

"QUALITY HOLIDAYS FOR QUALITY PEOPLE"

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British & Continental Tours



2024

Welcome

Bensons Travel has great pleasure in announcing the exciting holidays planned for 2024. We offer a wide range of holidays to suit all tastes throughout Britain, Ireland and Europe.

Bensons are a family operated company - large enough to cope but small enough to care for both individual travellers and private groups. Our head office is based in Whitchurch, Shropshire. We operate coach holiday tours to destinations all over the UK & Europe for customers based in the North-West and Midland areas.

Our business ethos is built around being the best rather than being the biggest. Maintaining the long-standing reputation and high regard of our family name means everything to us. We only ever expect you to be a stranger to us when we first meet - thereafter you become



another member of the ever increasing number of friends to whom we serve in providing **"Quality Travel for Quality People"**.

As Managing Director, Clive Benson has been involved in the bus and coach industry from a very early age. In 1992, he became the youngest coach / PCV driver in the UK – just 3

days after his 18th birthday. This was all part of the plan in achieving his own coach travel business – a dream which he has held since the age of 3!

After studying for his bachelor of science degree in "International Logistics" at Huddersfield University, Clive immediately returned to the bus and coach industry. For the majority of the past 30 years, he has been behind the wheel as an international "Tour Driver & Guide" working for some of the country's most respected coach tour operators. To date, Clive has operated over 900 tours as a driver / guide throughout Britain and Europe.

As Managing Director of Bensons Travel Ltd, customers now benefit from Clive's vast experience and knowledge of tourist destinations, hotels, holiday itineraries – where to go, where not to go, what to do and see, and when to do it! The end result being happy customers who never think twice about booking their coach holiday needs with Bensons. Clive is well known for being a *"perfectionist"* in everything he does, that is why you can be reassured that when booking a Benson's Coach Tour, you will have the best possible holiday that anyone can offer for the price which you pay.

We do our very best in providing our customers with that *"something extra"* that you cannot get with any of our larger competitors – be it the efficient, ever-friendly and personable booking staff, flexibility of pickup locations and tour itineraries, door to door services, and of course, the luxuries provided by our unique VIP Club-class tour coach.

Much of the time its just those little things that we do which cost so little but are worth so much to so many – and are all important in creating that travel experience for having

"Fun, friendship & Laughter..... on the move!".

The Bensons VIP Club-Class tour coach features;

- Professional, experienced & courteous drivers
- Massive legroom
- Sub-tropical climate controlled air conditioning
- Full Bosch multi-screen entertainment system and smart TV
- WiFi availability
- Front facing road camera
- Fully fitted kitchen with oven, microwave, fridge/freezer and bar
- 42" 'Armchair' seats with individual footrests, armrests & USB charging points
- 3 point inertia seatbelts
- Satellite Navigation system
- Toilet/Washroom facilities
- All tours include Dinner, Bed & Breakfast and Excursions



Award Winning VIP Coach
 Bensons took delivery of 'Fleur' in November 2017. She has the latest Euro VI emission standard engine and was built by Beulas to Clive's exacting specifications. Awarded *"Best Beulas Coach in the UK" in 2018.*





BENSONS' COACH HOLIDAYS 2024 Calendar



Date	Return	Tour	Days	Hotel	Price	Page
Mon 1 Apr	Fri 5 Apr	Springtime in the Lakes & Dales	5	Auckland (Morecambe)	£449.50	6
Mon 8 Apr	Fri 12 Apr	Isle of Wight (inc Osborne House)	5	Channel View (Shanklin)	£509.50	6
Mon 15 Apr	Fri 19 Apr	Llandudno (4* Showstopper Variety Break)	5	Tynedale	£499.50	7
Sun 21 Apr	Fri 26 Apr	Spring into Cornwall	6	Esplanade (Newquay)	£659.50	7
Fri 3 May	Tue 7 May	Eastbourne Springtime Special Magnificent Motors & Bluebell Railway	5	Haddon Hall	£479.50	8
Sat 11 May	Fri 17 May	Killarney & Gems of Southern Ireland incl Ring of Kerry & The Dingle Peninsula	7	Killarney Towers (Killarney)	£829.50	8
Mon 20 May	Fri 24 May	Dorset Gems & The Jurassic Coast	5	Poole Quay Hotel (Poole)	£569.50	9
Mon 27 May	Fri 31 May	Great Yarmouth & Great Little Trains of Norfolk	5	Palm Court	£519.50	9
Sun 3 Jun	Fri 7 Jun	Northumbrian Delights (inc Alnwick Castle & Gardens)	5	Little Haven (South Shields)	£499.50	10
Mon 10 Jun	Fri 14 Jun	Skegness & Lincolnshire Delights	5	Quorn	£469.50	10
Mon 17 Jun	Fri 21 Jun	Top Attractions of North Wales	5	Celtic Royal (Caernarfon)	£579.50	11
Sun 23 Jun	Thu 27 Jun	Highlights of Kent - The Garden of England	5	Bridgewood Manor (Chatham)	£589.50	11
Tue 2 Jul	Sat 6 Jul	Sidmouth & Devon in Summer	5	Royal York & Faulkner	£579.50	12
Sun 7 Jul	Fri 12 Jul	Glorious Tenby	6	Clarence House	£599.50	12
Tue 16 Jul	Sun 21 Jul	Isle of Man	6	Rutland (Douglas)	£699.50	13
Mon 22 Jul	Fri 26 Jul	Yorkshire Rail & Sail	5	Cairn Lodge (Harrogate)	£589.50	13
Mon 29 Jul	Sun 4 Aug	Isle of Wight - The Diamond Isle	7	Channel View (Shanklin)	£749.50	14
Mon 5 Aug	Fri 9 Aug	Constable Country & Suffolk Explorer	5	Stoke By Nayland Golf & Spa (Colchester)	£589.50	14
Sat 10 Aug	Thu 15 Aug	Eastbourne Summertime Special	6	Haddon Hall (Eastbourne)	£589.50	15



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Travelling with the best onboard VIP Tour Coach - Fleur

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Fri 16 Aug	Tue 20 Aug	Cross-County Explorer - A Touch of Class	5	Hampshire Court Hotel (Basingstoke)	£549.50	15
Thu 22 Aug	Sun 25 Aug	Edinburgh Tattoo The Falkirk Wheel & The Kelpies	4	Golden Jubilee (Glasgow)	£549.50	16
Mon 26 Aug	Fri 30 Aug	Famous Palaces & Gardens	5	The Bull Hotel (Gerrards Cross)	£599.50	16
Sun 1 Sep	Sat 7 Sep	Ireland's Bantry Bay	7	Maritime Hotel (Bantry)	£799.50	17
Sun 8 Sep	Sat 14 Sep	Ayrshire Coastal Delights Isle of Arran & Dumfries House	7	South Beach (Troon)	£739.50	18
Mon 16 Sep	Fri 20 Sep	Lytham St Annes & Blackpool Illuminations	5	Inn on the Prom	£489.50	18
Sun 22 Sep	Tue 1 Oct	Cantabria Spain's Green Coast Gems	10	Gran Hotel (Suances)	£1350.00	19
Wed 9 Oct	Sun 13 Oct	Sidmouth	5	Royal York & Faulkner	£529.50	20
Mon 14 Oct	Fri 18 Oct	Autumn Splendours of the Lake District	5	Cumbria Grand (Grange-over-Sands)	£499.50	20
Mon 21 Oct	Sun 27 Oct	Scottish Autumn Tints	7	Royal Hotel (Oban)	£649.50	21
Mon 28 Oct	Fri 1 Nov	Historic Portsmouth & South Downs	5	The Langstone Hotel	£549.50	21
Festive Season Tours						
Mon 11 Nov	Fri 15 Nov	Morecambe Turkey & Tinsel	5	Auckland	£429.50	24
Mon 25 Nov	Fri 29 Nov	Tenby Turkey & Tinsel	5	Clarence House	£449.50	24
Mon 2 Dec	Fri 6 Dec	Skegness Turkey & Tinsel	5	Quorn	£399.50	25
Fri 13 Dec	Sun 15 Dec	Royal Albert Hall Xmas Carols	3	Radisson Blu Heathrow	£399.50	25
Mon 23 Dec	Fri 27 Dec	Christmas on the Fylde Coast	5	Doric Hotel	£649.50	26
Mon 30 Dec	Thu 2 Jan	New Year in Torquay	4	Toorak Hotel	£499.50	27
Thursford Christmas Spectacular						
Thu 7 Nov	Sat 9 Nov	Thursford - Norfolk	3	4* Wensum Valley	£349.50	23
Sun 17 Nov	Tue 19 Nov	Thursford - Norfolk	3	4* Wensum Valley	£349.50	23
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Mon 1st - Fri 5th April



**“Springtime in the
Lakes & Dales”
(Morecambe)**

£449.50

Single Supp Nil

5 days



Summary

Morecambe is a small seaside town that appeals to all ages. There is a lovely refurbished promenade to stroll along admiring the wonderful views of the Lakeland hills across Morecambe Bay and not forgetting the statue of Eric Morecambe! The town has shops, cafes and restaurants. It is also an ideal base for trips to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales which we include in our excursions - two of the UK's most popular national parks.

Auckland Hotel (Morecambe)

The Auckland Hotel has become a firm favourite to Bensons as it prides itself on providing excellent, friendly service, lovely accommodation and great food. The bar/ballroom has entertainment each night, there is also a TV lounge for those who prefer a quieter environment.

A lift serves all floors with a few stairs to some rooms.

Disabled rooms available on request.

Provisional Excursions

- Hawes (mkt day) & Wensleydale Creamery
- Windermere Lake Cruise • Morecambe (at leisure) & Lakeland Motor Museum
- Bury Market (via homebound journey)

Mon 8th - Fri 12th April



**Isle of Wight
Including
Osborne House**

£509.50

Single Supp Nil

5 days



Summary

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Our stay will include live entertainment each evening.

3* Channel View Hotel (Shanklin)

With the most picturesque views of the English Channel, this hotel is sat atop of the cliffs of Shanklin Bay in an idyllic location, within proximity of the beaches that stretch from Luccombe Bay to Yaverland. Perfect for a day of coastal relaxation.

Hotel facilities include a **beautiful indoor heated pool** and spa treatment rooms. The Alverstone Room has a wonderful sprung dance floor on which to dance the night away with some of the island's best entertainers.

The hotel has lift facilities.

Provisional Excursions

- The Needles & Yarmouth
- Ryde & Osborne House (admission incl)
- Shanklin (at leisure)

Mon 15th - Fri 19th April



Llandudno

4 Showstopper
Variety Break*

£499.50

Single Supp Nil

5 days



**New for
2024**

Sun 21st - Fri 26th April



Newquay

Spring into Cornwall

£659.50

Single Supp £100

6 days



**New for
2024**

Summary

Llandudno has become extremely popular throughout the year thanks to its enviable sheltered position beside the famous Great Orme. With a super-wide, long seafront promenade to stroll along, a popular and well-used pier offering traditional seaside delights, a beautiful long sandy beach, and of course, plenty of town shops all on the flat – Llandudno has got the lot!

Tynedale Hotel

Voted number 3 of 52 Llandudno hotels listed on Trip Advisor - "Excellent". A family-run hotel, fabulously furnished and decorated in a modern contemporary style - offering unrivalled levels of service, comfort and hospitality to all guests.

Bensons have been waiting over 6 years to get a date here - **DON'T MISS THIS!**

Nightly Entertainment programme.

A lift serves all floors with a few steps to some rooms.

Provisional Excursions

- St Asaph Woollen Mills outlet (via outbound journey)
- Beaumaris & Conwy • Llandudno (at leisure)
- Vale of Conwy & Betws-y-Coed
- Shropshire Ironworks Centre (via inbound journey)

Summary

Originally a fishing port with its main industry being pilchard fishing and salting. The "new" 15th century quay was built to develop sea trade for the import of coal and export of mined ore during the heyday of the tin and copper mining industries.

Today, Newquay exudes the laidback atmosphere you would expect from a town perched on Cornwall's Atlantic cliffs and is Cornwall's most popular seaside resort. Stretching across 7 miles, a sandy beach exists for every day of the week with glorious open spaces looking out to sea. Attractions include the Blue Reef Aquarium, tropical gardens and Newquay Zoo.

Esplanade Hotel

"Excellent" rated on Trip Advisor. Wonderfully situated offering fabulous views over the world-famous Fistral Beach. Bedrooms are modern, light and airy with sea views available. Hotel facilities include a large indoor heated pool and a newly created cinema room. Evening entertainment programme. **A lift serves all floors**

Provisional Excursions

- Padstow & Prideaux Place (House & Gardens)
- Truro & Falmouth
- St Ives • Newquay (at leisure)

Fri 3rd - Tue 7th May



Eastbourne

"Springtime Special"
Magnificent Motors & Bluebell Railway

£479.50

Single Supp Nil

5 days



Summary

Thanks to its sheltered position and its claim of "most hours of sunshine" in the UK, Eastbourne has an enviable reputation on the south coast. Its seafront promenade stretches over three miles. During the bank holiday weekend, the seafront is taken over by a fabulous continental market and "Magnificent Motors" of the past. We also include a steam train journey on the Bluebell Railway.

Hotel Details - Haddon Hall

Situated just off the Grand Parade (seafront), very close to the UK's busiest seaside bandstand, and only a few minutes walk away from the main shopping area. With a great choice of traditional British cuisine and superb evening entertainment, Haddon Hall provides everything needed for a super holiday. The friendly staff of this family owned hotel always provide Bensons with a wonderful, warm welcome.

A lift serves all floors with a few stairs to a small number of rooms.

Provisional Excursions

- Eastbourne & Magnificent Motors (at leisure)
- Battle and Hastings • Bluebell "Steam" Railway

Sat 11th - Fri 17th May



Killarney "Gems of Southern Ireland"

Including the Ring of Kerry & Dingle Peninsula

£829.50

Single Supp £150

7 days



Sat – Outbound via 14.50hrs ferry (Fishguard to Rosslare). Overnight stay at 4* Dooleys' Hotel in Waterford.

Sun – Drive to **Cobh** via Dungarvan & Youghal, before arriving at Killarney Towers Hotel.

Mon – The **Ring of Kerry** with a local tour guide.

Tue – The **Dingle Peninsula & Tralee** with a local tour guide.

Wed – We include a ride on the famous jaunting cars into the **Killarney National Park** together with a boat cruise.

Thu – Day of leisure in **Killarney** to experience the Craic!

Fri – After breakfast, depart for our homeward journey via the 14.45 hours ferry from Dublin to Holyhead.

4* Killarney Towers Hotel

Brilliantly situated in the heart of Killarney, this popular 4* Hotel provides extensive leisure facilities, dining options, bars and evening entertainment whilst having the whole of the town on your doorstep.

A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Waterford • Ring of Kerry (with local guide)
- Dingle Peninsula (with local guide) • Cobh
- Killarney National Park via Jaunting cars and boat cruise • Killarney (at leisure)

Mon 20th - Fri 24th May



Dorset Gems & *The Jurassic Coast*

£569.50

Single Supp £100

5 days



New for
2024

Summary

A brilliant tour encompassing some of Dorset's most popular places and attractions. Home to the RNLI, Poole is also one of the country's most popular holiday destinations - a bustling waterfront, lovely beaches and a stunning natural harbour. Why not take a trip to Brownsea Island and visit Henry VIII's castle – built to protect against enemy invasion into one of the largest natural harbours in the world.

Hotel Details - Poole Quay

Prime views over Poole Quay Yacht Haven and Brownsea Island Nature Reserve – situated on the edge of Poole Old Town and its Georgian mansion houses. The Harbour View Restaurant is the best spot to enjoy stunning views of the busy harbour as you enjoy a luxury afternoon tea!

70 “nautically” themed décor bedrooms – many with sea views and balcony terrace. All rooms are ensuite with a shower over the bath. **A lift serves all floors.**

Provisional Excursions

- Salisbury (via outbound journey)
- Isle of Purbeck & Swanage Steam Railway & Wareham • Harbour Boat Cruise & Poole (at leisure)
- Weymouth & Abbotsbury Gardens • Shaftesbury

Mon 27th - Fri 31st May



Great Yarmouth & Great Little Trains of Norfolk

£519.50

Single Supp £60

5 days



New for
2024

Summary

Renowned for its golden sandy beaches, Great Yarmouth is the perfect destination if you're looking for a traditional British seaside escape! Stroll through the colourful floral gardens, visit the model village, sea life centre, or relax in one of the many welcoming pubs and restaurants. Enjoy the theatre's “summertime entertainment show”.

Hotel Details - Palm Court

An elegant Victorian seafront hotel – owned and managed by the Delft family since 1959. This hotel offers “traditional seaside resort” comfort – friendly staff, comfortable rooms (sea views available), good food, and a great location for the beach, sea, and town centre amenities. Indoor heated swimming pool. Evening entertainment some nights.

Ground-floor wheelchair accessible rooms available.

A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Cambridge (via outbound journey)
- Bure Valley Railway & Norfolk Broads' Cruise
- Cromer, Sheringham & North Norfolk Steam Railway • Great Yarmouth (at leisure)
- Norwich (via inbound journey)

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th June



Northumbrian Delights

*inc Alnwick Castle
& Gardens*

£499.50

Single Supp £80

5 days



Mon – outbound via cathedral city of **Durham**.

Tue – Full day at **Beamish** - a world famous, award-winning open air museum, telling the story of life in North East England during the 1820s, 1900s, 1940s and 1950s.

Wed – **Hexham** (mkt day) & a scenic forest drive through the **Kielder Forest to Kielder Water** – England's largest forest and largest man-made lake in northern-Europe.

Thu – **Alnwick Castle & Gardens**. The “Windsor of the North”, Alnwick Castle is the second largest inhabited castle in the country and is home to the Duke of Northumberland’s family. Featured in film and television productions such as the magnificent Brancaster Castle in Downton Abbey and as Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the Harry Potter films. The magnificent award-winning gardens are home to the world’s largest Tai Haku Cherry Orchard, a Grand Cascade comprising 120 water jets and the world’s largest Treehouse Restaurant.

Fri – we return home via a **ride on the South Tynedale Steam Railway to Alston**.

Little Haven (South Shields)

Boasting extensive views across the River Tyne and Little Haven Beach. A conservatory style restaurant serves delicious food and provides a relaxed ambience with both the beach and river being in view. This hotel is lovely and is in a superb location. **“Excellent” Trip Advisor.**

Ground floor available and lift access to all other floors.

Mon 10th - Fri 14th June



Skegness

*& Lincolnshire
Delights*

£469.50

Single Supp Nil

5 days



**New for
2024**

Summary

Home to the first ever Butlins’ Holiday Resort (1935), Skegness has been Lincolnshire’s premier holiday destination for decades. “Skeggie” is a very traditional, family-orientated seaside resort with plenty to see and do for all ages – good shops, seafront amusements, a beautiful big sandy beach, pier, long promenade, and most importantly, plenty of deck chairs to sit in and watch the world go by!

Hotel Details - The Quorn

The family-run Quorn hotel is a firm favourite for many Benson customers. Incredibly friendly staff, super bedrooms, fantastic home-cooked British cuisine, and brilliant evening entertainment programme are the reasons why this hotel receives only “excellent” reviews. The hotel is situated in the most pleasant part of Skegness’ seafront overlooking the pier.

A lift serves all floors with some ground floor rooms.

Provisional Excursions

- Burghley House & Gardens (via outbound journey)
- Inter Bomber Command Mem Centre & Lincoln
- Louth (mkt) & Mablethorpe • Skegness (at leisure)
- Rutland Water Boat Cruise (via inbound journey)

Mon 17th - Fri 21 June



Top Attractions of North Wales

£579.50

Single Supp £100

5 days



New for 2024

Summary

New for 2024, we take a trip on some of the UK's finest heritage railways offering stunning scenery including spectacular views from Wales's highest mountain, Snowdon. We also visit beautiful Bodnant Gardens – famous for its five Italianate terraces and display of rhododendrons. Finally, we get to enjoy a few hours in Llandudno – the “queen” of the Welsh seaside resorts.

Celtic Royal Hotel – Excellent 3

Brilliantly situated to give easy walking access to Caernarfon's town centre amenities, castle and waterfront attractions. The hotel restaurant prides itself on using locally sourced produce to create its fine dining experience. For those who enjoy their leisure facilities, the hotel has the latest gym equipment and a beautiful 16-metre swimming pool together with spa and sauna. **A lift serves all floors.**

Provisional Excursions

- Bodnant Gardens (via outbound journey)
- Welsh Highland Railway, Porthmadog & Festiniog Railway
- Snowdon Mountain Railway & Llanberis Lake Railway • Caernarfon (at leisure)
- Llandudno (via inbound journey)

Sun 23rd - Thu 27th June



Highlights of Kent

*“Call The Midwife”
to the Garden
of England*

£589.50

Single Supp £100

5 days



New for 2024

Summary

If you are a fan of TV series “Call the Midwife” don't miss doing this tour as we have a full day being guided around the set at Chatham's Historic Dockyard (the world's most complete dockyard of the Age of Sail) in addition to the fabulous displays of warships, lifeboats, submarines and the Commissioner's Garden. This tour is also very much based towards those who love the quintessential “English” summer garden at the same time as loving their history too. Look at what we include!

Bridgewood Manor 4* Hotel & Spa

Situated near Rochester. 100 comfortable bedrooms. The fully equipped leisure facilities include a fitness centre, swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gym. Guests can enjoy an invigorating massage, soothing body wrap or even a gel pedicure.

Ground floor rooms available. A lift serves all floors

Provisional Excursions

- Chartwell Manor (via outbound journey)
- Chatham's Historic Dockyard
- Hever Castle & Gardens & Penshurst Place
- Canterbury • Leeds Castle (via inbound journey)

Tue 2nd - Sat 6th July



Sidmouth
& Devon in Summer

£579.50

Single Supp Nil

5 days



Summary

John Betjeman was one of the many famous people who, over the years, implied that Sidmouth is the loveliest seaside resort in England. Indeed, Sidmouth has always been an extremely chic, elegant and genteel place and is not conformist to the modern day “glitzy party” image which other seaside resorts have. It is situated at the centre of the world heritage Jurassic Coast in Devon and was developed for the richest of Victorian aristocracy.

Royal York & Faulkner 3*

This magnificent Regency hotel enjoys an unrivalled position at the centre of Sidmouth’s elegant Esplanade, overlooking the sea and adjacent to the picturesque town centre. Owned and personally run by the Hook family, resident proprietors for three generations, the hotel has a long-standing reputation for hospitality and service. The property, having undergone expensive though careful refurbishment, is beautifully appointed with all amenities, excellent facilities and a stunning new spa.

“Excellent” on Trip Advisor. Entertainment some evenings.

A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Beer, Seaton & Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary
- Exmouth & Bickton Park Botanical Gardens
- Sidmouth - at leisure

Sun 7th - Fri 12 July



Tenby
& delights of West Wales

£599.50

Single Supp Nil

6 days



Summary

Tenby is a charming walled town with plenty of independent shops, cafes and pubs. The town remains one of the most popular summer holiday destinations.

There are beautiful sandy beaches and a charming harbour from where you can take a boat trip to the peaceful haven of Caldey Island.

Clarence House Hotel

The Clarence House Hotel is the favourite for many of Bensons’ customers with many returning year after year. Great food and super entertainment each evening - what more does one want!

The hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade with sea views over to Caldey Island. The town is a few minutes level walk away.

A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Pembroke and Picton Castle & Gardens
- Cardigan via the Preseli Hills
- Carmarthen (mkt day) & National Botanic Garden of Wales
- Tenby - at leisure

Tue 16th - Sun 21 July



Isle of Man

£699.50

Single Supp £80

6 days



Summary

Douglas is the capital of the island on the East Coast. Its beautiful Victorian seafront is lined with picturesque hotels and restaurants. This year we are including a one day "Go Explore" card which allows you to use every transport mode available – so take the bus, horse-drawn tram, electric tram and mountain railway to the top of Snaefell (highest mountain) – you can do it all!

Rutland Hotel 3* (Douglas)

One of the most elegant buildings on the Isle of Man with wonderful sea-views – situated on the quiet side of the Queen's Promenade, close to the Electric Tram Railway and an easy stroll to Douglas town centre. 64 bedrooms offering comfort, style and quality with a full range of modern facilities and accessories. The Queens Carvery Restaurant offers both a buffet breakfast, and into the evenings a hearty Manx roast with a separate residents bar and entertainment.

Please note: Steps must be used to access hotel entrance – not suitable for wheelchair users or persons requiring "level access". A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Ramsey, Point of Ayr, Peel
- St John's (Tynwald Hill), Port Erin, Cregneash Folk Village, The Sound
- Douglas - 2 days at leisure

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th July



Yorkshire Rail & Sail

*It's all about
Yorkshire!*

£589.50

Single Supp £80

5 days



Mon – Travel to Yorkshire with a stop in **Holmfirth** where 'Last of the Summer Wine' was set.

Tue – Journey to Embay to enjoy a return **steam train journey to Bolton Abbey**. Rejoin the coach for the short trip to the charming market town of **Skipton** with time to wander around the lovely cobbled streets and shops before taking a relaxing canal trip with hilarious cruise commentary from Dave Spikey.

Wed – Travel to the splendid city of **York** and enjoy the history and culture of this walled riverside city. Visit the magnificent **National Railway Museum** for an interesting and informative end to the day.

Thu – A full day guided excursion through the **Yorkshire Dales National Park**, to the pleasant market town of **Appleby**. Board the famous **Settle to Carlisle Railway** for the journey south to Settle for more wonderful dales scenery. Rejoin the coach and return to the hotel.

Fri – Morning in Harrogate before our homebound journey.

Cairn Lodge 3*

This grand Victorian hotel boasts private gardens, a gym, and classical decor. The Windsor Restaurant serves a locally sourced traditional menu, with a carvery and an extensive wine list. With its classic pillars and arches, guests can relax with a drink in the bar and lounge area. Both The Royal Pump Room Museums and Betty's Tea Rooms are a 10-minute walk away.

Evening entertainment.

A lift serves all floors.

Mon 29th July - Sun 4th Aug



Isle of Wight "The Diamond Isle"

£749.50

Single Supp Nil

7 days



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Provisional Excursions

- Shanklin - at leisure
- Island Tour - Ventnor Botanical Gardens, The Needles, Yarmouth
- Solent Boat Cruise & Cowes
- Ryde & IOW Steam Railway

Online: www.bensonstravel.com

Mon 5th - Fri 9th August



Constable Country & Suffolk Explorer

£549.50

Single Supp £80

5 days



Summary

We visit the area made famous by the 18th-century paintings of John Constable, England's foremost landscape artist of the time. See Flatford Mill, Willy Lott's House, the site of The Hay Wain painting, and visit the Village of Dedham, where Constable used to go to school. Including a visit to Britain's first city, Colchester - this is a brilliant tour filled with beautiful historic scenery, art and culture.

Stoke by Nayland Golf & Spa Hotel (Colchester)

A fabulous 4* Spa & Golf resort offering the ultimate in luxury bedrooms, award-winning dining, beautiful spa & leisure facilities & 2 championship golf courses.

Fantastic Tour Highlights

- Newmarket Stud (outbound journey)
- Guided tour of Suffolk's "prime" villages + Entrance into Lavenham Guildhall
- Constable's Flatford Mill & Dedham
- Visit to the Suffolk Punch Trust & Aldeburgh.
- Colchester - Britain's first city.
- Bury St Edmunds (Mkt Day - homebound journey)

Booking: 01948 662016

Sat 10th - Thu 15th August



Eastbourne
“Summertime
Special”

£589.50
Single Supp Nil

6 days



Sat – outbound journey

Sun – **Eastbourne** at leisure – market day.

Mon – **Eastbourne** at leisure. Five miles of glorious seafront, a beautiful pier, Europe’s busiest bandstand, a lovely harbour, great shopping, a “summer seaside show” at the theatre – there is so much to enjoy!

Tue – **Arundel Castle & Garden**. Going back to 1067, learn from the castle guides about the finely preserved interior with its fascinating furniture, tapestries and rare collection of paintings by renowned artists including Van Dyck, Gainsborough and Canaletto. Stroll through the tranquil grounds where you will discover inspiring gardens. Plenty of time to visit the town of Arundel too.

Wed – **Dungeness & Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Steam Railway** - Dungeness is home to the world’s smallest passenger railway as well as the largest shingle beach in Europe, and it’s a haven for wildlife and over 600 species of plants.

Thu – Homeward bound, we visit **Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens**. Famous for its Rock Garden, Doll’s House Museum, a rare colony of wallabies and England’s first Pinotage vineyard – so much to see and do!

Haddon Hall Hotel – See Page 8

Online: www.bensonstravel.com

Fri 16th - Tue 20th August



Cross-Counties Explorer
(including Stonehenge)
“A Touch of Class”

£549.50
Single Supp £100

5 days



Fri – outbound via **Oxford**.

Sat – **Salisbury & Stonehenge** - included admission to Stonehenge World Heritage Site and its fabulous visitor centre exhibition - famous throughout the world and one of the most important prehistoric landscapes in Europe.

Sun – **Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre** - travel back in time and explore the South’s working past in a former quarry and lime works, located in the heart of the South Downs National Park. With over 40 exhibit areas to discover, including a narrow-gauge railway, historic buses, rural crafts and extensive communications displays, there is something for everyone.

Mon – **Denbies Vineyard** - one of England’s largest single estate vineyards. With 265 acres currently under vine, it has a production capacity of 1 million bottles. Our visit includes a guided tour and tasting.

Polesden Lacey - Edwardian country retreat of socialite, Margaret Greville. Home to her extensive collection of paintings, ceramics and fine French furniture. Garden highlights include exceptional views, the walled rose garden, herbaceous border, and the Graham Stuart Thomas-inspired winter garden.

Tue – **Stratford-upon-Avon** (inbound journey)

Hampshire Court Hotel & Spa 4*

Booking: 01948 662016

Thu 22nd - Sun 25th August



Edinburgh Tattoo

*The Falkirk Wheel
& The Kelpies*

£549.50

Single Supp £75

4 days



Summary

High above the skyline of Edinburgh's capital on the floodlit Castle esplanade, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is a stunning international spectacle of music, ceremony, entertainment and theatre - attracting over 250,000 people each year - for many returning visitors, it is "The Greatest Show on Earth". With the Royal Navy at its helm, our 2024 Show, Journeys, will transport guests on a cultural journey, uniting our military heritage, Scottish tradition and an international cast.

4* Golden Jubilee Hotel

A 4* hotel with 168 spacious air-conditioned ensuite bedrooms - all with satellite TV and free Wifi. Centre for Health and Wellbeing with indoor pool, sauna, steam room, whirlpool and gym. Situated in a quiet area close to the River Clyde on the outskirts of Glasgow.

Please note: Not suitable for persons with walking difficulties.

A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Lake District (outbound journey)
- Stirling (am), Falkirk Wheel (included) & the Kelpies (pm)
- Glasgow
- Edinburgh Tattoo (9.30pm performance)

Online: www.bensonstravel.com

Mon 26th - Fri 30th August



Famous Palaces & Gardens

£599.50

Single Supp £120

5 days



Mon – outbound via **Blenheim Palace** - Home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough and his family and the birth place of Sir Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site boasting a long and diverse history.

Tue – Morning visit to **Windsor** and its royal castle - the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world and has been the family home of British kings and queens for almost 1,000 years. In the afternoon, **we enjoy a 2 hour guided river cruise on Windsor's River Thames.**

Wed – Morning visit to **Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace**. By the 1530s, this was a palace, a hotel, a theatre and a vast leisure complex. The King used it to demonstrate magnificence and power in every possible way, through lavish banquets, extravagant court life and fabulously expensive art. Afternoon visit to **Kew Gardens** – home to the largest and most diverse botanical and mycological collections in the world.

Thurs – **RHS Wisley - the flagship garden of the RHS and one of the UK's most visited and best-loved gardens**, attracting around one million visitors each year.

Fri – inbound journey.

The Bull Hotel (Gerrards Cross) 4*

147 peaceful bedrooms and suites with many giving beautiful views over the hotel's landscaped gardens or Gerrards Cross common.

Ireland's Bantry Bay



Departs: Sunday 1st September

Duration: 7 days

Price: £799.50 per person
£150.00 single supplement

Hotel: Seven Oaks Hotel (Carlow)
The Maritime Hotel (Bantry)

Price Includes:

- All Benson VIP coach travel with hostess service.
- Return Ferry Crossing (Holyhead / Dublin)
- All hotel accommodation based on half-board (DB&B) basis.
- Visiting: Kilkenny, Bantry, Beara Peninsula, Garnish Island & Italian Gardens, Mizen Head, Cork, Powerscourt House & Gardens.

Itinerary:

- **Sun** – outbound via Holyhead / Dublin ferry to Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow.
- **Mon** – southbound to Bantry via a visit to the city of Kilkenny.
- **Tue** – Bantry
- **Wed** – we travel the Beara Peninsula, dotted with small fishing villages with stunning backdrops – our journey taking us over the breathtaking Healy Pass to Lauragh, Adrgroom & Eyeries.
In the afternoon, we take a boat trip to Garnish Island and visit its famous Italianate Gardens.
- **Thur** – Mizen Head – Ireland's most southerly point reached along a rocky coastline, sliced by small coves.
- **Fri** – a visit to the county city of Cork before we travel back towards the Dublin area and our overnight hotel – Wilton Hotel, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
- **Sat** – we visit one of Ireland's most famous gardening attractions – Powerscourt House & Gardens.
Mid-afternoon, we commence our homeward journey via Dublin / Holyhead ferry.



Sun 8th - Sat 14th September



Ayrshire Coastal Delights

inc. Isle of Arran & Dumfries House

£739.50

Single Supp £100

7 days



Summary

We stay at a fabulous hotel and operate an excursion programme which has “wowed” Bensons’ customers for the past 10 years. In 2024 we are including a visit to Culzean Castle which is perched magnificently on top of the Ayrshire coastline, as well as a guided visit to Dumfries House – a beautiful Palladian property famed for its magnificent Chippendale collection, saved for the nation by HRH King Charles.

Based in Troon - a peaceful, seaside resort on the north Ayrshire coast which boasts stunning views of the islands of Ailsa Craig and Arran, across its beautiful sandy beach. The town is home to 7 world-class golf courses, Ayrshire’s fish market, some charming independent shops and some great ice-cream parlours!

South Beach Hotel

Privately owned and managed by the Watt family - situated on the outskirts of the town centre and facing onto the sea front. A firm favourite with Bensons.

Please Note: The hotel has no lift, but there are a limited number of rooms available on the ground floor.

Provisional Excursions

- Glasgow • Dumfries House (incl guided tour)
- Isle of Arran • Culzean Castle
- Largs • Troon (at leisure)

Mon 16th - Fri 20th September



Lytham St Annes & Blackpool Illuminations

£489.50

Single Supp Nil

5 days



Summary

Just 4 miles from the bright lights of Blackpool, Lytham and StAnnes-on-Sea are worlds apart in both character and atmosphere. The dual seaside towns are nestled along a picturesque stretch of coastline lined with well-tended lawns, a boating lake and pretty parks.

Hotel Details - Inn On The Prom

The Inn On The Prom hotel is located on St. Annes’ promenade overlooking the Irish sea. Offering over 100 contemporary style luxury bedrooms, this is a lovely family-run “boutique style” seaside hotel. Only a stones throw from the beach and close to St. Annes’ Square and only 2 miles from Blackpool and all its attractions. The hotel also has a beautiful spa leisure centre for you to enjoy during your stay as well as providing live entertainment most evenings.

A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Fleetwood & Lancashire "Cream Tea" Canal Boat Cruise
- Skipton & Clitheroe
- St Annes (at leisure)
- Evening drive through Blackpool Illuminations
- Bury Market (outbound journey)

Charms of Cantabria, Northern Spain

Green Coast Gems of Northern Spain

Departs: Sunday 22nd September **Duration:** 10 days

Price: £1350.00 per person

£300.00 single supplement

Day 1: **Outbound via Brittany Ferries "Super-Ferry", Pont Aven - (Plymouth / Santander).** Your on-board accommodation includes a twin-bedded (no bunks!!!!) inside cabin. Outside cabins available on request (subject to availability & £90.00 per person supplement charge).

Day 2: **Arriving in Santander at lunchtime.** We make the short drive to the resort of Suances and our 4* Gran Hotel – our home for the next 7 nights.

Day 3: **At leisure in Suances.**

Day 4: **Full day excursion to the beautiful city of Bilbao.** Opportunity to visit the world-famous, modern-art Guggenheim Museum.

Day 5: **Today we visit the towns of Comillas & Santillana-del-Mar.**

Day 6: **At leisure in Suances** or join our optional excursion to Carbarceno National Safari Park.

Day 7: **Another fabulous day out as we adventure through stunning mountain valley scenery to visit the town of Potes and the Picos de Europa Mountain Range** you will have the opportunity to make one of the most memorable cable car rides at **Fuente Dé** – your reward being some of the most spectacular mountain views in Europe.

Day 8: **At leisure.**

Day 9: **Morning in Santander before boarding our "super-ferry" for our return overnight crossing to Portsmouth.**

Your Hotel: 4* Gran Hotel, Suances

Rising above the waters of the Cantabrian Sea, just 400 meters from the beach, we will find a beautiful, Victorian-style building - combining the architecture of the imposing stately palaces, along with modern and contemporary facilities, making it an ideal place to spend unforgettable days.

The bedrooms are spacious and bright with many offering unbeatable views of the Cantabrian Sea.

Dining for both breakfast and evening meals is buffet / carvery style with a great selection of dishes created from the locally sourced produce. Your evening meal is also complimented with local wine and tea / coffee.

Tour Price Includes:

- Bensons VIP Executive Coach Travel.
- Full Day Excursions - Bilbao, Potes & Picos de Europa, Comillas & Santillana-del-Mar.
- Return ferry crossings with overnight en-suite cabin accommodation (meals not incl).
- 7 x nights DB&B at 4* hotel - Gran Hotel Suances.
- Hotel entertainment some evenings.



Wed 9th - Sun 13th October



Sidmouth

*"England's Regency
Seaside Resort"*

£529.50

Single Supp Nil

5 days



Summary

John Betjeman was one of the many famous people who, over the years, implied that Sidmouth is the loveliest seaside resort in England. Indeed, Sidmouth has always been an extremely chic, elegant and genteel place and is not conformist to the modern day "glitzy party" image which other seaside resorts have. It is situated at the centre of the world heritage Jurassic Coast in Devon and was developed for the richest of Victorian aristocracy.

Royal York & Faulkner 3*

This magnificent Regency hotel enjoys an unrivalled position at the centre of Sidmouth's elegant Esplanade, overlooking the sea and adjacent to the picturesque town centre. Owned and personally run by the Hook family, resident proprietors for three generations, the hotel has a long standing reputation for hospitality and service. The property, having undergone expensive though careful refurbishment, is beautifully appointed with all amenities, excellent facilities and a stunning new spa.

"Excellent" on Trip Advisor. Entertainment some evenings.

A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Honiton & Lyme Regis
- Powderham Castle & Dawlish
- Sidmouth (at leisure)

Mon 14th - Fri 18th October



Autumn Splendours of the Lake District

£499.50

Single Supp £75

5 days



Summary

In the autumn, the Lake District becomes ablaze with colour, with bright reds, oranges and yellows taking over from the greens of summer - making it one of the most spectacular times to visit. Just look at the amazing excursions – a lake cruise, a scenic steam railway, a visit to a fabulous castle and garden and an unforgettable road trip over the famous Kirkstone Pass. Staying at a beautiful hotel with wonderful hospitality.

This holiday will take a lot to beat!

3* Cumbria Grand Hotel (Grange-over-Sands)

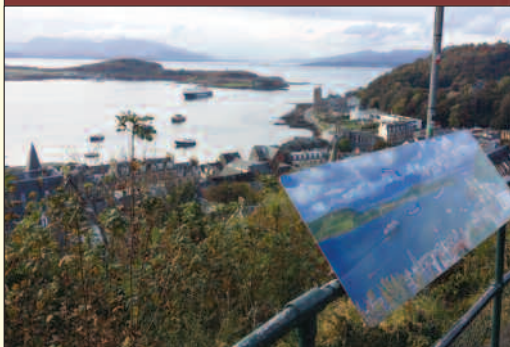
This charming and comfortable hotel is located only 6 miles from Lake Windermere. Set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodlands with views overlooking Morecambe Bay. Entertainment each evening.

A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Windermere (outbound journey)
- Hawkshead & Coniston
- Ravensglass & Eskdale Steam Railway & Muncaster Castle & Gardens
- Grasmere, Keswick (via Rydal Water) & Ullswater (incl. Ullswater Steamer Cruise) via the Kirkstone Pass
- Grange-over-Sands (homebound journey)

Mon 21st - Sun 27th October



“Scottish Autumn Tints” Including Ben Nevis & Isle of Mull

£649.50

Single Supp £90

7 days



Summary

The UK’s most spectacular autumn scenery tour! Oban itself has a host of wonderful attractions such as the world famous Oban Whisky Distillery, the landmark McCaigs Tower, two fantastic wildlife centres, and wonderful highland shopping with a host of unique local traders.

Hotel Details - Royal Hotel (Oban)

Located in the heart of Oban town, just a short stroll from the harbour front. Enjoy the very best of Scottish hospitality at this 3-star hotel that first opened its doors in 1895. Bedrooms feature television, tea/coffee makers, large windows and high ceilings, private bathrooms, complimentary toiletries, hairdryers, and climate control. The traditional decor is complemented by the tartan furnishings. There is Free WiFi in public areas. The hotel’s restaurant serves a great selection of Scottish cuisine that you can savour for breakfast, lunch, high tea and dinner. Relax in the bar and/or lounge over drinks and Scottish malts in the company of friends beside the open fire.

Live entertainment some evenings. A lift serves all floors.

Provisional Excursions

- Fort William & Ben Nevis
- Isle of Mull & Tobermory
- Seil Island (via Lochgilphead) to Inveraray
- Oban (2 days at leisure)

Online: www.bensonstravel.com

Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov



Historic Portsmouth & South Downs

£549.50

Single Supp £90

5 days



New for
2024

Mon – outbound via a visit to the **D-Day Museum (Southsea)** – this year marks the 80th anniversary.

Tue – **Portsmouth Historic Dockyard / The National Museum of the Royal Navy**. Walk in the footsteps of historic sailors, just as they did over 200 years ago. Explore Nelson’s legendary warship, HMS Victory, discover the pride of Queen Victoria’s fleet, HMS Warrior, and delve into one of only three surviving British warships from the First World War still in existence, HMS M.33. Your “Ultimate Explorer” ticket also includes The Mary Rose Museum, Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower and The Royal Navy Submarine Museum.

Wed – a relaxing day out through the **South Downs** with a local guide, including **Chichester** on market day.

Thurs – **National Motor Museum (Beaulieu) in The New Forest**. A world-famous, award-winning attraction with over 285 vehicles on display from F1 cars and land speed record breakers to incredible examples of pioneering motoring. You can also visit the Montagu family home – Palace House – costumed guides give a flavour of life there in Victorian times.

Fri – Homeward bound via **Swindon Designer Outlet**.

The Langstone Hotel 4*

Located in the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Langstone Quays Resort offers a stunning harbour-side setting with luxurious bedrooms, sumptuous dining and fabulous spa and leisure facilities.

2024 Festive Season Tours

Date	Tour	Days	Hotel	Price	Supp	
Mon 11 Nov	Fri 15 Nov	Morecambe Turkey & Tinsel	5	Auckland	£429.50	Nil
Mon 25 Nov	Fri 29 Nov	Tenby Turkey & Tinsel	5	Clarence House	£449.50	Nil
Mon 2 Dec	Fri 6 Dec	Skegness Turkey & Tinsel	5	Quorn	£399.50	Nil
Fri 13 Dec	Sun 15 Dec	Royal Albert Hall Xmas Carols	3	Radisson Blu Heathrow	£399.50	£60.00
Mon 23 Dec	Fri 27 Dec	Christmas on the Fylde Coast	5	Doric Hotel	£649.50	Nil
Mon 30 Dec	Thu 2 Jan	New Year in Torquay	4	Toorak Hotel	£499.50	£60.00

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Wed 20 - Fri 22 Nov

Mon 9 - Wed 11 Dec

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MORECAMBE TURKEY & TINSEL

Departs: Mon 11th Nov

Duration: 5 days

Price: £429.50 per person
Nil single supplement

Hotel: Auckland

A first-class "turkey & tinsel" holiday awaits your enjoyment.

The Auckland Hotel has become a firm favourite to Bensons as it prides itself on providing excellent, friendly service, lovely accommodation and great food. The bar/ballroom has entertainment each night, there is also a TV lounge for those who prefer a quieter environment.

A lift serves all floors with a few stairs to some rooms. Disabled rooms available on request.

Excursions:

- Barton Grange Garden Centre (outbound)
- Hawes (mkt day) & Wensleydale Creamery (incl demonstration & exhibition)
- Kendal (mkt day), Lake Windermere Boat Cruise & "A Brief Encounter" to Carnforth.
- Bury Market (inbound)



TENBY TURKEY & TINSEL

Departs: Mon 25th Nov

Duration: 5 days

Price: £449.50 per person
Nil single supplement

Hotel: Clarence House

Tenby is a charming walled town with plenty of independent shops, cafes and pubs. The town remains one of the most popular holiday destinations throughout the year.

There are beautiful sandy beaches and a charming harbour from where you can sit and watch the world go by.

The Clarence House Hotel is the favourite for many of Bensons' customers with many returning year after year. Great food and super entertainment each evening - what more does one want!

The hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade with sea views over to Caldey Island. The town is a few minutes level walk away.

A lift serves all floors.

Excursions:

- St Davis's & Narberth
- Carmarthen (mkt day)
- The Lovespoon Workshop
- Tenby (at leisure)



SKEGNESS TURKEY & TINSEL

Departs: Mon 2nd Dec

Duration: 5 days

Price: £399.50 per person
Nil single supplement

Hotel: Quorn

This family-run hotel has become a firm favourite with Bensons over the past 10 years. Its "Fun, fun, fun" all the way when we stay in Skeggy at the Quorn Hotel – our hosts Baz and Lindsey go out of their way to keep everyone entertained throughout their stay. Fabulous entertainment is provided each evening in the bar lounge. Plus, we might get a pre-Christmas visit from Santa if we are lucky!

Excursions:

- Lincoln & visit to Museum of Lincolnshire Life
- Louth & Woodthorpe Garden Centre
- Skegness – at leisure
- Melton Mowbray



Departs: Friday 13th December
Duration: 3 days

Price: £399.50 per person
Hotel: 4* Radisson Blu Hotel
(Heathrow)
£60.00 single supplement

Price Includes:

Come and join us for a wonderful pre-Christmas weekend in the finest capital city in the world. The highlight being an included ticket to one of the world's greatest concert halls where we join a mass of some 7000 people to sing our hearts out as we enjoy some of the most famous Christmas carols and festive songs, accompanied by one of the world's greatest orchestras.

Itinerary:

- **Fri** – outbound for an afternoon visit to Windsor (min 3 ½ hrs)
- **Sat** – Morning at leisure in the Knightsbridge area (Harrods, Natural History Museum, V&A museum et al) before making our way to the Royal Albert Hall for 3pm concert.
- **Sun** – a guided coach tour of our famous capital before enjoying free time in the Covent Garden area for lunch / shopping. We commence our homebound journey at 4pm.



Christmas on the Fylde Coast

Staying at the Wonderful **Doric Hotel**
for our sixth year running.

5 days - departs Mon 23rd December.

* **FREE door to door pickups**

Price: **£649.50** per person



*Full Board,
Christmas &
Entertainment Package*





New Year **TORQUAY**

Departs: Monday 30th December

Duration: 4 days

Price: £499.50 per person
(£60.00 single supplement)

Hotel: Toorak Hotel

The 3* Toorak Hotel is exclusively for adults over the New Year period, so you can enjoy a peaceful break in the elegant surroundings of this 'country house by the sea'. Situated only a 5-minute walk from the seafront and Torquay Marina. Historic Torre Abbey is even closer, situated directly opposite the hotel. So, when you've had your fill of festive fayre, why not take the sea air, as visitors to Torquay have done for hundreds of years.

Enjoy a child-free evening with entertainment just for adults in the TLH Toorak's Arlington Suite.

Celebrate the New Year in style.

Your holiday includes:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation on half-board basis
- New Year's Eve celebration dinner & New Year's Day brunch
- Live evening entertainment in the Arlington or Chatsworth Rooms
- Special New Year's Eve celebration with traditional "Auld Lang Syne" and bubbly
- New Years Day - Evening Entertainment in the Arlington
- Daytime activities / entertainment package
- Superb indoor leisure facilities (heated pool & spa facilities)
- Excursions – Exeter.



*So let's party and have a
Happy New Year everyone!*

THE GRAND EUROPEAN - 13 days

FRANCE & ITALY - including excursions to Nice Carnival, Menton Lemon Festival, San Remo & Ligurian Coastline, Cannes, Avignon, Anney, & Beaune.

Date: Tue 18th Feb 2025 - Price: £1,750.00 per person (£350 single supp.)

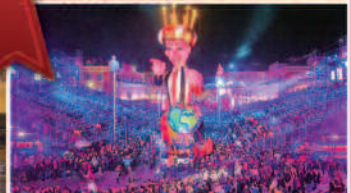
This is the perfect way of escaping the horrid, grey, UK February weather, heading for the bright blue Mediterranean sky with golden sunshine. Basing ourselves in the chic Italian coastal resort of Alassio for 6 nights at the beautiful 4* Toscana Hotel (superb leisure facilities and evening entertainment) – and exploring some of the finest places on the Italian & French Riviera's Mediterranean coastline.

Tour highlights will include:-

- 2 nights in Avignon (outward journey) – central hotel with a full, free day to explore Avignon.
- Visit to Cannes
- Nice Carnival ticket – entrance included
- Menton "Lemon" Festival – grandstand ticket included
- Excursion to San Remo & Ligurian Coastline with a local guide
- 2 free days in Alassio (Italy)
- 2 nights in Anney (France), a full day to explore beautiful Anney
- Visit to Beaune (France) – return journey

The tour price includes all hotel accommodation (12 nights, dinner, B&B), entrances as indicated, return DFDS crossings (Dover / Calais), all European taxes.

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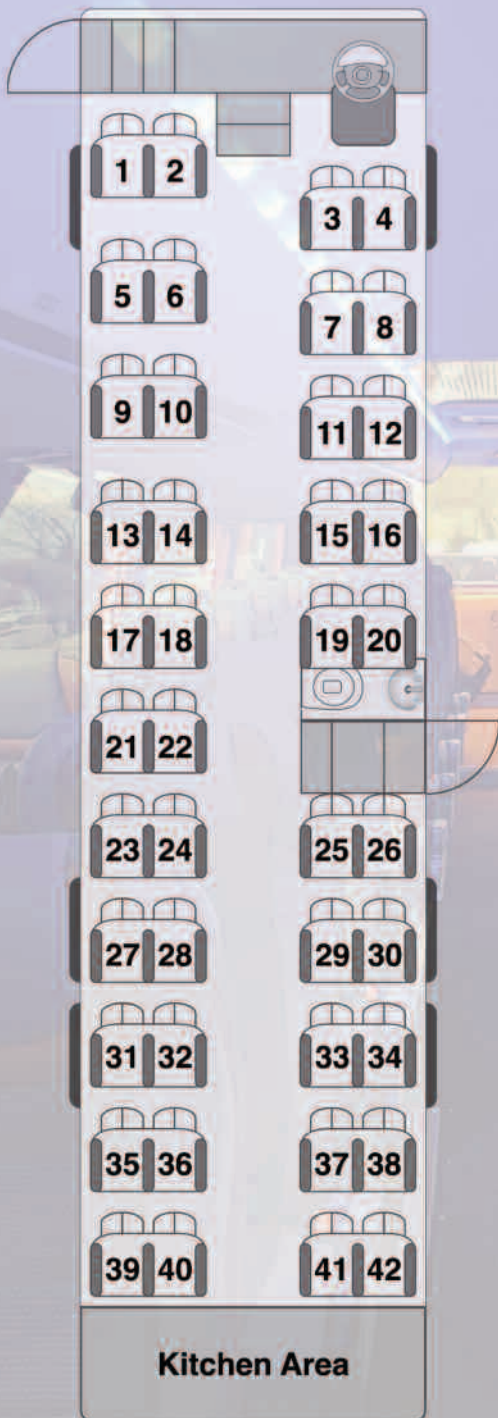
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- Flexible itineraries – we only ever alter things in order to make it a better day out for you!

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SEAT ALLOCATION

We understand that you may have preferred seat locations when you travel, however seats are allocated on a first come first served basis. In order to ensure that you have your preferred seat(s), please book early to avoid any disappointment.

The seating plan opposite applies to the Benson Travel VIP club class coach. We reserve the right however to make changes to the seat allocation when required. However, we will always seek to minimise any inconvenience to passengers.

BAGGAGE

Baggage allowance is one medium sized suitcase that weighs no more than 20kgs. We reserve the right to not carry any items that are deemed to be too large or heavy for the driver to load and/or fit into the luggage hold.

It is a condition of travel that you must inform us at the time of booking if you require additional items to be carried along with your luggage such as wheelchairs or walking frames. A space must be reserved for those items and will be confirmed on our correspondence to you. If you arrive at your pickup with additional items that are not listed on our records, we cannot guarantee we will be able to carry them.

HOTELS

Bensons Travel choose hotels for their location, service and value for money. They range from the smaller family run hotels to some of the larger more well known hotel groups.

We promise to forward your requests to the appropriate hotel. However requests which do not warrant a supplement cannot be guaranteed, and bookings should not be made on the provision of such requests.

All of our tours are provided on a half board basis - breakfast and choice evening dinner menu (unless otherwise stated).

EXCURSIONS

All excursions are included in the price of the holiday, with the exception of payment of entrance fees to certain places of interest (unless otherwise noted).

Excursions / Itineraries are provisionally advised to customers approximately 2 weeks before departure, together with your travel documents / luggage labels.

Please note: Most excursions are listed as "provisional" and we reserve the right to change them without notice so that we can use "common sense" in order to provide the best days out possible - dependent on tour passenger numbers, weather forecasts, local events being scheduled, hotel entertainment programmes and legal obligations (drivers' hours / days off).

On some tours (additional to your normal excursions) there may be an optional excursion offered at an extra charge.

Generally we offer;

Duration	Full Day Excursions	Half Day Excursions	Rest Days
5 Days	2	-	1
6 Days	2	1	1
7 Days	2	1	2
8 Days	3	-	3

TOUR DEPARTURE POINTS

"Close to Home" pickups

You will be advised of your departure point approximately 2 weeks before departure. These will be organised within a 10 mile radius of your home.

The worst case scenario being that you are required to travel up to 10 miles to the tour departure /joining point.

The best case scenario is that you are collected from your home free of charge.

As well as for convenience, customer pick-up locations are chosen with customer comfort and safety in mind.

"Guaranteed Door to Door"

You are collected and delivered back to your door. For this "guaranteed" service an additional charge of £25.00 per person per tour is levied. Please note that you may travel with clients who have been picked up at the door on the "close to home" basis - you have paid for the **GUARANTEE.**

Free Car Parking

You also have the option, should you wish to utilise our free parking area located at the following address;

Bensons,
Brook Bank Farm,
Tattenhall Lanes,
Chester,
CH3 9NH.

Please note: All vehicles are parked subject to customers' own risk.

DEPOSITS

UK Tours

The standard deposit for a domestic tour is £50 per person per tour.

EUROPEAN TOURS

The deposit amount is £150 per person, per tour. Please ensure that you have a passport which is valid for a further 6 months after the scheduled date of return.

Eire / Ireland

A passport is not required. However, you are advised to carry some form of identification, eg. driving license, passport or citizenship card.

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