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Not all joining points are available on every holiday, please check at the time of booking.

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Trading Charter and Booking Conditions

Full details are on the final page of this brochure. They are also available on our website - **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 including the itinerary can be found on our website **doddsoftroon.com**. To request a copy by post, please contact our coach holiday booking office.

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

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Please note, any passenger wishing to bring a mobility aid must inform us at the time of booking, as there is a limited number of items that can be carried 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 one of our offices.

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



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Iona Abbey

OBAN AND THE ISLANDS OF MULL AND IONA ————— 5 days

A popular tourist destination known for its beautiful scenery, including views of the surrounding islands and the historic McCaig's Tower, a prominent landmark. The busy town is also known as the 'Gateway to the Isles' and lies in a crescent beneath the hills surrounding the bay.

Relax on the ferry from Oban to Craignure on the enchanting Isle of Mull and enjoy the beautiful scenery as you pass Glen More. Board as a foot passenger for the short crossing to the tranquil Isle of Iona and discover the ancient Abbey and burial place of Scottish Kings, where Christianity is at the heart of this tiny but historically rich island.

Experience sheer beauty as you travel through the dramatic, pre-historic landscapes of Rannoch Moor and Glen Coe, famously referred to as 'The Glen of the Weeping'. Pass Bridge of Orchy and head through these striking landscapes, where views of the iconic Buachaille Etive Mor unfold. A stop will be made at the modern Glencoe Visitor Centre, which is full of information about the dramatic scenery and history of this famous site. Conclude by meandering along the shores of Loch Linnhe and Creran.

A leisurely day in the popular coastal resort of Oban. Boat tours are available from the busy harbour or perhaps take a stroll along the Esplanade and simply watch the boats come and go. Visit McCaig's Tower and admire the panoramic views or savour a wee dram at the distillery.



Oban

Royal Hotel, Oban

Standing proudly in the centre of town, with an elegant Victorian exterior, overlooking the bay and within walking distance of the pretty harbour. This hotel offers quality accommodation along with a traditional dining experience. The comfortable lounge bar is a great place to sit back and watch the world go by. (lift)

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- entertainment
- 'Drams and Dances' programme on 11 November
- ferry to the islands of Mull and Iona
- admission to Glencoe Visitor Centre
- two excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 11 March | £439 | £409 |
| Mon 8 April | £499 | £469 |
| Mon 6 May | £589 | £559 |
| Mon 3 June | £609 | £579 |
| Mon 16 September | £629 | £599 |
| Mon 11 November | £459 | £429 |
| solo supplement £64 | | |



ISLE OF MAN ————— 6 days

The Isle of Man is set between Great Britain and Ireland and is beautiful at any time of year. With a unique vibrant culture, an extensive coastline, stunning natural landscapes and unspoiled beaches, the Isle of Man is also the only entire nation in the world to be recognised as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Day 1: Before arriving at the overnight hotel, a stop will be made in the picturesque market town of Kirkby Lonsdale, set between the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District.

Day 2: Some free time in Lancaster, known for its well-preserved architecture and charming city centre with cobbled streets; before boarding the ferry at Heysham.

Day 3: Follow the Isle of Man's famous TT course to the harbour town of Ramsey. Join the Manx Electric Railway to Laxey, then enjoy the spectacular climb to the island's highest point aboard the Snaefell Mountain Railway. Rejoin the coach for a scenic journey along the East Coast to Douglas.

Day 4: Firstly see the unmissable, spectacular views of Calf Sound, a must photo stop. Journey on to Port Erin, nestling in its scenic bay, before travelling to Peel, said to be the best example of a typical Manx town.

Day 5: Spend your free day exploring Douglas. Perhaps, visit the award-winning Manx Museum or take the iconic horse-drawn tram along the promenade.

Day 6: Journey home.

Price Includes

- five nights dinner, bed and breakfast (one overnight in Preston and four nights on the Isle of Man)
- entertainment
- two rail journeys
- two excursions
- coach travel
- all ferry fares



Laxey Wheel

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. (lift)

Tickled Trout Hotel, Preston

A 4-star hotel which has retained many traditional features that create a warm ambiance. Offering wonderful views over the River Ribble, relax and enjoy the delicious menu in The Riverside Bar and Restaurant. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sun 21 April | £699 | £669 |
| Tue 9 July | £749 | £719 |
| Sun 22 September | £739 | £709 |
| solo supplement £116 | | |



SCOTLAND

DUNOON AND BUTE — 5 days

Dunoon is a charming town with a welcoming atmosphere. It's a popular destination for those seeking a peaceful retreat and a taste of the natural beauty. The Victorian pier is an iconic structure.

Enjoy the short ferry crossing to the Isle of Bute, with some free time in the traditional Victorian town of Rothsay. Immerse yourself in the town's rich heritage, evident in the magnificent Victorian façades. Consider exploring the remarkable Rothsay Castle, before following the main roads for a scenic drive around Bute.

Travel to Tarbet and embark on a scenic cruise across the tranquil waters of Loch Lomond. Take a break in the charming village of Luss, which served as a film location for the TV show 'Take the High Road'. End the day by visiting Loch Lomond Shores, offering a mix of department stores, boutique shops and nationwide retailers. Enjoy some shopping and a cup of coffee or a leisurely stroll outside.

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

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- special bar offer on 11 March (please ask for details)
- ferry travel to the Isle of Bute
- Loch Lomond cruise
- two excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

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. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 11 March | £389 | £359 |
| Mon 7 October | £399 | £369 |
| solo supplement £36 view supplement £24 per person | | |



ENGLAND

SOUTHPORT — 5 days

A charming, seaside resort known for its long sandy beach and attractive promenade. The broad, mile-long Lord Street, is a tree-lined boulevard with Victorian architecture, independent boutique shops, elegant retail outlets and quaint tearooms.

Explore Tatton Park, one of the most complete historic estates in the UK and home to a Neo-Classical Mansion, 50 acres of landscaped gardens, 1000 acres of deer park, a rare breed farm and a medieval Old Hall. After your visit, spend some time exploring the history, heritage and architecture of the vibrant city of Liverpool. Perhaps visit the Beatles Story, take a cruise across the Mersey or soak up the atmosphere.

The popular seaside resort of Blackpool with its abundance of award-winning attractions, has something for everyone. Perhaps visit the iconic Blackpool Tower, take a ride along the world-famous Blackpool Tramway, or meet the stars at Madame Tussauds. Take the time to wander along the promenade to see its traditional seaside charm.

A day at leisure. The hotel is in a prime position and central location on the main promenade to discover the local area or relax in the comfort of the hotel.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- admission to Tatton Park
- two excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Waterfront Southport Hotel

This 4-star hotel is set on the marina and has facilities to wow, from the stunning Roof Garden to an incredible Waterfront Marina Restaurant. It is just a short walk to the South Marine Gardens and Lord Street. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 1 April | £549 | £519 |
| Mon 1 July | £599 | £569 |
| Mon 5 August | £599 | £569 |
| solo supplement £128 | | |



Peak District

PEAK DISTRICT ————— 5 days

Historic sites and stunning landscapes make this a fantastic place to explore the natural beauty of England. Known for its rugged moorlands and limestone dales, the park is dotted with charming villages and the market towns showcase historical architecture and cosy pubs.

Travel into the Peak District National Park, to the market town of Bakewell, along the River Wye. Discover the original Bakewell Tart, before continuing to the Spa town of Buxton; and the bustling town of Leek.

Take a cable car up the Heights of Abraham; explore the 60-acre hilltop estate; enjoy a guided tour through illuminated caverns; and admire the magnificent views. Afterwards, explore Chatsworth House, the magnificent home of the Devonshire family, which has appeared in period dramas; and see the sculptures, mazes and waterfalls.

The National Memorial Arboretum is a site dedicated to honouring and remembering those who have served in the armed forces; and made significant contributions to society. Spend the afternoon in the city of Derby, seeing its iconic landmarks and architectural wonders.

Price Includes

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

Leonardo Hotel, Derby

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

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 1 April | £499 | £469 |
| Mon 27 May | £499 | £469 |
| Mon 19 August | £509 | £479 |
| Mon 16 September | £509 | £479 |
| solo supplement £132 | | |



Castle Howard (c) Charlotte Graham Photography

YORK ————— 5 days

This city boasts a rich history, well-preserved medieval architecture and impressive city walls. Home to a wealth of attractions including York Minster, The Shambles, the National Railway Museum and the Jorvik Viking Centre.

Discover Castle Howard, one of England's grandest Baroque mansions. Set within 1000 acres of breathtaking landscape, enjoy lavishly decorated rooms, stunning architecture, idyllic gardens and lakeside walks. Continue to the traditional town of Thirsk, home of the famous vet and author James Herriot.

Start the day in York with a relaxing cruise along the River Ouse. The rest of the day is free to discover the city.

Explore Heartbeat Country with a nostalgic trip on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Continue to the coastal town of Whitby and Goathland, featured in the Heartbeat TV series, whilst the railway station was used in Harry Potter.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- admission to Castle Howard
- River Ouse cruise
- journey on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Wheatlands Hotel, York (April)

Ideally situated, just 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. (no lift)

Burn Hall Hotel, Huby (July/September)

A Victorian manor house, packed full of countryside character. With an outstanding reputation for customer service, you will receive a warm Yorkshire welcome. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 1 April | £529 | £499 |
| Mon 22 July | £539 | £509 |
| Mon 2 September | £539 | £509 |
| solo supplement NIL | | |



Glenveagh National Park

COUNTY DONEGAL AND GLENVEAGH CASTLE ————— 5 days

A seaside town located in County Donegal, Bundoran is situated on the north west coast of the country and is known for its stunning natural beauty, particularly its rugged coastline along the Wild Atlantic Way. Bundoran is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors for its beautiful beaches, outdoor activities and vibrant night life.

Witness the beauty of Glenveagh National Park and make the most of the visit with a stop at Glenveagh Castle and Gardens. Explore the romantic castle, a castellated mansion with all its original furnishings; and stroll the immaculate gardens. The remainder of the day can be spent in Bundoran. We suggest you take the Rougey Walk Experience, where you can see the stunning Fairy Bridges, a star attraction of the Wild Atlantic Way Coastline. With views for 360 degrees, you can see the Slieve League Cliffs.

Spend the day discovering picturesque Donegal town. Perhaps explore the castle, ruined Abbey and shops; or just people watch and enjoy the 'craic' on The Diamond, Donegal's main square. You may wish to soak up beautiful scenery from the sea on the Donegal Bay Waterbus. The tour passes many local points of interest.

Travel to Drumcliffe Church, the final resting place of William Butler Yeats, Nobel Prize winning poet; and an important religious centre. Visit the church building before continuing to the ancient town of Sligo. Explore great shopping opportunities or pop into a traditional Irish pub. In the afternoon, take a guided tour at Belleek Pottery with behind the scenes access of the manufacturing process.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- admission to Glenveagh Castle and Gardens
- Belleek Pottery Guided Factory Tour
- admission to Drumcliffe Church
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from Scotland)



Bundoran Beach

Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran

A modern, elegant 4-star hotel overlooking the sea, situated just a short stroll from Bundoran's beautiful beaches. The Coolmore Bar is located at the heart of the hotel and is the perfect setting for a convivial drink with friends both old and new. Located just steps from town centre, sea and numerous other amenities, it is an ideal base. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 29 April | £499 | £529 |
| Mon 17 June | £509 | £539 |
| Mon 15 July | £529 | £559 |
| Mon 16 September | £509 | £539 |
| solo supplement £120 | | |



Yorkshire Dales

HARROGATE AND THE DALES ————— 5 days

Harrogate became a popular spa town in the 18th and 19th century, many of its elegant Victorian and Edwardian buildings still stand today, giving the town a distinctive character. There are several notable attractions; the Royal Pump Room Museum, Turkish Baths and the exclusive Montpellier Quarter, offering a boutique shopping experience.

The Yorkshire Dales is rich in farming history and noted for its drystone walls, majestic hills and rolling green valleys. Travel deep in to the heart of the Dales, passing some charming villages such as Ripley, Pateley Bridge, Grassington and Aysgarth. Visit the delightful town of Hawes and stop for a photo opportunity near the famous Ribbleshead Viaduct, before spending time in picturesque Settle.

The ancient city of York is renowned for its rich history, well-preserved medieval architecture and impressive city walls. It is home to a wealth of attractions including York Minster, The Shambles (a street often used as a filming location), the National Railway Museum and the Jorvik Viking Centre. The city is great for shopping, with a web of winding streets flaunting designer stores, independent shops and boutiques, each distinct shopping area has its own speciality.

Spend the day in Harrogate, with its tree lined gardens, parks, boutiques and tearooms; and perhaps visit the famous Betty's, where afternoon tea would be a perfect treat to end the day. Alternatively, you may prefer to indulge in a treatment at the stunning Victorian baths.

Price Includes —————

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- entertainment at the Cairn Hotel
- food/drink package on 18 March (please ask for details)
- two excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)



York Minster

Cairn Hotel, Harrogate (March/July) —————

Set just a short walk from the town centre. Grand original features welcome you to the splendour of the charming Victorian building. (lift)

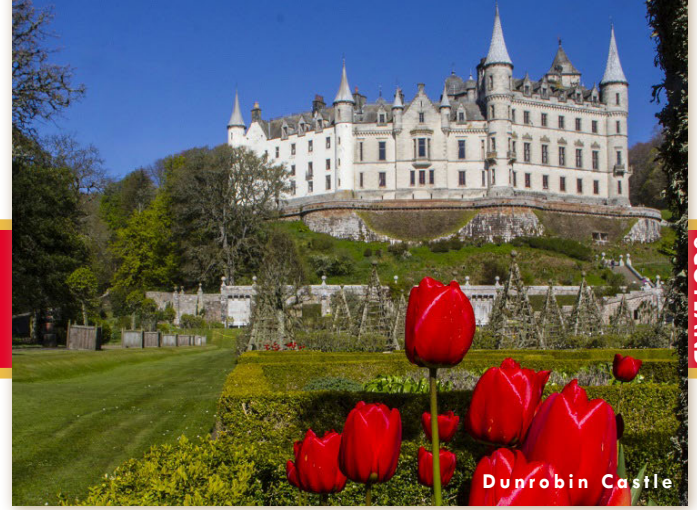
Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate (April/May/August) —————

Located in the heart of Harrogate, this 4-star hotel offers exceptional accommodation. It overlooks 200 acres of pristine parkland and boasts modern facilities. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 18 March | £479 | £449 |
| Mon 15 April | £529 | £499 |
| Mon 13 May | £529 | £499 |
| Mon 1 July | £549 | £519 |
| Mon 12 August | £549 | £519 |
| solo supplement Cairn Hotel £64 and Cedar Court £80 | | |



IRELAND



SCOTLAND

KILDARE AND DUBLIN—5 days

Kildare is a charming cathedral town with a 1000-year-old round tower, which you can climb for a fantastic view. It has historical landmarks and close connections to St. Brigid, one of Ireland's patron saints.

Visit Newbridge Silverware Visitor Centre and the Museum of Style Icons, with collections which belonged to Audrey Hepburn, Princess Diana and the Beatles. Afterwards head to the Irish National Stud, the country's horse breeding centre for a guided tour of the stables and paddocks. Stroll around the gardens before visiting the Kildare Shopping Village.

Spend some time in the coastal town of Malahide before visiting Dublin, Ireland's capital city, steeped in history and buzzing with energy. Explore some of its many attractions including the cathedral, castle, museums and many shops.

Travel to picturesque Athlone, a vibrant and fascinating town with brightly painted houses, ancient pubs and characterful shops, in the heart of Ireland's Midlands. Explore Athlone Castle, which stands proud overlooking the town and relive the wild passion of the Vikings on an interesting river cruise.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- admission to the Irish National Stud and Gardens
- admission to Athlone Castle
- Athlone River Cruise
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from Scotland)

Westgrove Hotel, Clane

Nestled in the beautiful village of Clane in County Kildare, this 4-star hotel offers every convenience for your stay. The Westgrove Leisure Club has a 20 metre pool, steam room, jacuzzi and gym. The Oak Bar & Restaurant offers a delicious menu in a lively and bright environment. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 8 April | £489 | £519 |
| Mon 30 September | £489 | £519 |
| solo supplement £112 | | |

THE HIGHLANDS—5 days

Beautiful Beaulieu is a picturesque village in the Scottish Highlands, centred around a pretty square, with award-winning independent shops. The cherry blossom trees are a wonderful sight in the spring and there's a historic ruined priory, with an 800-year-old elm tree.

The highlight for most will be a journey on one of the world's finest coast-to-coast railways to the Kyle of Lochalsh, overlooking the Isle of Skye. This spectacular train ride is undoubtedly one of the most scenic in the UK. Rejoin the coach for an equally interesting return via Loch Ness.

A visit to the 'Highland Capital of Scotland', Inverness. Savour a cruise on the Moray Firth with its abundance of wildlife, keeping an eye out for dolphins. Explore the historic city and admire the castle. Finish the day in Beaulieu by discovering its traditional pubs or take a riverside walk.

Venture north along the east coast to Golspie and a visit to fairytale Dunrobin Castle. Enjoy the magnificent gardens and views across the sea before heading to the lovely historic town of Dornoch, with its independent shops and cafés.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- journey on the Dingwall to Kyle Railway
- Moray Firth Coastal Cruise
- admission to Dunrobin Castle
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Priory Hotel, Beaulieu

Based in the pretty highland village of Beaulieu, The Priory is a traditionally built Scottish building with comfortable rooms and a famous Highland welcome. Fresh local ingredients are used in the restaurant and the bistro, bar and lounge are great places to relax. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 22 April | £629 | £599 |
| Mon 24 June | £679 | £649 |
| solo supplement £113 | | |



Dunbrody Famine Ship

HISTORIC WATERFORD – 5 days

Renowned for its rich heritage, culture and the famous Waterford Crystal, where craftsmen and glass blowers still work, Waterford is the oldest city in Ireland. It has a vibrant arts scene, great shopping, a scenic waterfront and numerous historical attractions.

Begin the day in New Ross. Enjoy a guided tour of Dunbrody Famine Ship, an authentic reproduction of an 1840s emigrant vessel, providing a unique insight and interpretation of the famine emigrant experience. Continue along the Mount Leinster Heritage Trail to the medieval town of Kilkenny. Discover the narrow streets, abbey and cathedral.

Visit the vibrant city of Cork. Discover the famous English Market with its 55 or so stalls, one of the oldest and best covered markets in Europe; St Fin Barre's Cathedral and St Anne's Church. Take time to wander the many museums, galleries and eerie 19th century Gaol.

Free day to explore Waterford, Ireland's oldest city. Stroll the historic streets and enjoy the local atmosphere. Perhaps take a walking tour, browse the local boutiques and quirky shops; or visit The House of Waterford Crystal.

Price Includes

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

Treacy's Hotel, Spa & Leisure Centre, Waterford

Set in a picturesque location, in the heart of Waterford. 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 | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 22 April | £449 | £479 |
| Sun 8 September | £489 | £519 |
| solo supplement £100 | | |



Isle of Skye

HIGHLANDS AND SKYE – 5 days

Scotland's Western Highlands are a rugged and remote region of stunning natural beauty. Known for its dramatic landscapes, including towering mountains, deep glens and pristine lochs. The area is rich in history and Celtic culture, offering a captivating Scottish experience.

Sit back and relax as you travel through the stunning Western Highlands, stopping for a photo opportunity near the iconic Eilean Donan Castle, a popular location for filming. Take the Skye Bridge on to the Magical Isle, enjoying some free time in Portree, before heading to Armadale, where you join the ferry to Mallaig. Take the beautiful journey of glens and loch sides, pausing at the Glenfinnan Viaduct for photos (featured in the Harry Potter movie) and the Glenfinnan Monument, where a kilted Highlander stands.

A full day to the city of Inverness. Travel along the shores of Loch Ness for a spot of 'Monster Hunting' before exploring the historic city with its Botanic Gardens and 19th Century Cathedral; you may like to walk along the pretty River Ness.

Travel to the attractive village of Spean Bridge, stopping for photos at the iconic Commando Memorial Monument. Enjoy the rest of the day in Fort William.

Price Includes

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

Alexandra Hotel, Fort William

Set on the shores of Loch Linnhe and Loch Eil, the Alexandra is just a few minutes' walk from the high street. There is a comfortable bar, several lounge areas and the restaurant utilises many local ingredients. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 13 May | £599 | £569 |
| Sun 28 July | £659 | £629 |
| Mon 12 August | £679 | £649 |
| solo supplement £64 | | |



SPLENDID LAKES ————— 5 days

An area of outstanding natural beauty, the Lake District is a popular destination in the north west of England. It is a picturesque region with 16 major lakes, rolling hills and charming towns, it's breathtaking scenery is a haven and a source of inspiration for many poets, artists and writers.

Travel to the quaint town of Ambleside, the market town of Keswick, nestled between Skiddaw and Derwentwater, and Grasmere, known for William Wordsworth connections. Don't miss this opportunity to indulge in some of the legendary Grasmere Gingerbread. Follow the scenic shores of Ullswater and travel over the stunning Kirkstone Pass before returning to the hotel.

Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Windermere and some free time in the vibrant town of Bowness-on-Windermere. Wander around the charming town. Perhaps visit The World of Beatrix Potter, stroll around the lovely shops or simply savour the scenery by the lake. The remainder of the day is free in Grange-over-Sands. You may wish to take a leisurely walk into town or enjoy a stroll by the water.

Begin your day in the quaint market town of Kirkby Lonsdale, situated on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales. Meander through picturesque streets, explore local vendors, and absorb the town's charm. In the afternoon, immerse yourself in Kendal's history, renowned for its mint cake. Discover two castles, museums and historic buildings, while wandering through streets adorned with independent shops.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- entertainment
- food/drink package on 25 March (please ask for details)
- Turkey and Tinsel theme on 11 November
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)



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 and roaring open fires at this charming Victorian hotel. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 25 March | £479 | £449 |
| Mon 27 May | £459 | £429 |
| Mon 8 July | £489 | £459 |
| Mon 19 August | £489 | £459 |
| Sun 13 October | £499 | £469 |
| Mon 11 November | £469 | £439 |
| solo supplement £64 | | |



Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, CHESTER AND CHESHIRE OAKS ————— 5 days

Liverpool, a legendary city in the north west of England, is famous for its maritime history, The Beatles and its cultural heritage. The UNESCO-listed waterfront features the Royal Liver Building and the city hosts museums, galleries and historic landmarks, like the Albert Dock. Its lively music scene and welcoming locals, make it a must-visit destination.

Start the day with a visit to Cheshire Oaks shopping village, home to over 145 boutiques in the UK's largest designer outlet. Also visit the enchanting city of Chester, where you can explore its historic treasures, including the impressive cathedral, the distinctive 'Rows' of shops, and the iconic City Walls.

Embark on a captivating guided coach tour of the area, immersing yourself in the city's history, heritage and architecture. Afterwards, the day is free to explore. Liverpool offers diverse attractions, historic landmarks and fascinating museums, including the maritime museum, where you can discover the compelling 'Titanic and Liverpool: the untold story' exhibition, which explores the city's central role in the Titanic story. Perhaps indulge in a cruise across the Mersey, take a selfie with Cilla near the Cavern Club or The Beatles near the Liver Building or just stroll around the shops.

Step back in time at the nostalgic Bygone Times, a 17th-century cotton mill offering a unique shopping experience with over 500 stalls brimming with antiques, collectibles and yesteryear memorabilia. After this nostalgic journey, head to the coast for an afternoon in the elegant seaside resort of Southport.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- a guided tour
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Liverpool

Atlantic Tower Hotel, Liverpool

This stylish 4-star hotel offers stunning views over the River Mersey and the city's iconic landmarks. It is ideally situated close to Albert Dock, the fantastic Liverpool ONE shopping complex and directly opposite the stunning Royal Liver building. The restaurant and bar serves contemporary British and European cuisine and also has outstanding views over the waterfront. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 15 April | £499 | £469 |
| Mon 10 June | £509 | £479 |
| Mon 29 July | £509 | £479 |
| Mon 9 September | £509 | £479 |
| solo supplement £100 | | |



(c) Alnwick Castle

NEWCASTLE AND ALNWICK ————— 5 days

Newcastle is a dynamic city, which has iconic architecture and many popular sites to discover. The area of England's north east is one of the most beautiful and unexplored regions in the UK, with miles of open countryside, ancient castles and pretty market towns.

An informative guided tour of the Newcastle area is followed by free time to explore the vibrant city of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. With its famous bridges, stunning quayside, castle, quirky shops and riverside cafés, there is so much to see and do in this exciting city.

Journey to the historic town of Alnwick. Enjoy a visit to Alnwick Castle, which featured in the Harry Potter Films, Downton Abbey and The Last Knight. This is a stunning building with fascinating State Rooms and guides in each room to answer any questions. Also included is entry to Alnwick Garden, which is one of the world's most extraordinary contemporary gardens, with its Rose Garden, Serpent Garden, Poison Garden and beautiful Grand Cascade.

Enjoy Northumbria's unspoilt beauty and stunning coastline on this excursion along the North Northumberland Heritage Coast. Visit the wonderful Holy Island of Lindisfarne (tides permitting) with its Priory and castle, the picturesque village of Bamburgh with its spectacular coastal castle and the fishing village of Seahouses.



Newcastle

Maldron Hotel, Newcastle

The Maldron is a 4-star city centre hotel, located in a prime central location with all of this beautiful city's attractions right on it's doorstep. From the bars and restaurants, theatres and museums to St James' Park, home to Newcastle United Football Club. Directly opposite the hotel is Intu Eldon Square. (lift)

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- guided tour of the Newcastle area
- admission to Alnwick Castle and Gardens
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 29 April | £529 | £499 |
| Mon 17 June | £539 | £509 |
| Mon 22 July | £539 | £509 |
| Mon 9 September | £529 | £499 |
| solo supplement £120 | | |



Skegness Pier

SKEGNESS ————— 6 days

Skegness is a popular seaside destination due to its sandy beaches, amusement arcades and family attractions. The iconic “Skegness is so bracing” sign welcomes visitors and the town has a landmark pier and seal sanctuary.

Visit Sandringham Estate, perhaps the most famous stately home in Norfolk. Enjoy exploring the House which has passed through generations of royals since 1862 and remains the private country retreat to King Charles III and Queen Camilla; and where the decor and contents remain very much as they were in Edwardian times.

Explore the magnificent Georgian and Victorian architecture, shop fine local produce at the market and explore the vast array of independent retailers in the picturesque market town of Louth. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in the historic city of Lincoln, with its medieval cathedral, well-preserved castle and charming cobblestone streets.

There are two free days to discover Skegness. Whilst here, perhaps visit the aquarium with mesmerising sea life; walk along the front and enjoy the wonderland of attractions; or relax and watch the world go by in Compass Gardens.

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 | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sun 19 May | £579 | £549 |
| Sun 9 June | £589 | £559 |
| Sun 7 July | £599 | £569 |
| solo supplement NIL | | |



John o' Groats

THURSO AND ORKNEY — 6 days

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. To break the travel time, we have also included an overnight each way.

Enjoy a guided tour of the magical Orkney Islands. See World Heritage sites including the Standing Stones of Stenness and the Ring of Brodgar; plus Scapa Flow, the Churchill Barriers and the Italian Chapel. There will be some free time to explore Kirkwall, the Island's capital.

Start the day with a visit to the Castle of Mey, once the home of the late Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother; and the most northerly inhabited castle in Scotland. Take a tour of the Castle and wander around the unique walled gardens. A stop will be made at John o' Groats before a visit to The North Coast Visitor Centre. Its museum uses a collection of objects to tell the story of the country from about 416 to 359 million years ago to the present day.

Relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel back through Scotland and visit the magnificent Dunrobin Castle and Gardens en-route to the overnight hotel.

Price Includes

- five nights dinner, bed and breakfast (an overnight each way and three nights in Thurso)
- admission to Castle of Mey
- guided tour of Orkney
- admission to the Italian Chapel
- admission to Dunrobin Castle
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Pentland Hotel, Thurso

Located in the heart of Thurso, this refurbished hotel offers comfortable accommodation and a warm welcome. Their restaurant uses only the freshest local Caithness seafood and produce. (no lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Tue 28 May | £789 | £759 |
| solo supplement £85 | | |



Killary Harbour

WESTPORT - THE WILD ATLANTIC COAST ————— 5 days

The colourful and vibrant, Georgian town of Westport has lovely riverside walks, tree-lined streets and pubs that are well known for their music. Based on the west coast of Ireland, the wild Atlantic coast and the dramatic mountains make this a landscape that will impress all year round.

Enjoy a scenic tour through Connemara National Park and enjoy breathtaking views while passing through Doo Lough Valley, to the picturesque village of Leenane. Nestled between majestic mountain ranges and perched at the edge of Ireland's only fjord, Leenane is blessed with some of the finest scenery in the country. Visit Kylemore Abbey, home to a Benedictine order of Nuns for the past 100 years, and a haven of history, beauty and serenity.

Take a short, easy stroll around Cong village on an award-winning walking tour of The Quiet Man film locations, with an expert guide and storyteller. This is a must for Quiet Man film fans. Continue to thriving Galway for time at leisure. Explore the winding medieval streets of the city, colourful shop façades; and immerse yourself in the culture.

Begin the day with a visit to the National Museum of Ireland - Country Life, where Victorian and Contemporary architecture combine. Immerse yourself in the modern exhibition galleries that explore Ireland's rural past and an almost vanished but recent way of life; and take a stroll through the award-winning Victorian gardens. The afternoon is free to explore the Georgian town of Westport.



Westport

Castlecourt Hotel, Westport

A luxurious, 4-star, family-owned and run hotel, in the heart of the friendly and colourful Westport town, close to the shops and attractions. With a bright and stylish restaurant, relaxing spa, newly refurbished swimming pool and elegant bedrooms, you can be assured of a haven to unwind in. Even better than a home away from home! (lift)

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- admission to Kylemore Abbey
- walking tour of The Quiet Man film locations
- visit to the National Museum of Ireland - Country Life
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from Scotland)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sun 24 March | £509 | £539 |
| Sun 23 June | £569 | £599 |
| Sun 25 August | £629 | £659 |
| Mon 28 October | £589 | £619 |
| solo supplement £120 | | |



Old Packhorse Bridge, Carrbridge

MAJESTIC CAIRNGORMS AND ROYAL DEESIDE — 5 days

Visit somewhere unique, memorable and ancient. The region is well-known for its unspoilt beaches, lush farmlands, pretty villages and attractive royal burghs. 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.

Enjoy a scenic tour through the Cairngorms National Park to the popular and thriving village of Braemar. Visit the beautiful Balmoral Castle and Crathie Church, the Scottish home and place of worship of the Royal Family (subject to Royals in residence). Complete the day by visiting the Victorian village of Ballater. There are cosy cafés, speciality shops and many 'By Royal Appointment' signs to see.

Visit the small highland town of Grantown-on-Spey, which has independent shops and beautiful architecture. Some free time in Aviemore, a popular destination with a welcoming atmosphere, surrounded by towering mountains, sparkling lochs and dense forests. Continue to Newtonmore and enjoy a visit to the Highland Folk Museum, Britain's first open air museum. Step back in time and experience life as it was in the Highlands. Explore the buildings and discover how people lived, worked and went to school.

Head to the charming settlement of Fort Augustus, situated on the impressive Caledonian Canal. Enjoy an exhilarating cruise on Loch Ness, taking in the stunning landscape and views of Urquhart Castle, before arriving in the 'Highland Capital of Scotland', Inverness. Admire the castle towering over the city as you wander through the bustling centre.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- admission to Balmoral Castle
- visit to the Highland Folk Museum
- Loch Ness cruise
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Balmoral Castle

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 | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 29 April | £489 | £459 |
| Sun 19 May | £529 | £499 |
| Mon 15 July | £569 | £539 |
| Mon 26 August | £569 | £539 |
| Mon 30 September | £549 | £519 |
| solo supplement £120 | | |



ENGLAND

Durham

DISCOVER DURHAM — 5 days

Located in the northeast of England, the County of Durham is known for its rich history, stunning landscapes and historic sites. During this holiday you can step back in time at the Beamish Museum, tour the scenic Durham Dales and discover the medieval city of Durham.

Discover the captivating city of Durham and explore the ancient winding streets, castle and cathedral. Its picturesque setting along the River Wear and its well-preserved architecture, make it charming and historic. The Market Place is a central hub and features a range of shops.

Relax on a scenic journey through the Durham Dales, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to the market town of Barnard Castle with its popular Wednesday market. On to Bowes Museum, a spectacular French-style château with ornate gardens, which is home to the exquisite Silver Swan.

Step back in time at Beamish Museum, nestling within 300 acres of beautiful countryside, experience life as it would have been during the 1820s, 1900s and 1940s. Visit the stunning manor house and railway, take a tram ride through a real Edwardian market town, visit Home Farm, wander round the Pit Village and take a ride on an old carousel.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- admission to Beamish Open Air Museum
- admission to Bowes Museum
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Redworth Hall Hotel, Redworth

A magnificent Jacobean mansion converted into an opulent 4-star hotel, occupying a parkland covering 150 acres. Its ornately designed rooms, exotic spa, swimming pool and indulgent dining offer relaxation after a tiring day. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 20 May | £559 | £529 |
| Mon 15 July | £579 | £549 |
| solo supplement £120 | | |



SCOTLAND

Bannockburn

ANCIENT STIRLING — 5 days

Dominated by the majestic Stirling Castle, Stirling has played a pivotal role in Scotland's history, including the Battle of Stirling Bridge. It is known for its charming Old Town and majestic castle, which has spectacular views across the city to the famous Wallace Monument.

Visit the pretty little town of Callander before enjoying a scenic tour through the glorious vistas of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, a special place of sweeping landscapes, lochs and mountains. Travel along the 'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond' and take a relaxing cruise on the loch. A stop will be made at Loch Lomond Shores, home to a mix of stores. Enjoy shopping and a cuppa; or take a seat outside and enjoy the views across the loch to Ben Lomond.

Travel to the ancient University and Golf city of St Andrews. With ancient monuments and historical links, boutique shops and coastal walks, there is plenty to see and do. Then enjoy a coastal drive to the picturesque fishing village of Crail and Anstruther, known for its award-winning fish and chips.

Immerse yourself in the award-winning Battle of Bannockburn Experience, where you can learn of this crucial event in Scottish history. Afterwards explore Stirling and its speciality shops and cafés.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Loch Lomond cruise
- tour of the Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre
- three excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

King Robert Hotel, Stirling

A family-run hotel, where you will always find a friendly welcome, situated on the site of the Battle of Bannockburn on the outskirts of Stirling. (no lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 1 July | £469 | £439 |
| Mon 21 October | £439 | £409 |
| solo supplement £60 | | |



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BEAUTIFUL COTSWOLDS – 6 days

This beautiful and picturesque region is known for its stunning natural scenery, charming villages and historic towns. Famous for their rolling hills, lush countryside and distinctive honey-coloured limestone buildings, which are a prominent feature of the architecture in the area.

Discover the charming Cotswolds with its rustic rural charm and picture-perfect villages. See the pretty market towns of Moreton-in-Marsh and Stow-on-the-Wold and the beautiful village of Broadway.

Visit the picturesque town of Tewkesbury on market day. With a rich, vibrant history and beautiful waterside setting, there is plenty to see. Perhaps, visit the Abbey or relax on a boat trip. Also visit Cheltenham, a charming spa town on the edge of the Cotswolds, filled with historic architecture.

Spend the morning in Burford, known for its antique shopping, medieval almshouses, impressive church and three-arched medieval bridge. Afterwards, visit the fabulous Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

Pass Anne Hathaway's Cottage and then experience Stratford-upon-Avon, a town synonymous with William Shakespeare.

Price Includes

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

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 | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sun 2 June | £689 | £659 |
| Sun 4 August | £679 | £649 |
| Sun 1 September | £679 | £649 |
| solo supplement £200 | | |



Falls of Dochart

TASTE OF PERTSHIRE – 5 days

Often referred to as the 'Fair City', Perth has a rich history dating back over 800 years. It was once the capital of Scotland and played a significant role in the country, being where Kings and Queens were crowned.

Full day to explore the vibrant city of Dundee, home to the V&A Museum. Visit Discovery Point and RRS Discovery; climb aboard and experience life in the Antarctic with Captain Scott and his crew, see how they lived and what they ate; witness the hardships and triumphs of their expedition.

Tour through the lovely landscapes and lochs of the region. Begin by heading towards Kenmore and journey along the shores of Loch Tay to arrive in Killen. See the beautiful Falls of Dochart and continue to Glenturret, Scotland's oldest working distillery. Crafted entirely by hand since 1763 in exclusive small batches, their single malt is defined by its outstanding quality and exquisite taste. Finish with a dram.

Day at leisure in Perth. Perhaps visit St. John's Kirk, a prominent feature of Perth's skyline.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- entertainment
- Turkey and Tinsel theme on 4 November
- admission to Discovery Point and RRS Discovery
- admission to Glenturret Distillery
- two excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Salutation Hotel, Perth

Extremely well situated in the heart of the historic city, a warm and friendly welcome awaits. The hotel offers traditional hospitality with modern comforts. Relax in the cosy bar, where warm décor complements the hotel's original features. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 19 August | £579 | £549 |
| Mon 4 November | £429 | £399 |
| solo supplement £64 | | |



Calanais Standing Stones

HEBRIDEAN EXPERIENCE ————— 8 days

Marvel at the striking mix of spectacular landscapes that the Outer Hebrides has to offer, alongside the white pristine beaches, turquoise waters and Gaelic culture. This amazing tour weaves its way along the spine of the islands.

Day 1: Travel to Scotland's central belt for an overnight stay.

Day 2: Head north into the highlands, seeing some beautiful scenery along the way. Arrive in Ullapool for one night.

Day 3: Take the ferry from Ullapool to the Isle of Lewis. Explore Stornoway town, perhaps visit the harbour or Lews Castle, before arriving at the Cabarfeidh Hotel.

Day 4: Discover this stunning island with a local tour guide. See the Calanais Standing Stones, the historic Broch of Carloway and the Gearrannan Blackhouse Village, traditional thatched croft houses.

Day 5: The Isle of Harris beckons with its ever-changing kaleidoscope of striking landscapes. Visit Tarbert, home to the Harris Tweed Shop and travel via stunning coastal beaches before taking the ferry to Benbecula.

Day 6: Discover the Isle of Benbecula and Uist, home to 'Our Lady of the Isles', a 30ft statue. You may like to call in at the Kildonan Museum for an insight into island life.

Day 7: Take the ferry to the Isle of Skye. Journey through the magnificent scenery of the 'Magical Isle' before arriving on to the mainland for the final night stay.

Day 8: A relaxing journey home through Scottish scenery.

Price Includes —————

- seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- admission to the Gearrannan Blackhouse Village
- tour guide on the Isle of Lewis
- touring itinerary as above
- coach travel
- all ferry fares



Stornoway Harbour

Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis —————

A 4-star hotel situated in the beautiful town of Stornoway in a quiet location, close to the town centre and golf course. Luxurious, modern accommodation awaits to provide a truly enjoyable visit. Relax in comfort and enjoy fresh food, beautifully prepared in the excellent restaurant. (lift)

Dark Island Hotel, Liniclate, Isle of Benbecula —————

Set just 400 yards from the most stunning beach on the island, a warm and friendly welcome awaits. On a summer evening, take a stroll along the machair tracks and listen out for corncrakes, oystercatchers and lapwings calling from the vibrant patchwork of machair cornfield. (no lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 5 August | £1279 | £1249 |
| solo supplement £171 | | |



TREASURES OF NORTH WALES AND LLANDUDNO — 5 days

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

Journey to Anglesey, a beautiful island in Wales, renowned for its stunning landscapes, historic sites, and vibrant culture. Visit the famous small town with the big name, often shortened to Llanfair PG, where the railway station serves as a popular spot for capturing photos beside the sign. Immerse yourself in the charm of Beaumaris before continuing to the royal town of Caernarfon. Discover its impressive castle and picturesque streets before a final stop in Conwy, known for its well-preserved medieval architecture and striking views.

Explore the delightful village of Betws-y-Coed, which exudes a distinctly Alpine ambiance and browse the independent shops. Next, venture into the heart of Snowdonia National Park to the lovely village of Llanberis and enjoy a leisurely narrow gauge steam train ride on the Llanberis Lake Railway, the perfect way to savour the grandeur of Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales.

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
- special bar offer on 18 March (please ask for details)
- Turkey and Tinsel theme on 21 October
- Llanberis Lake Railway journey
- two excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)



Evans Hotel, Llandudno

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

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 18 March | £419 | £389 |
| Mon 6 May | £479 | £449 |
| Sun 23 June | £509 | £479 |
| Mon 22 July | £509 | £479 |
| Mon 26 August | £509 | £479 |
| Sun 22 September | £509 | £479 |
| Mon 21 October | £449 | £419 |
| solo supplement £20 | | |



ENGLAND

BLACKPOOL — 5 days

Located on the north west coast of England, the coastal resort of Blackpool is a popular tourist destination, known for its iconic tower, sandy beaches, amusement parks and vibrant entertainment scene.

Southport epitomizes a charming coastal retreat, boasting picturesque tearooms, a tree-lined Victorian boulevard, the nation's oldest iron pier and an array of unique delights. Return via Bygone Times, a 17th-century mill transformed into a distinctive shopping destination featuring over 500 stalls with antiques, collectibles and nostalgic memorabilia.

Bury Market is award-winning, boasting an unparalleled array of products and top-notch facilities. Noteworthy is the architecturally striking Market Hall, distinguished by its captivating 'bird-wing' roof. As night falls, our coach will guide you through the renowned Blackpool Illuminations.

The Tower, piers and trams stand as iconic symbols of Blackpool. Along the lively Golden Mile, there's something to captivate everyone's interest. Enjoy a leisurely day, perhaps consider a tram ride or stroll along the beach.

Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- entertainment
- two excursions
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Carousel Hotel, Blackpool

A modern hotel with a fantastic, prime location on Blackpool's South Promenade. With stunning sea views and within walking distance of the many attractions, exceptional experience and dedicated family friendly service, it really is one of the resort's best places to stay. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 2 September | £459 | £429 |
| Mon 23 September | £459 | £429 |
| Mon 14 October | £449 | £419 |
| solo supplement £72 | | |
| view supplement £22 per room per night | | |



ENGLAND

KNITTING & STITCHING — 4 days

Based in the beautiful spa town of Harrogate, a ticket to the popular Knitting and Stitching Show is included. These shows remain the best textile and craft shows in the market, bringing a community of creative people together. This year, we have two hotels to choose from!

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. Meet up with like-minded crafters, discuss ideas, learn new skills and shop for your craft supplies, all under one roof.

Free day to spend in Harrogate, with its tree lined gardens, parks, great shopping in the exclusive Montpelier Quarter and lovely tearooms. Perhaps visit the famous Betty's, where afternoon tea would be a perfect treat.

Price Includes

- three nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- mini afternoon tea with glass of fizz (Cairn Hotel only)
- entry to the Knitting and Stitching Show
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Cairn Hotel, 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)

Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate

A 4-star hotel offering exceptional accommodation, overlooking 200 acres of pristine parkland. The property has modern facilities and is just a short stroll away from some of the must-visit attractions in the town centre. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Fri 22 November | £419 | £389 |
| solo supplement £60 | | |



CHRISTMAS ————— 5 days

Leave the cooking and cleaning behind, take the stress out of Christmas Day, meet friends old and new and join us for a relaxing holiday in beautiful Perthshire.

Our base is the 'Fair City' of Perth, an elegant, compact city set on the banks of the River Tay. Whilst here, you may like to visit the Black Watch Castle and Museum or St John's Kirk.

A half day to the charming, Victorian town of Pitlochry is included. Known for its picturesque surroundings and quirky shops, it has a traditional Scottish feel in its architecture. The town is adorned with stone-built houses and quaint cottages that add to its character.



Price Includes

- four nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- festive programme (details to be confirmed)
- half day excursion
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Salutation Hotel, Perth

Extremely well situated in the heart of the historic city, a warm and friendly welcome awaits. The hotel offers traditional hospitality with modern comforts. Relax in the cosy bar, where warm décor compliments the hotel's original features. (lift)

| Departure Dates | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 23 December | £659 | £629 |
| solo supplement £64 | | |

HOGMANAY ————— 4 days

Celebrate the New Year in Scotland surrounded by magnificent Highland grandeur! We are once again operating this ever-popular holiday based in the beautiful Scottish Highlands.

Nestled within the Cairngorms National Park, is the charming and picturesque village of Newtonmore, which offers a tranquil escape for those seeking natural beauty. It is known for its welcoming community and traditional Scottish culture. The village was the setting for the popular TV series Monarch of the Glen.

Sit back and enjoy a scenic journey with views of the magnificent Cairngorm Mountains before spending some time in Inverness, set on the banks of River Ness. Enjoy a stroll along the river or grab some bargains in the sales.

Newtonmore hosts an impressive Hogmanay celebration, with a torch parade, bagpipes and fireworks starting from the Balavil. The tipple of choice at this event is usually Stags Breath whisky liqueur, washed down nicely with some Walkers shortbread! *Note: This is an event organised by local council/volunteers. We cannot accept responsibility if their itinerary is amended in any way or the event is cancelled.*

Price Includes

- three nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- festive programme (details to be confirmed)
- half day excursion
- coach travel
- ferry fare (from N Ireland)

Balavil Hotel, Newtonmore

Ideally situated on the main street of Newtonmore, this family run hotel offers a warm and personal welcome, stylish accommodation, varied menus 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 | from N Ireland | from Scotland |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mon 30 December | £549 | £519 |
| solo supplement £75 | | |

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| 9 June | Skegness | 14 |
| 10 June | Liverpool | 12 |
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| 23 June | Westport | 15 |
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BCH ABTOT TRADING CHARTER AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

1. Financial Protection Your contract is with Dodds of Troon (trading as Dodds Coach Holidays) 4 East Road, Ayr, KA8 9BA. When you book a holiday with us, which does not include a flight, the money you pay for the booking will be protected by Bonded Coach Holidays (BCH) and the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), this is a Government approved consumer protection scheme. The scheme will also ensure your repatriation in the event the company becomes insolvent. Our Trading Charter and Booking Conditions set out clearly and simply the responsibility you have to us and in turn, you have with us, when a contract is made. Please see the Consumer Guarantee at <https://www.abttot.org/bch-abttot-members-directory/> There is no financial protection if you purchase just transport or accommodation-only from us. We fully comply with the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. The combination of travel services offered to you is a package holiday within the meaning of the Regulations. Therefore, you will benefit from all rights applying to package holidays. Dodds of Troon will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the holiday and providing assistance if you are in difficulty. Your key rights will be in the details of the tour which will be provided prior to booking.

2. Booking and Payment When a booking is made, the 'lead name' on the booking guarantees that he or she is 18 or over and has the authority and accepts on behalf of the party the terms of these booking conditions and pays the deposit indicated in the brochure and as confirmed in the pre-contract information. After we receive your booking and all appropriate payments, if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will send you or your booking agent a confirmation invoice within 14 days. This confirmation will include all special requests we have accepted. All monies paid to your booking agent are held by them on your behalf until we issue our confirmation invoice, thereafter your booking agent holds the money on our behalf. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the 'lead name' or your booking agent. Please check the confirmation carefully to ensure all the information is correct. This contract is governed by Scottish Law, and the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts.

Single occupancy of rooms, when available, may be subject to a supplementary charge and these will be shown in the brochure. You can book by paying a deposit for each person named on the booking, but our commitment is always conditional upon the balance being paid as below.
Deposit £30 per person.

The balance of the price of your holiday must be paid at least 28 days before your departure. If you book within our balance due period, you will need to pay the total holiday cost at the time of booking. If the balance is not paid in time, we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain your deposit, and apply the cancellation charges set out in the paragraph below. The date of cancellation will normally be the date we receive your written confirmation that you intend to cancel or 15 days after the balance due date, whichever comes first. 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 priced, regretfully 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 2023.

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 - 15 days | £15 |
| 14 - 8 days | £20 |
| 7 - 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 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 full 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 will terminate the contract 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 are any 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 price of the holiday, including the cost of any reasonable and amendable expenses. 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 have been 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. If it is a serious complaint 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 7th Floor, 69 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 2BG.

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 us to put things in 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 requirements 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, a trancer 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 stop 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 of passport requirements, please contact 'the identity and passport service' on 0300 222 0000 (www.direct.gov)

In relation to holidays in the European Union or a requirement to travel through an EU Member State, you are responsible to ensure that you have any necessary entry documents as required by the EU. We cannot accept any liability for the consequences of your failure to do so.

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 before or after booking, please 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 a bodied companion or carer and with 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 unsuitably affected by the use of drugs or alcohol or 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 www.doddsfortroon.com or you can request a copy from any of our offices (4 East Road, Ayr, KA8 9BA or 24 Central Avenue, Gretna, DG16 5AS).

21. Emergency Contact Our emergency contact details are Tel: 01292 288100
Email: info@doddsfortroon.com

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