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Each holiday has been thoughtfully planned to provide the perfect balance of comfort, discovery and enjoyment. Staying at carefully selected hotels and enjoying well-crafted itineraries, you'll have the opportunity to explore fantastic destinations while travelling in comfort and style.

We hope our 2027 collection inspires you to discover somewhere new, revisit an old favourite, and create wonderful memories along the way. If you would like further information, have any questions, or are ready to make a booking, our friendly team will be pleased to assist.

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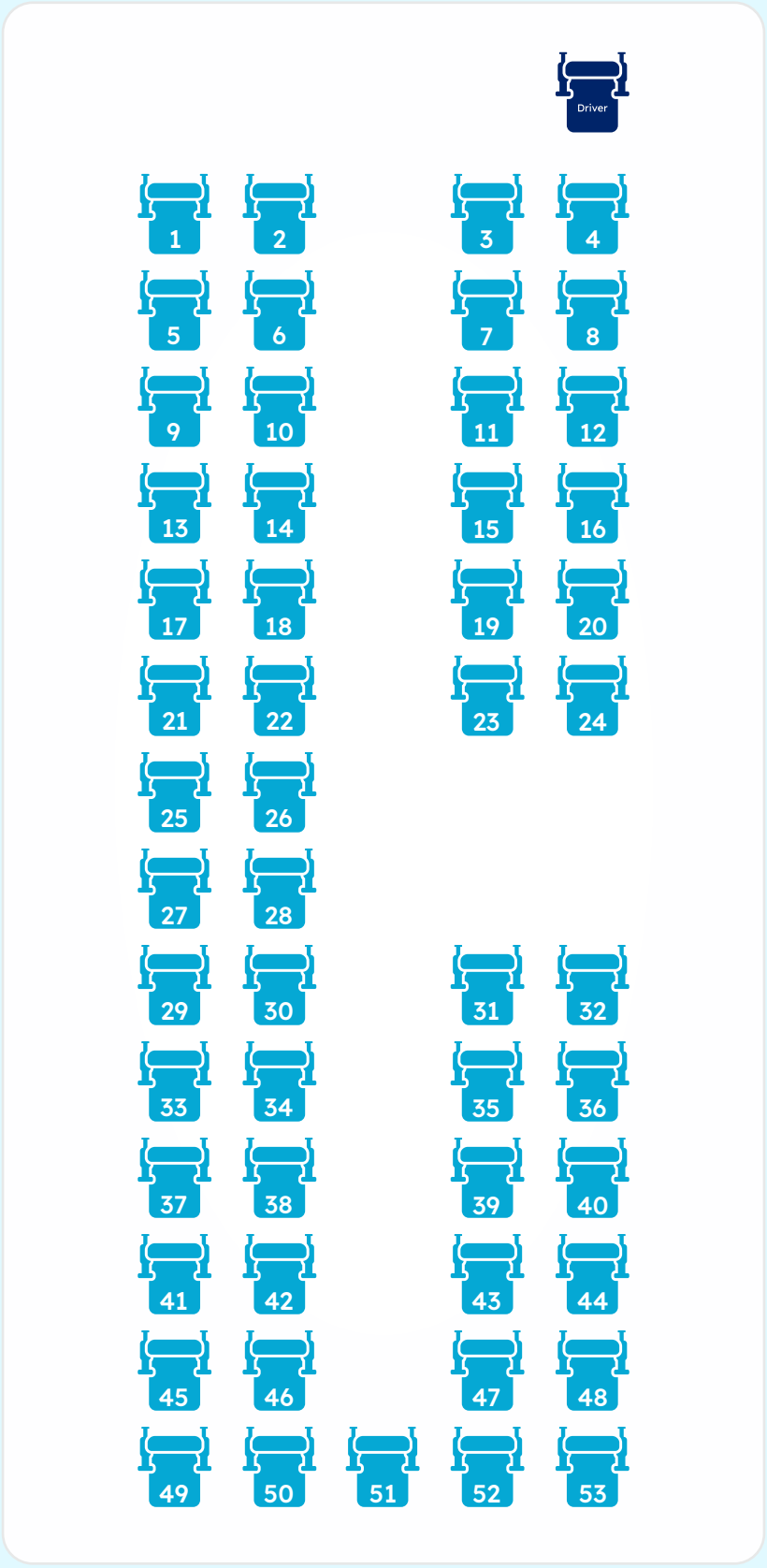
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Seating plan

53 Seat Coach



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Snowdonia & North Wales: **A Scenic Escape**

£585

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22 - 26 FEBRUARY 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover the beauty of North Wales on this relaxing five-day break based in the historic town of Caernarfon.

Staying at the well-appointed Celtic Royal Hotel, ideally located in the heart of the town and just moments from the iconic Caernarfon Castle, you'll enjoy scenic excursions to Anglesey, Llandudno, Betws-y-Coed and Porthmadog, together with free time to explore Caernarfon at your leisure.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £80.00

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Visits to Anglesey, Llandudno, Betws-y-Coed and Porthmadog
- ✓ Free time to explore Caernarfon

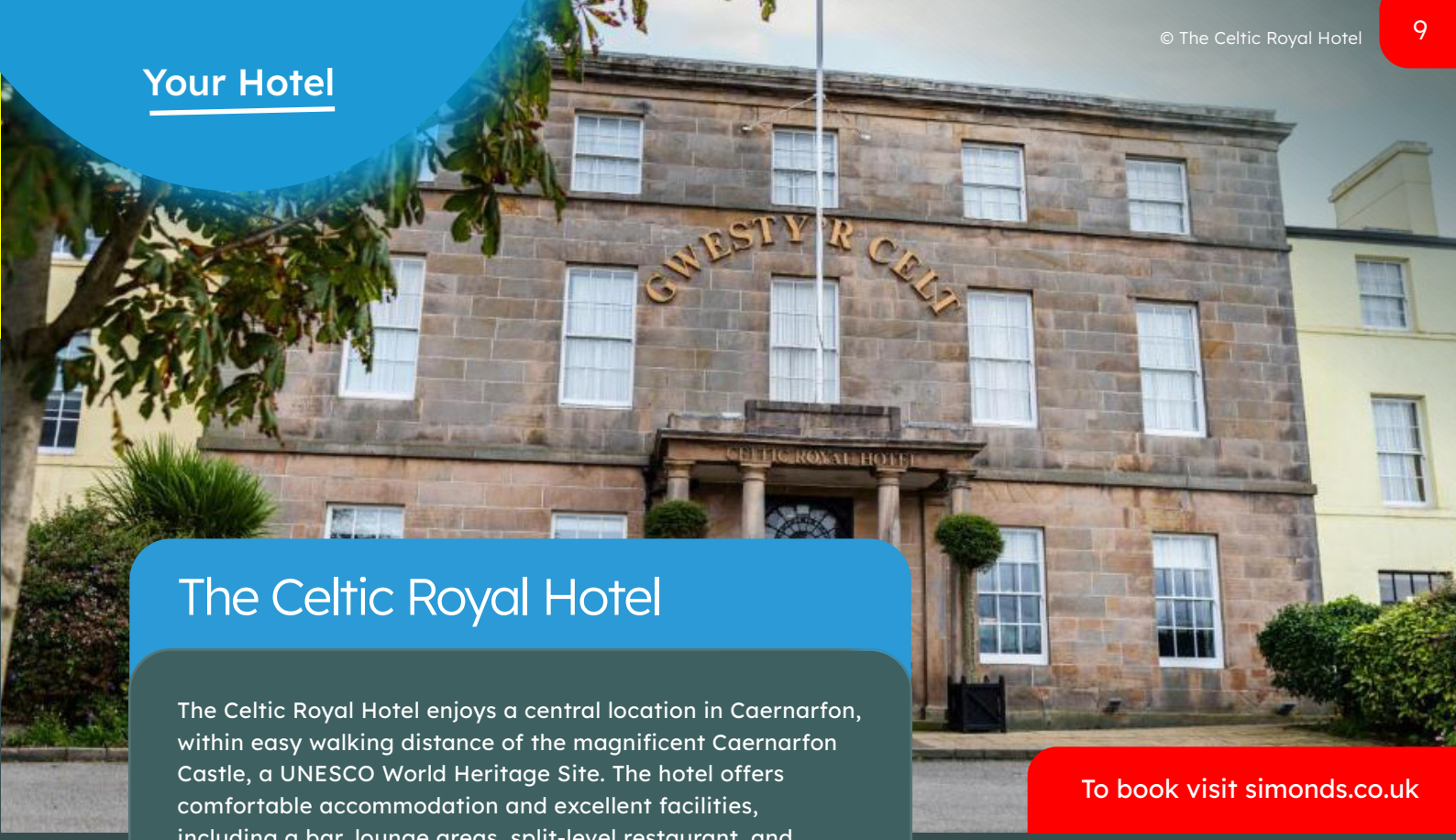


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The Celtic Royal Hotel

The Celtic Royal Hotel enjoys a central location in Caernarfon, within easy walking distance of the magnificent Caernarfon Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The hotel offers comfortable accommodation and excellent facilities, including a bar, lounge areas, split-level restaurant, and impressive leisure amenities featuring an indoor swimming pool. All bedrooms are en-suite and equipped with a television, telephone, and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift for your convenience.

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Your Tour

• Day 1 - Monday

Relax and enjoy the journey from your local pick-up point to Caernarfon in North Wales. Upon arrival at the hotel, you'll be welcomed with tea or coffee while your luggage is delivered to your room, allowing you to settle in comfortably before dinner.

• Day 2 - Tuesday

This morning we travel to the beautiful island of Anglesey, stopping at the famous village of Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, home to the renowned James Pringle shopping complex. Later, we return to historic Caernarfon where you'll have free time to explore at your own pace. Visit the impressive castle, browse the local shops, or simply soak up the atmosphere of this charming medieval town.

• Day 3 - Wednesday

Today's excursion takes us to the elegant Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno. Nestled beneath the dramatic Great Orme headland, the resort offers stunning coastal scenery, a beautiful promenade, and a variety of shops and cafés. Why not take the cable car to the summit of the Great Orme for spectacular views across the bay?

• Day 4 - Thursday

Enjoy a scenic tour through the breathtaking landscapes of Snowdonia National Park. Our first stop is the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, often referred to as the gateway to Snowdonia. Browse the independent shops and enjoy refreshments in one of the village's welcoming cafés. We then continue over the dramatic Crimea Pass, travelling through Blaenau Ffestiniog before arriving in the harbour town of Porthmadog. There will be time to explore and enjoy lunch before we return to Caernarfon.

• Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Snowdonia and begin our comfortable journey back to East Anglia, making suitable comfort stops along the way.



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Cornwall's **Coastal Charms**

£499

15 - 19 MARCH 2027 | 5 DAYS

Experience the charm of Cornwall on this relaxing five-day coastal holiday based in the popular seaside resort of Newquay.

Discover the picturesque fishing port of Padstow, renowned for its colourful harbour and culinary reputation, explore the maritime heritage of Falmouth, and enjoy time in Cornwall's historic capital city, Truro. Combined with comfortable accommodation and free time to enjoy Newquay, this is the perfect spring getaway.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Admission to the National Maritime Museum
- ✓ Visit to Padstow, Falmouth and Truro
- ✓ Free time in Newquay
- ✓ Nightly entertainment



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Kilbirnie Hotel

The Kilbirnie Hotel enjoys an enviable position in the heart of Newquay, overlooking the beautiful Tolcarne and Lusty Glaze beaches. Comfortable en-suite bedrooms feature a television, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities. Guests can also take advantage of the hotel's excellent leisure facilities, including an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna, and fitness suite. The hotel has a lift for your convenience.







Your Tour

• Day 1 - Monday

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the journey from your local pick-up point to Cornwall. On arrival at the hotel, settle into your comfortable surroundings before dinner.

• Day 2 - Tuesday

Today we enjoy a scenic coastal drive to the attractive fishing port of Padstow. With its colourful harbour, narrow streets, independent shops, and traditional Cornish character, Padstow is one of Cornwall's most popular destinations. The town is also famous for its culinary heritage and is home to restaurants associated with celebrity chef Rick Stein. Later, we return to Newquay where you can spend free time exploring the resort or making use of the hotel's leisure facilities before dinner.

• Day 3 - Wednesday

This morning we travel to the bustling harbour town of Falmouth. Here we visit the fascinating National Maritime Museum, where interactive exhibits and galleries explore Britain's rich maritime history and Cornwall's close relationship with the sea. Afterwards, enjoy free time to discover Falmouth's attractive waterfront, historic streets, and excellent selection of shops, cafés, and boutiques.

• Day 4 - Thursday

Today's excursion takes us to the historic city of Truro, Cornwall's only city. Set amongst picturesque rivers and elegant Georgian and Victorian architecture, Truro offers a wonderful mix of independent shops, cafés, and cultural attractions. Dominating the skyline is the magnificent Truro Cathedral, one of the county's most iconic landmarks.

• Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Cornwall and begin our journey back to East Anglia, making suitable comfort stops along the way.

Easter in the **Peak District**

£745

26 - 29 MARCH 2027 | 4 DAYS

Celebrate Easter with a delightful break in the stunning Peak District, discovering picturesque towns, dramatic landscapes, and one of Britain's finest stately homes. Explore the charming market town of Bakewell, famed for its world-renowned pudding, travel along the spectacular Snake Pass with breathtaking views of the Pennines, and enjoy a visit to the magnificent Chatsworth House.

Combined with comfortable accommodation and scenic touring, this Easter getaway offers the perfect blend of heritage, history, and natural beauty.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)

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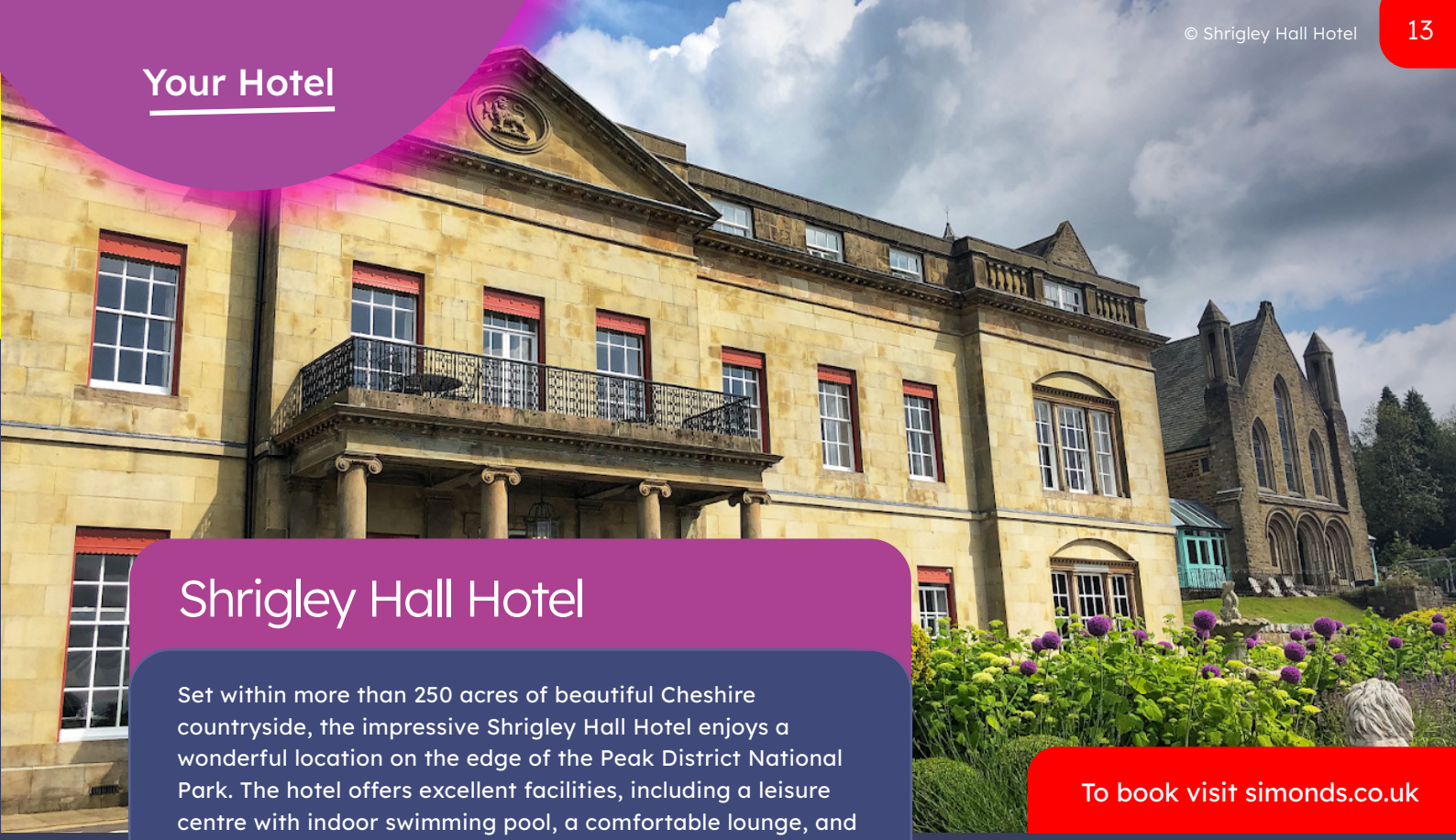
Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Visits to Castleton, Bakewell and Buxton
- ✓ Scenic drive via Snake Pass and Ladybower Reservoir
- ✓ Admission to Chatsworth House


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Your Hotel



Shrigley Hall Hotel

Set within more than 250 acres of beautiful Cheshire countryside, the impressive Shrigley Hall Hotel enjoys a wonderful location on the edge of the Peak District National Park. The hotel offers excellent facilities, including a leisure centre with indoor swimming pool, a comfortable lounge, and the Courtyard Bar. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature a television, telephone, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift for your convenience, please note it does not serve all rooms.

To book visit simonds.co.uk

Your Tour

Day 1 - Friday

Relax and enjoy the journey to Shrigley Hall, with a break in the historic town of Burton upon Trent en route. Upon arrival at the hotel, you'll be welcomed with tea or coffee while your luggage is delivered to your room, allowing you to settle in before dinner.

Day 2 - Saturday

Today's excursion showcases some of the Peak District's most spectacular scenery. Travelling through Glossop, we join the famous Snake Pass, one of England's most scenic roads, offering magnificent views across the surrounding countryside. We continue to the beautiful Ladybower Reservoir before stopping in the picturesque village of Castleton for refreshments and time to explore.

This afternoon we visit the charming market town of Bakewell, nestled on the banks of the River Wye and famous for its traditional Bakewell Pudding. Later, we continue to the elegant spa town of Buxton, where you'll have time to admire its impressive architecture, attractive gardens, and vibrant town centre.

Day 3 - Sunday

Happy Easter! After a leisurely breakfast, we visit the magnificent Chatsworth House, ancestral home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. One of Britain's most celebrated stately homes, Chatsworth boasts a remarkable collection of art, sculpture, and antiques. Explore the grand State Rooms, the impressive Painted Hall, and the Sculpture Gallery, while learning about the rich history of both the house and the Cavendish family. You may also wish to stroll through the beautiful gardens, which extend across more than 100 acres.

Day 4 - Monday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Peak District and begin our journey home. En route, we stop in the market town of Melton Mowbray, renowned for its famous pork pies and Stilton cheese, offering the perfect opportunity for some last-minute shopping before continuing back to East Anglia.



A Dutch Delight: **Tulips, Towns & Traditions**

£899

1 - 5 APRIL 2027 | 5 DAYS

The highlight of this Spring holiday is a visit to the stunning Keukenhof Gardens where there is a spectacular display of over 7 million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths earning itself the title of the 'Garden of Europe'.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £120.00 (Limited availability)

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Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Return ferry crossings
- ✓ Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens

A passport and travel insurance are required for this holiday.



Your Hotel

Fletcher Hotel Loosdrecht

Positioned in a unique location overlooking the Loosdrecht Lakes, this resort style hotel enjoys a fantastic lakeside setting. All 67 attractive, well decorated bedrooms are of a good size and feature a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. With fabulous views of the lake, the modern and stylish restaurant and bar are a focal point of the hotel. On warm evenings, guests can enjoy evening drinks on the charming terrace overlooking the lake.





Your Tour

• Day 1 - Thursday

After collecting you from local pick up points we make our way to Dover for the short crossing to Calais and continue our journey towards Amsterdam and our hotel arriving in plenty of time to relax before dinner.

• Day 2 - Friday

The spectacular highlight of this holiday is a visit to the stunning Keukenhof Gardens. You will need the full day to explore these vast gardens that span over 32 hectares. As well as the gardens you will also find unique artwork, wonderful exhibitions and numerous shows and displays.

• Day 3 - Saturday

After breakfast we make our way into Amsterdam where you will have the morning to explore this fascinating city. You can choose which of the many museums you might like to visit, perhaps enjoy a guided trip on the romantic canals or just have a taste of the local shopping.
This afternoon we will visit Haarlem, one of the best preserved historical city centres in the region, known for its grand churches, iconic museums, exceptional shopping and cobblestone streets. The afternoon is yours to explore at your leisure.

• Day 4 - Sunday

We start today by heading to the old fishing village of Volendam, famous for its splendid harbour, fishing trade, authentic Dutch character and traditional clothing. We will spend some time here before continuing north to discover the wonderful little city of Hoorn near IJsselmeer Lake and enjoy the history, pleasant atmosphere and beautiful natural surroundings. After our stop here take the spectacular drive across Lake Markermeer to Lelystad and back to the hotel. During the day we will also stop at one of the many cheese and clog outlets where you can see clogs being made and sample some local delicacies.

• Day 5 - Monday

After breakfast we will make our way back home via Calais and Dover.

The Flavours & Charms of **Yorkshire**

£645

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11 - 15 APRIL 2027 | 5 DAYS

Experience the very best of Yorkshire's food, crafts, heritage and countryside on this delightful five-day break. Discover beautifully handcrafted ceramics, sample the county's famous Wensleydale cheese, and enjoy a brewery tour and tasting at one of Yorkshire's best-loved breweries.

Alongside these culinary highlights, you'll visit charming market towns, explore the historic Helmsley Walled Garden, and step into the world of Britain's most famous vet at the award-winning World of James Herriot.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)

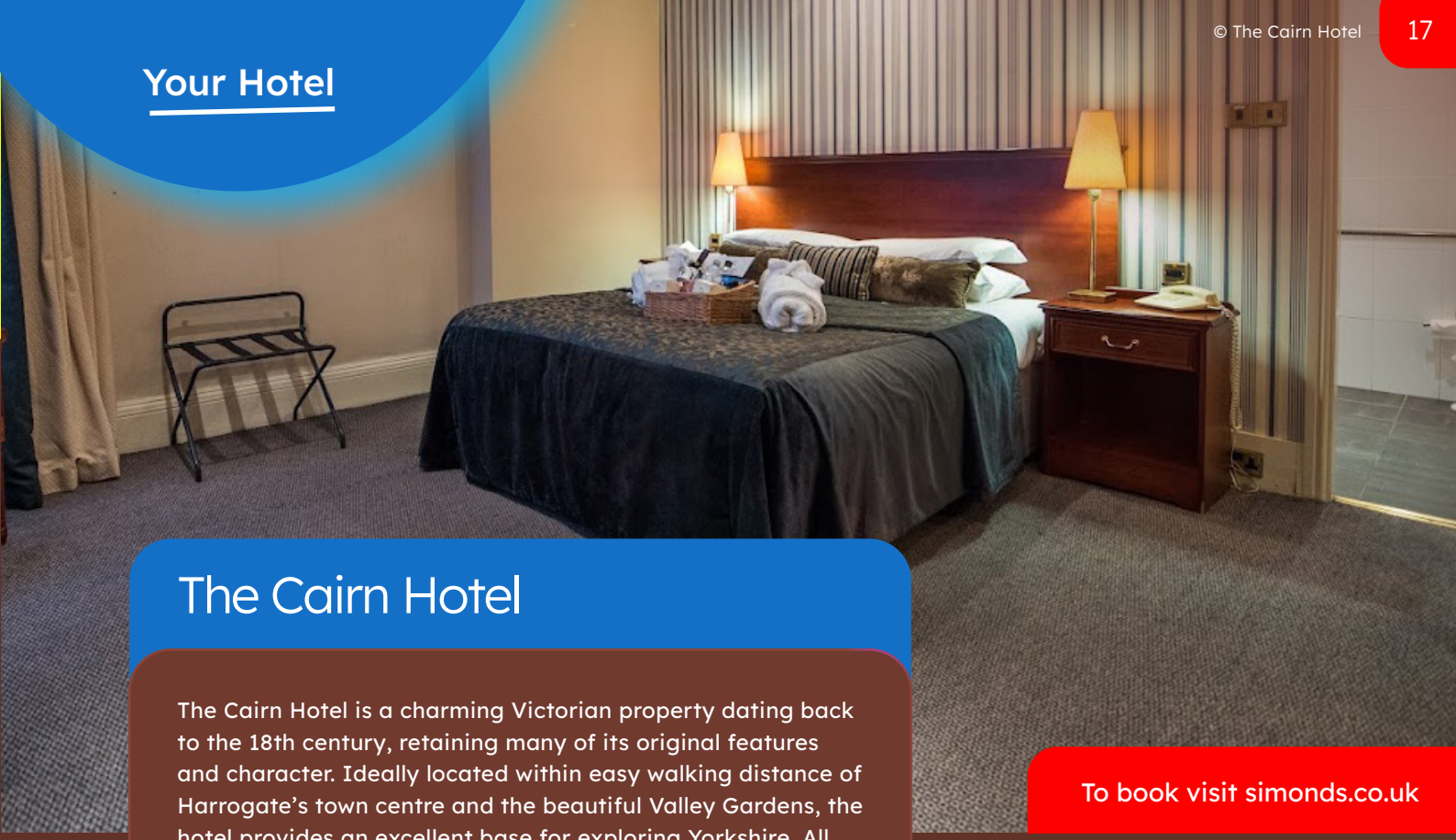
Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Wensleydale Creamery, Hawes
- Free time in Harrogate
- Visit to Ripon
- Tour & Tasting at the Black Sheep Brewery
- Helmsley Walled Garden
- World of James Herriot


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Your Hotel



The Cairn Hotel

The Cairn Hotel is a charming Victorian property dating back to the 18th century, retaining many of its original features and character. Ideally located within easy walking distance of Harrogate's town centre and the beautiful Valley Gardens, the hotel provides an excellent base for exploring Yorkshire. All bedrooms are en-suite and include a television, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift for your convenience.

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Your Tour

• Day 1 - Sunday

Departing from local pick-up point we travel to Yorkshire. Upon arrival at the hotel, settle into your room and enjoy the evening at leisure before dinner.

• Day 2 - Monday

Today's excursion celebrates Yorkshire's renowned craftsmanship and food heritage. We begin in the market town of Leyburn with a visit to Ceramic Inspirations, where skilled artisans create a remarkable range of handcrafted ceramics. Next door, you'll find the tempting Chocolate Shop, offering plenty of sweet treats.

We then continue to Hawes, home to the famous Wensleydale Creamery. Enjoy the Cheese Experience and learn about the history and production of Yorkshire's iconic Wensleydale cheese. Afterwards, there will be free time to explore Hawes and browse its selection of independent, antique, and boutique shops before returning to the hotel.

• Day 3 - Tuesday

This morning is free to explore the elegant spa town of Harrogate. Known for its wide boulevards, beautiful gardens, and attractive architecture, Harrogate remains one of Yorkshire's most charming destinations. Later, we travel to the historic cathedral city of Ripon, where you'll have time to explore and enjoy lunch at leisure. We then continue to the picturesque market town of Masham for a guided tour and tasting at the award-winning Black Sheep Brewery. Learn about the brewing process and sample a selection of the brewery's popular ales.

• Day 4 - Wednesday

This morning we visit the beautiful Helmsley Walled Garden, a historic garden dating back to 1758. Set beneath the impressive ruins of Helmsley Castle, the gardens feature colourful borders, productive orchards, glasshouses, and an impressive collection of plants throughout the seasons.

After time to explore Helmsley, we travel to Thirsk for a visit to the fascinating The World of James Herriot. This multi-award-winning attraction celebrates the life and work of Alf Wight, better known by his pen name, James Herriot. Explore authentic veterinary rooms, television set recreations, and exhibits that bring his much-loved stories to life.

• Day 5 - Thursday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Yorkshire and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of the county's food, crafts, history, and scenery.


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London
Weekend Escape

£575

16 - 19 APRIL 2027 | 4 DAYS

Experience the excitement and diversity of one of the world's greatest capitals on this fantastic short break to London. Whether you're drawn to iconic landmarks, fascinating museums, world-class shopping, or rich royal heritage, London offers something for everyone.

Highlights include visits to the British Museum and Royal Museums Greenwich, afternoon tea aboard the legendary Cutty Sark, and free time to explore some of the capital's most famous districts at your own pace.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £100.00

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Entrance to the Royal Museums Greenwich
- ✓ Cutty Sark with afternoon tea
- ✓ Visit to the British Museum


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Your Hotel

Holiday Inn Shepperton

The Holiday Inn Shepperton is set within 11 acres of attractive grounds in a peaceful location near Shepperton, providing a relaxing base for your stay. Hotel facilities include a leisure centre with an indoor swimming pool. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature a television, telephone, hairdryer, and tea and coffee-making facilities. The hotel has a lift for your convenience.


© Holiday Inn Shepperton


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Your Tour

• Day 1 - Friday

Relax and enjoy the journey from your local pick-up point as we travel to the historic Royal Town of Windsor. Here, you'll have time to explore its charming streets, riverside setting, and excellent selection of shops and cafés before continuing to the Holiday Inn Shepperton Hotel for our three-night stay.

• Day 2 - Saturday

This morning we travel into central London to visit the world-renowned British Museum. Home to an extraordinary collection spanning more than two million years of human history, the museum's treasures include Egyptian mummies, the Rosetta Stone, and the Parthenon Sculptures.

Following your visit, enjoy free time to explore London at leisure. Whether you choose to visit famous landmarks, browse the shops of Oxford Street, or simply soak up the atmosphere of the capital, the afternoon is yours to enjoy before returning to the hotel for dinner.

• Day 3 - Sunday

Today we visit the historic Royal Museums Greenwich. Our first stop is the famous Royal Observatory Greenwich, where you'll discover the story of timekeeping and stand astride the world-famous Prime Meridian Line.

We then board the iconic Cutty Sark for a delightful afternoon tea beneath one of the world's most celebrated ships. Afterwards, you'll have free time to explore the remaining attractions within Royal Museums Greenwich, including the National Maritime Museum and the elegant Queen's House.

• Day 4 - Monday

After breakfast, we spend time in the vibrant district of Covent Garden. Browse the boutiques, enjoy the street entertainment, or relax in one of the many cafés before we begin our journey home with fond memories of our London adventure.

A Taste of North Wales: **A Welsh Adventure**

£659

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Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Return journey Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Entrance to Caernarfon Castle
- Halen Môn (Anglesey Sea Salt) Guided Tour

26 - 30 APRIL 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover the breathtaking landscapes, fascinating heritage and unique character of North Wales on this delightful five-day holiday based in the heart of Snowdonia. From magnificent medieval castles and charming mountain villages to the majestic heights of Snowdon and the beautiful Isle of Anglesey, this tour offers a wonderful blend of spectacular scenery, history and local experiences.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)
Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £80.00



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The Royal Victoria Hotel

Few places can boast such magnificent views as the grand Royal Victoria Hotel. Perfectly positioned at the edge of Snowdonia National Park, the hotel overlooks the charming village of Llanberis and is just a 10-minute stroll from its shops, attractions and scenic walks.
Step inside to a warm and genuine welcome. Unwind in the bright, stylish restaurant, sink into a cosy armchair in the traditional pub-style bar, or enjoy the peace of the elegant lounge. All 104 well decorated bedrooms are comfortable, homely and equipped with a TV, hair-dryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Outside, the hotel's gardens provide a tranquil spot to relax and soak up the breathtaking mountain scenery. The hotel also has a lift for your convenience.

Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Sit back and relax as we travel from local pick-up points to Llanberis. On arrival at our hotel, enjoy a welcome tea or coffee while your luggage is taken to your room.

Day 2 - Tuesday

This morning we visit Caernarfon Castle, recognised around the world as one of the greatest buildings of the Middle Ages and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The first fortification began in the 11th century and took 47 years to complete along with the town and quay. Next we enjoy a scenic drive to Betws-y-Coed, North Wales' most popular inland resort set in the Gwydir Forest. We enjoy time at leisure for lunch here before returning to our hotel and the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Day 3 - Wednesday

At 3,560ft, Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) is the highest mountain in England and Wales. We take a ride on the Snowdon Mountain Railway for a journey to "the rooftop of Wales" and, weather permitting, we will have spectacular views. The Visitor Centre has a gift shop and café where we have plenty of time to look around.

Day 4 - Thursday

This morning, we travel to the Isle of Anglesey and nearby Beaumaris with its medieval castle, lovely beach and Victorian pier. Here we have free time to wander at our own pace and find a friendly spot for lunch. Afterwards, we head to Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch to explore this historic village famous for its name followed by a scenic drive to Halen Môn (Anglesey Sea Salt), set on the banks of the Menai Straits, for a guided tour. We learn about how the sea salt – Welsh Gold – is made into the edible condiment, from the first batch on a family Aga in 1997, to modern day production.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Snowdonia and begin our journey home to East Anglia, with plenty of comfort stops en route.


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The Charms of **East Sussex**

£699

3 - 7 MAY 2027 | 5 DAYS

Enjoy a relaxing coastal escape to East Sussex, staying in the elegant seaside resort of Eastbourne. This delightful holiday combines free time to enjoy the traditional charms of the south coast with fascinating excursions to historic Hastings, a nostalgic steam railway journey through the Sussex countryside, and a visit to the enchanting Scotney Castle and Gardens. Complete with a unique British Tea Museum experience, this tour offers the perfect blend of history, heritage, and relaxation.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Free time to explore Eastbourne
- ✓ Kent and East Sussex Railway
- ✓ The British Tea Museum, including tea tasting and scones
- ✓ Admission to Scotney Castle


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Your Hotel

The Langham Hotel

The Langham Hotel occupies a superb position on Eastbourne's seafront along Royal Parade, offering magnificent views across the bay and towards the pier. Guests can enjoy dining in the sea-view restaurant or unwind in the stylish Langhams Bar. All bedrooms are en-suite and equipped with a television, telephone, and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift for your convenience.







Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Relax and enjoy the journey from your local pick-up point to Eastbourne. Upon arrival at the Langham Hotel, settle into your comfortable surroundings and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure before dinner.

Day 2 - Tuesday

Today is yours to enjoy in the popular seaside resort of Eastbourne. Renowned for its elegant Victorian seafront, colourful gardens, and wide promenades, Eastbourne offers the perfect setting for a relaxing day by the coast. Browse the shops, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the promenade, or simply sit back and take in the sea views.

Day 3 - Wednesday

This morning we travel along the Sussex coast to the historic town of Hastings. Enjoy free time to explore at your own pace, perhaps taking a walk along the seafront, visiting the pier, or relaxing in the attractive Warrior Square Gardens.

In the afternoon, we enjoy a visit to the fascinating British Tea Museum. Learn about the rich social history of tea drinking in Britain through an engaging presentation before sampling two carefully selected teas served with traditional scones, cream, and jam.

Day 4 - Thursday

Today's excursion begins with a scenic drive through the Sussex countryside to the village of Bodiam. Here we board the historic Kent & East Sussex Railway for a nostalgic steam train journey to the charming market town of Tenterden. There will be time to explore and enjoy lunch in one of the town's welcoming tea rooms or cafés.

Later, we visit the beautiful Scotney Castle. Set within a picturesque wooded estate, Scotney combines the romantic ruins of a 14th-century moated castle with an elegant Victorian country house and stunning landscaped gardens. Discover the fascinating history of the estate, wander through the colourful gardens, or browse the visitor shop for local produce and gifts.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to East Sussex and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of this relaxing coastal break.

Ireland's
Wild Atlantic Way

£945

9 - 14 MAY 2027 | 6 DAYS

From our base in Westport, our superb itinerary takes us to the stunning Kylemore Abbey and gives us a taste of tradition at Glen Keen Farm with a sheep herding demo and Irish music session! We also take a day trip to the beautiful islands of Clare and Achill, rich in history, breathtaking scenery and sweeping beaches.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £80.00



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Tour Includes:

- ✓ Return Ferry Crossings
- ✓ Executive Coach Travel
- ✓ 1 night dinner, bed and breakfast at overnight hotel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Westport Sweet Treat Walking Tasting Tour
- ✓ Entrance to Kylemore Abbey
- ✓ 90 minute guided tour at Glen Keen Farm
- ✓ Boat trip to Clare Island & Achill Island including ferries, heritage talk, Granuaile's Castle & soup/ sandwich lunch

A passport and travel insurance are required for this holiday.



Your Hotel



Westport Woods Hotel

Nestled in a 300-year-old wood, just outside the town of Westport with its shops, cafés and restaurants, the 4-star Westport Woods Hotel & Spa is a welcoming hotel with a large reception and lobby area. The bedrooms feature earthy colours to create a peaceful, relaxing environment and are equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The modern, recently refurbished restaurant has lovely views of the surrounding woodland and there's a stylish bar with plenty of comfortable seating.

Your Tour

Day 1 - Sunday

We depart from local pick-up points and travel to our overnight hotel in Wales, making comfort stops along the way.

Day 2 - Monday

After breakfast we continue to Holyhead for our ferry crossing to Dublin. From here we continue our journey to our hotel near Westport.

Day 3 - Tuesday

Today we're in for a real treat. Not only do we have time this morning in this Georgian town with its stone bridges and tree-lined promenade on the Carrowbeg River, we also enjoy some wonderful Irish sweet treats on our Westport Sweet Treat Tour. On this fun filled casual walk, we enjoy tastings of handmade Westport chocolates infused with local honey, a famous "yellow top" apple and custard filled bun, Achill Island sea salt fudge and finish off with delicious handmade Irish ice cream. The rest of the day is free.

Day 4 - Wednesday

We spend this morning at stunning Kylemore Abbey, the home of Benedictine nuns since 1920. The nuns have restored the abbey, gothic church and beautiful 6-acre Victorian walled garden. There is also a visitor experience that tells the story of the abbey through the generations. We have free time to explore and enjoy lunch in the café before we make our way to Glen Keen Farm, one of Ireland's largest sheep farms, with a rich history of tradition and heritage that spans six generations. On our 90-minute visit, we enjoy a guided walk that takes in a live sheep herding demonstration along with tea/coffee, home baked scones and a traditional Irish music session.

Day 5 - Thursday

This morning we take a 15-minute boat trip across to Clare Island. Famous as the ancestral home of the legendary Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley (Granuaile), the island is just 5 miles by 3 miles but is rich in history and culture. On arrival, we are met by our guide who will give us an Island Heritage Talk before we visit Granuaile's Castle. We can enjoy a stroll around the picturesque harbour and beach before enjoying a soup and sandwich lunch at the Sailor's Bar. After lunch, we catch the ferry to Achill Island, where we meet our coach. We spend free time in Keel, which boasts a 3km white sandy beach, before we travel back to the mainland via the bridge. If you watched 'The Banshees of Inisherin', starring Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson you may recognise Achill Island as the backdrop to much of the film.

Day 6 - Friday

After breakfast we will make our way back home via Dublin and Holyhead.



Simonds
Coach Holidays

Berkshire & Surrey: **Gardens, Gin & Riverside Charm**

£665

17 - 21 MAY 2027 | 5 DAYS

Enjoy a delightful five-day break exploring the picturesque towns, gardens, and heritage attractions of the Thames Valley and surrounding counties. Based in Fleet on the Hampshire–Surrey border, this relaxing tour combines historic cities, riverside charm, magnificent gardens, and stately homes. Highlights include a visit to the world-famous Bombay Sapphire Distillery, the inspirational RHS Garden Wisley, elegant Basildon Park, and time to explore the historic city of Winchester and the attractive riverside towns of Kingston upon Thames and Henley-on-Thames.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £80.00

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery Self-Discovery Experience
- ✓ Admission to RHS Garden Wisley
- ✓ Admission to Basildon Park



The Lismoyne Hotel

The welcoming Lismoyne Hotel is situated in the heart of Fleet, close to the Hampshire–Surrey border. Offering comfortable accommodation and a friendly atmosphere, it provides an excellent base for exploring the region. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature complimentary Wi-Fi, a telephone, and tea and coffee making facilities. Please note that the hotel does not have a lift, although ground-floor rooms may be available on request.


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Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Sit back and relax as we depart from local pick-up points and travel to Fleet, where the Lismoyne Hotel will be our home for the next four nights. Upon arrival, settle into your room before enjoying dinner at the hotel.

Day 2 - Tuesday

This morning we visit the historic city of Winchester, once the ancient capital of England. Enjoy free time to explore its charming streets, browse the shops, visit one of its fascinating museums, or admire the magnificent Winchester Cathedral.

Later, we travel to the renowned Bombay Sapphire Distillery for the Self-Discovery Experience. Discover the story behind one of the world's most famous gins as you explore the beautifully restored distillery, including a guided visit to the Still House. The experience also includes a complimentary drink in the Mill Bar.

Please note: The distillery is a working production site and suitable footwear must be worn. Open-toed shoes and high heels are not permitted.

Day 3 - Wednesday

Our first stop today is the attractive riverside town of Kingston upon Thames. Enjoy free time to stroll along the waterfront, browse the shops, or relax in one of the many cafés. This afternoon we visit the magnificent RHS Garden Wisley, one of the most celebrated gardens in Britain. Featuring stunning seasonal displays, extensive glasshouses, woodland walks, ornamental gardens, and inspiring horticultural exhibits, Wisley offers a wonderful experience for gardeners and nature lovers alike.

Day 4 - Thursday

Today begins with a visit to the charming riverside town of Henley-on-Thames, internationally famous for its rowing heritage. Enjoy time to explore the town, browse the boutiques, or enjoy lunch overlooking the River Thames.

In the afternoon, we visit the elegant Basildon Park. This beautifully restored Georgian mansion, set within acres of landscaped parkland, was rescued from near-demolition and carefully restored to its former glory. Explore the impressive interiors, wander through the gardens, and enjoy the tranquil countryside setting.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Fleet and begin our journey home, taking with us fond memories of a wonderful break exploring the Thames Valley and surrounding counties.

Cumbrian Cavalcade

£759

Simonds Coach Holidays

24 - 28 MAY 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover the spectacular landscapes, rich railway heritage, and fascinating history of Northern England on this scenic five-day break. Based in the historic city of Carlisle, this tour combines breathtaking countryside, heritage rail journeys, and iconic landmarks.

Explore the beauty of Kielder Water, follow the route of Hadrian's Wall, travel along the stunning Cumbrian Coast, enjoy a nostalgic steam train ride through the Lake District, and experience the world-famous Settle–Carlisle Railway through some of England's most dramatic scenery.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)

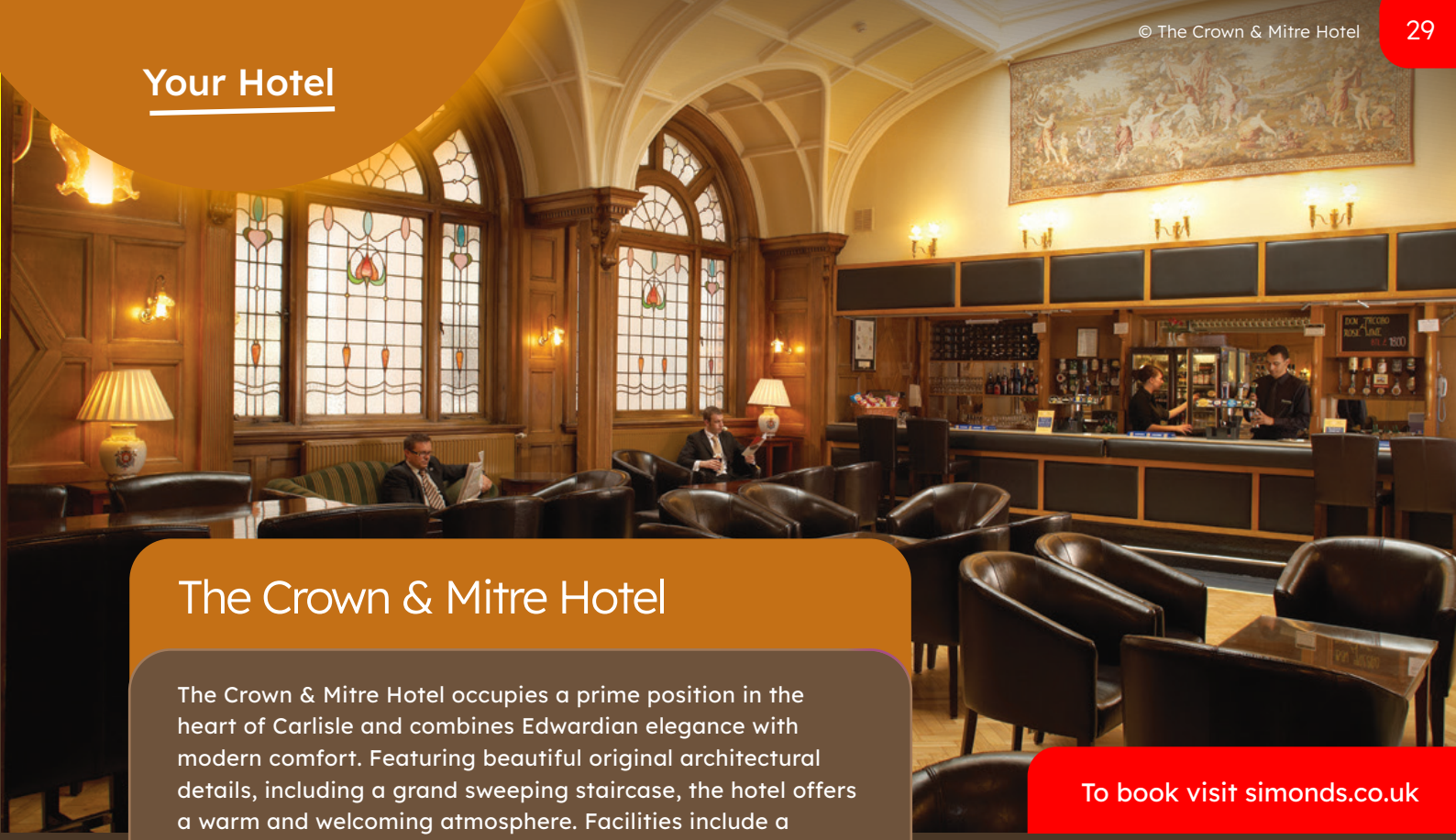
Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Visit to Kielder Water Visitor Centre
- ✓ Journey on the Cumbria Coast Railway (Carlisle to Ravenglass)
- ✓ Journey on the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway
- ✓ Journey on the Settle to Carlisle Railway





© The Crown & Mitre Hotel



The Crown & Mitre Hotel

The Crown & Mitre Hotel occupies a prime position in the heart of Carlisle and combines Edwardian elegance with modern comfort. Featuring beautiful original architectural details, including a grand sweeping staircase, the hotel offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Facilities include a swimming pool and jacuzzi, while all bedrooms are en-suite and equipped with Freeview television, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel also benefits from lift access.

To book visit simonds.co.uk

Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Departing from your local pick-up point we travel north to Carlisle. Arriving in the late afternoon, you'll settle into the Crown & Mitre Hotel, your base for the next four nights.

Day 2 - Tuesday

Today's excursion takes us through the beautiful border countryside to Kielder Water & Forest Park. Travelling via Longtown and along the scenic Liddesdale Valley, we arrive at Kielder Water, home to the largest man-made lake in Northern Europe. After time at the visitor centre, we continue through the Northumberland countryside to Bellingham and the historic market town of Hexham, dominated by its magnificent abbey.

This afternoon, we return to Carlisle following the route of the famous Hadrian's Wall, one of Britain's most remarkable Roman monuments, stretching from coast to coast across northern England.

Day 3 - Wednesday

Today is a delight for railway enthusiasts and lovers of spectacular scenery. Our first journey takes us aboard the Cumbrian Coast Line from Carlisle to Ravenglass. Travelling through coastal towns including Maryport and Whitehaven, you'll enjoy wonderful views of the Irish Sea and Cumbrian coastline. At Ravenglass, we board the famous Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway, affectionately known as 'La'al Ratty'. This charming narrow-gauge steam railway winds for seven miles through the heart of the Lake District National Park, offering unforgettable views towards England's highest mountains.

Day 4 - Thursday

This morning we travel into the beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park, visiting the attractive market town of Kirkby Lonsdale. We continue past the magnificent Ribblehead Viaduct and through the stunning Dales scenery to Settle.

This afternoon we experience one of Britain's greatest railway journeys aboard the legendary Settle–Carlisle Railway. Travelling the full length of this celebrated route, you'll cross towering viaducts, pass through dramatic tunnels, and enjoy breathtaking views of the Yorkshire Dales and Eden Valley before arriving back in Carlisle.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Cumbria and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of spectacular scenery, historic railways, and some of England's finest countryside.


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Wonders of the **Isle of Wight**

£750

31 MAY - 5 JUNE 2027 | 6 DAYS

Famous for its scenic beauty, golden beaches, and Victorian heritage, the Isle of Wight is one of Britain's original seaside escapes – a place Queen Victoria herself adored. Based in Ryde, this tour offers the perfect blend of traditional seaside charm, historic treasures, and hidden gems waiting to be explored.

Single supplement – Nil (Limited availability)

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Coach Holidays

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- Return ferry crossing
- 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- 2 nights evening entertainment
- Tour of the Island
- Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- Entry to Osborne House



© Isle of Wight Steam Railway

The Royal Esplanade Hotel

The Royal Esplanade Hotel enjoys a prime seaside position on the promenade in the heart of lively Ryde, just a short stroll from the bustling town centre. This traditional hotel offers a welcoming base with regular evening entertainment, a restaurant overlooking the seafront, plus a comfortable bar and lounge.

A lift serves most floors, though please note there are some steps into the hotel and to access certain rooms.



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Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

We make our way to Portsmouth for the short ferry crossing to Fishbourne. On arrival at the hotel, enjoy a welcome drink whilst luggage is taken to our rooms.

Day 2 - Tuesday

A scenic day exploring the island's stunning South Coast. Our first stop is the world-famous Needles at Alum Bay, where you may choose to take the chairlift down to the beach (ticket not included) or admire the breathtaking views of the coloured sands, Needles rocks, and iconic lighthouse. We continue via Freshwater to charming Yarmouth, a coastal town with a historic harbour, bustling atmosphere and beautiful setting at the mouth of the River Yar.

Day 3 - Wednesday

A day at leisure in Ryde. Explore the town's lively seafront, attractive gardens and sandy beach, or perhaps make use of the excellent local transport links to one of the other nearby resorts or pretty island towns at your own pace.

Day 4 - Thursday

Today we take a journey on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, your ticket also includes admission to Havenstreet Station and the Train Story Discovery Centre. We relax and enjoy a leisurely trip with unique views of some of the island's unspoilt countryside.

Day 5 - Friday

This morning, we make our way to what was once Queen Victoria's much-loved palatial seaside home, Osborne House. We visit the private apartments and state rooms as well as the beautiful gardens and Queen Victoria's beach, where there is a bathing machine in which the Queen used to get undressed! Tying in with Queen Victoria and the 2017 film "Victoria and Abdul", a trail has been specially created, Victoria's Island Trail, to celebrate the island's royal connections, with Osborne House being a key location on the trail.

Day 6 - Saturday

After breakfast we depart the hotel and make our way back home to East Anglia.


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Coach Holidays

Wiltshire's Hidden Gems

£649

3 - 7 JUNE 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover the rich heritage, charming market towns, and beautiful countryside of Wiltshire on this relaxing five-day holiday. Staying in Swindon, the county's largest town, you'll explore historic canals, picturesque villages, and traditional market towns before enjoying a memorable day at the world-famous Longleat House and Safari Park. Combining history, culture, and wildlife, this tour offers something for everyone.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £80.00

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- ✓ Visit to Devizes and Caen Hill Locks
- ✓ Admission to Longleat House & Safari Park


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Your Hotel

The DoubleTree by Hilton Swindon

The DoubleTree by Hilton Swindon provides a comfortable and modern base for your Wiltshire adventure. Located on the outskirts of Swindon, the hotel offers excellent facilities including Minsky's Restaurant and Bar, along with Café Cino. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature satellite television, radio, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities. Lift access is available to all floors.


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Your Tour

• Day 1 - Thursday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Wiltshire, arriving late afternoon at the DoubleTree by Hilton Swindon, your home for the next four nights.

• Day 2 - Friday

Today's excursion takes us to the historic market town of Devizes and the impressive Caen Hill Locks. This remarkable flight of 16 locks on the Kennet and Avon Canal is one of Britain's most impressive feats of canal engineering and provides a fascinating insight into the country's industrial heritage.

After time to admire the locks, we continue into Devizes town centre, where you'll have free time to browse the independent shops, explore the historic streets, and enjoy lunch at leisure. Later, we return to the hotel for a relaxing evening.

• Day 3 - Saturday

This morning we visit the attractive market town of Chippenham. Rich in history yet offering excellent modern shopping facilities, Chippenham provides plenty to discover, from historic architecture to bustling retail areas. In the afternoon, we continue to the picturesque town of Bradford-on-Avon, renowned for its beautiful stone buildings and riverside setting. Our final stop is the enchanting village of Lacock, a remarkably preserved National Trust village famous for its historic streets and appearances in numerous television and film productions.

• Day 4 - Sunday

Today is dedicated to one of Wiltshire's most celebrated attractions, Longleat House and Longleat Safari Park. Begin by exploring the magnificent Elizabethan stately home, one of Britain's finest country houses, with its grand interiors and impressive collections. Afterwards, discover the world-famous Safari Park, home to an extraordinary range of animals and familiar to many as the setting for the popular television series Animal Park. Enjoy a memorable day combining heritage, wildlife, and beautiful parkland scenery.

• Day 5 - Monday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Wiltshire and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of this varied and enjoyable break.

Exeter & Devon: **Moorlands, Monasteries & Country Life**

£689

Simonds Coach Holidays

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Exeter Cathedral Tour
- The World of Country Life
- Buckfast Abbey
- The Donkey Sanctuary

14 - 18 JUNE 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover the rich heritage, dramatic landscapes, and unique attractions of Devon on this delightful five-day summer break. Based in Exeter, this varied tour combines the splendour of one of England's finest cathedrals with the wild beauty of Dartmoor National Park. Visit the peaceful Buckfast Abbey, learn about the remarkable work of the Donkey Sanctuary, and enjoy a nostalgic journey through rural life at the World of Country Life. With scenic drives, fascinating history, and free time to explore Exeter, this tour offers something for everyone.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £80.00



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Your Hotel



The Voco Zeal Hotel Exeter

The Voco Zeal Hotel Exeter is a modern, sustainably designed hotel located on the outskirts of Exeter. Combining contemporary comfort with an environmentally conscious approach, the hotel offers stylish accommodation and excellent facilities. The Isca Restaurant serves locally sourced seasonal dishes prepared in an open theatre kitchen. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature satellite television, telephone, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel also benefits from lift access to all floors.

Your Tour

• Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Devon, arriving in Exeter during the late afternoon. The Voco Zeal Hotel Exeter will be your comfortable base for the next four nights.

• Day 2 - Tuesday

This morning we visit the peaceful Buckfast Abbey, home to a community of Benedictine monks who continue a centuries-old tradition of prayer, work, and study. Explore the magnificent abbey church, wander through the tranquil gardens, and discover more about monastic life in the fascinating Monastic Way Exhibition.

We then enjoy a scenic journey through the stunning landscapes of Dartmoor National Park, making a stop in the historic market town of Tavistock, birthplace of the famous explorer Sir Francis Drake.

This afternoon we continue across the moor, keeping watch for Dartmoor's famous wild ponies, before stopping in Princetown. Here you'll find the Dartmoor National Park Visitor Centre, housed in the former Duchy Hotel where Arthur Conan Doyle is said to have drawn inspiration for The Hound of the Baskervilles.

• Day 3 - Wednesday

After breakfast, we visit the magnificent Exeter Cathedral for a guided tour. Discover nearly a thousand years of history as you explore one of Britain's finest examples of Gothic architecture and learn about the generations who have worshipped within its walls. The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to enjoy Exeter at your own pace. You may wish to visit the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, explore the city's fascinating Underground Passages, or wander along the historic Quayside with its attractive waterside cafés, restaurants, and independent shops.

• Day 4 - Thursday

Today's excursion begins with a visit to the internationally renowned Donkey Sanctuary. Learn about the charity's inspiring work caring for donkeys both in the UK and around the world, while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of this much-loved attraction.

Later, we continue to World of Country Life, one of Devon's most fascinating heritage attractions. Discover over a century of transport history, including classic cars, vintage vehicles, and historic farming machinery. Explore collections of motorcycles, steam engines, and agricultural exhibits, or enjoy attractions such as the Deer Train Safari, where you may even have the opportunity to hand-feed red deer and llamas.

• Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Devon and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of Exeter, Dartmoor, and the beautiful Devon countryside.


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Simonds
Coach Holidays

Discover Yorkshire: **Railways, Moors & Heritage**

£719

5 - 9 JULY 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover some of Yorkshire's best-kept secrets on this delightful five-day tour based in Darlington. Combining spectacular scenery, heritage railways, charming market towns, and a relaxing river cruise, this holiday showcases the very best of Northern England. Enjoy nostalgic journeys on both the North Yorkshire Moors Railway and the Wensleydale Railway, explore historic towns and abbeys, and take a tranquil cruise along the River Tees through beautiful countryside.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £100.00

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- Wensleydale Railway
- Preston Park & Hall Museum
- River Tees Cruise



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Your Hotel

The Blackwell Grange Hotel

The Blackwell Grange Hotel is a magnificent 17th-century mansion set within attractive wooded parkland on the outskirts of Darlington. Ideally located between the North Yorkshire Moors and the Pennines, the hotel provides a comfortable and elegant base for exploring the region. Facilities include a leisure club with an indoor heated swimming pool, spa, and sauna. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature a television, radio, telephone, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities. Please note that while the hotel has a lift, it does not serve all guest rooms.



Your Tour

• Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to the North East. On arrival at the hotel, enjoy a warm welcome with tea, coffee, and biscuits before settling into your room.

• Day 2 - Tuesday

Today's excursion takes us through some of Yorkshire's most dramatic landscapes. Travelling across the moors via Blakey Ridge and the picturesque village of Hutton-le-Hole, we arrive in Pickering.

Here we board the famous North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a memorable steam train journey through the heart of the moors to Whitby. Along the way, we pass through Goathland, better known to many as Aidensfield from the television series Heartbeat.

In Whitby, enjoy free time to explore this historic maritime town. Wander its narrow streets and bustling harbour or climb the famous steps to the dramatic ruins of Whitby Abbey.

• Day 3 - Wednesday

This morning we visit the historic market town of Richmond, beautifully situated on the banks of the River Swale. Explore its cobbled marketplace, impressive castle, and fascinating museums, including exhibits associated with All Creatures Great and Small.

Later, we enjoy a nostalgic journey aboard the Wensleydale Railway, travelling through the picturesque Yorkshire countryside from Leyburn to Leeming Bar. After rejoining our coach, we continue to Thirsk, forever associated with the famous veterinary author James Herriot. Enjoy free time to explore this attractive market town before returning to the hotel.

• Day 4 - Thursday

Our first visit today is to Preston Park Museum & Grounds. Set within beautiful parkland, the museum offers a fascinating glimpse into life in Victorian Britain, including its recreated cobbled high street filled with traditional shops and businesses.

From nearby Preston Hall, we board the Teesside Princess for a relaxing cruise along the River Tees to the historic town of Yarm. Famous for its picturesque riverside location and impressive railway viaduct, Yarm offers plenty of character and charm.

This afternoon we enjoy a scenic drive through Bilsdale, often referred to as 'Little Switzerland', before passing the magnificent ruins of Rievaulx Abbey. We then visit the attractive market town of Helmsley, overlooked by its impressive medieval castle.

Our return journey takes us over the spectacular Sutton Bank, renowned for its breathtaking views across the Vale of York and the North York Moors.

• Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Yorkshire and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of heritage railways, scenic landscapes, and charming market towns.

Steam Trains & **Midland Memories**

£795

12 - 16 JULY 2027 | 5 DAYS

Step back in time and discover the rich heritage of the Midlands on this fascinating five-day break. Combining historic houses, heritage railways, a relaxing river cruise, and award-winning museums, this tour offers something for everyone. Explore the story of Britain's transport history, enjoy nostalgic steam train journeys through beautiful countryside, cruise along the River Avon, and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the Black Country's industrial past.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)
Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £100.00

Simonds
Coach Holidays

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Coventry Transport Museum
- ✓ Admission to Baddesley Clinton House
- ✓ River Avon Cruise
- ✓ Journey on the Severn Valley Railway
- ✓ Journey on the Great Central Railway
- ✓ Admission to the Black Country Museum

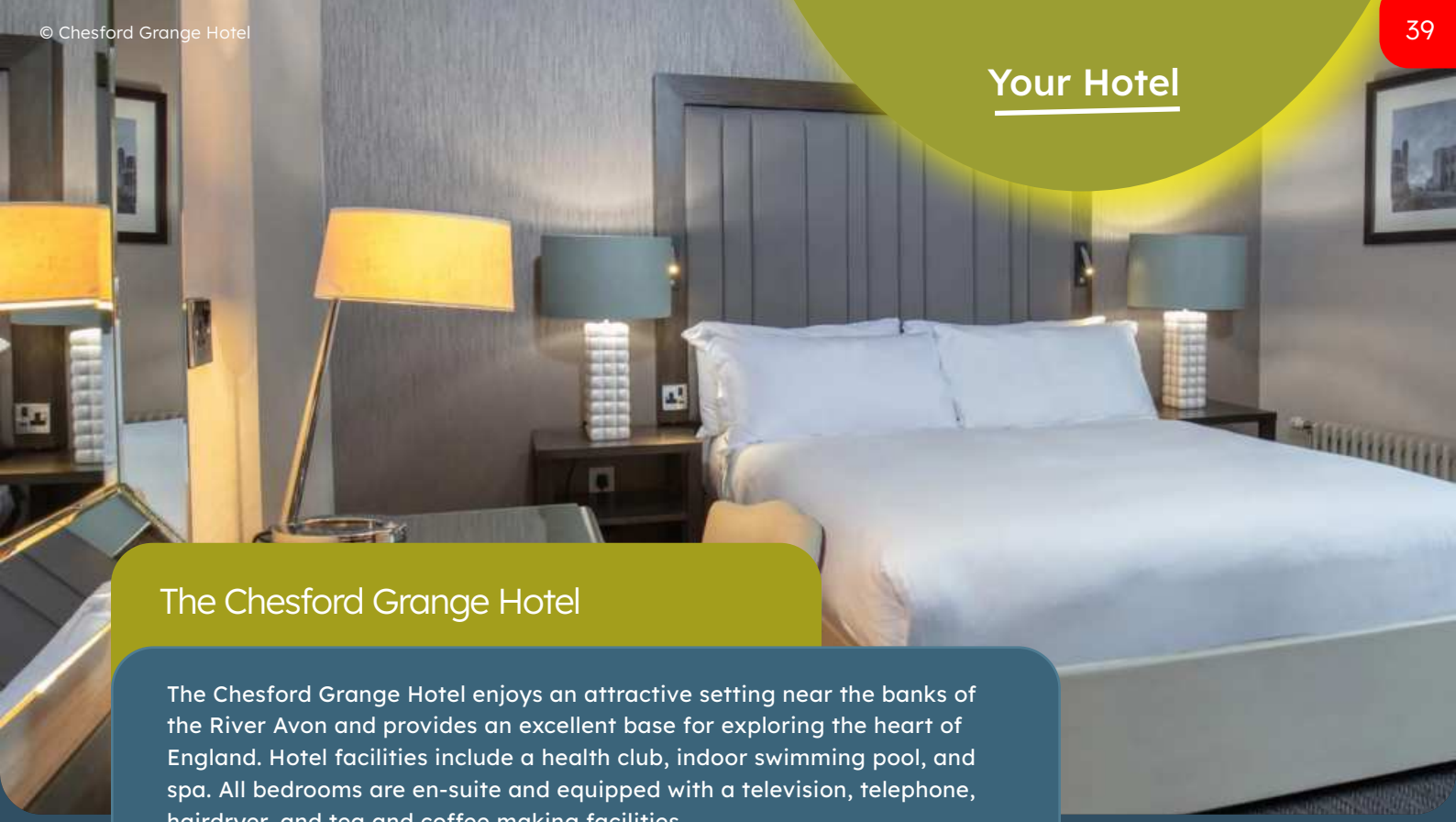

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Your Hotel



The Chesford Grange Hotel

The Chesford Grange Hotel enjoys an attractive setting near the banks of the River Avon and provides an excellent base for exploring the heart of England. Hotel facilities include a health club, indoor swimming pool, and spa. All bedrooms are en-suite and equipped with a television, telephone, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities.

Your Tour

• Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to the Midlands, arriving at the Chesford Grange Hotel in the afternoon. After settling into your room, enjoy dinner and relax ahead of the days to come.

• Day 2 - Tuesday

Today's excursion begins in the historic city of Coventry, where we visit the fascinating Coventry Transport Museum. Home to an impressive collection of vehicles and transport memorabilia, the museum celebrates Britain's rich motoring heritage and showcases over a century of innovation.

There will be free time to enjoy lunch and perhaps visit the nearby Coventry Cathedral before we continue to the beautiful Baddesley Clinton. This atmospheric moated manor house has a fascinating history, including secret priest holes used during times of religious persecution. Explore the elegant interiors, tranquil gardens, fish pools, and romantic lakeside setting before returning to the hotel.

• Day 3 - Wednesday

This morning we travel to the historic market town of Stratford-upon-Avon, world-famous as the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

Here we enjoy a relaxing cruise along the River Avon, taking in views of the riverside scenery while learning about the town's rich history.

Afterwards, there is free time to explore Stratford-upon-Avon at your leisure and enjoy lunch.

Later, we head to the northern outskirts of Leicester to board the heritage Great Central Railway. Enjoy a nostalgic steam train journey through the Leicestershire countryside to Loughborough, crossing the picturesque Swithland Reservoir along the way.

• Day 4 - Thursday

Today we travel to Kidderminster where we join the renowned Severn Valley Railway. This heritage railway follows the scenic Severn Valley through beautiful countryside and charming restored stations to the historic town of Bridgnorth.

Following our railway journey, we visit the award-winning Black Country Living Museum. This remarkable open-air museum brings the industrial history of the region to life through reconstructed streets, historic buildings, traditional shops, and fascinating exhibits. Fans of the television series Peaky Blinders may also recognise many of the filming locations found throughout the museum.

• Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Midlands and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of heritage railways, historic attractions, and scenic countryside.

The Charms of **North Devon**

£745

18 - 22 JULY 2027 | 5 DAYS

A relaxing North Devon break based in Barnstaple at the Royal & Fortescue Hotel, featuring visits to Quince Honey Farm and RHS Rosemoor, Barnstaple market and Bideford, a Dartington Crystal factory tour, plus coastal scenery in Ilfracombe and a nostalgic steam ride on the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)

Simonds Coach Holidays

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Dartington Crystal Factory Tour
- Quince Honey Farm
- RHS Rosemoor
- Lynton & Barnstaple Railway

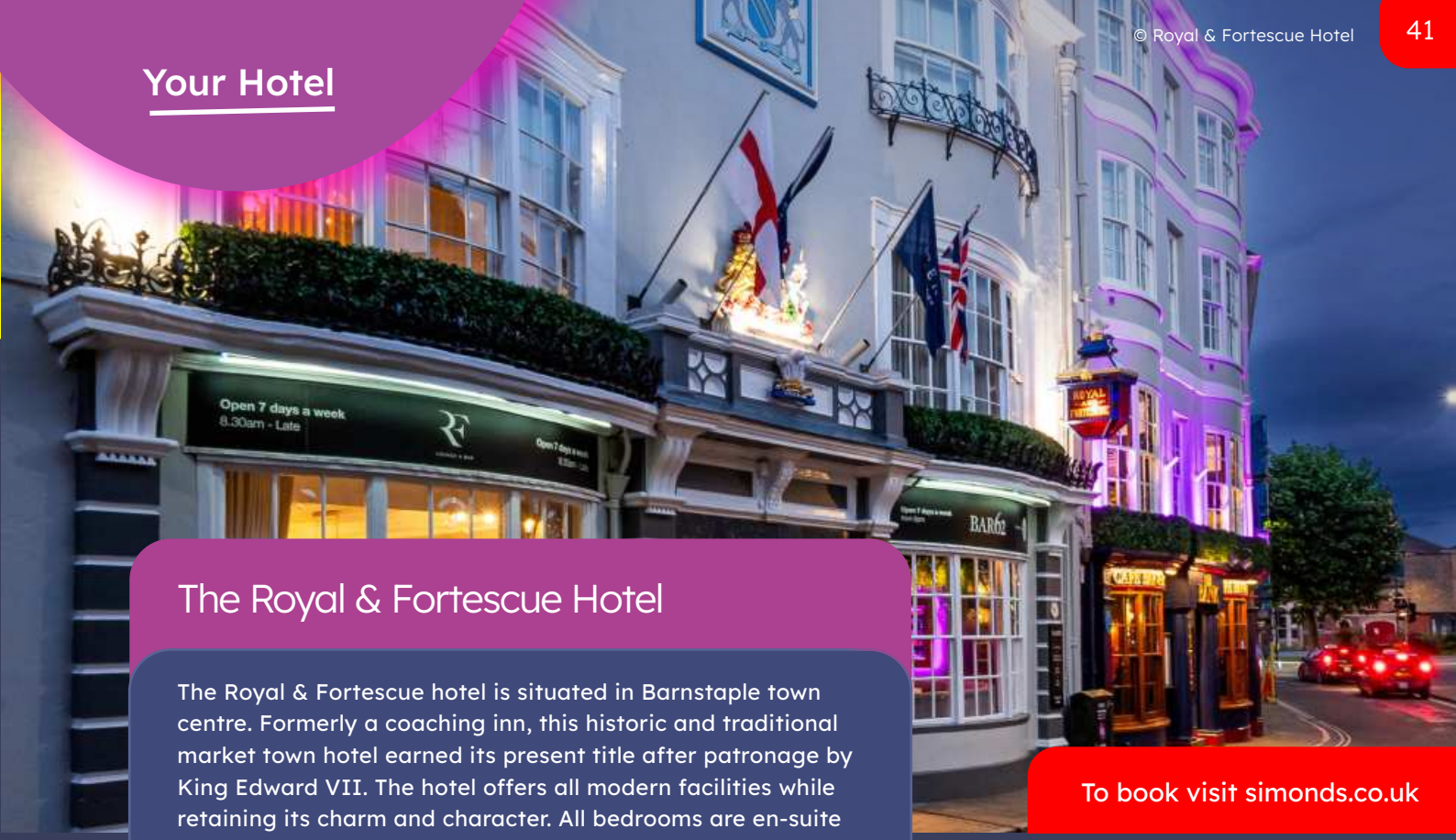


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Your Hotel



© Royal & Fortescue Hotel

The Royal & Fortescue Hotel

The Royal & Fortescue hotel is situated in Barnstaple town centre. Formerly a coaching inn, this historic and traditional market town hotel earned its present title after patronage by King Edward VII. The hotel offers all modern facilities while retaining its charm and character. All bedrooms are en-suite and have television, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Please note the hotel lift does not serve all floors.

To book visit simonds.co.uk

Your Tour

Day 1 - Sunday

We depart from local pick-up points and travel to Devon and arriving late afternoon at The Royal & Fortescue Hotel, Barnstaple our base for the next 4 nights.

Day 2 - Monday

After a leisurely breakfast, we head to Quince Honey Farm, South Molton, to uncover the secret life of bees and the honey making process. Watch a beekeeping demo, enjoy a tour and tasting in the honey factory or explore the Nectar Garden and Seed Bar where you'll find bee friendly seeds to take home to your own garden! In the afternoon we head on to RHS Rosemoor – an award-winning gem nestled in the Torridge Valley. This delightful garden blends formal and informal plantings to magical effect. Explore the rose gardens, the long borders and the exotic gardens. There are delights to be found in every season at this stunning garden - from the springtime cherry blossom to the vibrant colours of the Hot Garden in the summer.

Day 3 - Tuesday

Today is Barnstaple Market Day and we have the morning free to explore the town with its elegant Georgian buildings.

Our afternoon visit takes us to the ancient seaport of Bideford, delightfully set on the banks of the River Torridge. We end the day with a visit to Dartington Crystal. Where we enjoy a behind-the-scenes factory tour with skilled craftsmen demonstrating how they handcraft glass into luxury homeware items.

Day 4 - Wednesday

After a leisurely breakfast this morning, we travel west to visit the Victorian seaside resort of Ilfracombe - the jewel on the North Devon Coast. Discover a quaint quayside and harbour, whitewashed villas, lovely beaches, coastal paths and an abundance of cafes and shops. After lunch, we journey the short distance to enjoy a steam ride on the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway. Board the heritage carriages to enjoy a traditional steam ride through the rolling countryside with picturesque views of the moorland and rugged coastline along the way.

Day 5 - Thursday

After breakfast, we leave and begin our journey home.


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Cotswolds
Summer Gardens

£759

5 - 9 AUGUST 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover some of England's most beautiful gardens and historic treasures on this relaxing summer break to the Cotswolds. From the magnificent grounds of Sudeley Castle and the world-famous garden rooms of Hidcote Manor to the enchanting Painswick Rococo Garden, this tour is a delight for garden lovers and history enthusiasts alike. Combined with visits to the elegant spa town of Cheltenham, the historic city of Gloucester, and Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon, this holiday offers the perfect blend of horticultural beauty, heritage, and leisurely exploration.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)
Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £100.00

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Admission to Hidcote Manor Garden
- ✓ Admission to Sudeley Castle & Gardens
- ✓ Admission to Painswick Rococo Garden


© Heather Cowper

Your Hotel

The Chesford Grange Hotel

The Chesford Grange Hotel enjoys a pleasant location near the banks of the River Avon, offering excellent access to the Cotswolds and surrounding attractions. Hotel facilities include a health club, indoor swimming pool, and spa. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature a television, telephone, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities.


© Chesford Grange


© Chesford Grange Hotel

Your Tour

• Day 1 - Thursday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Warwickshire, arriving at the Chesford Grange Hotel in the late afternoon. Settle into your room and enjoy dinner before the adventures ahead.

• Day 2 - Friday

This morning we visit the magnificent Sudeley Castle and its award-winning gardens, situated in the heart of the Cotswolds. Rich in history and home to fascinating collections spanning centuries, the castle is surrounded by a stunning 1,200-acre estate featuring ten beautifully designed gardens. Highlights include the spectacular Queen's Garden, renowned for its vibrant floral displays.

This afternoon we continue to the elegant spa town of Cheltenham. Stroll along the beautiful Promenade, browse the boutique shops, or relax in one of the many cafés that line this attractive Regency town.

• Day 3 - Saturday

Today's excursion takes us to the world-famous Hidcote Manor Garden, one of Britain's finest Arts and Crafts gardens. Explore its network of outdoor garden rooms, hidden pathways, colourful borders, and carefully designed landscapes that have inspired gardeners for generations. Later, we visit the historic market town of Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare. Enjoy free time to explore its charming streets, independent shops, riverside setting, and historic attractions.

• Day 4 - Sunday

This morning we visit the enchanting Painswick Rococo Garden, the only surviving Rococo garden in Britain open to the public. Designed for pleasure and entertainment, the garden offers winding paths, ornamental features, hidden corners, and delightful surprises around every turn.

This afternoon we continue to the historic city of Gloucester. Enjoy free time to explore the revitalised docks, browse the shops, visit museums, or simply relax and enjoy the city's rich heritage and atmosphere.

• Day 5 - Monday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Cotswolds and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of beautiful gardens, historic attractions, and charming English towns.

Historic Berkshire & **The English Countryside**

£675

Simonds Coach Holidays

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Admission to Blenheim Palace and Gardens
- Admission to the Milestones Museum

16 - 20 AUGUST 2027 | 5 DAYS

Enjoy a fascinating five-day break exploring some of southern England's finest heritage attractions, historic towns, and beautiful countryside. Based in Newbury, this relaxing tour features a visit to the magnificent Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, the medieval city of Salisbury, scenic touring through the beautiful Cranborne Chase landscape, and a nostalgic journey into the past at the award-winning Milestones Museum. Combined with free time to enjoy Newbury's bustling market, this holiday offers the perfect blend of history, culture, and relaxation.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £80.00

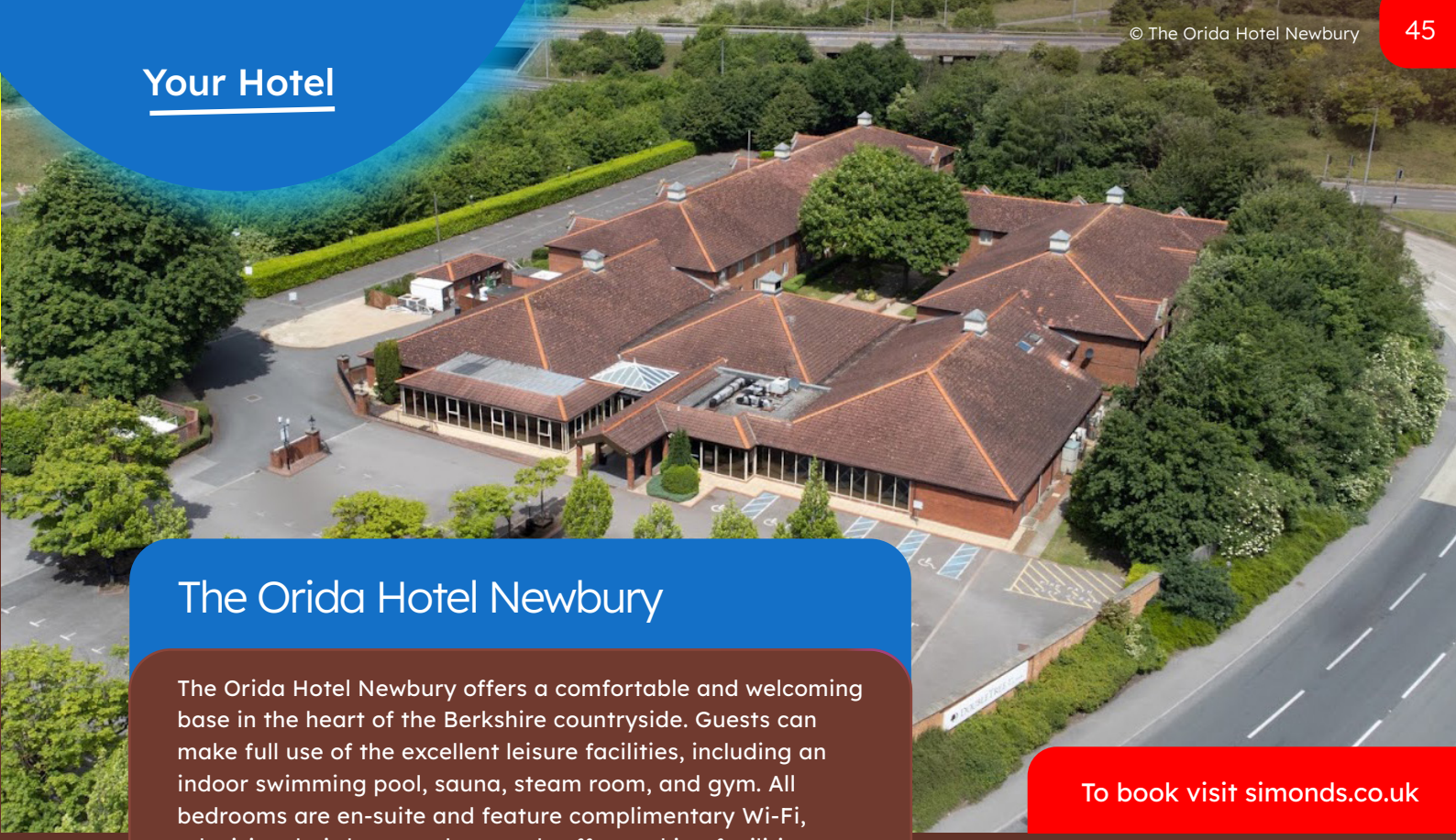


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Your Hotel


© The Orida Hotel Newbury

The Orida Hotel Newbury

The Orida Hotel Newbury offers a comfortable and welcoming base in the heart of the Berkshire countryside. Guests can make full use of the excellent leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, and gym. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature complimentary Wi-Fi, television, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel does not have a lift, however ground-floor rooms are available on request.

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Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Berkshire, arriving at the Orida Hotel Newbury in the late afternoon. Settle into your room before enjoying dinner and the hotel's facilities.

Day 2 - Tuesday

Today we visit the magnificent Blenheim Palace, one of Britain's most impressive stately homes and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Home to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and birthplace of Winston Churchill, the palace is a masterpiece of Baroque architecture.

Explore the magnificent State Rooms, discover over 300 years of history, stroll through the formal gardens, or enjoy the beautiful parkland designed by the renowned landscape architect Capability Brown.

Day 3 - Wednesday

This morning we travel to the historic cathedral city of Salisbury. Famous for its medieval streets and magnificent cathedral, Salisbury offers a wealth of attractions to explore. Highlights include the stunning Salisbury Cathedral, home to one of the best-preserved surviving copies of the Magna Carta. Later, we enjoy a scenic drive through the beautiful Cranborne Chase National Landscape, an area renowned for its rolling countryside, charming villages, and outstanding natural beauty. We continue to the historic hilltop town of Shaftesbury, where you'll have time to explore its independent shops, museums, and cafés before we return through the Dorset countryside to Newbury.

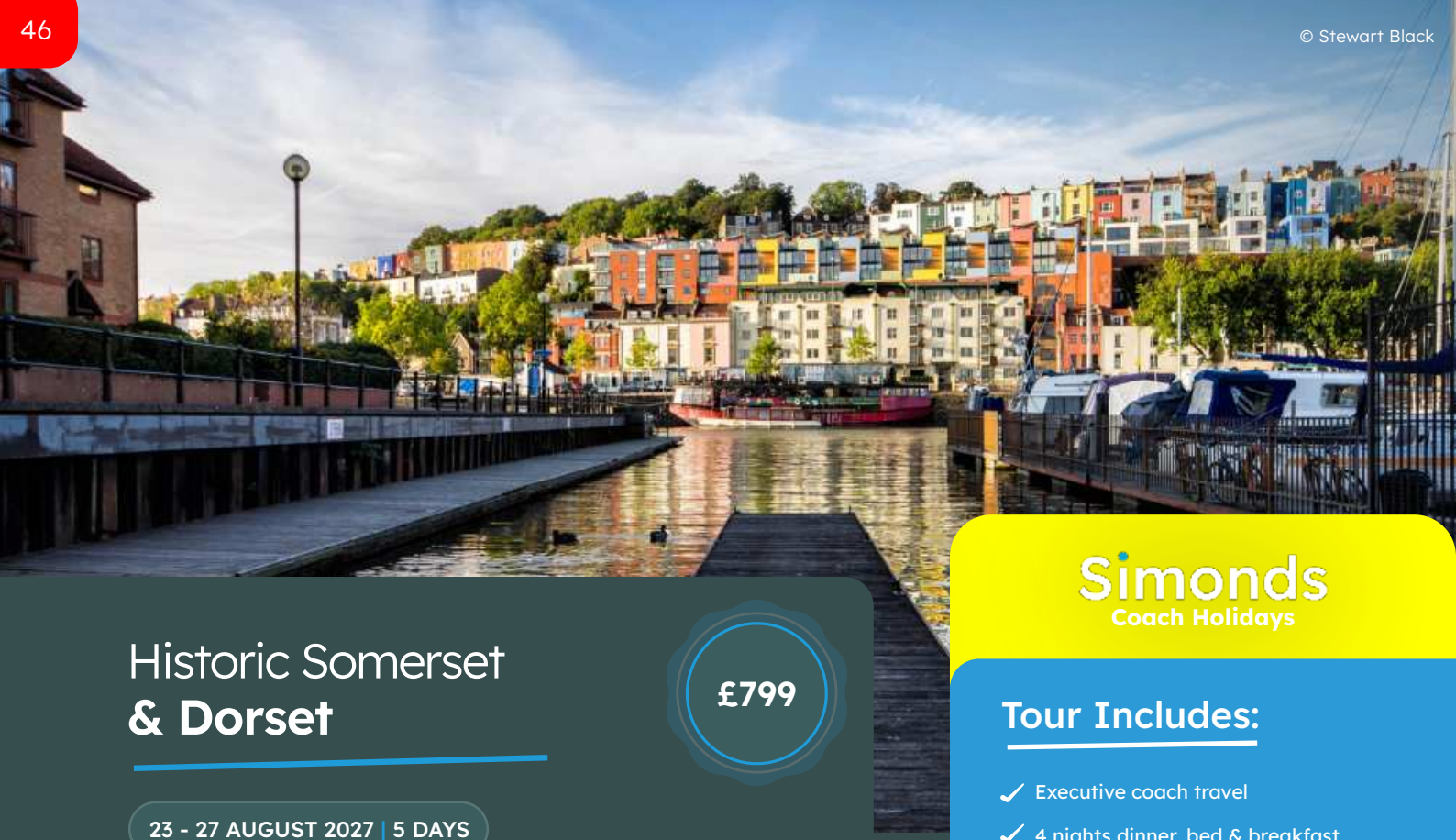
Day 4 - Thursday

After a leisurely breakfast, we visit the market town of Newbury, where market day is in full swing. Browse the stalls offering local produce, crafts, and traditional goods, or enjoy a relaxing morning exploring the town at your own pace.

This afternoon we travel to Basingstoke to visit the fascinating Milestones Museum. This award-winning living history museum recreates everyday life from the Victorian era through to the mid-20th century. Wander along cobbled streets, explore period shops and businesses, and discover how people lived and worked between 1810 and 1950.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Berkshire and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of historic houses, fascinating museums, and beautiful countryside.


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Coach Holidays

Historic Somerset & Dorset

£799

23 - 27 AUGUST 2027 | 5 DAYS

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Bristol harbour cruise

Discover the timeless charm of England's West Country on this relaxing five-day holiday based in the beautiful cathedral city of Wells. Explore the vibrant waterfront of Bristol with a fascinating harbour cruise, enjoy a full day at leisure in one of England's smallest and most historic cities, and visit some of Dorset's most picturesque towns. From medieval streets and magnificent abbeys to stunning architecture and breathtaking countryside, this tour offers a wonderful blend of history, heritage, and scenic beauty.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £100.00


© Jack Pease

The Swan Hotel

The historic Swan Hotel enjoys an enviable location in the heart of Wells, directly opposite the magnificent cathedral. Parts of the building date back to 1422, and the hotel combines centuries of character with modern comfort. Guests can relax on the outdoor terrace, which offers superb panoramic views across Cathedral Green and towards Wells Cathedral.

All bedrooms are traditionally furnished and equipped with a television, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities. Please note that, owing to the historic nature of the building, the hotel does not have a lift.



© Swan Hotel


© Swan Hotel

Your Tour

• Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Somerset, arriving in the historic city of Wells late afternoon. After settling into the Swan Hotel, enjoy dinner and your first evening in this charming cathedral city.

• Day 2 - Tuesday

Today we visit the vibrant city of Bristol and its revitalised Harbourside district. Once a bustling commercial dockland, this attractive waterfront area is now home to museums, galleries, shops, restaurants, and historic attractions.

Enjoy a relaxing cruise around Bristol's fascinating harbour, offering a unique perspective on the city's maritime heritage. During your visit, you may also wish to see the famous SS Great Britain, the pioneering Victorian steamship designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Following free time for lunch, the remainder of the afternoon is yours to explore Bristol at leisure before returning to Wells.

• Day 3 - Wednesday

Today is free for you to enjoy the delights of Wells at your own pace.

Opposite the hotel stands the magnificent Wells Cathedral, regarded as one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in Britain. You may also wish to visit the historic Vicars' Close, believed to be the oldest complete medieval street in England, or explore the beautiful Bishop's Palace and its gardens, home to the Bishops of Bath and Wells for more than 800 years.

• Day 4 - Thursday

Today's excursion takes us into neighbouring Dorset. Our first stop is the beautiful market town of Sherborne, renowned for its abundance of historic buildings, magnificent abbey, medieval almshouses, and two castles.

Later, we continue to the ancient hilltop town of Shaftesbury, one of Dorset's most picturesque destinations. Famous for the iconic cobbled Gold Hill, immortalised in the classic Hovis television advertisements, Shaftesbury offers stunning views across the surrounding countryside as well as a wealth of independent shops and cafés to enjoy.

• Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Wells and begin our journey home, taking with us fond memories of Somerset, Bristol, and Dorset.



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Sailing, Steaming & Dreaming in the **Lake District**

£685

30 AUGUST - 3 SEPTEMBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Lake District on this scenic holiday combining spectacular landscapes, tranquil lake cruises, heritage railways, and unforgettable mountain scenery. Based at the peaceful Shap Wells Hotel, you'll explore charming Lakeland towns and villages, sail across two of the region's most beautiful lakes, enjoy a nostalgic steam train journey, and discover hidden corners of the National Park on a guided Mountain Goat adventure. This is the perfect holiday for anyone who loves stunning scenery, heritage transport, and the great outdoors.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Lake Ullswater cruise
- Lake Windermere cruise
- Guided Mountain Goat Adventure tour
- Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway



© Steve Knight

Shap Wells Hotel

Nestled amongst the rolling Lakeland fells, the Shap Wells Hotel offers a tranquil setting in the heart of Cumbria. Surrounded by 30 acres of grounds, the hotel provides an excellent base from which to explore the Lake District National Park. Facilities include a well-stocked bar, comfortable lounges, and a spacious restaurant. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature a television, radio, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities.



Your Tour

• Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel north to Cumbria. Arriving at the Shap Wells Hotel in the afternoon, settle into your room and enjoy dinner before the adventures ahead.

• Day 2 - Tuesday

Today's excursion begins in the market town of Kendal, known as the gateway to the Lake District. Enjoy time to browse the shops before continuing to Windermere for free time and lunch.

This afternoon we travel over the dramatic Kirkstone Pass, one of the highest and most scenic mountain passes in England, with magnificent views across the surrounding fells. We continue to Glenridding, where we board an historic Ullswater steamer for a relaxing cruise across Ullswater to Pooley Bridge.

• Day 3 - Wednesday

Today we travel through the heart of the Lake District, passing through St John's in the Vale and alongside beautiful Thirlmere before arriving in the picturesque village of Grasmere.

Famous as the home of the poet William Wordsworth, Grasmere offers a wonderful atmosphere and the opportunity to sample the village's renowned gingerbread. Later, we visit Ambleside before enjoying a scenic cruise along Lake Windermere to Lakeside. From here, we board the heritage Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway for a nostalgic steam train journey through the beautiful Leven Valley.

• Day 4 - Thursday

This morning we travel to the bustling market town of Keswick, where you'll have free time to explore and enjoy lunch.

In the afternoon, we join a specialist Mountain Goat Tours excursion. Travelling in smaller vehicles allows us to reach some of the Lake District's most spectacular and less accessible locations. Highlights include the shores of Derwentwater, the famous Ashness Bridge, the beautiful Borrowdale Valley, and the dramatic Honister Pass.

We continue to the charming village of Buttermere before passing the stunning lakes of Crummock Water and Loweswater. A stop is also included at the Whinlatter Forest Visitor Centre before returning to Keswick and rejoining the coach.

• Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Lake District and begin our journey home, taking with us unforgettable memories of England's most celebrated national park.

Historic Cities **of the North West**

£649

Simonds Coach Holidays

6 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover three of the North West's most fascinating cities on this enjoyable five-day break based at Salford Quays. Combining maritime heritage, world-class shopping, historic architecture, and legendary music history, this tour offers a wonderful mix of culture and relaxation. Enjoy a heritage cruise along the Manchester Ship Canal and River Irwell, explore the historic streets of Chester, and follow the story of the world's most famous band in Liverpool at the award-winning Beatles Story Museum.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £100.00

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Heritage Cruise on Manchester Ship Canal and River Irwell
- Admission to The Beatles Story Museum





Your Hotel



Copthorne Hotel Manchester

The Copthorne Hotel Manchester enjoys a superb waterfront location overlooking Salford Quays, offering excellent views across the docks. The hotel provides comfortable accommodation along with a restaurant and two bars, making it an ideal base for exploring the region. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature satellite television and tea and coffee making facilities.

Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Salford Quays, arriving at the Copthorne Hotel in the late afternoon. Settle into your room and enjoy dinner overlooking the waterfront.

Day 2 - Tuesday

After breakfast, we board a fascinating heritage cruise along the Manchester Ship Canal and River Irwell.

Departing from Salford Quays, this one-hour cruise reveals the remarkable history of one of Britain's greatest engineering achievements. Along the way, you'll hear stories of the construction of the canal, the famous Emma Boat Tragedy, the heroic deeds of Mark Addy, and the important role the waterways played in Manchester's industrial success.

Following the cruise, enjoy free time in Manchester. Explore the city's impressive shopping districts, museums, historic buildings, and vibrant cafés before returning to the hotel.

Day 3 - Wednesday

Today we visit the beautiful city of Chester, one of Britain's most historic destinations. Spend the day exploring its famous medieval streets, unique two-tiered shopping galleries known as The Rows, and remarkably preserved Roman city walls. You may also wish to stroll beside the River Dee, visit the cathedral, or simply relax in one of the city's many cafés and restaurants.

Day 4 - Thursday

This morning we travel to the vibrant waterfront city of Liverpool.

Our first visit is to the award-winning The Beatles Story, where you'll discover the remarkable rise of The Beatles from their humble beginnings in Liverpool to becoming one of the most successful and influential bands in music history.

The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to explore Liverpool at your leisure. Perhaps visit the famous The Cavern Club, browse the shops at Liverpool ONE, or enjoy the city's impressive waterfront and cultural attractions.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the North West and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of three remarkable cities and their rich history and heritage.



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The Magic of Paris & Versailles

£675

10 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2027 | 4 DAYS

Discover the timeless charm of Paris and the grandeur of Versailles on this delightful short break. Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Paris independently, with its iconic landmarks, museums, galleries, shops and cafés. Our highlight is a guided visit to the magnificent Palace of Versailles, followed by free time in the town itself. A wonderful opportunity to experience French culture, history and elegance.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £285.00

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 3 nights, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Return ferry crossings
- ✓ Guided tour of Palace of Versailles

A passport and travel insurance are required for this holiday.



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Your Hotel

Pullman Paris La Defense

Just 10 minutes from the Champs-Elysees is the 5 star Pullman Paris La Defense Hotel with sleek interior design, plush interiors and well-appointed spacious guest rooms. For a comfortable stay, rooms feature flatscreen TV, Wi-Fi, hairdryer, iron, safe, tea & coffee making facilities and complimentary bottled mineral water. A delicious daily breakfast buffet with a wide choice of options is available in the hotel's Quinte & Sens restaurant. For relaxing, the hotel's Arti Bar serves a wide choice of drinks in an inviting cosy atmosphere.



Your Tour

Day 1 - Friday

We depart from our local pick-up points and make our way to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. From Calais, we continue our journey to Paris, where we'll check in to our hotel and settle in ahead of our exciting weekend in the French capital.

Day 2 - Saturday

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure, with plenty of time for independent sightseeing and discovering the many highlights of Paris. Explore the city's wonderful monuments, museums and art galleries, browse the elegant boutiques, or simply soak up the atmosphere as you wander along its famous streets and boulevards. With so much to see and do, you can spend the day discovering Paris at your own pace.

Day 3 - Sunday

Today we enjoy a guided tour of the Palace of Versailles considered to be one of the most magnificent achievements of 18th century French architecture and design. The awe-inspiring Hall of Mirrors and astonishingly beautiful palatial grounds are highlights of France's most famous château. In the afternoon, we enjoy free time in the beautiful town of Versailles itself before returning to our hotel.

Day 4 - Monday

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and begin our journey back to Calais. We'll then board the ferry for the crossing back to Dover before continuing our journey home to East Anglia, bringing our Paris and Versailles adventure to a close.

The Enchanting Isle of Man

£785

Simonds Coach Holidays

14 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2027 | 6 DAYS

Escape across the Irish Sea and discover the unique charm of the Isle of Man on this wonderful six-day holiday. With spectacular coastal scenery, picturesque towns and a fascinating heritage, the island is a delight to explore. Journey through the Manx countryside aboard the historic steam railway, discover the mighty Great Laxey Wheel, and enjoy time in the island's characterful towns of Douglas, Port Erin, Castletown, Ramsey and Peel. With return ferry crossings and an overnight stay on the mainland included, everything is taken care of for a relaxing island getaway.

Single supplement – £100.00 (limited availability)
- Please note these are true single rooms

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at main hotel
- ✓ Return ferry crossings
- ✓ Isle of Man Steam Railway
- ✓ Great Laxey Wheel

Photo ID and travel insurance are required for this holiday.



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© Chesterhouse Hotel



Chesterhouse Hotel

The Chesterhouse Hotel enjoys an excellent position on Douglas Promenade, overlooking the seafront and within easy reach of the town centre, shops and bars. Its central location makes it an ideal base from which to explore the Isle of Man. The hotel has 67 comfortable en-suite bedrooms, each equipped with a television, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, telephone and Wi-Fi. Lift access is available to all floors, and evening entertainment is usually provided on two nights during our stay.

Please note: Due to the original architectural features of the building, the hotel is not suitable for guests requiring wheelchair or street-level access.

Your Tour

Day 1 - Tuesday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel north to the Preston/Lancaster area, where we enjoy an overnight stay with dinner, bed and breakfast before continuing our journey to the Isle of Man the following day.

Day 2 - Wednesday

After breakfast, we leave our overnight hotel and make our way towards Heysham. There will be time to enjoy one of the nearby West Coast seaside resorts before we board our afternoon ferry across the Irish Sea to Douglas.

On arrival on the Isle of Man, we continue to the Chesterhouse Hotel, our home for the next four nights, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

Day 3 - Thursday

This morning we experience one of the island's most celebrated attractions as we board the historic Isle of Man Steam Railway. Sit back and enjoy a nostalgic journey through the beautiful Manx countryside to the seaside village of Port Erin, where you'll have free time to explore the waterfront and surrounding town.

Later, we continue to historic Castletown, the island's former capital and one of the oldest towns in the British Isles. Here you'll have the opportunity to discover its attractive harbour and see the imposing Castle Rushen, one of Europe's best-preserved medieval castles, before our scenic journey back to Douglas.

Day 4 - Friday

Today we visit one of the Isle of Man's most recognisable landmarks, the magnificent Great Laxey Wheel. Also known as Lady Isabella, this remarkable feat of Victorian engineering is the world's largest surviving original working waterwheel and a lasting reminder of the island's mining heritage.

We then return to Douglas for an afternoon at leisure. Explore the attractive promenade and town centre, relax in one of the cafés, or perhaps visit the Manx Museum to discover more about the island's fascinating 10,000-year history.

Day 5 - Saturday

Today we explore the contrasting east and west coasts of the island. Our first destination is Ramsey, a peaceful harbour town nestled beneath the slopes of North Barrule. Enjoy time to explore its sweeping shoreline, harbour and town centre before we continue our island tour.

Later, we travel to the historic fishing port of Peel on the west coast. Set around a picturesque bay, Peel is known for its traditional fishermen's cottages, winding streets and impressive red sandstone castle overlooking the sea. Enjoy time to wander around the harbour, explore the town or simply take in the coastal views before returning to Douglas for our final evening

Day 6 - Sunday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Isle of Man and board the morning ferry from Douglas to Heysham. On arrival back on the mainland, we rejoin our coach and continue our homeward journey to East Anglia.


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Shropshire **Discoveries**

£735

20 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover the rich history, charming market towns, and beautiful countryside of Shropshire and the Welsh Borders on this relaxing five-day break. Based at the elegant Albrighton Hall Hotel, you'll explore the historic county town of Shrewsbury, enjoy a scenic cruise on the River Severn, visit the medieval market town of Ludlow, and step back in time at the fascinating Blists Hill Victorian Town. Combined with visits to Kidderminster and the cathedral city of Worcester, this tour offers a wonderful blend of heritage, culture, and relaxation.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £80.00

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- River Severn Cruise
- Admission to Blists Hill Victorian Town


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The Albrighton Hall Hotel

Set within 15 acres of beautiful grounds and overlooking an ornamental lake, the Albrighton Hall Hotel & Spa is a stunning 18th-century manor house located just four miles from the centre of Shrewsbury. The hotel combines historic character with contemporary comfort and excellent leisure facilities.

Guests can enjoy dining in the elegant Oak Room Restaurant or relax in the 1630 Bar. The impressive leisure club and spa features an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, and ice room. All bedrooms are equipped with satellite television, internet access, and modern amenities.



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© The Albrighton Hall Hotel

Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Shropshire, arriving at the Albrighton Hall Hotel in the late afternoon. Settle into your room and enjoy dinner before the days of exploration ahead.

Day 2 - Tuesday

This morning we travel into the heart of Shrewsbury, one of England's most picturesque market towns. Encircled by a loop of the River Severn, Shrewsbury is renowned for its black-and-white timber-framed buildings, narrow medieval streets, and rich history.

We enjoy a relaxing cruise along the River Severn, offering a unique perspective of the town and its riverside surroundings. Afterwards, there is free time to explore at your own pace, perhaps visiting the castle, browsing the independent shops, or simply enjoying the town's charming atmosphere.

Day 3 - Wednesday

Today we visit the beautiful medieval market town of Ludlow. Dominated by its impressive Norman castle and filled with historic buildings, Ludlow is widely regarded as one of England's finest market towns. Today is also market day, providing an excellent opportunity to browse local produce and artisan goods. This afternoon we step back in time at Blists Hill Victorian Town. Part of the renowned Ironbridge Gorge museums, this fascinating open-air attraction recreates everyday life in Victorian Britain. Meet costumed characters, explore traditional shops and workshops, and experience the sights, sounds, and atmosphere of a bygone age.

Day 4 - Thursday

After breakfast, we travel to the Worcestershire market town of Kidderminster. Rich in industrial history, the town played an important role in Britain's carpet-making industry and has welcomed many notable historical figures over the centuries.

Later, we continue to the historic city of Worcester. Enjoy free time to explore its attractive streets, riverside setting, and independent shops. Dominating the skyline is the magnificent Worcester Cathedral, one of England's most beautiful cathedrals and a landmark with over 1,000 years of history.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Shropshire and begin our journey home, taking with us fond memories of historic towns, fascinating heritage attractions, and beautiful countryside.

A Journey Around the **Isle of Wight**

£599

Simonds Coach Holidays

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- Return ferry crossing
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- 2 nights evening entertainment
- Full Island Tour

30 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

The Isle of Wight has long been one of Britain's favourite holiday destinations. With its miles of golden sandy beaches, quaint villages, historic sites and spectacular coastal scenery, it offers a perfect blend of traditional seaside fun, Victorian charm and hidden gems. Our holiday is based in Ryde, famous for its sandy beaches, thriving independent shops and quirky mix of attractions.

Single supplement – Nil (Limited availability)



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Your Hotel



© Royal Esplanade Hotel

The Royal Esplanade Hotel

The Royal Esplanade Hotel enjoys a superb seaside location close to the promenade in the heart of lively Ryde, just a short stroll from the town centre. This traditional hotel features regular evening entertainment, a restaurant overlooking the promenade, plus a welcoming bar and lounge. A lift serves most floors, though please note there are steps both into the hotel and access to some rooms.

To book visit simonds.co.uk

Your Tour

Day 1 - Thursday

We make our way to Portsmouth for the short ferry crossing to Fishbourne. On arrival at the hotel, enjoy a welcome drink whilst your luggage is taken to your room.

Day 2 - Friday

Today we embark on a fascinating full island tour of around sixty miles, showcasing the Isle of Wight's most spectacular coastline, rolling countryside and picturesque villages. Along the way we visit one of the island's most iconic landmarks, The Needles and Trinity Lighthouse, where you can enjoy sweeping ocean views and colourful sands.

Day 3 - Saturday

A day at leisure in Ryde. Explore the town's lively seafront, attractive gardens and sandy beach, or perhaps make use of the excellent local transport links to one of the other nearby resorts or pretty island towns at your own pace.

Day 4 - Sunday

After breakfast, we head to the picture-perfect village of Godshill, famed for its thatched cottages, model village and medieval church. This afternoon we visit the traditional resort of Shanklin, where you can wander the thatched Old Village with its quaint gift shops and craft cottages, or simply relax on the golden sands and soak up the sea views.

Day 5 - Monday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Isle of Wight and make our way back home to East Anglia with comfort stops en route.



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A Welsh Week Of Wonder

£759

4 - 8 OCTOBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover the rich heritage, dramatic landscapes, and welcoming charm of South Wales on this relaxing five-day holiday. From the vibrant capital city of Cardiff and its historic landmarks to the scenic beauty of the Brecon Beacons and the peaceful Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal, this tour showcases some of the region's finest attractions. Highlights include visits to magnificent Tredegar House, Cyfarthfa Castle Museum, the seaside resort of Barry, and a guided vineyard tour complete with wine tasting and local produce.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £100.00

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Admission to Tredegar House
- ✓ Admission to Cyfarthfa Castle Museum & Art Gallery
- ✓ Cruise on the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal
- ✓ Glyndwr Vineyard Tour & Tasting



© Russel Ede

The Parkway Hotel & Spa

The Parkway Hotel & Spa is set within more than seven acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and is renowned for its excellent hospitality, quality accommodation, and high standards of service. Guests can enjoy a range of leisure facilities, while all bedrooms are en-suite and equipped with television, telephone, Wi-Fi, hairdryer, and tea and coffee making facilities.





Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to South Wales, arriving at the Parkway Hotel & Spa in the late afternoon. After settling into your room, enjoy dinner and relax ahead of the days to come.

Day 2 - Tuesday

This morning we visit the Welsh capital, Cardiff. A vibrant and modern city with a rich history, Cardiff offers a wealth of attractions including the impressive Cardiff Castle, the iconic Principality Stadium, and the revitalised waterfront at Cardiff Bay. Enjoy free time to explore, shop, or relax in one of the city's many cafés and restaurants.

This afternoon we visit the magnificent Tredegar House, one of the finest historic houses in Wales. Set within extensive parkland and beautiful gardens, this striking red-brick mansion offers a fascinating insight into over 500 years of Welsh history and aristocratic life.

Day 3 - Wednesday

Today begins with a visit to Cyfarthfa Castle Museum and Art Gallery. Surrounded by attractive gardens and parkland, the museum tells the story of Merthyr Tydfil's industrial heritage, from Roman times through to the Industrial Revolution, while also housing impressive art collections and exhibitions. This afternoon we journey through the beautiful scenery of South Wales to the historic market town of Brecon. After time to explore at leisure, we enjoy a relaxing one-way cruise on the picturesque Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal, taking in the tranquil countryside from the water.

Day 4 - Thursday

This morning we visit the popular seaside town of Barry. Known for its golden beaches and its starring role in the television series Gavin & Stacey, Barry offers an attractive mix of coastal scenery, independent shops, cafés, and attractions. You may also wish to explore nearby Barry Island.

Later, we visit Glyndwr Vineyard, Wales's oldest vineyard. During a guided tour, you'll learn about the winemaking process, explore the vineyard, and even meet the resident llamas. The visit concludes with a wine tasting accompanied by a platter of locally sourced produce.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to South Wales and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of historic landmarks, scenic countryside, and warm Welsh hospitality.

Kent **Uncovered**

£649

Simonds Coach Holidays

11 OCTOBER - 15 OCTOBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

Discover the rich history and timeless beauty of Kent and neighbouring Sussex on this delightful five-day break. Explore picturesque villages and ancient cathedral cities, journey through the countryside aboard a heritage steam railway, and visit some of England's finest gardens and castles. From the cobbled streets of Rochester to the splendour of Leeds Castle and the world-renowned gardens at Sissinghurst, this tour offers a perfect blend of history, heritage, and scenic charm.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Visits to Chilham & Canterbury
- ✓ Journey on Kent & East Sussex Railway
- ✓ Admission to Leeds Castle
- ✓ Admission to Sissinghurst Castle Gardens



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Your Hotel



The Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel

Set within 26 acres of attractive grounds, the Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel offers comfortable accommodation and excellent leisure facilities. Guests can enjoy the extensive health club, featuring an indoor swimming pool, sauna, and solarium. All bedrooms are en-suite and include a television, telephone, and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel also benefits from lift access.

Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Kent, arriving at the Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel late afternoon. Settle into your room and enjoy dinner before the days of exploration ahead.

Day 2 - Tuesday

This morning we visit the charming village of Chilham, one of Kent's prettiest and most historic villages. Situated on the ancient pilgrims' route to Canterbury, its picturesque square is lined with half-timbered houses that once formed part of the nearby castle estate.

We then continue to the historic cathedral city of Canterbury. Dominated by the magnificent Canterbury Cathedral, the compact city centre is a delight to explore with its medieval streets, specialist shops, and welcoming cafés. Enjoy free time to discover this fascinating city at your own pace.

Day 3 - Wednesday

Today's excursion begins with a scenic drive through the Sussex countryside to the village of Bodiam. Here we board the historic Kent & East Sussex Railway for a nostalgic steam train journey to the attractive market town of Tenterden. There will be time to explore and enjoy lunch in one of the town's tea rooms or cafés. In the afternoon, we visit the renowned Sissinghurst Castle Garden, created by celebrated writer Vita Sackville-West and her husband, Harold Nicolson. Designed as a series of intimate garden rooms, highlights include the famous White Garden and Rose Garden, making Sissinghurst one of Britain's most treasured horticultural masterpieces.

Day 4 - Thursday

This morning we visit the historic town of Rochester. With its magnificent cathedral, Norman castle, and atmospheric cobbled streets, Rochester is steeped in history and closely associated with the novelist Charles Dickens. Enjoy time to explore the High Street and obtain lunch at leisure.

Later, we visit the spectacular Leeds Castle, often described as "the loveliest castle in the world." Set on two islands in the River Len and surrounded by beautiful parkland, the castle boasts over 900 years of history. Explore the sumptuous interiors and discover the stories of the many royal and aristocratic families who called it home.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Kent and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of historic towns, magnificent gardens, and some of England's finest heritage attractions.



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The Charms of Hampshire

£699

18 - 22 OCTOBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

Simonds Coach Holidays

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Spinnaker Tower with High Tea
- Visits to Lyndhurst and Lymington
- Scenic drive through the South Downs National Park

Experience the beauty and tranquillity of southern England on this delightful five-day break based in the historic city of Winchester. Discover the charming towns and ancient landscapes of the New Forest, enjoy the maritime heritage and waterfront attractions of Portsmouth, and take in spectacular views from the iconic Spinnaker Tower while enjoying an indulgent afternoon tea. With scenic drives through the South Downs National Park and free time to explore Winchester, this relaxing holiday combines coast, countryside, and history in equal measure.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £100.00



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Your Hotel

The Voco Winchester Hotel

The Voco Winchester Hotel & Spa offers contemporary comfort in a peaceful setting on the edge of the beautiful South Downs National Park, just minutes from Winchester city centre. Stylish en-suite bedrooms feature complimentary Wi-Fi, television, and luxury amenities. Guests can relax in the comfortable lounge areas or unwind in the hotel's renowned ANA Spa after a day of sightseeing.



© The Voco Winchester Hotel


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Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Hampshire, arriving at the Voco Winchester Hotel & Spa in the late afternoon. Settle into your room and enjoy dinner before the days ahead.

Day 2 - Tuesday

This morning we travel into the heart of the New Forest National Park to visit the attractive village of Lyndhurst, often regarded as the capital of the New Forest. Browse the independent shops, relax in one of the tea rooms, or soak up the village's traditional charm.

Later, we continue to the Georgian market town of Lymington. Situated on the edge of the Solent, Lymington boasts a picturesque harbour, bustling High Street, and plenty of cafés and restaurants where you can enjoy lunch before exploring at leisure.

Day 3 - Wednesday

Today we visit the great maritime city of Portsmouth. Rich in naval history, Portsmouth offers an abundance of attractions, including the famous Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, home to HMS Victory and the Mary Rose Museum. You may also wish to wander through the Old Town, visit the cathedral, or browse the shops and restaurants at Gunwharf Quays. This afternoon, we head to the iconic Spinnaker Tower, one of Britain's most distinctive landmarks. Here, we'll enjoy a delicious afternoon tea while taking in breathtaking panoramic views across Portsmouth Harbour, the Solent, and beyond.

Day 4 - Thursday

Today's scenic excursion takes us through the rolling landscapes of the South Downs National Park. Passing the magnificent Goodwood House and travelling through the charming market town of Midhurst, we enjoy some of the finest countryside in southern England.

We continue to the delightful market town of Petersfield, where there is time for lunch and an opportunity to explore its independent shops, museum, and art gallery.

This afternoon, we return to our base in Winchester, where you'll have free time to discover one of England's most historic cities. Perhaps visit the magnificent Winchester Cathedral, browse the shops, or explore one of the city's fascinating museums.

Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Hampshire and begin our journey home, taking with us wonderful memories of scenic landscapes, historic cities, and coastal treasures.

Christmas Cheer in **Chester & Liverpool**

£685

Simonds Coach Holidays

15 - 19 NOVEMBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

Get into the festive spirit on this delightful Christmas Market break, staying close to the heart of historic Chester. Enjoy the twinkling lights, seasonal stalls and festive atmosphere of Christmas markets in both Chester and Liverpool, take in the iconic Liverpool waterfront on a cruise along the River Mersey, and indulge in a spot of Christmas shopping at Cheshire Oaks. Complete with a traditional cream tea at the hotel, this is the perfect way to celebrate the run-up to Christmas.

Single supplement – £100 (Limited availability)

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Chester Christmas Market
- Liverpool Christmas Market
- Mersey Cruise
- Cream tea



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Your Hotel



The Queen at Chester Hotel

The Queen at Chester Hotel, Premier Collection by Best Western, is a magnificent historic hotel conveniently located close to Chester city centre. Full of character and grandeur, the hotel features impressive vaulted ceilings, sweeping staircases and elegant public areas, with references to Chester's Roman heritage throughout.

Over the years, the hotel has welcomed many famous guests, including Charles Dickens and actress Lillie Langtry. Each bedroom has its own individual character, with all rooms offering en-suite facilities, a flat-screen television and tea and coffee making facilities.

Your Tour

• Day 1 - Monday

Travel to Chester, arriving at The Queen at Chester Hotel in the late afternoon. Settle into your room and enjoy dinner as our festive break begins.

• Day 2 - Tuesday

This morning we travel to Liverpool, where you'll have free time to soak up the festive atmosphere of the city's Christmas Market. Browse the seasonal stalls for gifts and treats, explore the shops at Liverpool ONE or enjoy some time discovering the city centre.

This afternoon, we take to the water for a relaxing cruise along the River Mersey. Sit back and enjoy spectacular views of Liverpool's famous waterfront and skyline, including the iconic Three Graces, while discovering the city's rich maritime heritage.

• Day 3 - Wednesday

Today is yours to explore historic Chester at leisure. Wander through the city's Christmas Market and enjoy the sights, scents and flavours of the festive season, browse the unique two-tiered Rows or take a stroll along Chester's ancient city walls. With its beautiful architecture, independent shops and welcoming cafés, there is plenty to discover before we return to the hotel in the late afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

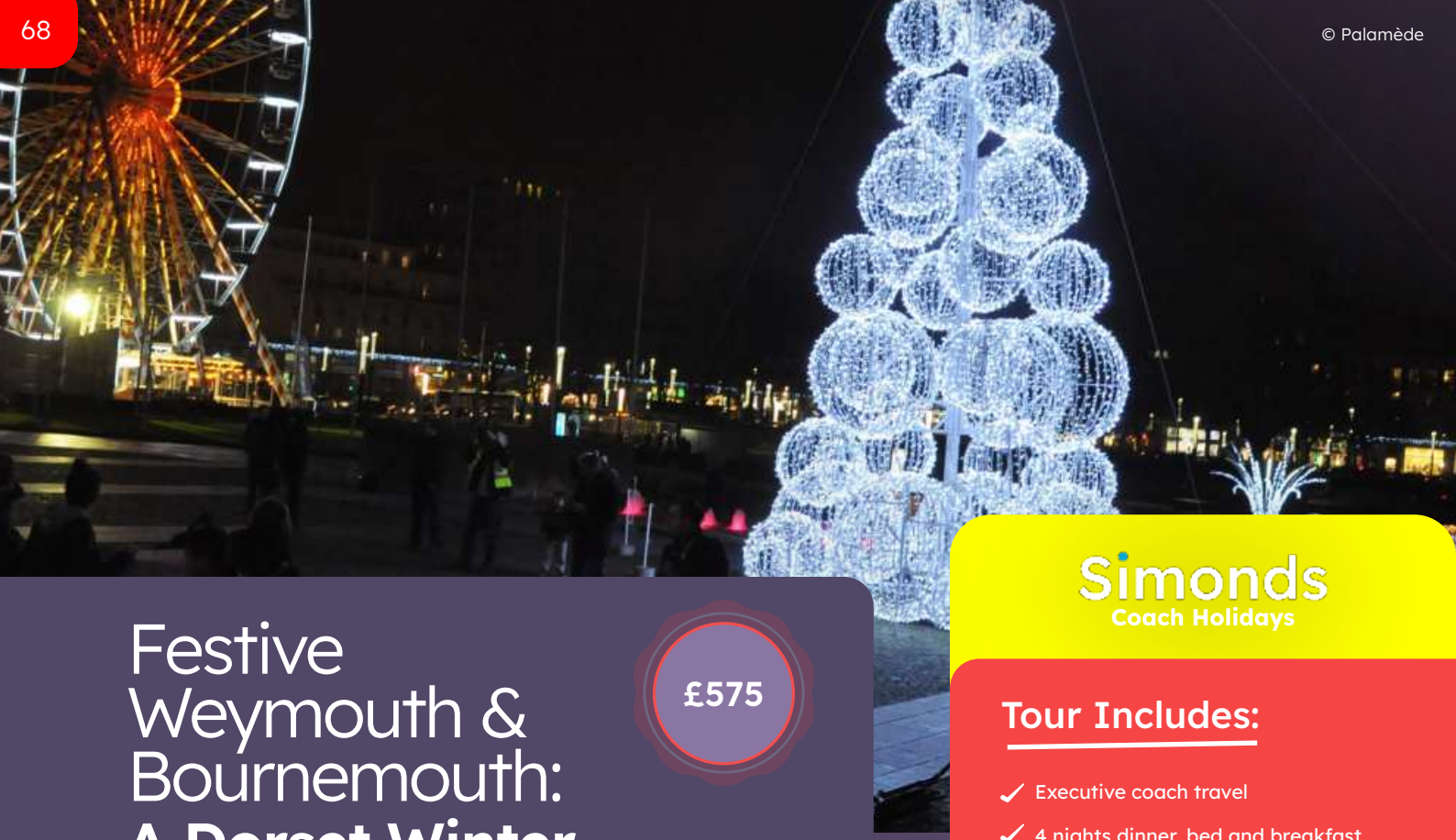
• Day 4 - Thursday

This morning we visit Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet, giving you the perfect opportunity for some last-minute Christmas shopping across its wide selection of stores.

Later, we return to the hotel for a traditional cream tea, with scones, jam and clotted cream accompanied by tea or coffee. Afterwards, enjoy some time to relax at the hotel before our final evening meal.

• Day 5 - Friday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Chester and begin our journey home, taking with us plenty of festive memories from our Christmas getaway.



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Festive Weymouth & Bournemouth: **A Dorset Winter Wonderland**

£575

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Bournemouth Alpine Christmas Market
- Visits to Dorchester, Weymouth and Poole
- Poole Harbour Cruise

22 - 26 NOVEMBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

A festive tour visiting the delightful Alpine Christmas Market of Bournemouth. Alongside excursions on the south coast to Dorchester, Weymouth and a scenic drive through the beautiful scenery.

Single Room supplement – Nil (Limited availability)



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Your Hotel

The Ocean Beach Hotel

The Ocean Beach Hotel is superbly located on Bournemouth's East Cliff, opposite the beach and 10-15 minutes' walk from the town centre. The bright, modern bedrooms are decorated in a neutral, rustic beach style, and all are equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.


© The Ocean Beach Hotel



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Your Tour

Day 1 - Monday

Collecting you from our local departure points this morning we make our way to Bournemouth with a stop en route. We aim to arrive at the hotel late afternoon.

Day 2 - Tuesday

After a leisurely breakfast, we visit the wonderful Bournemouth Alpine Christmas markets. Browse amongst the chalets of food, drink and local craftspeople showcasing their festive goodies. The centre of the market is the delightful Alpine bar where you can grab a festive mulled wine or hot chocolate and enjoy the atmosphere of the market. After your visit to the market you have the rest of the day to enjoy some of the delights of this seaside resort.

Day 3 - Wednesday

This morning we journey west to Dorchester, the county town of Dorset. The town is the fictional 'Casterbridge' of Hardy's novels. Today is market day where traders will be showcasing local produce and gifts for you to browse. After time here we head off to Weymouth along the coast road through Abbotsbury, home of the famous Swannery. Weymouth is a resort with lots of character - take a stroll along the Esplanade or explore the interesting harbour area.

Day 4 - Thursday

This morning we head east to the nearby port of Poole with its busy harbour and famous pottery. We have a chance to have a look around the festive markets before we board the festive cruise around Poole Harbour. Enjoy mince pies and mulled wine as we take a relaxing sail around the harbour. Live commentary is provided by the captain ensuring we don't miss a key sight!

Day 5 - Friday

We bid a fond farewell to the hotel staff and make our way back to East Anglia, arriving home early evening.



A Taste of Christmas **In Bruges**

£499

2 - 4 DECEMBER 2027 | 3 DAYS

The historic city centre of Bruges is famous for its remarkable medieval architecture, beautiful 13th century belfry, picturesque canals and lacemaking. The cosy Christmas atmosphere at the market helps make Bruges Christmas Market one of the most vibrant and popular continental markets.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double from £265

Simonds Coach Holidays

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ Return ferry crossings
- ✓ 2 nights bed & breakfast
- ✓ Full day to explore Bruges

A passport and travel insurance are required for this holiday.



Your Hotel

Le Bois De Bruges

The 4 star Le Bois De Bruges is located in the heart of the historic city on the ‘t Zand Square, just a 3 minute walk from the Concert Hall and within easy walking distance of the attractions, shops, restaurants and bars. The modern bedrooms are each equipped with air-conditioning, TV, hairdryer, safe, WiFi and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant is bright and inviting thanks to its large windows and there is a lobby bar where guests can relax with a drink.



© Le Bois De Bruges


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Your Tour

Day 1 - Thursday

We depart from our local pick-up points and make our way to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. From Calais, we continue our journey to Bruges, arriving in the late afternoon where we’ll check in to our hotel. The hotel is ideally located, with a variety of cafés and restaurants nearby, giving you plenty of choice for an enjoyable evening meal and your first taste of Bruges.

Day 2 - Friday

After breakfast, enjoy a full free day to explore the beautiful city of Bruges at your own pace and visit the famous Christmas market. Medieval Bruges provides a wonderful setting for a festive day out. The Christmas market offers a fantastic selection of winter treats, Christmas gifts and seasonal products, along with delicious Belgian waffles and, of course, plenty of tempting Belgian chocolate. Take time to wander through the picturesque streets, admire the historic architecture and soak up the festive atmosphere.

Day 3 - Saturday

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and begin our journey back to Calais. We’ll then board the ferry for the crossing back to Dover before continuing our journey home to East Anglia.


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Christmas Market Escape: **Southampton & Winchester**

£585

3 - 6 DECEMBER 2027 | 4 DAYS

Celebrate the magic of the festive season on this delightful Christmas Market break based on the beautiful south coast. Soak up the seasonal atmosphere as we visit the Christmas markets of Southampton and historic Winchester, where twinkling lights, traditional wooden chalets and tempting festive treats provide plenty of Christmas cheer. With time to browse for unique gifts, enjoy seasonal food and simply take in the festivities, this is the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £100.00

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Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Southampton Christmas Market
- ✓ Winchester Christmas Market


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Your Hotel

The Langstone Hotel

The Langstone Hotel enjoys a wonderful waterfront setting on the northern shore of Hayling Island, overlooking Langstone Water and ideally situated for exploring the surrounding area.

Hotel facilities include a Lifestyle Health & Leisure Club with an indoor swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi and gym. All bedrooms are en-suite and feature satellite television, radio, telephone, hairdryer and tea and coffee-making facilities





Your Tour

- **Day 1 - Friday**

We depart from your local pick-up point, and travel to the south coast, arriving at the Langstone Hotel late afternoon. On arrival, we enjoy a warm welcome with tea, coffee and biscuits before settling into your room ahead of dinner.

- **Day 2 - Saturday**

Today we travel to Southampton to enjoy its festive celebrations. The city centre comes alive for Christmas with seasonal stalls, decorations and plenty of opportunities to browse for gifts. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the festivities, indulge in a seasonal treat or perhaps make a start on your Christmas shopping.

- **Day 3 - Sunday**

After breakfast, we travel to the historic city of Winchester for one of the highlights of our festive break. Set against the magnificent backdrop of Winchester Cathedral, the city's Christmas Market is renowned for its wonderful seasonal atmosphere.

Browse the beautifully decorated wooden chalets offering gifts, crafts and festive produce, enjoy the tempting food and drink, or take some time to explore Winchester's historic streets and shops.

- **Day 4 - Monday**

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the south coast and begin our journey home, filled with festive memories and perhaps a few Christmas gifts!

A Peaceful Christmas in **The Lake District**

£829

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23 - 27 DECEMBER 2027 | 5 DAYS

Enjoy a relaxing five-day Christmas escape to the beautiful Lake District, with scenic drives, charming lakeside towns and plenty of time to unwind at the hotel. Our journey takes us through the stunning Grizedale Forest, with visits to Ambleside, Keswick and Bowness-on-Windermere, offering opportunities to explore local shops, enjoy spectacular scenery and soak up the festive atmosphere.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £120.00

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ 1 Festive Lunch
- ✓ Excursions as itinerary

Festive break itineraries are based on previous years and may be subject to changes.



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Your Hotel



© Newby Bridge Hotel

Newby Bridge Hotel

Located at the tranquil southern end of Lake Windermere the Newby Bridge Hotel is perfect for exploring what the Southern Lake District has to offer. The hotel offers plenty of space in which to relax including the Huntsman's Bar offering a traditional, Cumbrian, warm and cosy atmosphere with wooden beams and panelling and of course a roaring fire on those colder days, a games room and traditional lounge with sofas and board games as well as leisure facilities including a swimming pool, steam room, spa pool & mini gym. All 45 bedrooms are equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel does not have a lift; however, ground floor rooms are available.

Your Tour

Day 1 - Thursday

From our local pick-up points, we travel to our hotel in the beautiful Lake District. On arrival, tea and coffee will be served while our team takes care of delivering your cases to your rooms. There will then be time to settle in, relax and make yourself comfortable before we come together for dinner.

Day 2 - Friday

After breakfast, we begin our exploration of the Lake District with a scenic drive through the roads of Grizedale Forest Park, continuing to the charming town of Ambleside, where we pause to enjoy the surroundings. We then head north, travelling alongside the stunning Lake Thirlmere, before arriving in Keswick. Known as the thriving main town of the northern Lake District, Keswick offers a wonderful selection of independent shops, cafés and restaurants to explore. The afternoon is free for you to spend at leisure; perhaps relaxing at the hotel or enjoying the festive atmosphere, before dinner in the evening.

Day 3 - Saturday - Happy Christmas!

Enjoy a leisurely Christmas morning with breakfast at the hotel. There will be plenty of time to relax and enjoy the facilities, or perhaps take a gentle stroll and admire the beautiful surroundings. Later, we come together to enjoy Christmas lunch before further time to relax and enjoy the festive celebrations. This evening, a light buffet dinner will be served, allowing you to unwind and enjoy a peaceful Christmas evening.

Day 4 - Sunday

After breakfast, we make our way to nearby Bowness-on-Windermere, situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Windermere. One of the Lake District's most popular destinations, Bowness offers lovely lakeside views and plenty of opportunities to browse the shops and enjoy the atmosphere. We then continue to the charming town of Ambleside. Predominantly Victorian in character, Ambleside is bursting with character and offers a wonderful selection of shops, including those specialising in arts, crafts and outdoor activities.

Day 5 - Monday

After breakfast, it is time to say farewell to the Lake District as we depart our hotel and begin our journey home to East Anglia.

A Magical New Year in **Shropshire**

£665

Simonds Coach Holidays

Tour Includes:

- Executive coach travel
- 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- New Year Celebration with canapés, dinner and music

30 DECEMBER 2027 - 2 JANUARY 2028 | 4 DAYS

Welcome in the New Year with a relaxing four-day getaway in beautiful Shropshire. Staying at the elegant Albrighton Hall Hotel & Spa, enjoy visits to the historic towns of Ludlow and Shrewsbury alongside plenty of time to relax and enjoy the hotel's excellent facilities. The highlight of the break is a wonderful New Year's Eve celebration, complete with a champagne reception, canapés, dinner, live entertainment and dancing as we count down to midnight.

Supplement for sole occupancy of a Twin/Double: from £80.00





Your Hotel


© The Albrighton Hall

The Albrighton Hall

Set within 15 acres of beautiful grounds and overlooking an ornamental lake, the Albrighton Hall Hotel & Spa is an impressive 18th-century manor house located just four miles from the centre of Shrewsbury.

The hotel combines historic character with modern comfort, with 87 contemporary bedrooms featuring internet access and satellite television. Guests can dine in the elegant Oak Room Restaurant, relax in the 1630 Bar or make use of the excellent Leisure Club & Spa, featuring an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and ice room.

Your Tour

• Day 1 - Thursday

Depart from your local pick-up point and travel to Shropshire, arriving at the Albrighton Hall Hotel & Spa in the late afternoon. Enjoy a warm welcome with tea, coffee and a festive treat before settling into your room for our three-night stay. This evening, enjoy dinner and time to relax at the hotel.

• Day 2 - Friday: New Year's Eve

This morning we visit the beautiful medieval market town of Ludlow. Renowned for its impressive historic architecture and excellent food and drink, Ludlow is the perfect place for a leisurely New Year's Eve morning. Explore the town's independent shops and cafés or perhaps pay a visit to its magnificent Norman castle.

Later, we return to the hotel with plenty of time to relax and prepare for this evening's celebrations. Our New Year's Eve begins with a champagne reception and canapés, followed by dinner and live musical entertainment. Then it's time to dance the night away as we welcome in 2028!

• Day 3 - Saturday: New Year's Day

Happy New Year! After a leisurely start, we make the short journey into historic Shrewsbury. Set within a sweeping loop of the River Severn, this beautiful heritage town is home to more than 600 listed buildings, with timber-framed architecture, medieval streets and independent shops to discover.

Later, we return to the hotel for our final evening together. Enjoy dinner followed by a light-hearted 'Quiz of the Year', looking back at the memorable moments of 2027.

• Day 4 - Sunday

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Shropshire and begin our journey home after a memorable start to the New Year.

Information about your holiday

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- Home Collection Zone Two

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Your Hotel

We carefully select our hotels to provide quality accommodation, excellent service, and a warm welcome throughout your holiday.

Most hotels offer a limited number of single rooms, which are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Single supplements may apply depending on the hotel's pricing structure. Please note that single rooms are generally smaller than twin or double rooms and contain one single bed.

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Our carefully planned excursions are designed to help you experience the very best of each destination. Every effort is made to operate excursions exactly as advertised; however, circumstances such as weather conditions, attraction closures, or other factors beyond our control may occasionally require changes.

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We require a deposit upon the booking of a holiday with us. This comes at a cost of:

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Full balance of the holiday must be paid 8 weeks in advance for UK holidays, and 10 weeks in advance for international holidays.

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Any significant amendments will be advised at the time of booking or included with your final travel documentation wherever possible.

Please note that Christmas holiday itineraries may be subject to final confirmation closer to departure. We therefore recommend checking your travel documents carefully before travelling.

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