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**2023**

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## Welcome

A new year is upon us and it's great to see the world has opened up again. We have been far busier than anticipated and would like to thank all of our loyal and new customers for your support, whilst we navigated our way through those uncertain times. Let's get back out there and enjoy our well-deserved holidays once again!

## Reasons to book with Dodds

- \* **EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT** book online before 28 February and save £10 per person on your 2023 holiday
- \* fast and easy online booking system
- \* family owned and managed
- \* friendly, helpful booking staff
- \* experienced, uniformed drivers

## Important Information

### Trading Charter and Booking Conditions

Full details are on the final page of this brochure. They are also available on our website - [doddsoftroon.com](http://doddsoftroon.com) and are included with the holiday documents posted to you. Please telephone one of our offices if you require a copy in larger print.

### Holiday Itinerary

A copy will be sent along with your confirmation. Full details of all holidays including the itinerary can be found on our website [doddsoftroon.com](http://doddsoftroon.com). To request a copy by post, please contact our coach holiday booking office.

### Insurance / ID

Although we cannot offer travel insurance, we recommend all passengers travel with insurance that covers their own specific requirements and photographic ID.

### Mobility

Not every holiday will suit your mobility needs and some are not suitable for persons using mobility aids. Please ask a member of staff for details should you have any concerns regarding suitability.

Please note, any passenger wishing to bring a mobility aid must inform us at the time of booking, as there is a limit to the number of items that can be accommodated on the coach. If you do not advise us at the time of booking, we may not be able to accept them.

### Payments

We do not charge for payments taken by Credit or Debit Card. Cheque payments (payable to Dodds of Troon Ltd) can be posted to our offices.

A deposit of £30 per person is required within 7 days of making a booking and full payment is due 28 days prior to departure.

### Appointed Booking Agents

We have a number of appointed Travel Agents in N Ireland and Scotland, where bookings can be made. Please contact us for details of your nearest Travel Agent.

### COVID-19

We hope to include everything listed against each holiday. However this is subject to government restrictions at the time of departure and some aspects (including entries and entertainment) may not be able to take place.

## Easy ways to book your holiday

- \* visit [doddsoftroon.com](http://doddsoftroon.com) at any time of the day or night
- \* call our coach holiday booking office 01461 337799 (between 09:00-16:00 Monday-Friday)
- \* visit one of our offices  
24 Central Avenue, Gretna, DG16 5AS or 4 East Road, Ayr, KA8 9BA

### Joining Points

To reduce travel time, separate vehicles or taxis may be used to convey passengers to join our holiday coach.

**N Ireland** - Belfast (Jurys Inn Hotel or Stena Line Ferry Terminal), Ballymena, Ballymoney, Ballynure, Bangor, Coleraine, Dunsilly (Antrim), Glengormley, Holywood, Larne, Lisburn (Sprucefield) and Newtownards.

Passengers joining at the Stena Line Terminal, Belfast receive a **£10 PER PERSON REDUCTION**

**Ayrshire** - Ardrossan, Ayr (Dodds Depot or Douglas Street), Ballantrae, Cumnock, Girvan, Irvine, Kilmarnock, Kilwinning, Maybole, New Cumnock, Prestwick, Saltcoats, Stevenston and Troon.

**Dumfries & Galloway** - Annan, Cairnryan, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Eastriggs, Gretna, Gretna Green, Kirkconnel, Lochmaben, Lockerbie, Moffat, Newton Stewart, Sanquhar, Stranraer and Thornhill.

*Please note, not all joining points are available on every holiday, please check at the time of booking.*

### Tailored Group Travel

We arrange bespoke holidays for all types of groups with over 20 passengers. Enjoy stress free booking and let us take care of all the travel, accommodation and itinerary arrangements.

Contact our group travel office at [groups@doddsoftroon.com](mailto:groups@doddsoftroon.com) or telephone 01292 288100. Groups are also welcome to join one of the holidays featured in our brochure, contact us on 01461 337799.

### Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers are the ideal present for any occasion and are available for any value. Please contact 01461 337799 for details.





Glenveagh Castle

Ireland

## Donegal and Glenveagh Castle

**Visit unspoilt County Donegal - see its breath-taking wild landscapes, the hauntingly beautiful Glenveagh Castle and take an interesting factory tour at Belleek Pottery. Our base is in the heart of Donegal Town, set on the banks of the River Eske, with a back drop of the Blue Stack Mountains.**

Visit the attractive, vibrant town of Letterkenny, Donegal's largest town and home of the Donegal Country Museum, grand cathedral and great shopping. Admission is then included to Glenveagh Castle and Gardens. Set on the shores of Lough Veagh, this 19th century castellated mansion shines like silver when lit by the sun.

The seaport town of Sligo is steeped in history and culture and is full of attractions. It is known as the 'shopping capital of the North West'. After free time to discover Sligo, you can join a factory tour at Belleek Pottery, an award-winning 4-star attraction. Experience Ireland's oldest pottery and see how the techniques developed over 160 years are still used today.

Spend a day discovering picturesque Donegal Town. You may like to join the Donegal Bay Waterbus with live commentary or visit the Donegal Railway Heritage Centre.

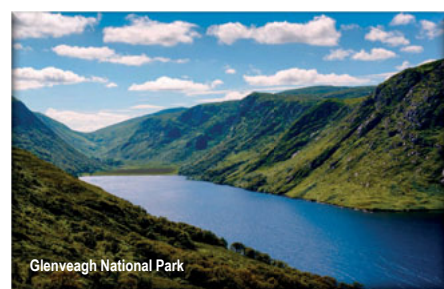
**ST PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATIONS take in the fantastic atmosphere of the parade, due to take place on 17 March on The Diamond, outside the hotel.**

Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Wed 15 March	£439	£469
Mon 15 May	£439	£469
Mon 26 June	£439	£469
Mon 17 July	£439	£469
Mon 21 August	£439	£469
Mon 25 September	£439	£469

single room supplement from £90

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* entertainment
- \* admission to Glenveagh Castle
- \* Belleek Pottery factory tour
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from Scotland)



Glenveagh National Park

### Central or Abbey Hotel, Donegal

Both hotels are situated in The Diamond, at the heart of the beautiful coastal town of Donegal, with magnificent views over Donegal Bay. Relax and enjoy the comfortable bedrooms and delicious dishes in the restaurant. Unwind in the leisure centre at the Central, which features a pool, steam room and jacuzzi. (lift)





Wales

## Criccieth - Pearl of Wales

The charming, Victorian seaside town of Criccieth is situated on the shores of Cardigan Bay, sheltered by the mountains of Snowdonia National Park. Ruins of the castle dominate the town and there are spectacular views over the bay.

Take the delightful journey passing Harlech Castle to the Welsh seaside resort of Barmouth, which has a picturesque harbour and sandy beach, and is surrounded by the dramatic Mawddach Estuary. Travel through the southern section of Snowdonia National Park to the historic market town of Bala, in the 'Welsh Lake District'.

Spend some time in the bustling market town of Pwllheli on the Llyn Peninsula, then follow the coastal route to Caernarfon. The royal town is dominated by the magnificent castle and has lovely narrow streets and a redeveloped waterfront.

A free day to explore Criccieth. Perhaps stroll along the two beaches, visit the famous Cadwaladers ice cream shop, first produced in the 1920's, or wander around the family-run shops.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* entertainment
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)
- \*\* drinks package on this date, please ask for details
- \*\*\* Turkey and Tinsel theme



### George IV Hotel, Criccieth

Excellent location on the High Street in the centre of Criccieth, with magnificent views towards the spectacular castle. This traditionally furnished, iconic hotel offers quality rooms, a large attractive restaurant and a delightful intimate bar. (lift)

Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 13 March **	£389	£359
Mon 6 November ***	£389	£359

single room supplement nil (March), from £36 (November)  
room with view supplement £20 pp



England

## Harrogate and Harewood House

The boutique town of Harrogate is home to the exclusive Montpelier Quarter, Turkish Baths and glorious gardens. The Grade II listed Valley Gardens receives 3 million visitors a year!

Visit the picturesque town of Ilkley and historic Otley, which has featured in many TV soaps and dramas. Admission is included to Harewood House and Gardens. As you walk around this stunning stately home, you see many exquisite delights and there are over 100-acres of gardens.

The Yorkshire Dales is rich in farming history and noted for its drystone walls, majestic hills and rolling green valleys. Charming places you pass include Hawes and the Ribbleshead Viaduct.

Spend the day in Harrogate. Why not indulge in a spa treatment at the baths or visit the famous Betty's Tearooms?

*Why not take the opportunity to visit the 164<sup>th</sup> Great Yorkshire Show (11-12 July), taking place at the showground on the edge of Harrogate. A fantastic event which celebrates agriculture, food, farming and countryside (transport and entry fees are not included).*

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* admission to Harewood
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)
- \*\* drinks package on this date, please ask for details



### Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

Just a short walk from the town centre. Grand original features still welcome you to the splendour of this charming Victorian building. The informal restaurant, lounge, foyer and bar offer a warm and inviting place to relax and socialise. (lift)

Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 20 March **	£409	£379
Mon 8 May	£449	£419
Sun 9 July	£489	£459
Mon 28 August	£489	£459

single room supplement from £64



Scotland

## The Trossachs and Stirling

**Aberfoyle is a charming village on the banks of the River Forth, within the magnificent Queen Elizabeth Forest Park. The area is packed with stunning landscapes, mountains, beautiful lochs and forests.**

Take the scenic journey along the 'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond' passing Luss and Tarbet, as you travel deep in to the heart of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. Arrive at the pretty village of Killin to see the Falls of Dochart (a spectacular series of rapids) before returning via Loch Venachar, Loch Achray and Loch Drunkie.

Join the Falkirk Wheel, where you board a boat to be hoisted 35-metres on the world's only rotating boat lift and then see the nearby Kelpies, the largest equine sculptures in the world. Finally to the historic city of Stirling, known as the 'wee city with a big history'. It is dominated by the castle, which offers panoramic views of the mountains and the Wallace Monument.

Spend the morning in Callander, 'Capital of the Trossachs'. The colourful town is set dramatically beneath wooded crags and is crammed with tea rooms and souvenir shops.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* Falkirk Wheel Boat Lift
- \* three excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



### Rob Roy Hotel, Aberfoyle

Wonderfully situated in idyllic countryside at the gateway to the glorious Trossachs and a short stroll along the banks of the Forth River to picturesque Aberfoyle. Enjoy delicious meals in the traditional restaurant or relax in the comfortable lounge bar. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 20 March	£389	£359
Mon 31 July	£449	£419
Mon 30 October	£389	£359

single room supplement from £48



Ireland

## Hidden Heartlands and Dublin

**This delightful holiday takes you into the Hidden Heartlands of Ireland, a rich mix of peaceful lakes, rugged hills and vibrant towns. We couldn't miss this opportunity to include a visit to the bustling city of Dublin though!**

Enjoy a visit to Athlone Castle. Discover its secrets and tales as you trace the footprints of generations, while in the centre of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. Spend the afternoon in Athlone, browse the stylish boutiques or attractions before an interesting River Cruise on a replica Viking Ship with live commentary.

A full day to the vibrant city of Dublin, known as the capital of 'The Craic'. There will be free time to explore this city, which is full of historic buildings, attractions including the Guinness Storehouse and the Gaol, and a great range of shops and bars.

Traditionally a market town, Mullingar has many interesting sites. Admission is also included to Belvedere House and Gardens, a magnificent estate, with follies, walled garden and woodland trails.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* admission to Athlone Castle
- \* Athlone River Cruise
- \* admission to Belvedere
- \* three excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from Scotland)



### Bloomfield House Hotel and Spa, near Mullingar

This charming, family-owned 4-star property overlooking Lough Ennell, is surrounded by 20-acres of parkland. Home to an impressive leisure club with swimming pool, you can relax in the spa or enjoy the high standard of cuisine. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 27 March	£439	£469
Sun 30 April	£449	£479
Mon 5 June	£449	£479
Mon 23 October	£419	£449

single room supplement from £60





Horse Drawn Boat

Wales

## Llandudno and Llangollen Horse Drawn Boat

**The Victorian seaside gem of Llandudno has been welcoming holidaymakers for generations. With beautiful bays and beaches, sweeping promenade and the longest pier in the country, it is known for its Victorian style and Edwardian elegance. The town has cable cars, donkey rides, boat trips, shopping arcades and even a Punch and Judy show!**

Take a tranquil Horse Drawn Boat trip on the beautiful Llangollen Canal, perfect whatever the weather. Experience the pace of life in 'the olden days', whilst admiring the strength of those gorgeous horses as they easily pull the boat through the majestic Welsh Mountains. This is followed by a lovely Welsh cream tea before spending some time in Llangollen itself.

Relax and enjoy the beautiful drive through Snowdonia National Park, an amazing landscape, picturesque villages and wooded valleys. Travel down the Vale of Conwy to Betws-y-Coed, set in a beautiful valley and Llanberis, which has a lovely lakeside setting at the foot of Snowdon.

Enjoy a free day in this popular, beautiful town, which has all the appeal of the seaside. Attractions include the Great Orme Tramway, Victorian pier and Llandudno Museum, which tells the story of Llandudno over 340 million years.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* entertainment
- \* a Horse Drawn Boat Trip
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)
- \*\* drinks package on this date, please ask for details
- \*\*\* Turkey and Tinsel theme



Llandudno

### Evans Hotel, Llandudno

A warm welcome and excellent service await at this popular, family-run hotel. Located close to the centre of Llandudno, the promenade and local amenities. The 'E' in Evans stands for Entertainment, which is varied and can be enjoyed in the spacious bar. (lift)

Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 13 March **	£399	£369
Mon 1 May	£459	£429
Mon 19 June	£479	£449
Mon 24 July	£489	£459
Sun 27 August	£489	£459
Sun 24 September	£489	£459
Mon 30 October ***	£429	£399

single room supplement from £20





Scotland

## Western Highlands and Skye

Scotland's Western Highlands are beautiful, remote and unspoilt. Rich in traditions, history and culture, there are many ancient castles, delightful villages and seaside towns. During the journey to the base hotel, you can see the dramatic scenery of Rannoch Moor and Glencoe.

Take the beautiful journey of glens and loch sides, passing the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct (featured in the Harry Potter movie) before arriving in Mallaig, where you join the ferry to Skye. Once on this magical isle, there is some free time before heading to the Skye Bridge. Look out for the iconic Eilean Donan Castle.

Spend the day exploring the popular coastal town of Oban, which is full of things to see and do. Perhaps visit McCaig's Tower, the replica of the Colosseum that is such a distinctive feature on the Oban Skyline or visit the fantastic distillery.

Admire the scenery as you travel to the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge, passing Loch Garry through Glen Moriston to Fort Augustus. Return along the shores of Loch Lochy and spend the rest of the day in the town centre of Fort William.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* ferry travel to the Isle of Skye
- \* three excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)

### Alexandra Hotel, Fort William (April and October)

Set on the shores of Loch Linnhe and Loch Eil, the Alexandra is a grand old building just a few minutes' walk from the high street. (lift)

### Croit Anna Hotel, near Fort William (September)

Also set on the shores of Loch Linnhe and three miles from the centre of Fort William, with spectacular views from all public rooms and most bedrooms, this is the perfect place to relax. (no lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 3 April	£429	£399
Mon 11 September	£429	£399
Mon 16 October	£459	£429

single room supplement from £64 (Alexandra) from £44 (Croit Anna)  
room with view supplement £40 pp (Croit Anna)



England

## Historic York and Eden Camp

The City of York has medieval walls, Roman roots and a strong Viking heritage. It is well known for its attractions, with more per square mile than any other city in the UK. There is also a fantastic range of food and drink experiences, with world street food and fine dining, all within historic surroundings.

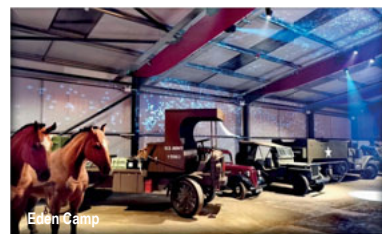
Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenic drive through the Howardian Hills. Pass Huby, Gilling East, Stonegrave and Hovingham before arriving at the Eden Camp Modern History Museum. Originally a prisoner of war camp, this interesting place is a series of original huts with immersive displays, covering social and military history.

Kirkgate Market is one of the largest indoor markets in Europe. With characterful traders and everything from jewellery and haberdashery to delicious food, it is unquestionably a shoppers paradise! As well as great shopping, Leeds has self-guided tours available, for example the waterfront art trail. Take a walk along the canal to the industrial museum or visit the oldest pub in Leeds.

A day to discover York's gems at leisure. See the iconic Minster, visit the art gallery, stroll around The Shambles or take a river cruise.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* admission to the Eden Camp Modern History Museum
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



### Wheatlands Lodge Hotel, York

Ideally situated a short walk from the centre of York and close to many of its famous attractions. This family-run hotel is comfortable and homely, the perfect place to stay and a great place to relax after a busy day exploring. (no lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 3 April	£479	£449
Mon 3 July	£489	£459
Mon 4 September	£489	£459

no single room supplement



Alnwick Garden

England

## Northumbria and Alnwick

England's North East is one of the most beautiful and unexplored regions in the UK, with miles of open countryside, golden coastlines, ancient castles and pretty market towns. Newcastle is set on the River Tyne and has many popular sites.

Spend the day exploring the market town of Alnwick, the castle and the gardens. The castle is the country's largest inhabited castle outside Windsor. The medieval architecture and sumptuous interior have made it a sought-after film location. Alnwick Garden is quite simply spectacular. Discover elaborate water features and the world's largest Tai Haku Cherry Orchard.

A guide will join our coach for an informative sightseeing tour around some of the landmarks in the area. The remainder of the day is free to spend at leisure in Newcastle.

Today's coastal trail passes Beadnell Bay to the fishing village of Seahouses, where there will be free time. On to Bamburgh, home of the striking castle and Holy Island of Lindisfarne (tides permitting), breathtakingly beautiful with cafes and characterful pubs.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* admission to Alnwick Castle and Alnwick Garden
- \* guided city tour
- \* three excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Alnwick Castle

### Maldron Hotel, Newcastle

In the heart of Newcastle, this 4-star hotel offers a prime central location and attractions right on the doorstep. Renowned for high standards, stylish rooms and tasty menus, it is the ideal place to enjoy a leisurely getaway. (lift)

Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 3 April	£469	£439
Mon 31 July	£479	£449
Mon 11 September	£479	£449
Mon 16 October	£469	£439

single room supplement from £65



Whitby

England

## Scarborough and Whitby

This popular seaside resort is known for its sandy beaches, cliff tops and busy shopping centre. Scarborough has the traditional family entertainment you would expect, castle ruins, museums and a funicular railway.

Visit the ancient market town of Pickering and the beautiful village of Goathland, used as a film site for the TV series 'Heartbeat'. Spend the afternoon in the ancient seaport of Whitby, famous for its Blue Flag beaches. The town has a fascinating past, perhaps visit the museum, buy some unique Whitby jet jewellery or climb the 199 steps to the abbey ruins.

The delightful and unique town of Pocklington boasts a host of independent shops and art galleries. We have included admission to Burnby Hall Gardens, known as a Jewel in Yorkshire's crown, a true haven of tranquillity and beauty.

There will be a free day to enjoy Scarborough. Perhaps stroll along the beach or if you are feeling energetic, walk to the castle and experience the panoramic views over the dramatic Yorkshire coastline.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* entertainment
- \* admission to Burnby Hall Gardens
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)

### Cumberland Hotel, Scarborough (April and October)

Set on South Cliff, a short walk from the beach and town centre. The bar lounge features a large dance floor or you can relax in the quiet lounge. (lift)

### Red Lea Hotel, Scarborough (June and August)

This family-run hotel offers a 'home-from-home' experience. Located close to the esplanade, it also has a swimming pool. (lift)

Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 3 April	£409	£379
Mon 12 June	£499	£469
Mon 21 August	£509	£479
Wed 4 October	£409	£379

single room supplement NIL (April), £36 (October), £64 (June/August)  
room with a view supplement at Cumberland £20 pp  
room with a view supplement at Red Lea £36 pp





Inveraray Castle

Scotland

## Dunoon and Inveraray Castle

**Dunoon is set on the beautiful Cowal Peninsula and has been a popular holiday resort since Victorian times. It enjoys a coastal location, set apart with its Victorian façade, large pier and attractive promenade. Dunoon is also the Marine Gateway to Scotland's first National Park.**

Relax and take in the scenery as you travel to the popular coastal resort of Oban, surrounded by dramatic shores and beautiful countryside. You may like to walk up to McCaig's Tower or along the curving esplanade, or perhaps visit the central chocolate shop and local distillery.

Visit the impressive Inveraray Castle and Gardens, the fairy-tale home of the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, set on the shores of Loch Fyne. Known for its magnificent Armoury Hall and the extravagant decoration of the State Dining Room. The stunning 16-acre gardens are worth a visit at any time of year, with daffodils, rhododendrons, azaleas, formal lawns, heathers, roses and some fine specimens of conifers.

Spend a day discovering Dunoon, which has an impressive town centre with craft shops, gallery, museum and cafes.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* entertainment
- \* admission to Inveraray Castle
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)
- \*\* drinks package on this date, please ask for details
- \*\*\* Turkey and Tinsel theme



Dunoon

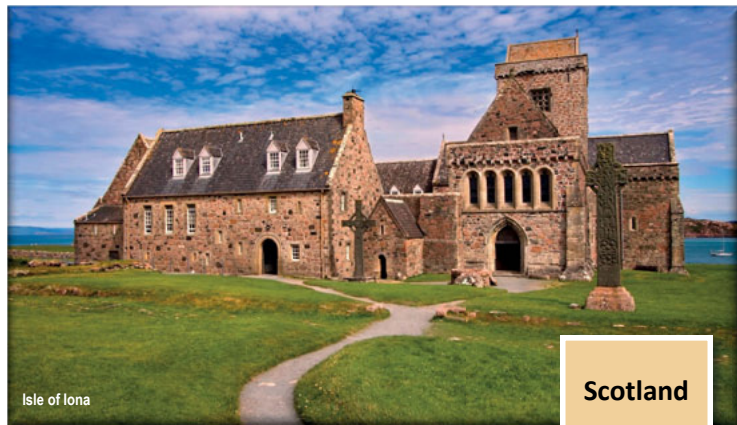
Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 27 March **	£359	£329
Mon 1 May	£379	£349
Mon 28 August	£439	£409
Mon 2 October	£369	£339
Mon 13 November ***	£379	£349

*single room supplement NIL (March), from £44 (May/August), from £36 (October/November)  
room with view supplement £20 pp (March/October/November) and £40 pp (May/August)*

### Selborne Hotel, Dunoon

Superbly situated with spectacular views across the Clyde and set in its own pleasant gardens reaching down to the promenade and waters edge. The hotel offers modest rooms and a restaurant with magnificent sea views. Enjoy entertainment in the attractive bar with dance floor; or unwind in the quiet lounge. (lift)





Isle of Iona

Scotland

## Oban, Mull and Iona

**Oban, known as the 'Gateway to the Isles', lies in a crescent beneath the hills surrounding the bay. It is a busy town with cafes and restaurants and a wide range of day tours on offer. The most outstanding feature is McCaig's Tower, which features in many of the towns postcards.**

Join the ferry to the Isle of Mull, a beautiful island of moorland, forests and peaks. The south of Mull has magnificent cliff scenery. Join the next ferry to the tiny island of Iona, where St Columba established his abbey when he came from Ireland and sent his missionaries to convert Scotland to Christianity.

Pass the highest mountain in Argyll and Bute; Ben Cruachan, picturesque Loch Awe and the pretty Bridge of Orchy, to journey through the stunning pre-historic landscape of Rannoch Moor and Glencoe, known as 'Glen of the Weeping'. Return along the beautiful western coastline via Loch Linnhe and Loch Creran.

Spend a day exploring the popular seaside resort of Oban. There are so many attractions to visit including the distillery and boat tours are available from the busy harbour. If you prefer, take a stroll around the shops and along the Esplanade.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* ferry travel to Mull and Iona
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Oban

### Royal Hotel, Oban

Standing proudly in the centre of town, with an elegant Victorian exterior, overlooking the bay. This hotel offers quality modern surroundings along with a traditional dining experience. The comfortable lounge bar is a great place to socialise or simply sit back and watch the world go by. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 10 April	£439	£409
Mon 5 June	£519	£489
Mon 9 October	£449	£419

single room supplement from £64



Peel

Isle of Man

## Isle of Man

**The Isle of Man is beautiful at any time of the year and has a long history with a strong Celtic and Viking past. There are stunning natural landscapes, unspoiled beaches and a unique vibrant culture. It is also the only entire nation in the world to be recognised as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.**

Follow the TT Route, firstly seeing the statue of the famous motorcyclist Joey Dunlop on Bungalow Bend. Travel on to Ramsey, where there is some free time before joining the Manx Electric Railway to Laxey and then journey on the Snaefell Mountain Railway, the only mountain on the island.

Spend the day seeing the sights of the Southern part of the island, starting with a visit to historic Castletown, home to Castle Rushen and The Old House of Keys. On to the Sound of Man, one of the most picturesque points on the island, before some free time in Peel.

A free day to discover Douglas, the capital of the island. You may like to take the opportunity to take a horse-drawn tram or visit the Manx Museum, the national museum of the Isle of Man.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* entertainment
- \* Manx Electric and Snaefell Mountain Railway journeys
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare



Snaefell Mountain Railway

### Chesterhouse Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man

Ideally situated in a prime central location, overlooking the promenade and close to the town centre. The hotel offers modern facilities and a friendly service. Enjoy excellent food in the restaurant with great views of Douglas Bay. Simply relax and unwind in the comfortable lounge area. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 10 April	n/a	£509
Mon 3 July	n/a	£569

single room supplement from £60





Lake Windermere

England

## Splendid Lakes

The world famous, timeless landscape of the Lake District is an area of outstanding natural beauty, with miles of huge mountains, extraordinary lakes, waterfalls, lush green pastures and picturesque towns and villages. Our base on the outskirts of Grange-over-Sands, is a quiet seaside retreat.

Take a tranquil cruise on Lake Windermere, with fantastic views across the wooded shoreline and distant Lakeland fells. Visit the bustling town of Bowness-on-Windermere, enjoy a stroll around the lovely town centre, perhaps visit The World of Beatrix Potter or simply take in the scenery by the lake.

Spend time in the busy resort of Ambleside, then to Grasmere, known for William Wordsworth connections and the market town of Keswick, set between Skiddaw and Derwentwater. Return via the stunning Kirkstone Pass.

Spend the morning in historic Kendal, famed for mint cake, which has indulgent shopping and wonderful views all around. The remainder of the day is free. You may wish to take a walk into town or enjoy a scenic stroll by the water.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* Lake Windermere Cruise
- \* three excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Derwentwater

### Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

Situated within the Lake District National Park, in picturesque gardens and woodland, with views of Morecambe Bay. Enjoy the warm and friendly welcome, inviting lounges, roaring open fires and entertainment at this charming Victorian hotel. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 17 April	£449	£419
Sun 2 July	£499	£469
Mon 14 August	£499	£469
Sun 24 September	£489	£459

single room supplement from £64



Royal Deeside

Scotland

## Perthshire and Royal Deeside

The 'Fair City' of Perth is an elegant and historic place, on the banks of the River Tay. Scotland's ancient capital is home to a theatre, pretty gardens, medieval spires, cobbled streets and a selection of independent shops. We also include a day to Royal Deeside, an area much-loved by the Royal family.

A stunning drive through the Spittal of Glenshee, where four highland glens meet, to the ancient village of Braemar. Surrounded by spectacular scenery, there will be a short break here before arriving in picturesque Ballater, note the many 'By Royal Appointment' signs and speciality shops.

A scenic drive through Perthshire, taking in the small village of Kenmore, located where Loch Tay flows into the River Tay. Travel along the shores of the loch to Killin and the Falls of Dochart, a spectacular series of rapids. Here there are cafes, restaurants and curiosity shops.

A day is free for you to relax or explore Perth. Whilst here, you may like to visit the Black Watch Castle and Museum or just wander around the city at leisure.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)
- \*\* Turkey and Tinsel theme



Falls of Dochart

### Salutation Hotel, Perth

In the heart of the historic city of Perth, a warm and friendly welcome awaits. The hotel offers traditional hospitality with modern comforts. Experience tempting food in the dining room or relax in the cosy bar. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 17 April	£389	£359
Mon 10 July	£459	£429
Mon 28 August	£479	£449
Mon 20 November **	£379	£349

single room supplement from £64





Liverpool

England

## Liverpool, Chester and Southport

**A great opportunity to visit the superb city of Liverpool. Bustling, atmospheric, historic and modern, the city has everything you would expect and more. There are excellent attractions including The Beatles Story, Royal Albert Dock, the Royal Liver Building and the Museum of Liverpool. There is also fantastic shopping and there is always a friendly welcome.**

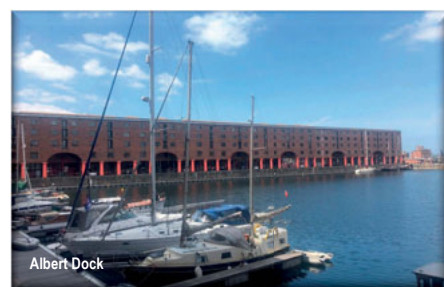
A guide will join our coach for an informative tour of iconic Liverpool, highlighting many of the historic sites. Afterwards, take this opportunity to visit some of the famous Beatles attractions, enjoy the entertainment in the famous Cavern Club, perhaps take a cruise on the River Mersey or simply enjoy some retail therapy. Whatever you choose, you will not be disappointed.

With its 900-year-old cathedral, Roman walls and half-timbered houses, Chester is one of northern England's most attractive towns. Explore the historic "Rows" or perhaps walk the walls for a birds-eye view of the city. Also visit Ellesmere Port's Cheshire Oaks shopping village, the largest of its type in the country.

Southport is a classic seaside resort with the country's oldest iron pier, quaint tearooms and a tree-lined Victorian boulevard. Before returning to Liverpool, see the amazing sea views at 'Another Place', an army of surreal, life-size, iron statues by world-famous British artist Anthony Gormley.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* a welcome tea/coffee and cake
- \* guided tour of Liverpool
- \* three excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Albert Dock

### Atlantic Tower Hotel, Liverpool

This stylish 4-star hotel boasts views over the River Mersey and is ideally situated close to Albert Dock and the fantastic Liverpool ONE shopping complex. The hotel's restaurant and bar serve contemporary British and European cuisine with outstanding views over the waterfront. (lift)

Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 17 April	£449	£419
Mon 19 June	£459	£429
Mon 7 August	£479	£449
Mon 4 September	£459	£429

*single room supplement from £60*





Ireland

## Waterford and Wexford

Join us on a holiday based in Ireland's Oldest City, with world class visitor attractions, great shopping, historic walks and a vibrant nightlife. At the heart of Waterford is the world-renowned Waterford Crystal, where a host of craftsmen and glass blowers still work today.

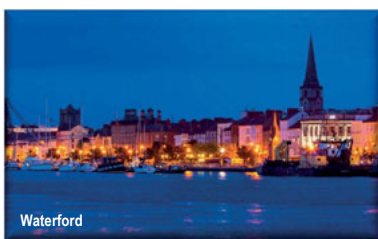
Spend a day visiting Wexford, steeped in history and heritage, and the historic town of New Ross, both in Ireland's Ancient East. Admission is included to Dunbrody Famine Ship, one of the premier tourist attractions in the South East of Ireland. It provides a unique insight into the bravery and fortitude of the Irish people.

The cosmopolitan city of Cork while pleasantly compact, has lots to see and do including an eerie 19th-century gaol, galleries, coffee shops, fantastic pubs, the 'four-faced liar', the Franciscan Well Brewery and even a Butter museum.

A half day to the bustling coastal town of Dungarvan, nestled beneath the Comeragh Mountains. You may like to take this opportunity to stroll along 'the lookout'.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* admission to Dunbrody Famine Ship
- \* three excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from Scotland)



### Treacys Hotel, Spa and Leisure Centre, Waterford

Set in a picturesque location, in the heart of Waterford, Ireland's oldest city. Enjoy the warm, friendly atmosphere, elegant bedrooms and exquisite homemade dishes in the restaurant. The leisure centre has a sauna, swimming pool and jacuzzi, making it the perfect place to unwind. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 24 April	£449	£479
Mon 14 August	£469	£499
Mon 18 September	£469	£499

single room supplement from £80



England

## Skegness and Sandringham

Lincolnshire's leading seaside resort comes with the classic English seaside holiday activities and is a wonderful blend of old and new. With beautiful gardens, a blue flag beach, pier, crazy golf and tree-lined avenues, Skegness has something for everyone.

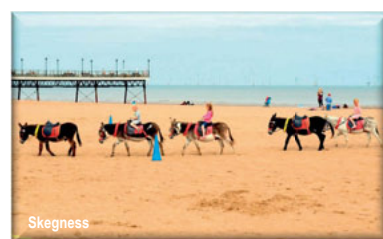
Follow in the footsteps of the Royal family at magnificent Sandringham, a loved country retreat of Her Majesty the late Queen. Discover the main ground floor rooms, where the décor remains very much as it was in Edwardian times. See the family portraits, visit the museum with an extensive Royal car collection and the charming church or take a walk around the gardens.

Lincoln is an ancient cathedral city, with a castle, the Medieval Bishop's Palace and a great city centre. Then to Hemswell Antiques Centre, the largest in Europe, where you will find around 400 dealer display areas. Discover bygone treasures and perhaps even an antique bargain.

There will be two free days to discover the sights of Skegness, one of the top seaside holiday destinations in the UK. Take a stroll to Compass Gardens to relax and watch the world go by.

### Price Includes:

- \* five nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* entertainment
- \* admission to Sandringham
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



### Savoy Hotel, Skegness

The Savoy enjoys an excellent Central Promenade location and is an ideal base to explore the many local attractions. One of the most outstanding attractions of the Savoy, is the excellent dining facilities in their beautiful sea front restaurant. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Sun 7 May	£539	£509
Sun 11 June	£559	£529
Sun 9 July	£569	£539
Sun 1 October	£539	£509

single room supplement NIL





© Chatsworth House

England

## Peak District and Chatsworth House

The glorious Peak District National Park is known for its breath-taking views, dense woodland, craggy hills and lively market towns. See the area from a new level - literally! As well as a drive through the Peak District, we have also added the Heights of Abraham, a cable car through the Derwent Valley.

With rounded hills, beautiful valleys, gorges, wild moorland and serene lakes, the Peak District is one of the country's most popular tourist destinations. During this excursion you will spend time in Buxton, Bakewell and Leek, which has a reputation for unusual shops, antiques and award-winning teashops.

The Heights of Abraham is known for its famous cable cars, which take visitors over river, road and rail before reaching the summit. You may like to take one of the tours through the underground illuminated caverns or visit the exhibitions and shops. It is a truly unique and memorable experience. The afternoon is spent at Chatsworth House. Renowned for the quality of its art and home to the Devonshire family, there are many rooms to explore and the stunning gardens have waterworks and sculptures.

Free day in Derby, a dynamic, compact, cosmopolitan city.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* admission to Heights of Abraham
- \* admission to Chatsworth
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Peak District

### Leonardo Hotel, Derby

Centrally located in the historic Cathedral Quarter and within walking distance to the main shopping area and attractions. Renowned for its spacious rooms, delicious meals and stylish bar; the hotel combines comfort with style and convenience. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 29 May	£449	£419
Mon 17 July	£459	£429
Mon 2 October	£439	£409

single room supplement from £80



Broadway

England

## Cotswolds and Blenheim Palace

Anyone in search of the true English countryside need look no further than the Cotswolds. It is one of Britain's most beautiful areas characterised by the local golden stone which gives the towns and villages, nestling snugly amongst the hills, a unique warmth and richness.

Spend the morning in Burford, known for its ancient buildings, medieval almshouses, impressive church and three-arched medieval bridge. Discover three hundred years of history at the stunning Blenheim Palace – birthplace of Winston Churchill. Marvel at the priceless collections of portraits, furniture and tapestries and wander round the unique gardens.

Tour the beautiful Cotswolds, where there are sleepy villages, flower bedecked cottages and imposing manor houses, bustling market towns and breath-taking countryside just waiting to be explored.

Visit Warwick, which oozes historic charm and medieval Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare.

A half day in the vibrant, historic cathedral city of Lichfield. The rest of the day is spent at leisure.

### Price Includes:

- \* five nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* admission to Blenheim Palace
- \* four excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Blenheim Palace

### St Johns Hotel, Solihull

Situated within walking distance of charming Solihull. Enjoy this 4-star hotel with contemporary bedrooms, which are thoughtfully furnished. Treat yourself to a swim in the indoor pool, relax in the sauna or work out in the gym. (lift)

### Departure Dates

	N Ireland	Scotland
Sun 4 June	£609	£579
Sun 2 July	£619	£589
Sun 6 August	£619	£589
Sun 10 September	£629	£599

single room supplement from £140





Carrbridge

Scotland

## Scenic Speyside and Loch Ness

Visit somewhere unique, memorable and ancient. The region is well-known for its unspoilt beaches, lush farmlands, pretty villages and attractive royal burghs. The Cairngorm National Park is the largest in the UK and it contains forty-three Munros, nine nature reserves, glistening lochs and an abundance of majestic wildlife. Carrbridge itself is a historic highland village and is possibly the best place in Scotland to see red squirrels and other wildlife including red deer, capercaillie, pine martens and golden eagles.

Start with a visit to the seaside resort of Nairn, blessed with three beautiful beaches, a championship golf course and stunning scenery. Continue to Elgin, famed for its luxurious cashmere and then continue to the Speyside Centre. Here you will find a garden centre, specialising in Scotland's famous heath and heather plants, a gift shop promoting local crafts and produce, a wildlife viewing area, an antique and collectables shop and a cosy restaurant.

Enjoy a tranquil cruise on mystical Loch Ness, the perfect way to experience the beauty, wildlife and history of this famous loch. Spend some time in the bustling hamlet of Fort Augustus, at the heart of the Great Glen, before visiting the floral city of Inverness.

Journey through the Strath Spey area to the Scots Toun of Keith, rich in history and heritage and full of character. Also visit the little town of Huntly, you may like to explore the ruins of the castle or purchase some shortbread or whisky in the local shops.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* cruise on Loch Ness
- \* three excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Loch Ness

### Carrbridge Hotel, Carrbridge

The Watt family have owned and managed the Carrbridge Hotel for over four decades. The hotel has been extensively refurbished to provide modern accommodation whilst retaining its character. The Grill Room and Bar has a welcoming log fire and the chefs take pride in using only the finest produce to ensure wide and varied menus. (lift)

Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Mon 24 April	£439	£409
Mon 12 June	£489	£459
Mon 7 August	£509	£479
Sun 3 September	£489	£459
Mon 9 October	£459	£429

single room supplement from £90





Ring of Brodgar

Scotland

## Top o' the North and Orkney

**The scenery on the North Coast of Scotland is quite simply breath-taking. This is the ideal holiday for anyone who wants to see rugged coastal scenery and many historic sites. Our base at the north of Scotland is the fishing village of Castletown, a few miles from Thurso. To break the travel time, we have also included an overnight each way.**

Visit the enchanting Castle of Mey, the most northerly inhabited castle on the British mainland, with striking towers, turrets, an animal centre and beautiful walled gardens. Then relax and take in some of the most spectacular scenery that Scotland has to offer, as you travel along the north coast, part of the famous NC500 route (Scotland's Route 66) to Durness.

Take the 45-minute ferry crossing to Orkney and see some of the main sites of interest. These include Skara Brae (entry included), a stone-built Neolithic settlement, the Churchill Barriers, Scapa Flow, Ring of Brodgar, the Standing Stones of Stenness, the Italian Chapel (entry included) and the busy harbour town of Kirkwall, where there will be some free time.

As you travel to Castletown and during the excursions, you will see stunning highland scenery, including much of the North Coast 500, one of the world's most beautiful road trips.

### Price Includes:

- \* five nights dinner, bed and breakfast (three nights in Castletown and an overnight each way)
- \* admission to the Castle of Mey
- \* ferry and tour of Orkney
- \* entry to Skara Brae
- \* entry to Italian Chapel
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



John o' Groats

### Castletown Hotel, Castletown

The home of old-fashioned Highland hospitality, the Castletown Hotel is family-run and known for their delicious home-cooking from locally sourced ingredients. The hotel is nestled in the heart of the picturesque village of Castletown, where a series of imposing buildings dominate the centre. (no lift)

Departure Dates	N Ireland	Scotland
Sun 25 June	£699	£669
Sun 16 July	£689	£659
Sun 17 September	£689	£659

*single room supplement from £90*





England

## Blackpool Illuminations

A wonderful opportunity to experience mile-upon-mile of spectacular festoon, the iconic illuminated trams, laser technology, huge displays and projection shows during October, at Britain's number one seaside resort.

Southport is a classic seaside resort with quaint tearooms, a tree-lined Victorian boulevard, the country's oldest iron pier and quirky delights. Then visit the wonderful Bygone Times antiques and collectables centre, with everything from vintage clothing to collectable artwork and memorabilia from yesteryear.

Voted Britain's favourite Market again in 2022 explore Bury's traditional, award-winning market, which oozes charisma and atmosphere. The range of products and facilities are second to none and the ambience and layout offers visitors the opportunity to seek out every stall. The Market Hall itself is architecturally striking with its 'bird-wing' roof.

The Tower, piers and trams are well known symbols of Blackpool. On the buzz of the Golden Mile, there is something for everyone. Spend the day at leisure, perhaps take a ride on a tram or visit Madame Tussauds.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* entertainment
- \* evening drive through the illuminations
- \* two excursions
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



### Queens Hotel, Blackpool

Ideally situated on the South Promenade, overlooking the Irish Sea, within walking distance to the town centre and many of the famous attractions. This stunning hotel features well maintained bedrooms and traditional English cuisine. Enjoy the entertainment, relax in the cocktail bar or admire the sea views from the sun room. (lift)

### Departure Dates

Mon 9 October

N Ireland Scotland

£459

£429

single room supplement from £36  
room with view supplement £20 pp



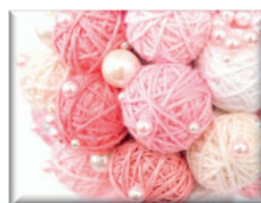
England

## Harrogate Knitting and Stitching Show

Based in the beautiful Victorian spa town of Harrogate, a ticket to the popular Knitting and Stitching Show is included. Shop for essentials and learn new skills at this fantastic show. The Knitting & Stitching Shows remain the best textile and craft shows in the market, bringing a community of creative people together.

Visit the Harrogate Convention Centre to enjoy a day at the Knitting and Stitching Show. This is the perfect place for anyone who loves stitching, sewing, knitting, crafts, supplies and textile art. Hundreds of exhibitors sell craft supplies here and there are demonstrations, workshops and galleries.

There is a free day to discover the boutique town of Harrogate, known for its glorious gardens, the Grade II listed Valley Gardens receives 3 million visitors a year! There is also shopping in the exclusive Montpelier Quarter and stunning Turkish Baths. Why not indulge in a spa treatment and don't forget to visit the famous Betty's Tearooms.



### Price Includes:

- \* three nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* a mini afternoon tea with glass of festive fizz
- \* admission to the Knitting and Stitching Show
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



### Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

Set in the stunning spa town of Harrogate, just a short walk from the town centre. Grand original features welcome you to the splendour of this charming Victorian building. The informal restaurant and beautiful lounge, foyer and bar area, offer a warm and inviting place to relax and socialise. (lift)

### Departure Dates

Fri 17 November

N Ireland Scotland

£389

£359

single room supplement from £54





Scotland

## Christmas in Oban

Take the stress out of Christmas day, leave the cooking and cleaning behind and join us for a relaxing break on the west coast of Bonnie Scotland. The hotel offers a programme of hearty food and entertainment.

Our base in the pretty coastal resort of Oban is surrounded by dramatic shores and beautiful countryside. Whilst here perhaps take a walk up to McCaig's Tower, a replica of the Colosseum that is such a distinctive feature on the Oban Skyline.

Take the coastal route for a half day excursion to the highland town of Fort William, set along the shore of Loch Linnhe. As you travel north from Oban you pass the picturesque four-storey tower house of Castle Stalker, which is located on a tidal island on Loch Laich.

### Price Includes:

- \* four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* Christmas programme (details to be confirmed)
- \* one excursion
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



### Royal Hotel, Oban

Standing proudly in the centre of town, with an elegant Victorian exterior, overlooking the bay. This hotel offers quality modern surroundings along with a traditional dining experience. The comfortable lounge bar is a great place to socialise or simply sit back and watch the world go by. (lift)



### Departure Dates

Sat 23 December

N Ireland Scotland

£499

£469

single room supplement from £64



Scotland

## Hogmanay in the Scottish Highlands

We are again operating our Hogmanay holiday to Bonnie Scotland, based in the highland village of Newtonmore. Spend Hogmanay in the beautiful Scottish Highlands, surrounded by magnificent Highland grandeur.

Nestled within the Spey Valley and Cairngorm National Park, the lovely village of Newtonmore is a popular choice for visitors to the area. Newtonmore was the setting for the popular TV series Monarch of the Glen. The nearby Highland Folk Museum is used for the Outlander TV series.

Enjoy the scenic journey with views of the magnificent Cairngorm Mountains, before spending some time in the floral city of Inverness. Take a walk along the River Ness or perhaps grab some bargains in the sales.

### Price Includes:

- \* three nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- \* Hogmanay programme (details to be confirmed)
- \* one excursion
- \* coach travel
- \* ferry fare (from N Ireland)



### Balavil Hotel, Newtonmore

This family run hotel offers a warm and personal welcome, stylish accommodation, varied menu's and entertainment. Soak up the atmosphere in the lounge, enjoy the rustic decor and roaring fire in the bar or simply relax and unwind in the indoor swimming pool. (lift)



### Departure Dates

Sat 30 December

N Ireland Scotland

£519

£489

single room supplement from £75



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Where optional items are purchased as part of the holiday, these are payable on the balance due date except where items, such as theatre tickets, have been specifically purchased for you. In this case the cost will be payable at a separate date notified to you and will not normally be refunded unless we obtain a refund from the supplier we use.

**3. Brochure Accuracy** Although Dodds of Troon make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure information and pricing, regrettably errors do sometimes occur. You must therefore ensure you check the price and all other details of your holiday with us at the time of booking and when you receive our confirmation invoice.

**4. Our Pricing Policy** Dodds of Troon endeavour to ensure that the most up to date and correct prices are shown in our brochure. Occasionally, an incorrect price may be shown, due to an error. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or as soon as reasonably possible. We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the price which is applicable to the holiday. Local Authorities in many towns and cities throughout Europe have introduced new tourist taxes which must be paid directly to the hotel by all guests in person. These taxes are not included in our prices, but we will notify you when applicable. Holiday prices include all travel, hotel accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT payable in the UK where applicable. The price of the holiday will not be subjected to any surcharges except those arising from exchange rate changes, transportation including the price of fuel, air & ferry operator fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals, duties and taxes (including the rate of VAT). Even in these cases we will absorb the cost equivalent to cost of the first 2% of the holiday price. Amounts more than this plus £1 administration fee and Travel Agents commission will be surcharged to you. If this means the total cost of the holiday increases by more than 8% then you are entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund of all monies paid except any insurance premium and amendment charges. We will communicate the options with you either through email or letter, with a reminder if necessary. If you exercise the right to cancel, we must receive written notice within 14 days of the date of the surcharge invoice. The currency exchange rate used in the holiday costings are based on rates as at October 2022.

**5. If you change your booking** If, after our confirmation has been issued, you wish to change to another of our holidays or change departure date, we will do our utmost to make the changes, but we cannot guarantee to do so. However, notification must be received in writing at our offices from the person who signed the booking form, at least 28 days before departure. This must be accompanied by a payment of £10 per person to cover our administrative costs, plus costs we incur in making the amendment. Alterations cannot be made within 28 days of departure and any such request for an alteration will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges set out in paragraph below. Some arrangements cannot be changed without paying a cancellation charge of up to 100% of the ticket cost.

**6. Transferring your booking** You can transfer your booking to somebody else, but the person must satisfy all the conditions of the holiday and you must inform us either by letter or email no less than 14 days before departure. This transfer will cost £20 plus reasonable costs to make the transfer. You will remain responsible for ensuring payment before the balance due date. This is in addition to (and does not affect) the separate liability of the transferee to us.

**7. If you need to cancel your holiday** You or any member of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time provided the cancellation is made by the person signing the booking form and is communicated to us in writing via the office who made your original booking. You must pay cancellation charges to cover our administration costs and to compensate for the risk of us not reselling the holiday. If the holiday is resold a refund will be made. Your cancellation will take effect from the date on which we or our agent receive your written confirmation of your cancellation. You must also return any tickets or vouchers you have received. A reduction in room occupancy may increase the charges for the remaining passengers by the application of supplements for low occupancy of rooms. Where bought in supplies, such as ferries, hotel accommodation etc have been bought in on your behalf, and where the terms and conditions of the supplier are non-refundable, these products will be charged to you at the full retail rate. If this applies, the non-refundable items will be deducted from your holiday costs and the following scale of charges will be applied to the remainder:

Period before departure within which written cancellation of package price is received	Amount of cancellation Charge as a % of total package cost
More than 28 days	Deposit only
28 - 15 days	50%
14 - 8 days	75%
7 days or less, departure day or later including voluntary termination during the package	Total package cost

You may cancel your holiday without paying any termination fee before the start of the holiday, in the event of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occurring at the place of destination or its immediate vicinity, for instance, if there are serious security problems at the destination which are likely to affect the package.

**8. Alterations to your holiday by us** We hope that we will not have to make any change to your holiday but, because our holidays are planned many months in advance, we sometimes do need to make minor changes. We reserve the right to do this at any time. We will let you or your booking agent know about any important changes as soon as possible, including the minimum number of passengers required on the trip. If after booking, and before departure, we make a major change to your holiday, you will have the option of withdrawing from the holiday without penalty or transferring to another holiday without any charge. In either case, we will pay you compensation, according to the scale set below. A major change includes the time of your departure or return time by more than 12 hours, a change in departure point, location of resort or type of hotel, a change in cross channel travel, or specification of the coach. If we tell you about any of these changes after we have confirmed your holiday booking (other than force majeure), you may either:

- accept the new arrangements offered by us; or
- accept a replacement holiday from us of equivalent or similar standard and price (at the date of the change), if we can offer you one; or
- cancel your holiday with us and receive a full refund of all monies.

Either way, we will pay you compensation, using the Compensation table shown.

Period before departure in which significant change is notified to you or your agent	Amount per person
More than 28 days	Nil
28 to 15 days	£15
14 - 8 days	£20
7 to 0 days	£25

**IMPORTANT NOTE** Compensation will not be payable if the holiday is cancelled because the number of persons booked is less than the number required, or for events beyond our control, which include: war, threat of war, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activity and its consequences, industrial disputes, natural and nuclear disasters, fire, epidemics, health risks and pandemics, unavoidable and unforeseeable technical problems with transport for reasons beyond our control or that of our suppliers; hurricanes and other actual or potential severe weather conditions and any other similar events. You are also advised to check with The Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice Unit regularly at [www.fco.gov.uk/travel](http://www.fco.gov.uk/travel) prior to travel.

All holidays operate if the minimum number of participants is met. However, in no case will we cancel your holiday less than 28 days before the scheduled departure date, except where you have failed to pay the final balance or because of force majeure (force majeure means an event which we or the suppliers of the services in question could not foresee or avoid and is therefore beyond our control).

**9. Our responsibility to you** We accept responsibility for ensuring the holiday which you book with us is supplied as described in our publicity material and the services offered reach a reasonable standard and if you are in difficulty, we will assist you. If any part of our holiday contract is not provided as promised, you may terminate the contract without paying a termination fee and we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected your enjoyment of your holiday. We will, however, not be liable if there are any unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of a third party not connected with our travel services, or there were unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances, or the lack of conformity is due to a traveller in the party. We accept responsibility for the acts and/or omissions of our employees, agents and suppliers except where they lead to death, injury or illness. Our liability in all cases shall be limited to a maximum of twice the value of the original holiday cost (not including insurance premiums and amendment charges). We accept responsibility for death, injury, or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents together with our suppliers and sub-contractors, servants and/or agents of the same whilst acting within the scope of, or during their employment in the provision of your holiday. We will accordingly pay to our clients such damages as might be not be awarded in such circumstances under Scottish Law. In respect of carriage by air, sea, tunnel and rail and the provision of accommodation our liability in all cases will be limited in the manner provided by the relevant international convention.

If we make any payment to you or any member of your party for death or personal injury or illness, you will be asked to assign to us or our insurers the rights you may have to act against the person or organisation responsible for causing the death, personal injury or illness. This clause does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter for excursions or activities during or outside of your holiday. If you or any member of your party suffer death, illness or injury whilst overseas arising out of an activity which does NOT form part of your holiday, we may offer guidance and where legal action is contemplated and you want our assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to any proceedings (We limit the cost of our assistance to you or your party to £5,000 per party)

**10. If you have a complaint** If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your Tour Manager, your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative immediately who will endeavour to put things right. If your complaint cannot be completely resolved locally, you must complete a Holiday Report Form which can be obtained by your driver or local representative, which you should keep. Our contact number, for unresolved complaints will be our office number on 01292 288100 (open in office hours) If you remain dissatisfied please follow this up within 14 days of your return home by writing to Dodds of Troon giving your original booking reference number and all other relevant information, including the reference of the Holiday Report Form. It is therefore a condition of this contract that you communicate any problem to the supplier of the services in question AND to our representative whilst in resort and obtain a written report form. If you fail to follow this simple procedure, we cannot accept responsibility as we have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify the problem. Should you wish to pursue the complaint further, BCH ABTOT have an Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme and full details are available from them. Please contact them at ABTOT 117 Houndsditch London EC3A 7BT

**11. Our Coaches** We will always use our reasonable endeavours to provide a coach to the specification in our brochure or advert but reserve the right to substitute an alternative vehicle should there be unforeseen circumstances. There is a seating plan but, in some cases, operational reasons may require a coach with a different configuration. We reserve the right to alter a coach seating plan and allocate seats other than those booked. Single passengers may be required to share a double seat with other single passengers. When your booking is confirmed, you will be offered the best seats that are available at that time. If you feel that you require two seats, then these must be booked and paid for in advance, at the time of booking. If you fail to do this and it transpires that the seat allocated to you is insufficient for your needs and there is no alternative seating available, then you will be refused access to the coach and any payments made will be liable to forfeiture. Specific seats will not be allocated on coaches operating a feeder service between joining points and main holiday departure points or on coaches that carry out transfers between airports, seaports etc.

**12. Hotel Facilities** Some hotel facilities and entertainment may be withdrawn for routine maintenance or be subject to seasonal availability and provision of the facilities cannot be guaranteed. Single occupancy of rooms may be subject to a supplementary charge.

**13. Health and Safety** In some foreign countries, standards of infrastructure, safety and hygiene may be lower than those to which we are accustomed in the UK. You should therefore exercise greater care for your own protection. There may be countries that we visit that have special medical requirements for tourists. These regulations are subject to change and our clients are responsible for complying with entry and current health requirements. If you are not sure of the health requirements for the country you are visiting, you are advised to check with your own GP before travelling. You are also advised to refer to the Department of Health leaflet 'Health Advice for Travellers'.

Some people may be at risk from discomfort or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) if they remain immobile on a journey for a long period. If you are planning to undertake a journey of more than three hours, you should consult your doctor, if you have ever had DVT, pulmonary embolism, a family history of clotting conditions, cancer or treatment for cancer, stroke, and heart or lung disease or if you have had major surgery in the past three months.

We reserve the right to refuse any booking in the absence of a doctor's certificate confirming that you are fit to travel. Where we provide comfort stops you are encouraged to walk around. Exercise reduces any discomfort, which may be caused by periods of immobility.

NO SMOKING is allowed on our coaches (including E-Cigarettes) and we do not allow pets or any other animals, although we accommodate registered assistance dogs, but not on overseas holidays.

**14. Travel documents, itineraries, pick-up points and passports** For all Continental holidays, you will require a full 10-year British Passport (machine readable) valid for the period required for the country or countries you are visiting. If you do not hold a full British Passport or have any doubts about your status as a resident British subject, you must check with the Embassies or Consulates of the Countries to be visited to confirm the Passport or visa requirements when you book. We cannot accept responsibility if passengers are not in possession of the correct travel documents. For full details on passport requirements, please contact 'the identity and passport service' on 0300 222 0000 ([www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk))

You are responsible for ensuring you are at the correct departure point, at the correct time and with the correct documents. Dodds of Troon reserve the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from competent authorities both within the UK and abroad.

Excursions which are included in the cost of your booking are detailed on the brochure page and refunds will not be made for excursions not taken. Optional excursions booked and paid for in resort do not form part of your booking. Admission fees to buildings may not be included in the price of the holiday, please check.

**15. Special Requests** All special needs and requests, if agreed, should be entered on the booking form and be included in the confirmation of the holiday. These cannot be guaranteed except where confirmed as part of our holiday commitment to you and are detailed on your holiday booking confirmation. We are keen to ensure that we plan the arrangements for your holiday so that special needs and requests can be accommodated as far as possible. If you will need assistance or may be unable to fully enjoy all aspects of your holiday you must tell us in advance so that we can maximise your enjoyment of the holiday. We will need to know if you will need special facilities in the hotel, taking part in the excursions or have difficulty boarding and travelling on the coach or other means of transport. Before booking your holiday, you should be sure that you and your party are both physically and mentally capable of completing the itinerary. If you need advice or further information either you or your booking agent should contact Dodds of Troon. If you will require a special diet please tell us at the time of booking, or as soon as you are medically advised, together with a copy of the diet.

**16. Passengers with disabilities** We want everyone to enjoy our travel arrangements. We are happy to advise and assist you in choosing a suitable holiday. But, as some of the accommodation and resorts featured may not cater for even minor disabilities, it is important that, when booking, you advise us of any disability, specific need or complex need you may have and any special requirements that will make sure the holiday is suitable. If a passenger requires personal assistance (for example, assistance with feeding, dressing, toileting, mobilising) then this passenger must travel with an able-bodied companion or carer and written confirmation that such assistance will be provided for the entirety of the holiday is required at the time of booking. Coach drivers/ Tour Managers are unable to provide such assistance.

**Important** You must tell us if you have an existing medical condition, disability or complex need that may affect your holiday or other group members' enjoyment of it before you book your holiday. We reserve the right to request a doctor's certificate confirming the passenger is fit to travel. If, in our reasonable opinion, your chosen holiday is not suitable for your medical condition or disability, we reserve the right to refuse your booking. You are responsible for bringing with you the proper clothing and equipment, which we advise you about in our printed trip information. We want you to enjoy your holiday and will help you select an appropriate trip.

**17. Passenger Behaviour** We want all our customers to have a happy and carefree holiday. You are responsible for your behaviour and hygiene and the effect it may have on others. If you or any other member of your party is abusive, disruptive or behaves in a way that could cause damage or injury to others or affect their enjoyment of their holiday or which could damage property, we have the right to terminate your contract with us and we will have no further liability or obligation to you. The coach driver/representative, ship's captain, or authorised official is entitled to refuse you boarding if in their reasonable opinion you are unacceptable under the influence of drink or drugs or you are being violent or disruptive. If you are refused boarding on the outward journey, we will regard it as a cancellation by you and we will apply cancellation charges. If on your return journey, we have the right to terminate the contract with you. We also request that mobile telephones are not used on the coach.

**18. Travel Insurance** We strongly advise that you take out personal travel insurance for the trip and carry photographic ID at all times. The insurance should cover medical and repatriation costs, personal injury, loss of baggage and cancellation charges. If you do not have adequate insurance and require our assistance during your holiday, we reserve the right to reclaim from you any medical repatriation or other expenses which we may incur on your behalf which would otherwise have been met by insurers. You must advise us of the insurer, the policy number and 24-hour contact number.

**19. Luggage** Please restrict your luggage to a suitcase weighing no more than 15 kgs per person. We cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to luggage unless through our negligence. Please do not leave valuable items in your suitcase when left on the coach. Please contact us for our policy on mobility scooters.

**20. General Data Protection Regulations** We comply with the GDPR 2018 Regulations, our data controller is the manager at any of our offices and our data protection policy can be found at [doddsoftroon.com](http://doddsoftroon.com) or you can request a copy from any of our offices (4 East Road, Ayr, KA8 9BA | 24 Central Avenue, Gretna, DG16 5AS).

**21. Emergency Contact** Our emergency contact details are Tel: 01292 288100 Email: [info@doddsoftroon.com](mailto:info@doddsoftroon.com)

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