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Looking forward to 2025

With the arrival of some warmer weather (finally!) and the longer days summer brings it is hard not to enjoy this wonderful time of year, relaxing, making memories and enjoying the moment. It is the perfect time to let your mind wander and start planing your next holiday.

Within the following pages you will find an expanded selection of 2025 departures on our tried and tested tours. From the spectacular Scottish isles of the Outer Hebrides, Arran, Orkney and Shetland to nostalgic steam journeys along arguably some of the most scenic railways found anywhere in the world - and right on our doorstep here in Scotland!

Our garden tours remain some of our most popular, and next year we once again welcome you to join us for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show kicking off the garden season in style in the late spring. Follow in the footsteps of legendary garden designer Gertrude Jekyll, explore the Rhododendron gardens of Dumfries and Galloway or visit the King's own garden at Highgrove with us - the garden experts!

We hope to have the pleasure of your company soon.

Best wishes,

Alison Wilson

Managing Director

P.S Please keep an eye on our website as new tours and departure dates are being added all the time.



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All our holidays are fully bonded and financially protected. Holidays with flights included are protected by ATOL and those without flights by ABTOT.



What's Included

Our holidays will include many services as standard:

Comfortable coach travel throughout

All visits as outlined in the itinerary

Services of a professional tour manager

Return flights from London on overseas tours (regional airports available on request)

Executive lounge access on worldwide overseas tours

Just released for 2025

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW IN 2025?

We are always working hard here at Brightwater Holidays to bring you exciting and innovative itineraries. We have two delightful new tours featured in this brochure to help tempt you to try something different.

TALL SHIPS IN ABERDEEN

Experience the spectacle that is the Tall Ships as they descend on Aberdeen in summer 2025. Watch as the snowy white sails are unfurled and the ships sail elegantly from the harbour. **See p5**

HISTORY AND HORTICULTURE IN CORSICA

Embark the elegant MV La Belle des Océans in the glitzy French Riviera and set sail for the island of Corsica. Birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, the island is home to a National Museum dedicated to the family history. Elsewhere we explore the Corsican underbrush, visit a honey farm and the gardens of U Giardinu di l'Isuli. **See p22**



Bonifacio - Corsica

A Classic Scottish Steam Break

Departures:
24 APR* & 8 MAY

4 DAYS ^{Was £795}
FROM **£745** NO*/LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Steam locomotion has an enduring fascination for many of us and combined with the wonderful scenery of Scotland it becomes utterly irresistible. The Jacobite steam train, from Fort William to Mallaig, is one of the longest steam-hauled rail journeys available in Britain today, an 84-mile round trip through some spectacular scenery that also includes the 21-arch Glenfinnan Viaduct. We also take a boat trip on Loch Lomond and explore Inveraray Castle and its grounds; enjoy a taste of steam aboard the newly restored SS Sir Walter Scott on Loch Katrine and a unique boat trip on the Falkirk Wheel, the world's first rotating boat lift.

Single Supplement £90 (£0 for April)

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Arrochar Hotel
- A cruise on Loch Lomond, a trip on the Falkirk Wheel, journey aboard the Jacobite Steam Train, a visit to Inveraray Castle and a cruise on Loch Katrine

SAVING
£50
per person



The Jacobite steam train

Tour code: **BSTB**

A Grand Tour of the Outer Hebrides

Departures:
14 APR, 8 JUN, 20 JUL & 17 AUG

5 DAYS ^{Was £1,195}
FROM **£1,120** 6 DAYS ^{Was £1,595}
FROM **£1,520**

Whether you choose our five or six day itinerary, our best-selling grand tour takes in all the beauty and diversity of this very special environment with ten different islands and four ferry trips included. Two comfortable hotels ensure this holiday is as relaxing as possible whilst offering great variety and the sense of a true journey of discovery which will create lasting memories. Highlights include the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct, Barra with its beach runway, Vatersay's stunning white sand beaches, the mountain scenery of Harris, the rolling moorland of Lewis, the tranquil little Norse Mill and the distinctive Black Houses at Gairranan.

Single Supplement £200 (5Day) £250(6Day)

What's Included

- Four or five nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Dark Island Hotel, Benbecula and the Caberfeidh Hotel, Stornoway
- Visits to the Standing Stones of Callanish, Black Houses of Gairranan, Norse Mill at Shawbost, Lews Castle and Museum and St. Columba's Uì Church

SAVING
£75
per person



Barra Airport

Tour code: **BGTB / BGT0**

The Tall Ships Race in Aberdeen

4 DAYS ^{Was £795}
FROM **£745**

The Tall Ships Race is a great sporting event which offers youngsters a fantastic opportunity to challenge themselves and learn new skills, but for those of on dry land it also offers a wonderful spectacle. Whether it's having a good look at the ships while in harbour or watching as they leave harbour and hundreds of square yards of snowy white sails are unfurled, it is a truly uplifting sight.

Tour highlights include a visit to the fascinating Maritime Museum adjacent to the harbour where the ships will be berthed, a visit to Castle Fraser, the most elaborate Z-plan castle in Scotland, and the late Queen's summer residence Balmoral Castle, now most poignantly associated with the last days of Her Majesty's life and reign.

Day 1 We depart by coach from our local pick-up points and head for **Aberdeen**, where today the **Tall Ships fleet** will begin arriving. On arrival at Aberdeen Harbour we will have our first chance to view the ships, which are open to the public and perhaps chat with members of the crews. (D)

Day 2 After breakfast we visit the **Maritime Museum**, situated close to the harbour on historic Shiprow, which tells the story of the city's long and often dramatic relationship with the sea. (B, D)

Day 3 Following breakfast, we take the opportunity to explore the surrounding Aberdeenshire countryside and take a tour of **Royal Deeside**. We begin at **Castle Fraser**, one of the grandest of the Scottish baronial tower houses and the most elaborate Z-plan castle in Scotland. We continue to **Balmoral Castle** which was built around 1854 for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, the image of the castle is recognised worldwide. (B, D)

Day 4 Today we depart for **Aberdeen's Esplanade and Beach**, our vantage point for the **Tall Ships Parade of Sail** as they leave harbour and make their passage under full sail to the start of the next stage of the race in Kristiansand, Norway. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

SAVING
£50
per person



Aberdeen Harbour

Tour Highlights

- See the Tall Ships both in harbour and at sea
- Discover Aberdeen's rich seafaring history at the Maritime Museum
- Tour the scenic Aberdeenshire countryside
- 170 years of Royal history at Balmoral

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4-star Mercure Caledonian Hotel, Aberdeen
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2025		
19 - 22 Jul	£795	£745
Single Supplement		£225

Tour code: **BTSA**

An Archaeologist's View of Orkney & Shetland

Departures:
14 APR & 25 SEPT

6 DAYS Was £1,795
FROM **£1,720**

The islands of Orkney and Shetland are littered with archaeological remains and are therefore of enormous interest to anyone who enjoys first-hand contact with ancient settlements and buildings as well as the people who once lived here. Highlights include the island of Mousa with its 2,000-year-old full size broch, the Prehistoric and Norse Settlement of Jarlshof and St. Ninian's Isle with its 6th century church. In Orkney we visit the Italian Chapel and the Churchill Barriers; Maeshowe, the finest chambered tomb in Western Europe; the stone circles of Stenness and Brodgar and the famous site at Skara Brae as well as Skaill House.

Single Supplement **£450**

What's Included

- One night's dinner, bed and full breakfast at the Scalloway Hotel, Shetland and three nights' bed and breakfast (plus two dinners) at the Ayre Hotel, Orkney
- Visits to the Italian Chapel, Skara Brae, Skaill House, Tomb of the Eagles, Jarlshof and Mousa

SAVING
£75
per person



Jarlshof

Tour code: **BOSA**

Ancient Stones of the Outer Hebrides

Departures:
22 APR

5 DAYS Was £1,395
FROM **£1,320**

In about 1800 BC, at around the time that the Middle Kingdom of Ancient Egypt was flourishing, an equally vigorous civilisation was leaving its mark on the far flung islands of the Outer Hebrides. In the company of a specialist guide we will tour a succession of sites, from Lewis in the north to Harris in the south. Highlights include the Bosta Iron Age Village, the Callanish Standing Stones and St Clement's Church at Rodel.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Cabarfeidh Hotel in Stornoway
- Visits to Callanish Standing Stones, Bosta Iron Age House, The Broch of Carloway, Lewis Castle, St Columba's Uì Church, Norse Mill, Gearrannan Black House Centre, Arnol Blackhouse and St. Clement's church at Rodel

SAVING
£75
per person



Dun Carloway Broch

Tour code: **BAOH**

Arran, Scotland in Miniature

Departures:
19 MAY, 8 JUN, 11 AUG
& 13 SEPT

5 DAYS Was £1,395
FROM **£1,320**

Often described as "Scotland in Miniature", Arran has a blend of Highland and Island scenery with granite peaks and deep glens to the north of the island, contrasting with its rolling and lush farmlands to the south. From our base in Blackwaterfoot, we visit Brodick Castle and its wonderful gardens, we enjoy a circular tour of Arran that passes through Whiting Bay, Lamash, Corrie and Sannox, and we can look forward to both a tour and a tasting at the Isle of Arran Distillery.

Single Supplement **£325**

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot
- A guided tour of Arran, visit to the Isle of Arran Distillery including a tour and tasting and a visit to Brodick Castle and Gardens

SAVING
£75
per person



Blackwaterfoot

Tour code: **BARR**

Highlights of Orkney and Shetland

Departures:
12 MAY, 26 MAY,
20 AUG & 29 SEPT

6 DAYS Was £1,795
FROM **£1,720**

Sail away to lands steeped in history, wildlife and stunning scenery – the Orkney and Shetland isles. Many people have landed there before us, some as early as 3000 BC. Most famous of all were the Vikings, but they were not alone and all around you historical treasures can be found. Both Orkney and Shetland have their own identities - Orkney is green and fertile, while Shetland has rugged cliff and sea loch landscapes. However, both share a colourful history of Picts, Norsemen, ancient antiquities and seafaring legends – bound together with an independent spirit that sets them apart from the rest of Scotland.

Single Supplement **£450**

What's Included

- One night's dinner, bed and full breakfast at Scalloway Hotel, Shetland and three nights' bed and breakfast (plus two dinners) at the Kirkwall Hotel, Orkney
- Tours of both Orkney and Shetland including entrance to the Italian Chapel, Skara Brae, Maeshowe and Jarlshof

SAVING
£75
per person



Sumburgh Head lighthouse

Tour code: **BOSH**

Knitting in the Shetland Isles

Departures:
18 SEPT

6 DAYS Was £1,795
FROM **£1,720**

Even those who think they know all there is to know about the art of knitting can pick up a thing or two in the scenic Shetland Isles, and we're not just talking about those pesky dropped stitches! There are workshops aplenty, both starting off our mornings and rounding off our afternoons. These present the perfect opportunity to hone our skills - and perhaps even learn some new ones - under the watchful eye of experienced local tutors.

Single Supplement **£375**

What's Included

- Five nights' accommodation on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis: two nights on board the Serco Northlink ferry, three nights' at the Scalloway Hotel, Shetland
- Three knitting workshops with an expert local tutor
- Visits include Shetland Textile Museum and Nielanell Design Studio

SAVING
£75
per person



Fair isle knitting

Tour code: **BKSH**

Mull, Staffa and Iona

Departures:
28 JUN & 6 SEPT

4 DAYS Was £1,595
FROM **£1,520**

The Isle of Mull is a place of tumbling burns, high peaks, dramatic views, and a silent, lonely beauty. We will explore some of the highlights of the island including the multi-coloured buildings that line the waterfront of the island's principal town, Tobermory. We sail on a wildlife cruise that takes us to the Treshnish Isles, and the little island of Staffa, whose natural cathedral of basalt columns is one of the wonders of the west coast. We also visit Duart Castle, the 13th century home of the Chief of Clan MacLean and the sacred isle of Iona.

Single Supplement **£420**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Isle of Mull Hotel
- Visit to Iona Abbey, wildlife cruise to the Treshnish Isles and Staffa including Fingal's Cave and a visit to Duart Castle

SAVING
£75
per person



Duart Castle

Tour code: **BMSI**

Up Helly Aa - Shetland's Festival of Fire

Departures:
25 JAN

7 DAYS Was £1,595
FROM **£1,520**

Wander through the streets of Lerwick at the end of January and it's likely to be nothing short of a unique experience. Very large squads of bearded Vikings, resplendent in gleaming chain-mail and winged helmets can be seen carrying a 30ft longship, which is fated to be ceremoniously set alight. As the sky over Lerwick shimmers with heat and light, fireworks explode, brass bands play and the gloom of winter is lifted for another year - this is the Up Helly Aa Festival.

Single Supplement **£445**

What's Included

- Six nights' dinner, bed and breakfast: Four at the Sumburgh Hotel, Sumburgh and two in a two-berth cabins on Serco Northlink Ferries
- Guided coach tours of mainland Shetland, Yell and Unst and entrance to Jarlshof
- Free day in Lerwick to enjoy the events of Up Helly Aa

SAVING
£75
per person



Up Helly Aa festival

Tour code: **BUPV**

Up Helly Aa 4 Days by Air

Departures:
27 JAN

4 DAYS Was £1,695
FROM **£1,620**

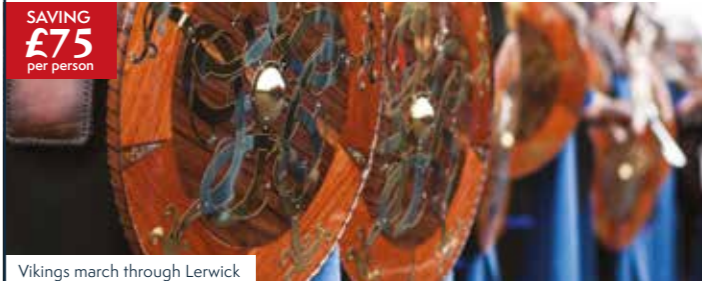
Up Helly Aa, the annual winter festival of Shetland, celebrates the lengthening of the days and the coming of another year, not to mention the chance of a good old knees-up. Walking through the streets of Lerwick is normally a quiet and peaceful affair, but at the end of January it's quite likely that you will bump into a squad of large, bearded Vikings, dressed in sparkling chain-mail. In the evening, the Vikings fill the narrow streets, their flaming torches illuminating the winter skies as a 30-foot Viking longship is set alight.

Single Supplement **£225**

What's Included

- Three nights' bed and breakfast at the Brae Hotel plus three dinners (two in the hotel and one in a local restaurant)
- Guided coach tours of mainland Shetland, Yell and Unst and entrance to Jarlshof
- Free day in Lerwick to enjoy the events of Up Helly Aa

SAVING
£75
per person



Vikings march through Lerwick

Tour code: **BUAA**

Shetland and its Outer Isles

Departs: 9 AUG

5 DAYS FROM ~~Was £1,495~~ **£1,420**

If you want to get away from it all, Shetland is the place to be. As close to Norway as it is to Scotland, Shetland is rugged and remote, with a raw natural beauty, a unique culture and wonderful wildlife. There are over a hundred islands here, only 16 of which are inhabited, each with its own individual character, and our tour offers the opportunity to visit four of them, providing a real taste of the diversity of this amazing archipelago, not to mention the simple pleasure of travelling by boats, both large and small, as the indomitable inhabitants of these islands have done for hundreds of years.

Single Supplement **£350**

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast: Two at the Busta House Hotel, Shetland and two in a two-berth cabins on Serco Northlink Ferries
- Two full day guided coach tours of mainland Shetland and the islands of Yell and Unst and entrance to Jarlshof and Mousa broch

SAVING **£75** per person



Sumburgh Head

Tour code: **BSHI**

Undiscovered Orkney

Departs: 28 JUL

5 DAYS FROM ~~Was £1,595~~ **£1,520**

An archipelago of 70 islands, each with their own distinctive charm, Orkney is home to boundless history and natural beauty. Based in Kirkwall, on the mainland, we will discover the landmarks and landscapes of the North and South Isles. On Westray, we relive Orkney's Viking past; on Mainland, we discover Neolithic Orkney; and on Hoy, we enjoy dramatic scenery as we sail across the Scapa Flow. Over the years we have explored almost every nook and cranny of Orkney, yet these beautiful islands contain many more secrets and hidden gems that demand to be discovered.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Kirkwall Hotel, Orkney
- Visits to Skara Brae, Maeshowe, Highland Park distillery, Radwick Bay, Martello Tower, The Scaun Natural Arch, Quooygrew, the Kirk of St Mary, Castle O'Burrian, the Westray Heritage Centre and Noltland Castle

SAVING **£75** per person



Westray, Orkney islands

Tour code: **BUOR**

Highland Wildlife Safari

Departs: 25 JUN

4 DAYS FROM ~~Was £995~~ **£945** **LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

Scotland's natural environment is second to none with a more diverse range of habitats than almost any other country of comparable size. This tour of the Highlands aims to provide close encounters with a wide range of wildlife, all set against a backdrop of magnificent scenery.

Single Supplement **£120**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Carrbridge Hotel, Carrbridge
- Visits to the Loch of Lowes Wildlife Reserve, Highland Wildlife Park, House of Aigas Field Centre, Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve, Inverewe Gardens, Pitlochry Dam and Fish Ladder and a Dolphin Cruise on the Moray Firth.

SAVING **£50** per person



Dolphins, Moray Firth

Tour code: **BHWS**

Historic Houses of Aberdeenshire

Departs: 9 JUN

4 DAYS FROM ~~Was £995~~ **£945**

Aberdeenshire is dotted with historic houses and castles, many of them outstanding examples of Scots Baronial architecture. Each one has a fascinating story to tell with countless legends and several royal connections including Balmoral, sadly now remembered as the place where Her Majesty The Queen passed away.

Single Supplement **£150**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Ardoe House Hotel, Aberdeen
- Visits to Drum Castle, Crathes Castle, Haddo House, Fyvie Castle, Castle Fraser, Craigievar Castle and Balmoral

SAVING **£50** per person



Balmoral

Tour code: **BHHA**

Lord of the Glens Cruise

Secrets of the Highlands & Islands

Departures:
19 MAY & 22 SEPT

8 DAYS Was £3,595
FROM **£3,495**

This seven-night cruise combines both fresh and saltwater cruising, as the Lord of the Glens sails through the Caledonian Canal from Inverness to the islands of Skye and Mull and the bustling harbour of Oban and onward to the Kyle of Lochalsh. A full programme of shore excursions includes visits to Armadale on the Isle of Skye, the little islands of Eigg and Iona, colourful Tobermory and the 13th century Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull; the romantic and much-photographed Eilean Donan Castle, the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct, the Culloden Battlefield visitor centre and the prehistoric Clava Cairns.

Single Supplement **ON REQUEST**

What's Included

- Seven nights' accommodation in a lower deck twin cabin on full board basis
- Visits include National Trust of Scotland's Visitor Centre at Culloden, Clava Cairns, Neptune's Staircase, journey on the West Highland Railway, the island of Eigg, the Clan Donald Centre and Eilean Donan Castle

SAVING
£100
per person



Lord of the Glens

Tour code: **BLSW**

Lord of the Glens Cruise

Voyages Through the Heart of Scotland

Departures:
17 APR & 12 OCT

7 DAYS Was £2,395
FROM **£2,320**

The MV Lord of the Glens, with its 27 beautifully appointed cabins, is the perfect vessel from which to enjoy the majesty of the Scottish highlands and islands. This six-night cruise combines both fresh and saltwater cruising, as the Lord of the Glens sails from Oban to the Isle of Mull, featuring some of the remote and breathtakingly beautiful scenery of Scotland's west coast, and then through the Caledonian Canal to Inverness. Highlights include Loch Ness, Loch Oich and Loch Lochy and Thomas Telford's engineering masterpiece Neptune's Staircase, a series of eight interconnected locks that raises vessels from sea-level to the canal.

Single Supplement **ON REQUEST**

What's Included

- Six nights' accommodation in a lower deck twin cabin on full board basis
- Visits include National Trust of Scotland's Visitor Centre at Culloden, Clava Cairns, Neptune's Staircase, journey on the West Highland Railway, the island of Eigg, the Clan Donald Centre and Eilean Donan Castle

SAVING
£75
per person



Urquhart Castle, Loch Ness

Tour code: **BLGG**

Scenic Scottish Railways

Departures:
7 MAY, 27 AUG & 15 OCT

4 DAYS Was £895
FROM **£845** **LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

The north of Scotland is blessed with some wonderfully scenic railway lines. The challenge of building railways through difficult terrain was taken up by the great engineers of the Victorian age. Their legacy is in the sweeping curves and majestic viaducts of the single track lines which cross wild moors and lonely glens. Highlights on this short break include a visit to the much-photographed Eilean Donan Castle, a ride aboard the Jacobite steam train that takes us over the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct and a rail journey on the Highland Line that provides some magnificent views and takes us over the Drumochter Pass, 1,480 feet above sea level.

Single Supplement **£135**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Carrbridge Hotel, Carrbridge
- Rail journeys from Inverness to Wick (single) and Kyle of Lochalsh (single); from Fort William to Mallaig (return) on the Jacobite; from Aviemore to Broomhill (return) on the Strathspey Line and a visit to Eilean Donan Castle

SAVING
£50
per person



Eilean Donan Castle

Tour code: **BSSR**

Scotland's Extreme North West

Departures:
18 MAR & 8 APR

4 DAYS Was £695
FROM **£645** **LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Kinlochbervie Hotel
- Scenic driving through Assynt, visits to Lochniver village, Cocoa Mountain Chocolatier, Smoo Cave and Oldshoremore beach



Achmelvich beach

SAVING
£50
per person

Single Supplement **£120**

Tour code: **BXNW**

Scotland's Northern Edge featuring the North Coast 500

2025 Departures:
6 MAY & 8 SEPT

5 DAYS Was £1,195
FROM **£1,120** **LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast: two at the Station Hotel, Thurso and two at the Kinlochbervie Hotel, Kinlochbervie
- Visits Include Castle Mey, Smoo Cave and Ardvreck Castle ruins



John O'Groats

SAVING
£75
per person

Single Supplement **£120**

Tour code: **BSNE**

The Architecture of Glasgow and Edinburgh

Departure:
28 MAR

4 DAYS ^{Was £895}
FROM **£845** NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Lying just 45 miles apart, Scotland's two largest cities enjoy a healthy rivalry and are often contrasted with each other. In terms of their architecture, Glasgow's city centre is predominantly Victorian, with vast edifices built on a grand scale to reflect its status as the 'Second City of the Empire'. In contrast, Edinburgh is most noted for its Georgian architecture, in particular the elegant terraces and wide streets of the New Town, though it also boasts a historic Old Town.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Garfield House Hotel, Glasgow
- Visits include Gladstone's Land, St Giles' Cathedral, the Scottish Parliament building, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Glasgow City Chambers, The Tenement House, Templeton on the Green and afternoon tea at Mackintosh at the Willow

SAVING
£50
per person



Glasgow

Tour code: **BAGE**

Glasgow's Art Treasures featuring the Burrell Collection

Departure:
21 MAR

4 DAYS ^{Was £695}
FROM **£645** NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

This incredible collection holds treasures from all over the world, including 5,000-year-old porcelain from China, paintings by renowned French artists including Manet, Cézanne and Degas, and medieval artefacts such as stained glass, armour and tapestries. Our tour includes visits to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, where notable works of art from across Britain and Europe are featured; the Hunterian, Scotland's oldest public museum, the Gallery of Modern Art located in the centre of Glasgow, Holmwood House and the House for an Art Lover.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Garfield House Hotel, Glasgow
- Visits include the Gallery of Modern Art, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Hunterian Museum, the Burrell Collection, Holmwood House and House for an Art Lover

SAVING
£50
per person



Kelvingrove Museum

Tour code: **BGAT**

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show and Classic English Gardens

Departures:
22 MAY

7 DAYS ^{Was £1,995}
FROM **£1,920**

This tour combines the colour and excitement of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show with some of the south of England's finest gardens, affording the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of horticultural excellence.

Garden highlights include Sissinghurst and Great Dixter followed by a visit to the unmissable RHS Garden Wisley. Heading west, garden highlights include the beautiful gardens of Wilton House, the ancient Bishop's Palace gardens, followed by Hestercombe, one of Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens' greatest works and Henry Hoare's celebrated landscape garden at Stourhead.

Single Supplement **£395**

What's Included

- Six nights' dinner bed and breakfast: three at the Holiday Inn Guildford and three at the Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton
- Ticket to RHS Chelsea Flower Show, Early Bird tour at Sissinghurst and visits to RHS Wisley, Hestercombe, Great Dixter, Stourhead and The Courts Garden

SAVING
£75
per person



RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Tour code: **BCHA**

Gardens of Dumfries and Galloway

Departures:
8 JUN, 20 JUL & 14 SEPT

4 DAYS ^{Was £945}
FROM **£895**

In the south-western corner of Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway is home to some of the country's most attractive gardens. For many the highlight of our tour is undoubtedly Dumfries House, actually in Ayrshire, which King Charles helped to save. One of the Adam brothers' finest achievements, the stunning interiors showcase a unique collection of Chippendale furniture, while the walled garden is one of the most exciting new garden developments in Scotland. Other highlights include exotic plants at Logan Botanic Gardens, Glenwhan Gardens with its hilltop vistas and Drumlanrig Castle with its extensive gardens and collection of fine art.

Single Supplement **£195**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries
- Visits to Dumfries House, Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden, Glenwhan Garden, Logan Botanic Gardens, Broughton House, Threave Estate and Drumlanrig Castle

SAVING
£50
per person



Logan Botanic Garden

Tour code: **BDAG**

The Best Rhododendron Gardens in the World?

Departures:
7 MAY

4 DAYS ^{Was £945}
FROM **£895** LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Visit the gardens of Galloway in May and one plant species catches the eye ahead of all others – the Rhododendron. Though of course native to eastern Asia and the Himalayas, rhododendrons seem to thrive particularly well in the mild climate of south-western Scotland. With over 1,000 species to choose from they have long attracted gardeners for their extravagant show of blossom in the spring, in myriad shades of red, pink and purple. We will see some magnificent specimens as we tour the gardens specially selected for their rhododendron displays, along with azaleas, magnolias, pieris and other flowering shrubs.

Single Supplement **£90**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Fernhill Hotel, Portpatrick
- Visits to the private garden at Millhall, Glenwhan Gardens, Castle Kennedy, Logan Botanic Gardens, Logan House, Corsock House and Threave Estate

SAVING
£50
per person



Castle Kennedy

Tour code: **BRHO**

The Gardens of Kent and Sussex

Departures:
20 JUN & 15 AUG

4 DAYS ^{Was £1,095}
FROM **£1,020**

If there's one tour that epitomises the joy of strolling around a perfect English country garden, it is this one – with one shining example after another to be savoured and enjoyed. Even if you have visited some of these properties before, such is their allure that you can return again and again, just as you would re-read your favourite novel. First-time visitors will be bowled over by the quality and pedigree of these gardens, which capture the essence of the English country garden.

Single Supplement **£195**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Donnington Manor Hotel, Sevenoaks.
- Visits to Great Comp Garden, Lullingstone Castle, Sussex Prairie Garden, Nymans Garden, Sissinghurst, Great Dixter, Scotney Castle and RHS Wisley

SAVING
£75
per person



RHS Wisley

Tour code: **BKSG**

Gardens of South & West Wales

Departure:
11 APR

5 DAYS ^{Was £1,295}
FROM **£1,220**

Tucked away in the countryside of Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire are some fine parks and gardens. The centrepiece of our tour is the National Botanic Garden of Wales, the first garden of its type to be created in the United Kingdom for 200 years. We also visit Aberglasney a superb 16th/17th century garden, which was discovered after 50 years of neglect and has been restored to produce a garden with immense appeal as well as the superb woodland gardens at Upton and Picton Castle along with some interesting private gardens, including Dyffryn Fernant, built from scratch. Horticulturalist Tony Russell will be our guide.

Single Supplement **£295**

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Beggars Reach Hotel, Burton
- Visits to Dyffryn Botanic Gardens, National Botanic Garden of Wales, Aberglasney, Dyffryn Fernant Garden, Picton Castle, Upton Castle, the private garden of Llwyngarreg and Dewstow Gardens

SAVING
£75
per person



Laugharne

Tour code: **BGSW**

Great Gardens of Cornwall

in the company of Mike Nelhams

Departures:
24 MAR, 15 APR

5 DAYS ^{Was £2,095}
FROM **£2,020**

With the help of Mike Nelhams, Curator of Tresco's Abbey Gardens and a long-standing friend of Brightwater Holidays, we have created this very special tour of Cornwall, featuring some of the best gardens in the county. Highlights include an exciting day on Tresco and a tour of the outstanding Abbey Gardens, the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the Eden Project, Caerhays Castle and the private garden of Lamorran House and a tour of the unique Tregothnan Tea Plantation.

Single Supplement **£295**

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Alverton Hotel, Truro
- Two lunches
- Standard rail travel from London to Truro (regional connections on request)
- Visits include Abbey Garden on Tresco and the Lost Garden of Heligan

SAVING
£75
per person



Tresco

Tour code: **BCMN**

Highgrove and the Cotswolds

Departs: 30 MAY & 27 JUN

4 DAYS Was £945
FROM **£895**

Our tour of the Cotswolds features an exclusive visit, with lunch included, to Highgrove House, the country home of His Majesty The King. This will be a rare opportunity to see these fascinating gardens, which, of course, are cultivated using wholly organic methods. Some of the finest gardens in England are to be found nestled among the green and rolling hills of Gloucestershire. These include the Arts and Crafts house of Rodmarton Manor, whose fine garden comprises a series of 'outdoor rooms'. Hidcote Manor's contrasting garden rooms are one of the most impressive sights in England and Kiftsgate's splendid views are justly famous.

Single Supplement **£195**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at a comfortable hotel in the Cotswolds
- Tour of Highgrove Gardens followed by lunch
- Visits to Rodmarton Manor, Hidcote Manor, Kiftsgate Court, Painswick Rococo Garden and Westonbirt Arboretum

SAVING **£50**
per person



Highgrove ©Robert Smith

Tour code: **BHGC**

In the Footsteps of Gertrude Jekyll

Departs: 3 JUN

6 DAYS Was £2,095
FROM **£2,020**

Over the last hundred years, few would doubt the great influence Gertrude Jekyll had on garden design. In her lifetime Jekyll was a prolific garden designer creating over 400 gardens; she was a plantswoman extraordinaire, painter and writer, however she is perhaps best remembered for her association with the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens. Our tour stretches across the south of England: from the scenic West Country to the Home Counties of Kent, Sussex and Surrey visiting a variety of gardens designed or inspired by Gertrude Jekyll.

Single Supplement **£495**

What's Included

- Five nights' bed and breakfast: two at the Lanes Hotel, Yeovil and three at the Frensham Pond Hotel, Farnham
- Four dinners at the hotels and one at Gravetye Manor
- Visits to Hestercombe, East Lambrook, Loseley Park and Gravetye Manor

SAVING **£75**
per person



Hestercombe Gardens

Tour code: **BJEK**

The Mary Rose: A Tudor Tale

Departure: 28 MAR

4 DAYS Was £895
FROM **£845** NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Norton Park Hotel, Winchester
- Private talk and guided tour of the Mary Rose
- Visits to Hampton Court, Anne of Cleve's House and Arundel Castle



© Mary Rose

SAVING **£50**
per person

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Tour code: **BMRT**

Gardens of Jersey

Departs: 14 MAY & 3 SEPT

5 DAYS Was £1,695
FROM **£1,620**

What's Included

- Four nights' bed and breakfast at the Pomme d'Or Hotel, St Helier
- Return flights from London to Jersey (regional connections on request)
- Visits to Samarès Botanic Garden, Eric Young Orchid Foundation and a selection of private gardens



Samarès Botanic Garden

SAVING **£75**
per person

Single Supplement **£295**

Tour code: **BJER**

RHS Garden Bridgewater & Gardens of the North West

Departs: 24 MAY & 2 AUG

4 DAYS Was £745
FROM **£695** LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Known for being one of the largest and most ambitious gardening projects in Europe, RHS Garden Bridgewater was created by leading landscape architect Tom Stuart-Smith. Highlights include one of the largest walled gardens in the UK, beautifully landscaped grounds, living plant collections and horticultural trials. We also take the opportunity to visit some of the best gardens in the region, including Trentham Estate, where the contemporary revival of the famous Italian Gardens was also led by Tom Stuart-Smith; the plantsman's garden at Dunham Massey and Arley Hall, whose double herbaceous border is one of the notable sights in England.

Single Supplement **£120**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Pinewood Hotel, Wilmslow
- Visits to the Trentham Estate, RHS Garden Bridgewater, Dunham Massey, Tatton Park and Arley Hall

SAVING **£50**
per person



Italian Gardens, Trentham Estate

Tour code: **BBNW**

Snowdrops in the Cotswolds

Departure:
7 FEB

4 DAYS ^{Was £745}
FROM **£695** NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Holiday Inn Gloucester-Cheltenham
- Visits to Newark Park, Colesbourne Gardens, Cerney House, Painswick Rococo Garden and Rodmarton Manor



Snowdrops

SAVING
£50
per person

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Tour code: **BSNC**

Stately Homes and Seaside Castles of Norfolk

Departures:
1 JUN

6 DAYS ^{Was £1,495}
FROM **£1,420** NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Our historical tour of Norfolk takes us through verdant rolling countryside to many of the fine stately homes including Sandringham, the much loved retreat of the British monarchy, where we enjoy an afternoon tea followed by a private guided tour. Other highlights include the 500-year-old Oxburgh Hall; Blickling Estate, a stunning Jacobean mansion; a trip on the North Norfolk Heritage Railway and Wolterton Park, set in classic English parkland. We round off the tour with a visit to Lady Walpole at her ancestral family home, the charming, moated manor of Mannington Hall, where we enjoy a guided tour and lunch.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner (with wine), bed and breakfast at the Knights Hill Hotel, King's Lynn
- One Lunch and one afternoon tea
- Visits include Sandringham, Oxburgh Hall, Holkham Hall and Hoveton Hall

SAVING
£75
per person



Sandringham

Tour code: **BPCN**

Summer Gardens of Cornwall

Departures:
23 JUN

7 DAYS ^{Was £2,295}
FROM **£2,220**

A visit to Cornwall in early summer is a rewarding experience and there is an abundance of gardens to choose from - thanks to the benign climate a wide range of plants can be grown here, from the great Asiatic shrubs to tender exotics. Among the outstanding visits is a specially arranged guided tour of the garden at Tregrehan with owner Tom Hudson, who will give us his personal insight into gardening here in the Duchy of Cornwall. Other highlights include the garden at Marsh Villa and the Tremeneheere Sculpture Garden. On the way to and from Cornwall we also visit Hestercombe and the impeccable RHS Garden Rosemoor.

Single Supplement **£395**

What's Included

- Six nights' dinner bed and breakfast at the Hotel Vara, Truro
- Visits to Hestcombe, Tregrehan, Marsh Villa, Tremeneheere Sculpture Gardens, the Lost Gardens of Heligan, Trelissick, Lamorran House and RHS Garden Rosemoor

SAVING
£75
per person



RHS Garden Rosemoor

Tour code: **BUCO**

The Irish Rover

Departures:
12 JUN

8 DAYS ^{Was £2,495}
FROM **£2,420**

Just like the Van Morrison song, this Irish Rover is wrapped up in glory – the glory of some of Ireland's finest gardens. A rich feast of horticultural excellence awaits, with memorable and beguiling gardens, enthusiastic and skilful owners and an ever-changing backdrop of lush green hills, fertile fields and glittering seascapes. Our north to south journey is packed full of gems yet is relaxed and unhurried, taking in the very best that the Emerald Isle has to offer. Highlights include the idiosyncratic garden of Mount Stewart, romantic Rowallane, sumptuous Powerscourt and the Italianate gem of Innacullin. Horticulturalist Trevor Edwards is our guide.

Single Supplement **£595**

What's Included

- Seven nights' bed and breakfast: two at the Dunadry Hotel, Co Antrim; three nights at the Spencer Hotel (or similar) Dublin and two nights at the Martime Hotel, Bantry plus Five Dinners
- Visits include Mount Stewart, Powerscourt and Blarney Castle and Gardens

SAVING
£75
per person



Powerscourt Gardens

Tour code: **BIFG**

Spring Gardens of Cornwall

Departure:
17 MAR

4 DAYS ^{Was £745}
FROM **£695**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner bed and breakfast at the Pentire Hotel, Newquay
- Visits to Knights Hayes Court, the Eden Project, the Lost Gardens of Heligan, Trebah, Glendurgan and Killerton



Lost Gardens of Heligan

SAVING
£50
per person

Single Supplement **£150**

Tour code: **BSGC**

History and Horticulture in Corsica

8 DAYS FROM ~~Was £4,495~~ **£4,345**

SAVING **£150** per person



Bonifacio

The French Island of Corsica is notable for its unusually lush vegetation compared to others in the Mediterranean, thanks to its acid soils and wide range of climatic variations. The luxuriant growth – forest, scrub (maquis), olive-trees, orange groves, vineyards and an abundance of flowers – led Napoleon Bonaparte, the island's most famous son, to say "I would recognise Corsica with my eyes closed from its perfume alone." This delightful cruise combines some of the Island's wondrous gardens, areas of outstanding natural beauty and no trip to Corsica would be complete without delving into some of the history surrounding the famous military man himself.

Tour Highlights

- Visit the Maison Bonaparte, a national museum
- U Giardinu di l'Isuli home to 4000 plants
- Dinner at a Corsican Inn accompanied by traditional music
- Walking tour of Bastia Old Town including Romieu Garden



MV La Belle des Océans

Day 1 We depart from London to **Nice** where we transfer to the ship. The remainder of the afternoon is spent at leisure. (D)

Day 2 Today as we arrive in **Corsica** we gather on the deck for a tasting of traditional myrtle liqueur and a pastry. In the afternoon, we explore the sights and scents of Corsica as we cross the maquis—the Corsican underbrush exploding with a potpourri of flowers and plants—for a visit to a **local essential oil business**. We'll then visit the honey farm **Jardin des Abeilles** to learn more about beekeeping. An informative walk in the forest and along the Prunelli River brings you to the centre of the maquis, where you'll be able to breathe in the earthy scents from the heather, arbutus, fig, box, holly, and alder trees. At the end of our tour, you'll enjoy tasting a selection of honey from the farm. (B,L,D)

Day 3 This morning, we will visit the **Maison Bonaparte**, a national museum. Napoleon Bonaparte, the French military leader and emperor, was born in this house on August 15, 1769. The museum retraces the history of the Bonaparte family in Corsica as well as the series of exiles they experienced. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Today is free spend at leisure in Bonifacio. Alternatively, you may wish to join today's optional excursions. This morning offers a chance to join a **guided tour of Bonifacio**. After lunch back on board the afternoon's optional excursion will take us to explore the **Lavezzi Islands nature reserve**. This evening dinner is at a traditional inn situated in the heart of the Corsican countryside. Corsican music and songs will accompany our dinner featuring dishes made using seasonal local produce. (B,L,D)

Day 5 After arriving in Porto Vecchio and enjoying breakfast on board, we depart for a visit to **U Giardinu di l'Isuli**. Here we find a collection of around 1400 plant species essentially of subtropical or tropical origin and around 4000 plants in total. (B,L, D)

Day 6 This morning after breakfast, we will join a local guide for a **walking tour of Bastia Old Town**. As we wander through the 18th century narrow streets and alleyways our guide will explain the town's history and highlight places and buildings of interest such as the **'Terra Vecchia'** home to the morning market and the large **Saint-Jean- Baptiste church**. During our tour we will also visit the **Romieu Garden** a haven of greenery located between the citadel district and the old port with views across the sea.(B,L,D)

Day 7 This morning we head to **Saleccia Park** a unique seven-hectare estate at the gateway to Ile Rousse. Here we can explore Corsica through its landscapes and the various aspects of the flora and fauna thanks to local preservation efforts. The garden was first opened to the public in 2005 and has since been classified as a 'Remarkable Garden'. As we bid goodbye to Corsica, we gather on the Sun Deck for a cocktail and take in one last glimpse of the beauty of the island before a **festive gala evening**. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Arriving back in Nice this morning, we disembark after breakfast and return to the airport for our flight to London (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner



Lavezzi Islands

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Seven nights' full board on board MV La Belle Des Océans in a Horizon Cabin on deck 3
- ▶ Drinks on board with meals and at the bar (excluding premium drinks and spirits)
- ▶ Return flights from London to Nice
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel and all visits as detailed in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2025			
11 - 18 Jul			
Deck 3	£4,495	£4,345	
Deck 4	£4,675	£4,525	Optional Excursion:
Deck 5	£5,095	£4,945	Bonifacio £45
Panorama	£5,495	£5,345	Lavezzi Islands £85
Riviera	£5,795	£5,645	
Ocean	£5,895	£5,745	Single Supplement from £1495

Tour code: **BCOR**

Dutch Bulbfields Cruise in Spring

5 DAYS FROM ~~Was £1,595~~ **£1,520**

Enjoy a riot of colour among the beautiful bulbfields of Holland where nothing quite compares to the sight of not hundreds, not thousands, but millions of flowering bulbs, carpeting the fields in a radiant vision of patterns and patchwork. We begin in the Belgian city of Antwerp with a visit to the newly refurbished reception centre, library and Baroque gardens at Rubens House, before enjoying a visit to the Botanic Gardens before we embark on our cruise. We enjoy a visit to one of the most famous gardens in the world – Keukenhof. Arriving in Amsterdam, we visit De Haar Castle and Kasteel Museum Sypsteyn, both surrounded by splendid gardens.

Day 1 We depart by rail from London to Antwerp, where we visit **Rubens House** and its newly revamped reception building and library and Baroque gardens, filled with over 17,000 plants, followed by a visit to the **Botanic Garden**. We later embark the MS La Bohème. (D)

Day 2 This morning we cruise from Antwerp to **Rotterdam**. On arrival we venture ashore and explore at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 3 This morning we cruise from Rotterdam to **Utrecht** and in the afternoon we depart for **Keukenhof**. One of the most famous gardens in the world where over seven million bulbs are planted annually and around one million visitors pass through it from mid-March to mid-May. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Today we explore **Kasteel Museum Sypsteyn** surrounded by stunning gardens before we visit **De Haar Castle** which has equally splendid grounds including a Roman garden, ponds and canals. (B, L, D)

Day 5 We disembark in Amsterdam and visit the **Museum Van Loon**. In the afternoon, we catch the train from Amsterdam Centraal railway station to London St Pancras International. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner



Keukenhof Gardens

SAVING **£75** per person

Tour Highlights

- Enjoy the breathtaking display of flowers at Keukenhof
- Fast and comfortable journeys between London and Brussels/Amsterdam with Eurostar
- Visits to botanic gardens in Antwerp, Kasteel de Haar and Kasteel Museum Sypsteyn in Amsterdam

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Four nights' full board accommodation on board the MS La Bohème in a main deck cabin
- ▶ Drinks on board with meals and at the bar (excluding premium drinks and spirits)
- ▶ Standard class rail travel from London to Antwerp, returning from Amsterdam (first class upgrades and regional connections also available on request)
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel and all visits
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2025			Middle Deck Supplement	£100
14 - 18 Apr	£1,595	£1,520	Upper Deck Supplement	£130
Single Supplement		£395	Optional Excursion:	
			Amsterdam canal cruise	On request

Tour code: **BCDB**

Glorious Gardens of the Canary Islands Cruise

8 DAYS FROM ~~Was £4,295~~ **£4,145**

This volcanic archipelago off the coast of north-western Africa is home to black sand beaches, lunar landscapes, lush forests and hidden gardens filled with indigenous plants, some of which are on the verge of extinction. During this eight-day voyage we not only have the opportunity to enjoy some much-needed winter sun, we also explore six of the eight main islands and some of their most notable gardens.

Day 1 We depart from London to Tenerife and transfer to **Puerto De La Cruz**. (D)

Day 2 Today, we visit **Mt Teide National Park** in central Tenerife - a unique landscape of craters, volcanoes and petrified lava. This afternoon we visit the **Botanical Gardens of Puerto De La Cruz**, with many species of exotic and sub-tropical plants. Later, we depart for **The Orchid Gardens** of Sitio Litre, famous for its Dragon Tree. (B, L, D)

Day 3 We arrive in **La Palma** and after lunch, we head to **Caldera de Taburiente National Park**, home to an enormous crater and a declared UNESCO Biosphere reserve. Next, we visit the island's **Botanical Gardens**, home to over 200 plant species. (B, L, D)

Day 4 We dock at the island of **La Gomera**. You may wish to join the optional excursion to **Garajonay National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a traditional lunch enjoy a demonstration of the island's unique whistled language **Silbo Gomero**. (B, L, D)

Day 5 We continue to **Gran Canaria**. This morning's optional excursion is to the **Casa de Colon**, which chronicles the Canaries' history, and the 569m-high **Bandama Caldera**. This afternoon our optional excursion is to **Teror**, a place of pilgrimage for the islanders, and the garden of **La Marquesa de Arucas**. (B, L, D)

Day 6 We cruise to **Fuerteventura**. The optional excursion offers the opportunity to discover an award-winning **goat's cheese**, a cosmetics producer who takes advantage of the abundant **aloe vera** crop, and historic **Betancuria**, the island's first colony. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Today dock in **Lanzarote**. We visit the **Jardín de Cactus**, a former quarry that has been transformed into a wonderful garden, and **The Green Heart of Haria**, an oasis for wildlife with a vast collection of native plants. (B, L, D)

Day 8 After breakfast, we transfer to Lanzarote airport for our return flight to London. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner



Jardín de Cactus, Lanzarote

SAVING **£150** per person

Tour Highlights

- Visit to Mt Teide National Park, Sitio Litre and Jardín Botánico, Tenerife
- The National Park of La Caldera de Taburiente and Botanical Gardens La Palma
- Visits to the Cactus Garden and the Green Heart of Haria, Lanzarote

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Seven nights' full board on board the MV La Belle Des Océans in a Horizon cabin on deck 3
- ▶ Flight from London to Tenerife, returning from Lanzarote
- ▶ Drinks on board with meals and at the bar (excluding premium drinks and spirits)
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of Trevor Edwards as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2025			
1 - 8 Feb			Optional Excursion:
Deck 3	£4,295	£4,145	La Gomera
Deck 4	£4,725	£4,575	Las Palmas/Bandama
Deck 5	£5,155	£5,005	Teror/Garden
Panorama	£5,585	£5,435	Fuerteventura
Riviera	£6,075	£5,925	Single Supplement
Ocean	£6,395	£6,245	from £1,495

Tour code: **BGCI**

Cultural Malta

Departure:
4 MAR

5 DAYS FROM **£1,120**

Was £1,195
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner (with wine), bed and breakfast at the Doubletree by Hilton, St Paul's Bay
- Afternoon tea at Palazzo Parisio
- Visits to Barrakka Gardens, Ggantija Temples, Vittoriosa and Haġar Qim

SAVING
£75
per person



Valletta

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Tour code: **BMAC**

Malta's Archaeological Heritage

Departures:
4 MAR & 6 MAY

7 DAYS FROM **£1,720**

Was £1,795
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

What's Included

- Six nights' dinner (with wine), bed and breakfast at the Doubletree by Hilton, St Paul's Bay
- Visits include Mosta Church, Mdina, Skorba Temples, Mnajdra Temples, Tarxien Temples, Hal Saflieni Hypogeum and Haġar Qim

SAVING
£75
per person



Haġar Qim

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Tour code: **BMAL**

Crete Archaeology

Departure:
22 APR

8 DAYS FROM **£2,020**

Was £2,095

What's Included

- Seven nights' bed and breakfast: three nights at the Marin Hotel, Heraklion and four nights at the Bio Hotel Rethymnon
- Two dinners
- Visits include the Palace of Knossos, Phaistos, Gortyn and Zaros

SAVING
£75
per person



Knossos Palace

Single Supplement

£450

Tour code: **BCRE**

The Art & Architecture of Antwerp

Departure:
27 MAR

5 DAYS FROM **£1,320**

Was £1,395

What's Included

- Four nights' bed and breakfast at the Mercure Antwerp
- Two dinners
- Visits to KMSKA - Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Snijders & Rockox Huis and the Rubens Experience Centre and Gardens

SAVING
£75
per person



Centraal Station

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Tour code: **BANT**

The Archaeology of Ancient Cyprus

Departure:
25 MAR

8 DAYS FROM **£2,020**

Was £2,095

The Mediterranean Island of Cyprus has a rich Prehistoric, Classical and Medieval past. In recent years research has shown that the earliest occupation of the island dates back over 10,000 years, and over these millennia the Cypriot people have developed their own distinctive artefacts, buildings, art and culture. Among the highlights of our tour are three UNESCO World Heritage sites, Khirokitia and the Archaeological Park and Tomb of the Kings.

Single Supplement

£325

What's Included

- Seven nights' bed and breakfast: four nights at the Mediterranean Hotel, Limassol and three nights at the Mayfair Hotel, Paphos
- Two lunches and two dinners including wine at local restaurants
- Visits to Khirokitia, Kourion Archaeological Site and Paphos Archaeological Park

SAVING
£75
per person



Tomb of the Kings

Tour code: **BCYP**

Discover the Durrells' Corfu with Lee Durrell

Departure:
6 MAY

5 DAYS FROM **£1,720**

Was £1,795

Explore the Greek island that inspired Gerald Durrell's hilarious accounts of a sun-kissed childhood with his eccentric family (and other animals), as well as ITV's The Durrells. During this tour, we meet naturalist and writer Lee Durrell, who will give a talk on her late husband Gerald's pioneering role in wildlife conservation and will accompany us over two days as we visit some of her family's favourite places in Corfu. We also enjoy a walking tour of historic Corfu town and a visit to the Achilleion Museum, which is filled with statues and other mementoes of its former royal owners.

Single Supplement

£225

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Corfu Holiday Palace plus one lunch
- Special appearance by Lee Durrell including a talk and Q&A session
- Visits to Mouse Island, Lake of the Lillies, Perithia and the White House in Kalami

SAVING
£75
per person



Mouse Island

Tour code: **BCFU**

Seine River Cruise featuring Monet's Garden and the Gardens of Normandy

8 DAYS Was £2,995
FROM **£2,895**

Join us on a relaxing cruise on the River Seine, into which we have woven a series of visits to the gardens of Normandy, including Monet's garden at Giverny, which continues to enthrall countless visitors almost 100 years after his death. Other garden highlights include Château de Miromesnil, which represents four centuries of harmonious architectural styles, and Le Vasterival, one of the finest gardens of its type and a lasting legacy of its creator, the Princess Sturdza. At the Jardin de Plume we will discover a natural yet structured contemporary garden in a typical Normandy orchard and at the Jardins d'Angélique we explore a romantic and old-fashioned garden. A visit to the garden at Château de Canon is combined with a taste of Normandy at the cellars of Calvados Père Magloire.

Day 1 We depart from London to **Paris** by Eurostar. On arrival we transfer to our ship. (D)

Day 2 This morning we visit **Musée de l'Orangerie des Tuileries**. This afternoon is at leisure to explore **Paris**. (B, L, D)

Day 3 After lunch on board, we visit the famous **house and garden of Claude Monet** at Giverny. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Today we visit two gardens, the first at **Château de Miromesnil** followed by **Le Vasterival**. (B, PL, D)

Day 5 Today we visit the **Pegasus Bridge Memorial Museum, Château de Canon** at Mezidon-Canon and the famous **Calvados house of Père Magloire**. (B, PL, D)

Day 6 We spend the morning sailing. After lunch today, we visit **Jardin de Plume**. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Today after lunch we visit the impressive **Jardins d'Angélique**. This evening a **farewell gala dinner** is served on board. (B, L, D)

Day 8 After breakfast, we disembark and transfer to the rail station for our return Eurostar journey to London (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, PL: Packed Lunch, D: Dinner



MS Botticelli ©CroisiEurope

Tour Highlights

- House and garden of the artist Claude Monet
- The Les Nymphéas murals at Musée de l'Orangerie des Tuileries
- Visits to the gardens of Château de Miromesnil, Le Vasterival and Jardins d'Angélique

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Seven nights' in a lower deck cabin on the MS Botticelli on a full board basis
- ▶ Drinks on board with meals and at the bar (excluding premium drinks and spirits)
- ▶ Return standard class rail travel from London St Pancras International to Paris (first class upgrades and regional connections also available on request)
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel in France
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of Trevor Edwards as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2025	
23 - 30 May	£2,995 £2,895
Single Supplement	£595
Upper Deck Supplement	£225

Tour code: **BSEI**

Gardens of the French Riviera and the Menton Lemon Festival or International Rose Festival

6 DAYS Was £1,995
FROM **£1,920**

Menton's zesty Lemon Festival brings a vibrant burst of colour to our tour of the French Riviera. Exotic gardens, cacti collections and azure seas complete our sparkling itinerary.

At the Clos du Peyronnet we have an exclusive tour, where a passion for exotic plants is reflected in the colour and variety of this fascinating garden. At St. Jean Cap Ferrat, we visit the exquisite gardens of the Fondation Ephrussi de Rothschild, while a short hop over the border to Italy finds us at the incomparable Hanbury Gardens.

In May the International Rose Festival in Grasse takes the place of the Lemon Festival.

Day 1 We depart from London to **Nice**, where we visit the garden of **Serre de la Madone** (L, D)

Day 2 We visit the **Fondation Ephrussi de Rothschild** at St Jean Cap Ferrat, before we continue to the **Jardin Exotique d'Èze**. (B, L)

Day 3 We begin at the private garden of **Clos du Peyronnet** for a guided tour. Later, we go from France to Italy and tour the stunning gardens of **La Mortola**, perhaps the greatest of the Riviera Gardens. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Our day is spent at the **Lemon Festival in Menton** and our ticket includes a grandstand seat for the parade. (B)

Day 5 Today we visit **Villa Thuret** before we continue to **La Mouissone**, whose gardens reflect the attributes and restrictions presented by the terrain and the Mediterranean climate. (B, L, D)

Day 6 We conclude in **Monte Carlo**, where we will enjoy a walk through some of the parks and gardens. Later, we transfer to Nice for our flight to London. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner



Menton Lemon Festival parade

Tour Highlights

- Sit back and enjoy all the colour and spectacle of the Menton Lemon Festival
- Cacti of every shape and size in Èze
- The richness of the plant collection at the Hanbury Garden
- Marvellous sea views and opulent surroundings in St Jean Cap Ferrat

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Five nights' bed & breakfast at the 4-star Hotel Le Grimaldi, Nice (or similar)
- ▶ Three dinners and four lunches
- ▶ Return flights from London to Nice
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Menton Lemon Festival		International Rose Festival	
13 - 18 Feb	£1,995 £1,920	8 - 13 May	£2,395 £2,320
Single Supplement	£325	Single Supplement	£585

Tour code: **BLEM / BFRR**

Portugal - Route of the Almond Blossom

Departure:
12 MAR & 19 MAR

8 DAYS ^{Was £2,595}
FROM **£2,495** NEW DATE ADDED

This new tour travels through the Douro Valley taking in the stunning almond blossom vistas which are comparable with the more famous cherry blossoms in Japan - but a lot closer to home. Spend some time exploring the vibrant city of Porto with its UNESCO World Heritage Centre before we depart on a scenic train ride through the Douro Valley with its spectacular vistas and ranks of flowering almond trees. Our destination is Vila Nova de Foz Côa, whose almond trees bloom with delicate pink and white flowers, a magnificent sight to behold. We also visit some of the Douro Valley's Manor Houses including Casa Mateus and Casa do Campo.

Single Supplement **£395**

What's Included

- Seven nights' bed and breakfast: three at the Hotel Vila Gale Porto; one at the Quinta de Terrincha and three at the Vila Gale Hotel, Braga
- Two dinner and two lunches
- Porto City tour, Crystal Palace Gardens, Casa Mateus and Casa do Campo

SAVING
£100
per person



Almond trees, Douro Valley

Tour code: **BALM**

Gardens of Madeira - Flower Festival

Departure:
1 MAY

8 DAYS ^{Was £2,495}
FROM **£2,420**

Set in a bright blue sea, some 400 miles off the coast of Africa, lies the lush, volcanic Portuguese island of Madeira. Much of the island is assigned as a conservation area where rare flowers cover the island like a green mantle. In May, the island comes alive as the month is dedicated to the beauty and fragrance flowers bring to the island. The annual flower festival fills Maderia with unforgettable colours, decorations and true sense of celebration. Our tour is timed to coincide with the beginning of the festival, a highlight being the parade of flower filled floats through the capital - Funchal.

Single Supplement **£395**

What's Included

- Seven nights' bed and breakfast at the Golden Residence Hotel (or similar)
- Two dinners and one afternoon tea at Reid's Palace
- Visits include Quinta da Boa Vista, Quinta Do Palheiro, Santa Catarina Park and Monte Palace Gardens

SAVING
£75
per person



Botanical Garden Monte

Tour code: **BGMD**

Galicia's Camellia Route

Departure:
12 MAR

6 DAYS ^{Was £1,495}
FROM **£1,420**

With a milder, wetter climate than the rest of Spain, the gardens in Galicia have a luxuriant air, accentuated by the fact that many belong to grand country mansions (pazos). Another happy feature of the climate is that camellias thrive here, and in the spring sunshine they provide welcome splashes of colour, blooming exuberantly in shades of white, pink and red. We will follow the length of the camellia route, which extends from La Coruña in the north by way of the historic pilgrimage centre of Santiago de Compostela to Vigo in the south. Along the way, we visit a collection of splendid gardens, including the outstanding Castillo de Soutomaioir.

Single Supplement **£195**

What's Included

- Five nights' bed and breakfast plus three dinners with wine; two at the Eurostars Cuidad de La Coruña; two nights at the Eurostar Gran Hotel, Santiago de Compostela and one night at the Eurostars Vigo
- Visits include Pazo de Oca, Pazo de Rubianes and Castillo de Soutomaioir

SAVING
£75
per person



Santiago de Compostela

Tour code: **BCGG**

Gardens and Architecture of Mallorca

Departures:
18 MAR & 22 APR

6 DAYS ^{Was £1,595}
FROM **£1,520**

Away from the busy beach resorts, the Balearic island of Mallorca offers a timeless, verdant landscape of wooded hills and orange groves, sweeping bays and rocky mountains. Dotted around the island is a host of historic gardens whose origins date back hundreds of years, as well as more modern creations, providing a rich range of horticultural delights. These include the gardens at Raixa and Alfaiba, both with Moorish origins and later Christian influences, and Son Marroig, a former residence of Archduke Luis Salvador. We also tour the island's principal city of Palma and take an exhilarating ride on the scenic Tren de Soller, a heritage train.

Single Supplement **£395**

What's Included

- Five nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Hotel THB Maria Isabel, Playa de Palma plus one lunch
- Visits include Raixa, Son Marroig, Real Cartuja de Valldemosa, a city tour of Palma and a visit to the necropolis of Son Real

SAVING
£75
per person



Alfaiba

Tour code: **BMCA**

Gardens and Villas of Sicily

Departures:
18 MAR & 13 MAY

8 DAYS ^{Was £2,495}
FROM **£2,420**

Recently Sicily has become one of Europe's best-loved destinations and as soon as you arrive you'll understand why. Our eight-day tour takes in the best that the island has to offer, with a strong emphasis on gardens, which is what sets this holiday apart from other Sicilian offerings. Highlights include a private garden on the slopes of Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano, a private garden in Taormina with spectacular views, a tour with a member of the team at Villasmundo and a visit to the private garden of a Sicilian aristocrat. At Gli Aromi Sicily as we discover an extensive selection of herbs and spices before concluding our tour in Palermo.

Single Supplement **£395**

What's Included

- Seven nights' dinner (with wine), bed and breakfast: three in Giardini Naxos, two in Ragusa and two in Palermo plus two lunches
- Visits include Casa Cuseni, the gardens of San Giuliano, Gli Aromi Sicily and Palermo Botanic Garden



Villa Giulia

Tour code: **BSIC**

The Genius of Monet

Departures:
9 MAY & 18 JUL

4 DAYS ^{Was £1,345}
FROM **£1,270**

Just as the gardens at Giverny inspired Monet, who spent half his life nurturing and enjoying them, they continue to enthral visitors more than 90 years after his death. The restored gardens give a vivid impression of Monet's favourite subjects. The perfect complement to Giverny is the Orangerie Museum in Paris. The centrepiece of this outstanding collection is Monet's breathtaking series of two-metre high murals, Les Nymphéas, which provide a moving testament to the genius of the painter. Besides Giverny, we visit the Château de Chantilly, with its collection of fine art and its gardens designed by Le Nôtre, and also the market town of Senlis.

Single Supplement **£295**

What's Included

- Three nights' dinner (with wine), bed and breakfast at the Château de Montvillargenne, Chantilly
- Visit to The Orangerie Museum and Les Nymphéas, the house and gardens of Claude Monet and Château de Chantilly



Monet's Garden

Tour code: **BMOG**

Gardens and Architecture of Andalusia

Departures:
12 MAY & 8 SEPT

8 DAYS ^{Was £2,095}
FROM **£2,020**

What's Included

- Seven nights' bed and breakfast: three nights in Grenada; three in Seville and one night in Ronda
- Three dinners
- Visits include Alhambra Palace and the Generalife Gardens and the Great Mosque in Córdoba



Alhambra Palace and garden

SAVING
£75
per person

Single Supplement **£395**

Tour code: **BANG**

Rome, Ninfa and Castel Gandolfo

Departure:
13 MAY

4 DAYS ^{Was £1,795}
FROM **£1,720**

What's Included

- Three nights' bed and breakfast in the Albergo Santa Chiara Hotel, Rome plus one dinner (with a drink)
- Visits to Villa Lante, Castle Gandolfo, the gardens of Ninfa and Villa d'Este



Gardens of Ninfa

SAVING
£75
per person

Single Supplement **£420**

Tour code: **BRNI**

Palladian Villas of Veneto

Departure:
20 MAY & 16 SEPT

5 DAYS ^{Was £2,095}
FROM **£2,020**

What's Included

- Four nights' bed and breakfast at the Sweet Hotel, Schiavon
- Visits to Villa Pisani, Villa Valmarana, Villa Barbarigo, Villa Barbaro, Orto Botanico and a walking tour of Vicenza



Villa Pisani

SAVING
£75
per person

Single Supplement **£195**

Tour code: **BVEN**

Iceland's Northern Lights

Departure:
9 FEB

5 DAYS ^{Was £2,295}
FROM **£2,220**

What's Included

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast: two in Hella and two in Reykjavik plus one lunch
- Visits include Raufarhólshellir Lava Tunnel, Skógafoss waterfall and Þingvellir National Park



Northern Lights

SAVING
£75
per person

Single Supplement **£395**

Tour code: **BICE**



Yosemite National Park

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