

Blakes Coaches

Day Excursions 2011



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holidays**



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The Blakes Commitment

Quality, reliability and value for money are the essential ingredients for any good excursion. And here at **Blakes Coaches** we are totally committed to providing a personal, friendly and professional service to ensure that your day out is one to remember for all the best reasons.

Many thousands of customers have enjoyed a **Blakes Coaches** day excursion since our first one in early 2001 and many of those have made further bookings or recommended us to friends. Your comfort, safety and satisfaction are of great importance to us. We value your business and want you to travel with us on more than one occasion.

We have enhanced our day excursion programme to bring you the best of our established venues, retained by popular demand, and a selection of new ideas if you are looking for something different.

Our brochure has something for everyone.

Our fleet of coaches are always well maintained, every vehicle is fitted with seat belts, and all have air-conditioning. We take great care in recruiting experienced drivers who take pride in their profession and who are committed to making your day out as special as you deserve.

We hope you enjoy browsing through our brochure. If you've travelled with us before, you will know that we pride ourselves on providing a personal service throughout your booking. If you are new to **Blakes Coaches** why not give us a try? You won't be disappointed!

COACHES

- All coaches non-smoking
- Reclining seats with extra leg room
- Onboard toilet and washroom facilities available on all coaches
- Hot drinks facilities available on all coaches
- Double or triple braking systems
- Meticulous maintenance
- Air-conditioning on all coaches
- Individual lighting controls
- Air suspension for a smooth ride
- TV, video, PA and music systems

DRIVERS

Throughout your excursion or holiday you will be looked after by one of our own professional, friendly, experienced (and sometimes witty!) coach drivers. They are selected for their knowledge, enthusiasm and most of all their customer care. The standards we set are far greater than most other operators and this is reflected in the glowing reports we have received from hundreds of satisfied customers year by year. We are very proud to have them act as ambassadors for our company and feel confident that they are among the best in the industry.

COACH HIRE, PRIVATE PARTIES OR GROUP TRAVEL

We operate dozens of tours for private groups every year, ranging from day excursions to that special holiday you want to share with friends and family. If you are a party leader or group organiser, we have a wealth of experience in organising all aspects of group travel. We are happy to advise on venues, routes and places of interest, both within the UK and Europe, also ferry reservations, theatre tickets, hotel accommodation... the choice is yours! At Blakes Coaches, every job is important to us and you are guaranteed our full attention and understanding, no matter how big or how small the job... if our customers are happy, then we are! We can tailor make packages to suit your individual needs at a very competitive price. We would be pleased to come and pay your group a visit to discuss any details you may have for your proposed excursion or tour and offer valuable information and advice. You would likewise be very welcome to come and visit us and view our coaches at our head office.



TRAVEL IN LUXURY

Sit back in comfort on one of our luxury coaches, owned and maintained by us, and offering you the very highest level of quality coach travel. As standard all our coaches are fitted with 49 seats, (all reclining for extra leg room), air conditioning or climate control,



toilet, hot drinks facility, refrigerator, video and audio system, double glazing, insulated windows and of course seat belts. All this is to ensure you have a comfortable journey. All our coaches conform to the very latest in safety standards and are fitted with speed limiters and anti-lock braking to ensure that your safety comes first.

DAY EXCURSIONS

Please see pages 7 & 8 for further details of some excursions

		DEPARTURE CODE	ADULT	SENIOR CITIZEN	CHILD
MARCH					
WED 15	EDEN PROJECT* ... same price as 2001... see page 7 for details	D	£14.00	£14.00	£14.00
TUE 29	CLARKS VILLAGE	D	£13.00	£12.00	£11.00
WED 30	DANIEL O'DONNELL CONCERT, PLYMOUTH PAVILIONS*	PHONE	£49.50	£49.50	£49.50
THU 31	PIRATES OF PENZANCE, LANDMARK THEATRE, ILFRACOMBE*	PHONE	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00

APRIL

SAT 2	CORNWALL SPRING FLOWER SHOW, LOSTWITHIEL*	D	£21.00	£20.00	£19.00
WED 6	BATH FOR SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING	D	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
THU 21	YES PRIME MINISTER, THEATRE ROYAL, PLYMOUTH*	F	£29.00	£29.00	£29.00
THU 21	PLYMOUTH FOR SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING	F	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
MON 25	SEATON TRAMWAY & LYME REGIS* (EASTER MONDAY)	E	£19.00	£18.00	£17.00
THU 28	HIGHCLERE CASTLE, & GARDENS* ... AS SEEN IN TV'S DOWNTON ABBEY	C	£23.00	£22.00	£20.00

MAY

MON 2	BUCKFAST ABBEY, SOUTH DEVON RAILWAY & BRIXHAM* (BANK HOLIDAY) ..	D	£23.00	£22.00	£21.00
THU 5	ST FAGANS MUSEUM OF WELSH LIFE*	C	£17.00	£16.00	£15.00
THU 5	CARDIFF FOR SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING	C	£17.00	£16.00	£15.00
SAT 7	HELSTON FLORA FESTIVAL	B	£18.00	£17.00	£16.00
SAT 7	TREVARNO GARDENS, HELSTON*	B	£23.00	£22.00	£18.00
SAT 14	SPRING GARDEN SHOW, MALVERN*	B	£33.00	£32.00	£16.00
SAT 14	PETER PAN ON ICE, OCTOGEN THEATRE, YEovil*	F	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00
SAT 21	JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT, TORQUAY*	F	£32.00	£32.00	£32.00
SAT 21	TORQUAY FOR SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING	F	£13.00	£12.00	£11.00
SUN 22	SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY 1960'S NOSTALGIA, KIDDERMINSTER	B	£39.00	£38.00	£37.00
TUE 24	TYNTESFIELD COUNTRY HOUSE & GARDENS, BRISTOL* (NAT TRUST)	E	£26.00	£25.00	£24.00
MON 30	WEYMOUTH (BANK HOLIDAY)	D	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00

JUNE

THU 2	A DAY TRIP TO LUNDY ISLAND*	PHONE	£39.00	£38.00	£25.00
WED 8	EXMOUTH INC RIVER CRUISE & CREAM TEA*	E	£20.00	£19.00	£18.00
WED 15	LOOE & POLPERRO	D	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00

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JUNE					
WED 22	STRATFORD UPON AVON, INCLUDING RIVER CRUISE*	C	£23.00	£22.00	£21.00
SAT 25	CALENDAR GIRLS, PRINCESS THEATRE TORQUAY*	F	£36.00	£36.00	£36.00
SAT 25	TORQUAY FOR SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING	F	£13.00	£12.00	£11.00
JULY					
THU 7	DEWSTOW HIDDEN GARDENS & GROTTOS, SOUTH WALES*	D	£22.00	£21.00	£19.00
THU 14	GLORIOUS GLOUCESTERSHIRE FLOWER SPECTACLE WITH MAGNIFICENT FLORAL CARPET IN THE CATHEDRAL*	D	£21.00	£20.00	£19.00
SAT 16	ROYAL INTERNATIONAL AIR TATTO, RAF FAIRFORD*	B	£43.00	£42.00	£16.00
SUN 17	PAIGNTON - DARTMOUTH STEAM RAILWAY, RETURNING VIA RIVER CRUISE TO TOTNES*	E	£29.00	£28.00	£27.00
TUE 19	A DAY IN THE BRECON BEACONS INC STEAM TRAIN RIDE*	C	£26.00	£25.00	£24.00
THU 21	PADSTOW & BOSCASTLE	D	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
SUN 24	CLA GAME FAIR, BLENHEIM PALACE*	B	£37.00	£36.00	£22.00
TUE 26	GLOUCESTER QUAY & SEVERN RIVER CRUISE INC TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA*	D	£29.00	£28.00	£27.00
WED 27	UPTON HOUSE & GARDENS, OXFORDSHIRE* (NAT TRUST)	C	£26.00	£25.00	£24.00
AUGUST					
THU 4	SIDMOUTH FOLK FESTIVAL	E	£13.00	£12.00	£11.00
FRI 5	TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW... CHELSEA OF THE WEST*	E	£21.00	£20.00	£13.00
FRI 5	TAUNTON FOR SHOPPING	E	£11.00	£10.00	£ 9.00
THU 11	SLIMBRIDGE WILDFOWL & WETLANDS TRUST*	D	£24.00	£23.00	£20.00
THU 11	BERKELEY CASTLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE*	D	£24.00	£23.00	£20.00
SAT 13	BRISTOL BALLOON FIESTA	G	£15.00	£14.00	£13.00
TUE 16	BUCKINGHAM PALACE & LONDON*	A	£38.00	£35.00	£29.00
TUE 16	LONDON EYE & LONDON*	A	£38.00	£34.00	£29.00
TUE 16	LONDON FOR SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING	A	£22.00	£21.00	£20.00
WED 17	PLYMOUTH FIREWORKS COMPETITION	PHONE	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
THU 25	AGATHA CHRISTIE'S GREENWAY, DARTMOUTH* (NAT TRUST)	D	£30.00	£29.00	£28.00
FRI 26	BLETCHLEY PARK, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE*	B	£29.00	£28.00	£27.00
FRI 26	WOBURN ABBEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE*	B	£30.00	£29.00	£28.00
MON 29	CHEDDAR & WESTON SUPER MARE (BANK HOLIDAY)	D	£14.00	£13.00	£12.00
WED 31	WYE VALLEY, MONMOUTH & DEAN FOREST RAILWAY*	C	£25.00	£24.00	£20.00

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SEPTEMBER					
THU 1	GREASE, PRINCESS THEATRE, TORQUAY*	PHONE	£34.00	£34.00	£34.00
SAT 3	DARTS FARM, TOPSHAM & EXMOUTH FOR BRASS BAND COMPETITION	E	£12.00	£11.00	£10.00
SAT 3	GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR*	C	£31.00	£30.00	£29.00
WED 7	LACOCK ABBEY, MUSEUM & VILLAGE* (NAT TRUST)	D	£24.00	£23.00	£22.00
TUE 13	WIDECOMBE FAIR	D	£15.00	£14.00	£13.00
SUN 18	DAWLISH, TORQUAY, PAIGNTON, OR BRIXHAM	D	£13.00	£12.00	£11.00
SUN 18	PAIGNTON ZOO*	D	£23.00	£22.00	£21.00
THU 22	SIDMOUTH & DONKEY SANCTUARY INC CREAM TEA*	E	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
SAT 24	MALVERN AUTUMN SHOW*	B	£33.00	£32.00	£21.00
WED 28	POOLE & SWANAGE, INC RIVER CRUISE & STEAM TRAIN*	C	£27.00	£26.00	£25.00
FRI 30	SNOWSHILL MANOR & GARDEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE* (NAT TRUST)	D	£24.00	£23.00	£20.00
OCTOBER					
THU 6	LONDON THEATRE MATINEE, SHREK THE MUSICAL*	B	£60.00	£60.00	£60.00
THU 6	LONDON THEATRE MATINEE, LEGALLY BLONDE*	B	£46.00	£46.00	£46.00
THU 6	LONDON THEATRE MATINEE, GHOST*	B	£65.00	£65.00	£65.00
THU 6	LONDON THEATRE MATINEE, PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT*	B	£60.00	£60.00	£60.00
SAT 8	DIRTY DANCING, BRISTOL HIPPODROME*	F	£60.00	£60.00	£60.00
SAT 8	BRISTOL FOR SHOPPING (CABOT CIRCUS)	F	£15.00	£14.00	£13.00
WED 12	TAVISTOCK GOOSIE FAIR	D	£15.00	£14.00	£13.00
SAT 15	EDEN PROJECT*	D	£27.00	£24.00	£17.00
SAT 15	CORNISH MARKET WORLD	D	£15.00	£14.00	£13.00
WED 19	THE AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE COTSWOLDS	C	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
TUE 25	CLARKS VILLAGE	D	£13.00	£12.00	£11.00
NOVEMBER					
FRI 4	BRIDGWATER CARNIVAL	PHONE	£13.00	£12.00	£11.00
SAT 5	DISNEY ON ICE, NIA, BIRMINGHAM*	E	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00
TUE 8	TRURO FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING	C	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
WED 16	LONDON THEATRE MATINEE, WIZARD OF OZ*	B	£55.00	£55.00	£55.00
WED 16	LONDON THEATRE MATINEE, LION KING*	B	£60.00	£60.00	£60.00
WED 16	LONDON FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING	B	£22.00	£21.00	£20.00
FRI 18	BLENHHEIM PALACE & CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW*	C	£23.00	£22.00	£21.00

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NOVEMBER					
WED 23	CARDIFF FOR CHISTMAS SHOPPING	C	£17.00	£16.00	£15.00
SAT 26	SOUTH PACIFIC, BRISTOL HIPPODROME*	F	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00
SAT 26	BRISTOL FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING (CABOT CIRCUS)	F	£15.00	£14.00	£13.00
SUN 27	CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FAYRE, WESTPOINT, EXETER (COACH ONLY)	E	£11.00	£10.00	£ 9.00
SUN 27	EXETER FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING	E	£11.00	£10.00	£ 9.00
DECEMBER					
THU 1	BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET	C	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
SAT 3	DUNSTER BY CANDLELIGHT (COACH ONLY)	PHONE	£12.00	£11.00	£10.00
SAT 3	BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET	C	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
TUE 6	SALISBURY FOR SHOPPING & CAROL SERVICE IN CATHEDRAL*	C	£26.00	£25.00	£24.00
TUE 6	SALISBURY FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING (MARKET DAY)	C	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
THU 15	FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS LUNCH INC AFTERNOON DANCING & ENTERTAINMENT, LANGSTONE CLIFF HOTEL, DAWLISH*	F	£29.00	£29.00	£29.00
TUE 20	MOUSEHOLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	G	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
JANUARY 2012					
SAT 7	CINDERELLA, THEATRE ROYAL, PLYMOUTH	F	£36.00	£36.00	£36.00
SAT 7	PLYMOUTH FOR SALES SHOPPING	F	£16.00	£15.00	£14.00
SAT 28	LORD OF THE DANCE, BRISTOL HIPPODROME	F	£55.00	£55.00	£55.00
FEBRUARY 2012					
THU 9	MYSTERY WINTER WARMER INC HOT CARVERY LUNCH*	F	£26.00	£26.00	£26.00
TBC	HOLIDAY ON ICE, WESTPOINT	PHONE	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC
TBC	HOLIDAY ON ICE, WESTPOINT	PHONE	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC
TBC	HOLIDAY ON ICE, WESTPOINT	PHONE	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC

*PRICE INCLUDES ADMISSION, TICKET OR MEAL AS APPROPRIATE

This year's chosen Charity on December 15th
is the St Margaret's Somerset Hospice

FURTHER INFORMATION

EDEN PROJECT... WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH

This year, the Eden Project celebrates its 10th Anniversary... and Blakes Coaches is also pleased to celebrate 10 years of organising day excursions. The Eden Project was one of the very first locations we visited, and thanks to its popularity it certainly helped to increase our customer numbers. We are pleased to offer this day excursion at the same price we charged on 2001... £14.00 inclusive of entrance.

CORNWALL SPRING FLOWER SHOW

The 2011 Cornwall Spring Flower Show will once again be held on the Boconnoc Estate near Lostwithiel. As always the heart of the show will be the exuberant display of the competitive classes, with the camellias, daffodils, rhododendrons and ornamental shrubs and trees guaranteeing a brilliantly colourful spectacle of the highest quality. The Show Garden category sees many of Cornwall's renowned gardens competing to win the coveted 'Best In Show'. The Eden Project and the Lost Gardens of Heligan have already signed up and will be bringing a corner of their magnificent gardens. With over 100 trade stands and a programme of talks and demonstrations there is plenty to see, do and buy.

HIGHCLERE CASTLE & GARDENS, HAMPSHIRE

Home to the Carnarvon family since 1679, Highclere is one of England's most beautiful Victorian Castles and is set amidst 1,000 acres of spectacular Parkland. A visit to the State Rooms includes the stunning vaulted ceiling of the Saloon, the Library with its two centuries old collection of over 5,500 books through to the south facing Music Room and Drawing Room, and much much more. Downton Abbey, the major new drama series from ITV was filmed on location here and a second series of this very successful production is being filmed this year to be screened in Autumn 2011.

ST FAGAN'S MUSEUM OF WELSH LIFE

St Fagan's explores all aspects of how people in Wales have lived, worked and spent their leisure time and is one of Europe's leading open-air museums and Wales's most popular heritage attraction. Traditional crafts and activities bring St Fagan's alive, in workshops where craftsmen still demonstrate their traditional skills and their produce is usually on sale. Native breeds of livestock can be seen in the fields and farmyards, and demonstrations of farming tasks take place daily. You can gain an insight into the rich heritage and culture of Wales and the Welsh language can be heard in daily use amongst craftsmen and interpreters. There are also galleries with exhibitions of costume, daily life and farming implements.

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY 1960'S NOSTALGIA

The Severn Valley Railway is a full-size standard-gauge railway line running steam-hauled passenger trains between Kidderminster in Worcestershire and Bridgnorth in Shropshire, a distance of 16 miles. Step back in time for a 1960's nostalgic day out with your freedom of the line ticket which allows you to travel along the whole length of the line, and to get on and off at stations in between as you wish. As well as the train journeys there will also be much more to see including 1960's fashion shows, displays of Morris Minor cars and a 1960's market at Bewdley, (one of the stations).

TYNTESFIELD COUNTRY HOUSE & GARDENS, BRISTOL, (NAT TRUST)

Having last visited Tyntesfield in 2008 when access to some parts of the house was limited due to the extensive restoration and refreshment facilities very sparse, we are delighted to return this year as the wraps are off! This extraordinary Victorian estate is now ready to explore in full and marvel at the progress they've made on the groundbreaking conservation project. As well as Tyntesfield's house there is also the chapel, gardens and woodland to explore, and new for 2011, the Home Farm visitor centre is open - with a restaurant, shop and exhibition space.

DEWSTOW HIDDEN GARDENS & GROTTOS, SOUTH WALES

Imagine discovering about 7 acres of lost garden with tunnels and underground grottoes buried under thousands of tons of soil for over 50 years. That's what happened at Dewstow Gardens. Built around 1895 the gardens were buried just after WW1 and rediscovered in 2000. After excavation, although some areas were in very poor condition, other parts remained as good as the day the gardens were built. Most of the repairs have now been completed during a massive restoration operation.

GLORIOUS GLOUCESTERSHIRE FLOWER SPECTACLE

From 13-16 July Gloucester Cathedral will be filled with spectacular floral arrangements celebrating the famous people, products and events in Gloucestershire. A magnificent floral carpet stretching the length of the Nave will be the centerpiece of the show. At 14ft wide x 96ft long, it will be the longest floral carpet to be seen in any of the 42 Cathedrals of England.

FURTHER INFORMATION

SEVERN RIVER CRUISE & TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

After a morning visit to Gloucester Quay, we travel on To Upton On Severn to board the MV Conway Castle for a leisurely two hour cruise on the River Seven with musical entertainment. During the cruise a full afternoon tea will be served - a round of assorted sandwiches, a home-made scone filled with cream and strawberry preserve, a slice of chocolate cake, and a china mug of tea or coffee... think I might book on this one!!

UPTON HOUSE & GARDENS, OXFORDSHIRE (NAT TRUST)

Join the guests of Lord and Lady Bearsted and experience the life of a 1930's millionaire. Surrounded by internationally important art and porcelain collections hear and discover more about family life. See the red and silver art deco bathroom and get close to art works by El Greco, Stubbs and Bosch. The stunning gardens - being returned to their 1930's heyday - consist of a sweeping lawn, which gives way to a series of terraces and herbaceous borders leading to a kitchen garden, and tranquil water garden.

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S GREENWAY, DARTMOUTH (NAT TRUST)

Arriving via a short ferry crossing from Dartmouth, enjoy an extraordinary glimpse into the private holiday home of the famous and much-loved author Agatha Christie and her family. The relaxed and atmospheric house is set in the 1950s, and contains many of the family's collections, including archaeology, Tunbridgeware, silver, botanical china and books. Outside you can explore the large and romantic woodland garden, with a restored vinery and peach house, wild edges and rare plantings, which drifts down the hillside towards the sparkling Dart estuary.

BLETCHLEY PARK, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

There is so much to see and do on a visit to Bletchley Park. Visit the wartime buildings in the grounds and gain an insight into the history of the site and its codebreaking activities. Discover what went on at each of the key locations, including the famous code breaking huts, and see the Polish Memorial in the stable yard. Visit the Block B museum which tells the complete Bletchley Park story and houses the Abwehr Enigma machine, as well as many other pieces of history and see the Colossus Rebuild, the first semi-programmable electronic computer.

WOBURN ABBEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Set in a beautiful 3,000 acre deer park, Woburn Abbey has been the home of the Dukes of Bedford for nearly 400 years. The Abbey is full of history... both in furniture and paintings, and events, many involving members of the Royal family. Notable royal visitors included Elizabeth I, Charles I and Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Etchings drawn by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, a gift to Anna Maria, the Seventh Duchess, who was one of the Queen's ladies-in-waiting, can also be seen and there's a display case containing a letter written by the nine year old Princess Victoria to Elizabeth Sackville-West, later wife of the ninth Duke, and two brooches presented to her by Victoria and Albert when she was bridesmaid at their wedding in 1840.

POOLE & SWANAGE INC. RIVER CRUISE & STEAM TRAIN

We travel to Poole with time to explore, browse the shops and enjoy lunch before boarding a boat for a leisurely cruise through Poole Harbour and along the splendid Dorset Heritage Coast to Swanage. With time to enjoy this seaside resort and have tea, we board the steam train to Norden Station and rejoin the coach for our journey home.

SNOWHILL MANOR & GARDEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE (NAT TRUST)

Charles Wade was a treasure-seeker who loved buying and restoring beautifully made objects. His family motto was 'Let nothing perish', and he spent his inherited wealth doing just that, amassing a spectacular collection of everyday and extraordinary objects from across the globe. He restored this ancient Cotswold manor house specifically to display these treasures. Laid out with creative flair, just as Mr Wade intended, the Manor is literally packed to the rafters with thousands of unusual objects - from tiny toys to splendid suits of Samurai armour. The Manor is surrounded by an equally characterful hand-crafted terraced garden.

DISNEY ON ICE... WORLDS OF FANTASY

Rev up for non-stop fun with four of your favourite Disney stories... Thrill to high speed stunts as Lightning McQueen, Mater and the crew of Disney/Pixar's Cars race across the ice. Dive into the Little Mermaid's enchanting undersea kingdom and experience the 'Circle of Life' with the Lion King. Enter into the magical world of Pixie Hollow with Tinkerbell and all her fairy friends as they make their world premiere on ice.

MOUSEHOLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Every Christmas Mousehole's pretty harbour is decorated with a spectacular display of lights. As well as the harbour, the surrounding pubs, shops and houses are decorated and the illuminations extend up the road leading out of Mousehole to the South. As well as familiar Christmas themes, the lights are based on old Mousehole stories and legends.

HOLIDAYS 2011

Budget Breaks

Feb 28	5 days	North Wales & Snowdonia	£139.00
Mar 7	5 days	Bournemouth & The New Forest	£139.00
Mar 14	5 days	Lincoln York & Derbyshire Dales	£139.00
Mar 21	5 days	Lancashire & The Lake District	£139.00
Mar 28	5 days	Warwick & The Cotswolds	£139.00
Apr 18	5 days	Stratford & The Cotswolds – NEW	£139.00
Apr 25	5 days	The Kent Coast & Bruges – NEW	£149.00

Holidays & Short Breaks

Feb 28	5 days	Warner Break....Guntton Hall Coastal Resort, Suffolk	£199.00
Mar 2	9 days	Italy...Venice Carnival & Lake Garda	£525.00
Mar 12	2 days	A Weekend in Weymouth & Dorchester	£59.00
Mar 18	3 days	Singles Weekend	£145.00
Mar 21	5 days	Scotland and the Trossachs	£199.00
Mar 21	5 days	The Lake District	£195.00
Mar 28	5 days	Jersey...By Air	£379.00
Mar 28	5 days	Springtime in Tenby	£209.00
April 3	5 days	The Garden of Ireland...The Wicklow Mountains	£299.00
April 10	5 days	Isle of Wight	£225.00
April 15	4 days	The Dutch Bulbfields	£299.00
April 15	4 days	Harrogate Spring Flower Show & York	£199.00
April 22	4 days	Easter On the South Coast	£249.00
April 22	4 days	Easter in Paris	£225.00
April 29	5 days	Llandudno including the Victorian Extravaganza & Transport Festival	£275.00
April 29	4 days	Spalding Flower Festival	£199.00
May 2	5 days	Holme Lacy, Herefordshire Warner Break	£345.00
May 9	5 days	Shropshire...Canal Boats & Steam Trains	£275.00
May 16	5 days	Guernsey	£395.00
May 20	5 days	Normandy, Monet's Garden & the WWII Battlefields	£325.00
May 30	5 days	Norfolk...Steam Trains & the Broads	£309.00
June 2	2 days	Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Royal Albert Hall	£135.00
June 4	2 days	London Theatre Weekend...The Wizard of Oz	£169.00
June 4	7 days	The Enchanting Black Forest Cuckoo Clocks, Waterfalls & Steam Train	£445.00
June 5	5 days	Mike's Walking Tour of the Lakes & Dales	£295.00
June 6	5 days	Bournemouth, The New Forest & Isle of Wight	£295.00
June 17	5 days	The Best of Holland...Cheese, Clogs, Canals, Trains & Trams	£399.00
June 20	5 days	Lovely Lincolnshire	£295.00
June 20	5 days	Tenby & Pembrokeshire	£295.00
June 26	8 days	Switzerland & Italy... including the Bernina Express	£635.00
June 27	5 days	A Taste of Wales... Gardens & Trains	£315.00
July 2	2 days	Goodwood Festival of Speed	£195.00
July 4	4 days	Black Country... The Heart of England	£235.00
July 4	5 days	York, The North Yorkshire Moors & Castle Howard	£325.00
July 8	2 days	Hampton Court Flower Show	£135.00
July 10	8 days	Little Trains and Boats of Austria	£525.00
July 11	5 days	The Very Best of Cornwall	£259.00
July 17	5 days	Northumbria & Holy Island	£325.00
July 20	3 days	Royal Welsh Show	£185.00
July 24	6 days	A Country Life Tour of the Lakes & Dales	£350.00
July 24	7 days	Ireland...Killarney & The Ring of Kerry	£485.00
July 30	6 days	The Scilly Isles	£645.00
Aug 1	5 days	Isle of Wight	£325.00
Aug 6	2 days	London Theatre Weekend...Priscilla, Mamma Mia & Les Miserables	£169.00
Aug 7	8 days	Switzerland...Lakes & Mountains	£599.00
Aug 7	8 days	Jersey...including the Battle of Flowers Spectacular	£499.00

HOLIDAYS 2011

Aug 8	5 days	The South Coast	£315.00
Aug 14	5 days	Edinburgh Tattoo	£345.00
Aug 15	5 days	Kent...Castles Gardens & Steamship	£315.00
Aug 19	4 days	Beautiful Brugge	£275.00
Aug 21	8 days	Ireland...Donegal, The Giants Causeway & Dublin	£535.00
Aug 22	5days	Stratford Upon Avon & The Cotswolds	£315.00
Aug 26	4 days	Glenn Miller Festival	£209.00
Aug 29	5 days	Alvaston Hall, Cheshire... Warner Break	£315.00
Aug 31	15 days	Grand Tour...Baltic Capital & Scandinavian Highlights	£1395.00
Sep 5	5 days	Lytham St Annes Blackpool & The Lake District	£299.00
Sep 10	2 days	London Theatre Weekend... Choice of 5 Shows	£169.00
Sep 14	5 days	Llandudno & The Little Trains of North Wales	£315.00
Sep 15	6 days	The Isle of Man	£445.00
Sep 19	5 days	Peak District & Derbyshire Dales	£335.00
Sep 21	10 days	Italy...Rome, The Vatican City & Tivoli Gardens	£635.00
Sep 23	4 days	Blackpool Illuminations	£179.00
Sep 25	5 days	Cheshire's Golden Age	£325.00
Sep 27	5 days	Norfolk...Trains, Boats & Sandringham	£309.00
Oct 1	5 days	Eastbourne	£295.00
Oct 2	5 days	The Autumn Colours of the Lake District	£295.00
Oct 9	5 days	Isle of Wight	£255.00
Oct 13	5 days	Falmouth	£275.00
Oct 15	6 days	The Wonderful Autumn Colours of Scotland	£325.00
Oct 21	4 days	Blackpool Illuminations	£179.00
Oct 23	5 days	A Cumbrian Journey & Carlisle to Settle Railway	£285.00
Oct 27	5 days	Paris & Versailles	£299.00
Oct 28	3 days	Mystery Weekend	£139.00
Nov 5	2 days	London Theatre Weekend...Wizard of Oz, Ghost & Phantom of the Opera	£169.00
Nov 5	5 days	Holly & Mistletoe, North Wales	£239.00
Nov 6	2 days	5 Star Luxury in London	£ 99.00
Nov 7	5 days	Mountains & Mistletoe in Scotland... (Turkey & Tinsel)	£239.00
Nov 10	3 days	Thursford Christmas Spectacular	£190.00
Nov 11	4 days	Turkey & Tinsel, Isle of Wight	£190.00
Nov 11	4 days	Turkey & Tinsel, Falmouth	£190.00
Nov 15	3 days	Christmas Decorations at Chatsworth House	£139.00
Nov 15	3 days	Thursford Christmas Spectacular	£190.00
Nov 18	4 days	Turkey & Tinsel Lytham St Annes	£179.00
Nov 18	4 days	Turkey & Tinsel, Bournemouth	£179.00
Nov 20	5 days	Turkey & Tinsel, Eastbourne	£239.00
Nov 22	3 days	Thursford Christmas Spectacular	£190.00
Nov 25	4 days	Turkey & Tinsel, North Wales	£179.00
Nov 25	4 days	Turkey & Tinsel, Tenby	£179.00
Nov 25	4 days	Rhineland River Cruise & Christmas Markets	£325.00
Nov 25	5 days	Turkey & Tinsel, The Lake District	£239.00
Nov 25	4 days	Durham Christmas Festival & Beamish	£185.00
Dec 2	4 days	Monschau & Valkenburg Christmas Markets...staying in Liege – NEW	£245.00
Dec 3	2 days	Christmas Shopping Weekend	£ 79.00
Dec 10	2 days	Christmas Carol Concert Royal Albert Hall	£155.00
Dec 22	7 days	Christmas in the Austrian Tyrol	£475.00
Dec 23	5 days	Christmas in Canterbury	£450.00
Dec 23	5 days	Christmas in Stratford Upon Avon	£450.00
Dec 30	4 days	New Year on the South Coast	£325.00
Dec 30	4 days	New Year in the Lake District – NEW	£325.00
Dec 31	3 days	New Year in London	£179.00

ADDITIONAL BUDGET BREAKS

STRATFORD & THE COTSWOLDS

5 DAY TOUR

Departure... Monday 18th - Friday 22nd April

Coventry Hill Hotel, Coventry

A modern 3* hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer, trouser press and tea & coffee making facilities. The bright and spacious Seasons restaurant, offers carvery dining and there is also a large lounge area in which to relax

The Cotswolds - an area renowned for its outstanding natural beauty, honey-coloured architecture and secluded valleys. The picture-postcard countryside contains an abundance of historical villages, market towns and churches. Best known as the birthplace of the author of romance, William Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon is a beautiful Tudor town upon the River Avon, packed with half-timbered architecture and an abundance of shops.

As well as a visit to Stratford upon Avon, we also visit some of the picturesque towns and villages in the Cotswolds, including Moreton in Marsh Charter Market, Broadway, Stow on the Wold and Bourton on the Water... known as the Venice of the Cotswolds.

Tour Price £139.00

Price includes:

4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast. All excursions. Free Holiday Insurance

No Single supplement for 1st 3 singles £48.00 for subsequent singles

THE KENT COAST & BRUGES

5 DAY TOUR

Departure... Monday 25th - Friday 29th April

Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone

Overlooking Folkestone harbour, this hotel has a well-earned reputation as one of the UK's great entertainment hotels. All rooms are en suite, with TV, telephone, and tea & coffee-making facilities. For a nominal charge, you can enjoy the hotel's Leisure Club, complete with indoor pool, sauna and solarium. Each evening you'll be entertained as the hotel's resident team put on the glitz and glamour for a different cabaret spectacular.

For those who wish, on one day we travel via the Eurotunnel, into Belgium, to Bruges. A very picturesque town often referred to as the Venice of the North. The cobble streets and brightly coloured buildings are full of shops selling gifts including chocolates and lace. Don't forget your passport!

Our tour will include a visit to Canterbury, with its cathedral and the pretty town of Rochester, made famous by Charles Dickens, who lived in the area and referred to the town in his novels. We also take a tour around some of the seaside towns in Kent, including Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate.

Tour Price £149.00

Price includes:

4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast. Day trip to Bruges via Eurotunnel

All excursions. Free Holiday Insurance

No Single supplement for 1st 3 singles £48.00 for subsequent singles

ADDITIONAL SHORT BREAKS

MONSCHAU & VALKENBURG CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Departure: Friday 2nd - Monday 5th December

Monschau Christmas Market is beautiful, and has received awards for being one of the most attractive Christmas Markets in Germany. Valkenburg, Christmas market takes place in beautifully lit caves which run underneath the town.

The Post Hotel, Liege (0032 4264 6400)

A locally rated 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV & telephone. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and hotel's leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

Itinerary

Friday - After an early departure, we make our way to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey to our hotel in Liege, in time for dinner. **Saturday** - Today we travel to Monschau with plenty of time to explore the Christmas Market. Wooden stalls embellished with twinkling lights and lovely gifts fill the romantic market square where there is a large and beautifully decorated Christmas tree. There are also numerous stalls and cafés serving wonderful dishes and mulled wine. **Sunday** - After breakfast we travel into Holland, to Valkenburg, to enjoy the very different type of Christmas market. There are several different caves - the town cave being the oldest and largest in Europe. The candlelit corridors are filled with decorated stalls selling a vast selection of gifts, including many handmade arts and crafts. You may like to partake of the famous Dutch Christmas drink, "gluhwein" (hot sparkling wine). **Monday** - After breakfast, we travel back to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover, arriving in the West Country, arriving early -mid evening

TOUR PRICE £245.00 (Single supplement £33.00)

Price includes:

3 nights' dinner, bed & buffet breakfast

Ferry crossings All excursions Free holiday insurance

HOGMANAY IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Departure: Thursday 30th December 2011 - Sunday 2nd January 2012

Join us for a New Year tour to the Lake District National Park - an area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty - away from the hustle and bustle of the busy tourist season.

The Cumbria Grand Hotel ,Grange-over-Sands (01539 532331)

A lovely 3* hotel, ideally situated within peaceful, wooded grounds and enjoying views over Morecambe Bay. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, radio, telephone and tea & coffee-making facilities. The experienced executive in-house chef has developed an excellent and varied menu and there is entertainment each evening.

Itinerary

Friday - We make our journey north, with comfort stops en route to our hotel in time for a sherry reception before a carvery dinner and evening entertainment. **Saturday** - (New Year's Eve) A morning excursion to Kendal with time to browse the shops and enjoy coffee. We return to our hotel for lunch and an afternoon of prize bingo. Dinner this evening will be followed by entertainment including a Haggis & Champagne reception to see in the New Year and dancing until the wee small hours. **Sunday** - (New Year's Day) After a leisurely lie in and brunch, join us if you wish for a scenic drive to Windermere before returning to our hotel for afternoon tea and some light entertainment. This evening, a candlelight gala dinner will be followed by a final evening of entertainment. **Monday** - Sadly we leave the Lake District and begin our journey south. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

TOUR PRICE £325.00 (Single supplement £30.00)

Price includes: 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast

Lunch on New Year's Eve & Afternoon tea on New Year's Day All excursions Free holiday insurance

DEPARTURE POINTS

BRAUNTON	Lay-by opposite George Hotel
BARNSTAPLE	Railway Station
SOUTH MOLTON	The Square
KNOWSTONE	Picnic Area, Knowstone Side
TIVERTON	Bus Station, Phoenix Lane
M5 JUNCTION 27	Costa Coffee (formerly Little Chef)
M5 JUNCTION 26	Lay-by off motorway, Wellington
M5 JUNCTION 25	Murco Garage, Taunton

DEPARTURE TIME CODES

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
BRAUNTON	05.00	06.00	07.00	08.00	09.00	10.00	11.00
BARNSTAPLE	05.15	06.15	07.15	08.15	09.15	10.15	11.15
SOUTH MOLTON	05.35	06.35	07.35	08.35	09.35	10.35	11.35
KNOWSTONE	05.50	06.50	07.50	08.50	09.50	10.50	11.50
TIVERTON	06.10	07.10	08.10	09.10	10.10	11.10	12.10
M5 J27	06.25	07.25	08.25	09.25	10.25	11.25	12.25
M5 J26	06.35	07.35	08.35	09.35	10.35	11.35	12.35
M5 J25	06.45	07.45	08.45	09.45	10.45	11.45	12.45
MURCO GARAGE							

**PLEASE NOTE WELLINGTON & TAUNTON DEPARTURES ARE FOR
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SEATS Please inform our office staff at time of booking if you have any specific needs.

PAYMENT is required within 7 days of booking unless previously agreed with the management of Blakes Coaches.

CANCELLATION must be notified to our reservations office and will be subject to a 40% cancellation fee. If less than 48 hours before excursion date, the cancellation fee will be 100%.

CONCESSIONS Special fares are available on some excursions for senior citizens and children aged under 14 years. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

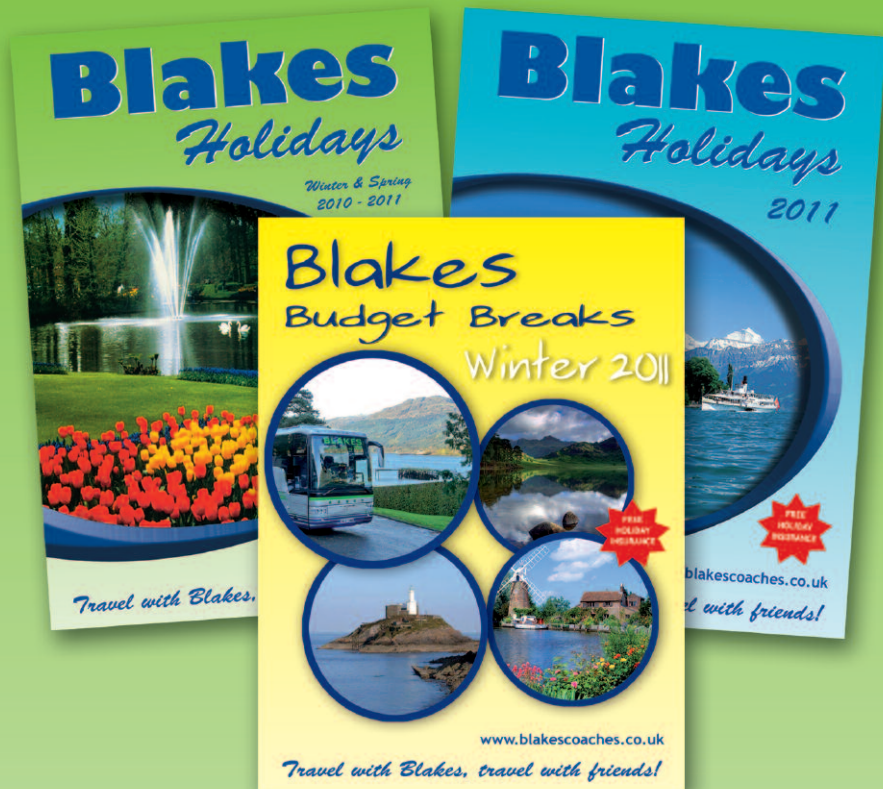
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