# Generation Travel





## British & Continental Tours

Welcome to our diverse range of exciting, top-quality Coach Holidays for 2024.

2024 is a special year as we are celebrating 25 Years of Generation Travel as a company and 10 years of operating our dedicated coach holiday program.

At Generation Travel, we strive to deliver the ultimate coach holiday experience, complete with seamless travel arrangements, top-notch accommodations, exhilarating excursions, and of course, a warm and welcome first-class service.

We eagerly anticipate the pleasure of hosting you on our holidays in 2024.

The Generation Team





Date	No of Days	Holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	5	All Inclusive Snowdonia & Portmeirion
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	5	Bournemouth, Beaulieu & the New Forest
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	5	The Dutch Bulbfields
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	7	Orkney & the Highlights of The North Coast 500
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	6	The Hidden Heartlands of Ireland
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	5	By Heck Lad, it's Lancashire
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	5	The English Riviera
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	5	Cambridge, Duxford & Bletchley
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	5	Chester & Scenic North Wales
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	5	Belfast, the Antrim Coast & the Giants Causeway
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	10	The Austrian Tyrol & Bavaria
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	5	Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & the Wye Valley
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	4	Thursford Christmas Spectacular
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	5	All Inclusive Scottish Turkey & Tinsel
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	4	Thursford Christmas Spectacular

### All Inclusive Snowdonia & Portmeirion



### **Itinerary**\*

**Day 1** Departing your local departure point we travel to North Wales and to the Royal Victoria Hotel in Llanberis, our base for the next 4 nights with dinner, bed and breakfast and an all inclusive drinks package provided.

**Day 2** After a leisurely breakfast we join our coach for the short journey to the fascinating Italianate village of Portmeirion. Designed and built by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, Portmeirion has served as the location for numerous films and television shows, most famously as "The Village" in the 1960s show The Prisoner.

**Day 3** Today, we take a lovely scenic drive to the pretty village of Betws-y-Coed where we spend time for coffee & a browse of the shops before continuing through the Conway Valley to the "Queen of Welsh resorts", Llandudno. Here we can spend time enjoying its beautiful Victorian architecture, Edwardian elegance, shops and attractions.

**Day 4** This morning we travel over the Menai strait to the Isle of Anglesey where we visit Beaumaris with its medieval castle, lovely beach and Victorian pier. After spending time here we then pay a visit to the National Slate Museum where we will see a short film and a live slate splitting demonstration.

**Day 5** After breakfast today we return home with suitable comfort stops en-route.

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- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Tea & Coffee on arrival
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Free Bar 19.00-23.00 each night
- Entertainment on 2 nights
- Entrance to Portmeirion
- Betws-y-Coed visit
- Llandudno visit
- Beaumaris visit
- National Slate Museum visit



### Bournemouth, Beaulieu & the New Forest



Bournemouth has been attracting visitors ever since it's birth in the 19th century and is as much of a tourist attraction today as ever. Essentially Victorian in character, it is justly described as the Garden City of the South with over 2000 acres of superb parks and gardens as well as seven miles of glorious seafront and golden sands with its superb pier as its centrepiece. **Itinerary**\*

**Day 1** Departing your local departure point we travel to Bournemouth and the Ocean Beach Hotel & Spa, our base for the next 4 nights with dinner, bed and breakfast provided.

**Day 2** After breakfast today we travel to the Isle of Purbeck passing through Wareham and alongside Corfe castle as we head for Swanage. After visiting Swanage we travel through Studland and on to the Chain Ferry. Here we cross Poole harbour with views of Brownsea Island and on through the millionaire's playground of Sandbanks while en-route to Poole.

**Day 3** Today is a free day in order to explore Bournemouth with its shopping centre, gardens, pier and of course, it's wonderful seafront.

**Day 4** Our excursion today takes us into the the New Forest National Park visiting the Beaulieu estate, home to Palace House, Gardens and the National Motor Museum. (*Entrance included to all*)

After time spent here we pay a visit to Lyndhurst, home to the Verderers ` Hall, the meeting place of the ancient Verderers ` Court whose history stretches back to at least the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

**Day 5** After breakfast we return home with suitable comfort stops en-route.

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- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Tea & Coffee on arrival
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Live entertainment on 2 nights
- Free bar between 18.00-21.00
- Poole visit
- Swanage visit
- New Forest National Park
- Beaulieu Estate Entrance
- Lyndhurst Visit





### **The Dutch Bulbfields**



### Itinerary\*

**Day 1** Departing our local area we travel to Hull for the P&O overnight ferry to Rotterdam with dinner, bed & breakfast provided. Sit back, relax and enjoy the entertainment on board as we set sail for the continent.

**Day 2** After breakfast on board we make the short journey to Keukenhof which is known as 'The Greatest Flower Show on Earth'. Every year, almost a million people flock from all over the world to see the world's largest bulb garden come to life with displays of tulips, hyacinths and daffodils. You can also admire the colourful arrays of ornamental shrubs, blossoming fruit trees and natural woodland. Leaving Keukenhof behind we travel to the Princess Hotel which is situated on the Lakes at Loosdrecht and is our home for the next two nights with dinner, bed & breakfast provided.

**Day 3** Today's excursion takes us to Volendam, a picturesque fishing village which was once a haven for artists. We then visit a traditional cheese and clog makers before heading to Zaanse Schans. A recreation of how a living and working community in the Zaan district looked in the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries complete with farmsteads, paths, wooden houses and windmills.

**Day 4** Departing our hotel at Loosdrecht today we pay a visit to Gouda, famous for its cheese & stroopwaffles as well as its historic town hall. We then make the short journey to Rotterdam for our return ferry crossing with dinner, bed, breakfast & entertainment provided.

**Day 5** After breakfast on board we depart the ferry and rejoin our coach for the journey back home with a suitable comfort stop provided.

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- Executive coach travel
- North Sea Ferries with dinner, bed & breakfast provided on board
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Tea/Coffee after dinner
- Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- Volendam visit
- Cheese & Clog making demonstration
- Zaanse Schans visit
- Gouda visit





### Orkney & the Highlights of the North Coast 500



### Look what's included

### • Executive coach travel

- 6 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Tea/Coffee after Dinner
- Pitlochry visit
- Local Guide on Orkney
- Entrance to the Italian Chapel
- Entrance to Skara Brae
- Entrance to Skiall House
- North Coast 500 Highlights





Experience the rugged beauty and long standing heritage of Scotland & Orkney.

Our scenic itinerary includes a day on historic Orkney, lying off Scotland's North Coast, surrounded by crystal-clear waters with a unique blend of Scandinavian and Scottish culture.

Discover Scotland's most magnificent scenery on the northern coastline, which showcases beautiful beaches, glorious seascapes, historical ruins, quaint fishing villages and rugged landscapes.

A truly unforgettable experience awaits you on this holiday.

### **Itinerary\***

**Day 1** Departing our local area we travel to Scotland with suitable comfort stops en route, to arrive at the Fisher's Hotel in Pitlochry for two nights with dinner, bed & breakfast provided.

**Day 2** A free day to explore the pretty Victorian town of Pitlochry, known as the Heart of Scotland. Set within beautiful surroundings amid mountains, valleys, rivers & fir tree cladded hills with its many attractions including distilleries, pubs, shops and tea rooms.

**Day 3** After a hearty Scottish breakfast, our journey takes us through the Cairngorms National Park and past Inverness, before we cross the Moray, Beauly, Cromarty and Dornoch Firths, and to Dornoch for lunch & leisure. After stopping in Dornoch we continue north, passing Golspie and Dunrobin Castle, continuing our scenic coastal journey via Brora, Helmsdale, and up to John o' Groats for a break before arriving at the Pentland Hotel, Thurso with two nights dinner, bed & breakfast provided.

**Day 4** Departing the hotel after breakfast, we travel via Dunnet and Mey Castle to Gills Bay for our morning ferry to St Margarets Hope and our full day guided tour of Orkney. On arrival, we meet our local guide who will be with us throughout our tour of the island. We visit the Italian Chapel, which was built by Italian Prisoners during WWII. We then travel over the Churchill Barriers, the construction of which was ordered by Winston Churchill after the tragic torpedoing of the battleship Royal Oak in the Scapa Flow during 1939. From here, we continue along the Scapa Flow and to Kirkwall for free time and lunch. After our lunch stop, we visit the mystical ancient settlement of Skara Brae, uncovered by a storm in 1850. This ancient settlement is older than Stonehenge and the amazingly preserved rooms provide us with a unique insight into Neolithic human living. Finally, we visit Skaill House, one of Orkney's top tourist attractions and the finest mansion on the island, before making our way back for our afternoon ferry crossing to the mainland.

**Day 5** Today is truly a Bucket List journey as we travel west along the Northern Coast using many a single track road through some of Scotland's most picturesque scenery with magical views of crystal clear bays and lochs towards Smoo Cave and Durness where we make a break for lunch. Continuing our journey after our lunch stop, we admire some of the finest scenery on the North West side of Scotland as we travel by Scourie, The Kylesku Bridge, Loch Broom and Ullapool, before arriving at the Ben Wyvis Hotel in Strathpeffer where we have one night dinner, bed and breakfast.

**Day 6** After breakfast our scenic journey of Scotland continues as we travel along Loch Ness where we make a break for lunch at Fort Augustus. From here we follow the Caledonian Canal through the Great Glen calling at the Spean Bridge Commando Memorial and Neptunes Staircase before arriving at the Ben Nevis hotel & Leisure Club at Fort William with one night dinner, bed and breakfast.

**Day 7** Departing Fort William this morning, we pass through Glen Coe and the Trossachs as we travel south on our homeward journey, with suitable comfort stops en route arriving home in the early evening.



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### The Hidden Heartlands of Ireland



### Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Irish themed dinner 1 night
- Live musical entertainment 1 night
- Free day in Birr
- Irish coffee making demonstration
- Kilkenny visit
- Kilkenny Road Train Tour
- Lough Corrib Cruise with Irish Coffee & Dancing
- Galway visit
- Belfast visit



Our Hidden Heartlands of Ireland Tour stays at the 4 star County Arms Hotel in Birr, a converted 18th century Georgian Manor House with great Irish hospitality.

This super tour offers excellent value for money with some great extras like entertainment, Irish coffee making and dancing. We spend time in lovely Birr, Kilkenny and Galway whilst providing a taste of Belfast & Northern Ireland too.

### Day 1

Departing our local area we travel to Holyhead for the ferry crossing to Dublin.

On arrival in Dublin we travel via Tullamore to Birr and the County Arms Hotel. This is our base for the next 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast provided.

### Day 2

Today is a free day in order to relax and explore the historic town of Birr, with its Georgian architecture and its fine castle. Birr Castle was lovingly rebuilt and extended in the 19th century. The gardens are among the largest and most beautiful in Ireland while the Science Centre there includes a 170 year old telescope which was once the largest in the world.

### DAY 3

This morning after breakfast we head south to Kilkenny, where the past echoes in every step as you walk through this medieval city. Explore its ancient streets, wonder at magnificent Kilkenny Castle and experience the glory of the 13th century Cathedral. We also take a ride on the Kilkenny Road Train where you'll see many historical sites including the Abbey of St Francis, the Brewery and the Old Court House. Later we return to the hotel for our specialty Irish themed dinner followed by Irish dancing.

### Day 4

This morning we enjoy an Irish coffee as we take a cruise along the majestic River Corrib passing Menlo Castle to Lough Corrib. It is the second largest lake in Ireland after Lough Neagh. Surrounded by its abundance of wildlife such as otters, hawks, minks, birds the lake consists of 356 different islands. The most famous island among them is Inchagoil Island with its spectacular views of the Maumturk Range, Joyce Country, and the Mountains of Connemara.

After, we arrive in Galway, known as the city of tribes and once home to Christopher Columbus. The city is western Ireland's traditional capital and home to some of the finest traditional musicians. Our stop allows you to explore the city at your leisure. Explore highlights like the Spanish Arch, St. Nicholas Cathedral and the colourful Shop Street or maybe even sample some world famous Galway Bay oysters.

### Day 5

We leave County Offaly behind today and we travel to Northern Ireland where we have allowed free time in Belfast to explore some of the city's most famous and historic sites. These sites include HMS Caroline, SS Nomadic, St George's Market and St Anne's Cathedral. After free time in Belfast we make our way to our overnight hotel set in lovely landscaped grounds, the 4 star La Mon Hotel & Country Club is located in County Down's countryside and is known for its excellent leisure facilities.

### Day 6

After breakfast this morning we head into Belfast Port for our ferry crossing to Cairnryan. From here we continue through Dumfries and Galloway and into England arriving back at our original departure points in the early evening.

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### By Heck Lad, it's Lancashire



### **Itinerary\*** Dav 1

We depart today heading for the North West and to the market town of Bury. Here we enjoy a nostalgic trip on a steam train along the East Lancashire Railway where our journey takes us through the beautiful Lancashire countryside. We then head to the Mercure Dunkenhalgh Hotel & Spa with 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast. Dav 2

Today, we enjoy a guided coach tour of the picturesque Ribble Valley. Our tour ends at the Oswaldtwistle Mills with over 100 retailers and 5 restaurants under one roof. Dav 3

This morning we visit historic Samlesbury Hall, a fabulous half-timbered black and white medieval house built in 1325 as a family home. We will enjoy a guided tour which brings the history to life and tells tales of intrigue and witchcraft through the centuries. This afternoon we enjoy a Canal Cruise with cream tea as we sail by Lancaster Cathedral and into the North Lancashire countryside before arriving at the 100-foot structure that is the Lune Aqueduct. Subject to weather conditions passengers may alight and take in the views from the top of the Aqueduct.

### Day 4

A leisurely start today as we head first to Clitheroe for free time and lunch. Clitheroe Castle is a major must-see landmark with a fascinating interactive Museum and Keep. The Castle's Keep is free to explore. After, we pay a visit to Gawthorpe Hall, affectionately known as the 'Downton of the North'. This Elizabethan gem hosts an extraordinary textile collection, showcasing intricate needlework, lace and costume in addition to contemporary pieces.

### Day 5

Leaving our hotel this morning we return home with a visit to the market town of Skipton for free time en-route.

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- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Porterage
- Welcome tea/coffee on arrival ۲
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Ribble Valley Guided Coach Tour ٠
- Oswaldtwistle Mill Visit •
- Clitheroe visit
- Entrance to Gawthorpe Hall
- Steam Train journey on the East Lancashire Railway
- Samlesbury Hall & Guided tour
- Canal Cruise & Cream tea
- Skipton visit





### **The English Riviera**



Torquay is one of Britain's most famous resorts. Situated at the heart of 22 miles of unspoilt coastline, it is often referred to as the "English Riviera". It has a mild climate, sparkling blue waters and beautiful public gardens. Torquay has something to offer everyone.

### **Itinerary\***

**Day 1** Departing our local area, we travel to Torquay and the Livermead Cliff Hotel, our base for the next 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast provided.

**Day 2** Today we have a scenic drive to Totnes; where after free time we enjoy an included boat cruise to Dartmouth. The relaxing 90-minute cruise, sails along the beautiful River Dart viewing the magnificent buildings of the Britannia Royal Naval College and Agatha Christie's Greenway Estate. Enjoy the riverside villages of Stoke Gabriel and Dittisham, the Sharpham Estate with its vineyards, and the steeply wooded hillsides plunging down to the water's edge - providing us with unparalleled scenic views. After our cruise there is free time available in Dartmouth prior to returning to the hotel.

**Day 3** A free day to explore Torquay with its picturesque harbour and many landscaped gardens. You may even wish to visit Torre Abbey, the most well-preserved medieval monastery in the area.

**Day 4** Today we enjoy an excursion along the beautiful English Riviera. Firstly, we make our way to Dawlish with its Georgian and Victorian architecture. We then continue to the seaside town of Teignmouth. Steeped in maritime history, this working harbour boasts sandy beaches and a Victorian pier.

**Day 5** After breakfast today we depart for home with suitable comfort stops en-route. \*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Live Entertainment on 2 nights
- Totnes visit
- River Dart Cruise
- Dartmouth visit
- English Riviera excursion including Dawlish & Teignmouth visits





### **Cambridge, Duxford & Bletchley**



### Only £539

Star

Hotel

Single supplement £118 All single rooms are double or twin for sole use

### **Itinerary**\*

**Day 1** Departing your local departure point we travel to Cambridge and the 4 Star Cambridge Belfry Hotel & Spa, our base for the next 4 nights with dinner, bed & Full cooked breakfast provided.

**Day 2** Our destination this morning is the Imperial War Museum Duxford, Britain's best preserved World War II airfield. Its story reflects the landmark achievements made in aviation history and it incorporates a series of museums and exhibitions such as the 1940s Operations Room, Airspace (featuring 30 iconic aircraft including the Spitfire and Concorde), The American Air Museum (with the largest collection of US historic military aircraft in Europe), The Battle of Britain Exhibition, RAF Duxford's pivotal role and Land Warfare to name but a few.

**Day 3** Today, we enjoy a trip to Ely, where we have time at leisure to explore England's second smallest city. The historic cathedral is not to be missed, home to the country's only museum dedicated to stained glass. The waterside area is a lovely spot to relax here, or you can also visit the remarkably well-preserved 17<sup>th</sup>-century home of Oliver Cromwell. Our next stop is atmospheric Cambridge. This fascinating city is full of beautiful architecture, leafy green meadows and majestic college buildings, including the famous King's College Chapel on the banks of the River Cam. Why not enjoy a spot of punting on the river or visit the Fitzwilliam Museum.

**Day 4** This morning, we make our way to Bletchley Park where Alan Turing and his colleagues helped crack Germany's Enigma Code during World War II. We uncover Bletchley Park's remarkable story by visiting the unglamorous, functional Code Breaking Huts and Blocks, Alan Turing's office, the Library, the wartime garages complete with World War II vehicles and a series of fascinating interactive exhibits.

**Day 5** After breakfast today we return home with suitable comfort stops en-route.

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- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Entrance to the Imperial War Museum Duxford
- Ely visit
- Cambridge visit
- Entrance to Bletchley Park





### **Chester & Scenic North Wales**



The ancient city of Chester is a truly breath-taking experience, with the most complete city walls made of local red sandstone, the oldest racecourse, and the largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain plus a 1000-year-old Cathedral. In the old city, the Rows are a shopping district distinguished by two - level covered arcades and Tudorstyle half-timber buildings.

### **Itinerary\***

**Day 1** Departing your local departure point we travel to Chester and The Queen Hotel. The hotel is situated in the heart of the City and only a short walk from the Cathedral and shops and is our base for the next 4 nights with dinner, bed and full cooked breakfast.

**Day 2** After breakfast today we join the coach for a Guided City coach tour of Chester and the surrounding area taking in the Duke of Westminster's Estate and the village of Eccleston. After, the day is free to explore this fine city.

**Day 3** We depart the hotel for a scenic drive along the coast through Colwyn Bay, Rhos-on-Sea, Penrhyn Bay with views of the Little Orme and Great Orme before arriving in Llandudno for free time.

Our return journey takes us inland to St.Asaph, where we have a break prior to returning to the hotel.

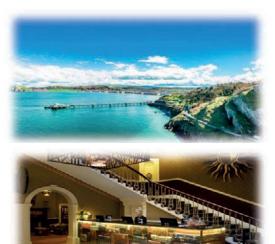
**Day 4** Today we travel to Llangollen where we have free time. After, we journey over the famous horse-shoe pass to Ruthin, a beautiful Welsh town, continuing our journey over the Clwydian Range of Hills to the hotel.

**Day 5** After a leisurely breakfast today we depart Chester with suitable comfort stops en-route to our original departure points.

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- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Guided Chester coach tour
- Llandudno visit
- Llangollen visit





# **Belfast, the Antrim Coast & the Giants Causeway**



### Look what's included

### • Executive coach travel

- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Belfast Guided City Coach Tour
- Entrance to Titanic Belfast
- Drive along the Spectacular Antrim Coastal Route
- Entrance to the Giant's Causeway & Visitor Centre
- Entrance & Guided Tour of the Bushmills Distillery
- Entrance to Hillsborough Castle & Gardens



This stunning 4 star hotel is built on the site of an ancient fort and, subsequently, a paper mill, and is set within beautiful gardens alongside the Six Mile Water trout river.

All 80 spacious bedrooms are elegantly furnished and contain a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant provides a relaxed and modern dining experience while the bar has a cosy fireplace and embodies many of the old paper mill's original features.

Extensive leisure and spa facilities include an indoor swimming pool, spa pool, steam room, beauty salon and gym.

### Itinerary\*

### Day 1

Departing our local area we travel to Cairnryan for our ferry to Northern Ireland with suitable comfortable stops en-route. On arrival we make the short journey to the Dunadry Hotel & Gardens where we have 4 night's dinner, bed & breakfast.

### Day 2

This morning we are joined by a local guide for a city coach tour of Belfast exploring some of the city's most famous and historic sites and significant points of interest.

After free time for lunch we visit the world-famous Titanic Belfast, which tells the Titanic story through a series of spectacular interactive galleries housed in its iconic building.

We roam the shipyard and journey to the depths of the ocean while we immerse ourselves in all things Titanic.

The attraction underwent a multi-million pound transformation in 2023 so we experience the newly introduced theme, 'The Pursuit of Dreams' designed to engage visitors with the dreams and stories of those linked to the luxury ship. There are four exciting new themed spaces to discover, including Never Again, Ballard's Quest, The Ship of Dreams and The Lasting Legacy, as well as an illuminated, rotating 7.6m long scale model of RMS Titanic.

### Day 3

Today we enjoy the drive of a lifetime as we experience one of the most dramatic routes we can and drive along the spectacular Antrim Coastal Route. A recent poll places the Antrim Coast Road in 5<sup>th</sup> place in a list of the world's most spectacular views. Some eighty miles of stunning coastline will transport you past rugged and windswept cliffs, spectacular scenery and fabulous unspoilt beaches. It's a coastline that is sprinkled with historic castles, churches and forts as we head to our visit of the extraordinary natural wonder that is the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and national nature reserve against a splendid backdrop of dramatic cliffs and the crashing of the North Atlantic Ocean.

In the afternoon, we enjoy a guided tour of the Old Bushmills Distillery, the world's oldest licensed working distillery where Bushmills Irish Whiskey is made.

### Day 4

Today we follow in the footsteps of royalty with a guided tour of Northern Ireland's royal residence, Hillsborough Castle. Hillsborough Castle has been a grand family home and is now the official home of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and a royal residence. Members of the Royal Family stay at Hillsborough when visiting Northern Ireland.

Viewed by some as a politically neutral venue, Hillsborough has played an important role in the Peace Process in Northern Ireland since the 1980s.

As we move through the stunning State Rooms, we learn more about the history of this elegant Georgian home. Outside, we can stretch our legs in 100 acres of beautiful gardens and also spend some time in the town of Hillsborough itself.

### Day 5

After breakfast today we make the short journey to catch the ferry to Cairnryan. Upon arrival we rejoin our coach for the journey back home with a suitable comfort stop provided. \*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances











### The Austrian Tyrol & Bavaria



### Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Porterage at mainstay hotel
- Welcome Schnapps on arrival
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Guest Card for use on local buses & trains
- BBQ evening buffet
- Kitzbuhel visit
- Farmhouse tour & tasting
- Berchtesgaden visit
- Lake Königssee cruise
- Almabtrieb cows down festival
- Krimml waterfall views
- Mayrhofen visit



As summer comes to an end in the picturesque mountains of the Austrian Tyrol, traditional festivals take place in the towns and villages throughout the region as the cattle are walked back down to the valley after a summer of grazing in the high Alpine meadows. Elaborately and colourfully decorated, their return home is accompanied by lively traditional festivities celebrated by locals and tourists alike with music and dance as well as stalls selling local food delicacies, artisan goods and hand-made crafts. We visit the Cows Down, 'Almabtrieb' as it is known, in the beautiful Tyrolean town of Kirchberg.

### Itinerary\*

**Day 1** Departing our local area we travel to Hull and allow free time in this recent city of culture before boarding the P&O overnight ferry to Rotterdam with dinner, bed & breakfast provided. Sit back, relax and enjoy the excellent entertainment on board as we set sail for the continent.

**Day 2** After breakfast on board the ferry we travel through Holland and into Germany to arrive at the Rilano Hotel, Stuttgart, where we have one night dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 3** This morning we cross the Schwabian Alps and pass by Munich as we head for Austria and our mainstay hotel, the 4 star Zentral Hotel in Kirchberg. Arriving in the afternoon, this is our base for the next 5 nights with 4 course dinners, bed & breakfast and all excursions included.

You will receive a complimentary Guest Card on check in that offers free use of the local buses and trains in the Brixen Valley.

**Day 4** After a leisurely breakfast today, our local excursion takes in the charms of fashionable Kitzbuhel, one of the oldest and exclusive holiday resorts in the Austrian Alps. Later we visit a traditional farmhouse dating back to 1706 for a tour of the farm with a tasting of the traditional produce such as smoked ham, cheese and of course, Schnapps.

**Day 5** Our journey today takes us though the picturesque Lofer Valley and into Bavaria as we visit Berchtesgaden & Lake Königssee. We head first to Berchtesgaden with its historic Rococo town centre, town houses, monastery, church and royal palace. After time spent here we head then to Lake Königssee nestled at the foot of the Watzmann Mountain in the heart of the Berchtesgadener National Park. We have included a boat cruise here to the church of St. Bartholomew with its wine-red onion domes. During the crossing the boatman plays his trumpet to lure out the world-famous Königssee echo from the steep rock face. (*Passports needed on this excursion*)

**Day 6** A free day in Kirchberg today as we enjoy the 'Almabtrieb' festival – a colourful event to celebrate bringing the cows back down to the village to shelter from the onset of autumn after spending the summer months in the mountains.

**Day 7** Our excursion today is a real treat, a scenic tour as we travel through the Pinzgau, to experience the views of Europe's highest waterfall at Krimml. Water cascades over three stages and falls more than 1200 feet. We then climb the Gerlos Pass and descend into the Zillertal, to spend time in Mayrhofen, a popular year-round resort sitting at the entrance to five glacial valleys. Our tour is completed by travelling along the Ziller, Inn and the Brixen Valleys back to our hotel at Kirchberg.

**Day 8** We depart after breakfast travelling to Wiesbaden and our overnight hotel with dinner bed & breakfast provided.

**Day 9** This morning we visit one of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers for free time before heading to Rotterdam for the overnight ferry to Hull with dinner, bed and breakfast.

**Day 10** After breakfast on board the ship we depart and rejoin our coach for the short journey back home from Hull with a suitable comfort stop provided.

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### Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & the Wye Valley



### **Itinerary\***

**Day 1** Departing our local area we travel to the Cheltenham Chase Hotel with its spa area, indoor pool, steam room and spa bath. Here we have 4 night's dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 2** Our excursion today takes us first to the market town of Cirencester on the River Churn. It is the eighth largest settlement in Gloucestershire and the largest town within the Cotswolds. After time spent here we travel to Malmesbury, Wiltshire, with its medieval streets, Market Cross and its 12th century Abbey with its tomb of King Athelstan and the free Athelstan Museum with its Turner watercolour.

**Day 3** This morning we have some free time to explore Cheltenham at leisure. This Regency town, made popular as a spa destination by George III, is brimming with history. As we stroll along the promenade, it's easy to see why it became a favourite amongst 18th century aristocrats after its healthgiving spa waters were discovered. Cheltenham is also famous for its festival and the Gold Cup, so it is fitting that we head to Cheltenham Racecourse to board the Gloucester-Warwickshire steam train to the nearby town of Broadway, nesting in the Cotswolds. Here, we have time to browse this interesting Cotswold town before returning to our hotel.

**Day 4** Our excursion today takes us to Ross-on-Wye where William Gilpin wrote Britain's first travel guide about the Wye Valley in 1782 and sparked a trend for 'picturesque tourism'. Today you can browse independent shops, saunter alongside the town's 19th-century mock-Gothic walls and Gazebo Tower folly before we journey along the Wye Valley and to Chepstow, where you can explore this bustling market border town with its stone castle, built following the Norman Conquest.

**Day 5** Departing after breakfast today we retrace our steps to our original joining points with suitable comfort stops en-route.

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- Executive coach travel
- Welcome Tea/Coffee on arrival
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Cirencester visit
- Malmesbury visit
- Cheltenham visit
- Gloucester-Warwickshire steam train journey
- Broadway visit
- Ross on Wye visit
- Wye Valley Scenic excursion
- Chepstow visit







### Single rooms

If you are a single traveller we advise you to book early as once our single room allocation has been sold, there may be an extra charge for a double or twin room for sole occupancy

Gift Cards

### Looking for gift ideas?

Surprise your family/friends with a Generation Travel gift card, redeemable against the cost of any of our holidays or day excursions.

Our gift cards are available in any denomination and can be purchased over the phone and posted directly to the recipient.

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### Value for money holidays!

We don't aim to be the cheapest. We carefully choose our hotels, packaged content and excursions based on quality and location as opposed to the cheapest possible price.

Our excursion programme has many entrances and admissions included at no extra cost. Visits to places of interest, attractions, train rides and boat trips can all be very costly with entrance fees and tickets but on many of our tours most of these are included in the price to enhance your holiday and give extra value for money.

Travel in style and comfort on board a modern and luxurious coach with hot and cold drinks facilities and a toilet & washroom on board.

Our on board crew are selected for their skill, knowledge, experience and personality and will look after you with care, attention to detail and humour throughout your holiday.

Ferry crossings to Europe, where possible are made via the Port of Hull on overnight crossings with a cabin provided. This avoids early starts and late returns. An on board buffet dinner and breakfast are also included on these sailings in order to complete the package.

The interest in 2023 was amazing with some tours selling out and not even making the brochure so please remember to **BOOK EARLY** in order to secure your place.

We look forward to the pleasure of celebrating Generation Travel's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday with you on these holidays.

The Generation Team



### AA Prosette award for 2021 CHRISTAAS 4 DAY FESTIVE SPECTACULAR TOUR



The Thursford Christmas Spectacular is set in the magical surroundings of mechanical organs and fairground carousels, with a cast of 120 professional singers, dancers. The three hour performance delivers an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety.

### Itinerary\*

Day 1

Departing our local area we travel to Norfolk and the excellent Heacham Manor Country House Hotel. This is our base for the next three nights with dinner, bed & breakfast provided.

### Day 2

After a leisurely breakfast, we first visit Wolferton to see the preserved Royal Station that welcomed international guests arriving at Sandringham. We then visit the tea rooms and the Sandringham shop that sells Artisan gifts and produce from the Estate. After, we make the short journey to Thursford arriving with free time before the show starts to explore the shops, attractions and maybe grab a mulled wine or two before taking our seats for the Thursford Christmas Spectacular Matinee. After the show we travel back to the hotel in time for dinner.

### Day 3

Today we have a scenic drive along the North Norfolk Coast taking in the picturesque scenery and quaint little villages that this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has to offer such as Wells-next-thesea and the popular Victorian coastal town of Sheringham.

### Day4

After breakfast today we say goodbye to Norfolk as we head for home calling at Lincoln en-route for lunch.

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- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- North Norfolk excursion
- Sheringham visit
- Sandringham Estate visit
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular entrance





### All Inclusive Scottish Turkey & Tinsel



It's off to the Buchanan Arms Hotel & Leisure Club in Drymen for this Turkey & Tinsel break. Enjoy the Spirit of Christmas and the excitement of a Scottish Hogmanay all in one holiday. You will enjoy a Christmas Eve, Christmas Day with a visit from Father Christmas and a New Year's Eve Hogmanay Party.

### Itinerary\*

**Day 1** We travel to Scotland with a stop at Houghton Hall for brunch/shopping. Then to our hotel in the village of Drymen for a four-night stay. Enjoy a welcome drinks reception on arrival followed by your evening meal and entertainment this evening.

**Day 2 (Christmas Eve)** We make our way to Glasgow to visit the Christmas Markets. Enjoy a warming glass of festive cheer, or grab a unique festive gift. Visit Enoch Square with beautifully dressed Christmas Village of over 50 chalets featuring local crispy duck rotisserie, bratwurst sausage, crepes, hog roast, and much more. Upon our return to the hotel afternoon tea will be served in the conservatory. This evening we enjoy a three course evening meal followed by entertainment.

**Day 3 (Christmas Day)** We head to Edinburgh today, there will be ample time to explore Scotland's historic capital city with its imposing castle, Royal Mile, and the Palace of Holyrood House as well as visiting the Christmas Market. This evening, sit-down to a Traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings followed by a visit from Father Christmas with a gift for all.

**Day 4 (New Year's Eve)** This Morning we visit Loch Lomond Shores Shopping Outlet before returning to the hotel for a lunch of soup & sandwiches. The afternoon is free to explore Drymen. Celebrate 'Hogmanay' this evening with a Traditional Scottish Dinner followed by entertainment with a Scottish Show.

**Day 5:** After a farewell hot toddy we depart Scotland and return home with suitable comfort stops en-route. \*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Glass of wine with dinner
- Welcome drinks reception
- Afternoon Tea
- Traditional Christmas Dinner
- Father Christmas visit
- Festive entertainment on 3 nights
- Free bar 19.30-22.30 Every evening
- Farewell hot toddy on departure









Single supplement £67 All single rooms are double or twin for sole use Departs: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December Returns: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

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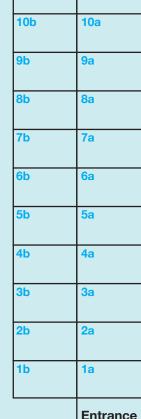
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### **Important Information**

#### 1. HOW TO MAKE A BOOKING:

Please contact us on 01642 714918 to check availability. Once we have your information along with a  $\pm$ 50 deposit pp, we will consider it as definite and will proceed to confirm the booking.

#### 2. HOLIDAY PAYMENTS:

The deposit required for holidays is £50 per person which is non refundable. You will receive a confirmation invoice which will show your balance and the due date. Failure to pay the balance by the due date could result in cancellation of your booking and your deposit will be forfeited.

#### **3. PRICE ALTERATIONS:**

The prices quoted are based upon costs and known exchange rates at the time of production. Generation Travel reserves the right to pass on any increase in price due to currency fluctuation and any fuel price increase.

#### 4. IF YOU CHANGE YOU'RE BOOKING:

If you want to amend your reservation we will do our best to help. All amendments must be confirmed to us in writing by the person who made the original booking.

#### 5. CANCELLATION BY YOU:

If you cancel your holiday you must notify us in writing. Cancellation charges may occur depending on the time before departure. In the event of cancellation your deposit cannot & will not be refunded.

#### 6. IF WE CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY:

We reserve the right to cancel or modify any holiday should there be insufficient passengers or any other reasons beyond our control. Should it be necessary for us to cancel then you will be offered alternative arrangements or a complete refund of monies paid.

#### 7. IF WE CHANGE YOUR BOOKING:

Occasionally it may become necessary to amend an itinerary or change a hotel through no fault of our own, however we will contact you as soon as possible and we will endeavour to resolve any situation that may arise to the best of our ability.

#### 8. SEAT ALLOCATION:

Requests for certain seats can be made on most holidays when booking, but because allocations are made on a first come, first served basis, you are always recommended to book as early as possible in order to reserve your preferred seats.

#### 9. SPECIAL REQUESTS:

All special requests should be made at time of booking and cannot be guaranteed, however we will try our very best to ensure that they are granted.

#### **10. PASSPORTS:**

Any person wishing to travel outside the UK must have a current ten year passport. Most countries require a passport to be valid for at least six months beyond the length of your stay. If you are travelling to EU countries we would recommend that you obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

#### **11. INSURANCE:**

We do not sell insurance products but we must insist that adequate cover to suit your requirements is taken out for both British & Continental Holidays. Generation Travel will not be liable for any costs arising due to insufficient insurance cover.

#### **12. CABIN UPGRADES:**

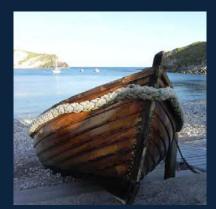
Overnight ferry cabins can be upgraded to outside cabins or larger inside cabins for a small supplement. Please advise us at the time of booking if any upgrades are required. All upgrades are subject to availability nearer the time of sailing and are not guaranteed.

#### **13. GIFT VOUCHERS:**

Gift vouchers are available to purchase in any denomination and are redeemable as full or part payment against any tour in the brochure. Gift vouchers cannot be exchanged for their cash equivalent.









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