glenshane Pass.

Accommodation
Hotel: Kee’s Hotel, Ballybofey ★★★
(2 nights D, B&B)

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement £30
- Holiday Insurance

4 Days • February, March, October, November
Tour Highlights
Lisdoonvarna • Connemara • Galway City Museum • Galway City • Kildare Outlet Village

Prices From
£229 pps

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Galway via Enniskillen and Sligo, arriving late afternoon.

Day 2
It’s Connemara today with its stunning patchwork of pale grey desolate mountains, rugged bogs, hidden valleys and golden beaches. At its heart are the Maumturk and Twelve Bens mountain ranges and the dramatic setting of Lennane village at Killary Harbour, Ireland’s only fjord and where the movie “The Field” was filmed.

Day 3
Today we visit the Galway City Museum with its three floors of galleries. The rest of the day is free to explore the city. The coach will return from Eyre Square in time for dinner.

Day 4
Kildare Outlet Village is our last visit before returning to Belfast where we are expected around 5pm.

Accommodation
Hotel: Salthill Hotel ★★★★ (3 nights D, B&B)

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- Holiday Insurance
Westport – Simply Value

Westport continues to be one of Ireland’s most popular destinations. It is both compact and cosmopolitan with busy shops, restaurants and bars, and few towns in Ireland can match its charisma and continental flavour.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Westport via Sligo.

Day 2
A free morning to get to know the town followed by a drive to Achill Island to see the Atlantic waves crashing onto the rocky shores. We travel the length of the island as far as the roads permit before returning to Westport in time for our evening meal.

Day 3
We pass under Croagh Patrick this morning and continue to the Connemara National Park, before continuing onto the lively fishing port of Clifden. Our return journey takes us between the Maumturk Mountains and the Twelve Pins.

Day 4
We return to Belfast via Enniskillen.

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

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- Holiday Insurance

Waterford – Simply Value

Co. Waterford is part of Ireland’s Ancient East. The city itself was founded by Viking traders in 914 making it Ireland’s oldest. With this bargain break we travel a little further afield to the other historic towns and cities and specular scenery of the area.

Let’s get going
Day 1
We depart Belfast and travel to Waterford, stopping in Enniscorthy.

Day 2
After breakfast we travel directly to Kilkenny where we spend the day.

Day 3
Today we tour the Copper Coast and Comeragh Mountains taking in Tramore and Dungarvan, where we visit the Waterford Museum.

Day 4
We interrupt our homeward journey with a guided tour of the Avoca Weavers Mill.

Accommodation
Hotel: Dooley’s Hotel ★★★ (3 nights D, B&B)

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- Holiday Insurance
Kingdom of Kerry
– Simply Value

The county of Kerry has some of Ireland’s best and most awe-inspiring coastlines with stunning scenery, jawdropping views and world-famous attractions. Based just outside Tralee, the ‘Gateway to the Dingle Peninsula’, we are perfectly situated to sit back and enjoy the views!

Let’s get going
Day 1
Leaving Belfast, we travel direct to our hotel outside Tralee.

Day 2
Today’s tour of the rugged Dingle Peninsula as far as Slea Head reveals its outstanding mountain and coastal scenery and stunning Atlantic views.

Day 3
We head South West to Glengariff before visiting the picturesque town of Kenmare. We then take you on a breathtaking drive to Molls Gap, stopping en-route to take pictures before travelling through the spectacular Kerry Mountains.

Day 4
We retrace our outward journey back to Belfast.

Accommodation
Hotel: Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee ***
(3 nights D, B&B)

Dates & Prices
Depart Sunday 9.30am
Return Wednesday 5.00pm
Price
10 Mar 13 Mar £259
14 Apr 17 Apr £269
23 Jun 26 Jun £279
15 Sep 18 Sep £269

Price Excludes
• Single Room Supplement £60
• Holiday Insurance

Arrochar
– Simply Value

Admire majestic beauty and 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 and takes in the ancient city of Stirling and stylish Glasgow.

Let’s get going
Day 1
All on board the mid-morning P&O ferry to Cairnryan and onward to Arrochar.

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 trip through the beautiful Trossachs stopping in Aberfoyle before continuing to the beautiful historic city of Stirling. The compact heritage mile that links Stirling’s Old Town with its bustling modern city centre boasts the finest concentration of historic buildings in Scotland.

Day 4
History, art and shopping! Our full day in Glasgow combines a visit to the award-winning Riverside Museum, with over 3,000 objects on display from Glasgow’s rich past, and the opportunity to explore this intriguing city.

Day 5
We return to Belfast via Largs, catching the afternoon Stena Line ferry from Cairnryan.

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

Prices From
£239pps

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Depart Monday 9.00am
Return Friday 6.15pm
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11 Feb 15 Feb £239
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14 Oct 18 Oct £315
11 Nov 15 Nov £289

Price Excludes
• Single Room Supplement £40
• Holiday Insurance

4 Days • March, April, June, September
Tour Highlights
Dingle Peninsula · Glengariff · Kenmare · Molls Gap
Prices From
£259pps

5 Days • February, March, April, October, November
Tour Highlights
Arrochar Alps · Kilchurn Castle · Inveraray · Rest and Be Thankful Viewpoint · Aberfoyle · Stirling · Glasgow · Riverside Museum · Largs

Prices From
£239pps

31/03/19
A Highland Fling

Admire majestic beauty and 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 and takes in the ancient city of Stirling and stylish Glasgow.

Let's get going
Day 1
We take the mid-morning P&O ferry to Cairnryan and then onward to Arrochar.

Day 2
Be prepared for some jaw-droppingly beautiful scenery. 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 3
Today it's the scenic 'Argyll's Secret Coastline' along the Isle of Bute to the art-deco style resort of Rothesay, with its palm trees, promenade and castle. We spend the afternoon in nearby Mount Stuart discovering its neo-gothic mansion. 300 acres of garden and coastal paths.

Day 4
Our first stop today is Oban, the 'Gateway to the Highlands' followed by a coastal drive across the 'Bridge over the Atlantic' to quaint Seil Island with its pepper-potting of white cottages. We spend some time here before returning home.

Day 5
We return to Belfast via Largs, catching the afternoon Stena Line ferry from Cairnryan.

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

The 19th century Arrochar Hotel is situated at the very foot of the 'Arrochar Alps' and offers a tranquil hideaway to relax and unwind. Many of the 76 bedrooms offer stunning views of Loch Long and all come equipped with tea/coffee-making facilities and free WiFi. There is lively entertainment two evenings per week.

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- Single Room Supplement £40
- Holiday Insurance
Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport

Blackpool is the UK’s most popular seaside resort. It’s packed with entertainment for people of all ages and tastes – from pier-end shows to West End musicals. For 2019 we visit the Ribble Valley, Southport and after a long break make a welcome return to Oswaldtwistle Mills Shopping Village.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Blackpool via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Day 2
You have a free day to enjoy the resort.

Day 3
A day trip into Lancashire today with a guided tour of the Ribble Valley, concluding with a visit to the famous Oswaldtwistle Mills Shopping Village – a shopping experience with a difference combining retail areas with attractions and craft workshops.

Day 4
A free day in Blackpool or a day trip to the coastal town of Southport – discover Lord Street, a tree-lined Victorian boulevard that is home to shops, restaurants and quaint tearooms, as well as the grand Wayfarers Arcade with its glass and iron-domed roof. The choice is yours.

Illuminations tours include a coach tour along the promenade this evening to see Blackpool’s famous lights.

Day 5
We leave Blackpool this morning and travel through the Lake District and on to the historic city of Carlisle – follow in the footsteps of the Roman sentries! We return on the evening Stena Line sailing from Cairnryan to Belfast.

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

We will be guaranteed a warm, friendly welcome at the Elgin Hotel on the cliffs at Queen’s Promenade. This family-run establishment, built in the 1930s, offers 89 bedrooms of various sizes with TV and tea/coffee-making facilities. It features a promenade patio with water feature, two lifts, bars and entertainment on three nights.

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

Tour Highlights
Ribble Valley • Oswaldtwistle Mills Shopping Village • Southport • Lake District • Carlisle

Prices From
£295pps

5 Days • May, June, July, August, September

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Price Excludes
• Single Room Supplement from £30
• Holiday Insurance
**Blackpool Tribute Weekend**

When we think ‘Blackpool’, we think sand, sea and... Strictly! Bold, brash and beautiful, Blackpool is the UK’s very own playground by the sea. So join us for the last weekend of the Illuminations and enjoy a superb tribute act, the excitement of the resort and a day in the diverse and energetic city of Manchester.

**Let’s get going**

**Day 1**
Belfast Blackpool via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

**Day 2**
You have a free day to enjoy the resort. Tonight is ‘Legends Night’ with acts such Shirley Bassey, Frank Sinatra, Micheal Buble and Whitney Houston (subject to confirmation).

**Day 3**
Straight after breakfast we depart for Manchester, where we spend the day. We have a tour of the Illuminations tonight. Entertainment follows dinner.

**Day 4**
Blackpool to Belfast via Cairnryan.

**Accommodation**

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

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement £35
- Holiday Insurance

**Edinburgh Weekends**

Visit Edinburgh and discover a city like no other. Steeped in history, Edinburgh seamlessly blends old and new, and is the perfect destination to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of a diverse and vibrant city.

**Let’s get going**

**Day 1**
We take the mid-morning P&O sailing from Larne and travel direct to our hotel in the centre of Edinburgh. No porterage provided.

**Day 2**
Relax, go shopping, have a drink, or come with us on a ‘wee tour’ of Scotland’s other historic cities - the choice is yours! We take in the ‘Fair City’ of Perth in the morning and the castle-dominated Stirling in the afternoon.

**Day 3**
We return for the afternoon sailing back to Larne but break the journey at the Braeside Shopping Centre.

**Accommodation**

Hotel: Hilton Edinburgh Carlton ****
(2 nights, B&B)

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Price Excludes
- Single Room Supplement £50
- Holiday Insurance
Europe

There’s an almost unimaginable wealth of jaw-dropping attractions to see, do, try, taste and experience in Europe. These tours give you the best possible opportunity to visit some of them. You’ll soak up the scenic beauty, relive the epic history and savour the exquisite artistry and culinary diversity in many of the countries that make up modern-day Europe.

So book your space, pack your case and prepare to be awestruck!

“I haven’t been everywhere, but it’s on my list.”

Susan Sontag
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
Belfast to Hull via Larne.

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.

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 and the Wellington Quarries, where Commonwealth troops were quartered before the Battle of Arras. We finish at Thiepval and the Ulster Tower.

Day 5
We travel through the villages of Flanders before catching the overnight ferry to Hull.

Day 6
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight ferry days 1 & 5: P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

Hotel days 2 – 4: Park Inn Lille Grand Stade, Villeneuve d’Ascq *** (3 nights D, B&B) Portege not provided.

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Price Excludes
- Single Room/Cabin Supplement £200
- Holiday Insurance

The Somme & The Armistice

We return to Flanders this year to commemorate Armistice Day at the Menin Gate ceremony. We also include visits to the ‘In Flanders Fields’ museum, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Ulster Tower, Langemark and other less well-known sites with memories of both the 16th Irish and 36th Ulster Divisions.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Hull via Larne.

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.

Day 3
It’s Ypres today to witness the moving Last Post at Menin Gate and to visit the In Flanders Fields Museum. Dinner is not provided tonight.

Day 4
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.

Day 5
We travel through the villages of Flanders before catching the overnight ferry to Hull.

Day 6
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight ferry days 1 & 5: P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

Hotel days 2 – 4: Park Inn Lille Grand Stade, Villeneuve d’Ascq *** Portege not provided

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Price Excludes
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- Holiday Insurance
Dutch Bulbfields, Cheese & Delft Pottery

For this tour we have combined the 'Garden of Europe' at Keukenhof with two of Holland's most favourite exports, Gouda cheese and the famous porcelain made by Delft Pottery.

Let's get going

Day 1
Belfast to Hull via Larne.

Day 2
We travel from Europoort over the Zierikzee to the city of Middelburg, the attractive capital of Zeeland, with its wealthy past on display in the old city centre. We arrive at our hotel in late afternoon (porterage not included).

Day 3
Today we visit Keukenhof Gardens, one of the world's finest bulbfield and flower parks. We return along the 'Bulbfields Route' between Oegstgeest and Noordwijk.

Day 4
This morning we visit the Henri Willig cheese farm where we learn about the traditional Gouda cheese making process. The rest of the day is free in the picturesque port of Volendam.

Day 5
Before catching our overnight ferry, we have a guided tour of Delft Pottery.

Day 6
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation

Overnight ferry days 1 & 5: P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

Postillion Hotel,
Dordrecht (3 nights D, B&B)

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Price Excludes

- Single Room/Cabin Supplement £110
- Holiday Insurance

Blooming September

Every year in Valkenswaard, the Flower Parade consists of 14 wonderful floats covered with dahlias. Together with several music bands, the floats make up a feast for the eyes and ears within the streets of the town.

Let's get going

Day 1
Belfast to Hull via Larne.

Day 2
From Europoort we travel directly to the fortified city of Nijmegen with its magnificent historic buildings and centuries-old plazas. We arrive at our hotel late afternoon (porterage not included).

Day 3
We cross the border to Belgium for a day in Antwerp, a city full of culture and boasting stunning architecture with a charming historic centre.

Day 4
After a relaxing morning we make our way to Valkenswaard for the annual parade. seated grandstand tickets included.

Day 5
Before catching our overnight ferry, we have a guided tour of Delft Pottery.

Day 6
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation

Overnight ferry days 1 & 5: P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)

Van der Valk Hotel,
Eindhoven (3 nights D, B&B)

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Price Excludes

- Single Room/Cabin Supplement £110
- Holiday Insurance
The Rhone Alps & Turquoise Lakes

The Savoie department is part of the Rhone-Alps region of eastern France and has some of the most stunning scenery in the country. We start with Annecy which sits on the shores of ‘the Turquoise Lake’, explore the stunning Lake Geneva and the picturesque Yvoire, and finish with the charming town of Chamonix, with the sheer white heights of Mont Blanc as its sensational backdrop.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Hull via Larne.

Day 2
Zeebrugge to Reims.

Day 3
We will travel from Reims to our main hotel in Challes-Les-Eaux, in the beautiful Savoie region. A welcome drink awaits us on arrival.

Day 4
Take some time to relax this morning and to sample the resort’s facilities.

Day 5
We travel this morning to Annecy, home to the ‘Turquoise Lake’. We have a guided walking tour of the beautiful Old Town with its cobbled streets, canal side paths and wooden bridges. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 6
A change of country today as we visit the lakeside city of Geneva. A local guide gives us an introduction to this stunning city. We will stop at the picturesque walled town of Yvoire, a pretty village that has hardly changed across the centuries with beautifully decorated houses and gardens.

Day 7
A day excursion to the high resort of Chamonix in the shadow of Mont Blanc, the highest peak in the Alps. You will have some free time to explore the attractions such as a trip to the Mer de Glace glacier by the historic railway for an amazing view of the valley.

Day 8
Challes-Les-Eaux to Reims.

Day 9
We return on the overnight ferry from Zeebrugge to Hull.

Day 10
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan.

Accommodation
Overnight day 1 & 9: P&O Cruiseferry (outside en-suite cabin, all meals included)
Overnight hotel day 2: Campanile Reims Centre Cathedral *** (1 night D, B&B)
Hotel days 3 – 7: Chateau des Comtes de Challes, Challes-les-Eaux *** (5 nights. D, B&B)
This 15th century chateau is full of character and charm, set in two hectares of tranquil grounds, on a gentle incline and just 500 metres from the little town of Challes-les-Eaux. The 58 traditional bedrooms vary in size and style and are located in three buildings arranged the chateau courtyard (10-20 metre walk to main building).
Overnight hotel day 8: Mercure Parc de Expositions *** (1 night D, B&B)

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Price Excludes
- Single Room/Cabin Supplement £275
- Holiday Insurance
Berlin & Dresden

11 days • August

Tour Highlights
Cecilienhof Palace • Guided Tour of Berlin • Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe • Brandenburg Gate • Colditz Castle • Guided Tour of Dresden • Meissen Manufactory • Albrechtsburg Castle

Prices From
£1,199 pps

This twin-centre packaged tour has something that will appeal to everyone. Multicultural Berlin is considered to be one of Central Europe’s most important and exciting cities. Whilst it is immense, it maintains the unpretentious charm of an international village. Dresden, the 800-year-old capital of Saxony, is a city with a skyline of spires, towers and domes with a rich cultural heritage.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Hull via Larne.

Day 2
After disembarking in Europoort we will drive to Hanover for our overnight stay in Hanover.

Day 3
Today we will travel from Hanover to Berlin via Cecilienhof Palace where Sir Winston Churchill, President Truman and Stalin met for the so-called ‘Potsdam Conference’ in 1945.

Day 4
We meet our local guide this morning for an introductory tour by coach of Berlin with the remainder of the day free (dinner is not provided tonight).

Day 5
After breakfast our driver walks us the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe where we spend some time before crossing to the Brandenburg Gate (photo opportunity). From here you can return either to the hotel or explore more of the many nearby sights that Berlin beholds, such as the Reichstag or Victory Column.

Day 6
We leave Berlin and travel to Dresden via Colditz Castle, a stunning 1,000 year old hunting lodge that was used by the Nazis as a POW camp in WWII.

Day 7
Our local guide takes us on a coach tour of Dresden in the morning. You will then have the afternoon free (dinner is not provided tonight).

Day 8
This morning we drive upstream to the town of Meissen, the ‘home’ of European porcelain manufacturing. We have a tour of the Meissen Manufactory which reveals the secrets of their famous porcelain. Albrechtsburg Castle, where the world famous china was first made, and the majestic Gothic Cathedral. Enjoy the spectacular views of the Elbe Valley!

Day 9
Dresden to Bad Wildungen.

Day 10
Bad Wildungen to Europoort.

Day 11
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan.

Accommodation
Overnight ferry days 1 & 10: P&O Ferries (outside cabin, all meals included)

Overnight hotel day 2: H4 Hotel Hanover Messe, Hanover **** (1 night, D, B&B)

Hotel days 3 – 5: Maritim proArte Hotel Berlin, Berlin **** (3 nights B&B, 2 dinners)

Located in the historic quarter, within easy reach of the many of the city’s attractions, the hotel offers 403 bedrooms with TV, hairdryer, A/C, WiFi, pool and fitness suite.

Hotel days 6 – 8: Maritim Hotel, Dresden **** (3 nights B&B, 2 dinners)

Situated right on the banks of the Elbe River, the hotel is not far from the magnificent Old Town and offers 328 bedrooms with TV, hairdryer, A/C, WiFi, pool and fitness suite.

Overnight hotel day 9: Maritim Hotel, Bad Wildungen **** (1 night, B&B)

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Price Excludes
• Single Room/Cabin Supplement £220
• Holiday Insurance

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Austrian Tyrol

10 days • July

Tour Highlights
Krimml Waterfalls • Walchsee • Saint Johann • Brixen im Thale • Innsbruck • Zell am See • Pinzgau Train • Hohe Tauern National Park • Mittersill

Prices From
£949 pps

Visitors to the Tyrol will experience a majestic and enchanting mountain landscape sure to touch their soul. The spectacular scenery, clear fresh air and excellent accommodation combine to draw people back year after year. Our base is ‘Europe’s loveliest village in bloom’, situated in a wide valley between the Wilder Kaiser and Hohe Salve Mountain.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Hull via Larne.

Day 2
Zeebrugge to Saarbrücken.

Day 3
We continue through southern Germany, skirting around Munich before crossing the border to our hotel in the beautiful Austrian Tyrol.

Day 4
Scenic day to Krimml Waterfalls at the foot of the mighty Gerlos Pass. At 380 metres it one of the most impressive natural spectacles in Europe.

Day 5
We have a full day taking in the views of the mighty Wilder Kaiser Mountains as we go. We make a stop at the lakeside resort of Walchsee before moving ‘around’ the mountain to the market town of Saint Johann where we stop for lunch before travelling west to the alpine town of Kitzbühel. We return to Soll with a short stop in Brixen im Thale, situated at the highest point of the beautiful Brixental valley.

Day 6
Today we are off to nearby Innsbruck, ‘Capital of the Tyrol’ where we spend the day.

Day 7
This morning we travel to the lakeside town of Zell am See before taking the local train through the Hohe Tauern National Park to Mittersill where we rejoin our coach for our return journey back to Soll.

Day 8
Soll to Saarbrücken.

Day 9
Overnight ferry from Zeebrugge.

Day 10
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight ferry days 1 & 9: P&O Ferries (outside cabin, all meals included)

Overnight hotel day 2: Mercure Saarbrücken Sud, Saarbrücken *** (1 night, D, B&B)

Hotel days 3 – 7: Hotel Tyrol, Soll *** (5 nights D, B&B)

This very traditional family-run hotel is situated in a quiet position, just a few minutes walk from the centre of the village. 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 that includes a heated outdoor swimming pool.

Overnight hotel day 8: Mercure Saarbrücken Sud, Saarbrücken *** (1 night, B&B)

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- Holiday Insurance
Austrian Tyrol, Italian & Swiss Lakes Grand Tour

This two-centred grand tour is one of our longest but also one of the most exciting and rewarding. It combines the majestic mountain scenery and clear air of the Austrian Tyrol with the elegant lifestyle of the stunning Italian and Swiss Lakes.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Hull via Larne.
Day 2
Travel from Zeebrugge to our overnight hotel.
Day 3
We arrive in Soll in time for evening meal.
Day 4
Enjoy a guided walking tour of this fascinating village with the rest of the day free to discover at your leisure.
Day 5
Sit back and relax as we visit some of the beautiful little towns and villages in the Wilder Kaiser Mountains, finishing in nearby Saint Johann.
Day 6
We have a full-day trip through the Tyrol taking in the famous High Alpine Pass to see the majestic Grossglockner and its spectacular Pasterze Glacier. We return via Zell am See.
Day 7
Time to leave the Tyrol and cross into Italy, through the Dolomite Alps, past Lake Garda before arriving in Stresa, on the edge of Lake Maggiore.

Day 8
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 9
Leaving the Tyrol we cross into Italy, travelling through the Dolomite Alps, past Lake Garda before arriving on the edge of Lake Maggiore.
Day 10
A short drive to romantic Lake Orta and the town of Omegna with a chance to visit this very traditional Italian market. We spend the afternoon back in Stresa.
Day 11
We leave Stresa travelling through the glorious Swiss Alps to Saarbrücken.

Day 12
Saarbrücken to Zeebrugge.
Day 13
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight day 1 & 12: P&O Cruiseferry (outside en-suite cabin, all meals included)
Overnight hotel day 2: Mercure Forbach ★★★ (1 night D, B&B)
Hotel days 3 - 6: Hotel Tyrol, Soll ★★★ (4 nights, D, B&B)

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.

Overnight hotel day 11: Mercure Saarbrücken Sud ★★ (1 night D, B&B)

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Lake Maggiore & Switzerland

11 days • June, July

Tour Highlights
Lake Maggiore Islands • Milan • Lake Orta • Villa Taranto Gardens • Simplon Pass • Zermatt • Matterhorn • Aosta

Prices From
£1,099 pps

Lake Maggiore is an idyllic retreat where magnificent mountains plunge to the lakeside and grand villas lie secluded behind palm trees and lush gardens. Along with Zermatt, in the shadow of the Matterhorn, you will find picture postcard mountain ranges and villages. For 2019 we travel by coach, train and boat, and return to Milan, Italy’s fashion capital and most vibrant city.

Let's get going
Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Hull via Larne.

Day 2
Travel from Zeebrugge to Saarbrücken.

Day 3
We continue south into Italy and our hotel in Stresa, on the edge of Lake Maggiore, with snow-capped mountains as a backdrop.

Day 4
Relax today with tickets to the famous Lake Maggiore Islands. The boat terminal is just beside the hotel.

Day 5
Today there is a full day excursion to Milan.

Day 6
A morning to enjoy market day in Stresa. In the afternoon we visit the Villa Taranto Gardens to enjoy a botanical experience of terraced gardens, waterfalls and much more.

Day 7
Today’s excursion includes a train along a sinuous route that takes us around mountains, past gorges and over the Simplon Pass to Zermatt, at the foot of the Matterhorn in Switzerland.

Day 8
Our last day in Stresa, so you can sit back and chill out or join us in Aosta, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the world. You decide!

Day 9
We leave Stresa for our overnight hotel.

Day 10
We catch the overnight ferry from Zeebrugge to Hull.

Day 11
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight day 1 & 10: P&O Cruiseferry (outside en-suite cabin, all meals included)

Overnight hotel day 2: Mercure Saarbrücken Sud *** (1 night D, B&B)

Hotel days 3 – 8: Hotel Astoria **** (5 nights, D, B&B)

Our hotel is just a few minutes’ walk from the centre of Stresa. All the bedrooms in the main building have balconies and come equipped with air-con, satellite TV, WiFi, hairdryer and fridge. There is a fine dining room, bar, outdoor swimming pool and a garden.

Please note: single accommodation may be in the hotel annex which does not have a lift.

Overnight hotel day 9, June: Novotel Nancy **** (1 night D, B&B)

Overnight hotel day 9, July: Mercure Forbach *** (1 night D, B&B)

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- Single Room/Cabin Supplement from £240
- Holiday Insurance
Lake Garda

Lake Garda is one of the most beautiful lakes in Europe with a beautiful taste of Italy’s laidback atmosphere. From the spectacular mountainous backdrop of the Dolomites on the Northern shoreline, to the gentle slopes at the south some 30 miles away, there’s an ever-changing vista of the spectacular Italian Lakes. Hence, picturesque small villages and historic towns combine to offer a wealth of memorable experiences.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Cairnryan via Larne and onwards to Hull to catch the overnight sailing to Zeebrugge.

Day 2
Zeebrugge to our overnight hotel in Saarbrücken.

Day 3
Saarbrücken to Ulm, Germany.

Day 4
Travelling south we travel through Austria, past the Dolomite mountains to our hotel Riva Del Garda at the northern end of Lake Garda, where we enjoy a welcome drink.

Day 5
We start today with a relaxing breakfast. We are free today to rest after our travels or to explore this beautiful resort. There is a good selection of cafés, gelaterie, bars, restaurants, shops and many elegant, pastel-painted buildings. Enjoy complimentary tea/coffee with cakes in the hotel in late afternoon.

Day 6
Time to explore Lake Garda. We call at charming Malcesine and take the boat to Garda, where we rejoin our coach for the journey to beautiful Sirmione, perched on a headland and surrounded by the water of the lake.

Day 7
Today we visit Verona, the home of Romeo and Juliet, where we have a guided tour and free time.

Day 8
Spend your last free day in Italy relaxing or catching the sights you may have missed.

Day 9
We say farewell to Lake Garda. This is the longest day of the tour as we arrive in Karlsruhe in Germany.

Day 10
Karlsruhe to Europoort.

Day 11
Today is our final journey from Hull via Cairnryan to Belfast by P&O Ferries.

Accommodation

Overnight day 1 & 10: P&O Cruiseferry (outside en-suite cabin, all meals included)

Overnight hotel day 2: Mercure Saarbrücken Sud *** (1 night D, B&B)

Overnight hotel day 3: Maritim Ulm **** (1 night D, B&B)

Hotel days 4 – 8: Hotel Savoy Palace **** (5 nights, D, B&B)

This family-run hotel is located close to San Nicolo Marina with the lake only a short walk away and just approx. 800 metres to the heart of Riva. There are numerous bars and restaurants near the hotel. All our bedrooms have a balcony, and the hotel has a lift, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, terrace and garden.

Overnight hotel day 9: Achat Plaza, Karlsruhe *** (1 night D, B&B)

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Price Excludes
- Single Room/Cabin Supplement £210
- Holiday Insurance
Swiss Alps & Bernina Express

10 days • June

Tour Highlights
Davos Card • Bernina Express Railway • Klosters • Albula Pass • St Moritz

Prices From
£1,099 pps

Davos is a place of superlatives: a holiday destination with international ambience and also a high-altitude health resort. We also visit the famous mountain resort of Klosters, chic St Moritz and journey on the awesome Bernina Express railway with a route through incredible alpine landscapes.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Europa Buscentre to Hull via Larne.

Day 2
Zeebrugge to Forbach in France.

Day 3
Continuing south this morning we cross into Switzerland and on to the resort of Davos. A welcome drink awaits us before dinner.

Day 4
A full day at leisure. We have included a ‘Davos Card’ which permits free and unlimited use of all local transport. Try out the Schwarzwald Mountain Railway for lunch in the panoramic restaurant followed by a visit to the Alpine Garden.

Day 5
It is the Bernina Express Railway today – the most spectacular way to cross the Alps. From our panoramic train we climb up to the glistening glaciers before descending to the palms of Italy far below. See lakes and gorges as well as a series of loops and tunnels that make this one of Europe’s greatest train journeys. On arrival in Tirano we enjoy a little time at leisure before joining the coach and travelling back to Davos.

Day 6
Today we travel to Klosters where you will find a unique combination of a renowned mountain resort and the idyll of an unspoilt Graubünden village. We return to Davos via Filisur and the verdant Albula Pass.

Day 7
We have a morning excursion to St Moritz. Elegant and chic, it lies in the middle of a lake-dotted landscape and offers one of the sunniest climates in all Switzerland. Afternoon at leisure back in Davos.

Day 8
We commence our homeward journey retracing our steps back to Saarbrücken.

Day 9
Overnight ferry from Zeebrugge to Hull.

Day 10
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight ferry days 1 & 9: P&O Ferries (outside cabin, all meals included)
Overnight hotel day 2: Mercure Forbach ••• (1 night, D, B&B)
Overnight hotel day 3 – 7: Central Sporthotel, Davos •••• (5 nights D, B&B)
Overnight hotel day 8: Mercure Hotel Sud, Saarbrücken ••• (1 night, B&B)

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Price Excludes
• Single Room/Cabin Supplement £170
• Holiday Insurance
Rhine & Moselle Valleys

The Rhine and Moselle Valleys offer 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, wonderful wines, picturesque towns and ancient castles. Boppard, situated in the heart of the Rhine Gorge, has a premier location right on the banks of the river.

Let’s get going
Day 1
Belfast to Hull via Larne.

Day 2
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.

Day 3
It is a free day today to explore the treasures of Boppard.

Day 4
There is a one-way river cruise upstream through the UNESCO-protected Upper Middle Rhine Valley to Oberlahnstein, from where we continue by coach to Königswinter, at the foot of the Siebengebirge Hills. Here we take the Drachenfelsbahn, Germany’s oldest cog railway, for a return journey. At the top we see the ruined medieval Drachenfels (‘dragon’s cliff’) Castle with great views across the River Rhine.

Day 5
We visit Rüdesheim, one of the most famous riverside towns on the Rhine. There is a tour of the Asbach Brandy and then you are free to explore. Take a stroll along the famous Drosselgasse, a lively, narrow cobbled street with bars, cafes and restaurants.

Day 6
Today we head to the Moselle Valley and the pretty riverside town of Cochem where we enjoy a one hour round trip cruise on the Moselle River. You will have time to explore the many medieval squares and lovingly restored houses of Cochem.

Day 7
We leave Boppard today for Europoort.

Day 8
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight ferry days 1 & 7: P&O Ferries (outside cabin, all meals included)

Hotel days 3 – 6: Hotel Elbertor, Boppard ***
(5 nights D, B&B)

Our ever popular family-run hotel occupies a prime site in the town with an outdoor terrace overlooking the mighty Rhine River. There are 101 bedrooms, each with hairdryer, TV and WiFi.

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Price Excludes
- Single Room/Cabin Supplement £110
- Holiday Insurance

Prices From £759 pps
Holland, Belgium & Germany

Our base for this tour is Valkenburg, famous for its castle and the elaborate system of Roman caves and tunnels that run beneath it. The history of the city is filled with sieges and conquests, and still has remnants of the former city walls and two city gates. The town is surrounded by beautiful undulating scenery and pretty villages. We also visit the old city of Aachen, historic Maastricht and the picturesque Monschau.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Hull via Larne with P&O Irish Sea.

Day 2
On disembarkation at Zeebrugge we travel directly to Aachen, famous for its magnificent cathedral and the Elisenbrunnen fountain, where we spend the afternoon. Before arriving at our hotel in Valkenburg we stop off at the Lindt Werksverkauf where you will find lots of chocolates at low prices!

Day 3
We start the day with a visit to the Netherlands American Cemetery, the third largest in Europe. The cemetery’s tall memorial tower can be seen before reaching the site, which covers 65.5 acres. We continue to Maastricht, one of Holland’s oldest cities, enjoying a guided tour to familiarise ourselves. The rest of the day is free. Try out a river cruise or the Zonneberg caves.

Day 4
Crossing into Germany there is the stunning scenery of the Eiffel Mountains to enjoy as we arrive at the picturesque village of Monschau, famous for its half-timbered buildings overlooked by a medieval castle. After a few hours exploring the village, we return to Valkenburg via Drielandenpunt, where the borders of Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands meet. We return to our hotel through South Limburg.

Day 5
After breakfast we leave our hotel and spend a few hours in Antwerp before catching the overnight sailing to Hull.

Day 6
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight ferry days 1 & 5: P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)
Hotel days 2 – 4: Hotel Walram, Valkenburg *** (3 nights D, B&B)

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Price excludes
- Single Room/Cabin Supplement from £90
- Holiday Insurance
Valkenburg’s annual Christmas Market is unlike any other – set inside caves under the city, 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.

Day 2
Zeebrugge to Valkenburg, arriving early afternoon with the rest of day free to explore the Christmas markets.

Day 3
Today we discover the charming city of Maastricht, with its charming cobbled old town, dominated by the Gothic style church of Sint Janskerk. Look out as well for the futuristic Bonnefanten art museum. We return to Valkenburg in late afternoon – don’t miss the Christmas Parade this evening.

Day 4
A full day in Liège, whose Christmas Market is Belgium’s largest with over 200 lodges.

Day 5
We spend some time in Bruges before catching our overnight sailing to Hull.

Day 6
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.
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.

Day 2
Leaving Europoort, we travel direct to Cochem, located in the most romantic part of the Moselle Valley, before continuing to Boppard, arriving late afternoon.

Day 3
We spend today in Frankfurt where the Christmas Market is one of Germany’s largest. The scenic surroundings on the Römerberg and St Paul’s Square, and the huge Christmas tree all combine to make it one of the most beautiful.

Day 4
Today we visit the spa-town of Wiesbaden and Rüdesheim, with time at the Christmas market, set in the town’s chocolate-box old quarter.

Day 5
We spend some time in Bruges before catching our overnight sailing to Hull.

Day 6
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight ferry days 1 & 5: P&O CruiseFerry (outside cabin, all meals included)
Hotel days 2 – 4: Hotel Ebertor, Boppard *** (3 nights D, B&B)

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Prices From
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Cologne & Bonn Christmas Markets

Cologne’s majestic cathedral dominates the skyline of this historic city and its grand square hosts a vibrant Christmas Market – just one of no fewer than seven distinct festive markets in the city. We also include the much smaller but just as exciting Christmas Markets in Bonn.

Let’s get going

Day 1
Belfast to Hull via Larne with P&O Irish Sea.

Day 2
Europoort to Cologne. Our hotel is in the centre of the city on the banks of the Rhine (porterage is not provided).

Day 3
A full day to enjoy Cologne’s amazing Christmas Markets at your own pace and all within walking distance of the hotel.

Day 4
We spend a full day in Bonn visiting the various Christmas markets, returning to our hotel at approximately 9pm.

Day 5
We return to Europoort for our overnight sailing to Hull.

Day 6
Hull to Belfast via Cairnryan with Stena Line.

Accommodation
Overnight ferry days 1 & 5: P&O Cruiseferry (outside cabin, all meals included)
Hotel days 2 – 4: Ibis Hotel Cologne Centre ★★ (3 nights B&B)

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- Holiday Insurance

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The Rheinstein Castle, Rhine
Holiday Insurance

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Demands and Needs

This insurance policy will suit the demands and needs of an individual or group (where applicable) who have no excluded medical conditions(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 Towergate 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. Certain hazardous sports and activities.
3. Personal effects – claims will be paid based on the value of your personal property, valuables, passport, visa or money must be reported to police within 24 hours of discovery and a written police report obtained.
4. Losses of personal property, valuables, passport, visa or money must be reported to police within 24 hours of discovery and a written police report obtained.
5. You are not covered for valuables, your passport or visa if left unattended at any time (including in a vehicle, in checked baggage or while in the custody of a carriertour operator or public transport operator) unless deposited in a hotel safe, safety deposit box or left in your locked accommodation.
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   a. an unattended coach bus unless it was locked in the baggage 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.
7. You being under the influence of drugs or (unless prescribed by a doctor).
8. Circumstances known to you before you booked your trip or purchased this insurance which could reasonably have been expected to lead to cancellation of the trip.

Residency

This policy is only available to residents of the United Kingdom, defined as staying in or has lived in the United Kingdom for more than 12 months or is studying or working in the United Kingdom for more than 6 months.

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 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 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 you should 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.

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Section Of Cover          Maximum Sum Insured / Benefits Per Person          Excess Per Person
Cancellation               £5,000 (United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Republic of Ireland, Europe & Worldwide)
                             10 trips up to 3-days
                             £10 Loss of Deposit / £85 Cancellation trips 4-days plus
Travel Delay (Northern Ireland, Scilly Isles, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Republic of Ireland, Europe & Worldwide)
                             £90 (£30 for each 12-hours) Travel Delay
                             £5,000 (after 12-hours) Holiday Abandonment
                             £50 trips up to 3-days / £85 trips 4-days plus Holiday Abandonment
Missed Departure           £100 (Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland)
                             £300 (England, Scotland, Wales, Isles of Scilly, Isle of Man, Channel Islands & Europe)
                             £600 Worldwide
Personal Accident          £15.000 (subject to age)
                             Nil
Medical & Other Expenses (including Curtailment)
                             £2,000,000 Medical & Other Expenses (Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Republic of Ireland, Europe & Worldwide)
                             £1,500 Additional Accommodation & Repatriation Expenses (United Kingdom)
                             £5,000 Curtailment (United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Republic of Ireland, Europe & Worldwide)
                             £85 Medical & Other Expenses
                             £50 trips up to 3-days / £85 trips 4-days plus Curtailment
Hospital Benefit           £100 (United Kingdom)
                             £500 (Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Republic of Ireland, Europe & Worldwide)
                             Nil
Baggage (including Personal Money)
                             £2,000 Personal Property
                             £2,000 (in group leader’s possession) Personal Money
                             £250 (in personal possession, subject to age) Personal Money
                             £100 (after 12-hours) Delayed Baggage
                             £85 Personal Property & Personal Money
                             Nil Delayed Baggage
Loss of Passport and / or Visa Expenses £250
                             Nil
Personal Liability         £2,000,000
                             Nil
Legal Expenses              £25,000
                             Nil
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www.central-davos.ch

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www.hotelsosta.info

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www.hotelmilansperanza.it

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Tel: 0043 5333 5273
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www.hotelwalram.nl

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Tel: 0049 2212 0960
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www.maritim.com

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Tel: 0033 387 870606
www.accor.com

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www.accorhotels.com

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1. Financial Protection
Your contract is with Ulsterbus Tours of Translink Travel Centre, Europa Buscentre, Glengall Street, Belfast BT11 5AH. When you book a holiday with us, which does not 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 reparation 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, where a contract is made. Please see the BCH Consumer Guarantee at 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 booking your trip 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 or on the website. Upon acceptance of your booking, we will issue you with 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 ferries, hotels, accommodation, insurance, and meals etc 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 information and price lists, regrettable 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, embarking or disembarkation fees at terminals, duties and taxes (including 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 the 'lead name' of the holiday. If the balance of the deposit is increased 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 compensate the booking agent at no cost to you by 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 try to accommodate you subject to the availability of the unaffected rooms. Where we succeed in doing so we will refund any reduction in 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 the forwarding of which we are 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.

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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 the forwarding of which we are 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.

8. Alterations to your holiday by us
We hope that we will not be forced 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 do our very best to try to minimise the impact of any such 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:

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<th>Period before departure during which significant changes is notified to you or your travel agent</th>
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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 activities, 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 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 your holiday contract is not provided as promised, you may terminate the contract without paying a cancellation 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 unavoidable 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 suffer death, injury or illness whilst overseas arising out of an activity which does NOT form part of your holiday, we may offer assistance 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 case 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. If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative. If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative. If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative. If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative. If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative. If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative. If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative.

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. To follow this 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 RCI/CCP have 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 1QS.

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, pulmonal 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. This offers some 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 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.nidirect.gov.uk/passports or www.dfa.ie Home.

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 is 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 have a special dietary need 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 strongly advise that you take out personal travel insurance for the trip. 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.ulsterbustours.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 are two, three and four-star standard and are carefully selected for their quality and location, particularly when selecting overnight hotels. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included unless otherwise indicated. On Simply Value tours menus tend to be set with no choice. Some hotels may only offer two courses, 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. See hotel directory for brief hotel descriptions on pages 92 to 93. 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. City/town centre hotel bedrooms tend to be more compact in size.

- Coaches drive on-board all ferries.

- Overnight ferry crossings include outside, en-suite 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. Please enquire about various en-route pick ups.

- 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 free travel is available in Northern Ireland by scheduled Translink train or bus service when joining or leaving a tour. Please enquire at time of booking.

- 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). Portage 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.

- 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.

- 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. You can apply online free of charge at: www.ehic.org.uk

- Currency when abroad – please check currency needed for your holiday. Some hotels do not accept credit cards as the norm. Please check with the reservation staff.

- Holiday insurance – all passengers are recommended to have adequate insurance. A Holiday Travel Insurance Scheme is available – for details see page 91. If you choose not to take our holiday insurance you must take alternative cover which is as good or better than ours.

- 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.

- All information in this brochure is correct at a time of going to print.

- Free travel is available in Northern Ireland by scheduled Translink train or bus service when joining or leaving a tour. Please enquire at time of booking.

- Special discounted rates are available at the Holiday Inn beside the Europa Buscentre for nights before and after tours. This accommodation must be booked through the Ulsterbus Tours booking office with a valid credit/debit card. Full balance is paid direct to the hotel on departure.

- 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.

- Tipping is at your discretion.

Deposits for tours are as follows:

- UK and Ireland: £50.00
- Europe: £150.00
- Air Tours: £250.00
- Cheltenham Festival: £150.00*
- F1 British Grand Prix: £250.00*

* Upgraded ticket requests are payable at time of booking and are non-refundable.

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Departure Calendar

January

- Winter Weekend in Donegal: Friday 4 January 2019
- Edinburgh Weekends: Friday 11 January 2019
- Winter Weekend in Donegal: Friday 18 January 2019

February

- All Inclusive Burns Night: Friday 1 February 2019
- Edinburgh Weekends: Friday 1 February 2019
- Winter Weekend in Donegal: Friday 8 February 2019
- Rugby International – Scotland v Ireland: Friday 8 February 2019
- Galway – Simply Value: Monday 11 February 2019
- Arrochar – Simply Value: Monday 11 February 2019
- Waterford – Simply Value: Sunday 17 February 2019

March

- Connemara Weekends – Pure Tranquility: Friday 1 March 2019
- Edinburgh Weekends: Friday 1 March 2019
- Killaroe & the Three Counties: Monday 4 March 2019
- Kingdom of Kerry – Simply Value: Sunday 10 March 2019
- Westport – Simply Value: Sunday 10 March 2019
- Cheltenham Festival: Monday 11 March 2019
- Michael Buble Tribute with All Inclusive House Party: Sunday 17 March 2019
- Donegal Delights: Monday 18 March 2019
- Galway – Simply Value: Monday 18 March 2019
- Arrochar – Simply Value: Monday 18 March 2019
- Waterford – Simply Value: Sunday 24 March 2019

April

- Westport – Simply Value: Sunday 7 April 2019
- Killaroe & the Three Counties: Monday 8 April 2019
- Co. Wexford & the Garden of Ireland: Sunday 14 April 2019
- Kingdom of Kerry – Simply Value: Sunday 14 April 2019
- Arrochar – Simply Value: Monday 15 April 2019
- Easter in Waterford: Saturday 20 April 2019
- Lake District & the North Pennines: Monday 22 April 2019
- Enniscrone – Best of the West: Sunday 28 April 2019
- Dutch Bulbfields, Cheese & Delft Pottery: Sunday 28 April 2019
- Killaroe & the Three Counties: Monday 29 April 2019

May

- Galway Bay: Monday 6 May 2019
- Killaroe & the Three Counties: Monday 6 May 2019
- Newquay & Coastal Cornwall: Saturday 11 May 2019
- Waterford & the Copper Coast: Sunday 12 May 2019
- Yorkshire Houses & Canal Cruise: Sunday 12 May 2019
- Discover Donegal: Monday 13 May 2019
- Co. Cork: Monday 13 May 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport: Monday 13 May 2019
- Criccieth & the Llyn Peninsula: Monday 13 May 2019
- Westport, Co. Mayo: Sunday 19 May 2019
- Co. Wexford & the Garden of Ireland: Sunday 19 May 2019
- The Cotswolds – Castle & Gardens: Sunday 19 May 2019
- Chester & North Wales: Sunday 19 May 2019
- Norfolk & Suffolk: Sunday 19 May 2019
- Lake District & the North Pennines: Monday 20 May 2019
- Grand Gardens & Chelsea Flower Show: Monday 20 May 2019
- Orkney & Shetland Mini-Cruise: Monday 20 May 2019
- Torquay & The English Riviera: Saturday 25 May 2019
- Connemara – Ireland’s Wild West: Monday 27 May 2019
- Killaroe & the Three Counties: Monday 27 May 2019

June

- Emmerdale, ‘Victoria’ & Harrogate: Sunday 2 June 2019
- Killaroe & the Three Counties: Monday 3 June 2019
- RHS Chatsworth Flower Show & Peak District: Friday 7 June 2019
- Westport, Co. Mayo: Saturday 9 June 2019
- Lake Maggiore & Switzerland: Saturday 9 June 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport: Monday 10 June 2019
- Llandudno & The Wirral: Monday 10 June 2019
- Northumbria & the Lake District: Friday 14 June 2019
- Newquay & Coastal Cornwall: Saturday 15 June 2019
- Waterford & the Copper Coast: Sunday 16 June 2019
- Co. Wexford & the Garden of Ireland: Sunday 16 June 2019
- Chester & North Wales: Sunday 16 June 2019
- Connemara – Ireland’s Wild West: Monday 17 June 2019
- Killaroe & the Three Counties: Sunday 23 June 2019
- Swiss Alps & Bernina Express: Thursday 27 June 2019
- Dorset & Bournemouth: Saturday 29 June 2019
- Lidoosovana & Aran Islands: Sunday 30 June 2019
- Kingdom of Kerry – Simply Value: Sunday 29 June 2019
- Oxfordshire Splendour: Sunday 29 June 2019
- Norfolk & Suffolk: Sunday 30 June 2019
- Discover Donegal: Monday 24 June 2019
- Enniscrone – Best of the West: Sunday 30 June 2019
- Rhine & Moselle Valleys: Sunday 30 June 2019

July

- Killaroe & the Three Counties: Monday 1 July 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport: Monday 1 July 2019
- Austrian Tyrol: Tuesday 2 July 2019
- Warwick Castle & Cadbury World: Friday 5 July 2019
- Torquay & The English Riviera: Saturday 6 July 2019
- Galway Bay: Sunday 7 July 2019
- Houses & Gardens of Co. Laiso: Sunday 7 July 2019
- Co. Wexford & the Garden of Ireland: Sunday 7 July 2019
- Holland, Belgium & Germany: Sunday 7 July 2019
- Lake District & the North Pennines: Monday 8 July 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport: Monday 8 July 2019
- Orkney & Shetland Mini-Cruise: Monday 8 July 2019
- FL British Grand Prix: Friday 12 July 2019
- Co. Monaghan & Dublin: Sunday 14 July 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport: Monday 15 July 2019
- Dorset & Bournemouth: Saturday 20 July 2019
- Lidoosovana & Aran Islands: Sunday 21 July 2019
- Cornwall: Sunday 21 July 2019
- Lake Maggiore & Switzerland: Saturday 21 July 2019
- Discover Donegal: Monday 22 July 2019
- Co. Cork: Monday 22 July 2019
- Wye Valley & Shropshire Hills: Monday 22 July 2019
- Llandudno & The Wirral: Monday 22 July 2019
- Waterford & the Copper Coast: Sunday 28 July 2019
- The Cotswolds – Castle & Gardens: Sunday 28 July 2019
- Chester & North Wales: Sunday 28 July 2019
- Cardiff & South Wales: Monday 29 July 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport: Monday 29 July 2019
- Scottish Borders: Monday 29 July 2019
- A Highland Fling: Tuesday 30 July 2019
- Austrian Tyrol, Italian & Swiss Lakes Grand Tour: Tuesday 30 July 2019
Departure Calendar

**August**
- Warwick Castle & Cadbury World  
  Friday 2 August 2019
- Yorkshire Houses & Canal Cruise  
  Sunday 4 August 2019
- Kent – Castles & Gardens  
  Sunday 4 August 2019
- Oxfordshire Splendour  
  Sunday 4 August 2019
- Holland, Belgium & Germany  
  Monday 5 August 2019
- Discover Donegal  
  Thursday 8 August 2019
- The Rhone Alps & Turquoise Lakes  
  Friday 9 August 2019
- Dorset & Bournemouth  
  Saturday 10 August 2019
- Co. Monaghan & Dublin  
  Sunday 11 August 2019
- Co. Wexford & the Garden of Ireland  
  Sunday 11 August 2019
- Torquay & The English Riviera  
  Sunday 11 August 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport  
  Monday 12 August 2019
- Llandudno & The Wirral  
  Monday 12 August 2019
- Newquay & Coastal Cornwall  
  Saturday 17 August 2019
- West of Ireland Gardens  
  Sunday 18 August 2019
- The Cotswolds – Castle & Gardens  
  Sunday 18 August 2019
- Remembering the Somme  
  Sunday 18 August 2019
- Berlin & Dresden  
  Sunday 18 August 2019
- Wye Valley & Shropshire Hills  
  Monday 19 August 2019
- Lake District & the North Pennines  
  Monday 19 August 2019
- A Highland Fling  
  Monday 19 August 2019
- Waterford & the Copper Coast  
  Sunday 25 August 2019
- Chester & North Wales  
  Sunday 25 August 2019
- Highland Railways, Whisky  
  Sunday 25 August 2019
- Killaloe & the Three Counties  
  Monday 26 August 2019
- Co. Cork  
  Monday 26 August 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport  
  Monday 26 August 2019

**September**
- Houses & Gardens of Co. Laois  
  Sunday 1 September 2019
- Emmerdale, ‘Victoria’ & Harrogate  
  Sunday 1 September 2019
- The Cotswolds – Castle & Gardens  
  Sunday 1 September 2019
- Cardiff & South Wales  
  Sunday 1 September 2019
- Rhine & Moselle Valleys  
  Sunday 1 September 2019
- Connemara – Ireland’s Wild West  
  Monday 2 September 2019
- Killaloe & the Three Counties  
  Monday 2 September 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport  
  Monday 2 September 2019
- Blooming September  
  Thursday 5 September 2019
- Northumbria & the Lake District  
  Friday 6 September 2019
- Dorset & Bournemouth  
  Saturday 7 September 2019
- Enniscrone – Best of the West  
  Sunday 8 September 2019
- Co. Monaghan & Dublin  
  Sunday 8 September 2019
- Co. Wexford & the Garden of Ireland  
  Sunday 8 September 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport  
  Monday 9 September 2019
- Scottish Borders  
  Monday 9 September 2019
- Westport, Co. Mayo  
  Sunday 15 September 2019
- Kingdom of Kerry – Simply Value  
  Sunday 15 September 2019
- Blackpool, Ribble Valley & Southport  
  Monday 16 September 2019
- Hebridean Adventure  
  Wednesday 18 September 2019
- Newquay & Coastal Cornwall  
  Saturday 21 September 2019
- Waterford & the Copper Coast  
  Sunday 22 September 2019
- Galway Bay  
  Monday 23 September 2019
- Lake Garda  
  Wednesday 25 September 2019
- Killaloe & the Three Counties  
  Monday 30 September 2019

**October**
- Co. Wexford & the Garden of Ireland  
  Sunday 6 October 2019
- Connemara Weekends – Pure Tranquility  
  Friday 11 October 2019
- Killaloe & the Three Counties  
  Monday 14 October 2019
- Arrochar – Simply Value  
  Monday 14 October 2019
- Westport – Simply Value  
  Sunday 20 October 2019
- Galway – Simply Value  
  Monday 21 October 2019
- All Inclusive House Party  
  Friday 25 October 2019
- Waterford – Simply Value  
  Sunday 27 October 2019

**November**
- Blackpool Tribute Weekend  
  Friday 1 November 2019
- Donegal Delights  
  Monday 4 November 2019
- The Somme & The Armistice  
  Saturday 9 November 2019
- Westport – Simply Value  
  Sunday 10 November 2019
- Arrochar – Simply Value  
  Monday 11 November 2019
- Connemara Weekends – Pure Tranquility  
  Friday 15 November 2019
- Michael Buble Tribute to Christmas with  
  All Inclusive Turkey & Tinsel  
  Friday 15 November 2019
- Galway – Simply Value  
  Monday 18 November 2019
- Knitting & Stitching Show, Harrogate  
  Friday 22 November 2019
- Waterford – Simply Value  
  Sunday 24 November 2019
- Drams & Dances in Oban  
  Monday 25 November 2019
- Rhine Christmas Markets  
  Thursday 28 November 2019

**December**
- Cologne & Bonn Christmas Markets  
  Sunday 1 December 2019
- Donegal Delights  
  Monday 2 December 2019
- Yorkshire Fizz & Fayre  
  Monday 2 December 2019
- Valkenburg Christmas Market  
  Thursday 5 December 2019
- Winterval – Ireland’s Christmas Capital!  
  Friday 6 December 2019
- All Inclusive Turkey & Tinsel  
  Sunday 15 December 2019
- Christmas in Ben Nevis  
  Monday 23 December 2019
- Christmas in Donegal  
  Tuesday 24 December 2019

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