

# J.A.K. Travel Ltd

## Seasonal Tours 2023



Belvoir Castle dressed for Christmas

*Christmas &  
New Year*

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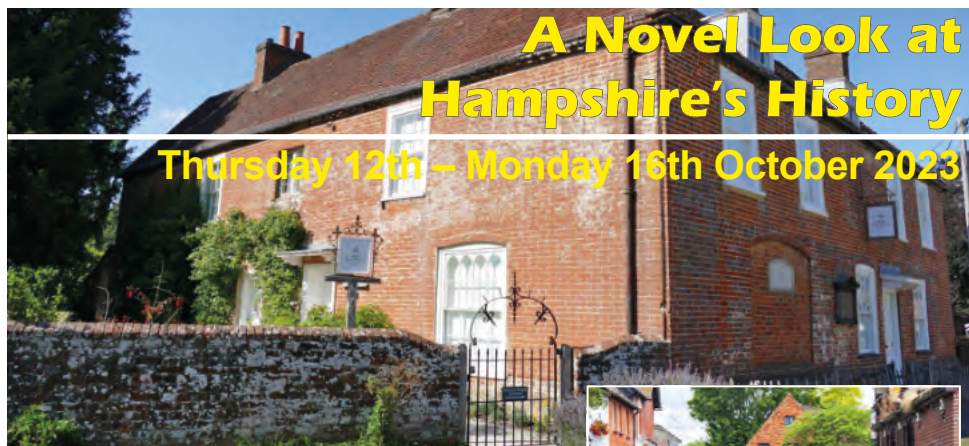
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## A Novel Look at Hampshire's History

Thursday 12th – Monday 16th October 2023



**Thursday** Departing Bradford at 08.00 we travel, with a stop en route, to **Stratford-upon-Avon**, famous for its connection to William Shakespeare, but has so much more with its attractive shops and riverside walks.

**Friday** We spend the morning at **The Vyne**, a one-time gem in the Tudor crown visited by Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, and turned into a 17th century family home. The house contains a pre-reformation chapel, Oak Gallery and tapestry room. Outside there are acres of rich gardens and woodlands to explore. In the afternoon we enjoy a **guided tour** of the **Sapphire Bombay Distillery**, before enjoying a tailor made drink.

**Saturday** We start the day with a visit to **Winchester**, once the capital of England. It is home to a magnificent cathedral and a wide range of shopping outlets. The Great Hall contains a 13th Century medieval replica of King Arthurs Round Table. We then enjoy a one-way journey on the **Mid Hants Railway**, known as the Watercress Line, taking in the scenery of the edge of the North Downs. Next we visit **Jane Austen's House Museum**, where she spent the last 8 years of her life in this now Grade I listed building. Here you get a sense of how she lived from the many personal items on display.

**Sunday** We visit **Uppark House and Garden**, a tranquil 17th century house set in intimate gardens and woodland. Filled with purchases from the Grand Tour, the Georgian interiors illustrate the comforts of life upstairs. Here the young HG Wells convalesced and the library has works by philosophers such as Plato, Voltaire and Thomas Paine.

**Monday** We journey home with stops en route as required, including **Banbury** with its connection to the 'Fine Lady on a White Horse' nursery rhyme, arriving home early evening.

### The Hotel



The Hampshire Court Hotel and Spa is a 4 star hotel situated on the fringes of Basingstoke. Bedrooms are designed for comfort and are well equipped. The award winning restaurant likes to use seasonal produce in its fine meals, and there is a Brasserie Bar in which to relax. The Spa and Wellness centre

contains two indoor pools, and treatments are available to be booked (extra charges apply). There is free WiFi and the hotel has a lift.

Hotel: Hampshire Court Hotel & Spa, Centre Drive, Chineham, Basingstoke, RG24 8FY.  
Telephone: 01256 319 700

### This 3 day tour includes:

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

### Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 495.00
Single	
(All Doubles for sole use)	£ 605.00
<b>National Trust Reduction</b>	<b>- £ 25.00</b>

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## Chatsworth House & Belvoir Castle Dressed for Christmas

Sunday 19th – Tuesday 21st November 2023

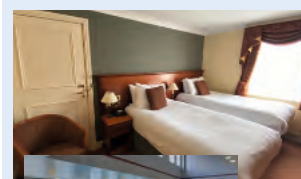


**Sunday** Departing Bradford at 09.00 we travel, with a stop en route, to **Chatsworth House** with its beautifully themed decorated rooms for you to enjoy, together with the extensive Christmas Market which will be in full swing. There is a tremendous range of chalets in the market with seasonal gifts and local produce to buy. In addition there is Chatsworth House's own gift shop, cafes and restaurants to enjoy as well as walks round the extensive grounds.

**Monday** We visit **Belvoir Castle**, the ancestral home of the Duke of Rutland, with the first castle built on the site by William the Conquerors standard bearer at the Battle of Hastings. Here you can enjoy lavishly decorated Christmas rooms by award winning designers and attractive gardens. The Engine Yard shops are where artisan shopping and local country food is celebrated.

**Tuesday** We start with a visit to **Nottingham**, once the centre of a thriving lace making industry, now remembered in the Lace Market area. There is a range of shopping available including the Riverside Retail Park and the Victoria Indoor Shopping Centre. From here we travel home arriving early evening.

### The Hotel



The hotel is ideally located just minutes from Junction 24 of the M1, and offers both four star facilities and service in the comfort of this modern and well equipped hotel. Many bed rooms have been refurbished, and Marco's Restaurant serves a menu with a New York/ Italian influence. The Spa offers a pool for a relaxing swim, a spa pool, a beautifully appointed steam cabin together with a sauna. The hotel has a lift.

Hotel: Best Western Premier, Yew Lodge Hotel, Packington Hill, Kegworth, Derbys DE74 2DF  
Telephone: 01509 672 518

### This 3 day tour includes:

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

### Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 289.00
Single (Limited)	£ 369.00

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## Longleat House & Bath Christmas Market

Friday 24th – Sunday 26th November 2023

**Friday** Departing Bradford at 9.30, we travel with a stop en route to **Evesham Shopping Village** with its 25 shops, 4 eateries and a fabulous garden centre, before continuing onto our hotel located in Bristol centre.

**Saturday** We visit **Longleat House**, home of the Marquess of Bath, for its **Festival of Light**. Beautifully dressed for Christmas with traditional decorations and numerous Christmas trees, including a show stopper in the Great Hall. Outside there is the famous 20 metre tall singing Christmas Tree which entertains you with your favourite carols, as well as spectacular displays of light and 3D projections in the Stable Yard.

**Sunday** We visit **Bath**, a magnificent city famed for its Georgian buildings, Roman Baths and stunning Abbey. Here, the **Christmas Market**, situated in city centre has over 170 chalets with a range of local artisan products as well as from farther afield. These include seasonal gifts, food and drink, and handcrafted jewellery. From here we travel home, with stops on the way, arriving home mid evening.

### The Hotel



Discover the city and relax in 4-star comfort at Novotel Bristol Centre hotel. The relaxed rooms come with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and they also include tea and coffee making facilities. The modern Gourmet Bar & Restaurant will offer you classic dishes with a twist, whilst a sauna and steam room will help you unwind. The hotel is 15-minute stroll

from the thriving Harbourside area and just 10-minutes from the Cabot Circus Shopping Centre, Novotel Bristol is ideally located for sightseeing guests. The hotel has a lift.

Hotel: Novotel Bristol City Centre, Victoria Street, Bristol BS1 6HY Telephone: 0117 976 9988

### This 3 day tour includes:

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

### Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 300.00
Single	£ 380.00

Depart Code B

## Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th November 2023



**Monday** Departing Bradford at 9.30 we travel, with a stop en route to **Baytree Garden Centre**, the UK's largest independent garden centre with 16 acres of retail therapy. As well as lots of gardening items, there is an art gallery and shop, clothing and accessories, books, home ware, and small animal centre. Plus a licensed restaurant and coffee lounge.

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

**Wednesday** After a leisurely start, we travel to picturesque **Oakham**, the county town of Rutland, England's smallest county. Here, there is quaint shops set amongst historic streets, with a selection of cafes to enjoy. We arrive home mid evening.

### The Hotel



The QHotels Dunston Hall is an imposing red brick country house hotel set in 150 acres of beautiful wooded Norfolk parkland. It has restaurants and bars as well as a Spa and Leisure club with swimming pool, sauna, steam room, spa treatments and work out facilities.

The stylishly decorated rooms at Dunston Hall are a treat. Some retain period features and all are extremely comfortable. All rooms include Satellite TV with Pay TV and Movies, Direct Dial telephone, Hairdryer, Sky TV, Tea / Coffee making facility, Irons and ironing boards, En-suite bathrooms.

Hotel: Dunston Hall Hotel, Ipswich Road, Norwich NR14 8PQ. Telephone: 01508 470444

### This 3 day tour includes:

- A full itinerary with visits and tours as described above
- Tickets for the Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast

### Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 319.00
Single	£ 379.00

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# Edinburgh Christmas Market & Dumfries House

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd December 2023



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

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

**Sunday** We visit **Dumfries House**, whose restoration was a project close to the heart of King Charles III and is a 2,000 acre estate and 18th century Palladian country house. The house, one of the few such houses with much of its original 18th century furniture still present including specially commissioned Chippendale pieces. The house will be decked out with thousands of lights and baubles, using sustainable materials like glass and paper inspired by the Kings eco-conscious vision. From here, we travel home with a stop en-route arriving mid evening.

## The Hotel



The hotel is traditionally styled, (formally part of a 19th-century convent), situated in a peaceful secluded location just four miles east of Edinburgh Centre. It has 100 warmly decorated bedrooms which feature complimentary Wi-Fi and flat-screens. It is a three

star hotel with a contemporary restaurant, and relaxing bar. The hotel has a 20m swimming pool, sauna and steam room. The hotel has a lift.

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

## This 3 day tour includes:

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

## Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 299.00
Single (Limited)	£ 369.00

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# Blenheim Palace and Waddesdon Manor Dressed for Christmas

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th December 2023

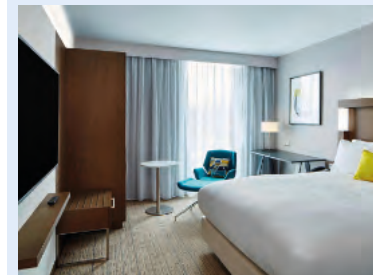


**Friday** Departing Bradford at 09.30 we travel, with a stop en route, to **Oxford**, famously described as 'the city of dreaming spires', after the stunning architecture of the university buildings. Other buildings of note are the Bodleian Library and the Ashmolean Museum. There are a variety of shopping opportunities available including the Covered Market packed with independent shops, cafes and stalls, whilst elsewhere the labyrinth of streets and walkways feature quirky boutiques, antique stalls and markets.

**Saturday** We visit **Waddesdon**, a 19th century house built by a member of the Rothschild family as a French styled chateau, whilst outside is one of the finest Victorian Gardens in Britain. The interior, as you would expect, is the highest quality French decorative arts displayed alongside magnificent English portraits and Dutch Masters. For Christmas, there are festive displays, sparkling trees and sumptuous decorations inspired by the Manor's many treasures. The Christmas Fair is situated against the backdrop of the floodlit North Front of the Manor with its 20 foot Christmas trees. Here you can soak up the sights, smells and sounds of the stalls in wooden chalets, selling food and gifts surrounded by twinkling trees.

**Sunday** **Blenheim Palace**, the home of the Duke's of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill puts on an exceptional display for Christmas. The house is a trail of sumptuously decorated rooms which enhance the already magnificent interiors. Outside there is a Market with a wide selection of food, crafts and gifts, as well as walks in the garden.

## The Hotel



The Courtyard Hotel is a modern, comfortable hotel, situated near the village of Milton. The hotel has 170 spacious guest rooms, with free Wi-Fi, HDTV, plush bedding and walk in showers. The Oxen Restaurant is the signature restaurant with open kitchen and urban lounge bar. There is a lift to all floors.

Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott, Oxford South, Milton Gate, Abingdon, OX4 4FP. Telephone: 01865 671 480

## This 3 day tour includes:

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

## Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 295.00
Single (Limited)	£ 385.00

**National Trust Reduction** £ TBC

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# Castle Howard & Burton Agnes Hall at Christmas – Scarborough and York



**Tuesday** Departing Bradford at 09.30, we head for **Castle Howard** to see this wonderful house dressed resplendently for Christmas. The house will be adorned by the Howard family's decorations and traditional fresh foliage, with many rooms lit by flickering candles and cosy fires. Mid afternoon we travel to Scarborough and our hotel to enjoy mince pie, tea/coffee on arrival to get you in a festive mood..

**Wednesday** Today we make a morning visit to view the Christmas decorations at **Burton Agnes Hall**, where the stunning Elizabethan house has a reputation for its fine traditional natural decorations. The afternoon will be free to explore **Scarborough** at your leisure.

**Thursday** We start the journey home with a visit to the historic city of **York**, which in addition to the usual attractions hosts the ever popular **St Nicholas Christmas Market**, with its wide selection of food, drinks and gifts for you to explore and enjoy. We return home early evening.

## The Hotel



The Red Lea Hotel is situated on Scarborough's picturesque South Cliff. It is a family-run hotel with 66 en-suite rooms, with TVs and free Wi-Fi, plus tea and coffee making

facilities. Many rooms have sea views. There are comfortable lounges, an elegant restaurant and lift access to all upper floors. Other amenities include a bar offering live entertainment, a lounge with garden views, and a heated indoor pool. Our visit is part of the 'Turkey and Tinsel' season at the Red Lea – so Wednesday is Christmas Day!

Hotel: Red Lea Hotel, Prince of Wales Terrace, Scarborough, YO11 2AJ. Telephone: 01723 371 230

## This 3 day tour includes:

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

## Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 225.00
Single (Limited)	£ 225.00
Sea View Supplement (on request)	
Per Room	£ 75.00

Depart Code B

# Blists Hill Victorian Town and Trentham Gardens Shopping Village

Friday 15th – Sunday 17th December 2023



**Friday** Departing Bradford at 09.30 we travel, with a stop en route to **Shrewsbury**, a delightful town situated on the banks of the River Severn, with its Tudor centre lined with half timbered houses. The town is the birthplace of Charles Darwin, and the home of an indoor market voted Britain's Best Market. On then to our hotel for a welcoming tea/coffee on arrival.

**Saturday** We visit **Blists Hill Victorian Town**, to experience a 'bygone times Christmas' at the open-air museum that attempts to recreate the sights, sounds and smells of a Victorian Shropshire town in the late 19th and early 20th century. Here you will find authentic food outlets including fish and chips, sweets and bakery. Other building's including a school, a blacksmiths and a bank.

**Sunday** We start the journey home with a visit to the ever popular **Trentham Shopping Village** with its blend of independent and nationally renowned high street brands housed in over 80 timber lodges, plus an excellent Garden Centre. Included is admission to **Christmas at Trentham Gardens illuminated trail**, designed to sprinkle a little Christmas magic, accentuate the flora and fauna and see the stunning historic landscape in a world of light and colour. We arrive home mid evening.



## The Hotel



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

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

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

## This 3 day tour includes:

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

## Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 295.00
Single (Limited)	£ 355.00

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**Saturday** Depart Bradford 09.30, with a stop en-route travelling to **Lichfield** with time to admire the Cathedral, and the vibrant pre Christmas city centre. On arrival at the hotel you will have welcome refreshments before settling in.



**Sunday (Christmas Eve)** Following a leisurely start we will travel to delightful **Bourton-on-the-Water**, famous for its honey coloured buildings, and the River Windrush flowing down the main street spanned by its 3 arch bridges. Usually the village's illuminated Christmas tree appears to float as it planted in the river! Prior to evening meal tonight, **carols will be sung by a local choir**.

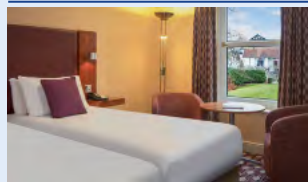
**Monday (Christmas Day)** A relaxed day starting with a hearty breakfast. Later there will be a glass of mulled wine prior to the serving of a **traditional Christmas lunch**. There will be chance to watch the Kings Speech, where tea and Christmas cake will be available. This will be followed by a quiz, bingo or a film. Evening meal will be a relaxed affair with a light buffet.

**Tuesday (Boxing Day)** A chance for a change of scene and have a look at the local area, we will take a **scenic tour** viewing delightful Cotswold villages including Stow-on-the-Wold, and into the Vale of Evesham, often regarded as the market garden of England. A pre-dinner drink will be included with tonight's evening meal.

**Wednesday** We will break our return journey home with a visit to **East Midlands Designer Outlet**, Mansfield, with its 65 retail outlets, where you may bag a bargain in the Christmas Sales. If you're still a bit peckish, there's plenty of places to grab a tasty snack too! We arrive home early evening.

*Please note Hotel inclusive's are based on information available at time of publication, and maybe subject to change.*

### The Hotel



The Chesford Grange Hotel has the heritage charm of a Tudor-style Manor House, as well as modern comforts in a contemporary wing – all set amongst the serenity of the quaint countryside and nearby River Avon. There are 205 spacious, ensuite, well appointed bedrooms,

including some being ground floor. The restaurant serves up tasty British classics, and there is a cosy bar. For further relaxation there is a spa and health club with heated loungers, and a heated pool. Or book yourself in for a stress-melting massage or pampering treatment. (NB Opening times over Christmas maybe limited). The hotel has a lift.

Hotel: Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth CV8 2LD. Telephone: 0330 107 1599

### This 5 day tour includes:

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

### Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 615.00
Single (Limited)	£ 774.00

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**Saturday** Depart Bradford 09.00, we travel west with a morning break at **Kirkby Lonsdale**, an historic, quaint market town with a growing reputation for high quality outlets. Heading north, next stop will be in **Carlisle** – a place with a plethora of attractions, plus quality shopping. On then over the border to our hotel for the next three nights, where after our evening meal there will be a quiz or bingo.

**Sunday (New Years Eve)** We take a morning **scenic drive** in the local area travelling via Langholm and Lockerbie, before returning to Gretna with a visit to Caledonia Park Outlet Shopping, or the Gretna Green Experience. **Tonight, there will be live entertainment with a 5 course celebration dinner to welcome in the New Year.**

**Monday (New Years Day)** Welcome to the leap year of 2024. Where following a leisurely start we will **take a drive** (if desired) via **Locharbriggs** and **Beattock** to admire the scenery and see if any one else is out and about after the previous nights celebrations! Tonight after evening meal there will be a disco.

**Tuesday** As today is still a bank holiday in Scotland, we will slip back over the border into England with a visit to the delightful Lake District market town of **Keswick**, with time for a browse or perhaps a lake side walk, before we head for home, arriving early evening.

### The Hotel



Gretna Hall is a fifth-generation family business, which has been at the heart of Gretna Green weddings since 1886. Originally built in 1710 as a private manor house, Gretna Hall is set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens; offering all the character of a substantial historical building, with

all the comfort you would expect from a contemporary 4 star hotel. A very warm Scottish welcome always awaits you, plus, it is just a short walk to the Famous Blacksmiths Shop, and the new Gretna Green Experience. There is a spacious Restaurant, and bar/lounge with plush armchairs and sofas in which to relax. The hotel has 90 well appointed bedrooms.

Hotel: Gretna Hall Hotel, Gretna Green, Scotland DG16 1DY. Telephone: 01461 338 257

### This 4 day tour includes:

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

### Prices (Per Person):

Twin / Double	£ 379.00
Single (Limited)	£ 475.00

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## Great reasons to travel with us!



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

## Tour 2023 Availability update

Page No.	Tour	Singles	Doubles/Twins
P12	Northern Lakes	No	Yes
P13	Bonnie Lochs	No	Limited
P14	Cornwall	Limited	Yes
P15	Northamptonshire	Yes	Yes
P16	Historic Borders	Limited	Yes
P17	Northern Ireland	Yes	Yes
P18	Somerset	Limited	Yes
P19	Llandudno	Yes	Yes
P20	Dublin	Yes	Yes
P22	Isle of Man	Limited	Yes
P23	Brighton	Yes	Yes
P24	Shetland	No	Limited
P26	Wye Valley	No	Yes
P28	Tasty Tour	Yes	Yes (Twin only)
P30	Kynren	Limited	Yes
P31	Scottish Lowlands	Yes	Yes
P32	Isle of Wight	Limited	Limited
P33	Scotch on the Rocks	No	Yes
P34	Devon	No	Yes
P35	Blackpool Lights	No	Yes
P36	Hampshire	Yes	Yes
P37	Thursford	Yes	Yes

Availability correct at time of printing  
(Availability Update at 12th January 2023).

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