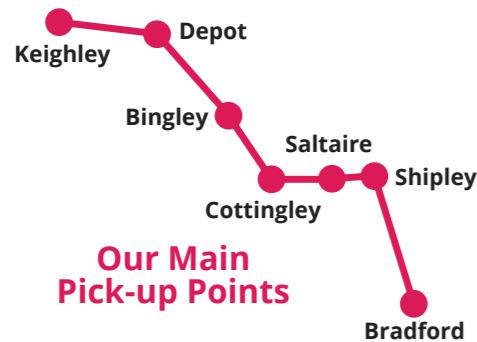


Pick Up Run



Please note the time advised for pick up on our day excursions or holidays may not always match what you see in our brochures.

Your time depends upon where you are joining the tour, and whether it travels Keighley to Bradford (usually tours heading south) or Bradford to Keighley (usually tours heading north).

Our pick up run is timed to take 45 minutes, and so the run Keighley to Bradford is a B CODE as pick ups take place starting 45 minutes BEFORE BRADFORD, and a Bradford to Keighley is an A CODE as pick ups take place during the next 45 minutes AFTER BRADFORD.

Hence, the depart time for day excursions and holidays in our brochures is ALWAYS THE PICK UP TIME FOR BRADFORD, Nelson Street, followed by the depart code.

The time on the tickets is the calculated depart time from each pick up point.

Also the time and pick up point on your ticket is a direct copy of what is shown on our drivers pick up list, so if it not as you requested, please contact the office in plenty of time before your trip so we can amend all our paperwork.

We have been complemented on many occasions that once on our coach you are quickly on your way without waiting for feeder coaches, or trailing around picking up and dropping off. We like to think our 45 minute pick up/drop off run offers convenient points for access to bus and train services, and we offer free car parking at our premises if preferred.

Joining At Our Depot.

We often receive phone calls asking for us to book a car parking space when joining at our depot. If you are joining at the depot WE ASSUME you will be parking a car here and account for this in our depot parking plans. The time given on your ticket is the depart time, so please arrive 10 - 15 minutes prior and we can get you parked up. Sometimes it will be necessary to ask you to wait in your car as we do not have room in our office for everyone to wait in there.

Nelson Street, Bradford.

During the chaos of building and roadworks in Bradford City Centre we do realise that our pick up point in Nelson Street opposite the Police Station is not ideal. We have considered changing our pick up point, but until all the re developments have been finalised we have decided to wait until it is clear what our best option will be.

Patience hopefully will be a virtue!

Mobile Numbers and Email Address

If you have a mobile phone number it would be helpful if you wouldn't mind us having a note of it. Land line phone numbers are fine provided you are at home, and not on one of our trips. It becomes very useful if you are delayed (or if we are) getting to a pick up point, we can make contact with each other. Plus if you are missing during a trip, again we can make contact and perhaps provide peace of mind.

Following on from last years re-organising of services it has made us think that perhaps we need to reduce our reliance on the postal service, especially for sending out tickets and receipts. So, if you have an email address and wish us to send tickets this way please advise us.

Brochures and final confirmations with labels will always be sent by post, as we know from comments received, a paper copy is always preferred for browsing, standing a cup of coffee on etc.

Office Hours for Enquires and Bookings

Please note from 1st January 2025 our office opening hours will change to Monday to Friday 09.00 to 15.00 H, and although our coaches operate at weekends, the office is closed on a Saturday and Sunday. Outside of these opening hours you can leave a message on our answer machine, and we will contact you on our next working day.



J.A.K. Travel Ltd

Travel Club News

January 2025

Welcome to our latest newsletter, with snippets about up and coming holiday tours and day excursions, plus there is information to help understand how we operate such trips, and news of a tour amendment, (in this case Kynren in August).

We hope you are all fit and well, and looking forward to getting out and about meeting old friends and perhaps making new ones. As always we try to provide a variety of locations and types of trips in order to stimulate, educate and amuse. With a greater awareness of the importance of mental health, we like to think we are at least doing our little bit to help improve that mental health - it is good to get out in the fresh air, and talk to people!

It is not only mental health that can be improved. In a recent Confederation of Passenger Transport survey it has been found the coach tourism industry contributes £8.3 billion annually to local economies, and employs directly 54 thousand people, and a further 27,000 jobs in the supply chain. One coach carrying 49 passengers arriving every day for a year, could add around £1m into a local economy. So by travelling with JAK you are a part of that to keep the country going and keeping people like myself and our drivers off the streets!

We hope you like what we currently have advertised, and also like the next Day Excursion programme (July to October 2025) included with this newsletter. Also included is our Festive Tour programme for 2025. If you require another copy of our current publications, then please call the office by phone - we will be glad to post one, or call in the office in person, or look at our website (www.jaktravel.co.uk) for an online version.

Plans for the 2026 Holiday Tour are currently underway, with a theme of Royal Connections - what will be included? You will have to wait and see. We hope to publish by the end of September along with the next Day Excursion Programme (November 2025 - June 2026). The merry go round never stops, and the dizziness caused explains why we never know what year, month, day or time it is!

As always, we look forward to seeing you travelling with us, whether you are one of our many regular travelling friends, or someone we have yet to meet.

Bon Voyage.



Thank you for your Christmas Cards and Gifts!



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Day Excursions

By the time you read this newsletter we hope you will have enjoyed some of the early shorter excursions going north, east, south and west to help us appreciate what lovely scenery surrounds where we live.

As the year moves on, so does our distance and range of excursions – many with included admissions and meals as well. Some excursions are perennial favourites, and some places we have not visited for quite some time, for example the Spalding Flower Parade in May. An event only recently revived and received many plaudits.

Those of you who are National Trust and English Heritage members enjoy a discounted rate when we visit the grand houses such as Benningborough, Calke Abbey, Speke

Hall, Brodsworth Hall and Bolsover Castle – other grand houses are visited like Raby Castle and Arley Hall but they are privately owned, with Arley celebrating its 30th anniversary of its renowned Garden Festival.

With this newsletter are the Day Excursions for the summer to autumn (July to October 2025), where for the gardeners, we have included a number of popular gardens like Burnby Hall Gardens when the amazing water lilies should be blooming, the Walled Garden at Helmsley, and the glorious Harrogate Autumn Flower show being held in the stunning gardens of Newby Hall.

We have also included some places we have not visited for a number of years like picturesque Castleton in

Derbyshire, Castle Bolton in North Yorkshire – (also surrounded with wonderful scenery), Mount Grace Priory, and Althorp Hall former home of Princess Diana.

Excursions with transport prove popular and we have re booked the fascinating Liverpool Bay Cruise, a ride on the historic Anderton Boat Lift, and a ride on part of the scenic Settle to Carlisle Railway. A new excursion is to Manchester Airport Visitors Centre to see the coming and going of the planes, and we have added the nearby historic Quarry Bank Mill at Styal as an alternative that day – a his and hers day out?

Other old favourites are included for the summer, with straight forward trips to the coast to take in the sea air, bargain hunting at markets, and the opportunity for some tasty meals included in your day out.

Holidays



This year, as planning got underway it occurred to us that we had introduced a theme. The result was the brochure being entitled “The Isles Tours”.

Some Isles may be obvious with tours to the Isle of Man and Isle of Wight, but some be less so, if you include Lindesfarne and St Michaels Mount, which are islands some of the time depending upon the tides.

Those of you who love the Scottish Isles will not be disappointed as we visit Bute, Mull, Skye, Iona, and the Isle of Arran – both Scottish and Irish islands of the same name!! (but spelt slightly differently).

Not to ignore Wales, a definite island is Angelsey, from where we will board our boat to view Puffin Island on our tour based at Llandudno.

From Lofty Heights to Isle of Wight also stays on Hayling Island, and on Ayrshire Island Duet there is a tenuous link with a visit to Dumfries House, which is sponsored by King Charles III, who has the title Lord of the Isles.

That list may not be exhaustive, and I'm sure there will be other Isles or links to Isles I have missed.

Not all the tours have Isles links. We have put back in what have been popular destinations, but

have refreshed or tweaked the itineraries from comments received from previous years tours. Tours to Torquay, Cornwall, Northumberland and the Gower all fit into that category.

As always we know that tours that feature either a boat or train journey prove popular. A new visit for us is to the Medway in Kent aboard the Kentish Lady, which also includes a lunch. This tour is called Kents Castles, Ships and Midwives also visits the sets (with a guided tour) used in the popular TV series “Call the Midwife”.

If you take note how many islands in Scotland we are due to visit, then CalMac ferries will be very familiar to us by the end of the year !

As well as boats, we take a hovercraft to the Isle of Wight – complete with a chat with the pilot about how it all works. We travel by more traditional means on Ullswater as part of The Lakes- Scenic Boats and Trains Tour, and take four boat trips all down one river – The Thames as part of the Thames Tales Tour.

For those who enjoy a train ride either for the scenery, or nostalgia if it is a steam engine pulling the train, then you should not be disappointed with what this years tours are offering, with tours to the highland railways of Scotland, the Settle – Carlisle line, and the Isle of Man Steam Railway, plus the preserved lines of the Severn Valley and Mid Norfolk Railway.

With many of the tour itineraries we try to include some well known attractions for example Stonehenge

and Hadrians Wall, and then also add some more lesser known local attractions like a donkey sanctuary, a model village, a gin distillery, and a Tile Museum. The latter was visited a few years ago almost as an after thought, but from the positive comments we received we've decided it needs a return visit.

As well as visits to stately homes and gardens – some better known than others – ranging from the well known Alnwick Castle and Gardens, Eden Project and Longleat to perhaps lesser known, but still impressive Aberglasney, Inverewe Gardens, and Houghton Hall. This is not the entire list just a sample.

Perhaps the one tour that is a rarity for us, (as we have not undertaken any musical theatre for a number of years) has to be ABBA Voyage. The show receives rave reviews from all who see it, and so as we received an offer of tickets, it seemed too good an opportunity not put it in this brochure.

Included with this newsletter are the new Christmas Season Tours for later in the year which we hope you will like, some regular favourites and some new, with the Christmas Tour going to Scotland, and the New Year Tour going to North Wales, both to hotels we know well, and where there will be a warm welcome.

We hope we have organised a good variety of tours with a broad appeal, and please note many of the tours already include admissions in their price. If you have a query or are not sure about anything please contact the office on 01274-566200.

In photo's...

Photos courtesy of Barry & Jill



Part of our fleet



Long haul to Land's End



A visit to Wensleydale Creamery

Did anybody notice?



Before...



...during...



...and after.

Tour Date Amendment



A Journey Through History and Spectacular Kynren

***New Date* Friday 29th – Sunday 31st August 2025**

Itinerary, hotel, price all still as per brochure on P29.

Since we published our latest brochure in October 2024, the hotel have advised us that the original date of the weekend of 22nd August 2025 has now been designated “Rugby

League Magic Weekend” which takes place at St James Park, Newcastle, and that the hotel would be full of rugby supporters for that very popular event, and therefore potentially boisterous for our passengers.

We therefore took the option offered to move the tour to the following potentially quieter weekend of Friday 29th – Sunday 31st August.

Thank you for your understanding of this decision.

General Data Protection:

If you no longer wish to be contacted by ourselves or remain on our database please contact the Office on 01274 566200 and we can sort that out for you.

Lost Your Brochure?

Mislaid? Lent to a friend and not returned? Eaten by the dog? No worries, just give us a call and we'll happily send you another, or, if you have internet access, have a look on our website www.jaktravel.co.uk and there is a copy there.