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# Welcome to the 2019 edition...

## ...of the Alfa Travel holiday brochure!

### Dear Holidaymaker,

Welcome to the 2019 edition of the Alfa Travel holiday brochure! We've been working hard to bring you even more new holidays and excursions. Packed with inspiring holiday ideas, as you browse through this latest brochure you will discover a fantastic range of carefully planned coach holidays, River Cruise and hotel breaks across the UK, Ireland and Europe.

You can uncover some new destinations on our increasingly popular River Cruise tours with more destinations available for 2019 along with a new ship – MV Esmerelda (see page 56).

Let's not forget our Alfa Elite Tours, which are new to our South tour programme for 2019. With a selection of high quality resorts, guaranteed 4+ hotels and premiere excursions to choose from, you really can get a taste for the finer things in life. (See page 10).

If entertainment is a key part of your holiday then why not take a look at our Leisureplex Cabaret Spring weekends which bring you some of the best local cabaret acts for a fun filled party weekend (see page 9). There's also our Spring Specials Breaks at Blackpool (see page 35) and our Scottish themed evenings at Dunoon (see page 48) which include a £1 bar on pre-Easter departures and themed entertainment. Plus, we have partnered with Away! Resorts for another year to bring you some exciting entertainment breaks with an even bigger selection of Coach Holiday and Self Drive dates to choose from (see page 9).

If a coach holiday isn't for you then perhaps you can take advantage of our unbeatable value for money Self Drive Hotel Breaks. With fabulous locations to choose from across the UK, the difficult bit will be deciding where to go first. (See page 60).

It's been another exciting year for the Alfa Leisureplex Group, not only have we celebrated our third anniversary as an employee owned Company, but we were also highly commended as Employee Owned Rising Star of the Year at the UK Employee Ownership Awards.

Look out for the **NEW** ribbons and pink **NEW!** text as you browse through our brochure, these highlight any new tours and excursions. Whether you're looking for a new adventure or seeking to rediscover the hidden delights of some of our most loved seaside resorts, we think you'll find the perfect holiday with us.

We would like to thank all of our loyal customers for their continued support, as well as welcome new holidaymakers joining the Alfa experience.

We look forward to welcoming you on an Alfa holiday very soon.

### Happy Holidays!

Lucia Maguire

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Tours Director



Alfa Travel, an employee owned company

### YOUR HOLIDAY CHOICE UK, Ireland and Europe

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**NEW**  
Coach Holidays.  
Look out for the  
**NEW** ribbons.



**NEW**  
River Cruise.  
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**NEW**  
Elite Tours.  
See page 10.



**NEW**  
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**NEW**  
Excursions.  
Look out for  
the pink text.



**NEW**  
Scottish Themed  
Evenings. See  
page 48.





**2 NIGHTS**  
FROM  
**£59**  
PER PERSON

ENJOY THE FLEXIBILITY OF YOUR OWN

## Self Drive Hotel Break

Choose from prime locations in the best UK holiday resorts. See page 60.

## Autumn & Spring Offers

### Spring and Autumn Single Saver\*

No single supplements at Leisureplex Hotels on holidays departing between October and April.



### Double Room as Single Offer\*\*

Double rooms used as singles are charged only a standard single supplement at Leisureplex Hotels on all departures in October to December and Spring departures returning prior to Easter.



### Free Drinks on Pre-Easter Holidays

Have a drink on us! Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine, beer or a soft drink with dinner every evening on tours returning prior to Easter at all Leisureplex Hotels.



### Free Lunches on Resort Days

Lunch is included on free days in resort (October-April) at all of our Leisureplex Hotels. 5 day breaks include lunch on one free day whilst 7 day breaks include lunch on all free days in resort.



### Blackpool Single Saver\*

No Single Supplements at Queens Hotel, Blackpool. Excludes August, September, Christmas & New Year.



## SAFE AND SECURE

### Financial Security

We are fully bonded tour operator members of the Association of British Travel Agents, so you can be sure that all payments made to us in advance of your holiday are fully protected.



### Holiday Insurance

It is vital that you are covered by adequate personal insurance when you travel. The insurance policy we offer is very competitive and has no age restrictions (see page 67).

## ALFA HOTEL GRADES

To help you choose the right hotel we have considered the things we know are important to you, including the comfort and location of the hotel, frequency of entertainment and service and catering standards. Look out for the Alfa grading on each hotel description.

Where applicable, we have also included the AA star rating. Although not all hotels are part of the scheme, for those that are it gives you another indication of the standard of accommodation we offer.

GRADE	DESCRIPTION
ⓐ	Basic standard of accommodation, similar to guest house standard
ⓐⓐ	Good standard of accommodation, perhaps with self-service restaurant or limited entertainment
ⓐⓐⓐ	Very good standard of accommodation, equivalent to 2 or 3 star standard, with choice of menu and usually entertainment
ⓐⓐⓐⓐ	Excellent accommodation, superb facilities and high standard of catering
ⓐⓐⓐⓐ+	Superb accommodation, offering exquisite service and cuisine, unique to our Elite tours.

## ICON KEY



Lift in hotel



Entertainment on at least one evening



Tea/Coffee making facilities in room



WiFi access provided



Number of bedrooms in hotel



# Super Savers

## VALUE FOR MONEY BUDGET BREAKS

Make your budget go further by letting us surprise you with our choice of destination!

The first surprise is how much you can save by taking a Super Saver holiday.

We guarantee a saving of at least 10% and savings can be as high as 30% - amounting to a whopping £100 per person! The second pleasant surprise comes when we inform you approximately 14 days prior to departure which destination we have chosen for you. What is never a surprise is how consistently good these holidays are. They are perfect for our regular clients who know they can trust in the consistent high quality provided by our Leisureplex Hotels\* to deliver a memorable holiday.

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£129**  
PER PERSON

7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£189**  
PER PERSON

8 DAYS  
FROM  
**£289**  
PER PERSON

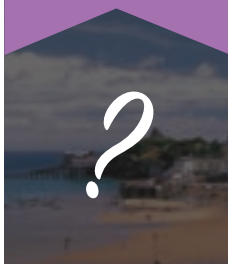
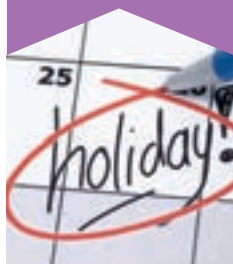
## How does it work?

Choose the date on which you wish to travel and the length of holiday you want. There are 5, 7 and 8 day durations available to select.

You can book your holiday online at [www.alfatravel.co.uk](http://www.alfatravel.co.uk), over the phone with our friendly reservations team or visit your local travel agent.

When you book, we send you a Confirmation showing the date, duration and cost of your holiday and a provisional seat allocation but the destination remains a mystery!

14 days prior to departure, we choose the destination for your holiday and send you a new Confirmation showing the holiday we have chosen for you including the seat you have been allocated.



PART OF THE FUN IS NOT KNOWING WHERE YOU WILL BE GOING, BUT SAFE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU WILL BE STAYING AT ONE OF OUR LEISUREPLEX HOTELS.\*

### NOTES:

- It is not possible to reserve specific seats on Super Saver holidays and the seat number shown on your initial Super Saver Confirmation is a notional one only. The actual seat allocated will be shown on the Final Confirmation which you will receive approximately 14 days prior to departure.
- Because of the limited time between final allocation of your holiday and departure, we regret that it is not possible to operate our Special Requirements procedure on Super Saver holidays.
- Where clients book 8 day holidays, we reserve the right to amend your departure date by one day (from a Saturday - Saturday holiday to a Sunday - Sunday holiday or vice versa). In all other cases, the date of departure of your Super Saver will be the date of your actual departure.
- Super Saver prices exclude insurance and any single room supplements.

- All Super Saver rooms are sold as standard rooms and it is not possible to book sea view rooms. On rare occasions clients booking a Super Saver may be allocated a sea view room. If so, this will be at our expense - making your saving even greater!
- Your Super Saver destination is selected at the discretion of Alfa Travel and in booking a Super Saver holiday you undertake to accept whichever Hotel is allocated to you. The only exception to this is that if you have been to the allocated hotel with us within the previous 6 months, you may request an alternative which we will attempt to provide, but if no alternative is possible you undertake to travel to the resort we have selected.

\* There are occasions when our Super Saver tours will stay at one of our carefully chosen partner hotels. This will be shown on the final confirmation which you will receive approximately 14 days prior to departure.

### 5 Day Holidays - SS5EC

#### Departs Monday - Returns Friday

Feb 11	£129	Apr 15, 22	£159
Feb 18, 25	£134	Oct 21, 28	£164
Mar 4	£139	Nov 4	£159
Mar 11	£144	Nov 11, 18, 25	£169
Mar 25	£149	Dec 2, 9	£169
Apr 1	£144	Dec 23	£364

#### Departs Saturday - Returns Wednesday

Apr 6	£154	Aug 3, 10	£219
Apr 13	£159	Aug 17	£214
Apr 20	£154	Aug 24	£214
May 4	£169	Aug 31	£209
May 11	£189	Sep 7	£204
May 18, 25	£204	Sep 14	£194
Jun 1, 8	£209	Sep 21	£174
Jun 15, 22, 29	£214	Sep 28	£164
Jul 6, 13, 20, 27	£219	Oct 5, 12	£164

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£27	Single (Dec 23)	£25
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### 7 Day Holidays - SS7EC

#### Departs Sunday - Returns Saturday

Mar 17	£189	Jun 16, 23, 30	£309
Apr 21	£229	Jul 7, 14, 21, 28	£309
Apr 28	£239	Aug 4	£309
May 5	£249	Aug 11, 18	£289
May 12	£254	Aug 25	£284
May 19, 26	£284	Sep 1, 8	£299
Jun 2	£284	Sep 15	£299
Jun 9	£299	Sep 29	£294

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38		
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### 8 Day Holidays - SS8EC

#### Departs Saturday - Returns Saturday

May 4	£289	Jun 6, 13, 27	£334
Jun 1, 8, 29	£329	Aug 10, 24, 31	£329

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£44		
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## THE PERFECT TIME TO ESCAPE TO THE SEASIDE

Make your Easter Weekend one to remember with our fantastic 3 night breaks departing on Good Friday, April 19th and returning on Easter Monday 22nd April 2019.

### ALFA INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- En suite rooms
- Entertainment on at least one evening at Leisureplex Hotels
- Return coach travel from local pick up points
- 2 half day excursions

### SUPER SAVERS



Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Our Choice	SS4EC	2 excursions of our choice
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements at Leisureplex Hotels</i>		

### WESTON-SUPER-MARE



Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Anchor Head	4100EC	Cheddar Gorge & Wells; Bristol
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements.</i> Room with a view £16		

### ILFRACOMBE



Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Imperial	4110EC	Barnstaple; Lynton & Lynmouth
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements.</i> Room with a view £16		

### NEWQUAY



Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Eliot	4130EC	Truro; Padstow
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements.</i> Room with a view £16		

### ISLE OF WIGHT Sandown



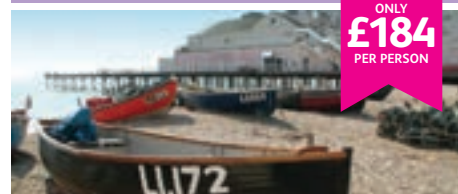
Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Bayshore	4195EC	Newport; Ryde
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements.</i> Room with a view £16		

### ISLE OF WIGHT Shanklin



Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Shanklin	4203EC	Godshill; Newport
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements.</i> Room with a view £16		

### BOGNOR REGIS



Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Royal Norfolk	4205EC	Arundel; Chichester
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements.</i> Room with a view £16		

### EASTBOURNE



Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Queens	4215EC	Hastings; Newhaven & Seaford
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements.</i> Room with a view £16		

### TENBY



Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Cliffe Norton	4380EC	Pembroke; Narberth
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements.</i> Room with a view £16		

### PORTHCAWL



Hotel	Code	Half Day Excursions Included
Seabank	4385EC	Swansea; Barry Island
Supplements per person: <i>No single supplements.</i> Room with a view £16		

# Spring Breaks

## LENGTHENING DAYS, PRISTINE BEACHES AND SPRINGTIME BLOSSOM

Start the year in style and book one of our fantastic, value for money Spring Breaks. With a choice of 5 or 7 day holidays with included excursions designed to add pleasure and interest to your trip, there can be no better way to enjoy the Spring sunshine.

### ALFA INCLUDES

#### 7 Day Spring Breaks

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- Rooms with en suite bath or shower
- Entertainment on at least 4 evenings at Leisureplex Hotels
- Lunches on free days in resort at Leisureplex Hotels (March and April only)
- At least 3 excursions as detailed
- Coach travel from pick up points listed on page 65

#### 5 Day Spring Breaks

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- Rooms with en suite bath or shower
- Entertainment on at least 2 evenings at Leisureplex Hotels
- Lunch on one free day in resort at Leisureplex Hotels (February, March and April only)
- At least 2 full day excursions
- Coach travel from pick up points listed on page 65

7 DAYS  
FROM  
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PER PERSON

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£129**  
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SEE PAGE  
35 FOR  
**BLACKPOOL  
TOURS**

SPRING SPECIALS AT  
**BLACKPOOL**

★ **£1 BAR** ★

every Tuesday & Thursday evening  
on Pre-Easter departures

plus

**THEMED ENTERTAINMENT**  
ON SELECTED DATES

Offer also available on relevant  
Self Drive Breaks (see page 60)

Look out for  
the prices in  
Green for Spring  
Special tours

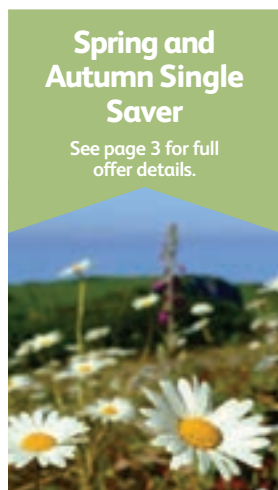
### 7 Day Spring Breaks – 2019 prices in £s per person

Tour	Hotel	Code	Full Day Excursions Included (Excursions are full days, except where (H) denotes a half day excursion)			Mar 17	Apr 21	Apr 28	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
						Sun	Sun	Sun	Sun	Sun	Sun	Sun
Weston-S-Mare	Anchor Head	102EC	Bristol	Bath	Cheddar Gorge & Wells	£214	-	-	£299	-	£329	-
Ilfracombe	Imperial	113EC	Barnstaple & Woolacombe	Bideford and Hartland Abbey	Lynton, Lynmouth & Dunster	£209	-	£274	-	£304	-	£334
Exmouth	Cavendish	158EC	Teignmouth & Dawlish	Sidmouth & Seaton	Dartmoor & Torquay	£224	£309	-	£329	-	£359	-
Newquay	Eliot	132EC	Eden Project	St Ives	Padstow (H)	£209	-	£284	-	-	£384	-
Torquay	Regina	153EC	Exmouth & Sidmouth	Teignmouth & Exeter	Buckfast Abbey (H)	£219	-	£289	-	£319	-	£369
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	173EC	Lyndhurst & Beaulieu	Salisbury & Shaftesbury	Weymouth & Portland	-	-	£289	-	-	-	£354
Isle Of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore	197EC	Osborne House & Cowes	Alum Bay & Godshill	Rosemary Vineyard & Ryde (H)	£224	-	-	£324	-	£374	-
Isle Of Wight - Shanklin	Shanklin	203EC	Isle of Wight Steam Railway & Cowes	Alum Bay & Godshill	Rosemary Vineyard & Ryde (H)	£234	-	£329	-	£354	-	£384
Eastbourne	Queens Eastbourne	218EC	Brighton	Battle & Carr-Taylor Vineyard	Rye & Hastings	-	-	-	£319	-	£349	-
Gt. Yarmouth	New Beach	263EC	Cromer & The Broads	Aldeburgh, Southwold & Beccles	Norwich	-	-	£284	-	-	£329	-
Cromer	Hotel de Paris	269EC	Great Yarmouth & The Broads	North Norfolk Coast & Sandringham	Norwich	-	£279	-	-	£334	-	-
Skegness	Royal, Skegness*	272EC	Mablethorpe, Louth & Wainfleet	Lincoln	Boston & Spalding	£254	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarborough	Cumberland	277EC	Bridlington & Beverley	North York Moors & Whitby	York	£224	-	£299	-	£324	-	£359
Lake District	Auckland*	297EC	Windermere & Coniston	Ulverston & Grange over Sands	Ullswater and Keswick   Kirkby Lonsdale (H)	-	£339	-	-	£359	-	-
Southport	Best Western Royal Clifton & Spa*	311EC	Liverpool	Blackpool	Chester	-	-	-	-	£359	-	-
Blackpool	Queens Blackpool	307EC	Ribble Valley & Skipton	Southport	Lake Windermere Cruise & Grasmere	-	-	-	-	-	£324	-
Llandudno	Hydro	353EC	Anglesey & Beaumaris	Betws-y-Coed & Conwy	Caernarfon & Snowdonia	£224	£319	-	£319	-	£339	-
Criccieth & Snowdonia	George IV	368EC	Barmouth & Ffestiniog	Snowdon	Portmeirion	-	-	£329	-	£359	-	-
<b>NEW TOUR</b> Tenby	Cliffe Norton	382EC	<b>NEW!</b> Pembroke and St Davids	<b>NEW!</b> Narberth and Carmarthen	<b>NEW!</b> Broad Haven (H)	-	-	-	-	-	£359	£369
<b>NEW TOUR</b> Porthcawl	Seabank	387EC	Tenby	<b>NEW!</b> Swansea & Braclet Bay	<b>NEW!</b> Cardiff & St Fagans National History Museum	£224	-	-	£329	-	-	-
<b>NEW TOUR</b> Historic Houses Of South Wales	Seabank	389EC	<b>NEW!</b> Llancaich Fawr Manor & Caerphilly	<b>NEW!</b> Stradey Castle & Margam Country Park	<b>NEW!</b> Cowbridge (H)	-	-	-	-	-	-	£379
Super Saver**	Our Choice	SS7EC	At least 2 full day excursions included			£189	£229	£239	£249	£254	£284	£284

Supplements per person: **No single supplements at Leisureplex hotels on Mar & Apr departures!** **Feb-Apr:** Room with a view £28. Double/Twin as Single £32. **May:** Single Supplement £38. Room with a view £37. Double/Twin as Single £76.

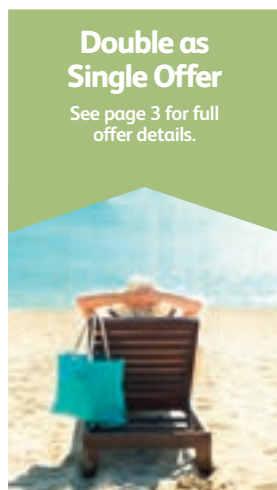
\* Denotes non Leisureplex Hotel. These do not include lunches in resort. Supplement prices also vary. \*\* On Super Saver holidays you choose the date and we choose the destinations and seats, which are notified to you approximately 14 days prior to departure.





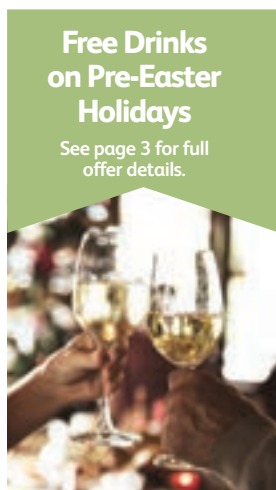
## Spring and Autumn Single Saver

See page 3 for full offer details.



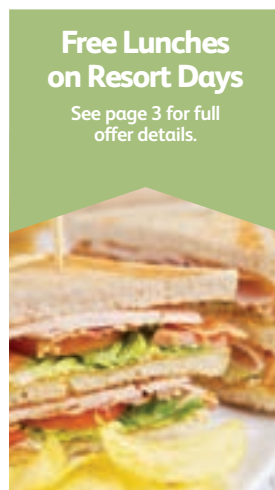
## Double as Single Offer

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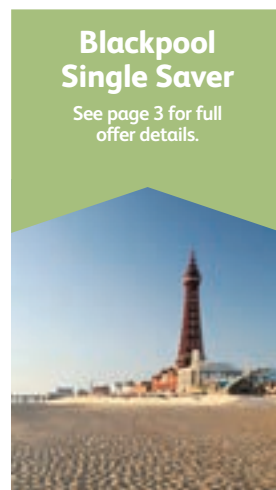
## Free Drinks on Pre-Easter Holidays

See page 3 for full offer details.



## Free Lunches on Resort Days

See page 3 for full offer details.



## Blackpool Single Saver

See page 3 for full offer details.

### 5 Day Spring Breaks – 2019 prices in £s per person

Tour	Hotel	Code	Full Day Excursions Included (Excursions are full days, except where (H) denotes a half day excursion)	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25	Mar 4	Mar 11	Mar 18	Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 15	Apr 20	Apr 22	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
				Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Sat	Sat	Mon	Sat	Mon	Sat	Sat	Sat	Sat
Weston-S-Mare & Bath	Anchor Head	5100EC	Bath Cheddar Gorge & Wells	£149	-	-	£154	-	-	-	-	£179	-	-	-	£189	-	£234	-	-
Ilfracombe & Exmoor	Imperial	5110EC	Minehead, Lynton & Lynmouth Barnstaple & Bideford	-	-	-	-	£159	-	-	£169	-	-	£179	-	£184	-	-	-	-
Exmouth	Cavendish	5155EC	Sidmouth & Seaton Teignmouth & Dawlish	£154	-	£159	-	£169	-	£174	-	£174	-	£179	-	£184	-	£244	-	-
Newquay & Eden Project	Eliot	5132EC	Eden Project Padstow & Bodmin	-	-	-	-	£164	-	-	£174	£179	-	-	-	£194	-	-	-	-
Torquay & Exeter	Regina	5150EC	Dartmouth Teignmouth & Exeter	-	£149	£154	£159	-	-	-	£174	£179	£184	-	-	£194	£224	-	-	-
<b>NEW TOUR</b> Falmouth	Penmere Manor*	5141EC	<b>NEW!</b> Lizard and Flambards <b>NEW!</b> Padstow	-	-	-	£329	-	-	-	-	-	-	£379	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	5170EC	Lyndhurst & Salisbury Weymouth & Portland	£149	£154	-	£154	£164	-	-	-	£184	-	-	£204	-	-	-	-	-
Weymouth	Central*	5165EC	Poole & Bournemouth Dorchester, Bridport & Abbotsbury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£234	-	-
Isle Of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore	5195EC	Newport Alum Bay & Cowes	-	-	-	-	-	-	£169	-	-	£179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Isle Of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore	5196EC	Alum Bay & Cowes Isle of Wight Steam Railway & Godshill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£244	-	£249	-	£264
Isle Of Wight-Shanklin	Shanklin	5200EC	Alum Bay & Godshill Ryde & Cowes	-	-	-	£154	£164	-	£174	£179	£184	-	-	£204	-	-	-	-	-
Eastbourne & Brighton	Queens Eastbourne	5215EC	Rye & Hastings Brighton	£154	-	£159	-	£164	-	£179	-	£194	-	-	£199	-	-	-	-	-
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk	5205EC	Chichester & Arundel Portsmouth & Southsea	-	£154	-	£159	-	-	£164	-	£179	-	£189	-	-	-	-	-	£254
Gt.Yarmouth	New Beach	5260EC	Cromer & Sheringham Norwich	-	-	-	-	-	£174	-	-	-	£174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cromer	Hotel De Paris	5265EC	Great Yarmouth & Wroxham Sheringham & Norwich	-	-	-	£159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cromer	Hotel De Paris	5266EC	Sheringham & Norwich Great Yarmouth & The Broads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£184	-	-	-	-	-	-	£254	-
Derbyshire Dales	Jurys Inn Sheffield*	5317EC	The Northern Peaks, Bakewell & Chatsworth House Ashbourne & Buxton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£219	-	-	-	-	-
Scarborough & Whitby	Cumberland	5276EC	Bridlington & Beverley North York Moors & Whitby	-	£149	-	-	-	-	-	-	£174	-	-	£194	-	£229	-	-	-
Tour Of Yorkshire	Jurys Inn Sheffield*	5285EC	Hull & The Deep Leeds & Wakefield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£229	-	-	-	-
Blackpool	Queens Blackpool	5305EC	Ribble Valley & Oswaldtwistle Mills Southport	-	-	£154	-	£159	-	£164	£159	-	-	-	£169	-	£189	-	-	-
Pride Of The North	Crewe Arms (Sapphire), Crewe*	5314EC	Manchester Liverpool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£229	-
<b>NEW TOUR</b> West Wales Rural Ranger	Ivy Bush Royal, Carmarthen*	5375EC	<b>NEW!</b> Dyfed Shire Horse Farm & Cardigan <b>NEW!</b> Aberglasney Gardens & Llandeilo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£279	-	-
Llandudno	Hydro	5350EC	Caernarfon & Snowdonia Betws-y-Coed & Conwy	-	£149	£154	-	£164	-	-	-	-	£184	-	£194	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW TOUR</b> Tenby	Cliffe Norton	5380EC	<b>NEW!</b> Pembroke and St Davids <b>NEW!</b> Narberth and Carmarthen	-	£154	£159	-	-	£179	-	£189	-	£194	-	-	£254	£254	-	-	£274
Gardens Of South Wales	Seabank	5387EC	National Botanic Garden of Wales & Aberglasney Gardens Dyffryn Gardens & St Fagans National History Museum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£209	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW TOUR</b> Porthcawl	Seabank	5388EC	<b>NEW!</b> Brecon Mountain Railway & Cyfarthfa Castle <b>NEW!</b> National Botanic Gardens of Wales & Swansea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£199	-	-	-	-	£269	-
Super Saver**	Our Choice	SS5EC	At least 2 full day excursions included	£129	£134	£134	£139	£144	-	£149	£144	£154	£159	£159	£154	£159	£169	£189	£204	£204

Supplements per person: No single supplements at Leisureplex hotels on Feb-Apr departures! Feb-Apr: Room with a view £20. Double/Twin as Single £25. May: Single Supplement £27. Room with a view £27. Double/Twin as Single £54.

\* Denotes non Leisureplex Hotel. These do not include lunches in resort. Supplement prices also vary. \*\* On Super Saver holidays you choose the date and we choose the destinations and seats, which are notified to you approximately 14 days prior to departure.

Take a look at our **NEW** exquisite Alfa Elite Tours – see page 10.



# Autumn Breaks

## ENJOY AN AUTUMN BREAK WITH ALFA TRAVEL

What better time to take a break than as the browns and golds of Autumn light up our beautiful British countryside? With a 5 day holiday with included excursions designed to add pleasure and interest to your trip, there can be no better way to enjoy those beautiful Autumn days.

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£164**  
PER PERSON



### ALFA INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- Rooms with en suite bath or shower
- Entertainment on at least 2 evenings at Leisureplex Hotels
- Lunch on one free day in resort at Leisureplex Hotels (October only)
- At least 2 full day excursions
- Coach travel from pick up points listed on page 65

### Spring and Autumn Single Saver

See page 3 for full offer details.

### Double as Single Offer

See page 3 for full offer details.

### Free Lunches on Resort Days

See page 3 for full offer details.

### Blackpool Single Saver

See page 3 for full offer details.

## 5 Day Autumn Breaks – 2019 prices in £s per person

Tour	Hotel	Code	Full Day Excursions Included (Excursions are full days, except where (H) denotes a half day excursion)		Sep 21 Sat	Sep 28 Sat	Oct 5 Sat	Oct 12 Sat	Oct 21 Mon	Oct 28 Mon
Weston-S-Mare & Bath	Anchor Head	5100EC	Bath	Cheddar Gorge & Wells	-	-	£194	-	£189	-
Ilfracombe & Exmoor	Imperial	5110EC	Minehead, Lynton & Lynmouth	Barnstaple & Bideford	£204	-	£184	-	£184	£174
Exmouth	Cavendish	5155EC	Sidmouth & Seaton	Teignmouth & Dawlish	£219	£209	£204	£204	£199	£199
Newquay & Eden Project	Eliot	5132EC	Eden Project	Padstow & Bodmin	-	£199	-	£189	-	£189
Torquay & Exeter	Regina	5150EC	Dartmouth	Teignmouth & Exeter	£214	-	£209	-	£204	£194
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	5170EC	Lyndhurst & Salisbury	Weymouth & Portland	£219	£204	£194	£194	£194	-
Weymouth	Central*	5165EC	Poole & Bournemouth	Dorchester, Bridport & Abbotsbury	-	-	-	£209	-	-
Isle Of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore	5195EC	Newport	Alum Bay & Cowes	£214	-	£204	£204	£204	£194
Isle Of Wight - Shanklin	Shanklin	5203EC	Rosemary Vineyard, Ryde & Cowes	Isle of Wight Steam Railway & Godshill	-	-	£244	-	-	-
Eastbourne & Brighton	Queens Eastbourne	5215EC	Rye & Hastings	Brighton	£214	£209	-	£204	£204	£199
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk	5205EC	Chichester & Arundel	Portsmouth & Southsea	£219	-	£199	£199	-	£199
Gt.Yarmouth & Broads	New Beach	5261EC	Cromer & The Broads	Norwich	-	£199	-	£194	-	-
Cromer	Hotel De Paris	5265EC	Great Yarmouth & Wroxham	Sheringham & Norwich	-	-	£204	-	£204	-
Scarborough & Whitby	Cumberland	5276EC	Bridlington & Beverley	North York Moors & Whitby	-	£219	-	£204	-	-
Tour Of Yorkshire	Jurys Inn Sheffield*	5285EC	Hull & The Deep	Leeds & Wakefield	£239	-	-	-	-	-
Blackpool	Queens Blackpool	5305EC	Ribble Valley & Oswaldtwistle Mills	Southport	-	£249	-	£239	-	-
<b>NEW TOUR</b> West Wales Rural Ranger	Ivy Bush Royal, Carmarthen*	5375EC	<b>NEW!</b> Dyfed Shire Horse Farm & Cardigan	<b>NEW!</b> Aberglasney Gardens & Llandeilo	£284	-	-	-	-	-
Llandudno	Hydro	5350EC	Caernarfon & Snowdonia	Betws-y-Coed & Conwy	£214	-	£204	-	£204	£194
Criccieth	George IV	5365EC	Caernarfon & Snowdonia	Ffestiniog & Porthmadog	-	£214	-	-	-	£204
<b>NEW TOUR</b> Tenby	Cliffe Norton	5380EC	<b>NEW!</b> Pembroke & St Davids	<b>NEW!</b> Narberth and Carmarthen	£239	-	£204	-	£204	-
<b>NEW TOUR</b> Porthcawl	Seabank	5386EC	<b>NEW!</b> Cardiff and St Fagans National History Museum	<b>NEW!</b> Swansea and Braclet Bay	-	-	-	-	£204	-
<b>Super Saver**</b>	<b>Our Choice</b>	<b>SS5EC</b>	<b>At least 2 full day excursions included</b>		<b>£174</b>	<b>£164</b>	<b>£164</b>	<b>£164</b>	<b>£164</b>	<b>£164</b>

**Supplements:** SEPT Single Room £27. Room with a View £27. Double/Twin as single £54. OCT No Single Supplements at Leisureplex Hotels! Room with a View £20. Double/Twin as single £25.

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# Entertainment Breaks

The Away! Resort at Mill Rythe on Hayling Island offers first class entertainment programmes, delicious meals and a host of daytime leisure facilities. Each break is based on an enthralling theme, from dance to variety to Christmas festivities. We also include one full day and one half day excursion, allowing you to discover the highlights of the local area.

## ALFA INCLUDES

### Dining & Entertainment

- Full entertainment package
- Weekly themed programmes (check itinerary for details)
- Excellent traditional meals
- Half board accommodation

### Additional Information

- Half price drinks on selected breaks
- 1 full and 1 half day excursion (excludes Self Drive breaks)
- Free parking on site
- Local pick ups (see page 65)

### Bedrooms

- Chalet-style accommodation with all modern facilities
- En suite shower or bath and WC
- All rooms feature central heating, tea/coffee making facilities and TV

### On-site Activities

(activities vary throughout the year)

- Indoor & outdoor swimming pools
- Bowls
- Archery
- Crafts
- Shuffleboard
- Tea Dances

**AWAY!**  
**OFFERS**

½ price drinks  
on selected breaks

## Entertainment Breaks - 5 Days

Date	Departs	Holiday Park Accommodation	Entertainment	Code	Price
4 Mar 2019	Monday	Away! Resort, Mill Rythe	Great British Remember When	5187EC	£189
1 Apr 2019	Monday	Away! Resort, Mill Rythe	Tribute to the Greats	5187EC	£199
8 Jul 2019	Monday	Away! Resort, Mill Rythe	Summer Breeze Garden Party	5187EC	£239
9 Sep 2019	Monday	Away! Resort, Mill Rythe	Midweek Showbreak	5187EC	£229
18 Nov 2019	Monday	Away! Resort, Mill Rythe	Festive Spectacular	5187XS	£234

### Supplements per person:

Single Room: £25 (Mar & Apr), £27 (Jul, Sep & Nov)

Included excursions - 1 full day to Winchester, 1 half day to Gunwharf Quays Shopping Centre

For room upgrades please ask when booking. Self Drive Breaks available, call 01257 248000 to request our Self Drive brochure.



**COACH  
BREAKS**  
FROM  
**£189**  
PER PERSON

## AWAY! RESORT, MILL RYTHE Hayling Island

Chalet-style accommodation with all modern amenities. With en suite bathrooms and heating in every room this is the perfect cosy space after a day's fun.



## AWAY RESORTS Self Drive Breaks

**4 DAYS**  
FROM  
**£129**  
PER PERSON

See Self Drive brochure for more details or call our reservations team on 01257 248000.

# CABARET

## WEEKENDS

## FREE DRINK

WITH EACH EVENING MEAL  
AND NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT!

**COACH  
BREAKS**  
FROM  
**£99**  
PER PERSON

**SELF DRIVE  
BREAKS**  
FROM  
**£84**  
PER PERSON

We have put together some of the best local cabaret acts for a fun filled party weekend just for you.

## ALFA INCLUDES

- 2 nights accommodation, dinner bed and breakfast (Fri-Sun)
- Direct Join Breaks
- Return travel to local joining point
- Free Drink with evening meal each night
- Sunday Lunch
- Cabaret entertainment
- No Single Supplements

## Cabaret Weekends

Resort	Hotel	Code	Departure	Price	Pick-up Points
Weston-S-Mare	Anchor Head	3100FC	Feb 8	£99	Watford, Ruislip, Slough, Maidenhead, Bracknell, Basingstoke, Thatcham, Newbury
Weston-S-Mare	Anchor Head	3100GC	Mar 8	£99	Staines, Wokingham, Reading, Wallingford, Didcot, Abingdon, Oxford, Witney
Eastbourne	Queens Eastbourne	3215AC	Feb 15	£99	Sittingbourne, Stroud, Gravesend, Dartford, Bexleyheath, Bromley, Croydon, Orpington
Eastbourne	Queens Eastbourne	3215BC	Feb 15	£99	Witney, Oxford, Abingdon, Wantage, Didcot, Wallingford, Reading
Eastbourne	Queens Eastbourne	3215CC	Feb 22	£99	Harlow, Ware, Hertford, Welwyn, Watford, Slough
Eastbourne	Queens Eastbourne	3215DC	Feb 22	£99	Southend, South Benfleet, Basildon, Romford, Enfield, Croydon
Great Yarmouth	New Beach	3261HC	Mar 1	£99	Croydon, Bromley, Orpington, Bexleyheath, Dartford, Brentwood, Harlow, Witham, Colchester
Porthcawl	Seabank	3385GC	Feb 22	£99	Staines, Wokingham, Reading, Wallingford, Didcot, Abingdon, Oxford, Witney
Porthcawl	Seabank	3385FC	Mar 1	£104	Watford, Ruislip, Slough, Maidenhead, Bracknell, Basingstoke, Thatcham, Newbury

### No single supplements

Offer also available on relevant Self Drive Breaks (see page 60)





NEW  
ELITE  
TOURS

Royal Duchy, Falmouth

# ELITE TOURS



EXPERIENCE THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE WITH OUR NEW ALFA ELITE TOURS.

With these exquisite new tours you can relax in superb quality 00000+ accommodation which provide relaxed, classical dining and extensive table d'hôte menu selections. You are also guaranteed to travel on one of our most up-to-date Mercedes Benz tour coaches accompanied by a knowledgeable and friendly Alfa driver, who will escort you to your resort hotel and on the included premiere excursions.

## ALFA INCLUDES

- ◆ Guaranteed most up-to-date Mercedes Benz coach with Alfa Driver for your main tour
- ◆ 00000+ Accommodation
- ◆ Relaxed, classical dining
- ◆ Extensive table d'hôte menu selection
- ◆ Premiere excursions with entry fees included
- ◆ Accommodation, dinner & breakfast
- ◆ Return coach travel with extensive choice of joining points
- ◆ All rooms en-suite with bath or shower
- ◆ All hotels ideally situated in resort
- ◆ Free WiFi on board tour coach

### 5 Day Holidays

Code	5123EC	5143EC	5283EC	5160EC
Departs Monday - Returns Friday				
Feb 25	-	-	-	£499*
Mar 25	£404	-	-	-
Apr 1	-	£469	-	-
Jun 10	-	-	£409	-
Jul 8	-	-	£419	-
Aug 5	£484	-	-	-
Sep 9	-	-	£419	-
Oct 21	-	£514	-	£404**
Departs Saturday - Returns Wednesday				
Apr 6	-	-	-	£394**
Supplements per person				
Single	£29	£29	£109	£29*
Sea View	-	£129	-	£29*

\*Victoria Hotel. \*\* Royal York & Faulkner Hotel

## NEW Barnstaple Elite - 5123EC

Barnstaple is an ancient market town lying on the River Taw. Local food producers ply their delicious wares in the Pannier Market. On the quayside are tearooms and gardens, a local museum and our hotel base at the Imperial.

### PREMIERE EXCURSIONS WITH ENTRY FEES INCLUDED

#### Full Day to RHS Rosemoor Gardens & Great Torrington

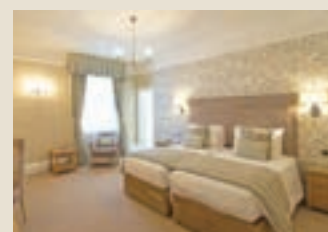
Rosemoor Garden covers 65 acres in a warm, sheltered location surrounded by woodland, ideal for growing a wide variety of interesting species. On site you will find a visitor centre, library, plant centre, shop, and tearoom. Nearby Great Torrington is a small historic town in a unique position above the River Torridge.

#### Full Day to Arlington Court & Ilfracombe

Arlington Court is a complete family estate held by the Chichester family for over five hundred years. The house itself, built in 1823 and extended in 1860, houses an eclectic collection, from model ships to shells. The stables house the National Carriage Museum.

## IMPERIAL HOTEL | Barnstaple

00000+ AA ★★★★★



The elegant Imperial hotel, part of the Brend Hotels group, offers guests a combination of old world charm and service combined with modern amenities and a relaxed ambiance. There are several lounges and a lawned garden with delightful borders, overlooking the River Taw. All en-suite guest rooms feature TV, telephone, free WiFi, luxury toiletries, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Guests can take advantage of the extensive leisure facilities at the nearby Barnstaple Health & Leisure Club. Lift to all floors.

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## NEW Falmouth Elite - 5143EC

The largest resort on the South Cornish Riviera, Falmouth boasts the third largest natural harbour in the world, with a bustling waterfront, four beaches, a castle, and attractive gardens.

### PREMIERE EXCURSIONS WITH ENTRY FEES INCLUDED

#### *Full day to Trelissick House & Gardens and Truro*

The National Trust's Trelissick Estate boasts extraordinary maritime views over the River Fal and Carrick Roads. Formerly the grand residence of a copper mine owner, the colonnaded house is set in bordered lawns, orchards and many acres of parkland leading down to the water. We also visit Cornwall's county town, with its Victorian Gothic cathedral.

#### *Full day to Tregwainton Garden, Penzance and Marazion*

Sloping gently to the sea at Mount's Bay, the many faceted gardens at Tregwainton feature many exotic species collected by the plant-hunters of the Victorian era. There is a walled garden, kitchen garden and stream garden winding down to the coast.

## ROYAL DUCHY HOTEL | Falmouth

AA ★★★★★



For guests of The Royal Duchy, the views of the sea and Pendennis Castle are almost as impressive as the hotel itself. Friendly yet attentive service compliments the superb guest room décor and the delicious meals served in the award winning restaurants. Leisure facilities include sun terrace, indoor swimming pool and snooker room. All 45 en-suite rooms have TV, free WiFi, hairdryer, tea & coffee making facilities and mineral water. Lift to all floors.



## ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL & SPA | York

AA ★★★★★



Originally a rambling mansion, this high-quality hotel sits amid extensive grounds including an 18 hole golf course and the meandering River Ure. The stylish leisure club includes indoor pool, gym, sauna & steam room. All 53 en-suite rooms feature free WiFi, TV, hairdryer, tea & coffee making facilities and direct telephone. Three fully accessible disabled rooms. Lift.



## NEW York Elite - 5283EC

One of the world's great tourism cities with its wealth of places to visit including Roman walls, the famous Minster, and the National Railway Museum.

### PREMIERE EXCURSIONS WITH ENTRY FEES INCLUDED

#### *Full Day to Castle Howard & Malton*

One of Yorkshire's grandest houses, the construction of Castle Howard took nearly a full century under 3 generations of the Earls of Carlisle. Extensively restored following a fire in 1940, the house and its extensive gardens offer many elegant and dramatic scenes to delight the eye.

#### *Full Day to Harewood House & Wetherby*

One of England's greatest treasure houses, Harewood is set in rolling 'Capability' Brown gardens. Inside the house, Robert Adam interiors feature works by Turner & El Greco above Chippendale furniture. The stunning and varied gardens run to over 100 acres with many enchanting nooks and crannies to explore.

#### *Full day to York*

One of the world's great tourism cities with its wealth of places to visit including the Roman walls, the famous Minster, the fascinating Jorvik centre as well as splendid shops! Why not visit the National Railway Museum? (entrance included).

## NEW Sidmouth Elite - 5160EC

Situated amid the dramatic red sandstone cliffs of the Jurassic Coast, Sidmouth is a Regency coastal town with a peaceful, genteel ambiance. The wide flat promenade and shingle beach are framed by prominent headlands, one of which features a delightful walled garden. In the resort centre, many independent boutique shops rub shoulders with cafes and restaurants of the highest quality.

### PREMIERE EXCURSIONS WITH ENTRY FEES INCLUDED

#### *Full Day to Exe Estuary and Powderham Castle*

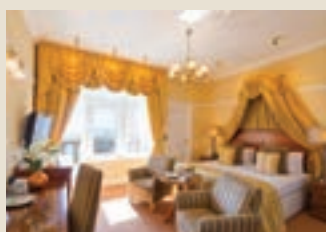
A relaxing cruise around the historic Exe estuary with informative commentary is followed by a visit to the Grade 1 listed seat of the Earls of Devon with its Grade 2\* listed gardens.

#### *Full Day to Tiverton Canal & Knightsbays Court*

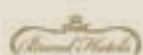
Scenic tranquillity awaits as we glide through the Devon countryside on our horse-drawn barge. We then visit Knightsbays, a Victorian country house surrounded by acres of glorious gardens and parkland.

## VICTORIA HOTEL | Sidmouth

AA ★★★★★

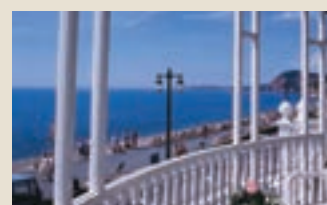


Luxurious hotel with sweeping views across the resort and Lyme bay. Indoor & outdoor swimming pools, putting green, tennis court, spa facilities (charges apply). Meals are served in the sumptuous dining room where **gentleman diners are requested to wear jacket and tie**. All 62 luxurious guest rooms feature en-suite bath/shower & WC, TV, Wifi, direct dial telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. One step to entrance. Lift to all floors. Telephone 01395 512651.



## ROYAL YORK & FAULKNER HOTEL | Sidmouth

AA ★★★★★



Superbly situated on the seafront, this grand Regency hotel has been lovingly run by the same family for 60 years. Spa facilities include a hydrotherapy pool, steam room and sauna. Classic dining is offered in the traditional restaurant. The 72 attractive en-suite bedrooms vary in size and outlook: all enjoy TV, WiFi, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Two steps to entrance. Lift to all floors. Some ground floor rooms. Telephone 01786 272727.





# WELCOME TO



AT ALFA TRAVEL WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON  
OFFERING QUALITY, VALUE FOR MONEY  
COACH HOLIDAYS TO THE BEST RESORTS IN  
THE UK, IRELAND AND WESTERN EUROPE

Our mission is to exceed our customers' expectations in providing a memorable, high quality holiday experience characterised by professional standards of service and a warm and friendly welcome. On the 1st July 2015 we made the exciting transition to Employee Ownership. As committed Employee Owners, we are now even more determined to ensure a fantastic customer experience.



## HOW WE OPERATE

We operate from a great number of local, convenient pick up points (see page 65) in five key locations across the UK: North West, North East, Yorkshire & Humberside, Midlands and South.

We will pick you up close to home and take you to one of our interchanges where you will join your tour coach and be whisked away to your holiday destination. From the moment you embark on your tour coach, your holiday begins! All you have to do then is simply sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery en route to your chosen destination.

Many resorts feature hotels belonging to our sister company **Leisureplex** and we supplement these with carefully selected partner hotels to ensure we provide you with reliable, quality accommodation.



## EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

The majority of our coach holidays include excursions as outlined in the itinerary and our friendly, experienced drivers and staff are on hand to help you every step of the way. Simply look out for the 'Alfa Includes' throughout this brochure to see exactly what's included in the itinerary in each of our holidays.

## HOLIDAYS TO EUROPE

If you fancy venturing further afield then why not try one of our coach holidays to Europe (see page 51). We believe the journey is just as important as the destination. Passing through some of the best scenery Europe has to offer, on our longer tours we include overnight stays en route so you can enjoy the journey in comfort without feeling rushed.

There's also an incredible range of excursions included in the price on our increasingly popular River Cruise tours, meaning you get more for your money than you would with other tour operators. (See page 53).



## OUR COACHES

We are proud of our expanding fleet of modern coaches which offer our customers the highest standards of safety, combined with our friendly, experienced drivers to ensure you enjoy your coach trip in comfort and style.

## SELF DRIVE BREAKS

As well as coach holidays we have also designed a Self Drive Hotel Break package with varying durations to choose from as well as a fabulous selection of locations to explore throughout the UK. (See page 60).

## AUTUMN & SPRING BREAKS

In addition to all of this, don't forget that you can take advantage of our Autumn and Spring offers, which include **FREE** drinks on pre-Easter holidays, **FREE** lunches on resort days and no single supplements on selected dates at Leisureplex Hotels. (See page 3 for more details).





# Weston-super-Mare

SOMERSET'S BEST KNOWN HOLIDAY RESORT

Weston-super-Mare Pier

Weston-super-Mare is situated in a sheltered bay at the foot of the Mendip Hills with views across the Bristol Channel to South Wales. There are many charming Victorian and Edwardian terraces interspersed with colourful parks and gardens providing fascinating walks; from the delightful rocky point at Anchor Head to the sandy beaches at the southern end of the resort. Weston offers a great many attractions including the Grand Pier – described as “the ultimate 21st Century indoor theme park”! It also boasts the Sea Life centre, a helicopter museum and a big wheel which offers breathtaking views. The sheltered bay is ideal for a quiet walk and there is a choice of several boat trips. Other superb activities include ten pin bowling, golf and bowls. At night there are numerous attractions including top class cabaret at the Playhouse and dancing at the famous Winter Gardens.

## ANCHOR HEAD HOTEL Weston-s-Mare

Splendidly situated between Weston's two piers and close to the boating slipway and a small beach; the promenade walk begins right next to the hotel. The sea-facing terrace is the ideal place to relax and take in the sunsets over the Bristol Channel. Attractive TV lounge and delightful bar with dance floor. There are magnificent views of the bay from the TV lounge, restaurants and many of the bedrooms.  
Tel: 01934 620880.



Bath

## CHEDDAR, BATH & WELLS - 5100EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£149**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Bath

Already a spa resort in Roman times, Bath became the height of fashion during the eighteenth century and has many fine Georgian buildings. The Pump Room is well worth a visit and there are several museums, including the world's largest costume museum. There is also a fine medieval abbey.

#### F Cheddar Gorge & Wells

Spectacular Cheddar Gorge has the highest inland cliffs in the country. The deep caves beneath the cliffs, where prehistoric man once lived, are today used to refine Cheddar cheese. England's smallest city, Wells, is crowned by its glorious cathedral and unique moated Bishop's Palace. The Wells Museum offers further insight in to the geology of the local area.

Departs Monday - Returns on Friday			
Feb 11	£149	Apr 22	£189
Mar 4	£154	Oct 21	£189
Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Apr 6	£179	Jul 6	£264
May 11	£234	Aug 17, 31	£254
Jun 8, 22	£264	Oct 5	£194
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Aug)	£27	Sea View (Feb-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Sea View (May-Aug)	£27

## BATH, MENDIPS & BRISTOL - 102EC

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions

7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£214**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Bath

Already a spa resort in Roman times, Bath became the height of fashion during the eighteenth century and has many fine Georgian buildings. The Pump Room is well worth a visit and there are several museums, including the world's largest costume museum. There is also a fine medieval abbey.

#### F Bristol

A visit to the ancient maritime city of Bristol, with its world-famous suspension bridge that spans the picturesque Avon Gorge, fascinating docks and eclectic array of architecture.

#### F Cheddar Gorge & Wells

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Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
Mar 17	£214	Jun 16, 30	£374
May 5	£299	Jul 14	£374
May 19	£329	Aug 11	£374
Jun 2	£359	Sep 15	£354
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Mar)	£28
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£37



Cheddar Gorge



# Ilfracombe

COAST OF CONTRASTS & BEAUTIFUL MOORLAND

Ilfracombe Harbour

Ilfracombe nestles around a harbour as old and as beautiful as any in Britain with the breathtaking scenery of North Devon as a backdrop. For the energetic there are splendid walks along the Coastal Path, the famous Torrs walks or swimming from the Tunnel beaches and coves. For those who like to take things a bit easier, one can simply stroll through the delightful gardens or while away an hour or two watching the ever-changing harbour scene. A boat trip is a "must" during your stay to see the spectacular cliffs of North Devon or visit the legendary Isle of Lundy. There is also plenty to do in the evenings with theatre, concerts, and cinema, as well as the entertainment provided at our hotel.

## IMPERIAL HOTEL Ilfracombe

Leisureplex  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

Situated in one of the best positions in Ilfracombe, overlooking Wildersmouth beach and the splendid Landmark Theatre and Conference Centre, close to the High Street and only a short, almost level walk from the harbour. Boat trips to Lundy Island run seasonally, and the historic paddle steamer Waverley visits occasionally from South Wales. There is a large restaurant, bar, comfortable lounge and dance floor where entertainment is provided most evenings.  
Tel: 01271 862536.



## BEAUTIFUL ILFRACOMBE - 5110EC

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£159**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Barnstaple & Bideford

Barnstaple is an ancient market town lying on the River Taw. It has many shops and a number of interesting buildings including the parish church and St. Anne's Chapel Museum. Bideford is an historic port with delightful quayside shops and cafés.

#### F Minehead, Lynton & Lynmouth

We travel to the twin towns of Lynton and Lynmouth, spectacularly situated on the northern edge of the Exmoor National Park. A trip on the water operated cliff railway is not to be missed. Continuing to Minehead, now a popular holiday centre but once an important port, retaining many historic features from that era. It's promenade with its cafés, bars and shops offers access to the sandy beach and spectacular views across to North Hill, where St. Michael's Church can be accessed via the quaint Church Steps, a footpath between thatched cottages, with stunning views across the town.

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Mar 11	£159	Apr 22	£184
Apr 1	£169	Oct 21	£184
Apr 15	£179	Oct 28	£174

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Sep 21	£204	Oct 5	£184
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#### Supplements per person

Single (Sep)	£27	Sea View (Mar-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Sea View (Sep)	£27

## EXMOOR & CLOVELLY - 5111EC

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£214**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Clovelly

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Bideford & Clovelly

A visit to the ancient port of Bideford and then to the delightfully preserved private village of Clovelly, with its single cobbled street tumbling down to the sea (*entrance to Clovelly included in tour cost*).

#### F Exmoor & Dunster

We travel through the Exmoor National Park along the North coast of Devon, which has the highest sea cliffs in Britain, to picturesque Dunster, a fascinating historic village with a Norman castle steeped in history.



#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 4	£214	Jul 27	£259
Jun 1	£244	Aug 24	£249
Jun 15, 29	£249	Sep 7	£254

#### Supplements per person

Single	£27	Sea View	£27
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## DEVON COAST DELIGHTS - 113EC

7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£209**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to Hartland Abbey

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Barnstaple & Woolacombe

Barnstaple is an ancient market town lying on the River Taw. It has many shops and a number of interesting buildings including the parish church and St. Anne's Chapel Museum.

#### F Bideford & Hartland Abbey

A visit to the ancient port of Bideford and then to Hartland Abbey with its beautiful gardens and grounds which lead to the rocky cove (*entrance to house and gardens included in tour cost*).

#### F Lynton, Lynmouth & Dunster

We travel to the twin towns of Lynton and Lynmouth, spectacularly situated on the northern edge of the Exmoor National Park. A trip on the water operated cliff railway is not to be missed. Picturesque Dunster is a fascinating historic village with a Norman castle steeped in history.

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Mar 17	£209	Jul 7	£374
Apr 28	£274	Jul 21	£374
May 12	£304	Aug 4	£364
May 26	£334	Aug 18	£359
Jun 9	£364	Sep 1	£369
Jun 23	£374	Sep 15	£354

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Mar-Apr)	£28
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£37



# Exmouth

MILES OF GOLDEN SANDS, A WORLD HERITAGE COAST

Exmouth

Exmouth developed as a resort in Georgian times and was once probably the most select seaside resort in Britain, home to such famous people as Lady Nelson and Lady Byron. Nowadays it offers a rich mixture of immaculate sands, lovely gardens, a busy marina and a wide range of sports facilities that combine to make it an excellent resort for all ages and interests. To the South the resort overlooks Lyme Bay, while to the West it looks across the estuary of the River Exe to the Haldon Hills and Dawlish Warren. There are boat trips aplenty but also lots to do on dry land with good shops, a museum, many old pubs and good walks at every turn. For the more active there is a swimming pool, golf, and all forms of water sports including a sailing school.

## CAVENDISH HOTEL

Exmouth


**Leisureplex**  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

This delightful hotel is wonderfully situated on the level seafront overlooking Exmouth's fine golden sands, a few minutes' walk from the shops. The nearby picturesque Marina is the departure point for a selection of boat trips. Head Eastwards to the fun park, bowls and cricket clubs. There is a large quiet lounge with sea views. The bar lounge has a dance floor and hosts entertainment most evenings. Extensive car parking.  
Tel: 01395 272528.



Seaton

## DELIGHTFUL DEVON - 5155EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

**5 DAYS  
FROM  
£154  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Sidmouth & Seaton

Sidmouth is a famously select resort which was regularly visited by Princess Victoria before she became Queen. Huge cliffs rise on either side of the town's Regency architecture. Seaton is a charming resort with a delightful tramway.

#### F Teignmouth & Dawlish

We travel around the estuary of the River Exe to Dawlish, a relaxing resort famous for its attractive gardens and black swans. We continue to Teignmouth, a fascinating ancient port with a myriad of narrow streets. It became a popular resort with the coming of the railways and still retains its functions as both port and holiday resort.

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Feb 11	£154	Apr 15	£179
Feb 25	£159	Apr 22	£184
Mar 11	£169	Oct 21	£199
Mar 25	£174	Oct 28	£199

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 6	£174	Jul 20	£279
May 11	£244	Aug 3, 31	£279
Jun 8	£269	Sep 21	£219
Jun 22	£274	Sep 28	£209
Jul 6	£279	Oct 5, 12	£204

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£27	Sea View (Feb-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£27

## THE JURASSIC COAST - 158EC

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions

**7 DAYS  
FROM  
£224  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Dartmoor & Torquay

Heading West, we skirt the southern edge of Dartmoor to Buckfastleigh, before turning South to Devon's largest resort, Torquay. Here we have plenty of time to explore the harbour or visit the many shops before returning to Exmouth.

#### F Sidmouth & Seaton

Refer to Delightful Devon 5155EC description opposite.

#### F Teignmouth & Dawlish

We travel around the estuary of the River Exe to Dawlish, a relaxing resort renowned for its attractive gardens and tranquil brook on which glide the resort's famous black swans. The Town Beach is a short walk away. We continue to Teignmouth, a fascinating ancient port with a myriad of narrow streets. There is a Victorian pier with traditional amusements and an excellent sandy beach, as well as fresh local seafood, landed on the quay.

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Mar 17	£224	Jun 30	£414
Apr 21	£309	Jul 14	£424
May 5	£329	Jul 28	£414
May 19	£359	Aug 11	£414
Jun 2	£399	Aug 25	£389
Jun 16	£414	Sep 8	£389

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Mar-Apr)	£28
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£37



Dawlish



# Newquay

THE FINEST BEACHES IN EUROPE

Newquay is Cornwall's premier holiday resort boasting some of the finest coastline and beaches in Europe. Although well known as Britain's surfing capital, there are many other activities and the surrounding countryside has an endless wealth of fascinating places to visit. The town is an ancient one, dating from the fifteenth century when a new quay was constructed. The heart of the town is the old harbour but it spreads along the cliff tops which stand behind the eleven magnificent sandy beaches. Newquay offers wonderful cliff and beach walks, a picturesque harbour to explore and the variety of activities one associates with such a major resort, including swimming pools, golf, putting, squash, tennis, bowls, boating, shark fishing and horse riding. There are also the atmospheric smugglers' pubs which are a living reminder of the more colourful side of Cornwall's history!

**ELIOT HOTEL | Newquay**  **AA** ★★★

**Leisureplex**  
HOLIDAY HOTELS



Very well situated close to Great Western and Tolcarne beaches, only a few yards from the seafront and within easy walking distance of the shops and harbour. There are three lovely airy lounges in which to relax, plus a large lounge with bar and dance floor where entertainment is provided most evenings. There is also a games room and outdoor swimming pool (heated May - September). Tel: 01637 878177.



Lost Gardens of Heligan

## CORNISH GARDENS - 5131EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Eden Project
- Entrance to Lost Gardens of Heligan

**5 DAYS  
FROM  
£279  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### **F** Eden Project

Today's excursion takes us to the South coast of Cornwall and one of the wonders of the modern world - the magnificent Eden Project. With its fantastic architecture and amazing collection of plants from around the world, it is an experience never to be forgotten. In addition to the gardens, a new exhibition has been added, exploring the Invisible Worlds all around us, which are usually too small or too remote to grab our attention (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

#### **F** Mevagissey & Heligan

Mevagissey is still a working fishing port with a lively harbour and many interesting pubs. A short journey takes us to the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Extending to some 80 acres, this is the site of the largest garden restoration in Europe (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Jun 1	£279	Jul 13	£284
Jun 15	£284	Aug 17	£279
Jun 29	£284	Sep 7	£279
Supplements per person			
Single	£27	Sea View (Jul-Sep)	£27





Newquay



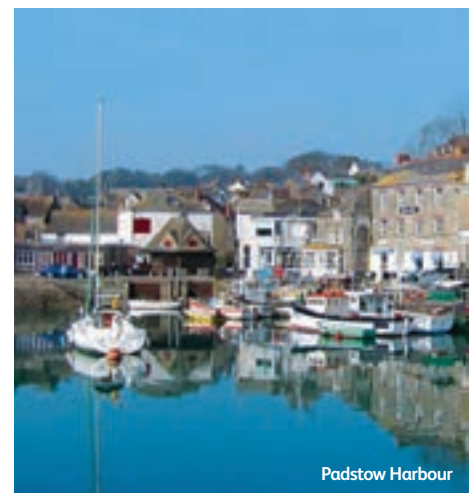
Tolcarne Beach, Newquay



St. Ives



Eden Project



Padstow Harbour

## CORNWALL'S PREMIER RESORT - 5132EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Eden Project

**5 DAYS  
FROM  
£164  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Eden Project

Today's excursion takes us to the South coast of Cornwall and one of the wonders of the modern world - the magnificent Eden Project. With its fantastic architecture and amazing collection of plants from around the world, it is an experience never to be forgotten (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

#### F Padstow & Bodmin

We travel North to Padstow, a charming fishing village on the Camel Estuary noted as a sailing dinghy centre and Cornwall's capital of seafood cuisine, made famous by the celebrity chef Rick Stein. We then head inland to historic Bodmin, formerly Cornwall's county town, which features several museums, the largest parish church in Cornwall and quirky independent shops in its quaint narrow streets.

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Mar 11	£164	Apr 22	£194
Apr 1	£174	Oct 28	£189

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 6	£179	Oct 12	£189
Sep 28	£199		

#### Supplements per person

Single (Sep)	£27		
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## CORNISH COAST & EDEN - 132EC

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Entrance to Eden Project

**7 DAYS  
FROM  
£209  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Eden Project

Today's excursion takes us to the South coast of Cornwall and one of the wonders of the modern world - the magnificent Eden Project. With its fantastic architecture and amazing collection of plants from around the world, it is an experience never to be forgotten (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

#### F St. Ives

Today we travel South along Cornwall's northern coast through St. Agnes, Portreath and Gwihian to St. Ives, one of Britain's most picturesque towns. The narrow winding streets mean the coach is unable to take us into the heart of this delightful town, but a regular and inexpensive shuttle service runs the short distance from the coach park into the town centre.

#### H Padstow

Padstow is a charming fishing village on the Camel Estuary noted as a sailing dinghy centre and Cornwall's capital of seafood cuisine, made famous by the celebrity chef Rick Stein.

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Mar 17	£209	May 19	£384
Apr 28	£284	Sep 15	£384

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38		
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## CORNISH COAST & EDEN - 131EC

### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Entrance to Eden Project

**8 DAYS  
FROM  
£339  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Eden Project

Today's excursion takes us to the South coast of Cornwall and one of the wonders of the modern world - the magnificent Eden Project. With its fantastic architecture and amazing collection of plants from around the world, it is an experience never to be forgotten (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

#### F St. Ives

Today we travel South along Cornwall's northern coast through St. Agnes, Portreath and Gwihian to St. Ives, one of Britain's most picturesque towns. The narrow winding streets mean the coach is unable to take us into the heart of this delightful town, but a regular and inexpensive shuttle service runs the short distance from the coach park into the town centre.

#### H Padstow

Refer to Cornist Coast & Eden 132EC description opposite.

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday

May 11	£339	Aug 10	£414
Jun 8	£394	Aug 31	£399
Jul 6	£414		

#### Supplements per person

Single	£44	Sea View (Aug)	£42
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## SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

# Torquay

QUEEN OF THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

Torquay

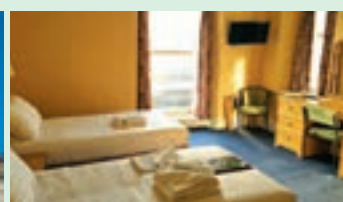
Torquay is one of Britain's most famous resorts, situated at the heart of 22 miles of unspoilt coastline, often referred to as the "English Riviera". It has a mild climate, sparkling blue waters and in its beautiful public gardens you will see subtropical plants and palm trees. Torquay has something to offer everyone: by day you can relax on one of the clean sandy beaches, explore the bustling harbour and marina and the excellent shops or if you are feeling more active there are lovely walks, or activities such as sailing, bowls, golf or fishing. By night you'll be spoilt for choice: there are theatres, night clubs, cabarets and discotheques and of course you'll see the lights illuminating the promenade reflected across the beautiful bay. The many local attractions include Paignton Zoo, Babbacombe Model Village, Kent's Cavern, Torbay Steam Railway and Cockington thatched village.

### REGINA HOTEL

Torquay 

Leisureplex  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

Wonderfully situated on the harbour-side, with the principal shops and theatre a gentle stroll away. Part of the Regina is particularly interesting as the home for three years of the poet, Elizabeth Barrett Browning. There is a lounge bar overlooking the harbour, taking in the fabulous views of the moored sailing boats and fishing vessels. The air conditioned restaurant serves traditional British dishes, while entertainment is provided in the bar with its dance floor. Limited car parking with public car park across the road. Tel: 01803 292904.



### THREE RIVERS & A RIVIERA - 5150EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£149**  
PER PERSON

### DEVON & CORNWALL - 5152EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£234**  
PER PERSON

### THE ENGLISH RIVIERA - 153EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Entrance to Buckfast Abbey

7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£219**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Dartmouth

Today we visit Dartmouth, a picturesque river town near the estuary of the Dart, home of the Royal Naval College. Passengers may choose to take a sail on the river upstream towards Totnes (cost not included in tour price). We then return to Torquay via Paignton.

#### F Teignmouth & Exeter

We travel through the attractive seaside towns of Teignmouth and Dawlish, then along the estuary of the River Exe to Exeter. Exeter is a city full of history - visit the famous cathedral or the nearby Ship Inn which Drake used to frequent.

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Looe & Polperro

We travel over the River Tamar into Cornwall and visit these picture perfect Cornish villages with their intricate maze of narrow little streets lined with charming Cornish cottages.

#### F Sidmouth & Exmouth

Today we visit East Devon and the elegant resorts of Exmouth and Sidmouth, travelling through Teignmouth and Dawlish. Unlike their Cornish cousins, these South Devon towns have been seaside resorts for two centuries and their elegant Georgian villas provide quite a contrast to the fisherman's cottages in Cornwall.



#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 11	£234	Jul 20	£274
Jun 8	£264	Aug 3	£274
Jul 6	£274	Aug 17	£269

#### Supplements per person

Single	£27	Sea View	£27
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### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Exmouth & Sidmouth

Today we visit East Devon and the elegant resorts of Exmouth and Sidmouth, travelling through Teignmouth and Dawlish and along the western side of the River Exe estuary, past Exeter and then down the eastern side of the river. Unlike their Cornish cousins, these South Devon towns have been seaside resorts for two centuries and their elegant Georgian villas provide quite a contrast to the fisherman's cottages in Cornwall.

#### F Teignmouth & Exeter

Refer to Three Rivers & A Riviera 5150EC description opposite.

#### H Buckfast Abbey

Beautifully situated on the southern edge of Dartmoor on the banks of the River Dart, the Abbey is famous for its tonic wine, but it is also a living monastic community (free entrance).

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Mar 17	£219	Jul 14, 28	£399
Apr 28	£289	Aug 11	£399
May 12	£319	Sep 1	£404
May 26	£369	Sep 8	£389
Jun 16, 23	£399	Sep 15	£379

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Mar-Apr)	£28
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£37



Paignton



## Paignton

A classic seaside resort with a small historic fishing port, Paignton offers all the traditional seaside attractions such as the pier, theatre and promenade. The compact town centre and accessible nature of the beach, parks and shops make for a relaxed, easy-going holiday. Paignton was also the home town of Agatha Christie, and Isaac Singer of sewing machine fame.

Gyllyngvase Beach



## Falmouth

Falmouth boasts the third largest natural harbour in the world, a bustling waterfront, four beaches, a castle, and attractive gardens. Falmouth has been transformed in recent years with the development of the new marina complex, which is now home to the National Maritime Museum Cornwall, housing many fascinating displays illustrating our maritime tradition.

### SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

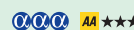
#### MARINE HOTEL | Paignton



Ideally situated opposite the promenade, which offers a delightful flat walk to the resort's amenities, the Marine Hotel offers a superior standard of accommodation and panoramic views of Paignton's seafront and gardens. Stairs from lift to some rooms. Tel: 01803 559778.



#### PENMERE MANOR HOTEL | Falmouth



**NEW  
HOTEL**

Originally built for a ship's captain, Penmere Manor is set in extensive grounds, lovingly tended by the family owners. Seasonal dishes are created using fresh local ingredients in the smart restaurant. There is a leisure club with an indoor heated pool, jacuzzi, sauna and a well-equipped small gymnasium. No lift, 13 ground floor rooms, 4 fully accessible rooms. Tel: 01326 211411.



Teignmouth



#### PAIGNTON - 5149EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

##### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

###### F **NEW!** Salcombe & Totnes

We travel through beautiful rolling countryside to the pretty coastal town of Salcombe. On our return we visit Totnes, a delightful riverside market town.

###### F **NEW!** Teignmouth & Exeter

We travel through the attractive seaside towns of Teignmouth and Dawlish, then along the estuary of the River Exe to Exeter. Exeter is a city full of history - visit the famous cathedral or the nearby Ship Inn which Drake used to frequent.



Salcombe

Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Jun 8	£339	Sep 14	£344
Aug 10	£344		
Supplements per person			
Single	£27	Sea View	£27

**NEW**

**5 DAYS  
FROM  
£339  
PER PERSON**

Mullion Cove



#### FALMOUTH - 5141EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Flambards

##### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

###### F **NEW!** The Lizard & Flambards

Stopping en-route at Gweek we visit Lizard Point before heading North via Mullion to Helston. Here we visit Flambards, with its award winning exhibitions and unique Victorian Village. Visitors can also take in the fascinating recreation of Britain in the Blitz, confirmed by Dame Vera Lynn herself to be an accurate portrayal of wartime life (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

###### F **NEW!** Padstow

We travel North to Padstow, a charming fishing village on the Camel Estuary noted as a sailing dinghy centre and Cornwall's capital of seafood cuisine, made famous by the celebrity chef Rick Stein.

Departs Monday - Returns on Friday			
Mar 4	£329	Sep 9	£459
Apr 15	£379		
Supplements per person			
Single (Mar-Apr)	£25	Sea View (Mar-Apr)	£20
Single (Sep)	£27	Sea View (Sep)	£27



# Bournemouth

BRITAIN'S MOST INTERNATIONAL RESORT

Bournemouth

Bournemouth is not just a seaside resort but a "city by the sea" with a huge range of shops, entertainments and amenities. It has a real international flavour and its combination of miles of golden sands and some of the finest parks and gardens in the country make it a superb resort whatever your tastes. The Lower Gardens in particular provide a lush green contrast to the nearby beach. There are many outstanding attractions including museums, an art gallery, two piers and a wealth of evening entertainment ranging from classical music to top name summer shows.

## DEVON TOWERS HOTEL **Leisureplex** Bournemouth

AAA ★★

HOLIDAY HOTELS

Ideally situated in a quiet location on the West Cliff, set back from the seafront and a short walk from the International Centre, shops and pier. There is a delightful bar lounge which provide plenty of space for relaxing. The spacious restaurant serves the traditional three-course Leisureplex menu, offering plenty of choice. Entertainment is featured most evenings.  
Tel: 01202 553863.



## VIBRANT BOURNEMOUTH - 5170EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

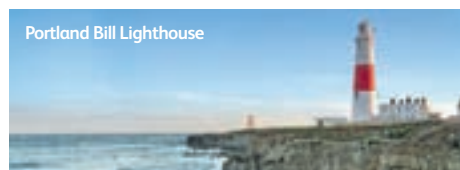
### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Lyndhurst & Salisbury

Lyndhurst is the capital of the New Forest, an area of beautiful unspoilt countryside. Salisbury is famous for its spectacular cathedral which has the tallest spire in England. The well preserved medieval town is a delight and the Cathedral library houses an original of the Magna Carta.

#### F Weymouth & Portland

Refer to Bournemouth & Beaulieu 173EC description opposite.



Portland Bill Lighthouse

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Feb 11	£149	Mar 11	£164
Feb 18	£154	Oct 21	£194
Mar 4	£154		

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 6	£184	Sep 21	£219
Apr 20	£204	Sep 28	£204
Sep 7	£224	Oct 5, 12	£194

#### Supplements per person

Single (Sep)	£27	Sea View (Sep)	£27
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5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£149**  
PER PERSON

## BOURNEMOUTH & SALISBURY - 5171EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

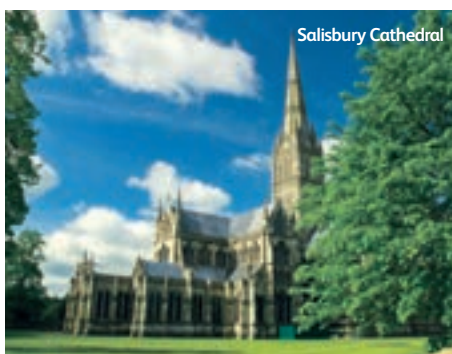
### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Salisbury & Shaftesbury

Refer to Bournemouth & Beaulieu 173EC description opposite.

#### F Weymouth & Portland

Refer to Bournemouth & Beaulieu 173EC description opposite.



Salisbury Cathedral

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 4	£224	Jun 15	£264
May 18	£239	Jul 13	£264
Jun 1	£249	Aug 10	£264

#### Supplements per person

Single	£27	Sea View (Jul-Aug)	£27
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5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£224**  
PER PERSON

## BOURNEMOUTH & BEAULIEU - 173EC

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to Beaulieu

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Lyndhurst & Beaulieu

A day in the New Forest, an area of beautiful unspoilt countryside, much of it woodland, with its famous wild ponies. Beaulieu is a fantastic day out for everyone, with Palace House, Abbey, National Motor Museum and Gardens which stretch down to the river's edge (entrance included in the tour cost).

#### F Salisbury & Shaftesbury

Salisbury's history dates back to the nearby Iron Age fort, but it is chiefly famous for having the tallest cathedral spire in England along with a superbly well preserved medieval town plan with many wooden buildings. We then journey to Shaftesbury, a famously picturesque village known for its half-timbered buildings and cobbled streets.

#### F Weymouth & Portland

We travel to Weymouth to spend the day in this delightful Dorset resort. Weymouth boasts splendid beaches, a busy harbour and many narrow shopping streets as well as a Tudor fort and a nature reserve. The view of Chesil Beach from Portland is quite remarkable.

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Apr 28	£289	Jul 7, 21	£389
May 26	£354	Aug 18	£379
Jun 23	£389	Sep 15	£369

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Jul-Aug)	£37
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7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£289**  
PER PERSON





# Weymouth

A SPECTACULAR BEACH & A WEALTH OF HISTORY

Weymouth Harbour

Weymouth is one of Britain's oldest seaside resorts, made popular by George III whose statue stands on the promenade. It has just about everything one could ask for in a seaside town: a lovely curving bay with soft sands, a fascinating harbour with interesting old pubs and cottages, the remains of a Tudor castle, some engaging architecture, a wide variety of shops and plenty to entertain both day and night. Add to this a bird reserve which is almost in the centre of town, a museum, an indoor swimming pool and lots of boat trips and you are sure to have an absorbing holiday.

Chesil Beach



Abbotsbury



## CENTRAL HOTEL

Weymouth



The Central, as the name suggests, is conveniently situated for all local attractions, including the beach, the 17th century fishing harbour and ferry service to the Channel Islands. The town centre, with its variety of shops, cafes and amenities, is just a few moments' walk away. Tel: 01305 760700.



## BERKELEY HOTEL

Weymouth



This original Georgian building is splendidly situated with wonderful views of Weymouth's sweeping bay from the hotel and some of the bedrooms. Please note that this hotel operates fixed meal sittings with breakfast at 8.30am and dinner at 6.00pm. Lift serves all floors. Tel: 01305 766640



## WONDERFUL WEYMOUTH - 5165EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

**5 DAYS  
FROM  
£209**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### Dorchester, Bridport & Abbotsbury

We first travel to Dorchester, the county town of Dorset – *Casterbridge* in Thomas Hardy's books. Afterwards we continue to the ancient town of Bridport – ITV's *Broadchurch* – and the village of Abbotsbury on The Fleet, the lagoon behind the amazing Chesil Beach.

#### Poole & Bournemouth

Travelling eastwards to the Georgian port of Poole, now a leading yacht harbour. Then onto Dorset's largest resort, Bournemouth. Bournemouth is not just a seaside resort but a "city by the sea" with a huge range of shops, entertainments and amenities. It has a real international flavour, miles of golden sands and some of the finest parks and gardens in the country.

### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 11	£234	Aug 17	£249
Jun 29	£249	Oct 12	£209
Jul 27	£249		
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Aug)	£27	Single (Oct)	£25

## DELIGHTFUL WEYMOUTH - 165EC

### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions

**8 DAYS  
FROM  
£449**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### Wareham & Swanage

We travel East to the Purbeck Hills and the quaint resort of Swanage.

#### Dorchester, Bridport & Abbotsbury

We first travel to Dorchester, the county town of Dorset – *Casterbridge* in Thomas Hardy's books. Afterwards we continue to the ancient town of Bridport – ITV's *Broadchurch* – and the village of Abbotsbury on The Fleet, the lagoon behind the amazing Chesil Beach.

#### Poole & Bournemouth

Travelling eastwards to the Georgian port of Poole, now a leading yacht harbour, then to Dorset's largest resort, Bournemouth.

### Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday

Jun 1	£449	Jul 27	£474
Jun 15	£474	Aug 24	£474
Jul 13	£474	Sep 7	£474
Supplements per person			
Single	£44	Sea View (Jun)	£40
		Sea View (Jul-Sep)	£42



## SOUTH & SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

# Sandown

MAGNIFICENT SEASIDE & UNSPOILT COUNTRYSIDE

Sandown Beach & Pier

The Isle of Wight has a great deal to offer with many superb sandy beaches, mile upon mile of stunning countryside and coastal walks and all the usual modern holiday facilities in the resorts. Sandown is the island's principal resort, and offers a wealth of entertainments. Sandown Bay is the largest on the island and offers a long, safe, sandy beach framed at either end by stunning white cliffs contrasting with the rich blue sea. On the High Street you will find a wide variety of wonderful shops. *Dinosaur Isle* offers life-like dinosaur models and skeletons. There is also a traditional pier. In addition, Sandown boasts Brown's Pleasure Park, swimming and squash at the Heights Leisure Centre and a fascinating Geological Museum. There are plenty of evening entertainments to suit all tastes. Nearby Brading has a Roman Villa complete with mosaic floors.

### BAYSHORE HOTEL

Sandown,  
Isle of Wight



Leisureplex  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

Situated in a magnificent position on the seafront, opposite the beach and pier and close to the shopping centre. The hotel has a light and spacious bar and lounge area with a large dance floor. There is a sun lounge and attractive restaurant overlooking the sea and a games room. Tel: 01983 403154.



### HISTORIC LOCOMOTIVES & VIBRANT SANDS

- 5196EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Trip on Isle of Wight Steam Railway

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£244**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Alum Bay & Cowes

We journey across the island to Alum Bay, famous for its coloured sands. Nearby are the magnificent chalk Needles, the remains of a ridge which once joined the island to the mainland. Returning via Britain's yachting capital, Cowes. The town of Cowes is split from East Cowes by the river, which is crossed by a fascinating chain link ferry. Many buildings in Cowes were influenced by Prince Albert's ornate tastes.

#### F Isle of Wight Steam Railway & Godshell

We travel towards Ryde where we take a journey back in time on board a restored locomotive at the Isle of Wight Steam Railway (*rail fare included in the tour cost*). We return via Godshell a picturesque village well known for its church, thatched cottages and local produce.

### PICTURESQUE BEACHES & HISTORICAL TOWNS

- 5195EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£169**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Alum Bay & Cowes

Refer to Historic Locomotives & Vibrant Sands 5196EC description opposite.

#### F Newport

We travel through Shanklin to Ventnor, the island's most southerly resort. Turning inland we continue to Newport, the county town. The quay on the River Medina is always a source of interest. We return to Sandown via the charming village of Godshell, with its picturesque church and thatched cottages.



Ventnor

### VICTORIA & VINES - 197EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Entrance to Rosemary Vineyard

7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£224**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Alum Bay & Godshell

We journey across the island to Alum Bay, famous for its coloured sands. Nearby are the magnificent chalk Needles, the remains of a ridge which once joined the island to the mainland. We return through the centre of the island via pretty Godshell.

#### F Osborne House & Cowes

We journey to the North of the island to see Queen Victoria's spectacular hideaway, Osborne House, where she died in 1901 (*entrance included in the tour cost*). We also visit Britain's yachting capital, Cowes.

#### H Rosemary Vineyard & Ryde

We travel along the eastern coast and have a fascinating vineyard visit (*entrance included in the tour cost*) before continuing to Ryde which offers many shops and a magnificent pier with outstanding views across the busy Solent.

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Apr 22	£244		
Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
May 11	£249	Aug 3	£284
May 25	£264	Aug 31	£279
Jun 8	£279	Sep 7	£279
Jul 6	£284		

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£27	Sea View (Apr)	£20
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£27

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Mar 25	£169	Oct 28	£194
Oct 21	£204		
Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Apr 13	£179	Sep 21	£214
Sep 14	£219	Oct 5, 12	£204

#### Supplements per person

Single (Sep)	£27	Sea View (Mar-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Sea View (Sep)	£27

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Mar 17	£224	Jul 14	£424
May 5	£324	Jul 28	£424
May 19	£374	Aug 11	£414
Jun 2	£404	Aug 25	£399
Jun 16	£414	Sep 8	£409
Jun 30	£424	Sep 29	£359

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Mar)	£28
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£37



## Shanklin

BEAUTIFUL BEACH, THATCHED COTTAGES &amp; LOVELY WALKS

Shanklin Beach &amp; Town

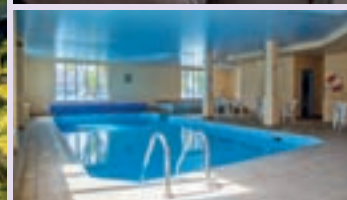
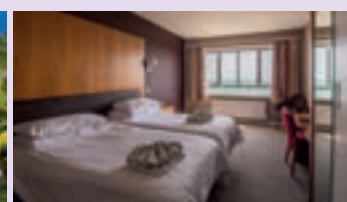
Shanklin boasts a long, safe sandy beach which lies at the foot of the spectacular cliffs on which most of the town is situated. The two are connected by a cliff lift. The traditional seaside part of town blends into the picturesque thatched cottages of Shanklin Old Town at the head of the impressive Shanklin Chine. The delightful nature trail through the Chine is not to be missed and includes a surprising relic of the Second World War – a section of PLUTO, the Pipeline Under The Ocean, which was used to pump fuel under the sea to the Normandy landings. Although a quieter and more intimate resort than Sandown it nevertheless has its own theatre, lively pubs and entertainments.

## SHANKLIN HOTEL

Shanklin,  
Isle of Wight

Leisureplex  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

One of the best known hotels on the island, the Shanklin is situated in Shanklin town with superb views from its magnificent Starlite Restaurant and many bedrooms. Shanklin Old Village is a few minutes' walk away and the beach is accessible via the nearby cliff lift. Facilities include an impressive reception area, splendid bar, spectacular Starlite Restaurant with dance floor, indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and games room. Car parking is available. Tel: 01983 862286.

SEASIDE TOWNS  
& THE NEEDLES

- 5200EC

## Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£154**  
PER PERSON

## EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

## F Alum Bay &amp; Godshill

Refer to Scenic Shanklin 203EC description opposite.

## F Ryde &amp; Cowes

Visits to the two principal towns in the North East of the island. Ryde is the largest town on the Isle of Wight and named 'The Gateway to the Island' with its ferry terminal. It also has the oldest pleasure pier in Britain, built during the Napoleonic wars. The vibrant seaport of Cowes is famous throughout the world as a yachting centre. It's a great place to visit for its selection of boutique shops, cafes and restaurants.



Cowes

## Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Mar 4	£154	Mar 25	£174
Mar 11	£164	Apr 1	£179

## Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 6	£184	Apr 20	£204
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## Supplements per person

Sea View	£20		
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RAILWAY LINES  
& VINES - 5203EC

## Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Trip on Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- Entrance to Rosemary Vineyard

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£244**  
PER PERSON

## EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

## F Isle of Wight Steam Railway &amp; Godshill

We travel towards Ryde where we take a journey back in time on board a train pulled by a restored locomotive at the Isle of Wight Steam Railway (*rail fare included in the tour cost*). The sight of the powerful majestic steam engines, the charm of the quiet rural stations, and the friendliness of traditionally uniformed staff, will leave you with some enduring memories from a special day out. We return via Godshill a picturesque village well known for its church, thatched cottages and local produce.

## F Rosemary Vineyard, Ryde &amp; Cowes

We travel along the eastern coast and have a fascinating vineyard visit (*entrance included in the tour cost*) before continuing to Ryde which offers many shops and a magnificent pier with outstanding views across the busy Solent. We also visit Britain's yachting capital, Cowes. The town of Cowes is split from East Cowes by the river, which is crossed by a fascinating chain link ferry. Many buildings in Cowes were influenced by Prince Albert's ornate tastes.

## Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Jun 1	£294	Aug 10, 24	£294
Jun 15	£294	Sep 7	£294
Jun 13, 27	£294	Oct 5	£244

## Supplements per person

Single (Jun-Sep)	£27	Sea View (Jun-Sep)	£27
		Sea View (Oct)	£20

DELIGHTS OF THE  
ISLE - 203EC

## Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Trip on Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- Entrance to Rosemary Vineyard

7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£234**  
PER PERSON

## EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

## F Alum Bay &amp; Godshill

We travel round the southern tip of the island at Blackgang on our way to Alum Bay, famous for its coloured sands and stunning views over the Solent. Returning via Newport and the picturesque village of Godshill, which is well known for its church and thatched cottages.

## F Isle of Wight Steam Railway &amp; Cowes

We travel towards Ryde where we take a journey back in time on board a train pulled by a restored locomotive at the Isle of Wight Steam Railway (*rail fare included in the tour cost*). We return via Britain's yachting capital, Cowes.

## H Rosemary Vineyard &amp; Ryde

We travel along the eastern coast and have a fascinating vineyard visit (*entrance included in the tour cost*) before continuing to Ryde which offers many shops and a magnificent pier with outstanding views across the busy Solent.

## Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Mar 17	£234	Jul 7	£434
Apr 28	£329	Jul 21	£434
May 12	£354	Aug 4	£434
May 26	£384	Aug 18	£409
Jun 9	£414	Sep 1	£424
Jun 23	£434	Sep 15	£349

## Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Mar-Apr)	£28
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£37



## SOUTH & SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

Folkestone Harbour

# Folkestone & Canterbury

Folkestone is unusual as it lacks a conventional seafront. Most of the resort's facilities are concentrated at the level of the cliff-top Victorian boulevard known as The Leas. The older part of the town with its cobbled streets lies close to the harbour below. Nearby is the bathing beach at East Cliff Sands, at the foot of the cliffs crowned by a Martello Tower.

### GRAND BURSTIN HOTEL | Folkestone

This large modern hotel is conveniently situated on the harbour side near to the beach, with spacious public lounges and an impressive entertainment room. It also boasts an indoor swimming pool, sauna and gymnasium (extra charges apply). Access to the town is via a cliffside lift or elevated cobbled walk past the shops. An excellent entertainment programme is provided, with fully costumed cabaret shows. Tel: 01303 854500.



Royal Pavilion, Brighton

# Brighton

Famous for its graceful Regency buildings including the exotic iron-domed Royal Pavilion which was built as a palace for the Prince Regent, Brighton's enticing series of narrow streets, The Lanes, have many delightful small shops. Brighton is nestled between the sea and countryside providing a wealth of things to do. The town is known for its nightlife, arts scene, shopping and festivals.

### ROYAL ALBION | Brighton

This Regency Style Hotel built in 1826 offers a warm and friendly environment in a premier position directly opposite Brighton Pier and a few minutes walk from the famous Royal Pavilion and the Lanes. After dinner enjoy the sunset over Brighton Beach with an evening drink from the Pavilion Bar. Tel: 01273 329202.



Canterbury Cathedral



Worthing

## FOLKESTONE & CANTERBURY - 5233EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Kent Battle of Britain Museum

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£239**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Canterbury

We travel inland to historic Canterbury with its excellent shops and famous Cathedral, the home of English Christianity. Made famous by Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, the university city boasts some of England's finest medieval architecture. Another great free to visit attraction is the Beany House of Art & Knowledge, containing several art galleries with a plethora of revolving exhibitions from the Art of Ladybird Books to wildlife photography.

#### F Broadstairs & Kent Battle of Britain Museum

We travel first to Broadstairs, rich in memorabilia of Charles Dickens, who wrote "David Copperfield" here. We return via the former RAF base at Hawkinge, the most important collection of Battle of Britain artefacts in the country including aircraft, pieces of equipment and pilots' personal mementos.

Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Jul 27	£239		
Supplements per person			
Single	£27		

## BRIGHTON - 5212EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Trip on Bluebell Railway
- Entrance to Sheffield Park Gardens

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£304**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Bluebell Railway & Sheffield Park Gardens

We revisit the Halcyon days of steam to travel the Bluebell Railway through the gentle Sussex Weald before exploring the extensive splendour of Sheffield Park Gardens, a magnificent landscape garden surrounding four lakes, laid out in the 18th century by 'Capability' Brown (rail fare and entrance to gardens included in the tour cost).

#### F Worthing & Littlehampton

We visit the large seaside town of Worthing, where Oscar Wilde wrote The Importance of Being Earnest while on a visit in the 1890s. It is a vibrant place with an attractive town centre. Nearby Littlehampton on the estuary of the River Arun is simply delightful with an award-winning beach, bustling marina and attractive harbour.

Departs Monday - Returns on Friday			
Jun 10	£329	Aug 5	£329
Jul 8	£329	Sep 9	£304
Supplements per person			
Single	£27		



# Eastbourne

ELEGANT GARDENS & A WEALTH OF EXCURSIONS

Eastbourne Pier

Eastbourne is one of Britain's more elegant resorts, enjoying a glorious location on the South Coast. Because it is sheltered by Beachy Head and the South Downs it has an excellent sunshine record, always coming around the top of the sunshine league. It has a spacious promenade to stroll along and the world-famous Carpet Gardens line the seafront. Eastbourne has clean inviting beaches predominantly of shingle leading to sand at low tide and offering excellent bathing. There's plenty to see and do with first class shops, cinemas, museums, shows, concerts and dancing in the Winter Gardens. There is also a large variety of sporting facilities, whether you want to play or spectate, such as boating, bowls, golf, putting, and walking on the South Downs.

## QUEENS HOTEL

Eastbourne  

**Leisureplex**  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

This magnificent Victorian hotel is situated in an outstanding position overlooking the pier. Spacious public rooms include a public bar, snooker room, sun lounge and two restaurants. Several function rooms including the Princes Suite with its own bar where entertainment is provided most evenings. Two lifts serve all floors and a wheelchair lift is now available between the ground floor's two levels. Extensive car parking. Tel: 01323 722822.



## ELEGANT EASTBOURNE - 5215EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

**5 DAYS  
FROM  
£154  
PER PERSON**

### F Rye & Hastings

Today Rye is best known for its Thursday market but historically it was one of the *Cinque Ports* and home for many years to the novelist Henry James. We then visit Hastings, which has undergone extensive regeneration in recent years, and features a new £15m pier, several museums and galleries, a cliff railway, and delightful shops in the Old Town.

### F Brighton

We travel to Brighton, made famous by the Prince Regent who built the remarkable Pavilion. Brighton is host to numerous museums and galleries as well as an aquarium and several theatres, while the pier offers visitors the traditional promenade above the waves. Add to this the abundance of quirky independent shops clustered around the unique "Lanes", and there is never a dull moment in this city by the sea!

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Feb 11	£154	Mar 25	£179
Feb 25	£159	Oct 21	£204
Mar 11	£164	Oct 28	£199

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 6	£194	Sep 28	£209
Apr 20	£199	Oct 12	£204
Sep 21	£214		

#### Supplements per person

Single (Sep)	£27	Sea View (Feb-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Sea View (Sep)	£27

## EASTBOURNE & BRIGHTON - 5216EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Battle Abbey

**5 DAYS  
FROM  
£174  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Rye & Battle Abbey

Today Rye is best known for its Thursday market but historically it was one of the *Cinque Ports* and home for many years to the novelist Henry James. We also explore the atmospheric Battle Abbey ruins and their recently refurbished museum and visitor centre (*entrance included in the tour cost*). Indeed we can stand on the very spot where King Harold is said to have died!

#### F Brighton

We travel to Brighton, made famous by the Prince Regent who built the remarkable Pavilion. Brighton is host to numerous museums and galleries as well as an aquarium and several theatres, while the pier offers visitors the traditional promenade above the waves. Add to this the abundance of quirky independent shops clustered around the unique "Lanes", and there is never a dull moment in this city by the sea!

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Mar 18	£174		
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#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 11	£249	Jul 20	£289
Jun 8	£279	Sep 7	£284
Jul 6	£284		

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£27	Sea View (Mar)	£20
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£27

## HISTORIC EASTBOURNE - 218EC

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to Carr Taylor Vineyard

**7 DAYS  
FROM  
£319  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Battle & Carr-Taylor Vineyard

Battle was the site of William the Conqueror's victory over Harold. Follow the history trail around the village to learn how the battle unfolded. We then visit nearby Carr-Taylor Vineyard, where we receive an informative and entertaining tour of the vines and the winery (*included in tour cost*).

#### F Rye & Hastings

Refer to Elegant Eastbourne 5215EC description opposite.

#### F Brighton

Refer to Elegant Eastbourne 5215EC description opposite.



#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

May 5	£319	Jul 14	£414
May 19	£349	Aug 11	£404
Jun 16, 30	£404	Sep 8	£409

#### Supplements per person

Single	£38	Sea View	£37
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## SOUTH & SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

# Bognor Regis

QUINTESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANDSCAPES & BRILLIANT SEASCAPES

Bognor Regis

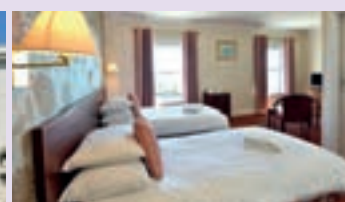
Bognor Regis has been a seaside fishing settlement since Anglo Saxon times. It became a fashionable resort in the reign of George III and has been frequented by royalty on numerous occasions. The resort is flat and has an excellent promenade walk. There is a pier and a delightful park, Hotham Park, which boasts a narrow gauge railway, putting green, crazy golf, tennis court and boating lake. On the beach between Bognor Regis and Aldwick lies the wreck of a floating pontoon - part of the Mulberry Harbour which was destined to be towed across to Normandy on D-Day June 6, 1944 and was washed up on the beach shortly after D-Day. The beach is predominantly pebbly but the water is clean and the quality of the light often remarkable. Inland the scenery is quintessentially English with the splendour of the South Downs, England's newest National Park, very close at hand.

### ROYAL NORFOLK

Bognor Regis  

**Leisureplex**  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

Situated in a delightfully sunny spot on the seafront with extensive lawns and superb Channel views, this exceptional Georgian building dates from the 1830s and has been visited by the Emperor Napoleon III of France and various descendants of Queen Victoria. It is a short walk from the pier and shops. There is an attractive lobby bar, a split level restaurant and a ballroom with small dance floor. Tel: 01243 826222.



### SOUTH DOWNS SPLENDOUR - 5205EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

**5 DAYS FROM**  
**£154**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### Chichester & Arundel

We visit nearby Chichester, an ancient town famous for its arts festival. We then travel to historic Arundel. Its castle and cathedral dominate the countryside and the charming town is delightful.

##### Portsmouth & Southsea

Refer to Sussex Sojourn 207EC description opposite.



Arundel Castle

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Feb 18	£154	Apr 15	£189
Mar 4	£159	Oct 28	£199
Mar 25	£164		

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 6	£179	Aug 3, 31	£264
May 25	£254	Sep 14	£234
Jul 6	£269	Sep 21	£219
Jul 20	£269	Oct 5, 12	£199

Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£27	Rooms with a View (Feb-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Rooms with a View (May-Sep)	£27

### WEST SUSSEX & PORTSMOUTH - 5209EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Trip on Bluebell Railway
- Entrance to HMS Victory & Sheffield Park Gardens

**NEW**  
**5 DAYS FROM**  
**£249**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### **NEW!** Bluebell Railway & Sheffield Park Gardens

We revisit the Halcyon days of steam to travel the Bluebell Railway through the gentle Sussex Weald before exploring the extensive splendour of Sheffield Park Gardens, a magnificent landscape garden surrounding four lakes, laid out in the 18th century by 'Capability' Brown (*rail fare and entrance to gardens included in the tour cost*).

##### **NEW!** Portsmouth

A trip westwards along the coast to the historic naval town with its fascinating harbour which plays host to the remains of Henry VIII's Mary Rose and Nelson's flagship, Victory (*entrance to HMS Victory included in the tour cost*).



HMS Victory, Portsmouth

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 11	£254	Sep 28	£249
Aug 24	£294		

Supplements per person

Single	£27	Rooms with a View	£27
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### SPLENDID SUSSEX - 207EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to Amberley Museum

**7 DAYS FROM**  
**£339**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### Chichester & Littlehampton

We visit the historic city of Chichester with its fine Cathedral, Georgian houses and ancient City walls. We return via Littlehampton, a beautiful seaside town famous for the UK's longest bench.

##### Portsmouth & Southsea

We journey westwards along the coast to the historic naval town of Portsmouth with its fascinating harbour. The comings and goings of passenger ferries all take place among the Royal Navy vessels and historic ships that call Portsmouth home. We continue to Southsea with its stunning refurbished pier and long flat promenade behind a glistening shingle beach.

##### Worthing & Amberley

We visit the large seaside town of Worthing, where Oscar Wilde wrote *The Importance of Being Earnest* while on a visit in the 1890s. It is a vibrant place with an attractive town centre, traditional seaside pier and several delightful parks and gardens. We then stop at Arundel and the Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre where working craftspeople demonstrate their traditional crafts and we can ride on the narrow gauge railway and historic bus services (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Jun 2	£339	Aug 4	£399
Jul 14	£404		

Supplements per person

Single	£38	Rooms with a View	£37
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# Great Yarmouth

EAST ANGLIA'S LIVELIEST RESORT

Norfolk Broads

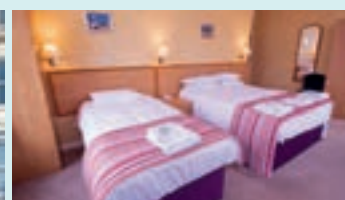
Great Yarmouth is East Anglia's top seaside venue, whose long sandy beach stretches for miles, backed by the Marine Parade and promenade, ideal for a gentle stroll or a ride on a horse-drawn landau. Visitors enjoy a huge range of attractions including the Model Village, a magnificent Sea Life Centre and the Hippodrome Circus, one of the longest running permanent circuses in England. Historically Great Yarmouth's South Quay was a bustling port, described by Daniel Defoe as the finest quay in Europe with its many Georgian buildings. Those with an interest in history might also enjoy the Nelson Museum and the preserved Row Houses, unique to Great Yarmouth. There's something for everyone in England's far East!

## NEW BEACH HOTEL

Great Yarmouth

**Leisureplex**  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

Recently refurbished and expanded, the New Beach is situated in Great Yarmouth's most central and lively location, on the seafront opposite Britannia Pier and adjacent to the shops and resort amenities. All public areas (new bar lounge with sea views, new restaurant and entertainment room) are on the ground floor.  
Tel: 01493 332300.



## GREAT YARMOUTH & NORWICH - 5260EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

**5 DAYS FROM**  
**£174**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Cromer & Sheringham

Cromer was once a small fishing village which has now grown into a bustling family holiday resort. Along the coast from Cromer lies the seaside town of Sheringham with its rural craft centre.

#### F Norwich

Refer to The Golden Mile of Fun 263EC description opposite.



Norwich Cathedral

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Mar 18	£174		
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#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 13	£174		
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#### Supplements per person

Sea View	£20		
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## GREAT YARMOUTH & BROADS - 5261EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Boat trip on Broads

**5 DAYS FROM**  
**£194**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Cromer & the Broads

We travel to Cromer via Caister and North Walsham. We return through Aylsham to Wroxham where we take a short trip on the Norfolk Broads to relax and enjoy the tranquillity and beautiful scenery (*boat fare included in the tour cost*).

#### F Norwich

Refer to The Golden Mile of Fun 263EC description opposite.



Cromer

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 4	£209	Aug 24	£244
May 25	£239	Sep 7	£249
Jun 29	£259	Sep 28	£199
Aug 17	£254	Oct 12	£194

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£27	Sea View (May-Sep)	£27
		Sea View (Oct)	£20

## THE GOLDEN MILE OF FUN - 263EC

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Boat trip on Broads

**7 DAYS FROM**  
**£284**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Cromer & the Broads

We travel to Cromer via Caister and North Walsham. We return through Aylsham to Wroxham where we take a short trip on the Norfolk Broads to relax and enjoy the tranquillity and beautiful scenery (*boat fare included in the tour cost*).

#### F Aldeburgh, Southwold & Beccles

Once a major Tudor port whose shipwrights built Drake's Golden Hind, Aldeburgh is today a picturesque coastal town with many interesting buildings such as the moot hall, windmill and Martello Tower. We also visit Southwold with its pier, waterclock and lighthouse, and the inland market town of Beccles.

#### F Norwich

Norwich is one of Britain's most attractive cities, a fine town with an irregular medieval street plan and many notable buildings of all periods including a Norman Castle and imposing cathedral. In addition to the historical attractions, the centre of Norwich is replete with a myriad of interesting shops and a large daily market featuring a variety of clothes and homewares as well as the local agricultural produce.

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Apr 28	£284	Jul 7	£374
May 19	£329	Jul 28	£374
Jun 2	£354	Aug 11	£374
Jun 16	£374	Sep 1	£369

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Apr)	£28
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£37



# Cromer

VICTORIAN CHARM AMID FLINT COTTAGES & UNSPOILT BEACHES

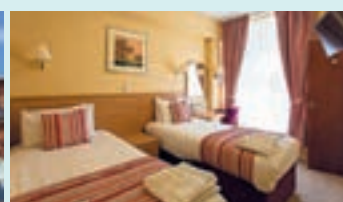
Cromer was once a small fishing village which has now grown into a bustling family holiday resort, with superb sunshine records. This attractive, small resort is full of character with its narrow twisting streets in the town centre and lively seafront promenade behind the sandy beach. Colourful gardens offer quiet relaxation but if you're feeling energetic there are leisure facilities available including bowling greens, tennis courts, squash and golf. During the summer season there's a varied entertainments programme available at the famous Pier Pavilion. Cromer is set amidst the pleasant countryside of North Norfolk with its leafy country lanes, villages with their flint cottages and of course the Norfolk Broads, miles and miles of waterways weaving their way through this unique landscape.

## HOTEL DE PARIS

Cromer   

**Leisureplex**  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

A delightful and unique hotel, occupying the finest position in Cromer, close to the shops and historic parish church and directly overlooking the pier and beach. Guests may recognise the Hotel de Paris from its appearances in Agatha Christie's "Partners in Crime" starring David Walliams. Superb reception lounge, attractive bar and lounge. Delightful restaurant with small dance floor. Tel: 01263 513141. Guests 513191.



## NORFOLK DELIGHTS & SEASCAPES

- 5265EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Sheringham & Norwich

We visit the coastal town of Sheringham, where fishing remains a major industry. This is a busy little resort with a sandy beach. A sail-powered lifeboat is preserved in a shed by the shore. The North Norfolk Steam Railway operates from Sheringham. The station houses a collection of railway relics and an 1887 signalbox is still in operation. We continue to the beautiful cathedral city of Norwich, with its fine museums and medieval churches, a Norman castle, the Guildhall and interesting medieval streets.

#### F Great Yarmouth & Wroxham

Great Yarmouth is East Anglia's top seaside venue, whose long sandy beach stretches for miles, backed by the Marine Parade and promenade, ideal for a gentle stroll or a ride on a horse-drawn landau. Wroxham and Hoveton face each other across the tranquil Broads and are home to many marinas and interesting shops and cafés.

Departs Monday - Returns on Friday			
Mar 4	£159	Oct 21	£204
Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Oct 5	£204		
Supplements per person			
Sea View	£20		

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£159**  
PER PERSON

## CROMER & THE BROADS - 5266EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Broads boat trip

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Great Yarmouth & the Broads

Norfolk's principal seaside resort is Great Yarmouth, packed with entertainments and amusements for all ages. We also visit Wroxham in the heart of the Norfolk Broads from where we take a trip on the Broads (*boat fare included in tour cost*).

#### F Sheringham & Norwich

We visit the coastal town of Sheringham, where fishing remains a major industry. This is a busy little resort with a sandy beach. A sail-powered lifeboat is preserved in a shed by the shore. The North Norfolk Steam Railway operates from Sheringham. The station houses a collection of railway relics and an 1887 signalbox is still in operation. We continue to the beautiful cathedral city of Norwich, with its fine museums and medieval churches, a Norman castle, the Guildhall and interesting medieval streets.

Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Apr 6	£184	Jul 20	£279
May 18	£254	Aug 3	£279
Jun 8	£269	Aug 31	£279
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Aug)	£27	Sea View (Apr)	£20
		Sea View (May-Aug)	£27



Great Yarmouth



Duke of Wellington statue, Norwich





Hotel de Paris & Cromer Pier



## EAST COAST ENGLAND

### Skegness

Skegness

Skegness is the largest resort on the Lincolnshire coast and has been a firm favourite holiday destination for decades. Wide, clean, award-winning beaches are amongst the fine attributes of this lively town. Between both the North and South Parades and the beach you will find a boating lake, bowling greens, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, mini golf and the lovely Compass Gardens and Tower Gardens. In the evening theatre audiences throng to see popular stars entertain.



Sandringham House & Gardens

### ROYAL HOTEL

Skegness

The Royal Hotel has an excellent reputation for being warm, friendly, comfortable and relaxing. Situated in its own grounds at the southern end of the promenade, looking towards the sea and an easy stroll from the resort's principal attractions. The hotel is situated between the South parade and Drummond Road, just a few minutes walk from both the clock tower and beach. There is a lounge bar, games room and a ballroom. Tel: 01754 762301.



### ROYAL SANDRINGHAM & THE BROADS - 269EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Broads cruise
- Entrance to Sandringham Museum & Gardens

7 DAYS FROM  
**£279**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Norwich

Norfolk's county town is well worth a visit with its cathedral, castle and shops.

##### F North Norfolk Coast & Sandringham

We travel West to Wells-next-the-Sea, a quaint, thriving port with a unique atmosphere. We continue along the coast and then inland to Royal Sandringham to visit the Royal Estate (entrance to Museum and gardens included in the tour cost). NB. Entrance is not possible when Royal Family is in residence, expected to be late July/early August.

##### F Great Yarmouth & the Broads

Norfolk's principal seaside resort is packed with entertainments and amusements of all descriptions. We continue to Wroxham to take a gentle cruise on the relaxing Broads (boat fare included in the tour cost).

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
Apr 21	£279	Jul 14	£409
May 12	£334	Jul 28	£404
Jun 2	£394	Aug 25	£409
Jun 30	£409		
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Aug)	£38	Sea View (Apr)	£28
		Sea View (May-Aug)	£37



Lincoln Cathedral



Maudfoister Mill, Boston

### LINCOLNSHIRE COAST - 272EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to Bateman's Brewery

7 DAYS FROM  
**£254**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Boston & Spalding

Both of these towns have rich histories dating from Norman times. Boston was a hugely important port until the river silted up in the late 1600s. The religious persecution of the seventeenth century was nowhere more bitterly fought than in Lincolnshire and led to the founding of the great American city of the same name by people from Boston.

##### F Lincoln

Lincoln's splendid cathedral is one of the finest in the country and is surrounded by many other fascinating buildings of all periods including its castle which houses one of four remaining original copies of Magna Carta.

##### F Mablethorpe, Louth & Wainfleet

We have a short break at Mablethorpe, a small resort once frequented by the poet Tennyson and notable for its splendid sands. We continue to Wainfleet for a fascinating tour of Batemans Brewery (entrance included in the tour cost). We then visit Louth, an ancient market town on the Wolds with a mixture of Elizabethan and Georgian buildings and a splendid church.

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
Mar 17	£254	Jul 7	£359
Jun 9	£359		
Supplements per person			
Single	£38		

F Full Day Excursion

H Half Day Excursion

NEW Brand NEW Tour

NEW! Excursions



## CENTRAL ENGLAND

Belton House

### Nottingham & Rutland

From our tranquil base set in the East Midlands countryside, we visit the bustling city of Nottingham as well as the delightful market towns of the region, before exploring Rutland, England's smallest county.

#### STOKE ROCHFORD HALL

Grantham 



A stunning Grade 1 Victorian country mansion, surrounded by vast landscaped gardens and parkland, Stoke Rochford Hall Hotel offers a tranquil getaway with extensive facilities. Guest rooms are in annexes adjacent to main house. Some ground floor rooms available. Most rooms not lift accessible. Tel: 01476 530337.



#### NOTTINGHAM & RUTLAND - 5318EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to Belton House & Grainstore Brewery

##### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

###### F Nottingham

The City of Nottingham is full of interest, including the Castle, Lace Market, cave dwellings and Ye Olde Trip To Jerusalem (England's oldest pub).

###### F Belton House, Newark & Southwell

We visit Belton House near Grantham, a magnificent 17th century Restoration property (*entrance included in the tour cost*) as well as Newark and the town of Southwell, site of a splendid medieval minster dating from Robin Hood's time.

###### F Rutland & Melton Mowbray

The Grainstore Brewery based in Rutland (*entrance included in the tour cost*) allows us to experience the brewing process first-hand and sample some of the beers! We then continue to Melton Mowbray, a bustling market town famous for pork pies and stilton cheese.

##### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Jun 8	£259	Sep 14	£259
Aug 24	£259		
Supplements per person			
Single	£27		

Bath

### Bath, Bristol & The Cotswolds

From our base in a delightful village setting on the outskirts of Bath, we explore two of England's most fascinating cities. Along the way we see the lovely countryside of the Mendips and southern Cotswolds.

#### LIMPLEY STOKE HOTEL

Lower Limpley Stoke, nr Bath 



The ivy-clad, Georgian built, Limpley Stoke Hotel started life as a country house and retains its extensive, beautifully landscaped grounds, set in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The hotel overlooks the Limpley Stoke Valley and is conveniently situated for Bath and the Cotswolds. Tel: 01225 723333.



#### BATH, BRISTOL & THE COTSWOLDS - 342EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Guided tour of Bath

##### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

###### F Bath

We travel a short distance from our hotel to the historical city of Bath which stands majestically on the banks of the River Avon. Examples of its wonderful architecture include the Roman Baths and the elegant Georgian terraces so well known to Jane Austen (*guided tour of Bath included in the tour cost*).

###### F Bristol

We visit the ancient maritime city of Bristol, which is packed with things to see, including its fascinating docks and world famous suspension bridge.

###### F The Cotswolds

We head North past Cheltenham today for our Cotswolds journey to Evesham and Broadway, Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water.

##### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Jun 9	£479	Sep 1	£494
Jul 7	£494		
Supplements per person			
Single	£109		

Warwick Castle

### Warwick Castle & The Cotswolds

A superb introduction to the variety of the Midlands from our base in central Coventry which is perfect for exploring the city on foot. The Cathedral, shops and free-entry Motor Museum are nearby.

#### BRITANNIA HOTEL

Coventry 



The superb location of this hotel gives you the opportunity to explore the city's historic centre and popular shopping districts. The hotel adjoins Coventry Cathedral at the very heart of the city and is a stones throw from the Transport Museum. Tel: 02476 402 151.



#### WARWICK CASTLE & COTSWOLDS - 5332EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Stanway House & Warwick Castle

##### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

###### F Warwick Castle

One of the Midlands' premier attractions, Warwick Castle (*entry included*) is much more than a well preserved-medieval structure. Each day, exciting shows, performances and re-enactments bring the castle to life, with interactive displays and exhibitions detailing the site's history.

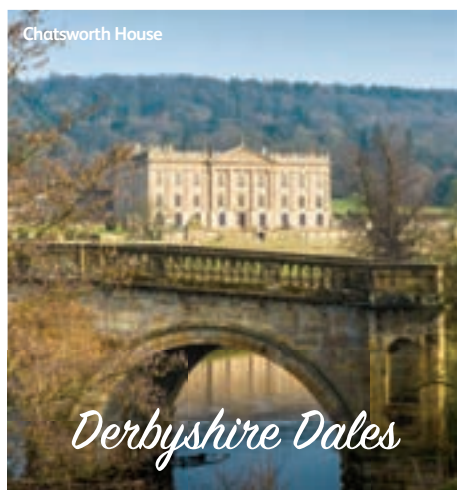
###### F Stanway House & Fountain & The Cotswolds

We visit the beautifully preserved Jacobean manor at Stanway House (*entry included*), once part of Tewkesbury Abbey's estate and still lived in by the Earls of Wemyss whose family took possession after the dissolution. In the grounds is the tallest gravity fed fountain in the World, rising to 300ft depending on weather conditions.

##### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Jun 10	£239	Aug 5	£239
Jul 8	£239	Sep 9	£239
Supplements per person			
Single	£27		





Chatsworth House

## Derbyshire Dales

Our base is Sheffield, which includes areas of the Peak District National Park within its boundaries. Our excursions take us to a selection of delightful towns and countryside as well as beautiful Chatsworth House.

### JURYS INN Sheffield



Located on Eyre Street, this hotel offers a fantastic city centre location. Situated just 5 minutes walk from the hotel is Sheffield Town Hall which offers stunning architecture, and the beautiful Peace Gardens which are particularly impressive lit up at night. Tel: 0114 291 2222.



### DERBYSHIRE DALES - 5317EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Entrance to Chatsworth

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Ashbourne & Buxton

The delightful market town of Ashbourne has a largely Georgian feel with an attractive cobbled market place. Buxton is the highest market town in England. Its splendid architecture including the Opera House date from its popularity as a major spa town.

##### F Northern Peaks, Bakewell & Chatsworth House

We visit Bakewell and Chatsworth, home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and one of the country's outstanding stately homes (*entrance included in the tour cost*). Returning via Castleton.

##### H Matlock

The fast flowing River Derwent made Matlock an early mill town but it became a famous spa in Victorian times and has attractive parks and architecture and a preserved railway.

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 20	£219	Aug 31	£254
Jun 29	£249		
Supplements per person			
Single	£79		

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£219**  
PER PERSON



Haworth, The Parsonage

## Harrogate, Brontë & Wharfedale

This tour includes glorious scenery and fascinating industrial and literary heritage. Our base is the picturesque market town of Bingley, set on the banks of the River Aire and the Leeds Liverpool canal.

### MERCURE BANKFIELD HOTEL Bingley



Set in a Gothic style mansion house surrounded by landscaped gardens, this hotel is a peaceful retreat a short stroll from the banks of the River Aire. Tel: 0844 815 9004.



### HARROGATE, BRONTË & WHARFEDALE - 5287EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to Haworth Parsonage

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Saltaire & Haworth

Saltire was built by mill owner Sir Titus Salt for his workers and houses the largest collection of art by David Hockney. We continue to Haworth Parsonage, the home of the Brontë sisters (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

##### F Harrogate & Ripon

Today we visit the beautiful spa town of Harrogate, famous for its elegant gardens and Betty's Tea Rooms! We continue to the cathedral city of Ripon whose bustling square is lined with Georgian and medieval buildings.

##### F Ilkley & Wharfedale

We venture North into the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the village of Grassington, with its cobbled square, shops and folk museum (entry fee applies). We follow the River Wharfe along its picturesque valley to the market town of Ilkley where an historic suspension bridge spans the river.

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Jun 10	£254	Aug 5	£254
Jul 8	£254	Sep 9	£254
Supplements per person			
Single	£99		

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£254**  
PER PERSON



North of England  
Open Air Museum,  
Beamish

## NORTH EAST ENGLAND

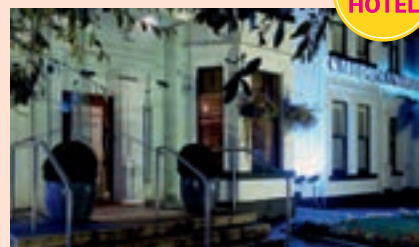
## Northumbria & Beamish

Jesmond provides an excellent base from which to explore this area of rocky headlands and delightful coves, fishing villages and medieval castles, rolling countryside and fascinating historic sights.

### CALEDONIAN HOTEL Newcastle



NEW  
HOTEL



Located in the heart of Jesmond, about one mile from Newcastle's city centre, the Caledonian is a comfortable hotel with a friendly feel. There is a small lounge area near the reception, whilst the Billabong Bar and Bistro offers a pleasant atmosphere throughout the day. Tel: 0191 281 7881.



### NORTHUMBRIA & BEAMISH - 5291EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to Beamish Open Air Museum

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Beamish

The North of England Open Air Museum is set in lovely countryside and vividly recreates life in the North East at the start of the Industrial Revolution (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

##### F Durham

A short journey brings us to Durham with its superb Norman cathedral. The adjacent castle is a reminder that church and state were never closer than in the time of the warlike Prince Bishops who were based here.

##### F Warkworth & the Northumbrian Coast

Warkworth Castle, birthplace of Harry Hotspur, is a magnificent sight enclosed within the meandering River Coquet. More castles follow at Dunstanburgh and romantically situated Bamburgh, signs of the turbulent past of this border region.

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Jun 10	£259	Aug 5	£259
Jul 8	£259	Sep 9	£259
Supplements per person			
Single	£69		

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£259**  
PER PERSON



# Scarborough

THE GEM OF THE YORKSHIRE COAST

Scarborough is arguably the oldest seaside resort in Britain - sea bathing was being promoted here in 1660, more than a century before it became fashionable elsewhere. But Scarborough has an even older history with an impressive medieval castle and even the remains of a Roman signal station. The busy harbour is haven to a welter of fishing vessels and there are the usual seaside pursuits a-plenty on the adjacent South Bay promenade which leads to the Spa. The steep hill sides are beautifully landscaped and there are many attractive parks and gardens. The resort is noted for its theatres and there is an art gallery and several small museums.

## CUMBERLAND HOTEL

Scarborough

**Leisureplex**  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

Very well situated on the South Cliff a few minutes walk from the beach and town centre with excellent views of the town from the North facing rooms. Nearby are lots of shops, restaurants, the Stephen Joseph Theatre and of course the famous Spa Complex with its matinee and evening concerts. On street car parking using complimentary permit available at reception.  
Tel: 01723 361826. Guests: 362863.



## SCARBOROUGH & WHITBY - 5276EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

**5 DAYS  
FROM  
£149  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Bridlington & Beverley

A short journey brings us to Bridlington, a lively seaside resort and fishing port. Points of interest include the priory church with its unique organ. Further South lies Beverley, a delightful town with many Georgian buildings and the famous 13th century Minster, not to be confused with the equally impressive church of St. Mary, which is also well worth a visit!

#### F North York Moors & Whitby

We travel inland along the southern edge of the North York Moors to Pickering with its magnificent 12th century castle. Then over the moors to Whitby, incomparably situated on the banks of the River Esk and with a skyline dominated by the remains of the ancient abbey. The many attractions of this famous port town include the Captain Cook Museum, Mining Museum, and several art galleries (entry fees may apply), as well as fresh fish & chips!

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Feb 18	£149	
Apr 6	£174	Jul 27
Apr 20	£194	Aug 24
May 4	£229	Sep 14
Jun 1	£259	Sep 28
Jun 29	£259	Oct 12

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£27	Rooms with a View (Jul-Aug)	£27
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## MINSTERS & MOORS - 277EC

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions

**7 DAYS  
FROM  
£224  
PER PERSON**

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Bridlington & Beverley

A short journey brings us to Bridlington, a lively seaside resort and fishing port. Further South lies Beverley, a delightful town with many Georgian buildings and the famous 13th century Minster.

#### F North York Moors & Whitby

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#### F York

One of the world's great tourism cities with its wealth of places to visit including the Roman walls, the famous Minster, the fascinating Jorvik centre as well as splendid shops!

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

Mar 17	£224	Jun 23	£394
Apr 28	£299	Jul 7, 21	£394
May 12	£324	Aug 4	£394
May 26	£359	Sep 1	£389
Jun 9	£389	Sep 15	£369

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£38	Rooms with a View (Jul-Sep)	£37
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Whitby



York Minster







Scarborough



## NORTH EAST ENGLAND

# Tour of Yorkshire

Sheffield, Peace Gardens

Based in Sheffield, a city brimming with parks and open spaces as well as excellent theatres and galleries, this tour takes in some of the major sites of South, East and West Yorkshire. Visits are included to Hull and its exceptional aquarium "The Deep", Wakefield's magnificent Cathedral, and the historic sights of Leeds. The truly breath-taking variety and quality of attractions available to the visitor is one of many reasons why Yorkshire is nicknamed "God's own County".



The Deep, Hull



Leeds City Hall



Hull

## YORK & THE DEEP - 5277EC

### Alfa Inc ludes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to The Deep

**NEW**  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£259**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### **F NEW! Hull & The Deep**

With the cobbled streets of the city's Old Town, the fascinating Museum Quarter, and bustling Marina, Hull was deservedly the UK City of Culture 2017. The city centre continues to develop, including the strikingly angular new Albion Square buildings. We visit The Deep, one of the most spectacular aquariums in the world with over 3500 fish! *(entrance included in the tour cost).*

#### **F NEW! York**

One of the world's great tourism cities with its wealth of places to visit including the Roman walls, the famous Minster, the fascinating Jorvik centre. Like stepping back into the middle ages, the overhanging timber-framed houses and traditional shopfronts of The Shambles makes this one of the UK's most historic (and picturesque) streets. Why not visit the National Railway Museum? (free entrance). The journey to and from York passes through the Howardian Hills AONB and some relaxing rolling countryside.

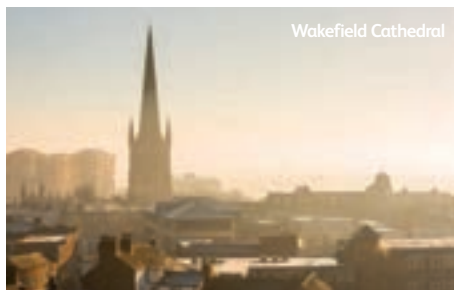
#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Jul 13	£259	Aug 10	£259
Supplements per person			
Single	£27	Rooms with a View	£27

## JURYS INN Sheffield



Located on Eyre Street, this hotel offers a fantastic city centre location. Situated just 5 minutes walk from the hotel is Sheffield Town Hall which offers stunning architecture, and the beautiful Peace Gardens which are particularly impressive lit up at night.  
Tel: 0114 291 2222.



Wakefield Cathedral

## TOUR OF YORKSHIRE - 5285EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Temple Newsam House
- Entrance to The Deep
- Guided tour of Wakefield Cathedral

**5 DAYS**  
FROM  
**£229**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### **F Wakefield Cathedral & Temple Newsam House, Leeds**

We are guided on a visit to Wakefield's imposing Cathedral, which features the tallest spire in Yorkshire. The cathedral has undergone extensive refurbishment in recent years, helping to preserve the exquisite windows, misericords and other unique features *(guided tour included in tour cost)*. We continue to Temple Newsam House in Leeds, with its Capability Brown gardens and pre-eminent collection of decorative arts. Temple Newsam is also home to the national collection of Chippendale furniture *(entrance included in the tour cost)*.

#### **F Hull & The Deep**

With the cobbled streets of the city's Old Town, the fascinating Museum Quarter, and bustling Marina, Hull was deservedly the UK City of Culture 2017. The city centre continues to develop, including the strikingly angular new Albion Square buildings. We visit The Deep, one of the most spectacular aquariums in the world with over 3500 fish! *(entrance included in the tour cost).*

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 4	£229	Aug 3, 31	£239
Jun 1, 29	£239	Sep 21	£239
Supplements per person			
Single	£79		

## NORTH WEST ENGLAND

Southport Pier

### Southport

Southport is one of Britain's most elegant resorts with wide boulevards, delightful parks, a fabulous Marine Lake and one of the longest piers in Britain. The wide unspoiled beaches and splendid sand hills constitute one of the most important areas for nature conservation in the UK. Lord Street, with its beautiful cast iron canopies and wide pavements, is one of the most attractive shopping streets in Europe.

#### BEST WESTERN ROYAL CLIFTON HOTEL

Southport   

Situated on Southport Promenade, opposite the Princes Gardens, with easy flat access to all resort amenities. Guest rooms have undergone a programme of refurbishment in recent years. All 120 rooms are en-suite and benefit from TV, telephone, internet and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has two large dining rooms and a bright, airy conservatory lounge bar. Tel: 01704 533771



#### AUCKLAND HOTEL | Morecambe

A family owned and run hotel on the Central Promenade offering a warm welcome and personal service, the Auckland is well placed for all the resort's main amenities. There is a sun lounge and patio, a separate TV lounge and a lounge bar offering lunchtime snacks in a convivial relaxed atmosphere. Tel: 01524 412565.



Chester, The Rows



Liverpool Albert Dock



Lake Windermere

#### SOUTHPORT - 5312EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

5 DAYS FROM  
**£249**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Chester

We have plenty of time to explore this lovely city, created by the Romans some 2000 years ago. The centre is compact and easy to get around on foot by means of a waymarked Millennium Festival Trail. Sightings include the Eastgate Clock, Chester Visitor Centre, Roman Amphitheatre and the most complete city walls in Britain. There is even a Town Crier that welcomes visitors at 12 noon at the city centre Cross.

##### F Liverpool

Refer to Southport 311EC description opposite.

Departs Monday - Returns on Friday			
Jun 10	£249	Aug 5	£274
Jul 8	£274	Sep 9	£249
Supplements per person			
Single	£27	Sea View	£27

#### SOUTHPORT - 311EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions

7 DAYS FROM  
**£359**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Blackpool

Britain's Capital of Fun is a superb destination for a day of unashamed seaside nostalgia. In addition to the world renowned Golden Mile with its funfair and tower, it has excellent shopping and some lovely parks.

##### F Chester

Refer to Southport 5312EC description opposite.

##### F Liverpool

Liverpool is well known for its lively atmosphere. Its magnificent buildings, fascinating waterfront and superb museums make for an absorbing day out.

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
May 12	£359	Jul 28	£399
Supplements per person			
Single	£38	Sea View	£37

#### CHARMING LAKE DISTRICT - 297EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full & 1 half day excursions
- Boat trips on Windermere & Ullswater

7 DAYS FROM  
**£339**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Grange over Sands & Ulverston

After a brief stop at Grange-over-Sands, we continue to Ulverston, birthplace of Stan Laurel and boasting a 'Laurel & Hardy' Museum.

##### F Ullswater & Keswick

We travel to Pooley Bridge to join the Ullswater 'Steamer' boat trip to Glenridding (boat fare included in tour cost), at the foot of the mighty Helvellyn. We then continue to Keswick, the busiest town in the North Lakes, situated beside Derwent Water. Whilst here, why not visit the Pencil Museum and discover the fascinating history of this important every day item.

##### F Windermere & Conistone

We travel to the southern end of Lake Windermere where we take a trip on the lake (boat fare included in the tour cost) to the

town of Windermere where we have time for shopping. Continuing round the northern side of Windermere to Conistone and along the western side of the lake back to Morecambe.

##### H Kirkby Lonsdale

A delightful short excursion to the limestone district and Lune Valley. Kirkby Lonsdale is a typical Dales farming town with cobbled streets and plenty of craft and fare shops.

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
Apr 21	£339	Jul 14, 28	£384
May 12	£359	Aug 11, 25	£384
Jun 16	£379	Sep 1	£399
Jun 30	£379	Sep 8	£389
Supplements per person			
Single (Apr)	£32	Sea View	£45
Single (May-Sep)	£38		



# Blackpool

BRITAIN'S CAPITAL OF FUN

Blackpool

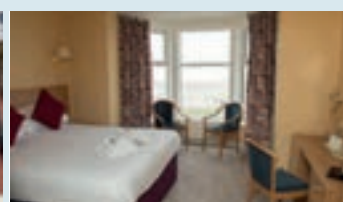
Few resorts anywhere in the world can rival the popularity of Blackpool - Britain's Capital of Fun! The world famous Tower, three piers, miles of golden sands, the spectacular Pleasure Beach with its breathtaking "white knuckle" rides, horse drawn carriages, a Sealife Centre, Madame Tussaud's Waxworks, a Zoo Park, an Art Gallery - Blackpool has them all. But save some of your energy for the evening and sample the terrific summer shows, lively bars and pubs, for it is at night that Blackpool really stands out as the most exciting of all Britain's resorts. For a complete contrast to the sheer energy of Blackpool, the excursions included in our itineraries takes us to some of the most serene scenery in Britain including the Ribble Valley and the Lake District.

## QUEENS HOTEL

Blackpool

Leisureplex  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

Ideally situated on South Promenade between Central and South Piers, the Queens is one of Blackpool's larger hotels. It overlooks the Irish Sea and is only a ten minute walk from the famous Pleasure Beach. Generously sized public areas include an intimate bar, a splendid theatre bar and attractive lounges.  
Tel: 01253 336980.



## SPRING SPECIALS AT BLACKPOOL

£1 BAR  
every Tuesday & Thursday evening

plus  
**THEMED ENTERTAINMENT**  
ON SELECTED DATES  
Also available on Self Drive Breaks

**Book a 5 or 7 Day Spring Break  
staying at our Queens Hotel in  
Blackpool arriving on or before  
the 29th May 2019.**

- ✓ 4 or 6 nights accommodation, dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Return coach travel
- ✓ **Themed Cabaret** (selected dates)
- ✓ No single supplements
- ✓ **FREE drink & FREE lunch** (see page 3)
- ✓ Excursions included
- ✓ **£1 Bar** on Tuesday & Thursday evenings\* (Between 7pm and 10pm)

**SOUL/MOTOWN**  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**ABBA TRIBUTE**  
14<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

\*On Pre-Easter departures only.



## BRITAIN'S CAPITAL OF FUN - 5305EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Guided tour of Ribble Valley

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Southport

Despite their common Victorian heritage, the studied elegance of Southport's Lord Street could not be more different from Blackpool's Golden Mile! It has several lovely parks and its shops are outstanding.

#### F Ribble Valley & Oswaldtwistle Mills

Take our guided tour through the Ribble Valley and visit Clitheroe, Chatburn and Downham. We hear tales of the infamous 17th Century trial and execution of the Pendle Witches and learn about the Sabden Treacle Mines. We visit Oswaldtwistle Mills and return by the 'Nick of Pendle' road to Blackpool (*guided tour included in tour cost*).

Departs Monday - Returns on Friday			
Feb 25*	£154	Mar 25*	£164
Mar 11*	£159	Apr 1	£159
Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Apr 20	£169	Aug 3	£239
May 4	£189	Aug 31	£239
Jun 22	£239	Sep 14, 28	£249
Jul 6	£239	Oct 12	£239
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Sep)	£27	Sea View (Feb-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£27

\*Themed entertainment at Queens Hotel, Blackpool

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£154**  
PER PERSON

## BLACKPOOL & WINDERMERE - 307EC

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Lake Windermere Cruise & Grasmere

Today we take a boat trip on England's largest lake, Windermere (*included in tour cost*). The surrounding scenery varies from vast lawns to towering hills and a variety of sailing marinas. We also visit Grasmere, famously the former home of William Wordsworth, who was inspired in his writing by much of the local scenery.

#### F The Ribble Valley & Skipton

A delightful scenic drive through some of the loveliest country in the North, visiting Settle in the heart of the limestone country with time to explore historic Skipton. We return via Clitheroe and the Ribble Valley.

#### F Southport

Despite their common Victorian heritage, the studied elegance of Southport's Lord Street could not be more different from Blackpool's Golden Mile! It has several lovely parks and its shops are outstanding.

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
May 19*	£324	Aug 11	£344
Jun 30	£344	Sep 1	£359
Jul 14	£344	Sep 8	£359
Supplements per person			
Single	£38	Sea View	£37

\*Themed entertainment at Queens Hotel, Blackpool

7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£324**  
PER PERSON



# North West England

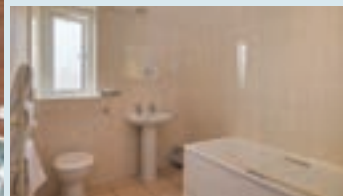
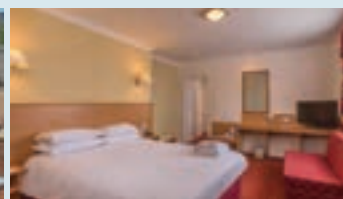
Shrewsbury

Our base in Crewe provides easy access to the delights of the surrounding cities and counties of North West England as well as the rolling hills of North Wales. Our selection of tours exploits this to the full, offering a great variety of excursions. Choose from visits to magnificent Chester, historical Shrewsbury and the delightful Welsh town of Llangollen or an exploration of the industrial history of the North of England visiting the great cities of Liverpool and Manchester. Our hotel base is directly opposite one of the Victorian era's greatest railway stations at Crewe, with its railway museum.

## CREWE ARMS

Crewe, Cheshire   

Situated at the heart of Cheshire, the Crewe Arms was built in 1880 to serve Crewe Railway Station (built in 1837) one of the most historically significant railway stations in Britain. Queen Victoria travelled by rail and stayed at the Crewe Arms en route to holiday in Scotland. Enjoy fine dining at Sophia's Restaurant, named after Princess Sophia, Queen Victoria's daughter, with a menu sourced from local suppliers. Tel: 01270 213204.



## CHESTER & SHREWSBURY

- 5313EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Boat trip on River Severn

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### Chester

A short journey takes us to this beautiful city on the River Dee, first occupied by the Romans 2000 years ago. The centre is compact and easy to get around on foot by means of a waymarked Millenium Festival Trail. Sights include the Eastgate Clock, Chester Visitor Centre, Roman Amphitheatre and the most complete city walls in Britain. There is even a Town Crier that welcomes visitors at 12 noon at the city centre Cross.

#### Shrewsbury

Birthplace of Charles Darwin, Shrewsbury is a bustling medieval town with over 600 listed buildings, 4 churches, a Castle and abbey. Today we see Shrewsbury from a different angle, with a boat trip down the River Severn (*boat fare included*).

#### Llangollen

Today we cross the border to Wales and the ancient town of Llangollen on the River Dee, home to the International Eisteddfod, the Welsh festival of literature, music and performance.

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 11	£234	Aug 3	£239
Jun 8	£239	Sep 7	£244
Jul 6	£239		

#### Supplements per person

Single	£69		
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5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£234**  
PER PERSON

## PRIDE OF THE NORTH - 5314EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Guided tour of Manchester

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### Liverpool

Liverpool's success is built on a history of trade with its port once a hive for international merchants. Today the city's history and culture are celebrated with the Tate Liverpool, the Beatles Story, Merseyside Maritime Museum, the International Slavery Museum and its famous Albert Dock. The city centre is bustling with designer shops, individual boutiques and restaurants.

#### Manchester

Manchester is a great European city with a rich heritage stretching back to Roman times (*guided tour included in the tour cost*). Its role as the leading city in the Industrial Revolution is celebrated in its superb Museum of Science and Industry, just a stone's throw from its remaining Roman walls and excellent shops and cafes (free entrance to museum).

#### Freeport Talke

A chance to bag some bargains at one of the regions premier outlet shopping centres.

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 18	£229	Jul 6	£229
Jun 1, 15	£229	Aug 10, 31	£229

#### Supplements per person

Single	£69		
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5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£229**  
PER PERSON



Liverpool



Manchester



# West Wales

Pembroke Castle

One of the oldest settlements in Wales, Carmarthen is brimming with historic architecture, such as Clough Williams-Ellis's bridge over the Towy, and boasts a bustling market and shopping streets. Reputed to be the birthplace of King Arthur and Merlin, Carmarthen was the largest town in Wales during the coal boom of the 17th century. Today Carmarthen is home to a thriving university, yet retains its roots as a farming community famed for its high quality sheep and cattle. Our itineraries offer you the choice between an exploration of the traditional rural communities of the area, or a selection of the coastal towns and resorts of the region. Whatever your choice, you're assured of a fascinating holiday in Wales's far West!

## IVY BUSH ROYAL HOTEL

Carmarthen 

This centrally located, comfortable hotel in Carmarthen, which once welcomed Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton, boasts a gym with sauna (free of charge), a Residents lounge, and a bar with sports shown on large screen television. Evening meals are prepared using locally-sourced, seasonal ingredients from the traditional farming region around Carmarthen. Tel: 01267 235 111.



Aberaeron Harbour



Carmarthen Bay

## WEST WALES RURAL RANGER - 5375EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Dyfed Shire Horse Farm
- Entrance to Aberglasney Gardens

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### **NEW! Dyfed Shire Horse Farm & Cardigan**

At the foot of the Preseli Mountains lies the home of the Lewis family and their famous shire horses. The farm has become all the more renowned following a flying visit by HRH Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall. We are treated to demonstrations of horse care, with the possibility of tractor rides and a host of other attractions (*included in the tour cost*). We also visit the former port town of Cardigan with its historic quayside and castle. The area is renowned for its honey and for being the inspiration for Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood".

#### **NEW! Aberglasney Gardens & Llandeilo**

One of the most beautiful gardens in Wales, Aberglasney houses a famous Cloister Garden and Yew Tunnel (*entrance included in the tour cost*). One of Aberglasney's unique features is the Ninfarium, a covered tropical garden hidden within the manor house under a vast glass roof. Llandeilo is a traditional Welsh farming and market town with an old fashioned high street and plenty of independent shops.

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

May 11	£279	Sep 21	£284
Jul 13	£289		
Supplements per person			
Single	£27		

**NEW**  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£279**  
PER PERSON

## WEST WALES COASTAL EXPLORER - 5377EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### **NEW! Aberaeron & Cardigan**

Heading North along the coast, we visit the quaint Regency style resort of Aberaeron. The long, flat harbour walk and quayside promenade are ideal for a gentle stroll among the fishing boats and sailing dinghies. We also visit the former port town of Cardigan with its historic quayside and castle. The area is renowned for its honey and for being the inspiration for Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood".

#### **NEW! Pembroke & Tenby**

Our tour visits Pembroke, birthplace of Henry VII and site of a prolonged siege by Oliver Cromwell from which the town retains a magnificent castle. In Tenby we find two superb beaches and a photogenic harbour overlooked by pastel coloured Georgian and Regency buildings. The narrow streets and fortified walls combine to create a unique seaside atmosphere.

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Jun 10	£274	Aug 5	£279
Jul 8	£279	Sep 9	£274
Supplements per person			
Single	£27		

**NEW**  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£274**  
PER PERSON



# Llandudno

ELEGANT BOULEVARDS BETWEEN MOUNTAINS & SEA

Situated on a sandy isthmus between the Great Orme and Little Orme Heads, Llandudno boasts two superb beaches. The shingly North Shore is the busier of the two with its Victorian Pier, boat trips, donkey rides and much more. The sandy West Shore is quieter with miles of sands and panoramic views of the Snowdonia mountain range in the distance. Llandudno is a highly attractive resort with its magnificent crescent of hotels, broad tree-lined streets and elegant shops all combining to produce a unique atmosphere. A tramway and cable car both offer a route to the summit of the Great Orme (which also boasts a superb dry ski slope – one of the best in Britain). There is plenty to do both day and night and you are sure never to have a dull moment at what many would claim to be the most complete of all British holiday resorts.

## HYDRO HOTEL | Llandudno



Leisureplex  
HOLIDAY HOTELS



Ideally placed on the seafront close to the Aberconwy Centre and a short walk from Llandudno's wonderful shops, pier and Happy Valley gardens. Large entertainment suite with dance floor and entertainment most evenings. Superb "Looking Glass" bar with views over the bay, sun lounge, games room with snooker. Many rooms have views over the bay or over the town to the Snowdonia mountains. Car parking. Tel: 01492 870101.



Caernarfon Castle

## LLANDUDNO

- 5350EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to National Slate Museum

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£149**  
PER PERSON

## EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

### F Betws-y-Coed & Conwy

We travel down the Vale of Conwy, through Llanrwst to Betws-y-Coed, a wooded village in a picturesque setting where three rivers meet. We then continue to the historic town of Conwy, with its mighty castle and medieval town walls.

### F Caernarfon & Snowdonia

We travel to Caernarfon, home to one of the finest castles in Wales and boasting attractive streets and a lively harbour. Passing through the heart of Snowdonia on the return journey we visit Llanberis at the foot of Snowdon. In Llanberis we visit the National Slate Museum (*entrance included*), which tells the story of the slate mining industry of North Wales through the centuries.

### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Feb 18	£149	Oct 21	£204
Feb 25	£154	Oct 28	£194
Mar 11	£164		

### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 13	£184	Sep 21	£214
Apr 20	£194	Oct 5	£204

### Supplements per person

Single (Sep)	£27	Sea View (Feb-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Sea View (Sep)	£27





Llandudno



Bodnant Gardens

## WALES



Beaumaris Castle



Penrhyn Castle



Snowdonia

### NORTH WALES HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS - 5351EC

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£244**  
PER PERSON

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to National Slate Museum

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Anglesey & Beaumaris

We travel to Anglesey with time to explore the charming town of Beaumaris. There are many attractions here including the town's castle, the former courthouse, which is now open to the public as a museum, and the lifeboat station. We then continue to the place with the longest name in Europe, usually abbreviated to LlanfairPG. This railway halt, built by an entrepreneurial Victorian, is famous not only for its inordinately long name, but also for its Woollen Mills, where we have a short stop.

##### F Caernarfon & Snowdonia

We travel to Caernarfon, home to one of the finest castles in Wales and boasting attractive streets and a lively harbour. Passing through the heart of Snowdonia on the return journey we visit Llanberis at the foot of Snowdon. In Llanberis we visit the National Slate Museum (*entrance included*), which tells the story of the slate mining industry of North Wales through the centuries.

Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
May 11	£244	Jul 20	£274
Jun 8	£269	Aug 17, 31	£269
Jul 6	£274	Sep 7	£279
Supplements per person			
Single	£27	Sea View	£27

### GARDENS OF NORTH WALES - 5353EC

NEW  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£299**  
PER PERSON

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Entrance to Bodnant Gardens, Gwydir Castle, Penrhyn Castle & Plas Newydd House & Gardens

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F NEW! Beaumaris & Plas Newydd House & Gardens

We cross through Anglesey to the charming town of Beaumaris then we visit the beautiful 18th century Plas Newydd House with its fine gardens and parkland that overlook the Menai Straits (*entrance to Plas Newydd House and gardens included in the tour cost*).

##### F NEW! Gwydir Castle & Bodnant Gardens

We spend the morning at the fine Elizabethan Gardens of the splendid Tudor Gwydir Castle and continue to Bodnant Gardens, widely acknowledged as one of the world's most spectacular gardens, not to mention its stunning views across to Snowdonia. We return on a picturesque journey via Betws-y-Coed (*entrance to Gwydir Castle and Bodnant Gardens included in the tour cost*).

##### H NEW! Penrhyn Castle

A visit to the early 19th century Penrhyn Castle, offering attractive walks in the grounds amongst its collection of exotic trees and shrubs and in its Victorian walled garden (*entrance included in the tour cost*).

Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Jun 1	£299	Jul 13	£299
Supplements per person			
Single	£27	Sea View	£27

### QUEEN OF THE WELSH RESORTS - 353EC

7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£224**  
PER PERSON

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to National Slate Museum

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### F Anglesey & Beaumaris

Refer to North Wales Highlands & Islands 5351EC description opposite.

##### F Betws-y-Coed & Conwy

We travel down the Vale of Conwy, through Llanrwst to Betws-y-Coed, a wooded village in a picturesque setting where three rivers meet. We then continue to the historic town of Conwy, with its mighty castle and medieval town walls.

##### F Caernarfon & Snowdonia

We travel to Caernarfon, home to one of the finest castles in Wales and boasting attractive streets and a lively harbour. Passing through the heart of Snowdonia on the return journey we visit Llanberis at the foot of Snowdon where we visit the National Slate Museum (*entrance included*).

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
Mar 17	£224	Jun 30	£389
Apr 21	£319	Jul 14	£389
May 5	£319	Jul 28	£384
May 19	£339	Aug 11	£384
Jun 2	£379	Aug 25	£379
Jun 16	£384	Sep 8	£384
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Mar-Apr)	£28
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£37



# Criccieth

THE PEARL OF WALES ON THE SHORES OF SNOWDONIA

Criccieth lies on the South side of the Llyn Peninsula with splendid views over Cardigan Bay. It is home to a medieval castle, built by the Welsh in the mid-thirteenth century but later taken by Edward I who incorporated it into his ring of castles designed to maintain Norman control. It was captured by Owain Glyndwr in the uprising of 1404 and the scorch marks from that battle can still be seen! The castle headland divides the town into two with a pebbly beach to the West and a lovely sheltered mainly sandy beach to the East. Nearby is the village of Llanystumdwy, which boasts a museum devoted to David Lloyd George, the "Welsh Wizard", whose family once lived in Criccieth. The countryside around Criccieth is breathtaking with fabulous coastal views over Cardigan Bay, awesome mountain scenery in Snowdonia and delightful gardens and castles at every turn.

GEORGE IV HOTEL | Criccieth 

Leisureplex  
HOLIDAY HOTELS



Situated on the High Street in the centre of Criccieth with magnificent views towards the sea and castle from many bedrooms. Extensive public areas include a delightful intimate bar, attractive large restaurant, entertainment room with additional bar and a cosy lounge. The Eastern beach with its mix of sand, shingle and rockpools (as well as a café and ice cream parlour) is a flat 5 minute walk from the hotel. Tel: 01766 522168.



Caernarfon Castle

## WELSH HIGHLANDS & MEDIEVAL TOWN - 5365EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to National Slate Museum

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£169**  
PER PERSON

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Caernarfon & Snowdonia

We travel to Caernarfon, home to one of the finest castles in Wales and boasting attractive streets and a lively harbour. Passing through the heart of Snowdonia on the return journey we visit Llanberis at the foot of Snowdon. In Llanberis we visit the National Slate Museum (free entrance), which tells the story of the slate mining industry of North Wales through the centuries.

#### F Ffestiniog & Porthmadog

We travel East to Blaenau Ffestiniog, in the heart of Snowdonia, once a major centre of the slate mining industry. We return to the coast at Porthmadog, a harbour town with a long maritime history and arguably Britain's narrow gauge railway capital with stations on both the Ffestiniog and the Welsh Highland Railways. T. E. Lawrence, of Lawrence of Arabia fame lived nearby and the 14th century poet Shelley is reputed to have regularly visited.

Departs Monday - Returns on Friday			
Mar 18	£169	Oct 28	£204
Apr 15	£184		
Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Apr 6	£169	Sep 28	£214
Supplements per person			
Single (Sep)	£27	Rooms with a View (Mar-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Rooms with a View (Sep)	£27





Portmeirion



Portmeirion



Ffestiniog Railway



Mount Snowdon Summit

## PORTMEIRION & SNOWDON RAILWAY - 5366EC

5 DAYS FROM  
**£269**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Portmeirion
- Trip on Snowdon Mountain Railway

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Snowdon

Refer to Criccieth & Snowdonia 368EC description opposite.

#### F Portmeirion Village

This unique village is set on its own peninsula on the southern shores of Snowdonia. Its dreamlike Italianate quality made it the setting for the famous TV series The Prisoner. There are lovely gardens and fascinating vistas at every turn (*entrance included in tour cost*).



Snowdon Mountain Railway

Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
May 18	£269	Aug 10	£289
Jun 15	£284	Sep 7	£294
Jul 13	£289	Sep 21	£289
Supplements per person			
Single	£27	Rooms with a View	£27

## WELSH SCENIC RAILWAYS - 5367EC

5 DAYS FROM  
**£274**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Trips on Llanberis Lake Railway, Talylyn Railway & Welsh Highland Railway
- Entrance to National Slate Museum

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Llanberis Lake Railway & Welsh Slate Museum

Llanberis Lake lies at the foot of Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales with majestic views (*rail fare included in the tour cost*). We then spend time at the National Slate Museum (free entrance). We return via Swallow Falls.

#### F Talylyn Railway

This historic, steam-operated railway runs for seven and a quarter miles through the beautiful Fathew Valley from Tywyn to Abergynolwyn (*rail fare included in the tour cost*). Opened in 1865, the railway once served the workers of Bryn Eglwys slate quarry but today the passenger trains give access to stunning views.

#### F Welsh Highland Railway

We visit Porthmadog which is arguably Britain's narrow gauge railway capital with stations on two railways! We take a spectacular 25 mile scenic journey to beneath the castle walls in Caernarfon on the Welsh Highland Railway (*rail fare included in the tour cost*).

Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
May 4	£274	Jul 27	£294
Jun 1, 29	£294	Aug 24	£279
Supplements per person			
Single	£27	Rooms with a View	£27

## PORTMEIRION & SNOWDONIA - 368EC

7 DAYS FROM  
**£329**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Entrance to Portmeirion
- Trip on Snowdon Mountain Railway

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Portmeirion Village

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#### F Snowdon

The unique Snowdon Mountain Railway rises to within 66' of the summit of Wales' highest mountain and provides unforgettable views of some of the finest mountain scenery in the British Isles (*rail fare included in tour cost - service stops part way in severe weather*).

#### F Barmouth & Ffestiniog

A lovely coastal journey through Harlech to Barmouth, with its long sandy beach and picturesque harbour, before continuing to Ffestiniog in the heart of Snowdonia, once a major centre of the slate mining industry.

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
Apr 28	£329	Jul 7, 21	£399
May 12	£359	Aug 4	£399
Jun 2	£379	Aug 18	£394
Jun 9	£394	Sep 1	£399
Jun 23	£399	Sep 15	£389
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Sep)	£38	Rooms with a View (Apr)	£28
		Rooms with a View (May-Sep)	£37



# Tenby

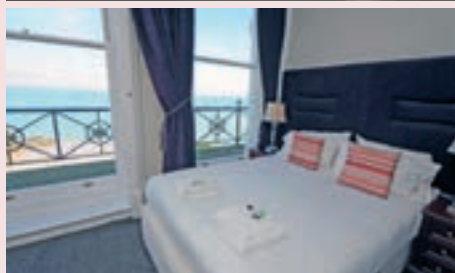
PASTEL COLOURED BUILDINGS, MEDIEVAL WALLS & LOVELY BEACHES

Tenby is a uniquely attractive resort. Its pastel coloured buildings, narrow streets, fortified walls and the quality of the light from its shimmering bays give it an atmosphere which is reminiscent of the Mediterranean. Its medieval castle was bombarded into submission by Cromwell using artillery on both land and sea and the feeling of a town whose history is much richer than most seaside resorts is very strong as one ambles around the narrow streets or stops for a drink in one of the many bars or cafés. The fifteenth century Tudor Merchants House gives an insight into life when it was a busy trading port. Tenby has four magnificent sandy beaches and a delightful harbour which is always busy with pleasure craft and the regular ferries which serve nearby Caldey Island monastery, a "must" to explore during your stay.

## CLIFFE NORTON HOTEL | Tenby



Leisureplex  
HOLIDAY HOTELS



The latest addition to the Leisureplex portfolio occupies a prime position on the North Beach, affords uninterrupted views across the bay, and is just a short walk from the town centre. The full Leisureplex menu is served in the panoramic dining room (nine steps to dining room). The 53 refurbished rooms are decorated to complement the building's period features.  
Tel: 01834 842333.



Pembroke Castle

## KING ARTHUR COUNTRY - 5380EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

**NEW**  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£154**  
PER PERSON

## EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

### F NEW! Pembroke & St. Davids

Our tour visits Pembroke, birthplace of Henry VII and site of a prolonged siege by Oliver Cromwell from which the town retains a magnificent castle. St. Davids is situated on the far South West coast of Wales; although technically a city due to its magnificent cathedral, St. Davids is actually an attractive village, set amongst beautiful coastal scenery.

### F NEW! Narberth & Carmarthen

A delightful small town with an intriguing museum, Narberth boasts an atmospheric castle ruin, a wide range of quirky independent shops, and a distinctive former town hall and gaol, which resembles a boathouse. We also have some free time in historic Carmarthen, birthplace of Merlin the Wizard!

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Feb 18	£154	Apr 1	£189
Feb 25	£159	Apr 22	£254
Mar 18	£179	Oct 21	£204

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Apr 13	£194	Jul 27	£304
May 4	£254	Aug 3, 17	£304
May 25	£274	Sep 21	£239
Jun 29	£294	Oct 5	£204

#### Supplements per person

Single (May-Sep)	£27	Sea View (Feb-Apr, Oct)	£20
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£27



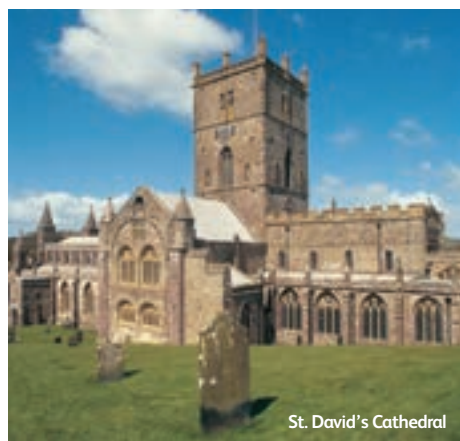


Tenby



Aberystwyth

## Shropshire to the Sea



St. David's Cathedral



Ludlow



Devil's Bridge Falls

### TIMELESS TENBY - 382EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions

**NEW**  
7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£359**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

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##### **H NEW!** Broad Haven

As the name suggests, Broad Haven's beach is wide and calm, backed by a long flat promenade and a selection of tea rooms and cafés.

#### Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday

May 19	£359	Jul 21	£454
May 26	£369	Jul 28	£454
Jun 9	£439	Aug 25	£429
Jun 23	£444	Sep 29	£439

#### Supplements per person

Single	£38	Sea View	£37
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### COMMODORE HOTEL Llandrindod Wells



Ideally located in the centre of the historic Spa town of Llandrindod Wells, this beautifully refurbished grand Victorian rectory boasts a heated outdoor pool (seasonal opening) and Arts and Crafts inspired architecture. The stunning backdrop of rolling Welsh Hills is complemented by a scenic Victorian lake and park. Tel: 01597 822288.



### SHROPSHIRE TO THE SEA - 5372EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Guided tour of Elan Valley
- Entrance to Berrington Hall

**NEW**  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£249**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### **F NEW!** Berrington Hall & Ludlow

We visit the Neo-classical mansion of Berrington Hall (*entry included in tour cost*), whose grounds were the last to be re-designed by Capability Brown. We continue to the charming Shropshire market town of Ludlow, with its ancient castle and timber framed buildings.

##### **F NEW!** Aberystwyth & Devil's Bridge

This journey takes us to the principal resort in West Wales, Aberystwyth, situated in a striking setting on a small promontory dividing two beaches and with steep hills behind and then to Devil's Bridge, which stands over the River Mynach.

##### **H NEW!** Elan Valley

A short journey takes us through the tiny market town of Rhayader with its famous memorial clock, to the stunning and remote Elan Valley. We enjoy a scenic guided tour (*included in tour cost*) by coach of the network of reservoirs whose waters supply the whole of Birmingham. The rest of the day is free to explore our resort of Llandrindod Wells, with its gardens and parks, Victorian architecture and National Bicycle Museum.

#### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Jun 10	£249	Aug 5	£249
Jul 8	£249	Sep 9	£249

#### Supplements per person

Single	£45		
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# Porthcawl

THE HEART OF THE SOUTH WALES HERITAGE COAST

Located between Swansea and Cardiff, Porthcawl was originally a port for the iron and steel industries and still has some interesting features from that period, including the oldest maritime warehouse in Wales, an attractive harbour and the last coal and gas powered lighthouse in the country. It developed as a seaside resort after the Great War and the splendid Grand Pavilion dates from 1932. Nearby is Kenfig Nature Reserve, a site of national importance. This attractive seaside resort offers numerous facilities, including the world famous Porthcawl golf course, the finest course in Wales and one of several in the area, an expansive sandy beach and Coney Beach, a fairground with a variety of rides and amusements which was named after the famous New York venue. To the East of the town lies the River Ogmore and the beautiful Glamorgan Heritage Coast.

## SEABANK HOTEL

Porthcawl



Leisureplex  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

Porthcawl's most prominent building is situated on a headland, a short walk from the Grand Pavilion and John Street shops. There are spectacular views of the Bristol Channel and South Wales coast from the bar, restaurant and most bedrooms. Extensive public areas include the Smuggler's Bar, Garden Restaurant and large function room. Extensive car parking. Tel: 01656 782261.



## GLAMORGAN COAST

- 5385EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions

NEW  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£234**  
PER PERSON

## THE HEART OF SOUTH WALES - 5386EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Guided tour of Cardiff
- Entrance to St. Fagans National History Museum

NEW  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£149**  
PER PERSON

## GARDENS OF SOUTH WALES - 5387EC

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Aberglasney Gardens, Dyffryn Gardens & National Botanic Gardens of Wales
- Entrance to St. Fagans National History Museum

NEW  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£209**  
PER PERSON

## EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

### F NEW! Glamorgan Coast, Barry & Cardiff

We travel via Southerdown and Llantwit Major to the port of Barry and nearby Barry Island, setting for television's "Gavin and Stacey". We continue to Cardiff for a look around the Welsh capital where we can explore the National Museum, visit the revitalised waterfront at Cardiff Bay, home to the Millennium Centre complex and drink in the atmosphere of this vibrant city.

### F NEW! Swansea & Bracelet Bay

Refer to The Heart of South Wales 5386EC description opposite.

## EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

### F NEW! Cardiff & St. Fagans National History Museum

We travel the short distance to Cardiff and start the day with a tour of the city (*guide included*). We then have free time to look around the Welsh capital where we can explore the National Museum, visit the revitalised waterfront at Cardiff Bay, home to the Millennium Centre complex and drink in the atmosphere of this vibrant city. We then visit St. Fagans National History Museum (free entrance) one of Europe's premier open air museums and the most popular heritage attraction in Wales, featuring reconstructed buildings brought from all parts of Wales.

### F NEW! Swansea & Bracelet Bay

Swansea is a bustling city full of interest including the National Waterfront Museum and the Dylan Thomas Centre. Bracelet Bay, near Mumbles, offers exceptional sea views across the Bristol Channel. The more active guest might choose to make the short walk from here to Mumbles.

## EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

### F NEW! National Botanic Garden of Wales & Aberglasney Gardens

A short journey takes us to Carmarthen and the first major Botanic Garden to be created this century. Features include a Mediterranean Garden, Double Walled Garden and Great Glass House. In the afternoon we continue to nearby Aberglasney Gardens, one of the most beautiful gardens in Wales with a famous Cloister Garden and Yew Tunnel (*entrance to both gardens included in the tour cost*).

### F NEW! Dyffryn Gardens & St. Fagans National History Museum

We travel to the heart of the vale of Glamorgan to visit Dyffryn Gardens (*entrance included in the tour cost*). This grade 1 Edwardian garden has 55 acres of garden rooms, seasonal bedding and an extensive arboretum. We then visit St. Fagans National History Museum (free entrance) one of Europe's premier open air museums and the most popular heritage attraction in Wales, featuring reconstructed buildings brought from all parts of Wales.



Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
May 4	£234	Aug 31	£274
Jun 22	£269		
Supplements per person			
Single	£27	Sea View	£27

Departs Monday - Returns on Friday			
Feb 11	£149	Mar 25	£169
Feb 25	£154	Oct 21	£204
Supplements per person			
Sea View	£20		

Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
Apr 20	£209	Jul 27	£269
Jun 15	£269		
Supplements per person			
Single (Jun-Jul)	£27	Sea View (Apr)	£20
		Sea View (Jun-Jul)	£27





Porthcawl



Mumbles



Cyfartha Castle



Tenby



Cowbridge

## SPECTACULAR SOUTH WALES - 5388EC

**NEW**  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£199**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Trip on Brecon Mountain Railway
- Entrance to National Botanic Gardens of Wales
- Entrance to Cyfarthfa Castle

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### **F** **NEW!** Brecon Mountain Railway & Cyfarthfa Castle

Today we take a trip on the newly extended Brecon Mountain Railway, which winds its way high into the Beacons National Park (*return fare included in tour cost*). We then visit Cyfarthfa Castle, once a pivotal location in the Industrial Revolution and today a fascinating museum with extensive gardens. The eclectic exhibition in the main house includes exhibits on subjects as varied as Egyptology, brass bands and fine art.

#### **F** **NEW!** National Botanic Gardens of Wales & Swansea

Our excursion takes us towards Carmarthen for a visit to the first major Botanic Garden to be created this century. The Norman Foster-designed glass dome at the centre of the garden is home to a warm Mediterranean Garden. There is also an historic, restored Double-Walled Garden, and Great Glass House where many species of butterfly are kept (*entrance included in tour cost*). Swansea is a bustling city full of interest including the National Waterfront Museum and the Dylan Thomas Centre.

Departs Monday - Returns on Friday			
Apr 15	£199		
Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday			
May 18	£269	Oct 5	£224
Jul 13	£279		
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Jul)	£27	Sea View (Apr, Oct)	£20
		Sea View (May-Jul)	£27

## SOUTH WALES CITIES & SEASIDE - 387EC

**NEW**  
7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£224**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Guided tour of Cardiff
- Entrance to St. Fagans National History Museum

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### **F** Tenby

Tenby's two superb beaches and photogenic harbour are overlooked by its pastel coloured Georgian and Regency buildings. Its narrow streets and fortified walls combine to create a unique seaside atmosphere.

#### **F** **NEW!** Cardiff & St. Fagans National History Museum

We travel the short distance to Cardiff and start the day with a tour of the city (*guide included*). We then have free time to look around the Welsh capital where we can explore the National Museum, visit the revitalised waterfront at Cardiff Bay, home to the Millennium Centre complex and drink in the atmosphere of this vibrant city. We then visit St. Fagans National History Museum (free entrance) one of Europe's premier open air museums and the most popular heritage attraction in Wales, featuring reconstructed buildings brought from all parts of Wales.

#### **F** **NEW!** Swansea & Bracelet Bay

Refer to The Heart of South Wales 5388EC description opposite.

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
Mar 17	£224	Jul 7	£384
May 5	£329	Aug 11, 25	£374
Jun 9	£384	Sep 29	£344
Supplements per person			
Single (May-Sep)	£38	Sea View (Mar)	£28
		Sea View (May-Sep)	£37

## HISTORIC HOUSES OF SOUTH WALES - 389EC

**NEW**  
7 DAYS  
FROM  
**£379**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Entrance to Llancaiach Fawr
- Entrance to Stradey Castle
- Entrance to Margam Country Park

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### **F** **NEW!** Llancaiach Fawr Manor & Caerphilly

We journey to the former mining village of Nelson to visit the Civil War era manor house at Llancaiach Fawr (*guided tour included in holiday cost*). Our guides remain in costume and in character throughout our visit – can you catch them out? We then visit the strategic border town of Caerphilly, with its dramatic castle (entrance to castle not included).

#### **F** **NEW!** Stradey Castle & Margam Country Park

The home of the Mansel Lewis family since its construction in 1850, Stradey Castle is a listed example of grand Victorian architecture (*guided visit included in tour cost*). On our return we visit Margam Country Park, at the centre of which is Margam Castle, extensively damaged by fire in 1977 and currently undergoing painstaking restoration.

#### **H** **NEW!** Cowbridge

Voted the "Best Place to Live in Wales" in 2017, Cowbridge is full of sophisticated independent shops, cosy cafés, a ruined castle and two interesting walled gardens at Old Hall.

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday			
May 26	£379	Jul 28	£394
Jun 23	£394	Sep 8	£394
Supplements per person			
Single	£38	Sea View	£37

## SCOTLAND

Burns Monument

### Ayrshire & Arran

The enchanting Isle of Arran lies in the Firth of Clyde between the mainland and the Mull of Kintyre and rises spectacularly to almost 900 metres. We also visit bustling Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, and the charming seaside resort of Largs.

#### ADAMTON COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL | Prestwick

The Adamton Country House is a beautiful and impressive manor house set in an historic country estate dating back to the 11th Century.

Combining rich history and romance, Adamton has accommodated many celebrated guests over the years, from Bonnie Prince Charlie's children to Clarke Gable and Elvis Presley. Feel free to enjoy the fabulous walks in and around the 19.5 acres of land the hotel is situated on. Tel: 01292 476620.



#### AYRSHIRE & ARRAN - 400EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Guided tour of Glasgow
- Return ferry to Arran

##### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

###### F Arran

A memorable day as we catch the ferry from Ardrossan to Brodick for a circular trip around the island visiting Lochranza, then along the West coast with views of the Mull of Kintyre as we travel to Blackwaterfoot before returning via the mountainous spine of the island to Brodick in time for the return ferry.

###### F Glasgow

Scotland's largest city is only a short distance away. It was recently the venue for the Commonwealth Games and is a dynamic European city with a wealth of places of interest including museums, art galleries and some excellent shops. *We include a guided tour of the city.*

###### F The Ayrshire Coast

We visit Seamill, the resort of Largs (with views of the island of Great Cumbrae) and the South shore of the 'Bonnie Clyde'.

Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday			
Jun 13	£364	Aug 17	£364
Supplements per person			
Single	£32		

#### ANGUS HOTEL Blairgowrie

Situated on the charming Wellmeadow green in the town centre. Meals are served in The Baytree bar and restaurant. Indoor pool. Tel: 01250 872455.



#### ROYAL BALMORAL & GLAMIS - 503EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day & 1 Half day excursions
- Entrance to Balmoral, Crathie Kirk, Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery & Glamis

##### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

###### F Arbroath & Glamis

Glamis Castle is the family seat of the Earls of Strathmore and setting for Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' (*entrance included in the tour cost*). In the afternoon we visit Arbroath renowned for its delicious smoked haddock known as 'smokies' and also for its smoked salmon.

###### F Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery & Pitlochry

Today we visit Dewar's award-winning whisky distillery at Aberfeldy (*entry fee included in tour cost*). In addition to an expertly guided tour of the mash and still rooms, we view hand-blown glass exhibits and the dramatic stave tunnel. We then follow the shores of Loch Tummel and stop briefly at the dramatic Queen's View before spending time in the picturesque riverside town of Pitlochry, with its many independent shops and cafés.

###### H Balmoral Castle

We travel North to Balmoral Castle and Crathie Church (*entrance to Balmoral is included in the tour cost when the castle is open which is April-July only*).

Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday			
Jun 1	£419	Jul 13	£439
Jun 29	£429		
Supplements per person			
Single	£72		



8 DAYS FROM  
**£419**  
PER PERSON

#### TAYSIDE TOURER - 501EC

##### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day & 1 half day excursions
- Entrance to Dundee Botanic Gardens

##### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

###### F NEW! Crieff & Perth

The traditional market town of Crieff is set in stunning scenery and offers a wealth of interesting attractions from museums and distilleries to quirky shops and cafés. Perth is a dramatic and historic city on the River Tay, with a variety of museums and galleries.

###### F NEW! St. Andrews & Dundee Botanic Gardens

The ancient city of St. Andrews formed around the now-ruined cathedral, whose remains can be visited (charges apply) and whose stone was re-used in many other buildings in the town, lending them a unique character. In Dundee we visit the University Botanic Gardens (*entrance included*), whose sheltered setting allows a great variety of plants to thrive, making it one of the top garden attractions in Eastern Scotland.

###### H NEW! Pitlochry

The picturesque riverside town of Pitlochry hosts many independent shops and cafés, as well as the hydroelectricity visitors centre for those of a scientific bent.

Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday			
Aug 31	£434		
Supplements per person			
Single	£72		

### Overnight Stops

**Outbound journey:** We stop overnight in NW England before continuing to our resort.

**Return journey:** We stop overnight in NE England before continuing to the interchange.



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# Fort William

OUTDOOR CAPITAL OF THE UK

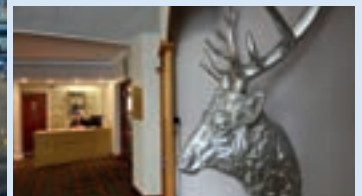
Fort William

Fort William, the "Outdoor Capital of the UK", is not only an important tourist centre but also a splendid location from which to explore the magnificent Western Highlands. It is situated at the southern end of the Great Glen, on the shores of Loch Linnhe, beneath towering Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. For those who do not feel quite up to the ascent of Ben Nevis, nearby Aonach Mor offers Britain's only alpine cable car, rising over 2000 feet to the Snowgoose restaurant, from where there are spectacular views of the Great Glen. The surrounding countryside has some of Britain's most spectacular scenery and its torrid history has produced over 30 battlefields in the Lochaber area alone. As a touring centre, Fort William is unrivalled and our excursions make the best of this with coverage of many of the area's most interesting places.

## CROIT ANNA HOTEL Leisureplex

Fort William  

Situated on the shores of Loch Linnhe, three miles from the centre of Fort William, with spectacular views across the loch from all of the public rooms and most of the bedrooms, the Croit Anna offers a comfortable and friendly base in which to relax. There is a panoramic lounge, spacious bar and terrace. A regular bus service runs from directly outside the hotel to the centre of Fort William and to other local towns and attractions. Tel: 01397 702268.



Portree, Isle of Skye



Inverness Castle

## FORT WILLIAM, SKYE & MULL - 433EC

### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions
- Return ferry to Isle of Mull

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Inverness & Loch Ness

Refer to Fort William, Skye & Oban 435EC description opposite.

#### F Isle of Mull

We take the ferry to the Isle of Mull (*included in tour cost*). We then continue by coach up to Tobermory, the capital of Mull with its colourful buildings with echoes of Iceland and Norway.

#### F Isle of Skye

A scenic journey takes us along Loch Lochy, then past the Five Sisters of Kintail to the much photographed Eilean Donan Castle. We continue to Kyle of Lochalsh and then across to Skye with a short tour of this enchanting Island.

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday

Apr 20	£344	Jun 29	£424
May 18	£389	Jul 13	£429
Jun 1	£414	Aug 10, 24	£429
Jun 15	£424	Sep 7	£434

#### Supplements per person

Single	£25	Loch View	£24
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8 DAYS FROM  
**£344**  
PER PERSON

## FORT WILLIAM, SKYE & OBAN - 435EC

### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 3 full day excursions

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Inverness & Loch Ness

We travel to the beautiful city of Inverness which boasts an array of historic buildings including Inverness Castle and St. Andrew's Cathedral. The route to Inverness follows the shores of probably the most famous lake in Britain, Loch Ness. This magnificent long loch is surrounded by the towering Scottish hills. Whether a monster lurks in the deep waters is a matter of conjecture, but do have a look just in case!

#### F Oban

Oban is the principal town on the West coast and port for many of the ferry services to the Hebrides. En route we pass Inveraray, seat of the Dukes of Argyll, Loch Awe and the remarkable Falls of Lora.

#### F Isle of Skye

Refer to Fort William, Skye & Mull 433EC description opposite.

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday

May 4	£364	Jul 6, 27	£409
Jun 8	£399	Aug 31	£414

#### Supplements per person

Single	£25	Loch View	£24
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8 DAYS FROM  
**£364**  
PER PERSON

Overnight  
Stops

**Outbound journey:**  
We stop overnight in NW England before continuing to our resort.

**Return journey:**  
We stop overnight in NE England before continuing to the interchange.





# Dunoon

A WINDOW ON THE OUTSTANDING SCENERY OF THE HIGHLANDS

View of Firth of Clyde from Selborne Hotel

Dunoon is splendidly situated on the western shores of the Firth of Clyde, where Loch Long and Holy Loch join the sea. It boasts some lovely gardens, two bays, and a flat promenade - perfect for that most traditional of seaside occupations, strolling along the prom! There is a modern indoor swimming pool with solarium and sauna, bowling greens, squash and tennis courts and both 9 and 18 hole golf courses. There are two cinemas and, in the season, entertainment at the Queens Hall. Within just a few miles is some of Scotland's most spectacular mountain scenery in the Argyll Forest Park. The journeys along Loch Eck and to Colintrave are amongst the most memorable anywhere in Scotland.

## SELBORNE HOTEL

Dunoon


**Leisureplex**  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

Superbly situated looking South across the Clyde with pleasant lawns reaching down to the promenade and water's edge. All the public rooms and many of the bedrooms offer uninterrupted views of the river which is a constant source of interest. Ground floor areas include a lounge, bar lounge with dance floor, quiet lounge and games room. Car parking available.  
Tel: 01369 702761.



## HISTORIC HOUSES OF SCOTLAND - 6413EC

NEW

7 DAYS FROM

**£219**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Return ferry to Isle of Bute
- Entrance to Mount Stuart & Inverary Castle
- Guided tour Ardgowan House

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F NEW! Mount Stuart

Today's journey takes us to Colintrave and then via a short ferry crossing to the Isle of Bute (*ferry included in the tour cost*) and the splendour of Mount Stuart (*entrance included in the tour cost*). This neo-Gothic mansion boasts a fascinating history, impressive architecture, grand décor and 300 acres of remarkable gardens.

#### F NEW! Inverary Castle

One of the most iconic in Scotland, Inverary Castle has a history dating back to the 1400s (*entrance included*). Standing on the shores of Loch Fyne, this impressive home of the Dukes of Argyll and the seat of the Clan Campbell offers incredible history & beautiful gardens.

#### H NEW! Ardgowan

Facing Dunoon over the Clyde is the ancient estate of Ardgowan, now in the hands of the 12th Baronet Sir Ludovic Shaw-Stewart, who has worked tirelessly to restore and develop the house and estate. We are treated to a guided visit of the house (*included in tour cost*).

Departs Monday - Returns on Saturday			
Mar 18	£219		
Departs Sunday - Returns on Friday			
Apr 21*	£244		
Supplements per person			
Single	£20	Sea View	£16

\*Themed entertainment at Selborne Hotel, Dunoon

## DUNOON & ISLE OF BUTE - 413EC

8 DAYS FROM

**£349**  
PER PERSON

### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Return ferry to Isle of Bute

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Isle of Bute

Today's journey takes us to Colintrave and then via a short ferry crossing to the Isle of Bute (*ferry included in the tour cost*). We continue to its capital, the resort of Rothesay. This peaceful island is home to a rich heritage, contrasting landscapes and seascapes and unrivalled panoramic views.

#### F Oban

We visit the principal town on the West coast and port for many of the ferry services to the Hebridean Islands. En route we pass Inveraray, seat of the Dukes of Argyll, Loch Awe and the remarkable Falls of Lora.

#### H Lochgoilhead

A small village at the head of fjord-like Loch Goil, approached via a steep descent from the 'Rest and Be Thankful' Pass.

### Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday

May 4*	£349	Aug 10	£394
Jun 1	£389	Aug 24	£394
Jun 29	£394	Aug 31	£394
Jul 27	£394		

### Supplements per person

Single	£25	Sea View	£24
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\*Themed entertainment at Selborne Hotel, Dunoon

SCOTTISH THEMED EVENINGS AT

# DUNOON

★ **£1 BAR** ★

every Tuesday & Thursday evening\*

Scottish themed evening with Ceilidh band and dancing compere

AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING TOURS:

6413EC - Departing 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019

413EC - Departing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019

\*£1 on Pre-Easter departures only

## Overnight Stops



### Outbound journey:

We stop overnight in NW England before continuing to our resort.

### Return journey:

We stop overnight in NE England before continuing to the interchange.





Cliffs of Moher

## County Clare & Galway

Spectacular scenery as well as one of the finest castles in Ireland and the magnificent Monastery of Clonmacnoise feature in this exciting tour. We are based at Ennis, a bustling town on the River Fuergus and home to one of the finest golf courses in Ireland. It is a short distance from the Cliffs of Moher and some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in Europe.



Powerscourt House & Gardens

## IRELAND

## Dublin & Wicklow

County Wicklow is known as 'The Garden of Ireland', a land blessed with natural seaside sights, uncrowded towns and the serenely rolling vales so familiar on our television screens in 'Ballykissangel'. Just to the North lies Dublin, a thriving international city with an absorbing cultural and historical character. The capital is also the spiritual home of Jameson, Guinness and, consequently, the renowned 'craic' (good times)!



### FLANNERY'S HOTEL | Galway

A popular Galway hotel, located 2 kilometres from the city centre with a regular bus route close to the hotel entrance. All rooms feature free WiFi, cable TV, and tea/coffee making facilities. Restaurant. Bistro-style bar. Newspapers, a public computer and laundry services available. Tel: 00353 91755111.



### ARKLOW BAY HOTEL | Arklow

Overlooking the sea and a lakeside wildlife reserve, The Arklow Bay Hotel is situated just across the Avoca river from Arklow Town. The indoor pool and leisure centre supplement the hotel's tastefully decorated rooms and well kept grounds at the heart of the Wicklow coast. Tel: 00 353 40226200



### COUNTY CLARE & GALWAY - 883EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 1 full day excursion & 2 en-route excursions
- Entrance to Birr Castle & Gardens
- Entrance to Bunratty Castle & Folk Park
- Visit to the Cliffs of Moher

7 DAYS FROM  
**£529**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### H Birr Castle, County Offaly (en-route)

Birr Castle was lovingly rebuilt and extended in the 19th century. The gardens are among the largest and most beautiful in Ireland. The Science Centre includes a 170 year old telescope, once the largest in the world (entrance included in the tour cost).

##### F Bunratty Castle & the Cliffs of Moher

The 15th century Bunratty Castle is the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Its impressive 'Folk Park' features over 30 buildings in a 19th century 'living' village. We continue to the Cliffs of Moher for a scenic tour. This UNESCO Geo Park is home to one of the major colonies of cliff nesting seabirds in Ireland, and from the cliffs one can see the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, as well as

The Twelve Pins, the Maum Turk Mountains in Connemara and Loop Head to the South (entrance to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park included in the tour cost).

##### H Burren & Galway City (en-route)

We take a scenic journey to the Burren, with spectacular views from Corkscrew Hill across Galway Bay. Galway City is picturesque and lively with a colourful avant-garde culture and a fascinating mixture of locally owned speciality shops.

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday		
May 12	£529	Sep 15 £529
Jun 30	£559	
Supplements per person		
Single	£139	

### DUBLIN & WICKLOW - 885EC

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & breakfast
- 2 full day excursions & 2 en-route excursions
- Entrance to Powerscourt House & Gardens
- Entrance to Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens
- Guided tours of Dublin & National Botanic Gardens

7 DAYS FROM  
**£489**  
PER PERSON

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

##### H Powerscourt House & Gardens (en-route)

On arrival in Ireland we visit the majestic 18th century Powerscourt House, with its exquisite interiors, particularly the ballroom, and an immense 45 acres of formal and informal gardens (entrance included in the tour cost).

##### F Dublin

We have a morning guided sightseeing tour of Dublin (included in the tour cost) followed by an afternoon free to explore the delights of this bustling Georgian capital, now a truly European city. Discover Trinity College, Dublin Castle, its two majestic cathedrals, many museums and follow in the literary footsteps of Joyce, Yeats and Shaw.

##### F The Irish National Stud & Avoca

The Irish National Stud is not just of interest to



fans of horse racing. Its Japanese Gardens are world famous (entrance included in the tour cost). We also travel through the southern Wicklow Hills to Avoca Handweavers, the village made famous by BBC's Ballykissangel.

##### H National Botanic Gardens, Dublin (en-route)

We visit Ireland's National Botanic Gardens for a guided tour before catching the afternoon ferry to Wales.

Departs Sunday - Returns on Saturday		
Jun 2	£489	Sep 8 £494
Supplements per person		
Single (Jun)	£129	

### Overnight Stops

**Outbound journey:** We stay overnight in North Wales before crossing the Irish Sea to Dublin and continuing to our resort.

**Return journey:** After leaving our resort we cross the Irish Sea to Holyhead and stay overnight in North Wales.



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## EUROPE BY COACH

Lake Annecy

# Lake Annecy & French Alps

Nestling at the head of its lake, Annecy's old town, dominated by the castle, is very photogenic with narrow winding cobbled streets lined with charming arcades. Alongside the sleepy river are sunny quayside cafés and flowers in profusion. Take a swim in the lovely waters of the lake or relax in the shady parks.



World War I Cemetery, nr Ypres

# Battlefields of The Great War

This tour takes in the fields of northern France and Belgian Flanders, guided by local experts. We visit Ypres, the vital communications centre of Flanders, taking in the horrors of trench warfare at Passchendaele and Essex Farm Cemetery. In France we visit Vimy Ridge, Arras, and the museum, cemetery and memorial at Thiepval.



## MERCURE ANNECY SUD HOTEL | Annecy

This excellent hotel is located on the edge of town with panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. A regular bus service to the centre operates daily. Facilities include an outdoor swimming pool and poolside restaurant for the summer season, the 'Le 76' restaurant and a cosy bar and lounge.

Tel: 0033 450 520966.



## HOTEL AMBASSADOR | Menen

The tranquil, welcoming Ambassador Hotel is situated just 500 meters from Menen's Market Place. It offers 34 stylish, comfortable rooms, pleasant breakfast room with view onto the hotel's garden, relaxing reading lounge, cosy bar and air conditioned dining room.

Tel: 0032 56 313272.



Annecy



Geneva

## LAKE ANNECY & FRENCH ALPS - 852EC

### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & continental breakfast
- 1 night room & continental breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F Chamonix

We travel along the shores of Lake Annecy and through spectacular Alpine scenery to the bustling town of Chamonix, at the foot of Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain.

#### F Geneva

Situated on the shores of Lake Geneva where the mighty Rhône leaves the lake. An important watchmaking city with many elegant parks and boulevards and the base for

numerous United Nations agencies.

#### H Aix les Bains & Lac du Bourget

The biggest natural lake in France, Lake Bourget is a haven of peace with welcoming beaches. There are charming lakeside cafés and bars.

8 DAYS  
FROM  
**£599**  
PER PERSON

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday

Aug 31	£599	
Supplements per person		
Single	£189	

### Overnight Stops

**Outbound journey:** We cross the Channel from Dover and stay overnight in Northern France before continuing to our resort.

**Return journey:** After leaving our resort we stay overnight in Northern France before crossing the Channel to Dover.



## BATTLEFIELDS OF THE GREAT WAR - 855EC

### Alfa Includes

- 3 nights dinner, room & continental breakfast
- 1 night room & continental breakfast
- 2 full & 1 half day excursions
- Entrance to "In Flanders Field" Museum & Thiepval Memorial Visitor Centre
- 2 guided battlefield tours

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### F The Ypres Salient

We spend the morning in Ypres and visit the 'In Flanders Fields' Museum (*entrance included*). In the afternoon we appreciate our expert guide (*included in tour cost*) on a tour of the battlefields with visits to Passchendaele and Essex Farm Cemetery.

#### F Thiepval & the Somme

Today we meet our expert guide (*included*)

*in tour cost*) at Vimy Ridge before taking lunch at Arras. Our guide provides detailed commentary as we continue to the Fricourt German Cemetery and Thiepval Memorial with its new Visitor Centre (*entry included in tour cost*). Our final visit of the day is to the Lochnagar Crater, which reveals the devastating power of WW1 explosives.

#### H Evening Trip to the Last Post at Menin Gate

The Last Post, at the Menin Gate in Ypres, is the final salute to the fallen and is played by the buglers in honour of the memory of the soldiers who died in the Ypres Salient during the First World War.



Menin Gate

#### Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Jun 29	£344	
Supplements per person		
Single	£109	

### Journey Direct

**Outbound journey:** We cross the Channel from Dover and continue directly to our resort.

**Return journey:** After leaving our resort we cross the Channel to Dover and return to our original joining points.







## Europe from Dover

Explore more of Europe by joining one of our many tours at Dover, with **FREE secure parking** while you're away.

On these two pages we showcase a selection of the wide range of tours on offer – but don't forget, you can also join at Dover for tours to:

- Dutch Bulbfields • Dordogne
- Treasures of Tuscany
- Rhine & Moselle River Cruise
- Rhine & Swiss Delights River Cruise

For more details of these tours, please

visit [www.alfatravel.co.uk](http://www.alfatravel.co.uk) or call **01257 248000**



## Lake Maggiore

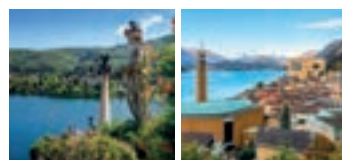
The "Great Lake", also known as Lago Verbano, is over 40 miles long and extends over Italy's border into Switzerland. Speckled with islands and surrounded by dramatic Alpine scenery, Maggiore benefits from cooling breezes tumbling from the snow-capped hills in summer, making Maggiore a comfortable sun-drenched holiday destination.



### HOLIDAY 893

#### Alfa Includes

- 8 nights dinner, room & continental breakfast
- 1 night room & continental breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Entrance to Isola Bella Palace & Gardens
- Guided boat tour to Borromean Islands



Departs Wednesday - Returns on Friday			
Jun 26	£749	Oct 16	£729
Aug 28	£754		
Supplements per person		Single	£169

**NEW**  
10 DAYS  
FROM  
**£729**  
PER PERSON



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## EUROPE BY COACH

## Black Forest & Alsace

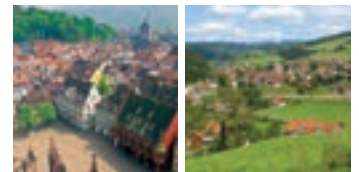
Our tour is based in the heart of the Black Forest in the quaint village of Oberharmersbach. We include a full itinerary of excursions throughout the surrounding Black Forest and French Alsace region with its wonderful medieval villages and historic castles. Alsace has been battled over many times by France and Germany, creating a fascinating cultural mix.



### HOLIDAY 863

#### Alfa Includes

- 6 nights dinner, room & continental breakfast
- 1 night room & continental breakfast
- 3 full day excursions



Departs Saturday - Returns on Saturday			
Jul 6	£549	Aug 3	£549
Departs Sunday - Returns on Sunday			
Sep 22	£539		
Supplements per person		Single	£104

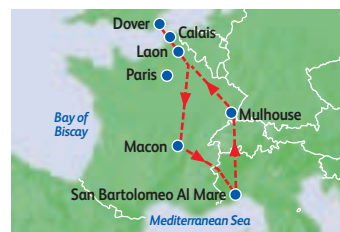
**NEW**  
8 DAYS  
FROM  
**£539**  
PER PERSON



San Remo

## Ligurian Riviera

San Bartolomeo al Mare in the heart of the Italian Riviera boasts an extremely warm climate. The coast consists of rocky headlands with sheltered, sandy beaches. Surrounded by beautiful countryside and tree-covered slopes bursting with oranges, lemons, vines and flowers you can see why this is known as the "Riviera of Flowers".



### HOLIDAY 890

#### Alfa Includes

- 8 nights dinner, room & continental breakfast
- 1 night room & continental breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Guided tour of San Remo & Dolceaqua



Departs Wednesday - Returns on Friday			
Jun 12	£704	Oct 2	£649
Sep 11	£704		
Supplements per person		Single (Jun)	£164
		Single (Sep, Oct)	£149

**NEW**  
10 DAYS  
FROM  
**£649**  
PER PERSON



## EUROPE BY COACH

Innsbruck

### Austrian Tyrol

Based in the famous alpine skiing resort of St. Anton am Arlberg amid some of the most glorious mountain scenery in Europe. In summer the green slopes are a carpet of flowers and a paradise for walkers. The less energetic may prefer to take the cable car! Enjoy the brass bands and explore the pretty streets of the village centre, lined with shops and bars.

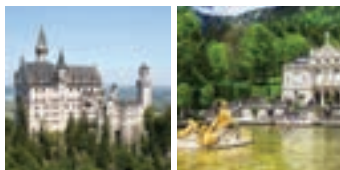


#### HOLIDAY 800

##### Alfa Includes

- 9 nights dinner, room & continental breakfast
- 1 night room & continental breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Guided tour of Innsbruck & Bavaria

11 DAYS  
FROM  
**£759**  
PER PERSON



##### Departs Wednesday - Returns on Saturday

Jun 26	£759	Aug 28	£764
Jul 10	£764		
Supplements per person	Single		£154

Blankenberge

### Belgian Coast, Bruges & Antwerp

A busy coastal resort, with a bustling marina, weekly market and traditional pier, Blankenberge was popularised in the Belle Époque. The old town is pedestrianised, with shops for all tastes and a variety of interesting architecture. Local attractions include a sea life centre, reptile zoo and the fascinating Belle Époque museum.

#### HOLIDAY 810

##### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & continental breakfast
- 2 full day excursions
- Guided tour of Bruges

NEW  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£334**  
PER PERSON



##### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Jun 10	£354	Jul 1	£354
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##### Departs Wednesday - Returns on Sunday

Sep 11, 25	£334	Oct 16	£334
Supplements per person	Single		£79



Strepv-Thieu Canal

### Beautiful Belgium

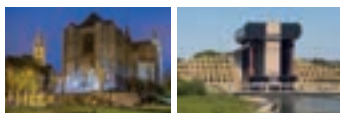
An exciting NEW tour taking in some of the many exciting attractions in Southern Belgium. We visit a precipitous boat lift on the central canal, a neo-classical chateau with its silver museum, and perhaps most surprisingly, a Belgian vineyard!

#### HOLIDAY 812

##### Alfa Includes

- 4 nights dinner, room & continental breakfast
- 2 full day excursions & 1 en-route excursion
- Strepv-Thieu Canal boat trip
- Entrance to Chateau de Seneffe
- Tour of Entre-Deux-Monts vineyard

NEW  
5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£334**  
PER PERSON



##### Departs Wednesday - Returns on Sunday

May 22	£334	Sep 11	£354
Jun 19	£344	Sep 25	£344
Jul 31	£354	Oct 9	£334
Supplements per person	Single		£84



Arromanches

### WWII: The 80th Anniversary

Based at the heart of the delightful Norman town of Villedieu-les-Poêles, an historic centre for the production of copperwares (poêles means frying pans), we visit the beaches of D-Day, the Mémorial at Caen, the Arromanches 360 exhibition cinema and the site of the failed Allied raid at Dieppe.

#### HOLIDAY 853

##### Alfa Includes

- 5 nights dinner, room & continental breakfast
- 1 full day excursion & 2 en-route excursions
- Entrances to Memorial at Caen & Arromanches360 Cinema

NEW  
6 DAYS  
FROM  
**£499**  
PER PERSON



##### Departs Monday - Returns on Saturday

Jun 10	£499	Sep 16	£509
Jul 8	£509		
Supplements per person	Single		£129





# Dutch Bulbfields

Dutch Bulbfields

NEW

6 DAYS  
FROM  
**£559**  
PER PERSON

Springtime in Holland sees a profusion of delightful bulbs proudly displaying their bright colours. The greatest show garden in Europe is found at Keukenhof, where 7 million flowers come to life each year. And while in the Netherlands, what better place to stay, and what better way to travel than on board the well-appointed MS Serenity.

## DUTCH BULBFIELDS - 927MEC - 6 DAYS

### Alfa Includes

- 3 nights dinner, cabin, breakfast & lunch on Serenity
- 2 nights dinner, room & breakfast en route
- 2 excursions

### CRUISE ITINERARY

#### Mo UK – Nieuwpoort

We travel by coach to Dover and take the ferry to Calais, where we continue to our overnight hotel.

#### Tu Nieuwpoort – Amsterdam

We travel to Amsterdam where we board our ship in time for a drinks reception and welcome meal.

#### We Amsterdam - Hoorn – Kampen

This morning we set sail in the early hours of the morning arriving in Hoorn at breakfast for our free morning to discover this beautiful town that lies on the IJsselmeer. Shops and cafes dot the 17th-century town centre, which spills out from the Roode Steen, the main square. At mid-day we set sail for Kampen to spend a free afternoon discovering this Hanseatic town. Kampen has over 500 monuments, including the Church of St Nicholas, the Gothic house, the town gates and a replica of the medieval merchant ship De Kamper Hanze Kogge

#### Th Kampen – Amsterdam

##### Excursions: Keukenhof Gardens and Amsterdam Canal Cruise with Wine & Cheese

Casting off from Kampen, we cruise to the lively little port of Lelystad for our excursion to view the breathtaking Keukenhof Gardens. We rejoin our ship in Amsterdam where you can experience the true beauty of this capital city on our canal cruise, which takes you around the 17th-century buildings and picturesque little bridges while you enjoy cheese and wine – it's a must for all visitors.

#### Fr Disembark – Antwerp - Folkestone

Today we leave the ship for the final time. After a visit to Antwerp we cross the channel to our overnight hotel in Folkestone.

#### Sa Folkestone – Interchange – Home

We return to our original joining points in the afternoon.

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

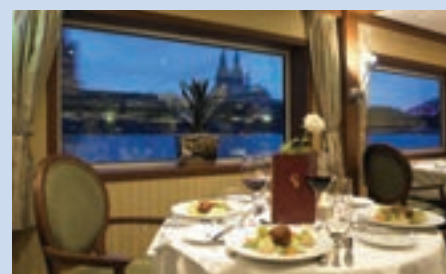
- **NEW!** Keukenhof Gardens
- **NEW!** Amsterdam Canal Cruise with Cheese & Wine

## MS SERENITY



### Alfa Includes

- En suite cabin accommodation for the duration of the cruise on the chosen deck
- All necessary River / port fees and taxes
- Portage on arrival & departure
- Welcome glass of sparkling wine
- Early risers & mid-morning tea/coffee
- Buffet / Waiter served lunch or packed lunch on excursion days
- Full hot and cold buffet breakfast each day
- Four course dinner: salad, soup, choice of 2 main courses, usually fish or meat, choice made at lunch
- Welcome glass on arrival & departure
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Captain's dinner on 1 night
- Services of a Cruise Director (English Speaking) on board for commentary & general assistance
- Musical entertainment every night
- 24hrs Tea/Coffee station at Lido bar



### Departs Monday - Returns on Saturday

Date	Deck	Price	Single Supplement
Apr 29	Panorama Deck	£669	£244
Apr 29	Middle Deck	£619	£219
Apr 29	Main Deck	£559	£194



# Rhine in Flames

Cologne

10 DAYS  
FROM  
**£1239**  
PER PERSON

The crescendo of this exciting tour is undoubtedly the Rhine in Flames harvest festival, with its dramatic firework displays. But there are many other highlights to enjoy, including the picturesque town of Koblenz, the bustling cities of Mainz and Cologne and the imposing cliffs of the Rhine Gorge and Lorelei rock.

## RHINE IN FLAMES - 923MEC - 10 DAYS

### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, cabin, breakfast & lunch on Lady Anne
- 2 nights dinner, room & breakfast en route
- 9 excursions

### CRUISE ITINERARY

#### Mo UK – Northern France

Travel from original joining points (via interchange for M) to Northern France. Evening meal to be taken on board the ferry.

#### Tu Embark at Andernach

We travel to the quaint town of Andernach and board our ship in time for a drinks reception and evening meal.

#### We Andernach - Koblenz

**Excursions:** Koblenz Cable Car & Ehrenbreitstein Fortress

This morning you can relax on the sun deck as we cruise to one of the oldest and most beautiful towns in Germany, Koblenz. Here we join our excursion for a trip on the Koblenz cable car, which offers breathtaking views across the region along with entrance to the magnificent Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.

#### Th Koblenz - Rüdesheim

**Excursions:** Rüdesheim Highlights and Rüdesheim by night  
Cruising further along the Rhine and into the spectacular Rhine Gorge, we reach the town of Rüdesheim. To really appreciate this region we join our Rüdesheim highlights excursion, which features a panoramic ride to the heights of the gorge by cable car, while our Rüdesheim by night excursion takes you to a traditional wine cellar to sample some of the region's best wines, before exploring the Drosselgasse – a narrow street lined with traditional wine houses and garden taverns.

#### Fr Rüdesheim - Mainz

**Excursions:** Mainz Walking Tour & Gutenberg Museum  
Today we cruise to the city of Mainz, at the confluence of the Rhine and Main rivers. Our Guided walking tour is the perfect introduction to Mainz, a fascinating city heralded as the wine capital of Germany. Join us as we explore the old quarter and the modern city centre, plus we visit the Gutenberg Museum opposite the cathedral.

#### Sa Mainz - Boppard

**Tour Highlight:** Rhine in Flames Festival

Our Rhine in Flames festival day gets off to a gentle start as we cruise back through the Rhine Gorge and around the Lorelei to reach Boppard. Tonight we witness the thrilling Rhine in Flames spectacle. We set sail and visit Koblenz where the festival will be in full swing and a huge fireworks display takes place with the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress in the background.

#### Su Boppard - Andernach

**Excursion:** Ahr Valley Wine Tasting

We cruise to Andernach. Join our excursion to enjoy a spot of wine tasting and free time in Ahrweiler before returning to our ship, where the evening can be spent exploring the narrow streets and riverside promenades of Andernach.

#### Mo Andernach - Bonn - Cologne

**Excursion:** Dragon Rock Railway

We cruise to Bonn, the former capital of western Germany and birthplace of Beethoven. You can explore at leisure or join our trip on the Dragon Rock Railway which leads to the top of Drachenfels, a hill surrounded by legends. We then cast off for the final time and cruise to the mighty city of Cologne. You are then free to enjoy the remainder of the day in this beautiful city which is dominated by its huge gothic cathedral.

#### Tu Folkestone

Today we leave the ship for the final time and cross the channel to our overnight hotel in Folkestone.

#### We Folkestone – Interchange – Home

We return to our original joining points in the afternoon.

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

- Koblenz cable car
- Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
- Rüdesheim highlights
- Rüdesheim by night
- Rhine in Flames
- **NEW!** Mainz walking tour
- **NEW!** Gutenberg Museum
- Dragon Rock Railway
- **NEW!** Ahr Valley Wine Tasting



### LADY ANNE

From the spotless brass furnishings and smart uniform, to the well presented meals and sparkling glassware Captain Wido runs a tight ship aboard the MPS Lady Anne and the crew's attention to detail is second to none. Yet the atmosphere is one of relaxation and informality, with smiling faces wherever you look.



#### Departs Monday - Returns on Wednesday

Date	Deck	Price	Single Supplement
Aug 5	Promenade	£1,389	-
Aug 5	Main Superior	£1,309	-
Aug 5	Main Standard	£1,239	£219
Sept 9	Promenade	£1,394	-
Sept 9	Main Superior	£1,319	-
Sept 9	Main Standard	£1,249	£219

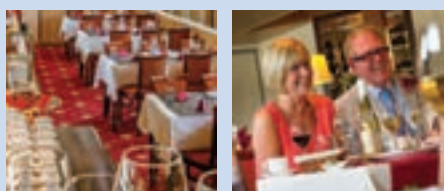


# Rhine to Switzerland

Rhine Valley

**12 DAYS**  
FROM  
**£1409**  
PER PERSON

Join Alfa's dramatic and memorable journey cruising along the Rhine to Switzerland. Passing through 3 countries you will see plenty of spectacular scenery along the way including the Middle Rhine, which offers some of the world's most magnificent cultural Landscape.



## Alfa Includes

- En suite Cabin accommodation for the duration of the cruise on the chosen deck
- All necessary River / port fees and taxes
- Portage on arrival & departure
- Welcome glass of sparkling wine
- Early risers and mid-morning tea/coffee
- Full hot and cold buffet breakfast each day
- Buffet / Waiter served Lunch or packed Lunch on Excursion Days
- Four course dinner: salad, soup, choice of 2 main courses, usually fish or meat, choice made at lunch
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Captain's dinner on 1 night
- Services of a Cruise Director (English Speaking) on board for commentary & general assistance
- Musical entertainment every night
- In house entertainment on most nights

## Departs Saturday - Returns on Wednesday

Date	Deck	Price	Single Supplement
Jul 27	Promenade	£1,599	-
Jul 27	Main Superior	£1,499	-
Jul 27	Main Standard	£1,409	£239

## 925MEC - RHINE TO SWITZERLAND - 12 DAYS

### Alfa Includes

- 9 nights dinner, cabin, breakfast & lunch on Lady Anne
- 2 nights dinner, room & breakfast en route
- 11 excursions

### CRUISE ITINERARY

#### Sa UK – Northern France

Travel from joining points and travel via our regional interchange to Northern France. Evening meal to be taken on board ferry.

#### Su Northern France - Koblenz

A relaxed journey from Northern France to Koblenz to embark the ship in time for a drinks reception and evening meal.

#### Mo Koblenz - Rüdesheim - Mainz

**Excursions:** Rüdesheim Highlights, Siegfried's Mechanical Museum, Cable Car

Cruising upriver through the spectacular Rhine Gorge, we reach the pretty town of Rüdesheim where we join our excursion which visits the unique Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum and takes you by cable car above the vineyards for panoramic views of the Rhine. We then cruise to the city of Mainz, a region widely regarded as the wine capital of Germany.

#### Tu Mainz – Speyer

**Excursion:** Walking Tour of Speyer

We continue upriver and along the Rhine's broader waters for a late afternoon stop in Speyer. This quaint city is a delight to explore. Our guided walking tour is a great way to make the most of the visit. Our ship stops overnight at Iffezheim.

#### We Iffezheim – Strasbourg

**Excursion:** Strasbourg Canal Cruise

We set sail in the morning and continue our cruise route over the border into the Alsace region of France. We stop at Strasbourg, a picture-book city whose historic centre is surrounded by the Ill river and filled with beautiful architecture. Explore at leisure, or join our afternoon excursion, which takes us around the heart of Strasbourg aboard a glass-topped canal cruiser.

#### Th Strasbourg – Breisach

**Excursion:** Alsace with Wine Tasting

Cruising through the flatter landscape of the Rhine Plain, we arrive at the small town of Breisach around lunchtime. Here we set off on our excursion into the beautiful Alsace, stopping at the little village of Riquewihr where we enjoy wine tasting at the famous Dopff & Irion vineyard.

#### Fr Breisach - Basel

**Excursions:** Black Forest & Rhine Falls

This morning, as our ship sails to Switzerland, we can venture into the cooler mountain slopes of the Black Forest on our full day excursion. A scenic drive then takes us to the must-see destination of Lake Titisee, before we visit the spectacular Rhine Falls – the largest in central Europe. We rejoin our ship in Basel, across the border in northern Switzerland, for a relaxing evening.

#### Sa Basel - Lucerne

**Excursion:** Lucerne

After breakfast our excursion takes us by coach on a route that tunnels through the Jura Mountains to the Swiss resort of Lucerne, where we have plenty of time to enjoy the views of mountains and lakes and explore the picturesque old quarter. We return to our ship in Schönaau by coach and retrace our route back to Iffezheim for an overnight stop.

#### Su Iffezheim - Mannheim – Mainz

**Excursion:** Heidelberg Highlights

We cruise to the river port of Mannheim where you can join our guided excursion to the majestic city of Heidelberg, home of Germany's oldest university. We return to our ship in Mainz and enjoy the Captains Dinner.

#### Mo Mainz – Koblenz

**Excursions:** Koblenz Cable Car & Ehrenbreitstein Fortress

This morning we can relax on the sun deck as we cruise to one of the oldest and most beautiful towns in Germany, Koblenz. Here we can join our coach excursion for a trip on the Koblenz cable car, which offers breathtaking views across the region along with entrance to the magnificent Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.

#### Tu Folkestone

Today we leave the ship for the final time and cross the channel to our overnight hotel in Folkestone.

#### We Folkestone – Interchange – Home

We return to our original joining points in the afternoon.

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

- Rüdesheim Cable Car
- Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum
- **NEW!** Speyer Walking Tour
- **NEW!** Strasbourg Canal Cruise
- Riquewihr Wine Tasting
- Black Forest
- Rhine Falls
- **NEW!** Lucerne
- Heidelberg
- Koblenz Cable Car
- Ehrenbreitstein Fortress



# Danube

Budapest

NEW

12 DAYS  
FROM  
**£1339**  
PER PERSON

There is so much to discover with Alfa's Danube river cruise. There is something for everyone, from the history of classical music in Vienna, local traditions and intricate architecture of Budapest, or the Slovakian capital of Bratislava. Our itineraries are full of inspiration, and we're confident that any journey you take along the Danube will fill you with wonder.

## DANUBE - 928MEC - 12 DAYS

### Alfa Includes

- 7 nights dinner, cabin, breakfast & lunch on Esmerelda
- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast en route
- 4 excursions

### CRUISE ITINERARY

#### **Mo** UK – Northern France / Belgium

We travel by coach to Dover and take the ferry to Calais, from where we continue to our overnight hotel.

#### **Tu** By Coach to Eastern France

We travel by coach following the borders of France, Belgium and Luxembourg, arriving in plenty of time for our second overnight stay near the border with Germany.

#### **We** Embark Linz

We travel to Linz where we board the MV Esmeralda in time for a drinks reception and welcome meal.

#### **Th** Linz - Vienna

Today we set sail for Vienna. Vienna is Austria's primary city and cultural, economic, and political centre, also known as the city of music.

#### **Fr** Vienna

##### Excursion: Vienna City Tour

Our panoramic guided tour takes us by coach through beautiful Vienna taking in such highlights as Schwarzenberg Square, the Musical Hall, Karls Square, the Opera, and Albertina. We then take a short walk through the areas inaccessible to coaches, passing the Augustiner church, National Library, Spanish Riding school, Hofburg, Palace, Michaeler church and Helden Square to the Art Museum. Returning to our coach we are shown some of the sights further out from the centre, including Parliament, the Burg theatre, the University, and the Votive church, as well as Arthouse Hundertwasser. This evening we set sail for beautiful Budapest.

#### **Sa** Budapest

##### Excursion: Budapest City Tour

Today's panoramic coach tour passes the Parliament and then crosses the Danube over the Margaret Bridge, before continuing to the Royal Castle area on the Buda side. Here we visit the Fishermen's Bastion and the Matthias Church. We continue to the Gellért Hill for a photo stop, before re-crossing the Danube at the Elisabeth Bridge to Heroes Square, passing the Opera and St. Stephen's Basilica. Our ship departs in the evening and sails overnight to Bratislava.

#### **Su** Bratislava

##### Excursion: Bratislava City Tour

Bratislava is one of the smallest and most picturesque of Central Europe, formerly known as Pressburg, Poszony or Istropolis. Our city tour by mini-rain includes the Philharmonic Hall, the National Slovakian Theatre, the Summer Seat of the Archbishop, the Blumental church, the buildings of the Technical University, the building of the Slovakian Radio and National Bank, the Seat of the Slovakian government, the Presidential gardens, Grassalkovich Palace, Bratislava Castle, through the Vienna gate, to the Outlook with panoramic views of the Old City. At the Opera a comfortable walk starts through the historical centre, where buses are not allowed. On foot we see the Archbishops Palace, St. Martins Cathedral, the Coronation Church of Hungarian Kings, the 15th century Istropolitana Academy, the Main Square with its Old Town Hall and at the end of the walking tour the Opera House and the Ganymedes spring. The mini-train returns us to our ship.

#### **Mo** Bratislava – Dürnstein

A relaxing day cruising to the picture postcard walled town of Dürnstein arriving mid afternoon.

#### **Tu** Dürnstein - Melk - Linz

##### Excursion: Melk Abbey

Arriving at the village of Melk this morning we transfer by coach to the convent of Melk. In the convent we follow a guided tour including admittance to the convents garden. Melk Abbey is a Benedictine abbey above the town of Melk, on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube River, adjoining the Wachau valley. The abbey contains the tomb of Saint Coloman of Stockerau and the remains of several members of the House of Babenberg, Austria's first ruling dynasty. The abbey was founded in 1089 when Leopold II, Margrave of Austria gave one of his castles to Benedictine monks from Lambach Abbey.

#### **We** Linz – Eastern France

Disembark and head to Eastern France for our overnight Hotel.

#### **Th** Eastern France – Folkestone

#### **Fr** Folkestone – Interchange – Home

We return to our original joining points in the afternoon.

### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

- Vienna Panoramic Tour
- Budapest Panoramic Tour
- Bratislava mini-train & walking tour
- Melk Abbey

## MV ESMERELDA



### Alfa Includes

- En suite Cabin accommodation for the duration of the cruise on the chosen deck
- All necessary River / port fees and taxes
- Portage on arrival & departure:  
Coach – cabin – coach
- Welcome glass of sparkling wine during the welcome brief
- Mid-morning tea/coffee and afternoon tea/coffee served in the lounge
- Full hot and cold buffet breakfast each day
- Lunch buffet/waiter served according to the day's schedule
- Packed lunch if on an all-day excursion
- 4 course dinner: starter, soup, choice of 2 main courses, choice made at breakfast
- Water with dinner
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Captain's dinner on 1 night
- Services of a Cruise Director ( English Speaking ) on board for commentary & general assistance
- Musical entertainment every night
- In house entertainment on some nights such as quiz by the Cruise Director

### Departs Monday - Returns on Friday

Date	Deck	Price	Single Supplement
Jul 15	Promenade Deck	<b>£1,389</b>	£459
Jul 15	Lower Deck	<b>£1,339</b>	£459





## Alfa TRAVEL ... Great for Groups!

### OUR DEDICATED GROUPS TEAM CAN HELP YOU ORGANISE THE PERFECT GROUP GETAWAY

- UK & EUROPEAN GROUP HOLIDAYS
- FESTIVE SPARKLE WEEKENDS
- ALL TYPES OF GROUPS CATERED FOR

#### REASONS TO BOOK A GROUP HOLIDAY WITH ALFA TRAVEL

- A fantastic range of value for money holidays
- Special joining arrangements - one pick up of your choice for every ten passengers booked
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- **FREE** place discounts on the 21st, 31st, 41st and 48th passenger travelling.
- Tailored itineraries to suit your requirements
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- Extensive collection of accommodation from our Leisureplex Hotel Group **PLUS** an array of carefully selected Partner Hotels.

*\*T&Cs apply. For more information, special offers and availability, contact our dedicated and experienced Groups Team who will be able to help you every step of the way.*



Call today on **01257 248007** or email **groups@alfatravel.co.uk**



# Festive Breaks

## Special Offers

### Festive Single Saver

Festive Specials are **free of single supplement** charges.

## ADD SOME SPARKLE TO YOUR FESTIVE SEASON

Get into the festive spirit with Alfa Travel and choose from our selection of pre-Christmas Festive Specials, Christmas Breaks and New Year holidays. We offer great value for money with festive entertainment and menus, guaranteeing you a party season to remember!

### ALFA INCLUDES

#### ALL FESTIVE TOURS:

- Rooms with private bath or shower & WC
- Festive entertainment programme
- 2 resort lunches at Leisureplex Hotels
- Festive Menus
- Coach travel from pick up points listed on page 65

#### FESTIVE SPECIALS (5 DAYS):

- 4 nights dinner, room and breakfast
- 1 half day excursion & 1 full day shopping excursion

#### CHRISTMAS (5 DAYS):

- 4 nights dinner, room & breakfast with 3 resort lunches
- 2 half day excursions

#### NEW TWIXMAS (4 DAYS):

- 3 nights dinner, room and breakfast
- 2 half day excursions

#### NEW YEAR (4 DAYS):

- 3 nights dinner, room & breakfast with 1 resort lunch & 1 resort brunch
- 2 half day excursions

## Festive Sparkle Weekends for Groups

Festive Weekenders are available for Group Bookings throughout November & December.

**4 days**  
FROM  
**£169**  
PER PERSON

### ALFA INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, room & full British breakfast
- Sherry reception on arrival
- Festive menus plus Sunday lunch
- Full day shopping excursion

Call our Groups Team today on **01257 248007** for more information.



Festive Specials			2018						2019					
Depart Monday - Return Friday			Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 10	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25	Dec 2	Dec 9
Resort	Hotel	Code												
Weston-S-Mare & Bath	Anchor Head	5100XS	£204	-	-	-	-	-	£204	-	-	-	-	£214
Ilfracombe	Imperial	5110XS	-	-	£199	£199	£199	-	£199	£199	£199	£199	£199	-
Exmouth	Cavendish	5155XS	£209	£209	£209	-	£209	-	£209	£209	£209	£209	£214	£214
Newquay	Eliot	5132XS	£199	£199	£199	£199	-	-	£199	£204	£204	£204	-	-
Torquay	Regina	5150XS	-	£204	-	£209	-	£199	-	£209	-	£209	-	£199
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	5170XS	-	£209	-	£209	£209	-	-	£209	-	£214	£214	-
Isle Of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore	5195XS	£209	£209	£209	£209	-	-	£209	£209	£209	£209	-	-
Isle Of Wight-Shanklin	Shanklin	5200XS	£209	-	£209	£209	£209	-	£209	-	£209	£214	£214	-
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk	5205XS	£209	£209	-	£209	-	£199	£214	£214	£214	£214	-	-
Eastbourne	Queens	5215XS	-	£209	£209	£209	£209	£209	£214	£214	£214	£214	£214	£214
Gt. Yarmouth	New Beach	5260XS	-	-	£194	-	-	-	£199	-	£199	-	-	-
Cromer	Hotel de Paris	5265XS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£214	-	£214	-
Scarborough	Cumberland	5275XS	-	-	£209	-	-	-	-	-	£214	-	-	-
Blackpool	Queens Blackpool	5305XS	£209	-	-	£209	-	-	£214	-	-	£214	-	-
Llandudno	Hydro	5350XS	-	-	-	-	£209	£209	-	£214	-	£214	£214	£214
Criccieth	George IV	5365XS	£199	-	£199	-	-	-	£204	-	£204	-	-	-
Tenby	Cliffe Norton	5380XS	-	£229	£229	-	-	-	-	£234	£234	-	-	£234
Porthcawl	Seabank	5385XS	£209	-	£209	-	£209	-	£209	-	£209	-	£209	-
Super Saver**	Our Choice	SS4EC	£159	£159	£159	£159	£159	£159	£159	£169	£169	£169	£169	£169

Supplements per person: Room with a view £20, Double/Twin as Single £25+. \*\* See page 4 for further details on our Super Saver holidays.

\* Double/Twin as Single is subject to availability and is authorised by the Alfa reservations team.

### Twixmas - 4 Days

2019: Depart Friday 27 Dec - Return Monday 30 Dec

Resort	Hotel	Code	2019
Weston-S-Mare	Anchor Head	WNYSS	£174
Ilfracombe	Imperial	INYSS	£169
Newquay	Eliot	NNYSS	£169
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	BNYSS	£169
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk	BRNYSS	£179
Cromer	Hotel de Paris	CNYSS	£184
Tenby	Cliffe Norton	TNYSS	£189
Super Saver**	Our Choice	SS4EC	£149

#### Supplements per person:

Room with a view	£16
Double/Twin as Single*	£40

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# Party Nights and Festive Weekenders

In the run up to Christmas it's great to get together for a good night out or a weekend away. Our Alfa Party Nights and Festive Weekenders give you the chance to get away and let your hair down!

## ALFA INCLUDES

### PARTY NIGHT:

- Direct return coach travel from one of the joining points listed on page 65
- Christmas dinner with all the trimmings
- Welcome drink before dinner
- Dancing and entertainment
- 1 night accommodation
- Late breakfast brunch

### FESTIVE WEEKENDERS:

- Direct return coach travel from one of the joining points listed on page 65
- Sherry reception on arrival
- 3 nights dinner, room and full British breakfast
- Festive menus plus Sunday lunch
- Full day shopping excursions

## Party Nights - 2018/19 - 2 Days

### Departs Saturday - Return Sunday

Resort	Hotel	Code	2018	2019	2018 Price	2019 Price	Pick Up Points
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	2170AS	-	Nov 16	-	£58	Route A*
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	2170BS	Nov 17	Nov 16 & Nov 30	-	£58	Route B
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	2170CS	-	Nov 30	-	£58	Route C
Eastbourne	Queens	2215BS	Nov 24	Nov 9 & Nov 23	£56	£58	Route B
Eastbourne	Queens	2215CS	Nov 24	Nov 9 & Nov 23	£56	£58	Route C
Eastbourne	Queens	2215DS	Nov 24	Nov 9 & Nov 23	£56	£58	Route D
Eastbourne	Queens	2215ES	Nov 24	Nov 9 & Nov 23	£56	£58	Route A*

Supplements per person: Room with a view £6. See page 65 for Pick up Points

## Festive Weekenders - 2018/19 - 4 Days

### Departs Friday - Returns Monday

Resort	Hotel	Code	2018	2019	2018 Price	2019 Price	Pick Up Points
Eastbourne	Queens	4215BS	Nov 16 & Nov 23	Nov 15	£149	£164	Route B
Eastbourne	Queens	4215CS	-	Nov 15	-	£164	Route C
Eastbourne	Queens	4215DS	Nov 16	Nov 15	£169	£164	Route D
Eastbourne	Queens	4215ES	Nov 16 & Nov 23	Nov 15	£169	£164	Route A*

Supplements per person: Room with a view £16. See page 65 for Pick up Points

\*Croydon pick up not available for Bournemouth tours.  
Enfield pick up not available for tours 4215ES & 2215ES.



## Christmas Programme

### 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

Sherry reception on arrival followed by dinner and dancing.

★★★★★

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Morning excursion. Competitions after lunch. Gala dinner followed by dancing and entertainment.

★★★★★

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Morning competition to guess the weight of the Christmas Cake. Traditional Christmas lunch with "Santa" and presents. Afternoon tea and games. Dinner followed by dancing and entertainment.

★★★★★

### BOXING DAY

Morning excursion. Pre-lunch glass of punch followed by Grand Boxing Day Lunch. Evening dinner and fancy dress farewell dance (please bring a costume).

★★★★★

### 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

After breakfast, we reluctantly leave our hotel and journey home.

Individual hotel programmes may differ slightly from this programme.

## New Year Programme

### 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Glass of sherry on arrival followed by dinner and an evening of entertainment.

★★★★★

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Morning excursion followed by lunch and an afternoon to relax or stroll around the resort. Dinner and an evening of entertainment until the early hours with spot prizes, games and a glass of bubbly to welcome in the New Year.

★★★★★

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

A relaxing morning with a Grand New Year's Day Brunch from 10.00am until 1.00pm replacing our normal breakfast service. Afternoon excursion followed by dinner, farewell dance and fancy dress with prizes (please bring a costume).

★★★★★

### 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

After breakfast, we reluctantly leave our hotel and journey home.

Individual hotel programmes may differ slightly from this programme.

## Christmas - 2018/19 - 5 Days

2018: Depart Sunday 23 Dec - Return Thursday 27 Dec  
2019: Depart Monday 23 Dec - Return Friday 27 Dec

Resort	Hotel	Code	2018	2019
Weston-S-Mare	Anchor Head	WXEC	£429	£434
Ilfracombe	Imperial	IXEC	£414	£419
Exmouth	Cavendish	EXXEC	£449	£464
Newquay	Eliot	NXEC	£404	£419
Torquay	Regina	TXEC	£424	£439
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	BXEC	£434	£449
Isle Of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore	IXWEC	£434	£449
Isle Of Wight - Shanklin	Shanklin	IWSXEC	£444	£449
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk	BRXEC	£434	£449
Eastbourne	Queens	EXEC	£454	£469
Cromer	Hotel de Paris	CXEC	£424	£439
Tenby	Cliffe Norton	TXEC	£474	£479
Porthcawl	Seabank	PXEC	£439	£454
Super Saver**	Our Choice	SS5EC	£344	£364

### Supplements per person:

Room with a view	£20	£20
Single Room	£25	£25
Double/Twin as Single*	£50	£50

\*\* See page 4 for further details on our Super Saver holidays.

\*Double/Twin as Single is subject to availability and is authorised by the Alfa reservations team.

## New Year - 2018/19 - 4 Days

2018: Depart Sunday 30 Dec - Return Wednesday 2 Jan 2019  
2019: Depart Monday 30 Dec - Return Thursday 2 Jan 2020

Resort	Hotel	Code	2018	2019
Ilfracombe	Imperial	INXEC	£299	£309
Exmouth	Cavendish	EXNYEC	£334	£344
Newquay	Eliot	NNYEC	£299	£309
Torquay	Regina	TNYEC	£319	£329
Bournemouth	Devon Towers	BNYEC	£314	£324
Isle Of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore	IWNXEC	£294	£304
Isle Of Wight - Shanklin	Shanklin	IWSNYC	£304	£304
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk	BRNYEC	£329	£339
Eastbourne	Queens	ENYEC	£344	£359
Porthcawl	Seabank	PNYEC	£319	£329
Super Saver**	Our Choice	SS4EC	£254	£259

### Supplements per person:

Room with a view	£16	£16
Single Room	£20	£20
Double/Twin as Single*	£40	£40

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# Self Drive Hotel Breaks



**NEW**

## ENJOY THE FLEXIBILITY OF YOUR OWN SELF DRIVE BREAK

Situated in prime locations in the best UK holiday resorts, you can make your own way to the hotel, explore the resort at your leisure, and still be reassured you will receive the quality accommodation and premium service that comes with every Alfa holiday.

**2 NIGHTS**  
FROM  
**£59**  
PER PERSON

**3 NIGHTS**  
FROM  
**£99**  
PER PERSON

**4 NIGHTS**  
FROM  
**£129**  
PER PERSON

**6 NIGHTS**  
FROM  
**£214**  
PER PERSON

**7 NIGHTS**  
FROM  
**£234**  
PER PERSON

## ALFA INCLUDES

- Choice of 20 Leisureplex hotels plus carefully selected partner hotels
- Choice of 2, 3, 4, 6 or 7 night stay
- Dinner, room and full British breakfast
- Entertainment most evenings
- Dunoon & Isle of Wight holidays include ferry tickets in the holiday cost (see note below)

## CAR PARKING FACILITIES

There is plentiful free parking at our Leisureplex hotels in Newquay, Exmouth, Shanklin, Bognor Regis, Eastbourne, Blackpool, Llandudno, Criccieth, Porthcawl, Dunoon and Fort William. Parking spaces are more restricted at Ilfracombe, Torquay, Bournemouth and Cromer. There are no on-site parking facilities at Weston-super-Mare, Sandown, Great Yarmouth or Scarborough although on street parking is normally readily available from October to Easter. On street parking can be arranged at no charge during the summer at Great Yarmouth and Scarborough. At Great Yarmouth this must be booked in advance by contacting the hotel. Further details are provided with your confirmation.

## FERRIES

Isle of Wight holidays include off peak ferry tickets in the holiday cost. However a supplement of £25 per car in each direction applies to all holiday durations for travel on peak dates – Easter, Bank Holidays and all Saturdays in July & August for sailings between 10:01hrs – 16:31hrs inclusive. Please note the Isle of Wight off peak ferry crossing is from Portsmouth to Fishbourne and if you would like to go from Lymington to Yarmouth, you must let us know at time of booking. Peak travel dates are subject to change, call our reservations team on 01257 248000 for more details.

*Free*  
**FERRIES**

## COACH EXCURSIONS & LUNCHES

Coach excursions and lunches are not included on Self Drive holidays.

### 2 Night Breaks – 2019 prices in £s per person

Friday to Sunday		Code	08 Feb	01 Mar	08 Mar	15 Mar	05 Apr	26 Apr	03 May	10 May	24 May	20 Sep	04 Oct
Resort	Hotel		- 22 Feb	Mar	Mar	- 29 Mar	Apr	Apr	May	- 17 May	- 30 Aug	- 27 Sep	- 15 Nov
Weston-Super-Mare	Anchor Head Hotel	3100SD	£84	-	£84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ilfracombe	Imperial Hotel	3110SD	-	-	-	£69	£69	£69	£69	£69	£79	-	-
Newquay	Eliot Hotel	3130SD	-	-	£59	£59	-	-	£59	£59	£69	-	-
Eastbourne	Queens Hotel	3215SD	£84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Yarmouth	New Beach Hotel	3261SD	-	£84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarborough	Cumberland Hotel	3276SD	£84	-	-	£89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne	Caledonian Hotel*	3291SD	£124	£124	£124	£124	£149	£149	£149	-	£154	£149	£124
Blackpool	Queens Hotel Blackpool	3305SD	£69	-	-	£69	-	£69	£69	-	£84	-	-
Llandudno	Hydro Hotel	3350SD	-	-	-	£89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Porthcawl	Seabank Hotel	3385SD	£84	£89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Supplements per person: May-Sept:** Single Room £10. **Oct - Apr:** No single supplements at Leisureplex Hotels. **Feb - Aug:** Room with a View: £10 (excludes Newcastle-upon-Tyne & Newquay). \*Denotes a non-Leisureplex Hotel. These do not include lunches in resort. Supplement prices also vary. During special events, festivals, conferences and exhibitions certain rates may not be available. All rates are subject to availability.

### 3 Night Breaks – 2019 prices in £s per person

Friday to Monday		Code	08 Feb	12 Apr	19 Apr	26 Apr	17 May	24 May	13 Sep	20 Sep	04 Oct	27 Dec	30 Dec*
Resort	Hotel		- 05 Apr	Apr	Apr	- 10 May	May	- 06 Sep	13 Sep	- 27 Sep	- 06 Dec	Dec	Dec*
Weston-Super-Mare	Anchor Head Hotel	4100SD	£99	£99	£134	£109	£124	£144	£139	£119	£114	£164	£304
Ilfracombe	Imperial Hotel	4110SD	£99	£99	£119	£104	£114	£139	£124	£114	£104	-	£289
Newquay	Eliot Hotel	4130SD	£99	£99	£139	£99	£114	£139	£124	£114	£104	-	£274
Torquay	Regina Hotel	4150SD	£99	£99	£119	£99	£129	£149	£139	£124	£119	£164	£314
Exmouth	Cavendish Hotel	4155SD	£109	£109	£134	£119	£139	£159	£149	£124	£119	£164	£319
Bournemouth	Devon Towers Hotel	4170SD	£99	£99	£139	£109	£129	£149	£139	£124	£119	£159	£304
Isle of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore Hotel	4195SD	£109	£109	£139	£114	£134	£154	£144	£124	£119	-	£294
Isle of Wight - Shanklin	Shanklin Hotel	4200SD	£109	£109	£144	£109	£144	£164	£149	£129	£124	-	£339
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk Hotel	4205SD	£109	£109	£139	£114	£144	£164	£154	£129	£124	£164	£334
Eastbourne	Queens Hotel	4215SD	£109	£114	£139	£114	£144	£164	£149	£129	£124	£169	£339
Great Yarmouth	New Beach Hotel	4260SD	£109	£114	£134	£114	£114	£139	£124	£114	£104	-	£274
Cromer	Hotel de Paris	4265SD	£109	£114	£139	£129	£139	£159	£144	£124	£119	£159	£314
Scarborough	Cumberland Hotel	4275SD	£109	£114	£139	£119	£134	£154	£149	£129	£124	£164	£334
Morecambe	Headway Hotel*	4302SD	£129	-	-	£149	-	£164	£159	£149	£129	-	-
Blackpool	Queens Hotel Blackpool	4305SD	£99	£109	£129	£114	£134	£154	£154	£154	£149	£169	£339
St Annes On Sea	Monteirey Beach Hotel*	4309SD	£134	-	-	-	£149	£164	-	£164	£164	-	-
Llandudno	Hydro Hotel	4350SD	£119	£119	£144	£129	£139	£154	£144	£124	£119	£169	£339
Criccieth	George IV Hotel	4365SD	£109	£109	£139	£119	£134	£154	£144	£124	£119	£164	£324
Llandrindod Wells	Commodore Hotel*	4372SD	£119	-	-	£124	-	£149	£149	£124	£124	-	-
Tenby	Cliffe Norton Hotel	4380SD	£129	£129	£144	£129	-	-	-	-	£134	£179	£344
Porthcawl	Seabank Hotel	4385SD	£109	£109	£139	£109	£134	£154	£144	£124	£119	£164	£329
Dunoon	Selborne Hotel	4410SD	£99	£109	£119	£109	£124	£139	£134	£119	£114	£164	£324
Fort William	Croft Anna Hotel	4430SD	£109	£109	£129	£109	£129	£149	£144	£124	£119	-	-

**Supplements per person: May-Sept:** Single Room £22. **Oct - Apr:** No single supplements at Leisureplex Hotels (Excludes Christmas & New Year breaks). **May-Sept:** Room with a View: £16 (excludes Bournemouth, Llandrindod Wells & Newquay). **Oct-Apr:** Room with a View: £22 (excludes Bournemouth, Llandrindod Wells & Newquay). \*Denotes a non-Leisureplex Hotel. These do not include lunches in resort. Supplement prices also vary. \*Dec 30 stay is Monday to Thursday. During special events, festivals, conferences and exhibitions certain rates may not be available. All rates are subject to availability.







## 4 Night Breaks – 2019 prices in £s per person

Monday to Friday		Code	11 Feb - 25 Mar	01 Apr - 06 May	13 May	20 May	27 May - 29 Jul	5 Aug - 26 Aug	2 Sep - 23 Sep	30 Sep - 28 Oct	4 Nov - 16 Dec	23 Dec
Resort	Hotel											
Weston-Super-Mare	Anchor Head Hotel	5100SD	£139	£149	£164	£189	£204	£209	£214	£164	£164	£419
Ilfracombe	Imperial Hotel	5110SD	£134	£149	£164	£169	£189	£189	£194	£164	£159	£399
Newquay	Eliot Hotel	5130SD	£134	£149	£164	£169	£189	£189	£194	£164	£159	£389
Torquay	Regina Hotel	5150SD	£134	£149	£174	£194	£209	£209	£214	£174	£169	£414
Exmouth	Cavendish Hotel	5155SD	£139	£154	£199	£214	£229	£234	£234	£174	£169	£434
Weymouth	Fairhaven Hotel*	5165SD	-	£189	-	£209	£209	£209	£209	£169	-	-
Bournemouth	Devon Towers Hotel	5170SD	£134	£149	£174	£199	£214	£214	£219	£174	£169	£419
Isle of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore Hotel	5195SD	£139	£154	£174	£204	£224	£224	£224	£174	£159	£414
Isle of Wight - Shanklin	Shanklin Hotel	5200SD	£139	£154	£204	£224	£244	£244	£244	£174	£164	£439
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk Hotel	5205SD	£139	£154	£199	£219	£234	£244	£244	£174	£164	£434
Eastbourne	Queens Hotel	5215SD	£139	£154	£204	£219	£239	£239	£239	£174	£169	£439
Great Yarmouth	New Beach Hotel	5260SD	£134	£149	£164	£169	£189	£189	£194	£164	£174	£424
Cromer	Hotel de Paris	5265SD	£139	£159	£174	£199	£214	£224	£224	£174	£179	£419
Skegness	Royal Hotel	5272SD	£139	£159	£179	£189	£194	£199	£189	£159	-	-
Scarborough	Cumberland Hotel	5275SD	£139	£154	£174	£199	£219	£224	£224	£174	£169	£444
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Caledonian Hotel*	5291SD	£184	£199	£199	-	£204	£204	£204	£199	£199	-
Morecambe	Headway Hotel*	5302SD	£159	£169	£199	-	£209	£209	£209	£189	£169	-
Blackpool	Queens Hotel Blackpool	5305SD	£129	£144	£179	£194	£199	£224	£224	£209	£169	£449
Llandudno	Hydro Hotel	5350SD	£144	£159	£184	£209	£224	£224	£224	£179	£169	£449
Criccieth	George IV Hotel	5365SD	£139	£154	£174	£199	£224	£224	£224	£174	£169	£429
Llandrindod Wells	Commodore Hotel*	5372SD	£169	£169	£169	-	£189	£189	£189	£174	£169	-
Tenby	Cliffe Norton Hotel	5380SD	£169	£184	-	-	-	-	-	£194	£194	£454
Porthcawl	Seabank Hotel	5385SD	£139	£154	£174	£204	£214	£214	£219	£174	£169	£429
Dunoon	Selborne Hotel	5410SD	£139	£154	£169	£169	£189	£189	£194	£174	£164	£404
Fort William	Croit Anna Hotel	5430SD	£139	£154	£174	£194	£204	£204	£209	£174	£164	-

**Supplements per person: May-Sept:** Single Room £38. **Oct - Apr:** No single supplements at Leisureplex Hotels (Excludes Christmas breaks). **May-Sept:** Room with a View: £27 (excludes Bournemouth, Llandrindod Wells, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newquay & Skegness). **Oct-Apr:** Room with a View: £20 (excludes Bournemouth, Llandrindod Wells, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newquay & Skegness). \*Denotes a non-Leisureplex Hotel. These do not include lunches in resort. Supplement prices also vary. During special events, festivals, conferences and exhibitions certain rates may not be available. All rates are subject to availability.

## 6 Night Breaks – 2019 prices in £s per person

Sunday to Saturday		Code	Mar 31 - Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28	May 05	May 12	May 19	May 26 - Sep 1	Sep 08	Sep 15	Sep 22	Sep 29 - Oct 27
Resort	Hotel												
Weston-Super-Mare	Anchor Head Hotel	102SD	£214	£234	£244	£249	£259	£264	£279	£274	£269	£254	£249
Ilfracombe	Imperial Hotel	112SD	£214	£229	£234	£239	£249	£249	£264	£269	£259	£239	£234
Newquay	Eliot Hotel	132SD	£214	£229	£239	£244	£254	£254	£269	£269	£259	£239	£234
Torquay	Regina Hotel	152SD	£224	£239	£254	£254	£259	£274	£289	£274	£269	£259	£254
Exmouth	Cavendish Hotel	157SD	£229	£254	£264	£264	£284	£294	£319	£309	£279	£264	£259
Bournemouth	Devon Towers Hotel	172SD	£214	£229	£244	£244	£254	£264	£279	£274	£264	£254	£249
Isle Of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore Hotel	197SD	£219	£239	£254	£259	£264	£279	£294	£289	£274	£264	£259
Isle Of Wight - Shanklin	Shanklin Hotel	202SD	£224	£244	£254	£259	£284	£309	£329	£319	£299	£269	£264
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk Hotel	207SD	£229	£249	£254	£254	£279	£299	£314	£299	£279	£264	£259
Eastbourne	Queens Hotel	217SD	£224	£244	£254	£259	£284	£309	£329	£319	£299	£274	£264
Great Yarmouth	New Beach Hotel	262SD	£214	£224	£234	£239	£244	£249	£264	£259	£249	£239	£234
Cromer	Hotel de Paris	267SD	£234	£254	£264	£264	£279	£279	£299	£289	£269	£269	£259
Scarborough	Cumberland Hotel	277SD	£224	£244	£254	£259	£269	£279	£294	£289	£274	£264	£254
Morecambe	Headway Hotel*	302SD	-	-	-	£279	-	-	£299	-	£299	-	-
Blackpool	Queens Hotel Blackpool	307SD	£219	£229	£244	£244	£249	£264	£294	£299	£299	£289	£289
Llandudno	Hydro Hotel	352SD	£229	£249	£259	£259	£269	£284	£299	£279	£269	£264	£259
Criccieth	George IV Hotel	367SD	£229	£249	£259	£259	£269	£274	£289	£274	£269	£254	£249
Llandrindod Wells	Commodore Hotel*	372SD	-	-	-	£269	-	-	£279	-	£279	-	-
Porthcawl	Seabank Hotel	387SD	£224	£244	£254	£259	£269	£279	£294	£279	£269	-	£249
Dunoon	Selborne Hotel	412SD	£219	£234	£244	£244	£254	£254	£259	£259	£254	£239	£234
Fort William	Croit Anna Hotel	432SD	£219	£234	£249	£254	£259	£269	£284	£274	£269	£254	£249

**Supplements per person: May-Sept:** Single Room £38. **Oct - Apr:** No single supplements at Leisureplex Hotels. **May-Sept:** Room with a View: £37 (excludes Bournemouth, Llandrindod Wells, Newquay & Skegness). **Oct-Apr:** Room with a View: £28 (excludes Bournemouth, Llandrindod Wells, Newquay & Skegness). \*Denotes a non-Leisureplex Hotel. These do not include lunches in resort. Supplement prices also vary. During special events, festivals, conferences and exhibitions certain rates may not be available. All rates are subject to availability.



## 7 Night Breaks – 2019 prices in £s per person

Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday		Code	30 Mar - 14 Apr	20 Apr - 21 Apr	27 Apr - 05 May	11 May - 12 May	18 May - 19 May	25 May - 25 Aug	31 Aug - 08 Sep	14 Sep - 15 Sep	21 Sep - 22 Sep	28 Sep - 29 Sep	05 Oct - 27 Oct
Resort	Hotel												
Weston-Super-Mare	Anchor Head Hotel	100SD	£234	£259	£269	£279	£289	£319	£324	£309	£279	£274	£274
Ilfracombe	Imperial Hotel	110SD	£234	£254	£259	£274	£274	£284	£289	£279	£264	£259	£259
Newquay	Eliot Hotel	130SD	£234	£254	£264	£274	£279	£304	£309	£289	£264	£254	£254
Torquay	Regina Hotel	150SD	£244	£264	£279	£289	£309	£329	£329	£299	£289	£279	£279
Exmouth	Cavendish Hotel	155SD	£254	£279	£294	£319	£334	£354	£359	£319	£294	£284	£284
Bournemouth	Devon Towers Hotel	170SD	£234	£254	£269	£284	£304	£314	£319	£299	£279	£274	£274
Isle of Wight - Sandown	Bayshore Hotel	195SD	£244	£264	£279	£289	£314	£329	£334	£299	£284	£279	£279
Isle of Wight - Shanklin	Shanklin Hotel	200SD	£249	£269	£289	£319	£344	£364	£364	£334	£299	£289	£289
Bognor Regis	Royal Norfolk Hotel	205SD	£254	£274	£284	£314	£334	£349	£349	£314	£294	£284	£284
Eastbourne	Queens Hotel	215SD	£249	£269	£289	£319	£344	£364	£364	£329	£299	£299	£289
Great Yarmouth	New Beach Hotel	260SD	£234	£249	£259	£264	£269	£284	£289	£274	£264	£259	£259
Cromer	Hotel de Paris	265SD	£259	£279	£294	£309	£319	£339	£339	£309	£294	£284	£284
Scarborough	Cumberland Hotel	275SD	£249	£269	£289	£304	£319	£339	£344	£314	£284	£279	£279
Blackpool	Queens Hotel Blackpool	305SD	£239	£259	£274	£284	£304	£319	£334	£334	£324	£309	£309
Llandudno	Hydro Hotel	350SD	£254	£274	£289	£304	£314	£334	£339	£309	£289	£279	£279
Criccieth	George IV Hotel	365SD	£254	£274	£289	£304	£309	£329	£329	£299	£279	£274	£274
Tenby	Cliffe Norton Hotel	380SD	-	-	£329	£344	£354	£379	£379	£344	£329	-	-
Porthcawl	Seabank Hotel	385SD	£249	£269	£284	£299	£309	£324	£324	£299	-	£269	£269
Dunoon	Selborne Hotel	410SD	£239	£259	£274	£279	£279	£294	£294	£289	£264	£259	£259
Fort William	Croit Anna Hotel	430SD	£239	£259	£274	£284	£299	£314	£319	£289	£274	£269	£269

**Supplements per person: May-Sept:** Single Room £44. **Oct - Apr:** No single supplements at Leisureplex Hotels. **May-Sept:** Room with a View: £42 (excludes Bournemouth & Newquay). **Oct-Apr:** Room with a view: £32 (excludes Bournemouth & Newquay). \*Denotes a non-Leisureplex Hotel. These do not include lunches in resort. Supplement prices also vary. During special events, festivals, conferences and exhibitions certain rates may not be available. All rates are subject to availability.

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## Leisureplex HOLIDAY HOTELS

### 20 LEISUREPLEX HOTELS

*Plus* CAREFULLY SELECTED  
PARTNER HOTELS

Situated in prime locations in the best UK holiday resorts, whilst still receiving the quality accommodation and premium service that comes with every Alfa holiday.

#### Locating our Leisureplex Hotels

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Weston-super-Mare | 14 Blackpool    |
| 2 Ilfracombe        | 15 Llandudno    |
| 3 Newquay           | 16 Criccieth    |
| 4 Torquay           | 17 Tenby        |
| 5 Exmouth           | 18 Porthcawl    |
| 6 Bournemouth       | 19 Dunoon       |
| 7 Shanklin          | 20 Fort William |
| 8 Sandown           |                 |
| 9 Bognor Regis      |                 |
| 10 Eastbourne       |                 |
| 11 Great Yarmouth   |                 |
| 12 Cromer           |                 |
| 13 Scarborough      |                 |





# Enjoy YOUR STAY THE ALFA WAY

**Leisureplex**  
HOLIDAY HOTELS

## GREAT HOTELS IN GREAT LOCATIONS

All hotels featured are in superb locations and are perfectly placed to ensure you make the most of the region you're visiting. Most holidays are to our own group of 20 Leisureplex Hotels, which are highlighted in our brochure with the **Leisureplex** symbol and we also work with a selection of carefully chosen partner hotels.

All rooms are en suite bath or shower and don't forget that many of the hotels we feature have sea, loch and castle view rooms, which you can book at a small supplement (see tour pages for hotel descriptions and prices).



## A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT LEISUREPlex

From your greeting at reception, to your waiter served meals and the cleanliness and hygiene standards of our housekeeping teams, our helpful staff will be on hand to make your stay pleasurable.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Leisureplex hotels have entertainment at least four evenings and up to six evenings per week. All our hotels are large enough to provide both cosy relaxing lounge areas where you can enjoy a tranquil glass of wine and fabulous entertainment rooms where you can take a spin around the dance floor or enjoy the cabaret.

## DINING IN LEISUREPlex HOTELS

We provide a full British Breakfast to start off the day and in the evening you can relax with our substantial menus which offer plenty of choice and a selection of wines. Light two course lunches are included on some Spring and Autumn holidays or you can take advantage of our great value meal deal, where we can provide a picnic lunch for you to enjoy on your travels.

**We can accommodate most dietary requirements. Please call our dedicated Special Requirements line on 01257 248 134.**

## EXCELLENT SERVICE

### *Personal, Friendly Service*

Here at Alfa we pride ourselves on our high standards and from the moment you make your first enquiry to the last day of your holiday, we will offer you the very best service, ensuring you have a most enjoyable holiday.



## CATERING FOR YOUR NEEDS

If you have a **Special Request** please let us know at the time you confirm your booking. Although we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your request, we will always do our best to facilitate where possible. Remember that if you want a particular room type (especially a single room or sea view) or would like to have a choice of seats on the coach, it is best to book early.

A **Special Requirement** is different and is only available to clients with a medical disability who will normally be expected to have a Blue Badge. In this instance you must call our Special Requirements department on **01257 248134** at the time of booking your holiday, and they will guide you through some short questions to ascertain your needs. For Data Protection reasons and to ensure we have the most up to date information, you must go through this process each time you book, as we are unable to keep this information on file. Due to the time required to carry out the Special Requirements process we regret that we cannot accept Special Requirements requests less than 21 days prior to the start of the holiday.

Please note that we cannot transport motorised wheelchairs or scooters, but can advise on hire in resort. If you have specific dietary requirements, please inform us at the time of booking and inform the hotel at least one week prior to your arrival.

Please refer to booking conditions on page 66 for more details.

## Go Explore Scooter Hire



Available at New Beach Hotel – Great Yarmouth, Hydro Hotel – Llandudno, Selborne Hotel – Dunoon.

**Prices start from just £15 per day**

Call our Customer Care team on **01257 248134** for more details



# Joining YOUR ALFA HOLIDAY

## SIT BACK, RELAX AND ENJOY THE VIEW

Take the stress out of your holiday travel arrangements and choose an Alfa Travel Coach Holiday. You can choose from our extensive list of local joining points and make the journey part of your holiday, as you travel in comfort to your holiday destination.

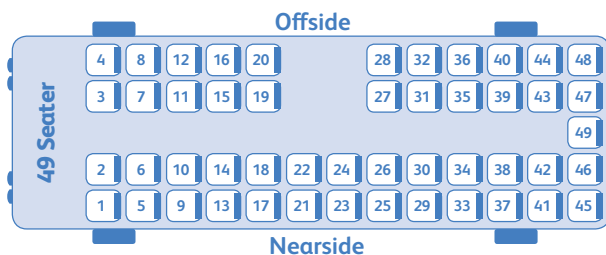
## RELIABLE COACHES

Most of our holidays are operated by our own fleet of mostly Mercedes luxury coaches, all of which have an on board washroom and are air conditioned. We also work with selected third party coach operators who supplement our own fleet during peak periods. The facilities on third party coaches can vary, but the majority have air conditioning. We are members of the Confederation of Passenger Transport and the Coach Tourism Association – bodies established to encourage standards of excellence in our industry.



## SEATING PLAN

Upon confirming your Alfa booking you will be able to select your seat for your tour coach, which you will join at Reading. The seating plan below shows a typical Alfa coach.



*\*Please note that pre-booked seats do not apply to the vehicle which transports you from your pick-up point to the interchange and back and are subject to availability. Some of our partner coaches have an alternative seating plan, in which case the row and nearside/offside position shown determine your seat.*

## JOIN EN-ROUTE

Joining your Alfa Holiday is now even more convenient. If you want to join your tour coach en-route to your chosen resort, we'll pick you up on the way.

For selected tours travelling to East Anglia & European Continental destinations, we can pick you up at:

South Mimms (M25, Junc. 23)



## GREAT DRIVERS

At Alfa we believe in giving our staff the tools they need to provide the service you expect. Our drivers are an important part of your holiday, which is why they are carefully vetted for their driving ability and customer service. Alfa then continually invest in driver training and seminars, which is what makes our drivers some of the best in the industry and keeps them at the top of their profession.



## EUROPEAN HOLIDAYS

### Join Direct at Dover

If it is more convenient to drive to Dover to join your tour coach, there is **FREE PARKING** at Dover for the duration of your holiday. To reserve your free, secure parking simply select "Dover Relyon" as your pick-up point. We will make the parking reservation for you and supply you with detailed directions to the car park which is situated at Poulton Close, approximately two miles from the Ferry Terminal. A free shuttle service operates between the car park and ferry terminal, with a waiting lounge available in the terminal. Car parking is fully insured and security patrolled. This service is available for all Continental European tours listed in this brochure.





In the interest of clarity not all Pick-Up Points are shown on this map – see the Pick-Up Points below for the full list.

### CHOOSING YOUR PICK-UP POINT

Please consider the relative locations of your pick up point, the interchange and your final holiday destination. It is possible to get from all pick up points to all destinations, however we don't advise some combinations. For example, we would recommend that clients from Kent, Sussex, Suffolk and Essex do not consider holidays in Eastbourne or East Anglia since the feeder journey will take them west before returning east again. One the other hand, if clients from these areas are considering travelling West (for example to Devon or Cornwall), Reading is on direct line of route and makes a convenient coffee stop.

### LOCAL PICK-UP POINTS

We will pick you up close to home and take you to our Reading Interchange (M4, Junction 11/12) where you will embark on your tour coach and be whisked away to your holiday destination.

Approximate timings at Reading are as follows:

**Outward:** Arrive: 11.30am Depart: 12.15am  
**Return:** Arrive: 2.15pm Depart: 3.00pm

Pick-up times are finalised two weeks before departure and will be indicated on your travel ticket.



### PARTY NIGHTS & FESTIVE WEEKENDERS PICK UP ROUTES

Route	Tour Code	Pick-up Points
Route A	2170AS, 2215ES & 4215ES	Southend, South Benfleet, Basildon, Romford, Enfield, Croydon*
Route B	2170BS, 2215BS & 4215BS	Sittingbourne, Strood, Gravesend, Dartford, Bexleyheath, Bromley, Croydon, Orpington
Route C	2170CS, 2215CS & 4215CS	Witney, Oxford, Abingdon, Wantage, Didcot, Wallingford, Reading
Route D	2215DS & 4215DS	Harlow, Ware, Hertsford, Welwyn, Hatfield, Watford, Slough

\*Croydon pick up not available for tour 2170AS. Enfield pick up not available for tour 2215ES.

### LOCAL PICK-UP POINTS FOR READING SERVICES

**Bedfordshire:** Leighton Buzzard, Luton

**Berkshire:** Bracknell, Maidenhead, Newbury, Reading, Slough, Thatcham, Wokingham

**Buckinghamshire:** Bletchley, Milton Keynes

**Dorset:** Bournemouth, Poole

**East Sussex:** Bexhill, Brighton, Eastbourne, Hastings, Peacehaven, Seaford

**Essex:** Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow, Leigh-on-Sea, Rainham, Southend, Tarpots, Witham

**Greater London:** Barnet, Beckenham, Bexleyheath, Bromley, Croydon, Ealing, Eltham, Enfield, Gants Hill, Harrow, Hounslow, London Victoria, Orpington, Redbridge, Richmond, Romford, Ruislip, Sutton, Twickenham, Uxbridge

**Hampshire:** Andover, Basingstoke, Fareham, Havant, Portsmouth, Southampton, Tadley, Winchester

**Hertfordshire:** Cheshunt, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead, Hertford, Hoddesdon, Potters Bar, South Mimms, St. Albans, Stevenage, Ware, Watford, Welwyn Garden City

**Kent:** Ashford, Canterbury, Chatham, Dartford, Dover (continental only), Gillingham, Gravesend, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Sittingbourne, Strood, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells

**Oxfordshire:** Abingdon, Didcot, Oxford, Wallingford, Wantage, Witney

**Suffolk:** Ipswich,

**Surrey:** Addlestone, Staines,

**West Sussex:** Bognor Regis, Crawley, Horsham, Pease Pottage, Worthing





# BOOKING CONDITIONS

## 1. YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRACT

Your holiday contract is with Alfa Travel Limited ("the Company"), a member of ABTA (ABTA number V2560). When you make a booking you guarantee that you have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party the terms of these booking conditions. The contract between you and the Company is defined by these Booking Conditions and the Confirmation Invoice, which is issued upon receipt by the Company of the deposit. A contract exists as soon as we issue our Confirmation Invoice. The contract is governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

## 2. HOLIDAY PRICE AND FINANCIAL PROTECTION

The prices shown in our brochures are accurate at the date of publication. We reserve the right to alter prices after publication. You will be advised of the current price of the holiday at the time of booking. Once your holiday has been confirmed, the price of the holiday as set out on the Confirmation Invoice is fully guaranteed and will not be subject to any surcharges unless there is a change in UK taxation directly applicable to the holiday (such as a change in VAT). In that circumstance, we reserve the right to modify the holiday cost solely to reflect the change in UK taxation.

The Package Travel Regulations 2018 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked from this brochure and for your repatriation in the event of our insolvency. We provide this security by way of an ABTA bond.

## 3. BOOKING THE HOLIDAY

### A. Bookings via Telephone or Travel Agent

(i) On receipt of your enquiry, we will reserve a holiday provisionally for 3 days (or 1 day if the booking is made within 6 weeks of the departure date). If you wish to confirm the booking you must pay a deposit of £40 per person (£150 per person for Air Holidays and £100 per person for River Cruise) plus your insurance premium within that 3 day period. Insurance premiums vary depending upon the destination and duration of your holiday as shown in the Holiday Insurance section.

(ii) A confirmation of your booking will be forwarded to you within 7 days of us receiving your deposit.

(iii) You must then pay the balance of monies due (without any further reminder from us) 42 days before departure (60 days prior to departure for Air Holidays and 84 days prior to departure for River Cruise).

### B. Bookings via the Internet

(i) It is not possible to make a provisional booking on the Internet; all Internet bookings are on a confirmed basis only.

(ii) Payment must be made using your credit or debit card. You can choose the option to have your balance payment taken automatically 42, 60 or 84 days prior to departure, as outlined in section 3

A (iii) by debiting the same card you used to pay the deposit. If you do not select this option you must then pay the balance of monies due (without any further reminder from us) at the specified time, outlined above, prior to departure.

(iii) You should print the final page of the Internet booking process as your confirmation, although a postal confirmation will also be sent to you (or emailed to you if you have given us your email address).

### C. All Bookings

(i) Holiday price includes coach travel, air travel (where applicable), accommodation, excursions and meals as specified in the holiday description. Some hotels make a small additional charge for tea or coffee taken after meals. Morning coffee, afternoon tea, personal items and liquid refreshments are not included in the price of the holiday. Your holiday itinerary is a confirmation of what is included in your holiday package.

(ii) Travel Tickets will be forwarded approximately 10 days prior to departure. Since feeder routes are frequently re-timed, it is essential that you check the time shown on your travel ticket and do not rely on your initial Confirmation for your joining time.

(iii) There is no charge for using a debit or credit card.

## 4. INSURANCE

It is a condition of the acceptance of the booking by Alfa Travel Limited that you are insured through the Company's scheme or some equivalent travel policy or, if you wish to travel without insurance you will reimburse us for any expenditure we necessarily incur in providing you with assistance in the event that you get into difficulties. If you wish to insure through another company, **you must inform us of the insurer's name and emergency contact number by telephone or by emailing us at [req@alfatravel.co.uk](mailto:req@alfatravel.co.uk) quoting your Booking Reference.**

## 5. ROOM ALLOCATION AND SPECIAL REQUESTS

Every effort will be made to provide precisely the accommodation booked and to convey special requirements to the hotelier(s). However, the Company accepts no liability for any failure to provide a special request for which no payment is made and no correspondence will be entered into concerning the hotelier's failure to satisfy such requests. Where a payment is made for additional facilities, the Company's liability shall be limited to the brochure price of that supplement. Bookings for rooms with bath or shower shall be deemed to be fulfilled by the provision of either facility and requests for one or the other will be treated as requests only. Bookings for a double room shall be considered satisfied by the provision of either a double or twin bedded room. Bookings for a twin room shall be considered satisfied by the provision of a room with two or more beds.

## 6. DIETARY AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

If you or any member of your party require a special diet you must raise this requirement at the time of booking or, if booking on the web site, indicate it in the Special Requests section on the booking screen. Clients with special dietary needs are also strongly urged to make direct contact with the hotel 7-14 days prior to arrival and to forward details of their requirements in writing to the hotel. If you or any member of your party is mobility impaired, have any medical circumstances or disabilities which may affect your holiday you must contact the Alfa Customer Relations Department on 01257 248134 so that we can ascertain if the hotel is able to satisfy your needs. The Company does not have any vehicles fitted with wheelchair lifts, so it is essential that all clients are able to manage the steps necessary to board a coach either unaided or with the assistance of members of their own party. Please note that due to weight restrictions on our coaches, we can not accommodate scooters, either on the outbound or inbound journey. Passengers can however, hire scooters during their stay and they are able to take these on the excursions, so long as the heaviest piece weighs no more than 15kg and the scooter has a brake which can be applied when the coach is moving. Please note that the passenger will be responsible for the scooter and drivers cannot be held responsible for loading/unloading. Should you wish to hire a scooter, please do not hesitate to contact our customer relations team on 01257 248134 and they will be happy to check if the hotel can accommodate scooters and to provide you with hire details for companies local to the hotel.

## 7. ALTERATION OF FARES, TRANSPORTATION, SERVICES ETC.

A. The Company is responsible for all the elements of the holiday package and shall make every effort to ensure that all services are of the quality described in the brochure and tours are operated in accordance with the details contained therein, but reserves the right to modify arrangements in the light of circumstances arising provided that:

(i) It shall make every effort to inform clients of any change in hotel or itinerary. Please note: Changes to single overnight stops on Continental and Scottish tours will only be notified with travel documents.

(ii) Where a change in hotel or itinerary is necessary the change shall not result in a deterioration in the services provided or, if it is impossible to provide an arrangement of at least equal quality, the Company shall make this fact clear and make an adjustment to the cost of the holiday.

## ALL BOOKINGS ARE ACCEPTED ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

B. If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed by us or our suppliers we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements. Our liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of two times the cost of your travel arrangements. Our liability will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to:

(i) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the transportation for your travel arrangements, whose terms are incorporated into this contract; and

(ii) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of compensation that you can claim for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of compensation contained in these or any conventions. You can ask for copies of the transport companies' contractual terms, or the international conventions, from our offices.

## 8. CANCELLATION BY THE COMPANY

The Company reserves the right to cancel departures if the number of clients wishing to travel is less than 25 persons. The Company shall not normally cancel a holiday after payment of the balance becomes due (42, 60 or 84 days before departure). If for any reason it is found necessary to do so, the Company will provide an equivalent tour at a discount of 10% from the published price. If this alternative is not acceptable, the Company will refund all monies paid, whereupon all liability on the part of the Company shall cease.

## 9. CANCELLATION BY THE PASSENGER.

The following scale of cancellation charges shall apply to cancellation by the passenger:

Period before departure in which cancellation is received	Percentage of holiday cost payable as cancellation charges		
Holidays by:	Coach Holidays	Air Holidays	River Cruise Holidays
More than 84 days	Deposit is forfeited	Deposit is forfeited	Deposit is forfeited
More than 42 days	Deposit is forfeited	Deposit is forfeited	100%
29 - 42 days	30%	60%	100%
15 - 28 days	45%	90%	100%
8 - 14 days	60%	100%	100%
0 - 7 days	100%	100%	100%

## 10. BAGGAGE

Baggage, which shall include all personal belongings of the client, is conveyed at owner's risk throughout and the Company's liability shall be limited to taking reasonable care in the handling of such items by its servants or agents. Each passenger is allowed one suitcase measuring no more than 26in x 8in x 15in and **weighing no more than 33lb (15kg)**. In the interests of the health and safety of employees and agents, we ask clients to strictly observe this weight limitation on individual suitcases and **clients will be refused portage facilities for suitcases which exceed the weight limit.**

## 11. LATE ARRIVAL BY PASSENGER AND PASSENGERS IN DIFFICULTIES

Should a passenger arrive late at any stop en-route in accordance with an itinerary notified to clients, either verbally or in writing, the Company will not accept responsibility to delay the relevant departure and a passenger who misses a vehicle shall have no claim against the Company. However, the Company will make every effort to assist passengers who get into difficulty through circumstances beyond their control providing the passenger requests such assistance from the Company by telephoning its emergency number: **01257 248002**.

## 12. SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited by law on all coaches and in the public areas of all hotels throughout the UK. Most hotels, including all Leisureplex Hotels, also prohibit smoking in hotel bedrooms and treat electronic cigarettes as though they were cigarettes made from tobacco and therefore prohibit their use inside the hotel. Failure to follow smoking prohibitions will be considered unreasonable behaviour.

## 13. UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOUR

Should a client behave in an abusive or disruptive manner, the company reserves the right, after due consideration and warning, to terminate the contract between us. In such circumstances the client will have no further redress against the company in respect of any lost part of the holiday or additional expenses incurred.

## 14. INFECTIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

If a client develops an infectious or contagious disease and in the reasonable opinion of the company their presence on the coach represents a serious risk of infection to other clients, the Company reserves the right to refuse to convey them on its vehicles. In such circumstances, the Company will make every effort to assist with alternative means of returning the client to their point of origin but responsibility for the costs incurred in such alternative transport will be the client's. If the client has taken the insurance policy offered by the Company, the Company will ensure all necessary arrangements are made. If the client has insurance through another insurer, it is the client's responsibility to make contact with their insurer but the Company will make every effort to assist them if such assistance is requested by contacting the Company's emergency number: **01257 248002**.

## 15. ANIMALS

Animals (other than registered assistance dogs) are not allowed on tour. Clients with registered assistance dogs must advise the Company at the time of booking and provide the dog's registration number or a letter from the Charity who provided the dog, which confirms their assistance dog status.

## 16. OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Excursions or other tours that you may choose to book or pay for whilst you are on holiday are not part of the package holiday provided by us. Your contract for excursions booked in resort is with the operator of the excursion and not with us and we cannot accept responsibility for any monies paid for such excursions whether or not those monies are paid to your driver or courier. We are not responsible for the provision of the excursion or tour or for anything that happens during the course of its provision by the operator.

## 17. HOTEL AMENITIES

Some facilities (e.g. lifts) are not always available due to sudden breakdowns or the need to service them. Other facilities (e.g. outdoor swimming pools) are only available when weather permits. The nature and frequency of entertainment is also subject to demand and is at the discretion of the hotel.

## 18. SEATING PLANS

Everything is done to conform to the seating plan shown in the brochure, but the Company reserves the right to modify these as necessary and **the Company cannot accept bookings contingent upon provision of specific seats**. In the event that the vehicle has seats numbered differently from the brochure seating plan, the row number and position (offside/nearside) and not the seat number shall be the determining factors in deciding where passengers shall sit.

## 19. TRANSFERS

### A. Coach and Self Drive Holidays

(a) The Company will permit clients to transfer their booking to other tours or other dates more than 42 days prior to departure without forfeiture of deposit providing the client pays an administration fee of £10 per booking.



(b) The Company will permit assignment of the holiday to another client or clients subject to the following charges:

- (i) more than 42 days prior to departure: £20 per booking
- (ii) less than 42 days but more than 14 days prior to departure: £40 per booking.

It is not possible to transfer the booking to another client 14 days or less prior to departure without incurring the cancellation charges listed at 9 above.

B. River Cruises and Air Holidays

It is not possible to transfer a booking for a river cruise or air holiday to a coach holiday nor to transfer to another river cruise or air holiday and clients who might wish to transfer must therefore either cancel or proceed with the holiday.

## 20. DATA PROTECTION

When you book a holiday with us, you give us your contact details which we require for the proper performance of our contract with you. We also use this information to provide you with new editions of our brochure and special offers as these become available. We keep your details on file for 10 years and we do not send marketing material to you more than 10 years after your last holiday or brochure request. You can ask us to stop sending marketing material at any time by writing to us or sending an e-mail to [sales@alfatravel.co.uk](mailto:sales@alfatravel.co.uk) or telephoning our Customer Relations Department on 01257 248008. On receipt of such a request we will immediately discontinue sending you further publicity material.

Under the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation, you have a right to access the personal data we hold on you. You must make any request for access in writing and we have up to 30 days to respond. We may not respond if in doing so we would be forced to disclose to you information concerning another individual. Our mailing list is entirely confidential to Alfa Travel Limited, Alfa Coaches Limited and Leisureplex Hotels Limited and we do not make it available to any other Company.

Any personal information you provide to us regarding your state of health is stored only for the purpose of the specific booking for which you divulge the information. It is made available to hoteliers and transportation providers only in so far as is absolutely necessary to enable them to accommodate your needs. This information is not stored for use in future bookings and must be disclosed to us each time you make a booking.

## 21. PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is the client's responsibility to ensure they are in possession of the correct travel documents. Those who do not have UK passports need to check carefully whether they need a Visa if travelling on one of our holidays outside the UK. We recommend that they start by checking the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office web site at [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk) or telephoning them on 020 7008 1500. UK Citizens do not need a Visa for any of our holidays, but they do need a passport for travel to mainland Europe and we recommend the use of a passport when travelling to the Irish Republic.

## 22. FOREIGN OFFICE TRAVEL ADVICE

When travelling outside the UK, we recommend that you consult the Foreign Office Travel Advice website for the latest information about the country you are visiting. The address is <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>. The advice can change so please check regularly for updates.

# HOLIDAY INSURANCE

FROM JUST  
**£12**  
PER DAY

## THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE HOLIDAY INSURANCE POLICY OFFERED BY ALFA FOR HOLIDAYS DEPARTING IN 2018 AND 2019.

A Special Holiday Travel Insurance Scheme is available for all passengers travelling on our holidays which is underwritten ERV the United Kingdom branch of Europäische Reiseversicherung A.G., an Ergo Group Company incorporated and regulated under the laws of Germany, (ERV) Companies House Registration FC 25660 and Branch Registration BR 007939. Authorised by the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BAFIN - [www.bafin.de](http://www.bafin.de)) and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA - [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk)). ERV's FCA registration number is 220041.

Alfa Travel Limited is an Appointed Representative of Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Their firm reference is 311394.

Please note, this insurance is only available to residents of the United Kingdom who purchase their cover before they travel.

Departures in:	Duration	2018	2019
British Holidays	1-4 days	£12	£14
	5 days	£18	£20
	6-8 days	£23	£24
Overseas Holidays	1-5 days	£25	£27
	6-14 days	£34	£36

The above premiums are inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax at 20%.  
British holidays include the Isle of Man & Northern Ireland. Overseas holidays include Jersey and Southern Ireland.  
Should you wish to take advantage of our Insurance please note that the premium is additional to the holiday cost and should be paid at the time you pay the deposit on your holiday.

You are not obliged to take the insurance we offer, but should you decide to insure elsewhere you must supply details of your insurer including an emergency telephone number. If you book on the internet, you should send an email quoting your Booking Reference and the name, policy number and emergency contact number of your insurer to [req@alfatravel.co.uk](mailto:req@alfatravel.co.uk). If you choose not to insure, we will ask you to sign a Disclaimer to confirm that you will be responsible for any costs the company may incur in helping you resolve any difficulties you may experience which would normally have been covered by a holiday insurance policy.

## DEMANDS AND NEEDS

This insurance policy will suit the Demands and Needs of an individual or group (where applicable) who have no excluded pre-existing medical conditions, are travelling in countries included within the policy terms and who wish to insure themselves against unforeseen events detailed in the cover section below. Subject to the terms, conditions and maximum specified claim limits.

## IMPORTANT

We will not provide you with advice about the suitability of this product for your individual needs but will be happy to provide you with factual information.

We summarise below the details of the insurance cover provided which also includes details of the 24 hour Emergency Assistance service, **who can be contacted 24/7 365 days a year on 01403 288167.**

The following is a brief summary of the cover available. Full details of Cover, Policy Warranties and Exclusions will be forwarded with your confirmation of booking. In any event you may ask for a specimen copy of the Policy Wording before booking should you wish to examine this in advance.

## HEALTH CONDITIONS

Insurers shall not be liable for claims WHERE AT THE TIME OF TAKING OUT THIS POLICY AND BETWEEN THAT TIME AND YOUR DEPARTURE:

a) You are aware of any medical condition or set of circumstances that could reasonably be expected to give rise to a claim (for example the state of health of a Close Relative, Business Associate or any person on whom your travel plans depend).

## 23. DELAYED DEPARTURE AND WELFARE ASSISTANCE

If for any reason your departure from the UK is delayed we will make alternative arrangements for you to continue with your holiday as soon as possible. Where necessary, if your departure from the UK is delayed by more than 6 hours, we will make arrangements for replacement meals and alternative accommodation, if the delay results in the scheduled meals and accommodation being cancelled.

## 24. TRAVELLING BY AIR TO JERSEY

For holidays by air to Jersey, Alfa Travel acts as retail agent for Destination Specialists, ATOL number 9503. An ATOL certificate will be despatched to you along with the holiday confirmation.

## 25. COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES

As an ABTA member, we are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you. But if something does go wrong, you should raise your complaint with the relevant person as soon as the problem arises. The relevant person is the hotel manager for complaints about hotel services and the tour driver for complaints about travel arrangements.

In the event that it is found impossible to rectify a problem arising during the holiday, we can normally agree an amicable settlement between us after you have returned from holiday, providing you write to us within 28 days of the completion of the holiday. If it is impossible to resolve a dispute, we will provide you with information on an arbitration scheme arranged by ABTA and approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. The scheme has a claims limit of £5,000 per person (£1,500 per person for minor injury or illness) and £25,000 per Booking but cannot deal with major injuries. There is a time limit of 18 months following the date of return from holiday. Full details can be obtained by contacting us at [care@alfatravel.co.uk](mailto:care@alfatravel.co.uk) or direct from the ABTA website [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com). You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>. This ODR platform is a means of registering your complaint with us; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

## 26. FORCE MAJEURE

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by any event which we or the supplier of the service in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. These events can include, but are not limited to war, threat of such activity, riot, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster and adverse weather, sea and river conditions and all similar events outside our control or the control of the supplier concerned. Advice from the Foreign Office to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure.

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b) The Insured Person whose medical condition gives rise to a claim:

- 1) Is receiving, or on a waiting list for, surgery, in-patient treatment or investigations in a hospital, clinic or nursing home.
  - 2) Is travelling against any health requirements stipulated by the carrier, their handling agents or other public transport provider.
  - 3) Is travelling against the advice of a Medical Practitioner or for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment abroad.
  - 4) Has been given a terminal prognosis.
- Please note: If you are on medication at the time of travel, **Your** medical condition(s) must be stable and well controlled.

If you are travelling outside of the UK **You** must notify the Change in Health helpline immediately if a change in health occurs (including any change to medication) between the date this policy is issued and your scheduled date of departure.

Summary of Cover - Cover limits and applicable excesses per person		
Section and Cover	Benefit	Excess
1. Cancellation and Curtailment/ Loss of Deposit	£3,000 (River Cruise Holidays) £1,500 (Other Holidays)	£45 for holidays under £150 and £55 for holidays over £150. (£10 in respect of Loss of Deposit)
2. Travel delay and disruption - Delay - Abandonment after 12 hours - Missed Departure	£20 per 12hrs (max £60) £2,500 £100UK/£300EU	Nil As Per Cancellation Nil
3. Emergency medical and repatriation expenses - Hospital confinement benefit UK - Hospital confinement benefit outside of the UK - Funeral expenses and body repatriation - Emergency dental treatment - Taxi fares	£2,000,000 EU/ £2,500 UK Only £10 per 24hrs (max £100) £15 per 24hrs (max £450) £5,000 EU/£1,500 UK Only £250 £1,000	£55 Nil Nil £55 £55 £55
4. Personal accident - Death (aged over 18) - Death (under 18 ) - Death (aged 66 or over ) - Permanent total disablement - Loss of limb(s) or total and irrecoverable loss of Sight	£15,000 £1,000 £7,500 £15,000 £15,000	Nil
5. Personal effects and money - Single Item limit - Valuables limit - Personal money - Cash - Loss of passport/travel documents	£1,500 £200 £400 £200 £200 (£50 under 18) £200	£55 £55 £55 Nil
6. Luggage delay	£50 per 12 hours (minimum 12 hours - max £100)	Nil
7. Personal liability	£2,000,000	Nil
8. Legal costs and expenses	£25,000	Nil

## COOLING OFF PERIOD

You should read your policy immediately to ensure it meets with your requirements. If for any reason it does not it must be returned to the issuer of the policy within 14 days of the date of issue or prior to travel which ever is the sooner. Your money will be refunded in full, provided no claims have been made or incident likely to give rise to a claim has arisen. If you cancel your policy after 14 days no refund will be given.

## HOW TO CLAIM

In the event of cancellation, written notice must be sent to Alfa Travel immediately. For both cancellation and all other claims you must contact the claims department by phone on 01403 288170 for a claims form which must be returned within 28 days of your cancellation or return from holiday.

**PLEASE NOTE: The above is an outline of the cover provided. A policy document containing full details of what is and what is not covered will be forwarded along with your Booking Confirmation. You should read it carefully and you must inform us within 14 days if the policy is unacceptable for any reason.**





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### VISIT AN APPROVED TRAVEL AGENT

Visit the Travel Agent who supplied your brochure or call us to find the location of your nearest appointed Travel Agent. There you will find friendly advisors who will be able to guide you through your booking and give you valuable feedback from other clients who have used Alfa.

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