

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2024. We have a lot to shout about as we start 2024, along with a new look with our redesigned logo, we have a brand new website that we hope will offer trouble free bookings from here on in. We hope you like the new look and ease of booking our new version offers. As with all our trips, if you prefer to email us with your bookings, then we are happy to do that too!

Whilst our 2023 travel diary was jam-packed, we intend to make 2024 even busier with the return of some old favourites and introducing some new exciting adventures.

All our current trips are listed and we introduce new opportunities each month, so make sure you have subscribed to receive your own copy direct to your inbox and we look forward to welcoming you to even more in 2024!

BRUGES & GHENT – 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS

8TH TO 10TH MARCH 2024 - 2 ROOMS/4 PLACES AVAILABLE

Book your place on one of our favourite trips visiting beautiful Bruges and gorgeous Ghent. With 2 days to explore Bruges from our favourite hotel the 3* Martins Hotel (located just behind the Bell Tower). Our final day is spent in Ghent to enjoy the atmosphere of this equally beautiful town, with its majestic buildings including a Castle. **Cost £225pp based on 2 sharing twin/double room, single supplement +£60.** Exec Coach, Eurotunnel, Bed & Breakfast

BRICK LANE, ST. PATRICKS IRISH SHOW - £79

THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH – short booking window

Following the success of the November trip to Brick Lane, we have a 3 week window to assess interest in the 14th March show and Afternoon Tea. You know its going to be NAUGHTY and you know its going to be FUN! Adults only please £79pp includes exec coach, show and afternoon tea. Register your interest asap, trip can only proceed subject to reaching min numbers. Deposits then required by 31st Jan with balance due by 10th Feb.

ONE DAY, SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024

WITH TWO CHOICES OF DESTINATION – OPTION 1

THRILOW DAFFODIL FESTIVAL - Adult £33

From a small village Festival the Thriplow Daffodil weekend enjoys in excess of 10,000 visitors each year. The 450 village residents' and team of volunteers work together on a fantastic floral and fundraising weekend, with open gardens, over 100 stalls, horse and carriage rides, music and more throughout the village.

ONE DAY, SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024

WITH TWO CHOICES OF DESTINATION – OPTION 2

IWM, DUXFORD - Adult £52.50

Lose yourself for the day wandering under and around some of the most iconic aircraft in the world at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. Find the massive B-52 Stratofortress, get face-to-face with the Blackbird - the fastest jet aircraft ever made - and meet an icon of the skies enabling you to climb onboard Concorde. *Price includes entry to Duxford and will be confirmed subject to 2024 prices being confirmed.*

EASTER BREAK TO TORQUAY - SPACES

29TH MARCH TO 1ST APRIL – From £259pp – half board

Join our Easter break on the English Riviera, staying in the Harbourside, Regina Hotel, Torquay. Our break highlights some of the areas maritime and mystery connections, and an optional visit to Greenway, home to murder mystery author Agatha Christie. So as long as we don't have thoughts of 'Death on the River Dart; or 'Murder on the Devon Express' we should be in for a great Easter! Sea view rooms available, +£20pp.



WONDERFUL WALES – FULL - RESERVE LIST

5TH TO 8TH APRIL – From £259pp

Staying at the Hydro Hotel on half board basis in lovely Llandudno, there are 2 great days out planned to give you a wonderful opportunity to explore picture perfect Portmeirion* and Snowdonia. *Entry at 2024 group rates TBC). On our return, we stop at historic Chester...such a unique town!

EXPLORE LONDON'S SOUTHBANK

SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL - £23

London offers so many unique areas to explore and now we offer you the chance to walk along the Thames path that runs through Southbank and Bankside. The area offers iconic places to visit including Shakespeare's Globe, Borough Market, Tate Modern, HMS Belfast, Southbank Centre, Millenium Bridge, Oxo Tower, Sealife Centre and the London Eye. *Please don't book your own choices until we have confirmed sufficient interest has been received.*



MEET THE CHELSEA PENSIONERS

FRIDAY, 26TH APRIL - £42

Join us as we travel to the Royal Hospital Chelsea to meet some of its wonderful residents, the Chelsea Pensioners. Commissioned by King Charles II and built by Sir Christopher Wren its home to around 300 army veterans, and our guides are the Pensioners themselves. We've combined the day with free time so you can enjoy nearby venues inc the National Army Museum (Free) and we've booked timed tours* to the fascinating London Physic Garden, the oldest and most respected botanical garden in Europe (*£15 approx depending on numbers taking this up)



ALLINGTON CASTLE VIA THE KENTISH LADY TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL - £55

We are pleased to offer a Springtime visit to one of the hidden jewels of Kent, Allington Castle. Cruising from Maidstone on the Kentish Lady, we will enjoy a guided tour of the castle and gardens. It's a truly beautiful and historic place. Then its back on the Kentish Lady where we will enjoy a tea, coffee and cake.... What a lovely way to spend 'messaging about on the River'!



LOVELY LIVERPOOL - 5TH TO 8TH MAY 2024

Be our 4-day tripper as we visit lovely and lively Liverpool for do as you please break but **with a little help from your friends** at REAL Socialising, who will co-ordinate interest to secure group rates to some of the most popular attractions, whether its connected to the Fab Four or one of Liverpools famous football clubs, we are here to **HELP!** Staying at the Ropewalks Hotel on Seel Street on bed and breakfast basis, you are perfectly placed to explore! **£229pp based on two sharing twin/double, Solo + £70 - COACH 2 NOW CONFIRMED, CONFIRMATIONS SENT - *SOME SPACES***



COLOURFUL CAMDEN - £24

SUNDAY, 12TH MAY - with Canal cruise option

We are pleased to bring a repeat of one of our most popular days out to one of the most vibrant and colour places in the UK; **Camden Lock**. Fashion, Food, intage and Retro clothing and furniture. Arts and crafts and collectables, one not to miss. To complete the day out, how about booking the Canal Cruise option. Enjoy a 90 min relaxing cruise on the Jenny Wren, traditional canal boat, with a circular tour to Little Venice. Cruise - Adults £18.50, Senior 65+ £16.50.



FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD ...includes The Pudding Club experience and Blenheim Palace Food Festival

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 25TH - 26TH MAY – from £189

We are pleased to bring you a fantastic food themed break combining The Pudding Club experience and Blenheim Palace Food Festival. Staying in the Cotswold, the Three Ways Hotel in Mickelton has been instrumental in preserving the great British Pudding. Your evening includes a parade of 7 puddings and much ceremony from the Pudding Master. You are in for a fun foody evening. The theme continues on day 2 with a visit to beautiful Blenheim Palace. Visit the magnificent house and enjoy the day at its renowned food festival...who knows, you might just find you are standing next to Raymond Blanc!



HISTORIC HIGHGATE & KENWOOD HOUSE

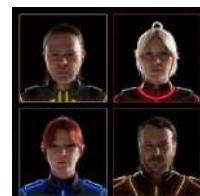
FRIDAY, 31ST MAY - £45 Adults

We had such tremendous feedback from our 2023 visit that we are delighted to include another opportunity to visit **Highgate Cemetery**. This time we combine it with a visit to the majetic Kenwood House, just 2 miles from Highgae to give you a very special day out! The stories of Highgate are as diverse as the people buried here. Some well-known, some are being rediscovered and others will remain untold. Join us for a fascinating day out!

ABBA VOYAGE 2024– SATURDAY, 29TH JUNE

ABBA ARENA LONDON – Matinee show From £94

Back by popular request, and already sold out for our 2024 date. It will be worth the wait as you experience a concert like no other with digital versions of Agnetha, Björn, Benny and Anni-Frid backed by the finest musicians. **RESERVE LIST ONLY**



4 RIVERS CRUISE – from £1295pp

9TH TO 15TH OCTOBER – Full Board and all inc drinks*

Discover the beauty of the romantic Rhine Valley, the Neckar, the Moselle and the Saar Rivers as you cruise from **Strasbourg to Luxembourg**. Book your place on this delightful Croisi Europe, 7 day 6 night Cruise on board MS Leonardo Da Vinci – Price will include Executive coaching, Full Board and all-inclusive drinks!* Boarding in Strasbourg, you will visit Mannheim, Rüdesheim, Cochem, Trier and Luxembourg. What's not to like! * Does not include drinks from specialist list or drinks during excursions or transfers.

SCARBOROUGH, YORK & WHITBY

24TH TO 28TH OCTOBER 2024 - 5 DAYS, 4 NIGHTS

Back by popular demand, a great 5 day break to Scarborough. With 2 optional days out to York and Whitby (during Goth Weekend), there is plenty of opportunity to get the most out of this break. Staying half board at the Esplanade Hotel Scarborough, it offers the perfect base from which to explore the area! **Cost £299pp based on 2 sharing a twin or double and an amazing £10 for solo occupancy. DOUBLE & TWIN ROOMS ONLY LEFT** (This tour is organised for us by Daish's Holidays)



FLANDERS AND THE SOMME – last chance to book

A JOURNEY OF EXPLORATION WITH THE SHORNCLIFFE TRUST

3 DAY HERITAGE TOUR 22-24 MARCH 24 – FROM £279

Join Shorncliffe Guide and Trustee, Steve Head on this 3-day journey visiting some of the most poignant battlefields and memorials of the First World War including Tyne Cot, Thiepval, Ulster Tower. Walk in the woods with the Somme Association and visit Arras and Vimy Ridge with the first evening of your tour attending the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. (Solo traveller £349). ****SPACES****

