

2018



Day Tours, Short Breaks & Holidays 2018





### About us

Upton Coaches is a family business owned by the Thomas Family, we have been providing coaches for hire for many years, this year we are celebrating 30 years. Based on the Devon and Somerset border, 6 miles from Bampton near Tiverton we are ideally positioned to offer our services to Tiverton, Taunton and Minehead. We operate a modern fleet of coaches fitted with air conditioning & reclining semi-leather seats with good leg room.

We are pleased to offer our Day excursions, Holidays and Short Breaks for 2018! Further information can be found on our website

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### Pick Up Points

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upton Coaches Depot</li><li>• Bampton War Memorial</li><li>• Tiverton Bus Station</li><li>• Sampford Peverell car park</li><li>• Junction 27 M5 Services</li><li>• Rockwell Green Pet Supplies or Barley Mow Bus Stop</li><li>• Wellington Longforth Coach Park (entrance to Asda)</li><li>• Taunton Hankridge Way Heron Gate Bus Stop (Northbound excursion only).</li></ul> | <p><b>Also, New for 2018,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minehead Bancks Street Bus Stop</li><li>• Dunster Steep Bus Stop</li><li>• Carhampton Stores Bus Stop</li><li>• Washford Inn Bus Stop, Washford Post Office Bus Stop, Washford Quarry Road Bus Stop</li><li>• Watchet Railway Coach Bays</li><li>• Williton Spar Bus Stop</li><li>• Taunton Kings Arms Bus Stop</li><li>• Other collections on route can be arranged on booking.</li></ul> |
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Our coaches range from 16 to 49 seat coaches, we offer coach hire for all occasions such as Weddings, Airport Transfers, Garden club outings, London sight seeing & Theatre, Shopping outings and many more!

We offer a very professional service at competitive rates, we pride ourselves in the quality and cleanliness of our coaches, our friendly experienced staff are happy to help with all your requirements.

# January

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**Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust & Wetlands**  
**Wednesday 31st January**

**Adult £25.00pp inc. admission**  
**Senior £22.50pp inc. admission**

Slimbridge is one of 9 Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust centres across the UK. This is an ideal location for families to visit all year round. Get up close to the wildlife and experience a wonderful day out.



# February

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**Painswick Rococo Garden – Snowdrop Display**  
**Thursday 8th February**

**Adult £22.00pp inc. admission**  
**Senior £21.00pp inc. admission**

Painswick Rococo Garden is the country's sole surviving complete rococo garden. Designed in the 1740s as a fanciful pleasure garden for Benjamin Hyett and his guests, this hidden valley offers spectacular views of the surrounding Cotswold countryside and intriguing garden buildings, complete with a carpet of snowdrops.



**Craft for Crafters at Westpoint Exeter**  
**Saturday 17th February**

**Adult £20.00pp inc. admission**  
**Senior £19.00pp inc. admission**

The Westpoint Arena near Exeter once again hosts one of the largest Hobby and Craft shows in the South West. This 3-day show will feature textile displays, demonstrations, lectures, workshops and over 170 national and local craft businesses selling their wares.





# March

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## Clarks Village- Street Tuesday 6th March

£14.00pp coach only

The Clarks Village designer outlet stores have something for everyone. It's not all about shoes! well known brands compete with the speciality shops to make this a worthwhile day out. The popular London toy store, Hamleys is well worth a visit. Check out the chocolates on offer for Easter in various stores.



## Bath Saturday 10th March

£14.00pp coach only

Bath is well known for its natural hot springs and 18th century Georgian architecture. Honey coloured Bath stone has been used extensively in the towns buildings including Bath Abbey, noted for its fan vaulted tower and large stained-glass window. The museum at the site of the original Roman-era baths with the Great Bath, statues and temple.



## Barnstaple & Atlantic Village Tuesday 20th March

£14.00pp coach only

This is an enjoyable day out visiting two of North Devon's shopping attractions. First, we visit Barnstaple to take in the delights of the ancient Pannier Market plus all the usual shops in this old town. Our 2nd stop is at the designer outlet Atlantic Village where speciality brands of goods are sold. A true shoppers' day out.



## Weston Super Mare Sunday 25th March

only £11.00pp coach only

Weston super Mare is a popular holiday destination in North Somerset. Famous for its long pier and shopping arcades, it offers an enjoyable day out for all the family. Take a stroll along the prom. or visit the Sea Quarium or just wander the many old streets with small shops selling all sorts of goods. You will not be disappointed.



# April

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## **Beautiful, Carol King Musical – Bristol Hippodrome** **Saturday 7th April – 2.30 performance**

£74.50 pp inc. admission

Carol King, the chart-topping music legend, was an ordinary girl with an extraordinary talent. She fought her way into the record industry as a teenager and sold her first hit, Will You Love Me Tomorrow, when she was just seventeen. By the time she was twenty she was writing number one hits for the biggest acts in rock n roll. But her greatest challenge was to find her own voice and finally step into the spotlight.



## **Dartmoor Tour & Lunch at The Peter Tavy Inn** **Friday 13th April**

£24.00pp inc. a 2-course lunch  
(pre-order menu available)

Dartmoor has some of the best scenery anywhere in the UK, its rugged moorland stretches for miles with the gorse and heather a real picture. The bleakness of the moor lends itself to some of the most famous books and films written, one being The Hound of the Baskervilles. Princetown is the home of Dartmoor Prison a foreboding looking building built in 1809. The Peter Tavy inn is a charming 15th century pub in the pretty village of Peter Tavy on the western flanks of Dartmoor, it is only 1 mile from the A386 north of Tavistock.



## **Cardiff Castle Tour & Cardiff** **Thursday 19th April**

Adult £31.50pp inc. admission  
Senior £29.50pp inc. admission

Cardiff Castle is one of Wales' leading heritage attractions. Located within beautiful parklands at the heart of the capital, Cardiff Castle's walls and fairy tale towers conceal 2,000 years of history. The city centre of Cardiff is a shoppers' paradise with designer brands alongside the more individual shops and independent stores makes for a great day out. Cardiff has recently been named the 6th best shopping destination in the UK.



## **Newton Abbot Market Day** **Wednesday 18th April**

£14.00pp coach only

There is something for everyone at the Newton Abbot Market, come and explore the indoor and various outdoor market stalls. You can find a fantastic selection of fresh food at the delicatessen, butchers or fruit and veg stall. Browse the wide selection of gifts, vintage treasures, tools, haberdashery and much more.



**The Band – Take That's Musical – Bristol Hippodrome**  
**Saturday 28th April – 7.30pm**

**£64.50 inc. admission**

Written by award winning writer Tim Frith, The Band is a beautiful story for anyone who grew up with a boy band and how those songs became the soundtrack to their lives. For five 16-year-old girls in 1992, the band is everything. 25 years on, we are reunited with this group of friends as they try once more to fulfil their dream of meeting their heroes. The Band is now the fastest selling musical theatre tour of all time.



## May

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**Kingston Lacy National Trust**  
**Tuesday 1st May**

**£15.00pp National Trust Member**  
**£27.70pp Non-National Trust Member**

Kingston Lacy is a lavish family home built to resemble an Italian Palace set in the rural Dorset countryside. Explore the grand rooms with intimate family souvenirs and even strange curiosities such as an I owe you note from a king. An art lover's dream, the rooms teeming with paintings by Rubens, Van Dyck, Titian and Brueghel. In the Egyptian room you can discover the largest private collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts in the UK.



**Dorchester Market & Weymouth**  
**Wednesday 9th May**

**£15.00pp coach only**

The county town of Dorset, Dorchester holds a weekly market on Weymouth Avenue, browse the many stalls pick up a bargain or just visit the main shopping centre. In the afternoon, we visit Weymouth a very popular seaside resort with a long promenade and sandy beach. Spend a couple hours strolling through the gardens or just sit and watch the world go by enjoying a Purbeck ice cream.



**Malvern Spring Show**  
**Saturday 12th May**

**£34.50pp inc. admission**

Set against the magnificent Malvern Hills the RHS Malvern Spring festival is packed with flowers, food, crafts and plenty of family fun. Enjoy a walk around the show gardens, gather inspiration from exhibitors in the Floral Marquee and get hints and tips from a range of talks and demonstrations at this fantastic early season show.



**RHS Rosemoor Gardens - Torrington**  
**Tuesday 15th May**

**£14.00pp RHS Members**  
**£24.00pp Non-Members**

Nestled in a Devon valley, Rosemoor blends formal and informal plantings to a magical effect. The building of a new national garden is not something that happens often and the RHS has learned much from this project. The two biggest difficulties have been the heavy clay soil and the large amount of rain which, when the two commodities meet, creates a sticky mess. Come and see for yourselves the results of this project.



**Savill Garden & River Cruise - Windsor**  
**Tuesday 22nd May**

**£53.00pp inc. admission etc.**

The Savill Garden is a tranquil place to discover rare plants from around the world, arranged in stunning seasonal displays. Created in the 1930s, the Savill Garden has been an inspiration for all. This natural haven of beautifully designed gardens and woodland can be enjoyed by everyone, from dedicated horticulturists to those who just want to spend a relaxing day out with family and friends. We complete our day with a cruise on the river, an outing not to be missed. Price includes all coach travel, admission to The Savill Garden, Hot Lunch, Cruise on the River and a Cream Tea.



**Gloucester Quays**  
**Saturday 26th May**

**£16.00pp coach only**

Set in a stunning waterside location, Gloucester Quays is the cities thriving leisure quarter and features an outlet shopping centre, multi-screen cinema and the Waterways Museum as well as an exciting variety of new bars and restaurants opening throughout the year. Gloucester Quays truly is a good day out for the whole family, there is so much for everyone to see and explore whatever your age or interests.



**Hereford Market & Hay on Wye**  
**Tuesday 29th May**

**£17.00pp coach only**

Hereford is a lovely city with a lively feel. There are lots of things to do, why not wander around the independent stores in the historical centre. A visit to the 13th Century Mappa Mundi at Hereford Cathedral is a must. It's the largest medieval map of the world in existence. Best known as 'the town of Books' Hay-on-Wye at the top of the Golden Valley is famous for its specialist and second-hand book shops.



**Jamaica Inn & Newquay**  
**Thursday 31st May**

**£16.00pp coach only**

The world-famous Jamaica Inn set high up on the windswept Bodmin Moor is our coffee stop on the way to Newquay. The ancient coaching house was made famous by Daphne du Maurier's tales of smugglers, rogues and wreckers. Newquay is a popular tourist resort located on the North Cornwall coast, famous for its sandy beaches and superb surfing with its Fistral Beach being the venue for many surf competitions. Spend the rest of the day just relaxing on one of many cliff top seats overlooking the rugged Atlantic or explore the many shops that this vibrant town has to offer.



## June

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**Miss Saigon – Bristol Hippodrome**  
**Saturday 2nd June – 2.30pm performance**

**£76.00pp inc. admission**

Miss Saigon is a musical based on Giacomo Puccini's opera Madame Butterfly which similarly tells the tragic tale of a doomed romance involving an Asian woman abandoned by her American lover. The setting of the plot is relocated to 1970s Saigon during the Vietnam War, where the story of marriage between an American lieutenant and a geisha is replaced by a romance between an U.S. G.I. and a South Vietnamese bargirl.



**Royal Cornwall Show Wadebridge**  
**Thursday 7th June**

**£34.50pp inc. admission**

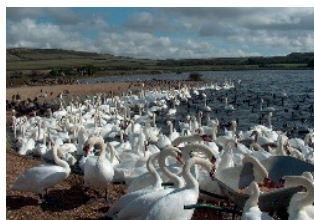
This has been Cornwall's showcase since it was first held back in 1793 and as you'd expect from a county show, a fascinating glimpse into rural life in the county. The main ring of entertainment featuring different headline acts each year. You'll find busy marquees dedicated to goats and rare breeds, cage birds and poultry, bees and rabbits, there's a major dog show, a traditional steam fair, the Cornwall Festival of Dance, forestry and if that's not enough then there's the motor fair, agricultural machinery, crafts, health and beauty ... in fact, something for all the family.



**Abbotsbury Gardens & Swannery**  
**Friday 8th June**

**Adult £29.00pp inc. admission  
to garden & swans**

The Abbotsbury Swannery in Dorset is the home to the world's only managed colony of nesting mute swans. The Garden is a mixture of formal and informal flowers, world famous for its Camellia groves and magnolias. Noted also for its Rhododendron and Hydrangea collections and the charming Victorian Garden. Facilities include the Colonial Restaurant, a quality gift shop and a fantastic plant centre where many of the flowers grown in the Garden can be purchased.





**Highgrove, Tetbury – Royal Garden Tour**  
**Date to be confirmed**

**£48.00pp inc. admission**

Since 1980 when the Prince of Wales first arrived at Highgrove, His Royal Highness has devoted much energy to transforming the gardens around the house, which are now renowned as some of the most inspiring and innovative in the United Kingdom.



**Royal Three Counties Show – Malvern**  
**Saturday 16th June**

**Adult £36.00pp inc. admission**  
**Senior & Child £35.00pp inc. admission**

Come with family and friends to Royal Three Counties Show - a great summer's day out. Lots of activities for all the family ensure that there is never a dull moment. Try your hand at different sports and step back in time in the Medieval Village or get up close with the friendly animals in the Fur, Feather and Farm area. In our theatre, show ambassador Adam Henson delivers fascinating talks and insights and over in the Main Arena nonstop entertainment culminates in the Grand Parade of Livestock.



**Moreton in the Marsh Market & Bourton on the Water**  
**Tuesday 19th June**

**£16.00pp coach only**

Located at the head of the beautiful Evenlode Valley, Moreton in Marsh is a thriving market town and dates back 1000 years to the Saxon era. Regularly voted one of the prettiest villages in England, Bourton on the Water has a unique appeal to visitors and residents alike, there is plenty to see and do with a wealth of attractions and shops, restaurants and tea rooms, or simply for you to enjoy some tranquil time by the River Windrush with its beautiful bridges throughout.



**Tavistock & Trago Mills, Liskeard**  
**Wednesday 20th June**

**£15.00pp coach only**

Tavistock is an ancient stannary and market town and is situated on the River Tavy from which its name derives. Whether you come to experience the wonderful architecture, the unique shops, or the amazing locally produced food, Tavistock will not disappoint. Trago Mills is ideal for discounted garden, household and homeware products, plus cafes and picnic area in a pretty setting.





**Looe & Polperro**  
**Sunday 24th June**

**£15.00pp coach only**

Looe is a bustling small town with a wide variety of pubs, restaurants, shops and things to do. The famously named Banjo Pier (named for its unusual shape) is an excellent viewing spot as well as popular for fishing. The town of Polperro in Cornwall absolutely oozes history, even in its name, which is a derivative of old Cornish. Pol, pronounced pole, means "pool," "pit" or "cave," so the name itself can translate out of Cornish into "Pera's Cove." It is easy to step back in time in this unspoilt fishing village with its narrow streets and cottages clinging to the Cliffsides.



**St Fagan's Folk Museum & Royal Mint**  
**Tuesday 26th June**

**Adult £28.50pp**  
**Senior £27.00pp inc. admission to Royal Mint**

St Fagan's Museum can be visited for free, enjoy Wales' history in our park, farm and traditional cottages. A place to enjoy nature with plenty of things to do, on the outskirts of just outside the Welsh capital. The original London mint from which the Royal Mint is the successor, was established in 886 AD and operated within the Tower of London, for approximately 800 years before moving to what is now called Royal Mint Court, where it remained until the 1960s. As Britain followed the rest of the world in decimalising its currency, the Mint moved from London to a new 38 acres plant in Llantrisant, Wales where it has remained since.



**SS Great Britain**  
**Thursday 28th June**

**Adult £27.50pp inclusive**  
**Senior £26.00pp inclusive**

Brunel's SS Great Britain is one of the most important historic ships in the world. When she was launched in 1843 she was called 'the greatest experiment since the Creation'. By combining size, power and innovative technology, Brunel created a ship that changed history. His vision for the SS Great Britain made her the Great great-grandmother for all modern ships.



**Flashdance – Bristol Hippodrome**  
**Saturday 30th June – 7.30 performance**

**£59.50pp inc. admission**

FLASHDANCE-THE MUSICAL tells the inspiring and unforgettable story of 18-year-old Alex, a welder by day and 'flashdancer' by night, who dreams of going to the prestigious Shipley Dance Academy and becoming a professional dancer. Flashdance is an inspiring musical about the power of holding onto your dreams and love against all the odds. Prepare to be blown away with an astonishing musical spectacle and phenomenal choreography to this iconic score including the smash hit Maniac, Manhunt, Gloria, I Love Rock & Roll and the sensational title track Flashdance - What a Feeling.



# July

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## **Stow on the Wold & Lavender Fields** **Tuesday 3rd July**

**£19.50pp inc. admission**

Stow-on-the-Wold is a delightful market town and along with Moreton in Marsh, perhaps the best known of the small Cotswolds towns. Stow is the highest of the Cotswold towns standing exposed on 800 feet high Stow Hill at a junction of seven major roads, including the Roman Fosse Way. At the Cotswold Lavender Farm, they grow, distil and sell top quality English Lavender Essential oil, perfect for the relief of headaches and helping you sleep.



## **Kennet Canal Horse drawn boat ride & cream tea** **Thursday 5th July**

**Adult £34.50pp with tea**  
**Senior £33.00pp with tea**

The Queen reopened the Kennet and Avon Canal in 1990, after it had been extensively cleared and refurbished by dedicated waterway enthusiasts and local volunteers. It runs through what is often spectacular scenery for 140km (87 miles) between the Thames at Reading and the Avon at Bristol. The canal section is 92km (57 mile) long and was constructed between 1794 and 1810 to link the Avon and Kennet rivers. The public horse-drawn trips on the Kennet and Avon Canal last from two to three hours and this trip includes a cream tea.



## **Corfe Castle & Swanage** **Tuesday 10th July**

**£16.00pp coach only**

Corfe Castle is a fortification standing above the village of the same name in the county of Dorset. Built by William the Conqueror, the castle dates to the 11th century. Swanage was originally a small port and fishing village, flourished in the Victorian era when it first became a significant quarrying port and later a seaside resort for the rich of the day. Today the town remains a popular tourist resort.



## **Eden Project – St Austell** **Wednesday 11th July**

**Adult £30.00pp inclusive**  
**Senior £26.00pp inclusive**

The Eden Project is a popular visitor attraction in Cornwall, England. Inside the two biomes are plants that are collected from many diverse climates and environments. The attraction also has an outside botanical garden which is home to many plants and wildlife native to Cornwall and the UK in general; it also has many plants that provide an important and interesting backstory, for example, those with a prehistoric heritage.

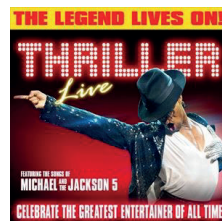


**Thriller Live – Bristol Hippodrome**  
**Saturday 14th July – 8.00pm performance**

£42.50pp inc. admission

Direct from London's West End where it is now in its record breaking 9th year, THRILLER LIVE is a spectacular concert created to celebrate the career of the world's greatest entertainer. Seen by over 4 million people in over 30 countries, THRILLER LIVE continues to moonwalk around the world, taking you on a visual, audio and electrifying journey through the magic of Michael's 45-year musical history.

You will experience over two hours of non-stop hits from pop to rock, soul to disco as the cast pay homage to Jackson's legendary live performances and innovative dance moves executed with flair, precision and passion, this is a show that you will never forget.



**Dartmouth & Tour of Britannia Naval College**  
**Friday 20th July**

£25.00pp inc. admission

The beautiful town of Dartmouth situated on the mouth of the River Dart is one of South Devon's most popular and enchanting towns. It has charming historic streets, a scenic river location and is surrounded by South Devon countryside.

BRNC Dartmouth Britannia Royal Naval College. Dartmouth. Delivering learning that is inspiring, challenging and relevant to meet Fleet operational capability. It has been at the forefront of the education and development of world-class Naval Officers in Dartmouth since 1863.



**Bristol Harbour Festival**  
**Saturday 21st July**

£13.00pp coach only

The Bristol Harbour Festival is held annually and celebrates the city's maritime heritage and the importance of Bristol's docks and harbour. The city has hosted the festival since 1971, when it was started as part of an, ultimately successful, attempt to save the docks from being filled in. There is a variety of entertainment from dance acts, interactive theatre, international circus acts and a mix of musicians. The Dance Village, programmed by Swindon Dance, features a main stage and participation area where visitors can learn to dance.



**Poole & Boat Ride – Old Harry, Swanage Bay & Jurassic Coast**  
**Thursday 26th July**

£26.00pp inc. boat ride

Poole is a tourist resort, attracting visitors to its large natural harbour. The boat ride is a round trip to Swanage and back, on which you stay onboard enjoying huge panoramas of sky, sea, sand - and the vast, layered cliffs of the eastern tip of the Jurassic coast. Your trip will begin on Poole Quay and take the route out of the great harbour past prosperous Sandbanks and picturesque Brownsea Island. After the harbour you will see the Isle of Purbeck and on its shores the sandy beaches of Studland Bay; followed by Old Harry's Rock, broken off from nearby cliffs of sedimentary rock and named after Poole's most notorious pirate.



**Ilfracombe & Exmoor drive**  
**Sunday 29th July**

£13.00pp coach only

Ilfracombe is a seaside resort with a small harbour surrounded by cliffs. More recently Ilfracombe's reputation as the culinary and cultural hub of North Devon has been steadily growing, with many visitors referring to it as the new St. Ives. The seaside town is home to renowned artist Damien Hirst's famous, but controversial 20m high sculpture, Verity. A drive over Exmoor is always an uplifting experience, taking in the beautiful views of the moor and the sea.



**River Dart Cruise – Totnes to Dartmouth**  
**Tuesday 31st July**

£ TBC

This cruise is a lovely relaxing 90-minute trip (each way), sailing for around nine miles along nearly all the navigable part of the beautiful River Dart between the delightful and unique towns of Dartmouth and Totnes. Apart from viewing the magnificent buildings of the Britannia Royal Naval College and Agatha Christie's Greenway Estate, you will 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 unparalleled scenic views.



## August

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**Countryfile Live – Blenheim Palace**  
**Thursday 2nd August**

Adult £45.00pp inclusive  
Child £31.00pp inclusive

BBC Countryfile Live returns to Blenheim Palace in August 2018. Topical conversations about caring for our countryside will take place with special guests at the National Trust Theatre. Or you can simply take time out and enjoy the relaxing surroundings of Blenheim Palace. In the cosy, oak-framed Big Barn a packed programme of talks will feature some of your favourite TV personalities and authors, wildlife experts, environmental commentators and leaders, countryside enthusiasts, and foraging and food experts.



**National Firework Championships, Plymouth**  
**Wednesday 8th August**

£14.00pp coach only

The British Firework Championships is an annual event held on the Plymouth Hoe. Thousands of people fill the Hoe seafront to view the spectacular sights as the top professional firework companies compete to be crowned the British Firework Champion. You should have time to explore the shops around the Barbican and Sutton Harbour before the show begins. In addition, there are many attractions on the Hoe to make this a night to remember.





**Shrek – The Musical – Bristol Hippodrome**  
**Thursday 9th August 2.30 performance**

**£54.50pp inc. admission**

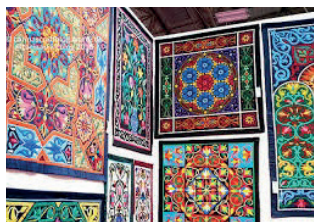
Set in a mythical “once upon a time” sort of land, Shrek the Musical is the story of a hulking green ogre who, after being mocked and feared his entire life, retreats to an ugly green swamp to exist in happy isolation. Suddenly, a gang of homeless fairy-tale characters (Pinocchio, Cinderella, the Three Pigs) raid his sanctuary, saying they’ve been evicted by the vertically challenged Lord Farquaad. So, Shrek strikes a deal: I’ll get your homes back, if you give me my home back! But when Shrek and Farquaad meet, the Lord strikes a deal of his own: He’ll give the fairy-tale characters their homes back, if Shrek rescues Princess Fiona....and this is just the beginning.



**Festival of Quilts – NEC – Birmingham**  
**Friday 10th August**

**£35.00pp inc. admission**

The Festival of Quilts is Europe’s leading patchwork and quilting event attracting 24,000 quilters from all over the world. The show is a celebration of quilting in all its forms, with over 300 exhibitors offering essential supplies, professionally curated galleries of quilts from leading international makers, workshops, talks and much more.



**Lanhydrock – National Trust**  
**Tuesday 14th August**

**£15.00pp National Trust Member**  
**£29.00pp Non-Member**

The great house stands in extensive grounds above the River Fowey and it has been owned and managed by the National Trust since 1953. Much of the present house dates to Victorian Times, but some sections date from the 1620s. The hill behind the house is planted with a fine selection of shrubs and trees.

During the 18th century the east wing of the house was demolished leaving the U-shaped plan seen today.



**Bath for Shopping**  
**Sunday 12th August**

**£15.00pp coach only**

Looking for a beautiful and truly unique destination? Wanting somewhere that’s brimming with things to do, a fantastic city centre, where you can shop until you drop, but also relax and unwind? Then welcome to Bath, a city so beautiful and special that it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site.



**Longleat House and Safari Park**  
**Saturday 18th August**

**Adult £38.50 inc. admission**  
**Senior £33.50 inc. admission**  
**Child £31.50 inc. admission**

Don't miss this momentous day out! Enter a land of adventure. Where lions roam. Tigers stalk. And monkeys swing. Travel through time in a grand stately home that has a history stretching back nearly 500 years. Wander through the sweeping corridors and grand rooms of Longleat to be transported back in time. Lose yourself in one of our magical mazes. Admire the grounds landscaped by the famous Capability Brown.



**Clarks Village Street**  
**Tuesday 21st August**

**£14.00pp coach only**

Clarks Village is an outlet shopping village in Street. It was established in 1993 on the site of old C & J Clark factory buildings. It includes over 90 high street and designer retailers, as well as many coffee shops, restaurants and fast food chains. Each year the range of shops and brands available changes. Many family events take place during the year with activities and school holiday activities.



**Chepstow & Brecon Mountain Railway**  
**Thursday 23rd August**

**Adult £29.50pp inclusive**  
**Senior £28.50pp inclusive**

Chepstow, which means marketplace in Old English, offers relaxed, niche shopping in arty surroundings. Lined with handsome Georgian and Victorian buildings, the heart of town was made even more appealing in the mid-2000s. Then on to travel in an all-weather observation coach behind a vintage Steam Locomotive through beautiful scenery into the Brecon Beacons National Park.



**An Officer & a Gentleman – Plymouth Theatre Royal**  
**Saturday 25th August – 2.30pm performance**

**£51.00pp inc. admission**

Zack Mayo is a young man who has signed up for Navy Aviation Officer Candidate School. He is a Navy brat who has a bad attitude problem. Gunnery Sergeant Emil Foley is there to train and evaluate him and will clearly find Zack wanting. Zack meets Paula, a girl who has little beyond family, and must decide what it is he wants to do with his life.





**Windsor & Oxford – Sight Seeing**  
**Saturday 25th August for 2 days**

**£139.00**  
**Single supplement £32.00**

Two great places to visit, firstly Oxford, famous for its Dreaming Spires, University, Museums and even Harry Potter. When visiting Windsor, you'll discover a lively town in a glorious riverside location with great shopping, restaurants and Windsor Castle - one of the Queen's official royal residences and the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world. Plenty to keep you occupied over these two days!

**For more information, see rear of brochure.**



**Worcester & Royal Porcelain Museum**  
**Tuesday 28th August**

**Adult £24.50pp inc. admission**  
**Senior £23.50pp inc. admission**

Worcester is a city in central England. By the River Severn, the medieval Worcester Cathedral houses royal tombs, a crypt and cloisters. The Porcelain museum nestles amidst the old Victorian buildings that used to be home to the Royal Worcester factory, is just two minutes' walk from Worcester Cathedral and the city centre and is proud to hold the largest collection of Worcester porcelain in the world.



## September

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**Widcombe Fair**  
**Tuesday 11th September**

**£15.00pp coach only**

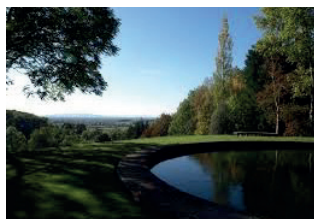
First held in the 1850s, the event brings thousands of visitors and attracts interest from all over the world, as the famous folk song recalls the story of Uncle Tom Cobby and his friends riding to Widcombe Fair on a grey mare. A day out to the fair that celebrates traditional rural life. Brightly decorated stalls and craft stands surround the village green with plenty to see and do.



**Kiftsgate Court Gardens – Chipping Camden**  
**Wednesday 12th September**

**£24.50pp inc. admission**

Kiftsgate Court Gardens are the creation of three generations of women gardeners. Started by Heather Muir in the 1920s, continued by Diany Binny from 1950 and now looked after by Anne Chambers and her husband. Perched on the edge of the Cotswolds with wonderful views to the west, the gardens at Kiftsgate reflect gardening through the 20th century. There is also a tea room, shop and plant sales available.



**Trelissick Gardens – National Trust**  
**Tuesday 18th September**

**£16.00pp National Trust Members**  
**£27.00pp Non-Members**

A welcoming country house and garden set in an estate with stunning maritime views and lovely woodland walks, after which, you'll deserve a cuppa, a piece of homemade cake or a delicious light lunch in 'Crofters' café after your stroll.



**Tewkesbury Market Day**  
**Wednesday 19th September**

**£17.00pp coach only**

Tewkesbury offers something for everyone. Take a riverside stroll along the River Severn, marvel at the 12th Century ceiling in Tewkesbury Abbey then discover Tewkesbury's famous network of alleyways and mediaeval old town. Explore Tewkesbury's Vintage & Antique Trail along Church Street and Barton Street. Wander along Tewkesbury high street and you'll find an eclectic mix of shops, cafes and tea rooms, pubs and bistros. Today you can also browse the open-air market, which normally holds up to 100 stalls.



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**Malvern Autumn Show**  
**Saturday 29th September**

**£124.00pp**  
**Single supplement £32.00**

Malvern Autumn Show returns for a weekend of home-grown family fun where you can browse top exhibits in the RHS Flower Show and purchase quality plants from these award-winning nurseries. The UK National Giant Vegetable Championship promises to return bigger and better than ever before with a broad variety of oversized vegetables. This is a show for all the family and throws open its gates to welcome toddlers to teenagers and big kids too.



# October

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## **Hare & Hounds for Carvery Lunch** **Tuesday 2nd October**

**£22.00pp inc. lunch**

Inside this traditional country Free House, you will find wooden beams, log fires, local ales and a warm welcome for all the family. Famous for years for the quality of the Carvery, particularly the cuts of meat they use. Using local suppliers, means the best fresh Devon meat and vegetables available.

Outside, there is a large garden which boasts beautiful views down the valley to Sidmouth and the sea.



## **Lost Gardens of Heligan** **Thursday 4th October**

**Adult £26.50pp inc. admission**  
**Senior £25.00pp inc. admission**

Twenty-five years ago, Heligan's historic gardens were unknown and unseen; lost under a tangle of weeds. It was only the chance discovery of a door in the ruins that led to the restoration of this once great estate. Today, The Lost Gardens have been put back where they belong: in pride of place among the finest gardens in Cornwall.

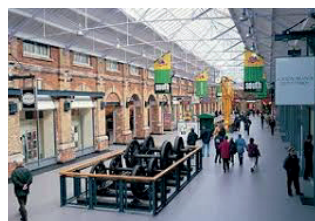


## **Swindon shopper or GWR Museum** **Tuesday 9th October**

**£15.00pp coach only**

Swindon is a shoppers' dream, first you have The Brunel Centre and the Parade shopping areas, also the McArthur Glen Designer Outlet is an indoor shopping mall for reduced price goods (mainly clothing), using the buildings of the disused railway engine works.

The Museum of the Great Western Railway is housed in a beautifully restored Grade II listed railway building in the heart of the former Swindon railway works. The Museum tells the story of the men and women who built, operated and travelled on the Great Western Railway.



## **Tavistock Goose Fair** **Wednesday 10th October**

**£15.00pp coach only**

Market traders come from all over the country to sell their wares and provide entertainment. The main street is the venue for all the stalls and sideshows providing a very enjoyable atmosphere.

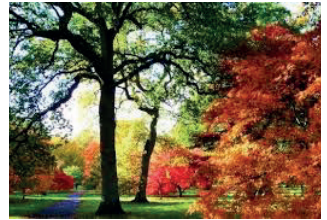
The more traditional side of Goose Fair can still be found at the Tavistock Livestock Centre. They usually hold an open day where you can see cattle, sheep and Dartmoor ponies, and enjoy the auction of live geese and poultry.



**Westonbirt Arboretum & Tetbury**  
**Tuesday 16th October**

**Adult £23.00pp inc. admission**

A remarkable place for people to enjoy and learn about trees - 15,000 specimens from all over the globe offer the perfect place to relax, learn or have an adventure! The historic, Victorian picturesque tree and shrub collection is managed by the Forestry Commission. Three miles from Westonbirt is the Cotswold market town of Tetbury, where a variety of shops and tea rooms await you. Visit the famous Highgrove Shop.



**Truro**  
**Tuesday 23rd October**

**£16.00pp coach only**

Truro is a city and is Cornwall's county town and only city, its centre for administration, leisure and retail. The Cathedral is a welcome respite from shopping and well worth a visit. The city boomed during the tin mining era and has much history to enjoy.



**Batsford Arboretum**  
**Thursday 25th October**

**Adult £23.00pp inc. admission**  
**Senior £22.00pp inc. admission**

Welcome to Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre, home to the country's largest private collection of trees and shrubs. This is an intimate and romantic place to visit, with interest all year round from the first snowdrops of spring, right through to the outstanding autumn colour in October and November.



# November

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## **Bridgwater Carnival** **Saturday 3rd November**

£12.00pp coach only

Somerset Carnivals are the highlight of the year here and Bridgwater is the home of carnival in this county. The processions of illuminated carts part of an ancient tradition, which stretches back as far as the 1600's when many parts of Somerset commemorated the Gunpowder plot.



## **Jersey Boys – Bristol Hippodrome** **Saturday 3rd November – 19.30 performance**

£71.00pp inc. ticket and coach travel

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Featuring hit after legendary hit including Beggin', December 1963 (Oh What A Night), Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Walk Like A Man, Bye Bye Baby, Big Girls Don't Cry and many more, Jersey Boys is a story full of heart, humour and 'sheer musical razzmatazz' (The Sunday Express) you simply will never forget.



## **Holiday – Eastbourne – Turkey & Tinsel (5 days)** **Monday 19th – Friday 24th November**

£245.00pp sharing  
£40.00 single supplement

Eastbourne is a seaside town situated in the South Downs National Park, famous for its lush rolling landscapes, stunning beaches and iconic chalk sea cliffs.

**For more information, see rear of brochure.**

## **Salisbury (Shopping or Cathedral visit)** **Tuesday 27th November**

£15.00pp coach only

Salisbury is a cathedral city in Wiltshire, the Cathedral being famous for having the tallest spire in Britain (404 feet) and the oldest working clock. Salisbury is proud to have a wide range of boutique and independent shops just waiting to be discovered also complemented by the usual range of high street stores.





**Bath Christmas Market**  
**Friday 30th November**

**£15.00pp coach only**

Discover the Magic of Bath at Christmas. There are over 200 twinkling chalets spread out across the picturesque Georgian streets of Bath selling handmade and local Christmas gifts. Each year the centre of Bath is transformed into a magical Christmas shopper's paradise, lining the streets surrounding the Roman Baths and Bath Abbey.



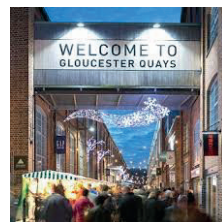
## December

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**Gloucester – Victorian Christmas Market**  
**Saturday 1st December**

**£16.00pp coach only**

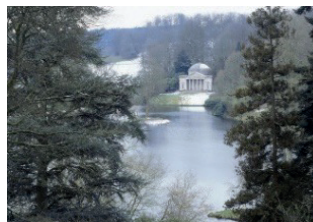
For a truly Dickensian touch, a cast of jolly Victorian characters will be bringing the market to life transporting you back in time. Meet larger-than-life Victorian policemen, elegant ladies and posh gents. Following last year's successful Victorian Christmas Market, that attracted over 250,000 shoppers, with an open-air ice rink which was enjoyed by over 30,000 skaters, this un-missable event brimming with even more traditional festive cheer.



**Christmas at Stourhead Gardens – National Trust**  
**Tuesday 4th December**

**£15.00pp National Trust members**  
**£ 30.50pp Non-members**

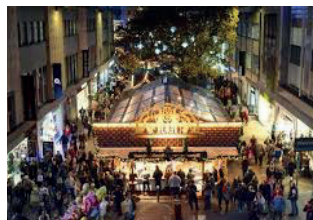
Stourhead has been decorated more than ever, with festive decorations across the whole property, welcoming you as soon as you step into visitor reception. There's 20 trees which are beautifully decorated across the property, over 50 wreaths to adorn doors and swags to help lead you on your journey around Stourhead. A walk around the winter garden offers tranquillity and festive cheer, with many of the garden buildings adorned with wreaths and festive decorations.



**Bristol Cabot Circus & Christmas Market**  
**Friday 7th December**

**£14.00pp coach only**

Bristol's Christmas Market will once again be based in the pedestrianised area of Broadmead, right in the heart of Bristol Shopping Quarter. Visitors can expect to find a host of chalets where they can buy authentic arts, crafts, gifts, and, of course, mouth-watering food and drinks. Failing this, the Cabot Circus offers over 130 stores and restaurants to choose from, we've got Christmas in the bag! Cabot Circus really is the place to get your gifts for your nearest and dearest.





**Dunster by Candlelight**  
**Saturday 8th December**

£17.00pp inc. bus fare for return

Dunster by Candlelight was started in 1986. It is paid for by the Traders of Dunster. Most of the traders will be open and Candlelight is also run in aid of St Margaret's Hospice and all the money from the sale of the programme goes to the Hospice. Annually this remarkably preserved medieval village turns its back on the present and lights its streets with lanterns and where possible candles in the houses.



**Winchester Christmas Market**  
**Tuesday 11th December**

£18.00pp coach only

Winchester Christmas Market is a must-visit destination for all those wishing to experience a traditional Christmas. The city justly claims to be England's Christmas Capital and its Cathedral is at the heart of the festivities with a stunning Market and real Ice Rink dominating its beautiful and historic Close.



**Longleat Festival of Light**  
**Saturday 15th December**

Adult £ 38.50pp inc. admission  
Senior £33.50pp inc. admission  
Child £31.50pp inc. admission

The much-anticipated theme for Longleat's fourth Festival of Light will be the magic of storytelling. It draws inspiration from tales new and old. Alongside the remarkable outdoor experiences; Longleat's Elizabethan stately home will be dressed in traditional Edwardian festive décor. This is where guests are invited to immerse themselves in an historic and eye-opening world of butlers, servants and housekeepers. Guides throughout the house will interact with guests and each other in traditional costume, breathing an enchanting life into the grand interiors.



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# Holiday / Weekend Breaks Information

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**Oxford & Windsor – Sight Seeing**  
**Saturday 25th August for 2 days**

**£139.00pp**  
**£32.00 single supplement**

Staying at the 4\* Holiday Inn Oxford, 1-night Three Course Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

## **Itinerary**

**Day 1.** We depart the West Country Saturday morning arriving in Oxford midday with time to explore, lunch and then we make our way to our hotel just outside the City Centre late afternoon. Early evening your three course dinner is served in the hotel's restaurant.

**Day 2.** We depart our hotel after breakfast and travel to the Royal Borough of Windsor for a full day exploring.

**Wicked – Apollo Victoria Theatre, London**  
**Friday 28th – Saturday 29th September**

**£139.00pp inclusive**  
**£25.00 single supplement**

**Day 1.** We depart the West Country in the morning arriving in London mid-afternoon with time to explore, have some dinner then go to the Apollo Theatre for the 7.30pm performance. Our coach will pick us up after the show and take us to our hotel, The Holiday Inn just outside the city for our overnight stay.

**Day 2.** After breakfast we return to the city for a full day for you to explore. We depart from London late afternoon returning home to the West Country late evening.

**Turkey & Tinsel – The York House Hotel – Eastbourne**  
**Monday 19th – Friday 24th November**

**£245.00pp inclusive**  
**£40.00 single supplement**

**Day 1.** We depart the West country early morning, en-route to Eastbourne stopping for coffee at Wilton Village and lunch at Arundel arriving at our hotel, The York House Hotel on the seafront for afternoon tea and biscuits, with time to settle in before our evening meal.

**Day 2.** Today is Christmas Day. After a leisurely breakfast we have a full day tour to Brighton. Stroll along Madeira Drive, shop for those Christmas gifts in the Lanes Shopping centre or just enjoy the vibrant town with plenty of places to eat and drink. We return to our hotel mid-afternoon for tea and Christmas cake.

**Day 3.** Today is Boxing Day. After a leisurely breakfast we depart the hotel to visit the old towns of Hastings and Rye, both rich with Maritime and Cultural connections, Hastings being famous for the big battle of 1066. We return to our hotel mid-afternoon for tea and mince pies.

**Day 4.** Day at leisure in Eastbourne. Do your own thing.

**Day 5.** We depart our hotel for our journey back to the West country, stopping for coffee and lunch, arriving back late afternoon.

# Theatre Excursions

## **Beautiful, Carol King Musical – Bristol Hippodrome** **Saturday 7th April – 2.30 performance**

£74.50 pp inc. admission

Carol King, the chart-topping music legend, was an ordinary girl with an extraordinary talent. She fought her way into the record industry as a teenager and sold her first hit, Will You Love Me Tomorrow, when she was just seventeen. By the time she was twenty she was writing number one hits for the biggest acts in rock n roll. But her greatest challenge was to find her own voice and finally step into the spotlight.



## **The Band – Take That's Musical – Bristol Hippodrome** **Saturday 28th April – 7.30pm**

£64.50 inc. admission

Written by award winning writer Tim Frith, The Band is a beautiful story for anyone who grew up with a boy band and how those songs became the soundtrack to their lives. For five 16-year-old girls in 1992, the band is everything. 25 years on, we are reunited with this group of friends as they try once more to fulfil their dream of meeting their heroes. The Band is now the fastest selling musical theatre tour of all time.



## **Miss Saigon – Bristol Hippodrome** **Saturday 2nd June – 2.30pm performance**

£76.00pp inc. admission

Miss Saigon is a musical based on Giacomo Puccini's opera Madame Butterfly which similarly tells the tragic tale of a doomed romance involving an Asian woman abandoned by her American lover. The setting of the plot is relocated to 1970s Saigon during the Vietnam War, where the story of marriage between an American lieutenant and a geisha is replaced by a romance between an U.S. G.I. and a South Vietnamese bargirl.



## **Thriller Live – Bristol Hippodrome** **Saturday 14th July – 8.00pm performance**

£42.50pp inc. admission

Direct from London's West End where it is now in its record breaking 9th year, THRILLER LIVE is a spectacular concert created to celebrate the career of the world's greatest entertainer. Seen by over 4 million people in over 30 countries, THRILLER LIVE continues to moonwalk around the world, taking you on a visual, audio and electrifying journey through the magic of Michael's 45-year musical history.

You will experience over two hours of non-stop hits from pop to rock, soul to disco as the cast pay homage to Jackson's legendary live performances and innovative dance moves executed with flair, precision and passion, this is a show that you will never forget.



## **Shrek – The Musical – Bristol Hippodrome** **Thursday 9th August 2.30 performance**

£54.50pp inc. admission

Set in a mythical "once upon a time" sort of land, Shrek the Musical is the story of a hulking green ogre who, after being mocked and feared his entire life, retreats to an ugly green swamp to exist in happy isolation. Suddenly, a gang of homeless fairy-tale characters (Pinocchio, Cinderella, the Three Pigs) raid his sanctuary, saying they've been evicted by the vertically challenged Lord Farquaad. So, Shrek strikes a deal: I'll get your homes back, if you give me my home back! But when Shrek and Farquaad meet, the Lord strikes a deal of his own: He'll give the fairy-tale characters their homes back, if Shrek rescues Princess Fiona....and this is just the beginning.



**An Officer & a Gentleman – Plymouth Theatre Royal**  
**Saturday 25th August – 2.30pm performance**

£51.00pp inc. admission

Zack Mayo is a young man who has signed up for Navy Aviation Officer Candidate School. He is a Navy brat who has a bad attitude problem. Gunnery Sergeant Emil Foley is there to train and evaluate him and will clearly find Zack wanting. Zack meets Paula, a girl who has little beyond family, and must decide what it is he wants to do with his life.



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# 2019 Day Excursions

## **Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust & Wetlands** Wednesday 30th January 2019

Slimbridge is one of 9 Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust centres across the UK. This is an ideal location for families to visit all year round. Get up close to the wildlife and experience a wonderful day out.

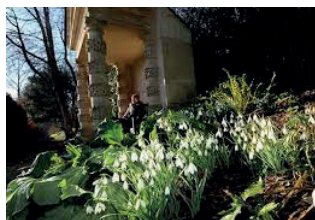
Adult £tbc inc. admission  
Senior £tbc inc. admission



## **Painswick Rococo Garden – Snowdrop Display** Thursday 14th February 2019

Painswick Rococo Garden is the country's sole surviving complete rococo garden. Designed in the 1740s as a fanciful pleasure garden for Benjamin Hyett and his guests, this hidden valley offers spectacular views of the surrounding Cotswold countryside and intriguing garden buildings, complete with a carpet of snowdrops.

Adult £tbc inc. admission  
Senior £tbc inc. admission



## **Craft for Crafters at Westpoint Exeter** Thursday 14th February 2019

The Westpoint Arena near Exeter once again hosts one of the largest Hobby and Craft shows in the South West. This 3-day show will feature textile displays, demonstrations, lectures, workshops and over 170 national and local craft businesses selling their wares.

Adult £tbc inc. admission  
Senior £tbc inc. admission



## **Clarks Village- Street** Tuesday 26th February 2019

The Clarks Village designer outlet stores have something for everyone. It's not all about shoes! well known brands compete with the speciality shops to make this a worthwhile day out. The popular London toy store, Hamleys is well worth a visit. Check out the chocolates on offer for Easter in various stores.

£14.00pp coach only







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