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Welcome to our 2026 HOLIDAY BROCHURE

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Bob, Linda and the Kardan Team would like to welcome you to our 2026 holiday brochure. Regular travellers will notice several repeat tours from 2025 plus some exciting new destinations, to include Alsace, Lake Garda and Liege to name but a few. Other tour highlights include the return of our very popular Royal Edinburgh Tattoo Tour.

Closer to home our ever-popular Llandudno and Thursford tours will return, and early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

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Whether you plan to journey near or far, we look forward to welcoming you onboard a Kardan Travel Holiday in 2026.



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Since 1st January 2009, the sale of travel insurance connected to holidays or related travel has been regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

As we do not hold the necessary authorisation, we are unable to offer or advise on travel insurance related matters. Our preferred insurance broker is Towergate Chapman Stevens who are travel insurance specialists in the coaching industry.

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- ✓ Your money is protected by BCH bond
- ✓ Experienced tour drivers
- ✓ Friendly & knowledgeable Tour Managers on all 7 day + tours
- ✓ Friendly, helpful and experienced office staff to guide you through your booking

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

- ✓ High quality hotels in carefully selected locations
- ✓ Porterage included at main hotel on all 5 day and above holidays
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- ✓ Visitor attractions included (as stated)
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On your **2nd Holiday** receive **£10 off** per person

On your **3rd Holiday** receive **£15 off** per person

On your **4th Holiday** receive **£20 off** per person

On your **5th Holiday** receive **£25 off** per person

How to Claim Your Discount

When you book your chosen holidays, simply give us the reference numbers of your previous holidays from this brochure and the appropriate amount will be deducted from the balance due on each holiday booked.

A Selection of our 2026 Destinations



COACH PLAN

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continues to offer an unrivalled choice of destinations

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OUR PRICE INCLUDES
COMPLIMENTARY HOME PICK UP
PORTERAGE ON TOURS 5 DAYS OR LONGER
ALL TRAVEL & EXCURSIONS AS LISTED
ALL ADMISSION CHARGES AS LISTED

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 NEW TOUR THIS YEAR



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NEW

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Friday 13th February – 3 Days

A weekend break to the Midlands staying at Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespeare's Country which includes a canal cruise and a visit to the Birmingham International Tattoo. A parade like no other, Britain's biggest indoor tattoo featuring military and other marching bands, pipes & drums, field gun racing, dog racing, standard bearers, dance teams and much more including a spectacular Grand Finale with over 1,000 performers.

Tour Itinerary

Friday - After Departing the island in the morning we head to **Welford Park**, maybe known to some as the home of the **Great British Bake Off** but come late wintertime, you will see one of the finest **snowdrop collections in the UK**. The dainty droplets of snowdrops thrive amongst the 5-acre beech wood, enchanting riverbanks of the River Lambourn and the glorious gardens at Welford Park. Wrap up warm and enjoy a walk around the grounds of the picture-perfect Queen Anne style house then head to the tea tent for a warming drink. We then continue to Stratford-upon-Avon to the **4-star Crowne Plaza hotel** where we enjoy a welcome cup of tea/coffee while our luggage is taken to our room.

Saturday - We begin our day with a relaxing **45-minute river cruise** with an engaging guide who will bring Shakespeare's Stratford to life. We enjoy a cup of **tea and biscuits** as we drift along the Avon. After disembarking, we have the **rest of the day at leisure** to enjoy this fabulous medieval market town and its history at the home of Shakespeare's Birth.

Sunday - After a leisurely breakfast we depart Stratford-upon-Avon and head to Birmingham for the highlight of our tour the matinee performance of the **Birmingham International Tattoo**. A parade like no other, the Birmingham International Tattoo is Britain's biggest indoor tattoo (a type of military tournament) featuring military and other marching bands, pipes & drums, field gun racing, dog racing, standard bearers, dance teams and much more, including a spectacular Grand Finale with over 1,000 performers. After the performance we head south for the early evening ferry back to the Island.

Crowne Plaza

Stratford-upon-Avon

★★★★



A 10-minute walk from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and only a 5-minute walk to Shakespeare's Birthplace, you couldn't be better placed for all things relating to The Bard. The city centre with its shops and attractions is less than a mile away and you'll find a warm welcome awaits in this modern and spacious hotel, including a lovely garden area with outdoor seating. All bedrooms are stylish and airy and are equipped with a TV, hairdryer, air-conditioning, mini-fridge, iron/ironing board, Wi-Fi and tea/coffee making facilities. 'Quills', the main restaurant, is set as a fresh, bistro-style dining experience whilst the bar offers a range of drinks in a relaxing environment, perfect for discussing the days' sightseeing.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Portage
- Welcome drink Tea/Coffee
- 2-night Half Board accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Tea/Coffee after dinner
- Entrance into Welford Park plus Tea/Coffee
- River cruise plus Tea/Biscuits
- Entrance into Tattoo
- Excursions as listed

£369 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£60 Single Supplement
All single rooms are double/twin for sole use

NEW

DREAMY DORSET COUNTRYSIDE ESCAPE

Monday 23rd March – 5 Days

Image: © Bournemouth Tourism

Our tour is based in the heart of the popular seaside resort of Bournemouth. Excursions include a picturesque trip through the wonderful New Forest to Beaulieu Palace, a visit to Poole with its quayside, old town, the Abbotsbury Subtropical gardens and Kingston Lacy. With a free day to spend in Bournemouth.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - After leaving Southampton we make our way to **Kingston Lacy** A lavish family home re-imagined as a Venetian Palace in the rural Dorset countryside. On leaving here we make our way to our hotel arriving late afternoon.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with three included excursions.

Excursions

Full Day – Poole & Abbotsbury Gardens

After breakfast we make our way to **Poole town and quay** where we can explore the treasures of Poole's historic quayside, where there is a range of shops, cafes, restaurants and attractions. We then travel to **Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens** with over 30 acres of gardens to visit.

Free Day

A free day to do as you please in Dorset's premier resort.

Full Day – New Forest & Beaulieu Palace

After breakfast we enjoy a picturesque tour through the **New Forest** arriving at Beaulieu Palace where we visit the **Palace House, Motor Museum and gardens**.

Friday - After a leisurely breakfast we head to the city of **Winchester, England's ancient capital** where we stop for lunch & viewing before heading back to the Island arriving late afternoon.

Durley Dean Hotel

Bournemouth

★★★★



The Durley Dean Hotel is a historic Victorian townhouse hotel situated close to the beaches of Bournemouth. This 4 Star Hotel offers bright and modern rooms The hotel's bedrooms each feature air conditioning, a flat-screen TV, tea and coffee facilities private bathroom with a hairdryer. there is also full and complimentary access to the leisure centre facilities, including swimming pool, sauna and fully equipped gym

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Portage
- Welcome Tea/Coffee on arrival
- 4 Nights Half Board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- 99p bar deal each evening between 7pm & 9pm.
- Entrance into Kingston Lacy
- Admission to Abbotsbury Gardens
- Admission to Beaulieu Palace
- Excursions as listed

£525 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
No single Supplement first 5 rooms



SUSSEX STEAM, SEASIDE CHARMS & TEA Monday 30th March – 5 Days

Based in elegant Eastbourne, this appealing new tour takes us deep into beautiful Sussex before casting the spotlight on its charming seaside towns. We ride the heritage Bluebell Railway steam train, discover the historic retreats and gardens of Standen House and Michelham Priory, and enjoy time free in Eastbourne and bohemian Hastings before taking tea and learning the etiquette that surrounds.

Monday – After a home pick-up you join our luxury touring coach and head eastwards stopping off at **Brighton** for lunch and to explore this popular resort, arriving at our hotel early afternoon.

Tuesday-Thursday

Full Day – This morning, we enjoy a journey on the **Bluebell Railway heritage steam train** from Sheffield Park to East Grinstead, riding a nostalgic train carriage as it chugs 11 miles through picturesque Sussex countryside. Next, we enjoy a visit to **Standen House & Garden**, considered one of the country's finest examples of Arts & Craft workmanship. We admire the rich Morris & Co. interiors of this late-19th century house and stroll around its hillside garden, which boasts acclaimed plant collections and far-reaching views over the wooded Sussex countryside

Full Day - Today we visit **Michelham Priory and Gardens**, a picture-perfect, moated Tudor house founded by Augustinian canons in 1229. After crossing the moat via the medieval gatehouse, we see the house and its gardens, which include a great barn, watermill, and forge. The afternoon brings free time in **Eastbourne**.

Full-Day - We begin today in **Hastings** where we have time at leisure to experience this historic seaside resort. One of the medieval Cinque Ports, its highlights include the quaint old town, funicular railways, and a fishing beach studded with tall black net huts and fishing boats. In the afternoon, we visit **The British Tea Museum** in the town, which celebrates the time-honoured rituals of the British teatime. We enjoy a workshop on the social history of tea and taste two fine teas accompanied by a scone topped with cream & jam.

Friday – After a leisurely breakfast we leave Eastbourne and make our way to **Chichester for lunch & viewing** arriving home late afternoon.



Best Western York House Hotel

Eastbourne

★★★★

The Victorian York House Hotel is located on the seafront, having beautiful sea views and just a short walk to the pier and centre of town. The 76 bedrooms are bright and well decorated and there is a comfortable restaurant with beautiful sea views, a good-sized bar, a sea view terrace at the front of the hotel and a small indoor swimming pool.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Welcome drink on arrival Tea/Coffee
- Porterage
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Bluebell Railway one way journey Sheffield Park to East Grinstead
- Standen House & Gardens entrance
- Michelham Priory entrance & guided tour
- British Tea Museum workshop

£599 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing
£98 Single Supplement) All single rooms are double/
twin for sole



DEVON & JURASSIC COAST Saturday 11th April – 5 Days

The Dorset and East Devon Coast is England's first natural World Heritage Site known as The Jurassic Coast. Sidmouth is a charming regency resort nestled amid the sandstone cliffs and full of independent shops, beautiful gardens and well-preserved buildings. Past winners of the prestigious 'Britain in Bloom' competition, the town is known for its superb floral displays that adorn the hotels, gardens and shops.

Tour Itinerary

Saturday - After a home pick-up we have a leisurely drive through Dorset, stopping at **Kingston Lacy** a country house and estate near Wimborne Minster. It was for many years the family seat of the Bankes family who lived nearby at Corfe Castle. We arrive at our hotel late afternoon.

Sunday - Tuesday (at leisure with two included excursions).

Sunday - Free day

Full Day - After breakfast, we have a scenic drive to Torquay, set at the very heart of the English Riviera on the South Devon Coast. Torquay is famous for its sandy beaches, family attractions and genteel Victorian appearance. Our second stop of the day is **Brixham** located in the Torbay area of South Devon and one of the main towns in the English Riviera, Brixham is a quintessential harbour town.

Full Day - After breakfast we go to **Exmouth** where we board a boat for a **cruise on the River Exe** to Topsham with tea or coffee included. We then continue to **Buckfast Abbey** for viewing and lunch, before we join the **South Devon Steam Train** for a journey to Totnes and back. On our return to Buckfast we will enjoy a **Devon cream tea** at the station restaurant.

Wednesday - After breakfast we leave Sidmouth and drive along the Jurassic coast to **Abbotsbury Swannery** where you have an included visit. We then make our way to the city of **Salisbury** for a stop before our ferry back to the Island, arriving early evening.

Image: © Matt Austin



The Bedford Hotel

Sidmouth

★★★★

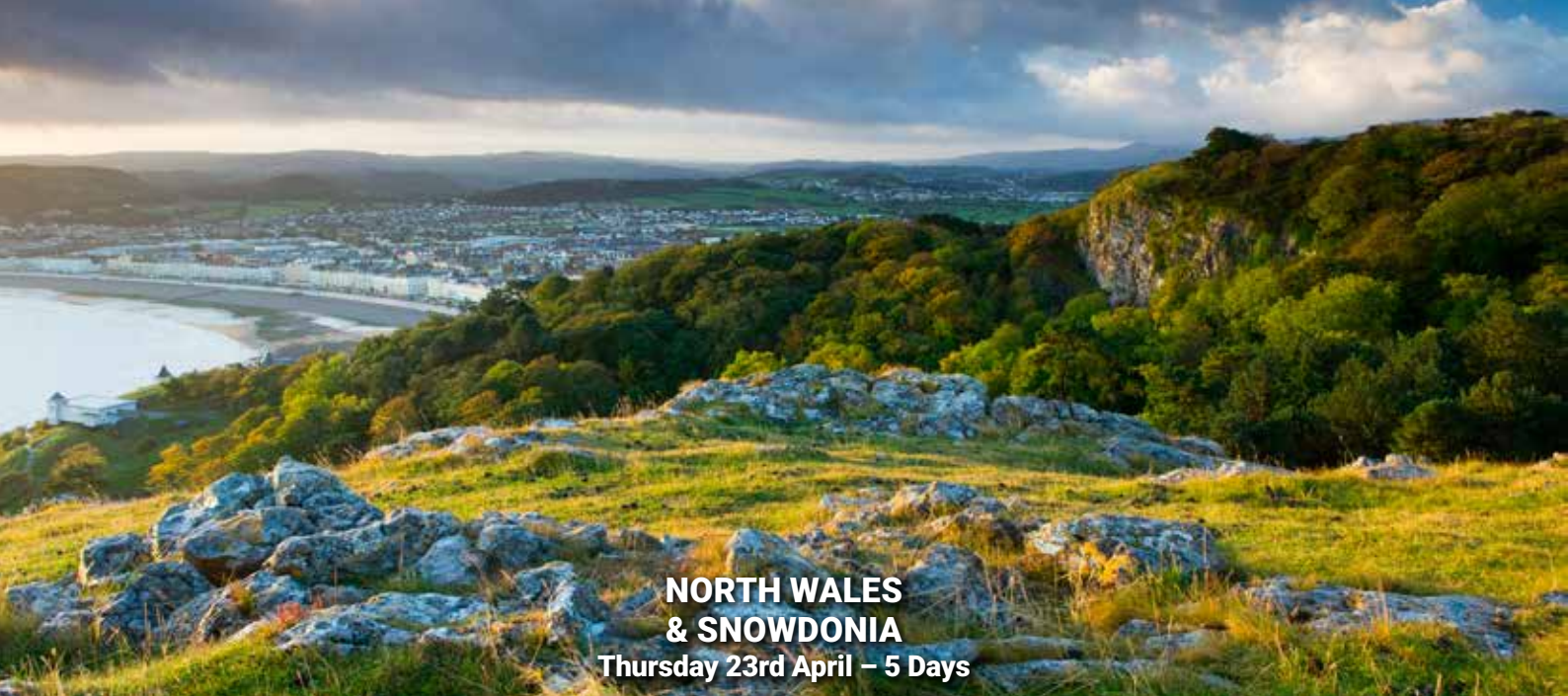
The Bedford hotel is situated in a prominent position on the level seafront of Sidmouth. Renowned for its superb cuisine. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Freeview, direct dial telephone and complimentary tea/coffee making facilities. Other hotel facilities include lift, bar, lounge and restaurant.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance into Kingston Lacy
- Cruise on the river Axe
- Ride on the South Devon Steam Railway
- Devon cream tea
- Entrance into Abbotsbury Swannery
- Excursions as listed

£675 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

No Single Supplement



NORTH WALES & SNOWDONIA

Thursday 23rd April – 5 Days

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Nestled between the twin headlands of the Little and Great Orme, the resort of Llandudno is a bustling holiday centre, well served with shops and restaurants. The Great Orme can be ascended by cable car or tram and from the top you have magnificent views of the town and the Irish Sea. Snowdonia is a region in northwest Wales concentrated around the mountains and glaciers of massive Snowdonia National Park.

Tour Itinerary

Thursday – We head northwards via the motorway network with comfort stops en route. We arrive in **Llandudno** late afternoon.

Friday-Sunday - at leisure with two included excursions.

Full Day – Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway

After breakfast, we leave for **Caernarvon** to board the Welsh Highland Steam train which will take us through the spectacular **Snowdonia National Park** to the resort of **Portmadog**. Where we will have time for viewing and lunch before boarding the **Ffestiniog Steam railway** to Blaenau Ffestiniog. Here your coach will be waiting to drive you through **Snowdonia** back to Llandudno.

Free Day – Llandudno

Today is a day to do as you please, relax or take the many interesting attractions that Llandudno has to offer.

Full Day – Betws-y-Coed Swallow Fall's & Bodnant Gardens

After breakfast we travel to **Betws-y-Coed** a charming village in the heart of Snowdonia. We have time here for viewing before we move onto **Swallow Falls**, we then travel on to nearby **Bodnant Garden**. Marvel at plants from all over the world grown from seed and cuttings collected over a century ago on plant-hunting expeditions. Paths throughout Bodnant Garden allow visitors to explore, discover and delight in the beautiful autumnal colours.

Monday – After breakfast we make our way home, with comfort stops en-route arriving on the Island by early evening.



The Tynedale Hotel

Llandudno

★★★★

The Tynedale is an established 4 Star hotel in the North Wales seaside resort of Llandudno.

It is centrally located on Llandudno's iconic Victorian promenade and is a Wales Tourist Board approved provider of holiday accommodation in Llandudno.

This modern, bright, and welcoming seafront hotel offers great food and high standards of service. is just 20 metres from the beach and a short walk from the high street and the town's well-preserved pier. Lift to all floors.



Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Portage
- Welcome drink Tea/Coffee on arrival
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Entertainment
- Admission into Bodnant Gardens
- Ride on the Welsh Highland Steam Railway
- Ride on the Ffestiniog Steam Railway
- Excursions as listed

£775 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

No Single Supplement



SCENIC CRUISE OF BELGIUM & THE BULB FIELDS OF HOLLAND

Friday 24th April – 5 Days

Image: ©Michael Jung

We return this year to cruising the Bulb fields of Holland on-board MS L'Europe, a 3-deck ship, measuring 110m long and 11.40m wide. Located on the main deck, the restaurant, where all meals are served during the cruise, offers delicate cuisine in a refined setting, where large windows allow guests to fully enjoy the panorama. On this same deck is also the lounge / bar with a dance floor, while on the sun deck passengers can enjoy comfortable sun loungers, as well as a large, shaded area. An ideal place to relax and admire the landscapes.

Tour Itinerary

Friday – After a home pick-up we travel to Calais and cross the channel, we continue into **Belgium**, arriving in **Antwerp** early evening where we board our ship.

Saturday-Tuesday Aboard the MS L'Europe on a Full Board Basis With Drinks Included.

Saturday - Antwerp - Rotterdam

We have the morning at leisure to discover the historic city of Antwerp before returning on board to cruise toward Rotterdam. As we sail through small inland seas and impressive locks, enjoy a scenic journey arriving in Rotterdam by evening. Tonight is our gala dinner & evening.

Sunday - Keukenhof

This morning, we leave Rotterdam by coach to visit the world-renowned Keukenhof.

Founded in 1949 by a group of Dutch flower bulb growers, it now welcomes over a million visitors annually and showcases a new theme each year. A packed lunch is included today.

We return on board and cruise towards Amsterdam (or surrounding area).

Monday - Amsterdam: Visit to Volendam & Zaanse Schans

Today the choice is yours we are docked in Amsterdam and you have the chance to explore this great city at leisure. Or perhaps join us on our included excursion to Volendam and Zaanse Schans. Volendam is a picturesque fishing village with over six centuries of tradition, visit a local cheese factory to learn about the production of Gouda cheese & sample a variety of flavours and ages. Zaanse Schans is a captivating open-air museum featuring historic wooden

windmills, barns, and houses. Stroll through the scenic peat landscape or observe traditional clog-making demonstrations.

Tuesday - Disembark Amsterdam

After breakfast, we head back to Calais for our crossing to Dover. We arrive back on the Island early evening.

MS L'Europe

*Exclusive UK Guests Only Departure
Standard Ship

The MS Europe is an elegant, intimate-sized standard ship, measuring 110 m long and 11.40 m wide. It can accommodate 180 passengers, in 90 cabins spread over three decks. The size of each cabin is between 9m2 to 13m2 offering amenities and providing guests with all the comforts they need during their stay.



Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Portage
- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- on-board entertainment
- 4 nights full board
- Complimentary bar from 1200-2359 each day
- Free Wi-Fi in lounge & bar area
- A Gala evening
- Excursion to Keukenhof Gardens
- Excursion to Volendam & Zaanse Schans

£1149 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing a cabin on the main deck.
Supplements on request for Middle & Upper Decks.



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NEW

TASTES & TREASURES OF THE THAMES VALLEY

Thursday 30th April – 5 Days

Royal history, rolling fields, market towns, and classical colleges follow the River Thames as it winds through the historic counties of Berkshire and Oxfordshire to London. Our tour showcases the pleasures and treasures along the river, from a cream-tea cruise along its waters to the delights of Henley-on-Thames, Royal Windsor, and Oxford's 'dreaming spires'. Other attractions include a wine tasting and time to enjoy the botanical beauty of The Savill Garden.

Tour Itinerary

Thursday - After a home pick-up we head to RHS Garden Wisley one of the world's great gardens, packed with horticultural inspiration. Late afternoon we continue to our hotel our stop for the next 4 nights.

Friday - Sunday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day - Today begins with a **Cream Tea Cruise on the River Thames**. After boarding we enjoy a leisurely 2-hour round-trip to picturesque Mapledurham Lock. Savour a cream tea while sailing by waterside homes, islands, and picture-postcard 'Wind in the Willows Country'. In the afternoon we visit **Henley-on-Thames**, a beautiful, 13th century riverside town.

Full Day - We start today at **The Savill Garden**, a 35-acre oasis in Windsor Great Park. Commissioned by George V and created by Sir Eric Savill, this ornamental haven offers wonderful summer and early-autumn displays of vibrant roses, hydrangeas and nostalgic royal-themed gardens. In the afternoon, visit **Royal Windsor**, crowned by Windsor Castle, a home to British monarchs for over 1,000 years.

Full Day - This morning, we visit **Oxford**, with free time in this beautiful city, before our afternoon visit to the lovely **Brightwell Vineyard**, a family-run winery amid the rolling Chilterns. Stroll through the vines, learn how the wines are made, and **taste 5 varieties** on a tour.

Monday - After breakfast we head to **Westonbirt, The National Arboretum**, its renowned worldwide both for its tree and shrub collection and beautifully landscaped grounds. We then head back to the Island arriving early evening.



Holiday Inn

Aylesbury
★★★★

Set in a pleasant setting near the Chiltern Hills, the modern 4-star Holiday Inn Aylesbury offers a comfortable stay with a range of facilities. Stylish and bright guest rooms include TV, hairdryer, bath amenities, coffee maker and air conditioning.

You enjoy free use of the facilities of the Spirit Health Club including swimming pool and sauna. The hotel doesn't have a lift, but ground floors rooms are available

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Admission into Wisley gardens
- Admission into Westonbirt Arboretum
- Thames cruise with cream tea
- Entrance into Savill gardens
- Entrance into Brightwell vineyard with tastings
- Excursions as listed

£745 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing. £135 S/Sup all single rooms are double or twin for sole use

NEW

GRETNA, THE GATEWAY TO SCOTLAND

Monday 11th May – 6 Days

Our base is Gretna, famed for its green and the runaway couples, it truly is the best way into Scotland. This tour brings together an eclectic mix of historic sites and experiences, from the Great Tapestry, charting the country's history, to pretty in pink Drumlanrig Castle.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - After departing the Island in the morning we head northwards making regular comfort stops en-route. We enjoy a welcome cup of tea/coffee on arrival while your luggage is taken to your room. There will be time to settle in prior to dinner.

Tuesday – Friday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day - We head north to Galashiels to see the **Great Tapestry of Scotland**, which is housed in a visitor centre with a café. Created and hand stitched by 1,000 people from across Scotland it tells a compelling account of Scotland's history and culture. In the afternoon we visit **Traquair House** for a welcome by the family of the house, followed by a **guided tour**.

Half Day - This morning, we visit **Drumlanrig Castle for a guided tour**. One of Britain's grandest castles and often referred to as the 'pink palace', this majestic building is a treasure trove of delights. In the afternoon we return to Gretna and visit the **Famous Blacksmiths Gretna Green Experience** and see a **wedding re-enactment** and discover the history of the runaway romance in the museum.

Full Day - We spend today at the **New Lanark World Heritage Site**. One of Scotland's six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, we discover the fascinating 200-year social history of this beautifully restored cotton mill village.

Half-Day - A half day excursion to the **Devils Porridge** this state of the art, award-winning, 5 star-rated museum tells the story of HM Factory Gretna, the greatest munitions factory on earth in World War One.

Saturday - After breakfast we leave Gretna and head south making regular comfort stops on route arriving back on the Island early evening.



Gretna Hall Hotel

Gretna Green
★★★★

Built in 1710 and steeped in history, the Gretna Hall Hotel is just a 10-minute walk from the Gretna Retail Outlet and Gretna town centre, and only 500 yards from the famous Blacksmiths visitor attraction.

The hotel offers a perfect blend of traditional and contemporary. All 97 bedrooms are equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The modern restaurant is bright and stylish, and there is a comfortable bar with cosy seating and an outside seating area.

Hotel has a lift & ground floor rooms

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Portage
- Welcome drink of tea/coffee on arrival
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance to the Great Tapestry of Scotland
- Guided tour of Traquair House
- Guided tour of Drumlanrig Castle and entrance to garden
- Entrance into New Lanark heritage site

£945 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

£198 Single Supplement (All single rooms are double or twin for sole use)



ISLE OF MAN MANX EXPLORER Thursday 14th May – 6 Days

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The Isle of Man is a unique self-governing kingdom, with its own parliament, traditions, culture and cuisine. As a holiday island it is best known for its very agreeable and relaxed pace of life, along with its wealth of attractions. The Isle of Man offers fabulous scenery, enchanting glens, miles of un-crowded beaches, medieval castles, Victorian railways and trams, beautiful parks and gardens, and fascinating museums and heritage centres.

Tour Itinerary

Thursday - We head northwards via the motorway network, making regular comfort stops en-route arriving at the **Holiday Inn Preston** for our overnight stop

Friday – After breakfast we have a leisurely drive to **Morcombe Bay**, we have free time here before we head for **Heysham** for our crossing to **Douglas** our base for the next four nights

Saturday - Monday at leisure with three included excursions.

Excursions

Full Day - Manx Explorer:

See the beauty and surprising variety of the Manx landscape whilst we travel through some of the Island's main towns and villages including **Laxey**, with its famous wheel and woollen mill. We also have an included **Mountain Railway**

trip to the summit of **Snaefell** with its view of the five kingdoms. We then continue to **Ramsey** with free time to explore, before returning to Douglas via the mountain road.

Full Day – Manx Steam Railway

Today we have an excursion on the Manx Steam Railway, a one-way journey along the beautiful Manx countryside running the full length from **Douglas to Port Erin**. On arriving in Port Erin there'll be time for lunch and sightseeing in this seaside village. We then board our coach to return to Douglas stopping at **Castletown** one of the oldest towns in the British Isles. It was the capital of the island for hundreds of years.

Half Day - Peel

Excursion to **Peel Bay** locally named 'Sunset City', which is located on the west coast. Peel is a thriving Manx fishing

port with a marine heritage that spans hundreds of years.

Tuesday

After an early breakfast we leave Douglas and cross the Irish Sea to Heysham. We then travel south making regular comfort stops en-route. We arrive back on the Island in the evening.

The Sefton Hotel

Douglas

★★★★

The 4-star Sefton Hotel is in Douglas on the beachfront. It boasts a unique indoor water garden, swimming pool and 2 restaurants. The rooms at the Sefton feature flat-screen TVs, tea and coffee making facilities, safe, ironing facilities, free Wi-Fi and some rooms have views of Douglas Bay and the water garden.

The Fountain health club provides a pool, gym, and beauty treatments. Guests can also relax with a book in The Library and make use of the computers with complimentary internet access.



Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 5 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Excursions as listed
- Mountain railway excursion
- Excursion on the Manx Steam Railway
- Peel Bay
- Escorted by tour manager throughout

£985 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£154 Single Supplement



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ALL-EMBRACING LAKE DISTRICT & GARDENS PANORAMA Monday 25th May – 5 Days

The beautiful Lake District National Park is one of the most popular break destinations for people across the UK and for those visiting our country, and with good reason! Our tour is set within the spectacular scenery of one of the world's most impressive national parks, allowing your guests to soak in the views and atmosphere while cruising some of the most famous waters.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - After a home pick-up we head Northwards making regular stops for en-route arriving in Kendal late afternoon, Tea/coffee will be served before settling into your rooms.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day - We spend today in the Lake District. First, we make our way to Haverthwaite Station from where we enjoy a **nostalgic steam train journey** on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway to the south of **Lake Windermere and Lakeside pier**. At Lakeside, we board our boat to enjoy a **40-minute cruise** around the south of Lake Windermere. Arriving at Bowness, making the most of our tea/coffee voucher to refresh ourselves before a short walk takes us into the heart of this Victorian town.

Half Day - This morning, we make the short journey to **Levens Hall & Gardens** and begin with a **private tour** of the impressive Elizabethan house. We then have time at leisure to explore the ten acres of gardens, which retain many original features, including the world's oldest topiary gardens. Be sure to make time to grab something to eat in the award-winning Levens Kitchen! We then return to Kendal where the rest of the day is at leisure.

Full Day - We enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque Lake District today, travelling north via **Windermere then Ambleside**, the head of England's largest natural lake where we can spot the pretty Bridge House as we pass. We then journey through the picture-postcard village of **Grasmere** and finally onto **Keswick**. We have 'My Time' exploring this lovely market town nestled between the majestic Skiddaw Mountain and the serene lake of Derwentwater, with plenty of shops, restaurants and museums to browse.

Friday - After breakfast we head back to the Island making regular comfort stops.

Riverside Hotel

Kendal

★★★★



As the name suggests, this charming hotel enjoys a fabulous riverside location in the centre of Kendal, making it an ideal base from which to explore the Lake District. The shops and attractions of the town are a short walk across the bridge. Each of the 58 bedrooms has river views whilst the restaurant, located on the first floor (accessible by lift) has excellent views. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna and steam room. The hotel has a lift to all floors which is accessed via some steps; a stair lift is also available.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Welcome drink on arrival Tea/Coffee
- Porterage
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance & private tour of Levens Hall & Gardens
- Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway journey
- Cruise on Lake Windermere
- Excursions as listed

£815 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£119 Single Supplement All single rooms for guests are double for sole use



NORFOLK BROADS, HOLKHAM & HISTORIC RAILWAYS Monday 1st June – 5 Days

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Big skies, sweeping sands and the tranquil Norfolk Broads help make picturesque Norfolk a great destination for groups. Our gently paced tour to this enchanting county reveals them all and more, with two steam railway journeys, a cruise on the Broads, and visits to Great Yarmouth and historic Holkham Hall.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - We head towards Norfolk making regular comfort stops en-route. On arrival enjoy a welcome cup of tea/coffee whilst your luggage is taken to your room. There will be time to relax prior to dinner this evening.

Tuesday-Thursday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day - Our day starts with a visit to the **Bure Valley Railway** and a 45-minute journey by steam train through the picturesque Norfolk countryside to Wroxham. On arrival, we disembark and take a leisurely 15-minute stroll to Wroxham Bridge, where we enjoy time for lunch. In the afternoon, we enjoy the next stage of our journey, a **90-minute circular cruise on the Norfolk Broads**. We then return to our hotel mid-afternoon.

Full Day - We have free time this morning to enjoy Norfolk's classic seaside town of **Great Yarmouth**, famed for its sandy beach. Aside from the Pleasure Beach amusement park, we can visit the Time and Tide Museum to chronicle local history, or the **Nelson Museum**, which charts the life of Admiral Lord Nelson. If the weather allows, we can also stroll around the miniature Merrivale Model Village. Next, we travel to Norwich where we can have lunch before exploring. This lovely medieval city has plenty of interest, from its ornately cloistered cathedral and medieval city gates leading to its Saxon-era marketplace to the **Museum of Norwich** and some fabulous shopping.

Full Day - We journey to the Victorian seaside resort of **Sheringham** to board the North Norfolk Railway for a one-way, 5.5-mile journey to the Georgian town of Holt. Sit back and absorb the views as our steam train chugs through the county's stunning scenery. After arriving in Holt, we make our way north for our visit to **Holkham Hall**, set like a jewel in one of England's greatest agricultural estates.

Friday - After breakfast we head south, making regular comfort stops en-route arriving on the Island during the early evening.

The Dunston Hall Hotel

Norwich

★★★★



This 4-star country hotel retains a traditional elegance amidst 150 acres of landscaped grounds and is located within easy reach of Norwich. The sizeable public areas include an elegantly decorated traditional bar and a large, impressive restaurant. Each of the 169 bedrooms is equipped with modern facilities including hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities, and satellite TV. You may take the opportunity to relax in the enviable leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, and steam room. The hotel has a lift.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Tea/Coffee on arrival
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Ride on the Bure Valley Railway
- Ride on the North Norfolk Steam Railway
- Cruise on the Norfolk Broads
- Entrance to the Holkham Estate
- Excursions as listed

£819 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£165 Single Supplement (all rooms are double or twin for sole occupancy)

NEW

LAKE GARDA'S GLORIOUS NORTHERN SHORES Thursday 4th June – 9 Days

Riva is the main resort at the northern end of Lake Garda and boasts superb scenery, elegant parks and a long lakeside promenade. It has many fine buildings, especially around colourful Piazza Tre Novembre and the 12th Century La Rocca castle dominates the waterfront. In the cobbled streets of the old town you will find an excellent variety of shops, attractive terrace cafés, bars and restaurants.

Tour Itinerary

Thursday – We travel to **Calais** via Eurotunnel and on to the **Mercure Saarbrücken Hotel** for our overnight stay.

Friday – We head south and passing through **Alpine Switzerland** and into **Italy** arriving at **Riva del Garda** our base for the next 6 nights.

Saturday - Wednesday at leisure with four included excursions.

Excursions

Saturday - Today is spent at leisure. Riva Del Garda's harbour can be enjoyed with the beautiful piazza, ancient clock tower and inviting lakeside path.

Full Day – A leisurely **cruise on Lake Garda from Riva**, stopping first on the eastern side of the lake at the attractive resort of **Malcesine** where you have free time. We then cruise over to the western side of the lake to **Limone** for viewing before returning to Riva.

Full Day – Dolomites & Lake Molveno.

Today we travel north to the **dramatic Dolomites** and enjoy a scenic tour. We will travel over the pass at **Madonna di Campiglio** where we can marvel at the spectacular views of the Brenta Peaks before visiting **Lake Molveno**. En-route back to Riva we stop at the medieval hamlet of Tenno and marvel at its spearmint green coloured lake.

Full Day – Today we visit Verona and have a **Blus badge guided tour** of this beautiful, historic city. Famous as the setting for **Romeo and Juliet**, you will see the famous balcony and have time for lunch and sightseeing in this romantic city.

Wednesday - Half Day – A morning excursion to **Bardolino** located at the foot of the Morainic Hills, a beautiful setting on the shores of Lake Garda. We return to Riva early afternoon where the rest of the day is at leisure.

Thursday – We leave Riva and head north via the **Brenner Pass** and into **Austria**. We then arrive at **Saarbrücken** for our overnight stay.

Friday – After an early breakfast we leave **Germany** and head north to Calais for our journey via the Eurotunnel to England, arriving back on the island during the evening.

Sole Hotel

Riva del Garda

★★★★

The 4-star Sole Hotel occupies an enviable position, right on the lake front and located at the side of the main square in the centre of this lovely historic town. In the immediate vicinity of the hotel, you have a wide choice of shops, bars and restaurants and the ferry stop is also close by. The hotel is furnished in a very traditional style, with an elegant restaurant overlooking the lake, comfortable public areas, a roof top terrace and a popular bar/gelateria. All 81 bedrooms are well furnished with air conditioning, TV and minibar.

The hotel has a lift to all floors.



Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Welcome drink on arrival
- 8 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner at main hotel
- Typical Trentino dinner on 1 night
- Cruise on Lake Garda
- Guided tour of Verona
- Excursions as listed
- Escorted by tour manager throughout

£1375 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£240 Single Supplement (All single rooms are double or twin for sole use)



SCENIC SOUTH WALES & BRECON BEACONS

Sunday 7th June – 5 Days

We visit some of the region's most popular attractions including The Royal Mint, Dyffryn Gardens & Penderyn Distillery. Take a steam ride through spectacular scenery of the Brecon Beacons and explore the historic town of Ross-on-Wye.

Tour Itinerary

Sunday – We head west to the **Spa city of Bath**, here we have time for sightseeing and lunch before continuing our journey to the **Marriott St Pierre hotel Chepstow**, our base for the next 4 nights.

Monday-Wednesday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day – This morning, we enjoy a guided tour of **The Royal Mint Experience visitor attraction**, where we see how blank pieces of metal become coins, observe the striking hall from a viewing gallery, and can even strike our own coin to take home (extra charge). In the afternoon we visit the stunning 55 acres of **Dyffryn Gardens** surrounding the partially restored **Dyffryn House**, where we explore the beautiful garden rooms, formal lawns and extensive arboretum at leisure

Full Day – Today we tour the Wye Valley, stopping first at **Tintern** set amidst breath-taking scenery in the heart of the Wye Valley. We have inclusive morning **Tea/Coffee & cake** in the Anchor Inn opposite the Abbey. We then continue to the ancient market town of **Monmouth** where we spend the afternoon before taking a scenic tour back to our hotel.

Free Day – This morning, we embark on a 6-mile return vintage steam train journey from **Pant to Torpantau** on the **Brecon Mountain Railway**. We journey along the Taf Fechan Reservoir before climbing to Torpantau high in the Brecon Beacons. Our 1.5-hour trip includes a 35-minute stop at **Pontsticill station** where there is a **Lakeside café and Steam Museum**. We have free time for lunch back at Pant Station's Tearoom and visit the locomotive workshop before heading to the famous **Penderyn Distillery** where we enjoy a guided tour and tasting.

Thursday – We say goodbye to South Wales and head for home stopping first at the **Cathedral City of Wells**, we then continue to the **City of Salisbury** where we'll have time for afternoon tea before moving on to Southampton. Arriving home early evening.

Marriott St Pierre Hotel & Country Club

Chepstow South Wales

★★★★★



With breath-taking views, 400 acres of picturesque parkland and a stunning 14th century manor, St. Pierre Marriott Hotel & Country Club is an idyllic retreat set in the rolling hills of South Wales features the perfect blend of ancient architecture and modern amenities. The elegant rooms offer luxury bedding, dedicated workspace and 24-hour room service. A dream-like getaway for the body and soul, St. Pierre Marriott Hotel & Country Club offers a fitness club, tennis courts and outdoor activities set within the rolling Welsh countryside.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Porterage
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Morning Tea/Coffee at the Anchor Inn
- A guided tour of The Royal Mint Experience
- Entrance into Dyffryn Gardens
- Return steam train Brecon Mountain Railway.
- Excursions as listed

£725 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing
£158 Single Supplement (all single rooms are double or twin for sole use)

WILDS, WATERWAYS & WONDERS OF DEVON

Tuesday 16th June – 5 Days

This exciting yet relaxing tour unpacks some of the best of Devon, from historic Exeter with its majestic cathedral to beautiful Buckfast Abbey and the market town of Tiverton. In-between these visits come two unforgettable journeys—a scenic drive across wild and wonderful Dartmoor National Park and an enchanting cruise along the Grand Western Canal aboard a traditional, horse-pulled barge.

Tour Itinerary

Tuesday – After a home pick-up we head westwards making regular stops for en-route arriving at the Devon hotel late afternoon, Tea/coffee will be served before settling into your rooms.

Wednesday - Friday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day – Today we make our way to Exeter. A city rich in history, there is plenty to occupy us, including the imposing Roman wall, beautiful quayside with shopping opportunities and award-winning Royal Albert Memorial Museum. We also visit magnificent **Exeter Cathedral**, where we embark on a **90-minute Bishop's Palace Garden Tour**. Visit this delightful, peaceful oasis in the heart of Exeter, looking first inside the cathedral at the parts of the building which can be seen from the garden and then walking to the medieval Palace Gateway to enter the garden itself.

Full Day – This morning, we enjoy a scenic drive across **Dartmoor National Park**, winding our way past its heather-clad moors, river valleys, granite tors and Neolithic monuments, while also watching for wild Dartmoor ponies. We continue to **Buckfast Abbey**, an 11th century abbey revived in the early 20th century, which houses working community of Benedictine monks.

Full Day – We set off this morning for a tranquil, **90-minute horse-drawn barge cruise on the Tiverton Canal**. As we glide over the calm waters in our well-equipped and traditionally painted barge, we learn about our artistically decorated boat, the handsome, heavy horses that pull it and the river's wildlife. Afterwards, we visit Tiverton where we have free time to relax and explore. Set beside the Grand Western Canal, this ancient market town brims with history and heritage.

Saturday – After breakfast we head back to the Island via **Weymouth** where we stop for lunch & viewing.

The Devon Hotel

Exeter, Devon

★★★



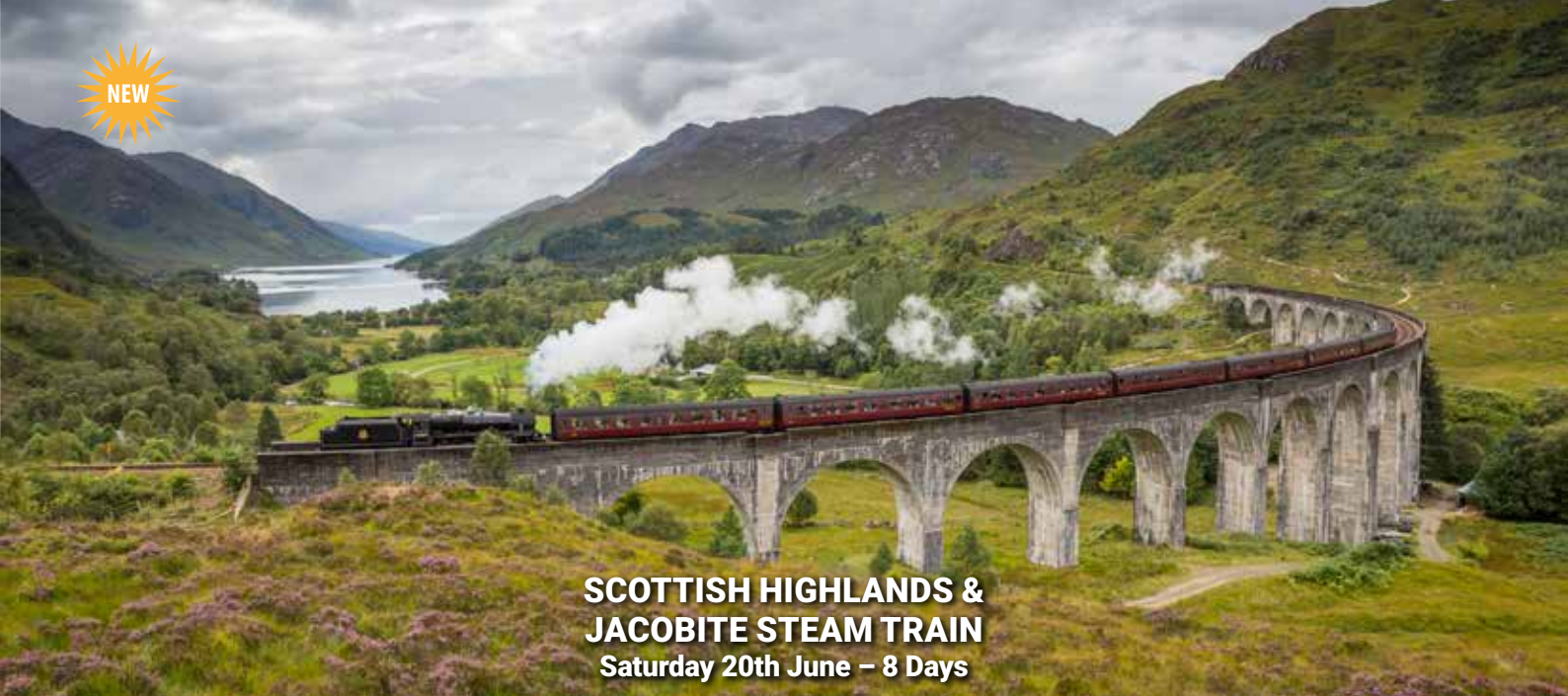
Situated on the outskirts of southern Exeter near the River Exe, this attractive hotel makes an ideal base for touring either side of the estuary. The 60 bedrooms are decorated in modern style and located on the ground and first floors of the main building and reception. The bar and restaurant are found in a separate, neighbouring building and serve delicious food for breakfast and dinner in stylish and contemporary settings.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Entry to Exeter Cathedral & Bishop's Palace
- Garden Tour
- Tiverton Canal horse-drawn barge cruise.
- Excursions as listed

£755 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£95 Single Supplement



SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS & JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN

Saturday 20th June – 8 Days

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The Highlands of Scotland are beautiful and inspiring, a region of ancient landscapes with a fascinating history. Wild, rugged and remote, the Scottish Highlands are among Europe's last great areas of untamed wilderness. With a charm and grandeur of their own, the Highlands are a place where nature rules supreme.

Tour Itinerary

Saturday – Gretna Green

After a pick-up from home, we join our luxury touring coach and head north to **Gretna**, via the motorway network with comfort stops made en-route. Our overnight stay is at the Gretna Green Hotel.

Sunday – After breakfast we continue north, passing through Glasgow to Alexandria for a comfort stop and lunch on the shore of **Loch Lomond**. We then travel to Tarbet where you have a **one-hour cruise** on Loch Lomond whilst listening to a live commentary. You continue through the Trossachs National Park, passing Glen Coe, Loch Linnhe and into **Fort William**, your base for the next five nights.

Monday - Thursday - at leisure with three included excursions.

Excursions

Free Day - Relax in the hotel or take a cruise on Loch Linnhe or stroll along the Loch the choice is yours.

Full Day – Mallaig & Jacobite Steam Train

A day excursion to Mallaig on the Jacobite Steam Train which is regarded as one of the Great Railway Journeys of the World and was voted Top Railway Journey in the World by Wanderlust Magazine, due mainly to the stunning scenery through which you will be travelling. The 84-mile round trip will take you past Britain's highest mountain, deepest loch, shortest river and most westerly station. Quite a journey indeed!

Full Day – Oban & Arduaine Garden

Our journey takes us along the shores of Loch Linnhe to **Oban**, which was a late starter, existing only as a small fishing and trading village until the steamers of the early Victorian era started arriving in ever greater numbers. It

became the main point of departure for the Western Isles. We then visit **Arduaine Garden**, which has matured into a wonderful and peaceful place with a special atmosphere which is commented on by many people.

Short Day – Fort Augustus & Loch Ness

A tour to Fort Augustus which is situated on the Great Glen Way and the Caledonian Canal on the most southern tip of **Loch Ness**. You will have time here before your cruise on Loch Ness. You then return to Fort William where the rest of the day is free.

Friday – Gretna

We leave Fort William and head south, making regular comfort stops en-route arriving at our overnight stop the Gretna Green hotel

Saturday - After an early breakfast we head south making regular comfort stops en-route, arriving back on the Island early evening.

The Alexandra Hotel

Fort William



The Alexandra Hotel provides traditional Scottish hospitality at its best and is in a great location, as everything is close by. All bedrooms benefit from en-suite bathroom, television, direct dial telephone and tea and coffee making facilities. The restaurant is light and airy and serves the finest of local produce with wines from around the world to compliment your meal. The hotel has a lift to all floors.



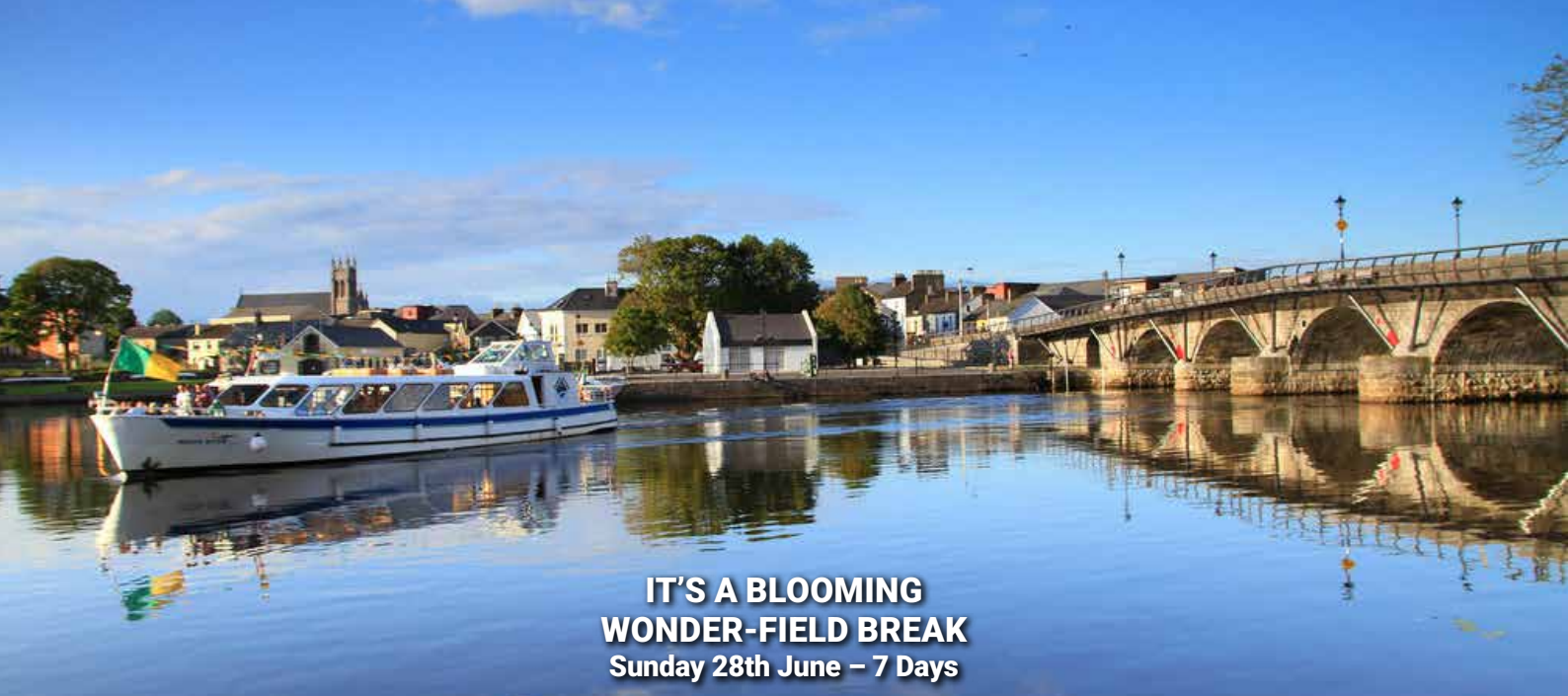
Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 7 nights half board
- Porterage
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Return journey on the Jacobite Steam Train
- Cruise on Loch Ness
- Cruise on Loch Lomond
- Entrance into Arduaine Garden
- Excursions as listed
- Accompanied Tour Manager Throughout

£1345 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£198 Single Supplement





IT'S A BLOOMING WONDER-FIELD BREAK Sunday 28th June – 7 Days

Making the most of our location, this tour offers the chance to kick back & relax at the wonderful Bloomfield House, whilst still seeing the best of the area. We start a leisurely day with a distillery visit and cruise, the following day we have a visit to Strokestown Park House & Gardens. Also, a day at the hotel to relax and make use of the leisure facilities or wander the beautiful grounds.

Tour Itinerary

Sunday - We head northwards via the motorway network, making regular comfort stops en route arriving at the **4-star Beaufort Park hotel North Wales** for our overnight stop

Monday – After a leisurely breakfast we leave the hotel and make our way to Holyhead for our crossing to Ireland and onto the **4-star Bloomfield House Hotel** our base for the next 4 nights.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with two included excursions.

Excursions

Full Day - Shed Distillery & Carrick-on-Shannon Cruise

This morning, we travel to Drumshanbo to visit **The Shed Distillery**. We learn more about this authentic distillery as we are treated to a **guided tour and tastings** of whiskey and gin. We have free time in the

bustling town of Carrick-on-Shannon for lunch before our relaxing **1-hour cruise on the River Shannon**, including **tea/coffee and scones**. On-board we enjoy entertainment and guided commentary.

Full Day – Strokestown Park House & Gardens

Today we discover **Strokestown Park** where we take a **guided tour** of this stunning Georgian Palladian Mansion. **The National Famine Museum** is also within the grounds, and we have the chance to learn the history of the Great Irish Famine and the devastating impact in Irish history. There will be time for a bite to eat before we return to our hotel.

Free Day- at leisure at the hotel

Friday - After breakfast we make our way to Dublin to visit the **National Botanic Gardens** which are noted for their fine plant collections holding more than 15,000 plant species. We then continue south to the **4-star Talbot Hotel Wexford** for our overnight stop.

Saturday - After an early breakfast, we make our way to the port of Rosslare for our ferry crossing to Pembroke. Upon our arrival in Pembroke we continue our journey to Southampton for our ferry crossing to the Island, arriving back home in the evening time.



Bloomfield House Hotel

Mullingar, County Westmeath



Nestled amid parkland on the shores of Lough Ennell, the 4-star Bloomfield House Hotel is ideal for a relaxing country break. All 111 bedrooms are traditional in style and furnished to a high standard. The restaurant is an elegant room with beautiful lakeside views, and the bar has a quiet elegance with original marble fireplaces and panoramic windows.



Your holiday includes

- 6 nights half board
- Door to Door Service
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Shed Distillery tour & tasting
- Shannon River cruise with tea/coffee & scones
- Strokestown House & Garden tour
- National Botanic Gardens
- Excursions as listed

£1145 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£234 Single Supplement
All single rooms are double or twin for sole use



YORK WEEKEND BREAK Friday 3rd July – 4 Days

York is one of Europe's most popular historic cities, renowned for its Roman, Viking and Medieval heritage with lots of attractions for visitors to enjoy. The streets are full of historic buildings, traditional shops and cafés, and a number of museums and art galleries.

Tour Itinerary

Friday – After a home pick-up, we head Northwards via the motorway network making regular comfort stops en-route. Arriving at our hotel late afternoon, where there will be time to settle in prior to dinner this evening.

Saturday – Today after breakfast we have a full day to explore York at your leisure, why not visit one of the many museums York has to offer, or maybe spend time in **York Minster, the National Railway Museum** or walk the beautiful city walls, or a spot of retail therapy in the many shops, there is so much to see and do in this medieval city.

Sunday – After breakfast we head to **Castle Howard**, which is a magnificent 18th century residence set within 1,000 acres of breath-taking landscape in the Howardian Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the heart of North Yorkshire. Castle Howard has been home to the Howard family for more than 300 years. Explore iconic architecture and beautiful interiors when you visit the House, including the Great Hall which rises 70 feet into the air. The Gardens and Grounds at Castle Howard include lakes, follies, woodland, temples, and statues - all of which bring out the colour and drama of the four seasons.

Monday – After a leisurely breakfast we depart the beautiful city of York and head south making regular comfort stops en route, arriving back on the Island early evening.

The Queens Hotel

York



A warm welcome awaits you at The Queen's Hotel, which is situated on the banks of the River Ouse, in the heart of the City of York. Step out of the Hotel into a world of history and explore the all York has to offer, from medieval times to modern day. All rooms are en-suite with tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer, freeview tv/radio, direct dial telephone and complimentary Wi-Fi.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 3 nights half board with choice of menu
- Admission into Castle Howard
- Tea/Coffee after dinner
- Excursion as listed

£435 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£90 Single Supplement



CENTRE STAGE FOR GIN, TEA & SHAKESPEARE Monday 13th July – 4 Days

Straddling the River Avon, Stratford-upon-Avon is the 16th-century birthplace of William Shakespeare and a vision of beamed houses, medieval halls and quaint alleyways. Our hotel is perfectly placed to enjoy this romantic market town. Our tour includes a cream tea cruise along the Avon, tastings at the artisanal gin-making Shakespeare Distillery and a day free to trace the hallowed footsteps of the Bard himself

Tour Itinerary

Monday – After a home pick-up we head northwards to the city of **Oxford for lunch**, with its magnificent architecture, boasting over 1,500 listed buildings from every major period of British architectural history since the 11th Century, the centre looks like an enchanted fairy-tale city making it a firm favourite of film makers and the inspiration for famous writers. We then continue to the **4-star Crowne Plaza hotel**, our base for the next 3 nights. We enjoy a welcome drink of tea/coffee while our luggage is taken to our rooms

Tuesday – Today is at leisure in this wonderful town and birthplace of our greatest playwright, William Shakespeare. Perhaps visit **Anne Hathaway's cottage**, a 500-year-old Tudor cottage where the Bard courted his bride-to-be, or stroll along the river, or pop in and out of the varied shops, making sure to stop for lunch in one of the many cafés, pubs and restaurants.

Wednesday – We begin today with a **1-hour morning River Avon sightseeing cruise**, gliding past Stratford's sights and tree-lined riverbanks. Admire the views from our comfortable boat and tuck into a **cream tea as we sail**. This afternoon, we visit the **Shakespeare Distillery**, an artisan producer of historically themed spirits, including Stratford Gin. Here, we enjoy a guided tour and tasting experience, seeing how the drinks are made in the working distillery, discovering their history and ingredients, and finishing with a tutored tasting of the hand-crafted spirits, including a refreshing gin & tonic.

Thursday – After a leisurely breakfast we leave Stratford for the **Cotswolds**, visiting **Bourton-on-the-water** the little Venice of the Cotswolds, also visiting the capital of the Cotswolds **Cirencester**, we arrive back on the Island early evening.

Crowne Plaza

Stratford-Upon-Avon



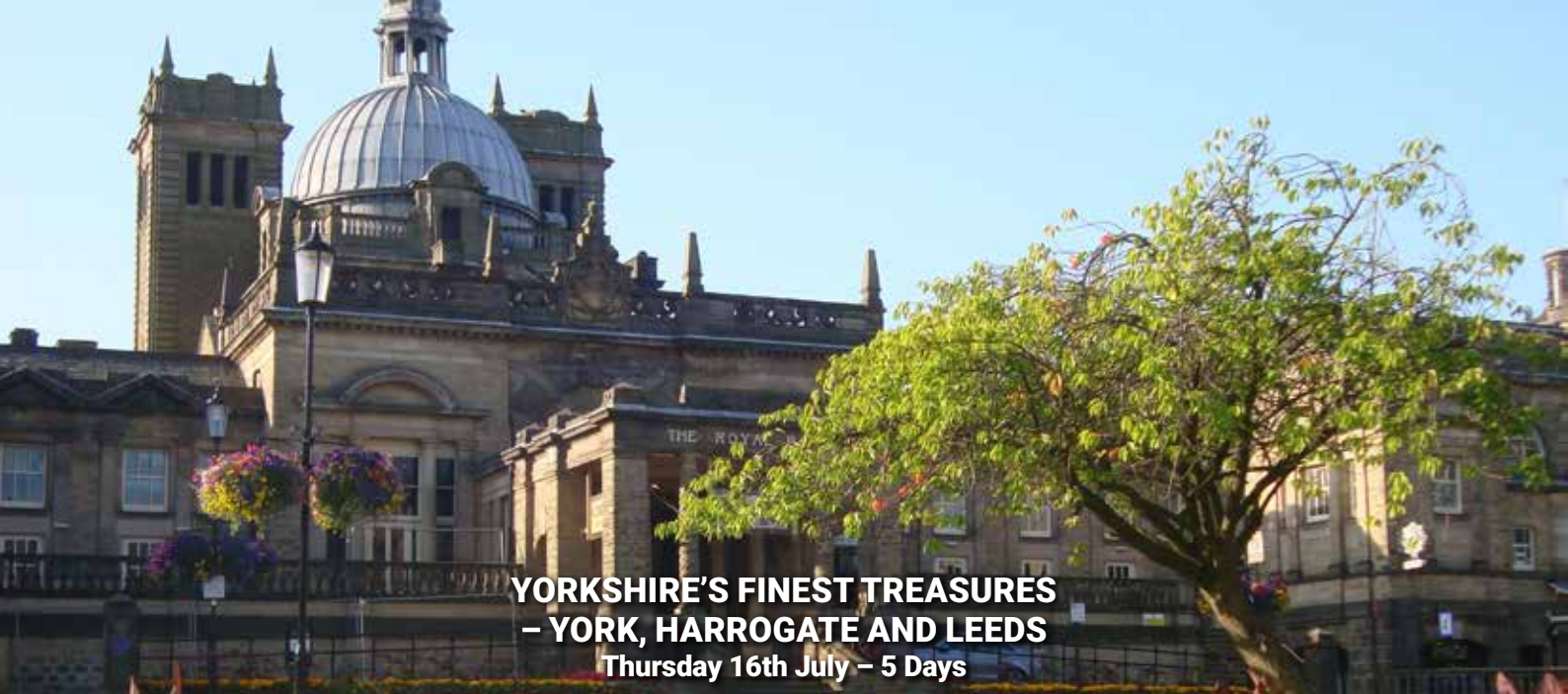
With a picturesque setting amid landscaped gardens and beside the River Avon, the hotel is ideally situated within walking distance of central Stratford-upon-Avon and its many attractions. The welcoming bedrooms are bright and modern and are equipped with a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. Guests can enjoy lovely views from the riverside restaurant or relax with a drink at the terrace bar and lounge. Leisure facilities include a heated indoor swimming pool, sauna, spa pool, steam room and gym.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Welcome drink
- Portage
- 3 Nights half/board
- Dinner 3 courses with 3 choices of menu
- 1 hour river cruise with cream tea
- Shakespeare Distillery tour & tasting
- Excursions as listed

£489 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£99 Single Supplement
All single rooms are double or twin for sole use



YORKSHIRE'S FINEST TREASURES – YORK, HARROGATE AND LEEDS Thursday 16th July – 5 Days

Image: © VisitEngland Visit Harrogate

This tour is a wonderful combination of Yorkshire's iconic sights including ancient castles, stately homes and scenic walled cities and towns – all steeped in history. Discover the walled spa town of Harrogate and enjoy seeing the city of York from the river with a fascinating cruise on the River Ouse. Explore one of England's finest estates in Yorkshire, Harewood House with its contemporary art and exquisite gardens.

Tour Itinerary

Thursday – After being picked up at home you join our luxury touring coach and head northwards via the motorway network towards Harrogate. Comfort stops will be made en route, arriving at the **Old Swan Hotel** late afternoon.

Friday - Sunday - At leisure with Two included excursions

Excursions

Full Day - Ripley Castle & Ripon

This morning, we head to **Ripley Castle**, where we will have a **guided tour of the Castle** before enjoying a cream tea and time at leisure to explore the Gardens.

Please note access to the Castle is upon application & subject to availability. Early afternoon we head to **Ripon**. There is much to do and enjoy in this thriving little city, from the magnificent cathedral and market square, with its streets and 'snickets' spreading

outwards, to the Workhouse & Garden Museum & racecourse.

Full Day – Free day

Full Day - York & City Cruise

We spend today in the timbered city of York, beginning with a fantastic **York City Cruise**. We sit back and relax, taking in the sights of the city and hearing entertaining and informative commentary as we sail the **River Ouse**. The rest of the day is free in York. An ancient and compact walled city, York can be explored on foot. We can stroll **'The Shambles'**, one of the best-preserved medieval streets in the world, whilst the magnificent Minster is well worth a visit along with the state-of-the-art Undercroft Museum, located in chambers underneath the cathedral. There's also the National Railway Museum, showcasing over 300 years of railway history, and the JORVIK Viking Centre, which delves into the sights and sounds of Viking York.

Monday – We leave Harrogate and return home making regular comfort stops en-route. Arriving back on the Island early evening.



Old Swan Hotel

Harrogate

★★★★

This traditional 3-star hotel was once the subject of much drama as the hiding place of the author Agatha Christie during her famous disappearance in 1926. Built in 1840, the hotel retains a quintessential elegance and style, from the comfort of the Swan Lounge and Bar to the hugely atmospheric atrium style restaurant. Each of the 136 bedrooms feature hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift to all floors. The hotel also boasts 5 acres of attractive grounds.



Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Welcome drink on arrival Tea/Coffee
- Portage
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance into Ripley Castle
- Cream tea
- York City cruise
- Excursions as listed

£795 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing
£25 Single Supplement





WEDGWOOD WONDERS, TRENTHAM TREATS & CHESHIRE CHARMS Sunday 19th July – 5 Days

This beautiful county is the perfect place to explore, from vibrant towns and villages to the historic city of Chester, we explore the wonderful World of Wedgwood, Trentham's stunning Estate and award-winning gardens, plus a relaxing river cruise in the historic walled city of Chester.

Sunday – After a home pick-up you join our luxury touring coach and head northwards to Cheshire making regular comfort stops en-route.

Monday - Wednesday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day – World of Wedgwood & Trentham Estate

Today we visit the World of **Wedgwood**, an award-winning attraction in the heart of Staffordshire. Home to the prestigious brand, Wedgwood, enjoy a **one hour guided Factory Tour**, before exploring the V & A Wedgwood Collection, the Tea Room and shops. We then continue to the **Trentham Estate**, which is a special place, set in acres of spectacular natural beauty and home to award-winning gardens, ancient woodland, a unique shopping village and a large garden centre.

Full Day - Chester

Today we go to **Chester** to explore all this wonderful historic city has to offer. To start our day, we enjoy a relaxing half hour **cruise along the River Dee**, before discovering Chester's remarkable cathedral with Europe's finest example of medieval carvings; the unique 700-year-old Rows galleries of shops; the largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain and the most complete City Walls in Britain.

Full-day - Knutsford & Anderton Boat Lift

Today we head to the historic, quaint and quirky town of **Knutsford**, home to Tudor, Georgian, Victorian and even Italianate-style buildings, we have time here before moving onto the **Anderton Boat Lift**. Here we use the lift while sitting in our boat which puts us onto the **River Weaver** where we have a cruise.

Thursday – After a leisurely breakfast we leave **Cheshire** and head south for our journey home, making regular comfort stops en route. Arriving back on the Island early evening.

Crewe Hall Hotel & Spa

Cheshire



This 4-star hotel is set in 500 acres, the hotel consists of the original hall, a Grade 1 listed building, a chapel, modern bedroom blocks and a large indoor swimming pool. With free Wi-Fi, each room provides an en-suite bathroom, a flat-screen TV with some Sky channels, a hairdryer and tea and coffee-making facilities. Leisure facilities include a spa with a swimming pool, a steam room, sauna and whirlpool. Lift to all floors

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Welcome drink on arrival Tea/Coffee
- Porterage
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance into the World of Wedgwood
- Entrance into Trentham Estate
- Anderton boat lift & cruise
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Excursions as listed.

£745 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing
£180 Single Supplement) All single rooms are double/twin for sole use





MAGICAL MERSEYSIDE WEEKEND BREAK Friday 31st July – 4 Days

This fantastic city on the water has something for everyone, with so much history from Maritime to Music. Not just famous for The Beatles and its music heritage, ever popular Liverpool also has the largest collection of museums and galleries in the UK outside of London.

Tour Itinerary

Friday – We head northwards making regular comfort stops en-route. Upon arrival at our **4-star Pullman Hotel on Liverpool's waterfront** our luggage is taken to our room while we enjoy a welcome tea/coffee.

Saturday – After breakfast we meet our local guide for a **2-hour guided coach tour** around Liverpool, showcasing all the sights of this famous city. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore and enjoy. With so many museums you are spoilt for choice, or maybe visit one of the many Beatles attractions or simply enjoy the fabulous shopping, the choice is yours!

Sunday – After a leisurely breakfast you have a **free day** to explore this famous city & attractions. Perhaps take the Mersey River cruise or indulge in a spot of retail therapy.

Monday – After breakfast we leave Merseyside, after departing our hotel we head south making regular comfort stops en route, arriving back on the Island early evening.

Pullman Hotel Liverpool

Liverpool Waterfront



Located at Kings Dock in a prime position on Liverpool's famous waterfront, next to the new state of the art Liverpool Exhibition Centre, the Pullman Hotel is just a 5-minute stroll to the vibrant Albert Dock and all its famous attractions. There are 216 modern, well-decorated bedrooms finished to a high standard which also contain bathrobes and slippers. Views from the bedrooms are of the Albert Dock or the Mersey River. The large, modern, open plan restaurant has views over some areas of the Albert Dock and there is a comfortable bar and well-equipped gym. Hotel facilities include, Cable/Satellite Colour TV, Stereo Free WiFi

Tea/Coffee Making Facilities

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Portage
- 3 Nights half/board
- Dinner 3 courses with 3 choices of menu
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Guided tour of Liverpool

£525 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£125 single Supplement
All single rooms are double or twin for sole use



HOO FANCIES THIS SCENIC SUFFOLK TOUR? Monday 3rd August – 5 Days

As one of the most beautiful areas of England, Suffolk retains a quintessential charm that makes it a worthy addition to any programme. Our itinerary takes in the delightful Suffolk coast, Anglo Saxon Sutton Hoo (filming location for the recent film "The Dig"), a scenic boat cruise, Ipswich Marina, and a stunning garden.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - After a home pick-up we head towards East Anglia making en-route arriving in Suffolk late afternoon. Tea/coffee will be served before settling into your rooms.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day - Today we enjoy a tour along the picturesque Suffolk coast, starting with a visit to **Southwold**, complete with its famous painted beach huts and lovely pier, before continuing to the pretty village of **Thorpeness**, with its pretty mock Tudor houses and the fairy-tale 'House in the Clouds'. We enjoy free time here for lunch before continuing to **Aldeburgh**, which retains features from a bygone era.

Full Day – This morning, we head to the lovely village of Walsingham for a relaxing **2-hour cruise with tea/ coffee and scones** along the River Deben, one of the most beautiful and wildlife-rich havens on the Suffolk coast. After our narrated boat trip, we travel southward to **visit the Beth Chatto Gardens**. Created from wasteland in the 1960s by plantswoman Beth Chatto OBE, this collection of informal themed gardens illustrates the principle of 'finding the right place for the right plant' and include everything from a Gravel Garden of unirrigated plants to a shady Woodland Garden and serene Water Garden—all a joy to wander around.

Half Day – This morning brings a **guided tour** of the world-famous Anglo-Saxon burial site of **Sutton Hoo**, the beautiful 255-acre estate where one of Britain's greatest archaeological finds. This afternoon brings free time to enjoy beautiful Ipswich Marina, which neighbours our hotel. Perhaps take a stroll to admire the yachts and dip into the shops and cafes fringing the waterfront.

Friday – After a leisurely breakfast we head back to the Island making regular comfort stops en-route. Arriving back on the Island early evening.

Salthouse Harbour Hotel

Ipswich, Suffolk



This contemporary, boutique hotel is set on the beautiful Ipswich waterfront. Each of the modern bedrooms has been individually designed with a personal touch, with plenty of warm and welcoming tones and contemporary furnishings. Rooms are also equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities, while some also enjoy fantastic views over the marina. The sleek and stylish public areas, including the Salthouse Eatery, bar and lounge areas, feature contemporary décor dotted with pieces of art

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance to Sutton Hoo
- Guided Burial Mound Tour
- River Deben Cruise
- Cream Tea on cruise
- Entrance into Beth Chatto Gardens
- Excursions as listed

£849 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£190 Single Supplement All single rooms are double or Twin for sole use



EDINBURGH TATTOO Monday 10th August – 5 Days

Image: ©The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

This unforgettable event, which takes place on the floodlit Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle, provides a military precision extravaganza for all lucky enough to attend. One thousand musicians and performers from across the globe take the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle by storm at the annual Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - We head northwards making regular comfort stops en-route to **Peebles**, our base for the next four nights.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with three included excursions.

Tattoo Day – After a leisurely lunch we travel towards Edinburgh, where we have a **Blue Badge guided tour** of this iconic city onboard the coach. We then have free time in the historic city of Edinburgh before the evening performance of the Tattoo.

Full Day – Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's most historically important sites and was once a favoured residence of the **Stewart kings and queens** who held grand celebrations at the castle. Knights, nobles and foreign ambassadors once flocked to Stirling Castle to revel in its grandeur with its superb sculptures and beautiful gardens. Today you can meet the costumed characters in the roles of bodyguards, court officials, maids of honour and servants who will welcome you into 16th century life. Other highlights include the Great Hall, Chapel Royal, Castle Exhibition, Regimental Museum, Great Kitchens, Tapestry Studio and the nearby Argyll's Lodging, a 17th century town house.

Full Day - A full day excursion to the **Falkirk Wheel**, this Link was an ambitious £84.5m project with the objective of restoring navigability across Scotland on the historic Forth & Clyde and Union Canals, here you will have an **inclusive boat trip** on the Union Canal which includes a lift on the Falkirk Wheel, a fascinating day out for all. On the return we visit the Kelpies, standing at 100ft tall and weighing more than 300 tonnes each, the magical Kelpies are a man-made wonder and a feat of engineering.

Friday - We make our way home, via the motorway network making regular comfort stops en - route returning to the Island by mid evening.



The Barony Castle Hotel

Peebles

★★★★

This imposing historic hotel is located in 25 acres of tranquil gardens and woodland, a short drive from the border town of Peebles. Inside the historic façade, this hotel has all the facilities of a modern hotel, including full leisure facilities with an indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna and mini-gym. Each of the 78 bedrooms are well equipped with hairdryer, satellite television, and tea/coffee making facilities. The main bar and restaurant have recently been refurbished and make a great relaxation area and in the summer there is additional seating outside on a terrace. There is a lift to all floors; however some single rooms are accessed via a flight of steps.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board (lunch instead of dinner on Tattoo day)
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Porterage
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Entrance into Stirling Castle
- Entrance ticket for the Tattoo
- Falkirk Wheel boat lift & Boat cruise
- Excursions as listed

£965 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

£155 Single Supplement
All rooms are double or twin for sole occupancy



5 DAY MYSTERY TOUR Thursday 13th August – 5 Days

Thursday – After a complimentary home pick-up we join our luxury touring coach and cross the Solent and head for ?? Only the driver knows where!

Friday – Sunday – At leisure with 3 included excursions.

Monday – After breakfast we head back to the Island arriving early evening.



Hotel

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★★★★

This modern, welcoming hotel is ideally located for our excursions. The 157 bedrooms are stylish and well equipped with a TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities & free WIFI. A good number of rooms are located on the ground floor. There is a contemporary restaurant, bar and lounge.

Your holiday includes

- Home pick up
- Porterage
- Tea/coffee on arrival at hotel
- Choice of menu
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- All admissions
- All Excursions included

£775 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

£135 Single Supplement (all single rooms double or twin for sole occupancy)



TRADITIONAL LANCASHIRE BY SAIL & RAIL

Thursday 20th August – 5 Days

Image: Liam Barnes

This tour is based on the edge of the West Pennine Moors, an area of dramatic and distinctive landscape of high moorland and deep-cut valleys, straddling the Yorkshire - Lancashire border. It has the Yorkshire Dales to the north and the Peak District National Park to the south.

Tour Itinerary

Thursday – We head northwards making regular comfort stops en-route arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

Friday - Sunday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day – We begin our day with a guided tour of **Samlesbury Hall**. This fabulous half-timbered black and white medieval house, built in 1325. We then make our way to Riley Green Marina to embark upon a **narrow boat cruise** along the Leeds Liverpool Canal. During our cruise, we enjoy a **two-course lunch** on our spacious, accessible boat.

Full Day - This morning, we head straight to **Bury and its famous market** – voted Britain's best – where we can browse the extensive stalls in the large market hall and outside. After an early lunch it is time to board our train as we step back in time for a **nostalgic trip on a steam train** along the East Lancashire Railway. Our final stop is **Gawthorpe Hall**, affectionately known as the **"Downton of the North"** and is a fine example of Elizabethan architecture.

Full Day – This morning, we join a **step on guided tour** from **Oswaldtwistle** to enjoy a scenic drive through the **picturesque Ribble Valley**. Our journey ends at the Oswaldtwistle Mills shopping village and garden centre. This award winning former weaving mill has over 100 retailers under one roof, 5 restaurants, an ice cream parlour, garden centre, mill grounds, craft and sewing centre, Textile and Heritage Museum and even its own wildfowl reserve. After time browsing the shops, we take the weight off our feet and sit down for a **traditional Lancashire lunch of pie, mushy peas, bread and a cup of tea/coffee**.

Monday – We leave Preston and head home making regular comfort stops en-route.

Delta Marriot Hotel

Preston

★★★★



This 4-star Victorian manor hotel Originally a Victorian manor house provides the perfect base for exploring the Pennines. The hotel offers spacious hotel rooms filled with amenities, including plush bedding, flat-screen TVs, Wi-Fi access and room service. The hotel also offers a garden and a terrace, as well as an indoor pool and a sauna.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Porterage
- Entrance & Guided tour of Samlesbury Hall
- Canal Cruise with Lunch
- Steam Train Excursion
- Admission into Gawthorpe Hall
- Blue Badge Guided Tour of Ribble Valley
- Excursions as listed

£865 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing
£189 Single supplement (All single rooms are double or twin for sole use)



A WEEKEND IN BATH & BRISTOL

Friday 28th August – 4 Days

Our tour of Bristol and Bath includes a guided tour of Aerospace Bristol, a jaunty Bristol boat trip and a full day in Bath. These two cities' make a great weekend away for a relaxing break.

Tour Itinerary

Friday – After a home pick-up we head west to **Dorchester** for lunch and viewing, before continuing onto Bristol to the **Hilton Garden Inn Bristol City Centre** our base for the next 3 nights.

Saturday – We spend today at leisure in Bath where we can visit the remains of one of the finest spas of the ancient world, The Roman Baths, maybe lunch in the **Roman Baths Kitchen or Pump Room** Restaurant. We can then explore stunning Bath Abbey, the **Jane Austen Museum** or the Fashion Museum amongst other fine options.

Sunday - Our day starts with a visit to the restored harbourside area of Bristol. From the harbourside we take a 60-minute **Bristol Packet Boat Trip** with commentary. Once a thriving dock, the area is alive with the buzz of Sunday markets, waterside restaurants and bars. In the afternoon, we enjoy a **guided tour of Aerospace Bristol**, which offers a unique glimpse inside the aerospace industry from the point of view of the people who designed and built our nation's aircraft over the past 100 years. We get the chance to step aboard its star attraction, the iconic **Concorde Alpha Foxtrot**, the last of the **supersonic passenger jets** to be built and the last to fly.

Monday – After a leisurely breakfast we leave Bristol and head to **Devizes** a historic market town with a colourful Medieval past, wealth of history and architectural heritage with more than 500 listed buildings and a large Market Place in the heart of the town. We then continue to **Salisbury** for an afternoon stop before heading to Southampton for our return journey to the Island.

Hilton Garden Inn

Bristol City Centre

★★★★



Located next to the historic Temple Gardens, the Hilton Garden Inn Bristol is a five-minute walk to Temple Mead's railway station and 10-15 minutes' walk to Cabot Circus, Bristol's popular shopping quarter. The bright bedrooms feature neutral décor and are equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Some offer views of Temple Gardens and the ruins of the 17th century Temple Church. The stylish restaurant, bar and lounge areas are modern and comfortable and there is an outdoor terrace for alfresco dining.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Porterage
- Welcome drink tea/coffee
- 3 nights half/board accommodation
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- 1 hour Bristol Floating Harbour tour
- Entrance to Aerospace Bristol & guided tour
- Excursions as listed

£435 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£115 Single Supplement
All single rooms are double or twin for sole use

NEW

DISCOVER THE CHARMS OF ALSACE: A JOURNEY THROUGH STORY BOOK VILLAGE'S & VINEYARDS Sunday 6th September – 7 Days

Discover the heart of Alsace, a captivating region where French and German cultures intertwine, set against a backdrop of rolling vineyards, pastel-coloured half-timbered houses, and majestic castles. This immersive journey combines history, gastronomy, and scenic beauty in one of France's most charming and underrated regions

Tour Itinerary

Sunday - After a home pick up we head to Dover where we cross the channel to Calais, we continue south to the **4-star Mercure Reims Parc Des Expositions Hotel** our overnight stop.

Monday - After a leisurely breakfast we leave the hotel and make our way south into the Alsace region making comfort stops en-route, arriving at the **L'Ours de Mutzig Hotel** our base for the next 4 nights.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with two included excursions.

Excursions

Full Day - Alsace Wine Route

Today we enjoy the wonderful vineyards and mountain scenery of the Alsace Wine Route with stops in its prettiest towns. Our first stop is the village of **Gertwiller** for a browse in a traditional gingerbread shop. Next, we visit

the region's oldest and most picturesque medieval town, **Ribeauvillé** with free time to enjoy lunch. Afterwards, we will visit a local vineyard to try the delicious Alsace wines and learn more with a **guided cellar tour**. With so many beautiful villages to visit, we have free time to explore one more, charming **Riquewihr**.

Full Day - Strasbourg

We spend the day in the picturesque and historic port city of **Strasbourg**, the capital of the region and centre of the European Parliament. Set in a beautiful setting on the River Rhine, this morning, we take a **circular river cruise** from downtown to the European Parliament through to the imperial district of Neustadt. Afterwards, we have lunch and the rest of the afternoon at leisure. With German and French influences, explore La Petite France as well as the Gothic Cathedrale Notre-Dame with its famous astronomical clock.

Full Day- Colmar & Mont Saint-Odile

This morning, we travel to the pretty town of **Colmar** for a **guided tourist train journey** which takes us all around the pretty half-timbered houses and canals before time at leisure for lunch. Afterwards, we drive to the spectacular **Vosges Mountains** and the peak of **Mont Saint-Odile** for incredible views of the Plain of Alsace and a walk around the historical site of **Hohenburg Abbey**. We will then return to our hotel with a scenic drive along the way.

Friday - After breakfast we make our way north making regular stops en route to the **4-star Mercure Reims Parc Des Expositions Hotel** for our overnight stop.

Saturday - After an early breakfast we make our way north to Calais for our crossing to Dover. We then continue our journey to the Island arriving back in the evening.

L'Ours de Mutzig Hotel

Mutzig, Alsace

★★★★

Situated near the Bruche River and the start of the scenic Wine Route, L'Ours de Mutzig Hotel & Restaurant offers all guests a warm welcome combining comfort with traditional hospitality. All 47 guest rooms are comfortable featuring a hairdryer, free Wi-Fi, satellite TV and telephone. The charming restaurant with pretty terrace offers a traditional Alsace menu with a choice of locally produced beers and wines.



Your holiday includes

- 6 nights half board
- Door to Door Service
- Porterage
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Welcome glass of wine on arrival main hotel
- Guided tour of cellar & tasting
- Tasting 3 Alsace organic wines & local Kougelhopf cake
- Strasbourg boat cruise
- Colmar petit train ride
- Excursions as listed
- Escorted by tour manager throughout

£1099 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£255 Single Supplement
All single rooms are double or twin for sole use



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CASTLES, COBBLES, & TALL SHIPS IN KENT

Monday 14th September – 5 Days

Image: Matty Graham

Come with us on this enriching tour, taking in romantic Leeds Castle, handsome Penshurst Place, and a relaxing lunch cruise along the scenic River Medway. Also, a visit to the restored naval dockyards, tall ships and a spirited World War II history

Tour Itinerary

Monday – We journey east to visit **Leeds Castle** one of the Palaces of Henry V111 which is the first stop of the day. We leave late afternoon for the **4-star Bridgewood Manor Hotel**, on arrival at our hotel your luggage will be taken to your room while you enjoy a welcome drink of tea/coffee.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with three included excursions

Full Day - This morning, we travel to Maidstone where we board our river cruiser, the Kentish Lady, for a **lunch cruise on the River Medway**. Take a seat in the glass-enclosed craft and admire the countryside as we cruise, enjoying a tasty fish & chip or picnic lunch along the way. We can enjoy the licensed on-board bar if we wish.

Full Day - Today we visit **The Historic Dockyard Chatham**, one of Britain's richest maritime history destinations. Covering 80 acres at Chatham's former naval dockyard, the exhibits span 400 years of shipbuilding heritage. Amongst other activities, we can explore a Cold War submarine, WWII destroyer and Victorian sloop. We also take a **Victorian Ropery Tour** to learn the art of ropemaking through exhibits and demonstrations.

Full Day – We begin this morning with a visit to stunning **Penshurst Place**, a 14th-century manor house with 11 acres of formal gardens. We discover the fascinating interior and impressive grounds. This afternoon we enjoy free time in the delightful town of **Tunbridge Wells** with time to explore the **historic Pantiles area**, which dates to the early 17th century and is home to a range of shops, elegant galleries and popular eateries.

Friday – After a leisurely breakfast we head to **Wisley Gardens**, the flagship garden of the RHS, Wisley is Britain's best loved garden with 240 acres offering a fascinating blend of the beautiful with practical and innovative design and cultivation techniques. We then continue our journey south arriving back on the island early evening.



Bridgewood Manor Hotel

Kent
★★★★★

A warm welcome awaits at the charming Bridgewood Manor Hotel, situated near Maidstone, the county town of Kent. Each of the 100 spacious bedrooms is equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities, and guests also enjoy free use of the leisure facilities, which include an indoor pool, sauna, steam room and gym. The restaurant offers a pleasant dining experience and there is plenty of comfortable seating in the bar for relaxing. Outside, there is also a pretty courtyard to enjoy.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Welcome Tea/Coffee on arrival
- Porterage
- 4 Nights Half Board
- Choice of menu
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance into Leeds Castle
- Cruise & Lunch on the River Medway
- Excursions as listed

£815 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£144 Single Supplement (all single rooms are double/
twin for sole use)



BLACKPOOL LIGHTS & LAKES

Monday 21st September – 5 Days

Our Lakes & Lights tour is based in the heart of Blackpool this year. Included in this holiday is a trip to the beautiful Lake District and to the Illuminations. The Blackpool Illuminations consist of almost every kind of light display you can imagine: lasers, neon, light bulbs, fibre optics, searchlights and floodlighting, during the illuminations Blackpool hosts a multitude of attractions, shows on the piers, theatres and the Pleasure Beach.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - We make our way northwards to Blackpool, making regular comfort stops en route arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with three included excursions.

Blackpool & Illuminations

We spend today at leisure in Blackpool. Stroll the **famous promenade or Central Pier** for stunning views over the golden beaches and Irish Sea, visit Showtown, the resort's new all-singing, all dancing museum. Soak up panoramic views from the top of the Blackpool Tower, browse the shops or simply relax in one of the many great restaurants, cafés or bars. This evening, we enjoy a 75-minute tram tour along Blackpool Promenade to see the best sights of the seaside town.

Full Day – This morning, we make our way via Newby Bridge to Bowness-on-Windermere. We have some free time to explore this pretty town before we embark on a scenic **30-minute Lake Cruise to Ambleside**. On arrival in Ambleside, we meet our coach to take us into its charming centre where we have time at leisure to have lunch, stroll the picturesque streets and see the iconic Bridge House. Next, we travel to **Grasmere** where have time free. Be sure to visit The Grasmere Gingerbread Shop for some of its traditional gingerbread!

Full Day - After breakfast we make our way to **Liverpool**. There is so much to see and do in this vibrant city from museums to the maritime docks, maybe a cruise across the Mersey or a bit of retail therapy, the choice is yours.

Friday – After breakfast we head south, making regular comfort stops en route. We arrive back on the Island early evening.



Park House Hotel

Blackpool
★★★

The family-run Park House Hotel is located on Blackpool's North Promenade, overlooking the seafront. The town's main attractions are within easy walking distance and there is convenient tram access right outside the hotel. The 103 bedrooms are comfortable and each offer a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves good quality meals and guests can relax with a drink in the bar lounge or sun lounge overlooking the sea.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Porterage
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Lake Windermere Cruise
- 75-minute Lights tram tour
- Free use of leisure facilities at the Doric Hotel
- Excursions as listed

£585 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
No Single Supplement



THE CREAM OF DEVON

Monday 28th September – 5 Days

Dawlish is located at the outlet of a small river, Dawlish Water (also called The Brook), between Permian red sandstone cliffs, and is fronted by a sandy beach with the South Devon Railway Sea wall and the Riviera Line railway above. The Lawn, through which Dawlish Water flows is also known for its black swans (introduced from Western Australia, which live with other exotic waterfowl in a small urban sanctuary on Dawlish Water.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - After a home pick-up we head westwards making regular stops for en-route arriving in Dawlish late afternoon. Tea/coffee will be served before settling into your rooms.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with three included excursions.

Full Day - After breakfast, we travel across the heart of Dartmoor stopping at **Princetown**, being the place where Sir Arthur Conan Doyle found his inspiration for "Hound of the Baskervilles". Here we visit the **Dartmoor Prison Museum** and learn about life 'inside' one of the worlds most famous and notorious jails. We then continue our journey to **Plymouth Barbican** where Drake and Raleigh once weighed anchor, today you can find a bustling community of specialist shops, restaurants, cafés, and world-class attractions, all in a picturesque harbour setting.

Full Day - After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to **Powderham Castle**, which has over 600 years of history situated on the banks of the river Exe and surrounded by a beautiful deer park. There will be a guided tour of the house and free time to enjoy the rose and woodland gardens.

Half Day - After breakfast we have a cruise on the quiet and calm waters of the beautiful River Exe to Topsham with tea or coffee included. We then continue to **Buckfast Abbey** for viewing and lunch, before returning to Dawlish where the rest of the day is at leisure.

Friday - After breakfast we head back to the Island via **Weymouth** where we stop for lunch & viewing, arriving back on the Island early evening.



Langstone Cliff Hotel

Dawlish

★★★★

The Langstone Cliff Hotel is immersed within 19 acres of woodland on the beautiful Devon coast, this family-run hotel boasts magnificent views over the golden sandy beaches and Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve.

A former Victorian gentleman's residence, Langstone Cliff now provides comfortable hotel accommodation, with so much to see and do in the area. The 64 en-suite bedrooms are located on just 2 floors with 10 rooms located on the ground floor. The remainder are on the first floor which can be reached by a lift or 4 staircases. The hotel boasts indoor and outdoor swimming pools, plus a Spa and wellness centre

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- 1 drink of beer, wine, sherry, or soft drink before dinner
- Admission into Powderham Castle & Deer Park
- Cruise on the River Exe
- Admission into the Dartmoor Prison Museum
- Excursions as listed

£815 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£125 Single Supplement
All single rooms for guests are double for sole use.



WELLS WEEKENDER & BEYOND

Friday 2nd October – 4 Days

The historic Swan Hotel is fabulously located in the very centre of the city, for a weekend well spent in Wells and its surrounds! We enjoy free time to explore the fine city, with the highlight being a guided tour of Wells Cathedral, described as "unquestionably one of the most beautiful" and "the most poetic" of English cathedrals, completed with a tasty cream tea.

Tour Itinerary

Friday - After a home pick-up we head to **Salisbury** for viewing & lunch. We then continue to the city of Wells arriving at the **Swan Hotel** late afternoon, there will be time to settle in prior to dinner this evening

Saturday - We enjoy a full day in Wells today, the smallest city in England. Small but perfectly formed, Wells offers numerous historical marvels such as the famous 14th century Astronomical Clock, The Bishop's Palace & Gardens and, of course, the outstanding cathedral. We begin our day at the popular outdoor street market held every Saturday in Wells Market Place. In the afternoon we enjoy a **guided tour of Wells cathedral**, taking in highlights such as the magnificent West Front, the stunning stained glass Jesse Window, the Cathedral Clock and the Scissor Arches. We also enjoy a cream tea during our visit.

Sunday - After breakfast, we travel to historic **Glastonbury**, a town associated with the legend of King Arthur and famed for its alternative lifestyle and annual music festival. We enjoy a **45-minute guided tour of Glastonbury Abbey**, whose buildings, ruins and parkland are said to conceal Arthur's burial place. After free time for lunch in Glastonbury, we visit **Cheddar Gorge**, a towering limestone gorge in the Mendip Hills. We have time at leisure to view the cliffs, stalactite-filled caves, independent shops and cafes before returning to the hotel.

Monday - We head back to the Island via **Dorchester**, a vibrant town with plenty to explore, where you will have time for shopping and lunch. We then travel the short journey to visit **Sculpture by the Lakes**. Described as one of the most beautiful and unique settings in the UK. With over 120 pieces positioned across The Sculpture Park, it is a place where you can experience art and the landscape working seamlessly together.



Swan Hotel

Wells

★★★★

The historic, award-winning 4-star Swan Hotel could not be more centrally located or have a more dramatic view. Located directly opposite Wells Cathedral, All 46 bedrooms are furnished in an elegant, traditional style and are equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Owing to the historic nature of the building, there is no lift but there are three ground floor rooms located in the adjoining Coach House. The hotel boasts an elegant yet modern bar, a comfortable.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 3 nights half board with choice of menu
- Portage
- Cathedral cream tea
- Tour of Glastonbury Abbey
- Entrance into Sculpture of the Lakes
- Entrance into Cheddar Gorge
- Excursions as listed

£515 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£120 Single Supplement
All single rooms are double for sole use



LAKE DISTRICT STEAM & CRUISE Sunday 4th October – 5 Days

The breath-taking scenery of the Lake District encompasses beautiful, rugged crags, wooded valleys and tranquil lakes, nostalgic steam train journeys and relaxing lake cruises.

Tour Itinerary

Sunday – After being picked up from home we join our luxury touring coach and head northwards via the motorway network towards Cumbria. Comfort stops will be made en-route, arriving at the **4-star Grange Hotel** late afternoon.

Monday - Wednesday - At leisure with three included excursions

Excursions

Full Day – Keswick & Ullswater Cruise

Today we have a wonderfully scenic trip through the heart of the **Lake District** to the ever-popular North Lakes tourist town of **Keswick**, under the shadow of Skiddaw, before continuing to England's most beautiful lake, Ullswater, for a **cruise on a 'steamer' from Pooley Bridge to Glenridding**. Return via the narrow, but beautiful Kirkstone Pass.

Full Day - Haverthwaite Railway Lake Windermere

Today we enjoy a steam train journey through the beautiful **Leven Valley on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway**, before boarding a delightful **cruise along Lake Windermere**, England's largest lake, from Lakeside to Bowness-on-Windermere. Bowness is popular all year round and people come here to sail on the lake or just to relax and savour the atmosphere and the town's delightful setting

Full Day - Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway

Full steam ahead to the Western Lakes for a nostalgic trip back in time on the **Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway**, affectionately known by the locals as 'La'al Ratty'. Enjoy a return trip on Lakeland's oldest and longest railway from the delightful coastal village of Ravenglass through two glorious valleys to the foot of England's highest mountains.

Thursday – After breakfast we leave Cumbria and return home making regular comfort stops en-route. Arriving back on the Island early evening.



The Grange Hotel

Grange-over-Sands

★★★★

Enjoying an unrivalled position in Grange-over-Sands, with panoramic bay views with landscaped gardens on the edge of the Lake District, the Grange Hotel's leisure suite features a pool, hot tub, sauna and steam room. Each en suite bedroom has satellite TV, a work desk and tea/coffee. A lift is available to all floors. Built in 1866, Grange Hotel is opposite Grange-over-Sands Rail Station, and has panoramic bay views



Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Welcome drink on arrival Tea/Coffee
- Portage
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Lakeland Steam railway journey
- Cruise on Lake Windermere
- Ullswater cruise
- Journey on the Ravenglass Railway
- Excursions as listed

£799 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing
No Single Supplement)



THE BEST OF CORNISH COAST & COUNTRY Monday 12th October – 5 Days

Image: © Dune Dreams Photography

Based in Newquay, this tour takes in breathtaking gardens, coastline and beautiful Cornish stately homes. We feature a coastal train ride, Truro and the magnificent Lost Gardens of Heligan where we discover its spectacular gardens and the UK's only outside jungle!

Tour Itinerary

Monday – We head west via Bodmin Moor and Dartmoor making regular comfort stops en-route, arriving in the hotel late afternoon.

Tuesday - Thursday at leisure with three included excursions.

Excursions

Full Day – Truro & The Lost Gardens of Heligan

This morning, we make our way to the city of Truro. we can enjoy a stroll around the town's attractions, including the stunning Gothic Revival Cathedral. After lunch, we head to the amazing **Lost Gardens of Heligan** where we enjoy a leisurely **1 hour guided tour** of the main features of the Northern Gardens followed by a **cream tea**. With over 200 acres of garden paradise to explore, we then have time at leisure to explore more of the breathtaking surroundings, including the spectacular jungle!

Full Day – Train Journey & St Ives

This morning, we drive to **St Erth** to board our regular train for a journey along the beautiful coastline past Carbis Bay to the very heart of **St Ives**. We have time here to explore this famous resort before returning to our hotel in the late afternoon by coach.

Full Day – Boscastle, Tintagel and Port Issac

Our day of touring starts with a visit to the picturesque natural harbour and village of **Boscastle**. Surrounded by steep cliffs, the picture-postcard village is home to quaint stone-built cottages, shops and tearooms. Steeped in magic and mystery, our next visit is to **Tintagel** set on a rugged headland and famous for its connection with King Arthur, dramatic coastline and abandoned slate quarries. Our final visit is to **Port Issac**, a charming fishing village which might look familiar as it's the setting for the **TV series Doc Martin**.

Friday – We leave the Cornwall and return home making regular comfort stops en-route. Arriving back on the Island early evening.

The Fistral Beach Hotel

Adults Only Hotel - Newquay

★★★★

The Fistral Beach Hotel offers spacious and contemporary public areas and stunning views across the bay. All 71 bedrooms are accessible by lift and are equipped with TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The modern restaurant offers fantastic views while the large bar and lounge area is perfect for relaxing with drinks. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, jacuzzi, sauna & steam room.



Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Portage
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Admission into the Lost Gardens of Heligan, Guided tour plus a cream tea
- Excursions as listed

£785 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing
£99 Single Supplement (all single rooms are double or twin for sole use)
Sea view room supplement £235 P/Room



Image: © Adam Gibbard and Visit Cornwall





BEAUTY OF THE PEMBROKESHIRE COAST Monday 19th October – 5 Days

Pembrokeshire has it all – stunning scenery, a spectacular coastline with miles of perfect sandy beaches, great attractions, and a very warm Welsh welcome. The scenery on its own is fabulous, but to spoil you even more, we also take in Tenby, Pembroke Castle and the National Botanic Gardens of Wales.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - We head westwards towards **Wales** stopping en-route for lunch. On arriving at the hotel late afternoon, we have Tea/Coffee while our luggage is taken to our rooms.

Tuesday to Thursday at leisure with three included excursions.

Half Day - Today, we enjoy a guided tour of **Pembroke Castle**, mighty fortress and birthplace of Henry VII. We have free time for lunch here or in the historic walled town of Pembroke. Attractions include Pembroke Town Hall, home to the Pembroke Murals which depict the history of Pembroke through the ages, Pembroke Museum & the medieval Parish Church of St Mary. We then continue our tour with free time in the town of Cardigan.

Full Day - After a leisurely breakfast we head for **Tenby** where we can explore at leisure, in this pretty picture postcard town. Stroll around the picturesque harbour, visit the **Tenby Museum and Art Gallery** or browse the indoor market. With its golden beaches, quant cobbled streets and medieval town walls, Tenby is considered by many to be the prettiest town in Wales.

Full Day - First, we visit the market town of **Cardmarthen** one of the oldest if not the oldest town in Wales. One of Cardmarthen's most famous early residents was Merlin the Magician. We have time here to explore the town & market which is on Wednesdays. After lunch we head for the **National Botanic Gardens of Wales**, with rolling fields, a necklace of lakes, gentle cascades and mature woodlands all contribute to a seemingly timeless and ever-present landscape.

Friday - After breakfast, we leave **Cardigan** and head South stopping en route for lunch and regular comfort stops, arriving back on the Island early evening.



The Cliff Hotel & Spa

Cardigan

★★★★

The refurbished and extended Cliff Hotel & Spa is located on a cliff overlooking Cardigan Bay and enjoys spectacular views. All 73 bedrooms are stylish and decorated to a high standard, with some being in the main building and newer bedrooms in the extension. There is a lift however it does not access some sections of the upper floors. Dinner is served in the Ballroom and there is a stylish, relaxing bar which has unbelievable views. Fantastic leisure facilities include a saltwater hydro spa with treatment rooms (charges apply), a steam room, sauna, hot tub, and gym. The hotel also has a 9-hole golf course.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Portage
- 4 nights half board
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Entertainment
- 1hr free use per day of Hydro Spa, spa bath, gym & steam room
- Guided tour of Pembroke Castle
- Entrance into National Botanic Gardens of Wales
- Excursions as listed

£675 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£85 Single Supplement



THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR Monday 9th November – 4 Days

The Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas theatre show in the country. Set in the magical surroundings of a lavishly decorated auditorium with thousands of twinkling lights, Christmas trees and festive decorations, this Christmas musical experience delivers an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, dazzling costumes, music, humour and variety from a cast of over 130 performers.

Tour Itinerary

Monday - We leave the island and head north to Norwich arriving late afternoon. A welcome drink awaits you while your luggage is taken to your rooms.

Tuesday - After lunch we head into **Norwich** where we spend the afternoon before heading to Thursford for what will be the highlight of our break, the **Thursford Christmas Spectacular**. Before the show, we have time to discover the 'olde worlde' village of shops, selling everything from fabulous Christmas decorations, gifts, crafts and toys to fashion and accessories. We then take our seats for this spectacular musical extravaganza, a veritable celebration of the festive season with an eclectic fusion of traditional carols and chart-topping favourites by a cast of over 130 professional singers, dancers and musicians.

Wednesday - After a leisurely breakfast we spend a day exploring the unique landscape of the **Norfolk Broads**, with its scenic waterways, thatched cottages and ancient hamlets. Visiting the charming villages of **Potter Heigham** and **Wroxham**, the 'Capital of the Broads'.

Thursday - After breakfast we head south for our journey home arriving back on the Island early evening.



The Dunston Hall Hotel

Norwich

★★★★

This 4-star country hotel retains a traditional elegance amidst 150 acres of landscaped grounds and is located within easy reach of Norwich. The sizeable public areas include an elegantly decorated traditional bar and a large, impressive restaurant. Each of the 169 bedrooms is equipped with modern facilities including hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities, and satellite TV. You may take the opportunity to relax in the enviable leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, and steam room. The hotel has a lift.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Welcome drink on arrival
- 3 nights half board accommodation
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Excursions as listed
- Entrance into the Thursford
- Spectacular.
- Lunch instead of dinner on this day

£675 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£117 Single Supplement
(All single rooms are double or twin for sole use)



LIGHTS UP! BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS

Friday 13th November – 3 Days

Image: © Blenheim

This tour celebrates the start of the festive season with a visit to one of the most famous and grand stately homes in England. Blenheim Palace's Christmas Light Trail is a sight to behold, with some early Christmas shopping opportunities thrown in, it's a great way to start off the festivities.

Tour Itinerary

Friday – After a home pick-up we leave the Island and travel direct to **Bath**, arriving late morning, where we have time for lunch and viewing. Bath is a city so beautiful and special that it is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Roman Baths, splendid Abbey and Georgian stone crescents have attracted visitors for centuries. We then continue our journey to the 4-star **Hilton Hotel** Oxford

Saturday – After a leisurely breakfast we first head to **Oxford** with its magnificent architecture, boasting over 1,500 listed buildings from every major period of British architectural history since the 11th Century, the centre looks like an enchanted fairy-tale city making it a firm favourite of film makers and the inspiration for famous writers. We'll have time for lunch here before making our way to **Blenheim Palace light trail** for a late afternoon arrival, timed for the darkness. We see the grounds and buildings lit up as we follow the **Christmas Light Trail**, with more than a million lights, lasers and sounds bringing the gardens to life. We then return to our hotel for a late dinner.

Sunday - After a leisurely breakfast we make our way south stopping at **Winchester**, where there will be time for lunch and to meander around the City's shops & sights before returning home, arriving back on the Island early evening.



BIRMINGHAM FRANKFURT CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday 20th November – 3 Days

Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market is a firm fixture in the city's annual calendar. The largest authentic Christmas market outside of Germany or Austria, Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market offers a large range of traditional gifts and a selection of tempting food and drink. Pretzels, bratwurst, and roasted almonds will tempt your tastebuds, all of which can be washed down with gluhwein, weissbeer (wheat beer), or tasty hot chocolate.

Tour Itinerary.

Friday – After a home pick-up we leave the Island and travel to **Marlborough** town for a morning tea/coffee break, we then continue our way to **Cirencester** stopping for lunch & viewing. We arrive at our **4-star hotel the Crowne Plaza** our base for the next 2 nights, we have a welcome drink of tea/coffee while our luggage is taken to our rooms.

Saturday – After a leisurely breakfast we travel to **Birmingham** for the day to visit the **traditional Frankfurt Xmas market**, with free live music programme on the stage in the heart of Victoria Square. Visitors' favourite musicians from **Germany and Birmingham** will be back with lunchtime music sessions. whilst you're here why not pick up some presents for your family and friends with everything from handcrafted wooden decorations, beautiful eco-friendly star lights and delicate glass baubles to the ever-favourite crystal lamps, toys, and much more besides!

Sunday - After a leisurely breakfast we head south stopping at **Winchester** for lunch where there will also be time to meander around the **City's Christmas market** before returning home, arriving back on the Island early evening

Doubletree by Hilton

Oxford

★★★★



The DoubleTree by Hilton Oxford Belfry hotel is in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside. The 154 bedrooms are to an excellent standard with modern furnishings and neutral décor. All are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a relaxed and welcoming environment in the stylish Spires Restaurant and guests can relax with a drink in the bar and lounge area. Leisure facilities include a pool, sauna, gym & spa

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Portage
- 2-night Half Board accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Tea/Coffee after dinner
- Blenheim Palace Light trail
- Excursions as listed

£399 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£95 Single Supplement

Crowne Plaza

Stratford-upon-Avon

★★★★



A 10-minute walk from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and only a 5-minute walk to Shakespeare's Birthplace, you couldn't be better placed for all things relating to The Bard. The city centre with its shops and attractions is less than a mile away and you'll find a warm welcome awaits in this modern and spacious hotel, including a lovely garden area with outdoor seating. All bedrooms are stylish and airy and are equipped with a TV, hairdryer, air-conditioning, mini-fridge, iron/ironing board, Wi-Fi and tea/coffee making facilities. 'Quills', the main restaurant, is set as a fresh, bistro-style dining experience whilst the bar offers a range of drinks in a relaxing environment, perfect for discussing the days' sightseeing.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- Portage
- Welcome drink on arrival Tea/coffee
- 2-night half/board accommodation
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Excursions as listed.

£325 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£65 Single Supplement (all single rooms are double/twin for sole use)



LONDON WEEKEND BREAK Friday 27th November – 3 Days

England's capital city is perfect for a short break. With wonderful shopping, cultural museums, breath-taking architecture, fabulous theatres and a dazzling nightlife, London has all the ingredients for the perfect city break. Take the opportunity to do some shopping, book a show or simply enjoy our capital city.

Tour Itinerary

Friday – We leave the island and head for **Windsor** where we have time to explore this historic town, famous for its Royal connections, before heading into central London to the **4-star London Bridge Hotel** our base for the next 2 nights.

Saturday – Today is a free day for you to explore London at your own pace. Why not take in the sights, visit the museums and galleries or even see a show. The city is a shopper's paradise, with luxury stores such as **Harrods, Selfridges and Fortnum and Mason** as well as the small eclectic shops and stalls of **Covent Garden Market** and the world class department stores of Oxford Street. You may choose to spend a few hours in the **British Museum, Tate Modern or Science Museum** browsing the fantastic collections at no cost. Or perhaps catch a show!

Sunday – After a leisurely breakfast we board the coach and enjoy a **tour of the city**, taking in some of London's most famous sights. We then travel to Tower Bridge where we join our river boat for a **90-minute cruise along the Thames**, where we can relax and watch the sights of the capital pass by. We then say goodbye to London and head for home, arriving back on the Island early evening.

London Bridge Hotel

London

★★★★



Take a unique mix of stylish design, indulgent comfort and a very warm welcome, and you're close to what to expect at London Bridge Hotel. You'll feel instantly at home at the four-star boutique London hotel, where service comes first. It's positioned in one of London's most diverse boroughs. With the bright lights of the city one way and the quirky stalls of the South Bank and Borough Market another, you'll be spoilt for choice for things to do on both sides of London Bridge. Guests seeking an unforgettable stay in the heart of the city will find London Bridge Hotel the ideal choice.

Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 2 nights bed and breakfast
- River cruise
- Included excursions

£399 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

£95 S/Supplement



LIEGE & MAASTRICHT CHRISTMAS MARKETS Friday 4th December – 4 Days

Every year, during Advent (the period of the four Sundays before Christmas) the colourful Christmas market is held in Place St Lambert & Place du March in Liege. Thousands of visitors attend the market and enjoy the holiday atmosphere of the place. A giant Christmas trees with colourful lights, Christmas songs that are played all over and more than two hundred booths that sell presents, holiday decorations, toys and holiday delicacies.

Tour Itinerary

Friday – After a home pick up we head to Dover for the crossing to **Calais**. We continue our journey south via Dunkirk, Brugge, Brussels and arrive in **Liege** early evening.

Saturday – To do as you please in **Liege** there is so much to do and see in this vibrant city and of course don't forget the wonderful Christmas markets held in **Market Square, Place Saint-Lambert, and Cathedral Square Which includes a 30m Ferris Wheel, . Ice Treasure, Sledding Slope, and a Christmas Pyramid.**

Sunday – After breakfast we have a morning tour to the **Dutch city of Maastricht** where we can view the local **Christmas markets** with a **45 m Ferris wheel, Indoor ice rink Curling, and winter slides** situated at on picturesque Vrijthof Square, flanked by the basilicas of **St. Servatius and St. John.**

Monday – After breakfast we leave **Liege** and head back to Calais for our return crossing to Dover. We then travel back to the Island arriving in the evening.

Mercure City Centre Hotel

Liege

★★★★



Mercure Liege City Centre is located next to the river La Meuse and offers guests comfort and modern conveniences in a historic setting in town. The 17th-century restaurant and bar, a former Recollectines convent, creates a stunning environment. When the evening falls, relax and sip a drink on the outdoor terrace in the beautiful gardens



Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 3 Nights B/B
- Channel crossing
- Tour to Maastricht
- Xmas markets

£495 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

Based on 2 adults sharing.
£130 single Supplement
All single rooms are double or twin for sole use



CHRISTMAS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT – LAKE WINDERMERE Wednesday 23rd December – 5 Days

Step into a truly magical festive escape with our Christmas in the Lake District tour—where snow-dusted fells, twinkling lights, and roaring fires create the perfect seasonal setting. Arriving in the heart of the Lake District, you'll be welcomed by charming villages dressed in sparkling lights, traditional inns glowing with warmth, and the crisp winter air that makes Christmas feel truly special.

Tour Itinerary

Wednesday - After a home pick-up we head Northwards making regular stops en-route arriving at **Newby Bridge Hotel** late afternoon, Tea/coffee will be served before settling into your cosy accommodation, where comfort meets seasonal cheer, and let the celebrations begin.

Thursday - Saturday at leisure with two included excursions.

Excursions

Christmas Eve - Afternoon Excursion

Your afternoon begins with a gentle departure from the hotel, as you travel through the enchanting winter landscapes that make the Lake District so special at this time of year. We visit **Bowness-on-Windermere** this picturesque lakeside village is beautifully decorated for Christmas. Enjoy free time to wander the festive streets, warm up with a mulled wine or hot chocolate in one of the cosy cafés overlooking the lake. As

dusk begins to fall, we return to the hotel in time to relax and prepare for **Christmas Eve celebrations**.

Christmas Day – Merry Christmas!

Bucks fizz at Breakfast with gifts (if you've been good!)

Traditional Xmas Day 4 course lunch with all the trimmings. In the afternoon an opportunity to watch the King's speech in the lounge area with tea/coffee & Mince Pies. **Light evening cold buffet** including meats, cheese, salads, pork pies etc.

Boxing Day – Boxing Day Morning Scenic Tour

Ease into Boxing Day with a gentle and refreshing morning tour, perfect for blowing away the cobwebs after Christmas Day indulgence. Departing from the hotel after breakfast, your journey begins with a leisurely drive through the peaceful **Southern Lake District**,

where the crisp winter air and quiet roads create a wonderfully calm atmosphere. We return to the hotel early afternoon, for **Xmas cake & Tea**.

Sunday – After breakfast we head back to the Island making regular comfort stops on route. Arriving back on the Island early evening.

Newby Bridge Hotel

Lake Windermere



Set at the tranquil southern tip of Lake Windermere, the Newby Bridge Hotel offers a warm and traditional Lake District stay, combining classic charm with modern comfort. Surrounded by landscaped gardens and just a short stroll from the lakeshore, the hotel enjoys a peaceful setting with beautiful views across the water and nearby fells—an ideal base for exploring the quieter side of the Lakes. Inside, the hotel has a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere. Guests can unwind in comfortable lounges with log fires, dine in the light and airy Garden View Restaurant overlooking the gardens.



Your holiday includes

- Door to Door service
- 4 nights half board
- Welcome drink on arrival Tea/Coffee
- Porterage
- Choice of menu plus tea/coffee after dinner
- Boxing Day Activity/Entertainment TBC
- Excursions as listed

£1095 KARDAN TRAVEL PRICE
PER PERSON

No Single Supplement
All single rooms for guests are double for sole use



KARDAN TRAVEL



Birmingham Tattoo



Carrick on Shannon



Grange over Sands



Loch Lomond



Dawlish



London



Douglas



Liverpool



Blackpool

Day Excursions

Kardan Travel offer a varied programme of day tours throughout the year with over 40 local Island pick up points. With over 80 Day tours to choose from, our tours start in March with the ever-popular Stitch Festival in London. During the year there is a packed programme of events including river cruises, steam train rides, antiques fairs, gardens visits and horse racing. We return to some of the most iconic historic places such as Highclere Castle and Windsor Castle. As the year ends, we take you to the best Christmas markets as well as other festive themed events.

With Day Tours running from March – December 2026 there is something to cater for all ages.



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