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**British & Continental Tours**





# Welcome

Bensons Travel has great pleasure in announcing the exciting holidays planned for 2023. 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 20 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 800 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 Bensons' 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
- 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

### 2023 Calendar



Date	Return	Tour	Days	Hotel	Price	Page
Fri 10 Mar	Mon 13 Mar	<b>Soul &amp; Motown in Torquay</b>	4	<b>Derwent</b> (Torquay)	£329.00	6
Mon 3 Apr	Fri 7 Apr	<b>Springtime in the Lakes &amp; Dales</b> (Morecambe)	5	<b>Auckland</b> (Morecambe)	£399.50	6
Fri 14 Apr	Tue 18 Apr	<b>Isle of Man</b>	5	<b>Chesterhouse</b> (Douglas)	£549.50	7
Fri 28 Apr	Mon 1 May	<b>Magnificent Motors &amp; Bluebell Railway</b> (Eastbourne)	4	<b>Haddon Hall</b> (Eastbourne)	£349.50	7
Sun 7 May	Sat 13 May	<b>Switzerland &amp; Bernina Express Railway</b>	7	<b>Central Sport</b> (Davos)	£899.50	8
Thu 18 May	Wed 24 May	<b>Killarney &amp; Gems of Southern Ireland</b> incl Ring of Kerry & The Dingal Peninsula	7	<b>Killarney Towers</b> (Killarney)	£799.00	9
Fri 26 May	Fri 2 Jun	<b>Royal Castles of Scotland</b>	8	<b>Pentland</b> (Thurso)	£929.00	10
Wed 7 Jun	Sun 11 Jun	<b>Sidmouth &amp; Devon Delights</b>	5	<b>Bedford</b> (Sidmouth)	£549.50	11
Mon 12 Jun	Fri 16 Jun	<b>Yorkshire Rail &amp; Sail</b>	5	<b>Cedar Court</b> (Huddersfield)	£499.50	11
Mon 19 Jun	Fri 23 Jun	<b>Delights in The Garden of England (Kent)</b>	5	<b>Dover Marina Hotel &amp; Spa</b> (Dover)	£699.50	12
Sun 25 Jun	Thu 29 Jun	<b>Dublin Delights &amp; Irish National Stud</b>	5	<b>Summerhill House</b> (Enniskerry)	£599.50	12
Sat 1 Jul	Sat 8 Jul	<b>Isle of Wight</b>	8	<b>Channel View</b> (Shanklin)	£799.50	13
Sun 9 Jul	Thu 13 Jul	<b>Northumbrian Delights</b> (inc Alnwick Castle & Gardens)	5	<b>Holiday Inn</b> (Gosforth Park)	£499.50	13
Sun 16 Jul	Thu 20 Jul	<b>Scenic Rails of Mid Wales</b>	5	<b>Metropole</b> (Llandrindod Wells)	£599.50	14
Mon 24 Jul	Fri 28 Jul	<b>Royal Sandringham Flower Show &amp; Thursford in Summer</b>	5	<b>Wensum Valley Golf &amp; Country Club</b>	£549.50	14
Sun 30 Jul	Sat 5 Aug	<b>Northern Ireland Delights</b>	7	<b>Stormont</b> (Belfast)	£799.50	15
Wed 9 Aug	Mon 14 Aug	<b>Eastbourne &amp; Sussex Delights</b>	6	<b>Haddon Hall</b> (Eastbourne)	£589.50	15
Sat 19 Aug	Wed 23 Aug	<b>Jersey</b> (Channel Island)	5	<b>Merton</b> (St Savior)	£699.50	16



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TOURS



# Travelling with the best onboard VIP Tour Coach - Fleur

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Thu 24 Aug	Sun 27 Aug	<b>Edinburgh Tattoo</b> The Falkirk Wheel & The Kelpies	4	<b>Golden Jubilee</b> (Glasgow)	£449.50	17
Mon 28 Aug	Fri 1 Sep	<b>Suffolk Coast</b> & Constable Country	5	<b>Stoke By Nayland Golf &amp; Spa</b> (Colchester)	£549.50	17
Mon 4 Sep	Fri 8 Sep	<b>Historic Lincolnshire</b>	5	<b>Olde Barn Hotel</b> (Grantham)	£499.50	18
Sun 10 Sep	Sat 16 Sep	<b>Ayrshire Coastal Delights</b> & Dumfries House	7	<b>South Beach</b> (Troon)	£699.50	18
Sun 17 Sep	Fri 22 Sep	<b>County Mayo</b> & Galway Delights	6	<b>Castlecourt</b> (Westport)	£749.50	19
Fri 29 Sep	Mon 9 Oct	<b>Lake Garda and Italian Dolomites</b>	11	<b>Europa</b> (Riva Del Garda)	£1350.00	20
Mon 16 Oct	Fri 20 Oct	<b>Autumn Splendours of the Lake District</b>	5	<b>Cumbria Grand</b> (Grange-over-Sands)	£489.50	21
Mon 23 Oct	Fri 27 Oct	<b>Tenby</b>	5	<b>Clarence House</b>	£429.00	21
Thu 2 Nov	Mon 6 Nov	<b>Fireworks in Devon</b>	5	<b>Royal York &amp; Faulkner</b> (Sidmouth)	£449.50	22
<b>Festive Season Tours</b>						
Mon 27 Nov	Fri 1 Dec	<b>Eastbourne Turkey &amp; Tinsel</b>	5	<b>Haddon Hall</b>	£399.00	25
Mon 4 Dec	Fri 8 Dec	<b>Skegness Turkey &amp; Tinsel</b>	5	<b>Quorn</b>	£399.50	25
Fri 15 Dec	Sun 17 Dec	<b>Royal Albert Hall Xmas Carols</b>	3	<b>Radisson Blu Heathrow</b>	£379.50	26
Sat 23 Dec	Wed 27 Dec	<b>Christmas on the Fylde Coast</b>	5	<b>Doric Hotel</b>	£649.50	27
Sat 30 Dec	Tue 2 Jan	<b>New Year in Torquay</b>	4	<b>Toorak Hotel</b>	£499.50	28
<b>Thursford Christmas Spectacular</b>						
Sat 11 Nov	Mon 13 Nov	<b>Thursford - Norfolk</b>	3	<b>4* Wensum Valley</b>	£329.50	24
Tue 14 Nov	Thu 16 Nov	<b>Thursford - Norfolk</b>	3	<b>4* Wensum Valley</b>	£329.50	24
Mon 20 Nov	Wed 22 Nov	<b>Thursford - Norfolk</b>	3	<b>4* Wensum Valley</b>	£329.50	24
Thu 23 Nov	Sat 25 Nov	<b>Thursford - Norfolk</b>	3	<b>4* Wensum Valley</b>	£329.50	24
Tue 12 Dec	Thu 14 Dec	<b>Thursford - Norfolk</b>	3	<b>4* Wensum Valley</b>	£329.50	24

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**Fri 10th - Mon 13th March**



**Torquay**  
*"Soul & Motown"*  
**Weekend**

**£329.00**

Single Supp £45

**4 days**



### Summary

Get rid of your winter blues with a fantastic weekend of live entertainment in Torbay's largest and most sophisticated seaside resort.

### Derwent Hotel (Torquay)

Lively and informal, the 3\* Derwent Hotel offers lovely accommodation just a short stroll from Torquay's seafront. If entertainment is your thing and you like a proper ballroom dance floor - this is the place for you. The "Starlight Lounge" is the main hub for your evening entertainment and dancing. You might also want to spend time in the fabulous Aztec leisure suite which offers the very best in gymnasium and swimming pool facilities.

**Fri - Vicky Jo & Sat - Jean Claude** - Soul and Motown top performers pay homage to popular Soul and Motown artists including Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross and the Supremes, James Brown, Gladys Knight & the Pips, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder and more!

**Sun** - Party Night with KB Sounds - a one man package of music, dancing, comedy and all-round entertainer.

**A lift serves all floors.**

### Provisional Excursions

- Brixham & Paignton • Torquay (at leisure)
- Exeter (via homebound journey)

**Mon 3rd - Fri 7th April**



**"Spring time in the  
 Lakes & Dales"**  
**(Morecambe)**

**£399.50**

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.**

### Provisional Excursions

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

**Fri 14th - Tue 18th April**



## Isle of Man

**£549.50**

Single Supp £60

**5 days**



### Summary

Just 33 miles long and 12 miles wide, this island is magnificent for so many unique reasons - steeped in myths and legends and packed with stunning coastal, mountain and countryside scenery.

During your stay our excursions will show you as much of the island as possible including its major heritage attractions that make its history and culture so unique.

• TT Course • Laxey Wheel • Manx Railways

### Chesterhouse Hotel

Situated on the Promenade overlooking Douglas Bay. Town centre amenities are on your doorstep. All 67 en-suite rooms are tastefully decorated. Hotel dining is buffet / carvery style, entertainment most evenings.

**A lift serves all floors.**

Please Note: Return ferry crossings between Heysham & Douglas will be approximately 3hrs 30mins.

### Provisional Excursions

- Lancaster (via inbound journey)
- Ramsey, Point of Ayr, Peel • Douglas (at leisure)
- St John's (Tynwald Hill), Port Erin, The Sound (Calf of Man) & Cregness Folk Village

**Fri 28th April - Mon 1st May**



## Eastbourne

*"Magnificent Motors"  
& Bluebell Steam  
Railway*

**£349.50**

Single Supp Nil

**4 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 sea-front promenade stretches over three miles. During the bank-holiday weekend, the sea-front 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.

### Haddon Hall Hotel

Situated just off the Grand Parade (sea-front), very close to the UK's busiest sea-side bandstand, and only minutes 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

- Battle & Bexhill • Eastbourne (at leisure)
- Bluebell "Steam" Railway (via homebound journey)



# Switzerland & Bernina Express Train

**Departs:** Sun 7th May

**Duration:** 7 days

**Price:** £899.50 per person  
£120.00 single supplement

**Hotel:** 4\* Central Sporthotel,  
Davos, Switzerland

## Price Includes:

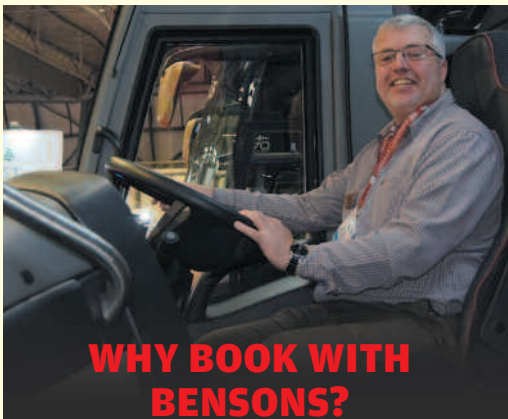
- Benson "VIP Club-class" travel.
- Return Eurotunnel / DFDS ferry crossings
- Ibis overnight hotel in France (B&B) – both outbound & inbound journeys.
- 4 x nights accommodation at 4\* Central Sporthotel, Davos, Switzerland.
- Davos Klosters Card – free local public transport including cable cars.
- Single journey on World Heritage Bernina Express Railway – Davos to Tirano (Italy)
- Visiting St Moritz & Chur

## Itinerary:

- **Sun** - outbound via Eurotunnel / DFDS ferry crossings. Overnight in Reims, France.
- **Mon** - our journey continues, crossing into Switzerland at Basel. We then make our way eastwards going via the western shore of Lake Zurich before we climb into the heart of the Swiss Alps, arriving at Davos late afternoon – the highest town in Europe.
- **Tue** - A full day excursion to Chur – Switzerland's oldest city.
- **Wed** - Join our unforgettable "highlight" journey on the Bernina Express Railway – a Unesco World Heritage Train Route. This amazing railway line enjoys breathtaking views from panoramic carriages, as we travel from Davos to Tirano in Italy. We return back to our hotel by coach via a visit to St Moritz.
- **Thur** - at leisure - Davos  
Free time to relax in Europe's largest mountain resort or make the most of your included "Davos Klosters Card", which provides you with free or reduced travel on local cable cars, as well as travel on local Rhaetian trains and buses. You'll be able to visit a number of attractions in and around Davos with your passes.
- **Fri** - Depart Davos and retrace our steps back to Reims with suitable comfort / refreshment stops en route.
- **Sat** - inbound via Eurotunnel / DFDS ferry.







## WHY BOOK WITH BENSONS?

We are a small family business who care deeply about the relationships we develop with customers, hoteliers and other business partners. Our reputation and reliability is everything - if we were not proud of our business, we would not use our family name! We are not about being the "cheapest", we are about offering the "best value for money".

## "UPFRONT, FRIENDLY & RELIABLE – offering an unbeatable service" – that's BENSONS

- You are a friend to us – not just a name and number.
- Any problems or queries, the boss is only a phone call away.
- Easy booking – we do everything for you except pay!
- Door-2-Door service available or "Local" pick-ups
- Award winning tour coach (April 2018) – one of the highest specification touring coaches currently operating in the United Kingdom. It's all about YOUR COMFORT.
- Highest Safety / Passenger Comfort Standards
- COVID secure operating systems.
- Flexible itineraries – we only ever alter things in order to make it a better day out for you!

*You can rely on us!*

**Thu 18th - Wed 24th May**



## Killarney "Gems of Southern Ireland"

*Including the Ring of  
Kerry & Dingle  
Peninsular*

**£799.00**

Single Supp £140

**7 days**



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

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

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

**Sun** – The **Dingle Peninsular & Tralee** with a local tour guide.

**Mon** – Day at leisure in **Killarney** where you can experience the Craic.

**Tue** – Depart Killarney and visit **Kilkenny** before arriving at the Wilton Hotel in Bray.

**Wed** – After breakfast, depart for the Irish Capital of Dublin. Guided tour of city before catching 14.45 hrs ferry 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.**

- Waterford • Ring of Kerry (with local guide)
- Dingle Peninsula (with local guide) • Cobh
- Killarney (at leisure) • Kilkenny • Dublin

# Royal Castles of Scotland & The Orkneys

**Departs:** Friday 26th May

**Duration:** 8 days

**Price:** £929.00 per person  
£125.00 single supplement

**Hotel:** The Hilton Dunblane Hydro  
The Pentland Hotel, Thurso  
The Best Western Queens Hotel, Perth

## Price Includes:

- All Benson VIP coach travel with hostess service.
- Return Ferry Crossing – Scrabster / Stromness.
- All hotel accommodation based on half-board (DB&B) basis.
- Excursions - Orkney, Castle of Mey, Glamis Castle, Cairngorm Mountain Railway, Dunrobin Castle, Thurso, Perth & Dundee



## Itinerary:

- **Fri** - We travel northbound with suitable comfort stops before arriving at the **Salutaion Hotel, Perth**.
- **Sat** - At leisure in Perth.
- **Sun** - Glamis Castle (admission included) & Dundee.
- **Mon** - We leave Perth and continue north along the A9 via Inverness, the Moray Firth and Dornoch Firth with a visit to Dunrobin Castle & gardens before arriving late afternoon at **The Pentland Hotel, Thurso**. (please note: This hotel has no lift or ground floor rooms).
- **Tue** - Full day tour to ORKNEY. After taking the vehicle ferry from Scrabster to Stromness, we are joined by our local guide for a tour of Orkney and all its major attractions – including the World Heritage Sites of Skara Brae, Stones of Stenness & Ring of Brodgar, Skail House, & Skapa Flow. Lunch at leisure in Kirkwall and opportunity to visit St Magnus Cathedral.
- **Wed** - Castle of Mey (admission incl), John O' Groats & Thurso (at leisure).
- **Thu** - We depart Thurso and head south via a visit to the Cairngorms where we include a return trip on the Cairngorm Mountain Railway – Britain's highest railway and Scotland's only funicular.  
We arrive late afternoon at **Doubletree, Westerwood Spa & Golf Resort**
- **Fri** - inbound journey via suitable comfort stops.





**Wed 7th - Sun 11th June**



## **Sidmouth** & Devon Delights

**£549.50**

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.

### **Bedford Hotel (Sidmouth)**

This superb, family-owned hotel is ideally situated on Sidmouth's seafront, providing easy walking access to all of the town's shops and amenities.

All 40 en-suite bedrooms are tastefully decorated and have been modernised to the highest standard whilst keeping their traditional feel. Many rooms offer breathtaking views over Lyme Bay. After dinner, enjoy a promenade stroll or simply enjoy the ambience of the hotel bar area.

**A lift serves all floors.**

### **Provisional Excursions**

- Honiton & Lyme Regis • Sidmouth (at leisure)
- Beer, Seaton & Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary

**Mon 12th - Fri 16th June**



## **Yorkshire Rail & Sail**

**£499.50**

Single Supp £80

**6 days**



**New for  
2023**

### **It's all about Yorkshire!**

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

**Tue** – Journey to Embsay 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** – Homeward journey.

### **Cedar Court Hotel (Huddersfield)**

Offering an excellent base to navigate Yorkshire, the hotel has recently been stylishly refurbished. 113 luxury bedrooms together with a modern-looking reception and bar area, and a comfortable restaurant to dine in. A superb, ultra-modern gymnasium is also available to hotel guests.

**Mon 19th - Fri 23rd June**



## Delights in The Garden of England (Kent)

**£699.50**

Single Supp £100

**5 days**



**New for 2023**

**Mon** – we head south and visit **Chartwell Manor & Gardens** – Winston Churchill's much-loved home.

**Tue** – Full day in **Canterbury**, famed for its Cathedral and medieval streets. We also include an entertaining and informative "punt" boat trip on the River Stour that flows through the heart of this historic city.

**Wed** – we join the **Romney / Hythe & Dymchurch steam railway to Dungeness** – home to the world's smallest passenger railway as well as the largest shingle beach in Europe, a haven for wildlife, an RSPB nature reserve and over 600 species of plants.

Later, we continue to **Sissinghurst Castle Garden** – for many, the finest country garden around.

**Thu** – we stay in **Dover** today and visit its most prominent landmark – **Dover Castle**. With historic highlights such as the secret wartime tunnels, medieval interiors and facts behind the Romans and the Cold War, it is a great place to explore and find out more of Dover's heritage.

**Fri** – we leave for home via a visit to **Leeds Castle** – often referred to as **"the loveliest castle in the world"**.

### **4\* Dover Marina Hotel & Spa** **(Best Western Plus)**

A grand 19th century building with sophisticated interiors. Seafront location with views across the English Channel.

**Sun 25th - Thu 29 June**



## Dublin Delights

*inc. Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens*

**£599.50**

Single Supp £100

**5 days**



**New for 2023**

**Sun** – outbound for Holyhead / Dublin ferry (14:45 – 18:00). We disembark and continue to the Summerhouse Hotel, Enniskerry – home for the next 4 nights.

**Mon** – **Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens** in the heart of the "Thoroughbred county", County Kildare. The Japanese gardens are the finest of their kind in Europe. Later, we travel through the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains to visit the monastic site of **Glendalough** – "the valley of the two lakes" providing spectacular scenery, rich history, archaeology and abundant wildlife.

**Tue** – With a local guide, we join Dublin's famous coastal train – **The Dart**. Riding through Dublin's suburbs along Dublin Bay, to the town of Malahide. Free time in **Malahide** with opportunity to visit its magnificent 800-year-old medieval castle. **We will also enjoy a cream tea!**

**Wed** – Full day in Ireland's capital city – **Dublin**.

**Thu** – Morning at **Powerscourt Gardens** – voted 3rd best garden in the world. Explore a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statues and ornamental lakes and secret hollows.

After lunch, homebound via the Dublin / Holyhead ferry.

### **Summerhill House Hotel** **(Enniskerry)**

A country house nestled in the Wicklow Mountains.



**Sat 1st - Sat 8th July**



## Isle of Wight

*"The Diamond Isle"*

**£799.50**

Single Supp NILO

**8 days**

**New for  
2023**



### Summary

Come to the Isle of Wight - the ideal location for relaxation and enjoyment. Only a short ferry trip across the Solent to enjoy the sandy beaches, stunning coastline and rolling countryside - something for everyone.

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.

### Provisional Excursions

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

**Sun 9th - Thu 13th July**



## Northumbrian Delights inc

*Alnwick Castle & Garden*

**£499.50**

Single Supp £80

**5 days**

**New for  
2023**



**Sun** – outbound journey via a visit to the beautiful cathedral city of **Durham**.

**Mon** – 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.

**Tue** – **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.

**Wed** – **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 worlds largest Treehouse Restaurant.

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

### 4\* Holiday Inn Hotel (Gosforth Park)

A modern Newcastle hotel in quiet grounds just outside the city. Facilities include a **spa & leisure centre**.

**Sun 16th - Thu 20th July**



## Scenic Rails of Mid Wales

**£599.50**

Single Supp Nil

**5 days**



**New for  
2023**

### Summary

**Just look at what we are including below on this amazing holiday.**

Mid Wales is bordered by the two stunning national parks of the Brecon Beacons and Snowdonia and is home to rich, green landscapes, the unspoilt Ceredigion coastline, the stunning Cambrian mountains and glorious castles, gardens and railways – discover just some of them from our base at the fantastic Metropole Hotel.

### 4\* Metropole Hotel (Llandrindrod Wells)

Located in the beautiful Spa town of Llandrindrod Wells and is renowned for its' warm and friendly atmosphere, comfortable accommodation and superb cuisine. The hotel facilities include an indoor leisure complex with its 18 metre indoor pool, whirlpool spa, sauna, steamroom and gym -an ideal environment in which to relax.

**A lift serves all floors.**

### Provisional Excursions

- Powis Castle & Gardens (outbound journey)
- Aberystwith & Vale of Rheidol Railway
- Elan Valley & Dam (guided tour) & Powis Castle & Garden • Brecon Mountain Railway & Penderyn Distillery • Ludlow (homebound journey)

**Mon 24th - Fri 28th July**



## Royal Sandringham Flower Show

*& "Thursford  
in Summer"*

**£549.50**

Single Supp £80

**5 days**



**New for  
2023**

### Summary

Sandringham House and church provide a magnificent backdrop for the Flower Show - an annual one-day event displaying the country's finest horticulture and packed with fun-filled events throughout the day.

Thursford has one of the world's largest, privately owned collection of steam engines. Chance to also listen to the famous Wurlitzer, played by Robert Wolfe.

### 4\* Wensum Valley Hotel

The Wensum Valley Golf & Country Club is located 4 miles from Norfolk's historic city of Norwich. A luxurious hotel set in 350 acres of breath-taking countryside. The hotel boasts wonderful amenities including a leisure centre (gym, heated indoor pool, sauna & Jacuzzi) and a "Spa" treatment room where you can relax and indulge.

**Please note:** The hotel has no lift but ground floor rooms are available.

### Provisional Excursions

- Cromer & "Thursford in Summer"
- Sandringham Flower Show
- Norwich (at leisure)



**Sun 30th July - Sat 5th Aug**



## Northern Ireland Delights & Antrim Coast

**£799.50**

Single Supp £150

**7 days**



### Summary

Our very popular tour of Northern Ireland (is always a sellout) includes an overnight stay at Dumfries before sailing to Belfast. Taking in the County Antrim coast, sights include Giants Causeway, Titanic Exhibition in Belfast, Strangford Loch, Mount Stewart House, Downpatrick via Portaferry and the Ulster Transport Museum.

### 4\* Stormont Hotel

The one night stopover in Dumfries will be at the 3\* Holiday Inn. The 4\* Stormont Hotel will be the base for the rest of our stay in Northern Ireland. This most luxurious hotel is located just a few miles away from Belfast City Centre, adjacent to Stormont Castle and overlooking the grounds of the Stormont Estate.

A lift serves all floors with ground floor rooms available.

### Provisional Excursions

- Giants Causeway • Titanic Exhibition
- Mount Stewart House, Strangford Loch & Downpatrick
- Belfast & City tour
- Ulster Transport Museum

**Wed 9th - Mon 14th August**



## Eastbourne & Sussex Delights

**£499.50**

Single Supp Nil

**6 days**



**New for  
2023**

**Wed** – outbound journey

**Thu** – We travel east along the coast to historic **Rye** – time here for its open-air weekly market. Historically known for once being a naval base, a fishing port and an agricultural centre. Lovely shops, art galleries and restaurants now line the town's ancient streets. Later, we continue to **Carr Taylor Vineyard** for a “tour & tasting”.

**Fri** – **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.

**Sat** – **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!

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

**Mon** – 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 7

# Jersey (Channel Islands)



**Departs:** Saturday 19 August

**Duration:** 5 days

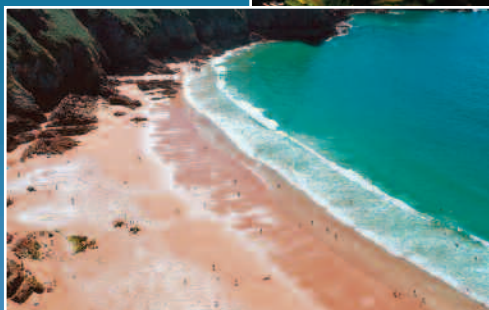
**Price:** £699.50 per person

**Hotel:** Merton (St Savior)

*£100.00 single supplement*

## Price Includes:

- Return ferry crossings (Poole / Jersey)
- Benson VIP coach to Poole.
- Local coach transfers from port to hotel.
- 4 nights half board in St Helier at the Merton Hotel Leisure Resort.
- Fabulous leisure facilities (incl indoor & outdoor pools) & evening entertainment
- Full day island tour - experience Jersey's beautiful coastline (majestic cliffs, sandy beaches & rocky coves)



**Thu 24th - Sun 27th August**



## Edinburgh Tattoo

*The Falkirk Wheel  
& The Kelpies*

**£449.50**

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". This year, the theme is "stories" headed by the RAF.

### 4\* Golden Jubilee Hotel

A 4\* hotel with 168 spacious air-conditioned en-suite 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.

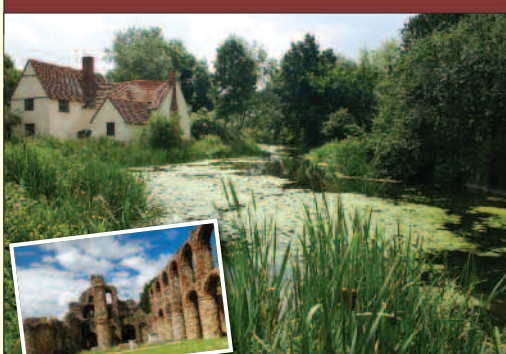
A lift serves all floors.

Please note: Not suitable for persons with walking difficulties.

### Provisional Excursions

- Lake District (outbound journey)
- Stirling (am), Falkirk Wheel (included) & the Kelpies (pm)
- Glasgow (day)
- Edinburgh Tattoo (6.15pm performance)

**Mon 28th Aug - Fri 1st Sept**



## 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 facs & 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)



**Mon 4th - Fri 8th September**



## Historic Lincolnshire

**£499.50**

Single Supp £80

**5 days**



**Mon – Belton House** – used in the 1995 film “Pride & Prejudice”. A beautiful country house surrounded by formal gardens.

**Tue** – A scenic drive to the county of Rutland for a visit to **Barnsdale Gardens** - created by TV gardener Geoff Hamilton for the BBC’s ‘Gardeners’ World’. Later, we **cruise on Rutland Water reservoir** and view Rutland’s most famous landmark, Normanton Church.

**Wed** – a guided visit to the **International Bomber Command Centre**. The exhibition tells the stories of those who served, supported and suffered during the bombing campaigns of World War II. See the Walls of Names, Ribbon of Remembrance and Spire Memorial, the UK’s tallest war memorial. The afternoon will be spent in the historic city of Lincoln.

**Thu** – We visit the magnificent, palatial **Burghley House**. Explore the Elizabethan ancestral home of William Cecil with its dramatic state rooms surrounded by a splendid Capability Brown parkland design. The afternoon is spent in Stamford with its old world charm and prosperity.

**Fri** – Homebound via **Melton Mowbray**.

**3\* The Olde Barn Hotel (Grantham)**

**Sun 10th - Sat 16th Sept**



## Ayrshire Coastal Delights & Dumfries House

**£699.50**

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 2023 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 Prince 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)

**Sun 17th - Fri 22nd September**



## County Mayo & Galway Delights

**£749.50**

Single Supp £100

**6 days**



### Fanstastic Atlantic Coastal Scenery

**Sun** – outbound via 14:45 hrs ferry (Holyhead – Dublin)

**Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan (outbound o/n)**

**Mon** – Drive to Westport via Athlone (pm)

**Tue** – Connemara, Clifden, scenic “Sky Drive” along some of the most awesome Atlantic coastal scenery and Kylemore Abbey.

**Wed** – Galway & River Corrib boat cruise (with cream tea)

**Thu** – Westport (at leisure)

**Fri** – inbound via 14:50 hrs ferry (Dublin – Holyhead)

### 4\* Castlecourt Hotel (Westport)

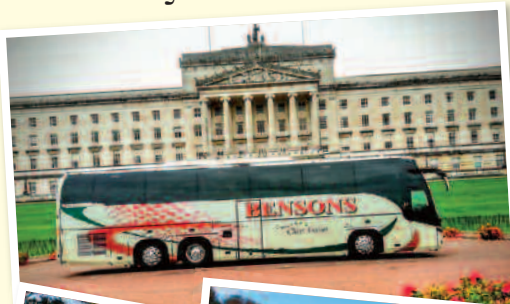
The Castlecourt Hotel is situated just a short walk from Westport centre. It has 146 Bedrooms all with Private Facilities, TV, Telephone and Hairdryer. There is a leisure Centre, Indoor Pool and Hairdressing Salon.

**Entertainment is normally provided.**

**A lift serves all floors.**

- Athlone (Stillorgan-Westport journey)
- Galway & River Corrib Boat Cruise (incl cream tea)
- Clifden, Connemara Coastline & Kylemore Abbey
- Westport (at leisure)

Wish you were here .....





# LAKE GARDA & ITALIAN DOLOMITES

**Departs:** Friday 29th September

**Duration:** 11 days

**Price:** £1,350.00 per person  
*£250.00 single supplement*

**Hotel:** Europa, (Riva del Garda)



## Price Includes:

- All "VIP Club-class" coach travel & hostess service.
- Return Eurotunnel / DFDS Ferry crossings
- 9 nights x 4\* hotel accommodation – dinner, bed & breakfast.
- Welcome drink on arrival in Italy
- 1 x "Gala" evening dinner (Hotel Porticci)
- Boat trip on Lake Garda to Malcesne & Limone
- Stunning excursions: The Italian Dolomites, Lake Garda – Riva, Limone, Malcesne, Lazise, Sirmione.
- Visiting en route: Ulm (Germany), Lucerne (Switzerland), Strasbourg (France).

## Itinerary:

- **Fri** - we travel southbound to to cross the English Channel. Continuing to our first overnight hotel – Ibis Hotel, Laon.
- **Sat** - continue through the Champagne and Alsace-Lorraine regions of France before we cross over the border into Germany. Second overnight hotel located in the beautiful medieval city of Ulm – the birthplace of Albert Einstein and home to Germany's tallest Cathedral.  
**Your Hotel: 4\* Maritim Hotel, Ulm**
- **Sun** - Enjoy some stunning scenery as we head south through Bavaria before crossing into Austria and driving through its spectacular Tyrol region, including the Fern pass. We travel via Innsbruck passing its Olympic Ski Jump, we continue our fabulous journey over the Europa Bridge and Brenner Pass before entering Italy and arriving in Riva del Garda mid-afternoon.  
**Your Hotel: Europa, Riva del Garda.** (centrally located lakeside position)
- **Mon** - at leisure - Riva del Garda.
- **Tue** - "Lake Garda Boat Cruise" - Morning visit to Limone on market day before cruising across Italy's largest lake for an afternoon visit to Malcesne.
- **Wed** - A spectacular excursion into the Italian Dolomites
- **Thu** - We travel to the southern end of Lake Garda and visit the beautiful towns of Lazise and Sirmione.
- **Fri** - at leisure - Riva del Garda.
- **Sat** - With fabulous memories, we sadly say goodbye to Lake Garda and make our journey to Strasbourg. Via Lake Lugano we travel into stunning Switzerland, making a stop on Lake Lucerne. We then continue to our overnight hotel in Germany. **Your Hotel: Mercure, (Offenburg).**
- **Sun** - Morning in Strasbourg with a city sight-seeing boat trip. Later we travel to our final overnight hotel. **Your Hotel: Horizon, (Belgium).**
- **Mon** - We make our return journey home via a lunchtime Channel crossing.



**Mon 16th - Fri 20th October**



## **Autumn Splendours of the Lake District**

**£489.50**

Single Supp £64

**5 days**



**New for  
2023**

### **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)**

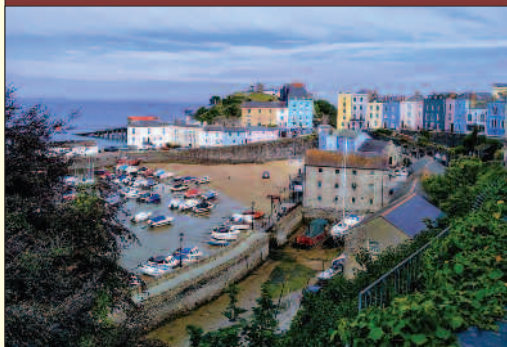
This charming and comfortable hotel is located only 6 miles from Lake Windermere. Set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodlands with views overlooking Morecambe Bay. Entertainment each evening.

**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 23rd - Fri 27th October**



## **Tenby Swansea & the Mumbles**

**£429.00**

Single Supp Nil

**5 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**

- Narbeth & St David's
- Swansea, National Waterfront Museum & The Mumbles
- Tenby - at leisure

**Thu 2nd - Mon 6th November**



## **Fireworks in Devon**

*Sidmouth &  
Ottery St Mary*

**£449.00**

Single Supp Nil

**5 days**



**New for  
2023**

The main highlight of this tour is when we enjoy a spectacular Bonfire Night in Ottery St Mary with its world-famous “**Tar barrel Event**” taking place through its medieval streets – a unique spectacle steeped in tradition since the 17th century.

### **3\* Royal York & Faulkner Hotel (Sidmouth)**

This magnificent Regency building enjoys a prime position at the centre of Sidmouth's elegant Esplanade, overlooking the sea and adjacent to the picturesque town centre. The hotel has earned an excellent reputation for its hospitality and facilities. The restaurant retains the traditional high standards of silver service coupled with menus combining the best of both classic and modern cuisine, prepared using the finest of local fresh produce.

Superb new boutique spa “Aspara”, located on the lower ground floor; includes a hydrotherapy pool, steam room, sauna and offers face and body spa treatments.

**Evening Entertainment included.**

**A lift serves all floors.**

### **Provisional Excursions**

- Exeter • Honiton, Lyme Regis & Donkey Sanctuary
- Sidmouth - at leisure • Evening visit to Ottery St Mary (Rolling of the Tar Barrels on Bonfire Night)

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# 2023 Festive Season Tours

Date		Tour	Days	Hotel	Price	Supp
Mon 27 Nov	Fri 1 Dec	Eastbourne Turkey & Tinsel	5	Haddon Hall	£399.50	Nil
Mon 4 Dec	Fri 8 Dec	Skegness Turkey & Tinsel	5	Quorn	£399.50	Nil
Fri 15 Dec	Sun 17 Dec	Royal Albert Hall Xmas Carols	3	Radisson Blu Heathrow	£379.50	£50.00
Sat 23 Dec	Wed 27 Dec	Christmas on the Fylde Coast	5	Doric Hotel	£649.50	Nil
Sat 30 Dec	Tue 2 Jan	New Year in Torquay	4	Toorak Hotel	£499.50	£60.00



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**£329.50 (Single Supplement £40.00)**





## EASTBOURNE TURKEY & TINSEL

**Departs:** Mon 27th Nov  
**Duration:** 5 days  
**Price:** £399.50 per person  
**Hotel:** Haddon Hall  
 Nil single supplement

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

The Haddon Hall hotel is a firm favourite at this time of year for many of our customers who return here on an annual basis. Producing one of the finest festive entertainment packages – there is always something going on to keep you occupied. As well as live musical entertainment each evening, the hotel's "festive host" will keep you busy with games, quizzes, bingo and an optional fancy dress competition (based on a theme which we will advise you of in advance of your holiday).

Each evening, the restaurant décor is changed to reflect the different festive days and chosen themes.

### Excursions:

- Bexhill Museum & Hastings
- Lewes
- Eastbourne - at leisure



## SKEGNESS TURKEY AND TINSEL

**Departs:** Mon 4th Dec  
**Duration:** 5 days  
**Price:** £399.50 per person  
**Hotel:** Hotel: Quorn  
 Nil single supplement

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 Skeggie 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!

### Itinerary:

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





# CHRISTMAS AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

**Departs:** Friday 15th December

**Duration:** 3 days

**Price:** £379.50 per person  
£50.00 single supplement

**Hotel:** 4\* Radisson Blu Hotel (Heathrow)

## 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 to Windsor
- **Sat** – Morning at London's Hyde Park Winter Wonderland / Knightsbridge area 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**  
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Price: **£649.50** per person



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Christmas &  
Entertainment Package*





# *New Year* **TORQUAY**

**Departs:** Saturday 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
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Happy New Year everyone!*



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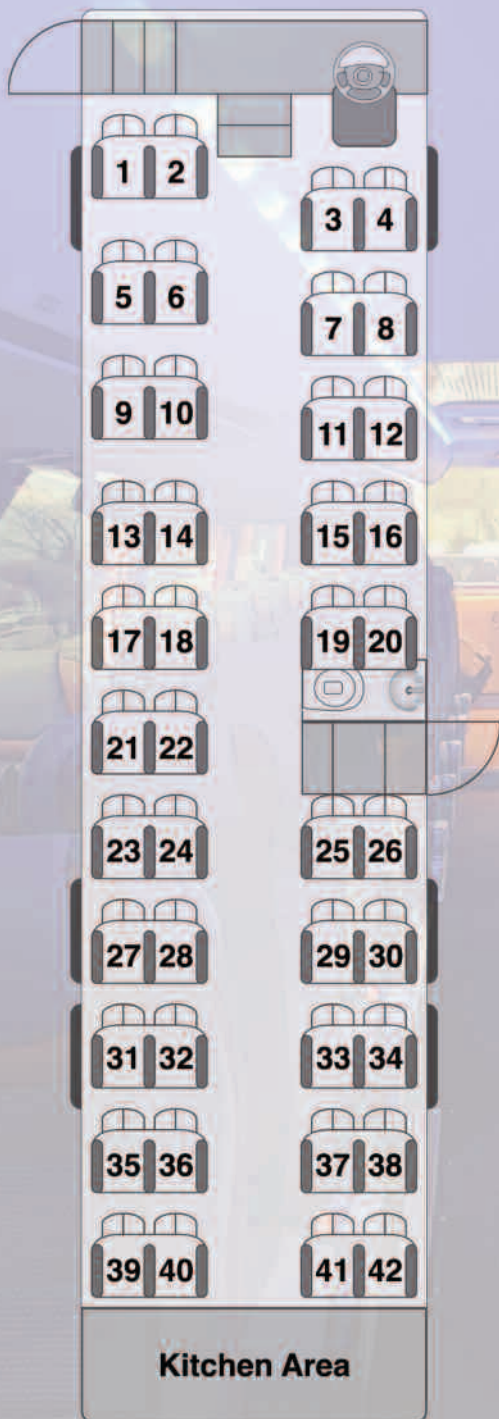
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## SEAT ALLOCATION

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

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**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.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

You are advised to have travel insurance. It is a mandatory requirement for all European tours.

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