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Edinburgh skyline at night

Seasonal Tours 2025

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Thames Tales – Four Cruises on a River

Friday 3rd – Monday 6th October 2025



Friday Departing Bradford at 09.00 we travel, with a stop en route to **Oxford** where you have a chance to explore this historic city with its magnificent architecture before we enjoy a **40 minute circular boat ride**, with commentary to Iffley Lock.

Saturday We join our boat at Caversham Pier in Reading for our **90 minute cruise on the River Thames** following the river upstream taking in the wildlife and open countryside. The cruise will turn at Mapledurham Lock taking in a panoramic view of the weir before travelling back to Reading. In the afternoon we visit **Marlow**, with its historic streets and Georgian buildings, situated on the banks of the River Thames.

Sunday We drive to **Kew** for a **90 minute cruise to Westminster Pier** in the centre of London, where you will have time to explore before travelling to our London hotel.

Monday Our final cruise takes us on a **75 minute trip to Greenwich**, taking in many of the city's best known sights including the London Eye, Tower of London and passing under Tower Bridge. You will have free time in **Greenwich** where the attractions include the Cutty Sark, Royal Observatory, National Maritime Museum, and the classical buildings of the Old Royal Naval College. We then travel home with stops as required arriving mid evening.


The Hotel



Our hotel for 2 nights is the 4 star smart, modern Holiday Inn Reading South, with well appointed bedrooms, free WiFi, there is a bright and airy lobby, restaurant, and bar. The hotel is fully accessible.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Reading South, Basingstoke Road, Reading, RG2 0SL

The Hotel



Our hotel for our final night is situated near the ExCel Exhibition centre with views over the Royal Docks. The hotel has 210 smart spacious comfortable bedrooms, a spa area with pool and Jacuzzi, and an Australasian inspired restaurant and bar. The hotel is fully accessible.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza London Docklands, Royal Victoria Dock E16 1AL

This 4 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 409.00
Single	£ 539.00

Depart Code B



Magical Isle of Man

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October 2025

Monday Departing Bradford at 09.30 we stop at **Settle** for a midmorning break before we travel to Heysham to catch our Isle of Man Steam Packet ferry to the island.

Tuesday We join the **Isle of Man Steam Railway** for a scenic journey to **Port Erin**, where we join the coach which will take us to Peel, an attractive town in the shadow of the ruins of a once magnificent castle, where seals can often be seen in the harbour. From here we travel across the island, stopping for a photo opportunity at **Tynwald Hill**, the site of the ancient Parliament of the island.

Wednesday We will call at **Laxey**, where you will have a chance to view the '**Lady Isabella, the world's largest working watermill** and perhaps the best known image of the island (no admissions included). We then join the **Snaefell Mountain Railway** which dates from Victorian Times and takes us from Laxey to the peak of the islands only mountain. We return to **Douglas** to give you time to explore the islands capital.



Thursday We plan to travel by coach, to **Ramsey**, the delightful resort town and one of the most popular destinations on the island. The return journey will be riding on the Victorian and Edwardian rolling stock of the **Manx Electric Railway** back to **Douglas**, where time will be your own.

Friday We journey home ,on the Isle of Man Steam Packet to Heysham, arriving home mid afternoon.

NB Isle of Man travel card is included for 3 days which gives you freedom to explore beyond the published itinerary.



The Hotel

Located within easy walking distance of central Douglas the 4 star Empress Hotel offers great hospitality, food, and service. All 104 bedrooms _are warmly decorated and well appointed with tea/coffee making facilities, tv and free WiFi. There is a traditional bar, lounge and restaurant. There is lift access to all floors though there are some internal steps, and an 18 step access from the promenade front entrance.

Hotel: Empress Hotel, Central Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man

This 5 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 575.00
Single	£ 640.00

Sea View Room (on request only)
Supplement per room + £ 100.00

Depart Code A

Autumn Tints of the Severn Valley

Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd October 2025



Monday Departing Bradford at 09.00 we travel to the medieval market town of **Nantwich**, situated on the banks of the River Weaver. The town is famous for its timbered buildings, atmospheric streets and quirky shops. We, then, visit **The British Ironwork Centre** where the attractions include the UK's largest collection of decorative metalwork, 70 acres of sculpture parks and extensive shopping. Here you can find incredible art both from local artisans and from around the world.

Tuesday Today we travel to **Shrewsbury**, one of England's finest medieval market towns where **we enjoy a walking tour with a local guide**. You will then have free time to explore the quaint narrow streets and hidden alleyways. In the afternoon we take a relaxing **45 minute cruise on the picturesque River Severn** loop to see the town from the water.

Wednesday This morning we take a leisurely drive over the Shropshire Hills via Bishop's Castle and Knighton to the thriving market town of **Ludlow**, described by the poet John Betjeman as 'probably the loveliest town in England'. We then travel to **Kidderminster for a ride behind a steam locomotive on the Severn Valley Railway**. The 16 mile run to **Bridgnorth** follows the River Severn through glorious and unspoilt countryside. On arrival there is free time to explore, possibly taking in the steepest inland funicular cliff railway between the upper and lower town.

Thursday We start the day with a visit to the **Jackfield Tile Museum** which presents the history of the British decorative tile industry between 1840 and 1960. We then travel to **Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site**, where you can see the iconic bridge which spans the River Severn, it was the world's first iron bridge and has attracted tourists since its opening in 1779. From here we travel home arriving early evening.

The Hotel



The Hotel is situated in central Telford, and offers free Wi-Fi and complimentary use of the Innaction Leisure Club, with its well-equipped gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room. All the bedrooms at Mercure Telford Centre Hotel are stylish and spacious, boasting fresh vibrant colours and fabrics. they have flat-screen satellite

TV's, modern bathrooms, and feature tea/coffee making and ironing facilities. Most have walk in showers. The contemporary designed restaurant offers a menu with an excellent selection of dishes served in relaxed surroundings, and there is also a spacious Lounge Bar. The hotel has a lift.

Hotel: Mercure Telford Centre, Forge Gate, Telford, TF3 4NA. Telephone: 01952 217 680

This 4 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 445.00
Single	£ 545.00

Depart Code B

ABBA Voyage

Sunday 9th – Monday 10th November 2025

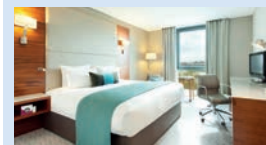


Sunday Departing Bradford at 09.30 we travel with stops en route to our hotel where you will have time to get ready for the spectacular that is **ABBA Voyage**. You will experience **ABBA**, one of the biggest pop acts of all time, on stage in a ground breaking concert in a custom built arena, with a set list of their most popular hits. Here you can see the magic of ABBA brought to life using the latest in motion capture technology with digital versions of themselves.

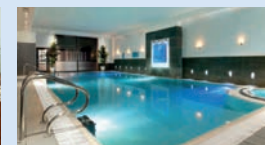
As there is no dinner included tonight you will have a range of choices which include various outlets at the arena, or the hotel restaurant and bar. In addition we will ensure we stop at a motorway services on the way down that has a food retail outlet.

Monday We take the coach to Tower Hill from where you will have until early afternoon to explore the local attractions, or perhaps access the underground. Nearby is Tower Bridge, the Tower of London, with other places of interest including St Paul's Cathedral and Borough Market being in walking distance. We travel home with stops as necessary arriving home mid evening

The Hotel



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Hotel: Crowne Plaza London Docklands, Royal Victoria Dock, E16 1AL

This 2 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- Bed & breakfast only

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 275.00
Single	£ 355.00

Depart Code B

Liverpool & Chester – Christmas is a-coming

Sunday 23rd – Tuesday 25th November 2025



Sunday Departing Bradford at 09.30 we travel to **Liverpool**, a vibrant city with its two cathedrals, varied shopping and museums. In addition the famous Christmas Market should be in full swing with chalets throughout the Liverpool 1 shopping plaza.

Monday We spend the morning in **Chester**, where you can enjoy the numerous attractions including the Roman Walls and magnificent cathedral. The shopping areas include the famous two storey 'The Rows', with its timber framed galleries. All being well the Chester Christmas market should be in full swing! In the afternoon we enjoy a **cruise on the River Dee**, taking in the tranquil scenery, including the picturesque Aldford Iron Bridge, whilst enjoying a **delightful cream tea**.

Tuesday After a leisurely start to the day we visit the ever popular **Designer Outlet Cheshire Oaks**, with over 140 shops to explore including M&S and Next Outlets. We then visit **Erddig**, a 17th century house later extended with Neo-classical interiors featuring 18th century Chinese wallpaper and a State Bedroom with a fragile bed decorated in Chinese silk. Unusually, below stairs there are servants' portraits, both oil paintings and photographs, together with a unique selection of poems dedicated to each servant. Outside the restored 18th century walled garden with tranquil water features and orchards are well worth a visit. We arrived home mid evening.



The Hotel



The Abbots Well Hotel is a 4 star hotel set in 2 acres of landscaped gardens just 2 miles from the centre of Chester. There are 126 bedrooms which are comfortable, well equipped and warmly decorated.

There is an open plan lounge bar area, and a Health Club with a pool, sauna, Jacuzzi and steam room. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available.



Hotel: Mercure Chester Abbots Well, Whitchurch Road, Chester CH3 5QL

This 3 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 245.00
Single	£ 295.00

National Trust Reduction - £ 15.00

Depart Code B

Edinburgh Christmas Market and Dumfries House

Sunday 30th November – Tuesday 2nd December 2025



Sunday Departing Bradford at 08.30 we travel, with a stop en route, to **Berwick-upon-Tweed**, the historic town that over the centuries has been much contested between England and Scotland and has frequently changed hands. It is famous for the Elizabethan fortifications that surround the town which provide a beautiful walk with views across the River Tweed to the North Sea, and the historic bridges.

Monday We travel into **Edinburgh**, the historic capital of Scotland with its magnificent buildings and shopping. Against the backdrop of the famous castle is the **Christmas Market** situated in East Princes Street Gardens. Here, you will find traditional chalets serving artisan festive foods, decorations, gifts and little treats. There are street food vendors serving everything from Bavarian produce to Scottish delicacies and winter tipples, craft beers and hot chocolate. The market is just across the road from Princes Street, famous for its variety of shopping.

Tuesday We visit **Dumfries House**, whose restoration was a project close to the heart of King Charles III and is a 2,000 acre estate and 18th century Palladian country house. The house, one of few such houses with much of its original 18th century furniture still present including specially commissioned Chippendale pieces. We will take the **Guided Grand Tour** of the house which **includes rooms not usually visited**. The house will be decked out with thousands of lights and baubles, using sustainable materials like glass and paper inspired by the Kings eco-conscious vision. From here, we travel home with a stop en-route arriving mid evening.

The Hotel



The hotel is traditionally styled, (formally part of a 19th-century convent), situated in a peaceful secluded location just four miles east of Edinburgh Centre. It has 100 warmly decorated bedrooms which feature complimentary Wi-Fi and flat-screens. It is a three star hotel with a contemporary restaurant, and relaxing bar. The hotel has a 20m swimming pool, sauna and steam room. The hotel has a lift.

Hotel: Best Western Kings Manor Hotel, Milton Road East, Edinburgh EH15 2N

This 3 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 360.00
Single	£ 430.00

Depart Code B



Friday Departing Bradford at 09.30 we travel, with a stop along the way to **Stratford-upon-Avon**, the beautiful town forever associated with William Shakespeare. Apart from the connections with the bard, which include the house where he was born and the church where he is buried, the town has many attractions including a variety of shopping with many individual shops and a delightful riverside walk.



Saturday We travel to Bath, with its many historic buildings which include Bath Abbey, the Roman Baths and Poultny Bridge. Here you will find a range of shops, with many independent ones tucked away in attractive little alleys. The famous **Christmas Market** will be in full swing close by the Abbey providing a wonderful atmosphere. In the afternoon we travel to **Aerospace Bristol** to discover Bristol's aeronautical and space heritage. The museum takes you through over 100 years of aviation history in the city, including models and replicas of aircraft that proudly bear the Bristol name. The highlight of the visit may well be a **cream tea served under the wings of Concorde**, an iconic symbol of innovation and design.

Sunday We journey into **Bristol**, with our route taking in Isambard Kingdom Brunel's magnificent **Clifton Suspension Bridge** on our way to another of his masterpieces **SS Great Britain**. Here you will visit one of the most important historic ships in the world, which when launched in 1843 was called "the greatest experiment in history". On board you can discover the many innovations of the vessel, its history which led to it being abandoned in the Falkland Islands to its return home and restoration. The afternoon will be spent in **Bristol** where you can enjoy the **Christmas Market** with the other attractions which include the vibrant revitalised harbour side.

Monday We start the journey home with a visit to the delightful Cotswold market town of **Stow-on-the-Wold**, which is famous for its antique shops, cafes, pubs and inns. From here we travel home, with a stop en route, arriving early evening.

The Hotel



The 4 star Aztec Hotel is located in a rural business park outside Bristol. There are 128 well equipped bedrooms designed with relaxation in mind, plus an award winning Spa with large pool, sauna, steam room. Treatments are available for guests to pre book and pay individually. The hotel has a lift to all floors.

Hotel: Aztec Hotel & Spa, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4TS

This 4 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 485.00
Single	£ 610.00

Depart Code B



Monday Departing Bradford at 09.00 we travel, with a stop en route, to **Lincoln** for our lunchtime break, where the city is dominated by its magnificent cathedral which was once the tallest building in the world. Other attractions include the castle which houses an original 1215 Magna Carta and the cobbled Steep Hill which is lined with independent shops and cafes and leads from the cathedral down to the Waterside Shopping Centre.

Tuesday We start the day with a visit to the city of **Norwich**, giving you time to explore the numerous attractions. Then the highlight of the tour, the visit to **Thursford** for the **Christmas Spectacular Show**. Set indoors amongst the collections of traction engines and fairground rides with the sound of the mighty Wurlitzer organ, this is one of the most spectacular Christmas Shows with songs, carols, dazzling dancers in beautiful costumes, outstanding music, singing and variety acts with a cast of over 100 people. The time of the show has yet to be confirmed.

Wednesday After a leisurely start we travel to **Springfields Outlet Shopping and Leisure in Spalding**. Springfields has over 50 designer brands including M&S, Next, Pavers and White Stuff. In addition there is a selection of coffee shops, cafes, and restaurants to choose from. We arrive home early evening.

The Hotel



The Dunstan Hall Hotel is a 4 star imposing Elizabethan country retreat tucked away in rural Norfolk. Its bedrooms are well known for their comfort and restfulness, plus there is a Spa and Leisure Club in which to relax further. Treatments are available for guests to pre book and pay individually if desired. The restaurant offers delicious food, and the hotels bar overlooks the golf course. The hotel has a lift.

Hotel: QHotels Dunstan Hall, Ipswich Road, Norwich NR14 8PQ

This 3 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 340.00
Single	£ 410.00

Depart Code B

Christmas Festivities in Scotland

Tuesday 23rd – Saturday 27th December 2025



Tuesday Departing Bradford at 09.00 we travel, with a stop en route, to the historic city of **Carlisle** for our lunch time break. Carlisle is an historic city with a variety of attractions including the magnificent cathedral and imposing castle, both of which are steeped in history. Other attractions include The Lanes Shopping Centre, a single level mall with 70 outlets under a glass roof.



Wednesday (Christmas Eve) After a leisurely start to the day we take a **scenic coastal drive with views over the Firth of Clyde to Robert Burns Cottage** near Ayr, the home of Scotland's most famous poet. You can also visit the **Robert Burns Birthplace Museum**, where you can view many artefacts including his handwritten manuscripts. There will be a **Christmas Carol Church service** on one of the days which is yet to be confirmed.

Thursday (Christmas Day) Today starts with something different – **curling practice!** A traditional Scottish sport involving sliding stones on a sheet of ice, the practice session is followed by a **curling tournament** later in the afternoon. In between there is a 5 course lunch with all the trimmings. There will be a light buffet in the evening with a live band and dancing and also a **Christmas Quiz**.

Friday (boxing Day) After a leisurely start we enjoy a **scenic drive to Kirkcudbright**, which is situated at the mouth of the River Dee on the Solway Firth. The town has an attractive harbour and riverside walk. We return to the hotel for a light lunch and in the evening another **Christmas Quiz**.

Saturday We start the journey home with a visit to the **Caledonia Park Designer Outlet (formerly Gretna Gateway)**. There are over 50 outlets here including M&S, Next, Superdry, Cadbury, Body Shop and Pavers as well as a selection of coffee shops, cafes and restaurants. We continue our journey home with a stop en route arriving early evening.

Please note you have free use of the hotel leisure facilities including swimming pool, gym, sauna and Jacuzzi.

The Hotel



The hotel is a fine country house located across the road from the shores of Loch Ryan, and a 10 minute walk from the centre of Stranraer. It is the former home of the Scottish Arctic explorer Sir John Ross who was instrumental in the discovery of the trading route known as "the North West Passage". It has 72 spacious homely bedrooms, a large grand dining room with views over the loch. There is a bar, three lounges, as well as an indoor pool, sauna and spa pool, as well as uniquely, its own indoor curling rink.



Hotel: North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer DG9 8EH

This 5 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 590.00
Single (Limited availability)	£ 590.00
Double / Double (For sole use)	£ 710.00
National Trust Reduction	- £ 10.00

Depart Code A

New Year Celebration in Wales

Tuesday 30th December 2025 – January 2nd 2026



Tuesday Departing Bradford at 09.30 we travel to **High Legh Garden Centre** which in addition to its large plant and gardening accessories section has cookware , gifts, food and drink on offer. We then visit **Tweedmill Shopping Outlet at St Asaph**, where the outlets include Bon Marche, Pavers and Cotton Traders.

Wednesday (New Years Eve) We start the day by crossing into Anglesey via the **Menai Suspension Bridge**, a masterpiece of engineering by Thomas Telford. Here we pay a visit to James Pringle Weavers situated in Llanfairpwllgwyngyll Station. From here, we visit **Caernarfon**, situated on the banks of the Menai Strait which is dominated by the imposing castle, built as part of Edward I strategy to subdue the Welsh. The town has a range of shopping for you to enjoy. In the evening there is a **New Year's Eve Gala Dinner** with music and dancing.

Thursday (New Years Day) There is an **option today** of either being at leisure at the hotel, **or** after a leisurely start to the day we will take a drive for a short visit to **Llandudno**, where you can enjoy the sights and scent of the sea from the grand promenade and pier at this popular seaside resort.

Friday We start the journey home with a visit to the ever popular city of **Chester**, which is steeped in history including the magnificent cathedral and Roman Walls. There is a variety of shops for you to explore including the famous Rows, a two storey, half-timbered Tudor style building. We arrive home early evening.

Note, there will be entertainment on every night (mix of singer, magician, quiz etc.)

The Hotel



The Royal Victoria Hotel commands breathtaking views of Snowdonia, and is known for its warm and welcoming atmosphere. There are 104 homely and well equipped bedrooms. The hotel has a large restaurant which is stylish and bright, and there is a cosy pub style bar in which to relax. The hotel has a lift.

Hotel: Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis, Caernarfon LL55 4TY

This 4 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- A good quality hotel
- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 435.00
Single (Limited availability)	£ 435.00
Double (For sole use)	£ 545.00

Depart Code B

Great reasons to travel with us!



All Tours are **Fully Bonded** - we are members of Bonded Coach Holidays (the coaching equivalent of ABTA).



Excursions are included - there are no 'optional' extra cost tours and admissions to main venues are usually included - if not we will tell you clearly in the brochure.



Frequent Breaks - we aim to stop every two to three hours - even on long journeys and NO overnight coach travel.



Good Quality Hotels - All tours have en suite bathrooms and are usually three star rated (sometimes even four star!)



Parking Available - We can offer FREE parking for your car in our Depot compound



No feeder coaches - you stay on the same coach throughout and no long pick up run either! Our pick up run is normally completed within 45 mins.



No compulsory Insurance - we do recommend that you are insured and have the European Health Insurance card for overseas travel, but you are free to shop around.



Air Conditioned Coaches - which is especially welcome on the summer tours! Most of our tours also have an on board toilet.



A **friendly, local**, professionally run company that is a member of the professional Trade body for the Coach Industry; the Confederation of Passenger Transport; We are happy to talk to you, to receive your feedback - and, hopefully, your praise!

Tour 2025 Availability update

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No.	Tour	Singles	Doubles/Twins
P11	Cornwall	No	Yes
P15	Ayrshire	No	Yes
P16	Northumberland	Yes	Yes
P17	South Wales	Yes	Yes
P18	Kent	Yes	Yes
P19	Highland Railways	Yes	Twin only
P20	Lofty Heights	Yes	Yes
P21	Llandudno	Limited	Yes
P22	Lakes	Yes	Yes
P23	Ireland	No	Twin only
P24	West Scotland	Yes	Yes
P26	Norfolk	Yes	Yes
P27	Wiltshire	Yes	Yes
P28	East Anglia	Yes	Yes
P29	Kynren	Yes	Yes
P30	Isle of Wight	No	Yes
P31	Isle of Bute	Yes	Yes
P32	Hebidean Islands	No	Yes
P34	Thames Tales	Yes	Yes
P35	Isle of Man	Yes	Yes
P36	Severn Valley	Limited	Yes
P37	ABBA Voyage	No	Yes

Availability correct at time of printing

(Availability update at 14th January 2025)

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