

Coach Holidays & Day Excursions **2019**

Masons

mini bus & coach hire



Day trips from £20.00

Holidays from £188.00

Courier on every trip

Local pick-up routes

NEW: *Pick-ups from Hemel Hempstead*



Welcome....

Welcome to our existing and new customers to Masons excursions and holidays. 2019 is our biggest year of adventures yet with some great developments to ensure more customers can enjoy a great experience travelling with us.

Our pick-up routes explained:

One of the keys to our successful trips is the pick-up routes; these are designed on the journey of each trip and are not rigidly set in stone. Our aim is to ensure convenient pick-up locations whilst also keeping our pick-up routes to a minimum. If you have any questions about our pick-up routes do contact the office staff to discuss. New for 2019 – we are offering a selection of trips throughout the year with pick-ups solely from Hemel Hempstead. This is our development year to showcase to you what we have to offer.



Hemel Hempstead pick-up routes

- Your excursions can be found pages **21-23**

Leighton Buzzard/Tring/surrounding villages

- Your excursions can be found pages **6-13**

Lunch clubs - At present, these trips are only available for Leighton Buzzard/Tring/surrounding villages.

Lunch Clubs can be found on pages **4-5**

Holidays - Pick-up points from ALL areas.

Holidays can be found on pages **14-20**

Brochure launch - Open Morning

To celebrate our new 2019 Excursions & Holiday programme we would like to give you the opportunity to come and meet us. You can find out more about our trips and discuss exactly what we have on offer, book a trip or just come and enjoy some coffee & cake with us!

The open morning is hosted at our local pub, based in the village of Cheddington, where the company is based and all the family have resided for many, many years!

Saturday 5th January or Friday 11th January

09am - 11am @ The Old Swan, Cheddington, LU7 0RQ

A FREE shuttle service will be provided on each date – please contact the office to book your space.

We would also ask if you are making your own way to let us know your preferred date and time slot for catering purposes, and we would encourage you to park in the tennis courts opposite the pub to avoid congestion within the village.

Hope to see you there!

We don't like to blow our own trumpet but we are extremely proud to have been selected as national finalists for '*Small Coach Operator of the Year*' at the 2018 Route One, Bus & Coach awards.

This is a huge achievement for us and has given us inspiration and motivation to make our company even better!



For up to date information on our trips, give us a call or email us to sign up for our newsletter, or follow us on social media.

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Lunch Club



We will be running our much-loved Lunch Club trips throughout the year. These trips will include a short scenic drive and a 2 course meal at these chosen locations. This is a great chance to get out for the day, meet new people and enjoy lunch at these choice restaurants handpicked by us.

The Wavendon Arms - Wavendon Gate

£32.50

Tuesday 19th February

Arrival: 12.30 Departure: 15.00

A quintessentially English pub serving British food, real cask ales and wines. Located on the outskirts of Milton Keynes in the picturesque village of Wavendon.

The Old Mill - Berkhamsted

£32.50

Friday 29th March

Arrival: 12.30 Departure: 15.00

The Old Mill is in a great location beside the Grand Union Canal in Berkhamsted. Its old mill-race thunders (or trickles, according to the season) over a weir and through the secret courtyard off the bar, and the building retains the character of its Georgian & Victorian origins.

The Crown - Northill

£32.50

Wednesday 10th April

Arrival: 12.30 Departure: 15.00

Set in the beautiful village of Northill in the Bedfordshire countryside. The Crown is family run and has been recently refurbished but still retains its charm and character. The pub is made up of a cosy bar area, with a beautiful log burner and original copper bar.

The River Mill - St Neots

£32.50

Thursday 30th May

Arrival: 12.30 Departure: 15.00

Some of you will have visited this one with us before, one of our favourites. Located in St Neots, Cambridgeshire, The River Mill is an old grade II listed watermill, set alongside the River Great Ouse and a small marina. Enjoy a scrumptious lunch and if you fancy, a stroll down the river.

The Chequers - Westoning

£32.50

Tuesday 9th July

Arrival: 12.30 Departure: 15.00

An old thatched pub with rustic retro furnishings, The Chequers in Westoning, Bedfordshire like to think they offer something a little bit different to their customers whilst still maintaining a cosy traditional pub atmosphere.

The Boat - Stoke Bruerne

£32.50

Tuesday 24th September

Arrival: 12.30 Departure: 15.00

It was so great last time, we've decided to go back! Set in the beautiful village of Stoke Bruerne in Northamptonshire, the upstairs restaurant area overlooks the Grand Union Canal.

The George Inn - Maulden

£32.50

Thursday 7th November

Arrival: 12.30 Departure: 15.00

A welcoming retreat in the heart of the Bedfordshire countryside, home to a lovingly restored 16th century pub, in the pretty village of Maulden, surrounded by the ancient Maulden Wood.

Christmas Lunch Special

The Barns Hotel - Bedford

£37.00

Wednesday 18th December

Arrival: 12.30 Departure: 15.00

Situated on the outskirts of Bedford, surrounded by picturesque views of the River Great Ouse and three acres of charming grounds. The WineGlass Restaurant features rustic wooden beams and a charming library area, and faces out on to the river, providing great views while we enjoy a festive lunch.

The Barns Hotel - Bedford



Day Trips



Cirque du Soleil - Royal Albert Hall

£85.00

Thursday 21st February

Arrival: 18.00 Departure: 22.00

Cirque du Soleil's world famous acrobatic extravaganza returns to the Royal Albert Hall with their new show. TOTEM follows the human species from original amphibian state to ultimate desire to fly. This spectacular show, in this magnificent setting, will make this a night to remember!

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir - (Neasden Temple)

£32.00

Wednesday 24th April

Arrival: 11.00 Departure: 16.00

A trip not to be missed - an in-depth tour of the Mandir (also known as Neasden temple). Find out more about this architecturally impressive building, its history and the Hindu faith. Included in this tour is an opportunity to sample a lunch of cultural delicacies. **BUFFET LUNCH INCLUDED**

Bruges - Belgium

£52.00

Saturday 4th May

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.30

If you set out to design a fairy-tale medieval town, it would be hard to improve on central Bruges. Spend the day as you choose taking in the picturesque cobbled lanes, canals, market squares, not forgetting to visit one of the many chocolate shops. **CROSSING VIA EUROTUNNEL (EARLY START)**

Cotswold Tour

£22.00

Tuesday 7th May

Arrival: 11.00 Departure: 17.00

Join us for a tour of the picturesque Cotswolds villages and towns. We'll visit Burford for morning refreshments, then on to Boughton on the Water where you'll be free to explore the shops and find some lunch. We then head up to Moreton in the Marsh where you'll be able to peruse the market or enjoy some afternoon tea.

Alphorpe House - Food Festival

Child:
£28.00

Concession:
£35.00

Adult:
£39.00

Sunday 12th May

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 16.30

Alphorpe House was built in 1508 by the Spencer family. On this day the house and grounds open for their annual food and drink festival, with over 100 exhibitors and an exciting festival line up, taking guests on a culinary journey. Tickets include entrance to the food festival and a guided tour of the State rooms and grounds.

Bournemouth

£24.00

Saturday 1st June

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 17.00

Known for having 7 miles of beaches and Victorian architecture, the resort is also home to Bournemouth Pier. The 2-mile long Bournemouth Gardens offer rock gardens, an aviary and plant species from 3 continents.

The Savill Gardens & Cream Tea River Cruise

£45.00

Wednesday 5th June

Arrival: 11.00 Departure: 16.00

Since its creation in the 1930s, The Savill Garden has been an inspiration for all. We will spend the morning in these beautiful gardens. In the afternoon we head on to Runnymede for a 2 hour cruise, which will take us through the grounds of Windsor Castle whilst enjoying afternoon tea. **ENTRANCE & AFTERNOON TEA INCLUDED.**

Flower Market & Sky Gardens - London

£22.00

Sunday 9th June

Arrival: 11.00 Departure: 16.00

Columbia Road in Bethnal Green, London is transformed into an oasis of foliage and flowers. The street is composed of sixty independent shops and restaurants. Once you have had time to explore the market and have lunch we will travel to the Sky Gardens. Here in the City of London's highest public gardens, you can enjoy a glass of bubbly or coffee 36 floors up with 360-degree uninterrupted views.



Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Neasden Temple)



Southend

£22.00

Saturday 15th June

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 17.00

If you walk along Southend High Street, towards the sea, your eye will be drawn in a straight line towards the longest pleasure pier in the world. There are plenty of fun things to see and do while you're visiting.

Southwold

£29.00

Wednesday 19th June

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.00

Southwold is a quintessentially British seaside town, with its sandy beaches, beach lined promenade and traditional pier. Home to the Adnams Brewery, there's sure to be something for everyone. The trip includes an enroute stop at Newmarket Stud, where a much-needed bacon roll and cuppa are on offer! **BRUNCH INCLUDED**

Bluebell Railway & Vineyard Tour

£59.00

Tbc. June

Arrival: 11.00 Departure: 16.00

Enjoy a morning tour of the Bluebell Vineyard Estate followed by a tutored wine tasting. Then we head over to the Bluebell Railway to board our train. Whilst on board we'll enjoy a traditional ploughmans lunch, whilst travelling through the scenic Sussex countryside. **TOUR, WINE TASTING, TRAIN + LUNCH ALL INCLUDED.**

Great Yarmouth

£24.00

Saturday 29th June

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.00

Great Yarmouth is famous as a family holiday destination, bursting with fun things to do, activities for all, shows and attractions stretching along the fabled Golden Mile and the huge expanse of pristine beach.

National Arboretum - Armed Forces Day

£29.00

Sunday 30th June

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.00

Show your support for our country's Armed Forces during Armed Forces Weekend at the Arboretum. Service personnel parades, a military fly over and a range of extra activities, fairs and food. Price includes ticket for the land train, which will take you around the highlights of the arboretum and give commentary.

Eastbourne

£23.00

Saturday 13th July

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.00

Breathe in the fresh sea air in the beautiful coastal town of Eastbourne, famous for its lush rolling landscapes, stunning gardens, beaches and iconic chalk sea cliffs.

Stratford upon Avon - Canal Cruise & Lunch

£46.00

Tuesday 16th July

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.00

A unique experience awaits you. The Countess of Evesham is a popular, well established family run 70ft restaurant cruiser. Enjoy the peace, tranquillity and enchanting views whilst aboard the restaurant boat cruising some of the most delightful stretches of the gently flowing River Avon. Then we have some free time to explore what the town has to offer. **3 COURSE LUNCH INCLUDED**

Bedford - Evening Jazz Cruise & Dinner

£66.00

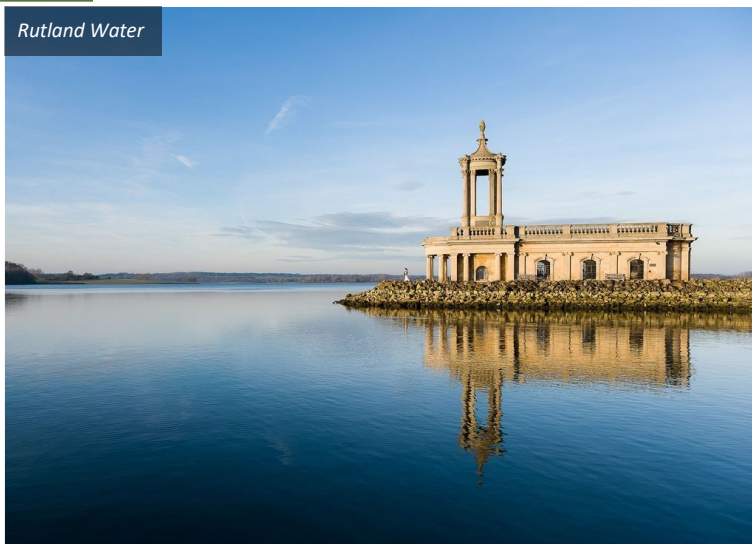
Friday 26th July

Arrival: 17.00 Departure: 21.30

Following a two-course meal at the popular Bedford Barns Hotel, we will embark for a two-hour, summer evening, Jazz cruise along the Great Ouse with the John Bunyan boat team. Run in association with the Olney Jazz club, this trip is sure to get you relaxed for the long summer evenings.



Stratford upon Avon Canal



Ramsgate & Broadstairs

£24.00

Sunday 28th July

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.00

A choice of two fine Kentish seaside towns. Visit Ramsgate with its Royal Harbour, lively shopping area and cosmopolitan vibe. Or visit Broadstairs with its award-winning Blue Flag sandy beaches and a delightful range of independent shops in the traditional high street.

NAFAS Floral Art & Design Show

£39.00

Thursday 8th August

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 16.30

This show, held at the Business Design Centre in Islington, is a celebration of 60 glorious years of The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

Margate

£24.00

Saturday 10th August

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.00

Margate - 'The Original Seaside' has traditional holiday-town charm, a world class art gallery, sandy beaches, a cool café culture and tempting retro shops. In short, everything you could want in a day out!

Whitstable

£23.00

Saturday 24th August

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 16.30

Start the bank holiday weekend with a trip to the seaside. Whitstable has become a favourite coastal destination with its oysters, weather-board houses, shingle beach and pleasingly old fashioned main street. Indulge in fresh seafood, visit the working harbour and explore the independent shops and galleries.

Little Hampton

£23.00

Sunday 1st September

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.00

The mile-long sand and shingle beach at Littlehampton is everything you would expect from a long established seaside resort. There is a promenade, amusements, theme park, well maintained seafront gardens and even the UK's longest bench. Yes, there is a 1,000 feet long bench running along Littlehampton's seafront.

Rutland Water - Lunch & Cruise

£42.00

Friday 13th September

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 16.30

Following a brief stop at the popular Dobbie's Garden centre near Peterborough we will continue to our pre-loved Finch Arms for a two-course lunch, we know the food is great! We will then continue to the beautiful surrounding of the Rutland waters where we can enjoy a leisurely cruise and possibly an ice cream!

Pullman Dining - Kent & East Sussex Railway

£98.00

Sunday 29th September

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 16.00

The Kent & East Sussex railway is the country's finest example of rural light railway. Stretching 10 miles between Tenderton and Bodiam through the Rother Valley, you travel aboard authentically styled Pullman Carriages. Enjoy a glass of wine or fruit juice on arrival and silver service 3 course Sunday lunch while you travel in style.

Waverley Paddle Steamer

£52.00

Tbc. October

Arrival: 10.30 Departure: 16.30

The last sea-going paddle steamer in the world. Magnificently restored with towering funnels, timber decks, gleaming varnish and brass. The journey will take you from Tower Pier, through Tower Bridge and onto Southend, where you can spend the rest of your day. **Please note adverse weather conditions could require the boat to divert to another port or even be cancelled.**



Waverley Paddle Steamer

Christmas at Kew



Knitting & Stitching Show - Alexandra Palace

£33.00

Sunday 13th October

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 16.30

The Alexandra Palace show is the flagship Knitting & Stitching Show, established over 20 years ago. Whatever your passion, the craft shows are the perfect place to find inspiration, learn new skills and shop for all your sewing and knitting supplies. Join us at the knitting event of the year!

Christmas River Cruise + Pie & Mash - London

£42.00

Thursday 21st November

Arrival: 15.00 Departure: 20.00

The first of our popular Christmas trips. We board our boat to take us up the River Thames towards Central London seeing what London looks like at this time of year from the river, whilst enjoying traditional pie, mash & liquor. **FOOD INCLUDED**

Christmas at Kew Gardens

£38.00

Thursday 28th November

Arrival: 17.00 Departure: 21.00

Now in its seventh year, the winter trail will be bigger than ever before, with over a million twinkling pea-lights and thousands of laser beams. Walk under welcoming arches into a world festooned with seasonal cheer and wander beneath unique tree canopies drenched in Christmas colour.

Winchester - Christmas Market

£22.00

Sunday 1st December

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 16.30

The lovely medieval city of Winchester has one of the largest Christmas markets in the south of England, with around 100 wooden chalets in the Cathedral Close, alongside an open-air skating rink. Stalls sell a range of craft items, including Christmas decorations, jewellery, hats, belts, artwork and wooden toys and there's a German theme to the food and drink offerings, with mulled wine and bratwurst.

Shopping, Cream Tea & Lights - Knightsbridge

£43.00

Thursday 5th December

Arrival: 11.00 Departure: 16.30

The London Christmas experience! Enjoy some shopping at the famous Harrods store to stock up on all your Christmas goodies before we travel on to Rembrandts Hotel to enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. We then return via the popular London Christmas lights, taking in the sights of Regents St and Oxford St.

Christmas at Blenheim Palace

Child:
£44.50

Concession:
£51.00

Adult:
£53.50

Tuesday 10th December

Arrival: 16.00 Departure: 20.00

Explore Mistletoe Moment and the Tunnel of Light adorned with thousands of twinkling fairy lights. Walk beneath glowing lanterns and larger-than-life snowflakes and baubles, all set against the backdrop of glittering ancient woodland.

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE HOUSE, LIGHT TRAIL AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

Mickie's Christmas Party - Wood Green

£36.50

Tbc. December

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 17.00

Mickie Driver's cavalcade of Christmas Songs, some songs of the swinging sixties, loads of laughs from the hilarious comedian, and even one or two Christmas Carols to get you into the spirit of it all. The show is preceded by a super Christmas Lunch where you can pull your first cracker of the season! **CHRISTMAS LUNCH INCLUDED**

Christmas Carols - Royal Albert Hall

£ tbc.

Tbc. December

Arrival: Departure:

If you are on our mailing list you will receive further information about this trip when available, or keep an eye on our website or give us a call in the office.

Pantomime - London Palladium

£ tbc.

Tbc. January 2020

Arrival: Departure:

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Christmas at Blenheim



Eastbourne

Tuesday 2nd - Saturday 6th April

Single:
£306.00

Double/Twin
(per person):
£276.00

Our first holiday of the year takes us to Eastbourne. A four-night stay at the New Wilmington of Eastbourne, with entertainment 3 of the nights. You can explore the area at your leisure or join us for our included local excursions.

Excursions include, visits to historic towns of Hastings and Battle, county town Lewes and a ride on the beautifully scenic Bluebell Railway. You'll also have some free time to spend in Eastbourne, famous for its lush rolling landscapes, stunning gardens and beaches and iconic chalk sea cliffs.

Included Excursions:

- Hastings
- Battle
- Lewes
- Bluebell Railway

Your hotel...

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THE NEW WILLMINGTON HOTEL

One of Eastbourne's most highly rated 3 Star Hotels. Close to the seafront, town centre and theatres. Lift and ground floor rooms available. 3 nights of entertainment during our stay.





Newquay

Sunday 19th - Friday 24th May

Single:

£388.00

Double/Twin
(per person):

£338.00

Newquay has been voted “One of the nation's favourite seaside towns” in the prestigious Which Holiday Survey. Staying at the Priory Lodge in Newquay, this 5-night stay is sure to have something for everyone. We will visit The Lost Gardens of Heligan, and be unnerved by chilling atmosphere at Bodmin Jail. Trips to the picturesque harbour towns of Mevagissey and St Ives, famous for it's Tate Art gallery, are also included. No trip to Cornwall is complete without seeing the majestic grandure of Lanhydrock House.

Included Excursions:

- Lost Gardens of Heligan
- Mevagissey
- St Ives
- Lanhydrock House
- Bodmin Jail

Your hotel....



PRIORY LODGE HOTEL

The Hotel stands in its own grounds, set back off the main road, within a two minute walk of the town centre and a further two minute walk to the beach. It has a spacious dining room with sea views and provides nightly entertainment.





Derbyshire

Tuesday 6th - Sunday 11th August

Single:

£486.00

Double/Twin
(per person):

£386.00

We can't wait for this holiday to Derbyshire, home to the impressive landscape of the Peak District. The area's charming villages have a traditional British feel and we hope you will love it as much as we do. Located in the old mining village of South Normanton, The Derbyshire hotel is a stylish, modern hotel with all the facilities you need to ensure an enjoyable stay. We will visit the imposing Chatsworth house, home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, famous for its rich history. Other excursions include, a horse-drawn canal boat cruise and Cromford Mills, which is an industrial world heritage site that has been transformed with independent shops and cafés. We will journey back in time with a visit to Crich Tramway Village. Our tour of the peaks and surrounding villages is sure to be a favourite with its chance to stock up on Bakewell's famous puddings! To finish the week we will visit the workhouse at Southwell. This is the best preserved Victorian workhouse in the country and has provided shelter for those in need up to the 1980's!

Included Excursions:

- Chatsworth House
- Crich Tramway Village
- Horse-drawn cruise & Cromford Mills
- The Workhouse, Southwell

Your hotel....

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THE DERBYSHIRE HOTEL

Situated in the old mining village of South Normanton, The Derbyshire Hotel offers a comfortable, modern restaurant, fitness suite, spa pool, jacuzzi, steam room & sauna.





Oban - Scotland

Saturday 12th - Friday 18th October

Single:

£934.00

Double/Twin
(per person):

£744.00

Our show stopper holiday of the year, this is not for the faint hearted, with excursions packed into every day to ensure you see the most of the breathtaking scenery and experiences that Scotland has to offer. Our journey begins with an over night stay at Tinto House Hotel, Biggar, to break up the journey. Day two starts with the magnificent engineering of the Falkirk wheel and a tour of the Kelpies, the world largest equestrian sculpture, before we reach the Oban Bay Hotel. Set on the edge of Oban's picturesque esplanade, the heart of the Argyll, this is the perfect base from which to explore Scotland's West Coast. Our excursions include a short cruise to Craigue, where we will take a guided tour to explore the Isle of Mull and Iona. We will visit the fascinating Inverary jail and court house, and enjoy a relaxing cruise on Loch Lomond, taking in the beautiful scenery. The jacobite Express Train is sure to be a favourite amongst many. The incredible 84-mile round trip, starting near Ben Nevis, takes you past some impressive scenery and along the famous 'Harry Potter' viaduct! It stops in the quaint fishing port of Mallaig before making its return journey. Don't worry we have also included some free time to help you relax and enjoy a little whiskey tasting!

Included Excursions:

- Falkirk Wheel
- The Kelpies
- Craigue, Mull & Iona
- Jacobite train
- Inverary Jail & Court House
- Loch Lomond Cruise

Your hotels....

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OBAN BAY HOTEL

The Oban Bay Hotel is set on the edge of Oban's picturesque Esplanade and is the ideal base from which to explore Scotland.

Overnight stop hotels:

TINTO HOUSE HOTEL (Biggar)

PARK ROYAL HOTEL (Warrington)





Blackpool - Illuminations

Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th October

Single:

£238.00

Double/Twin
(per person):

£188.00

The Blackpool Illuminations consist of almost every kind of light display you can imagine; Lasers, neon, light bulbs, fibre optics and flood lighting. You'll be free to explore all that Blackpool has to offer. Staying in the imperial Hotel located on the sea front within walking distance of the main attractions.

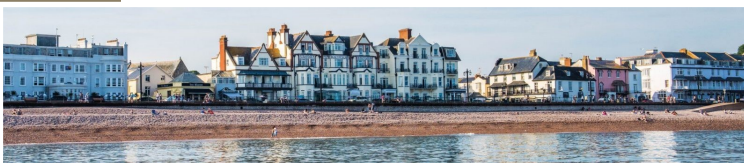
Highlights:

- Illuminations

Your hotel....

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THE IMPERIAL HOTEL



Sidmouth - Tinsel & Turkey

Saturday 2nd - Wednesday 6th November

Wednesday 4th - Sunday 8th December

Choice of 2 Dates!

Single:

£478.00

Double/Twin
(per person):

£336.00

With a choice of two dates for this years Tinsel & Turkey no one will miss out on this popular trip! Staying at The Royal York & Faulkner hotel, located on the Esplanade of Sidmouth, you can enjoy everything that Sidmoth & Christmas have to offer rolled up in one entertaining trip of the year! Enjoy Christmas & New year early, and we've even included a few optional excursion's if you fancy getting out to explore the local area.

Included Excursions:

- Seaton tramway
- Lyme Regis
- *West Bay - where Broadchurch is filmed*

Your hotel....

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THE ROYAL YORK & FAULKNER HOTEL

Unrivalled position at the centre of Sidmouth's Esplanade, this hotel offers great location and sea-views.



Thursford - West Runton

Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th November

Single: £295.00
Double/Twin (per person): **£280.00**

The Thursford Christmas Spectacular is set in the magical surroundings of mechanical organs and fairground carousels, with a cast of 130 professional singers, dancers and musicians – many of whom are West End performers. The 3 hour performance delivers an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a fast moving celebration of the festive season featuring an eclectic mix of both seasonal and year-round favourites, with famous and much-loved chart toppers being sung alongside traditional carols. This really is a show not to be missed! We'll be staying in West Runton in a great hotel we have used on more than one occasion. This short break will include stops on route, evening entertainment at the hotel and a few hours in either Cromer or Sheringham.

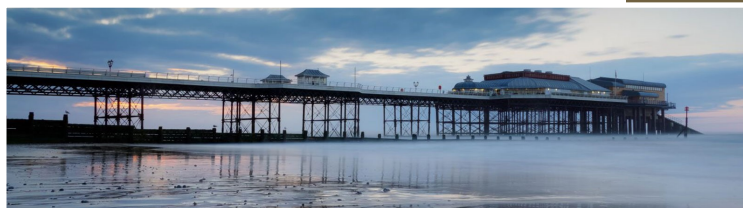
Highlights:

- Christmas Spectacular
- Sheringham/Cromer
- Evening entertainment

Your hotel...

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LINKS COUNTRY PARK HOTEL
has superb accommodation in beautiful surroundings. Ground floor rooms, lift facility, breakfast buffet and 3 course dinner, evening entertainment.





In conjunction with Rifleman Tours

Beer & Battlefields - Ypres

Friday 6th - Monday 9th September

Single:

£640.00

Double/Twin
(per person):

£520.00

Rifleman Tours specialise in WWI and WWII small group battlefield tours. Rifleman Tours is run by husband and wife team Tony and Allison Eden, with whom we've been working with for many years now. We are always surprised by the incredible amount of knowledge Tony has about the Great War and wanted to give our customers the chance to go on one of these excellent tours. When the British Expeditionary Force fell back into Flanders and concentrated on the town of Ypres in October 1914 little did they know that they were in the heart of some of the best hop growing land in Belgium. And we all know what hops make..... BEER! Staying in the Centre of Ypres we will set about tasting some of the many distinguished beers of the Flanders / Ypres region, with visits to some breweries to see how the beer is created. As this is also a World War One battlefield tour, we will visit the battlefields where the Commonwealth troops fought so gallantly between 1914 and 1918.

Highlights:

- Brewery Visits
- Guided Battlefield Tour
- Last Post Ceremony
- Tyne Cot Cemetery

Your hotel....

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NOVOTEL YPRES is a 3 star hotel with all modern facilities. Located in the centre of the city it is a short walk to the Menin Gate and the Grote Markt which hosts a wealth of restaurants and bars.



Hemel Hempstead Day Trips



Welcome to all our new customers from Hemel Hempstead, this selection of day trips will be picking up from Hemel Hempstead. These are some trips we have done before with our existing customers and we hope you enjoy them as much as they have. Please join our mailing list and follow us on social media to keep updated on other trips we may have on offer.

Bruges - Belgium

£52.00

Saturday 4th May

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.30

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Brighton

£23.00

Sunday 2nd June

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 17.00

Discover Brighton's attractions such as the Brighton Pier, interesting museums, an outlandish Royal Palace, a beautiful beach, the Royal Pavilion and the British Airways i360 or visit The Lanes with its maze of shops and boutiques.

Southwold

£29.00

Wednesday 19th June

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Cambridge - Cream Tea & River Cruise

£39.00

Wednesday 3rd July

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 16.30

Enjoy some free time in the beautiful city of Cambridge. Be inspired by the many beautiful museums and art galleries. Admire the beautiful architecture and majestic college buildings. We then spend the afternoon upon the river upon the Riverboat Georgina whilst enjoying a traditional Cream Tea. **CREAM TEA INCLUDED**

Clacton Airshow



Southend

£22.00

Friday 16th August

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 17.00

If you walk along Southend High Street, towards the sea, your eye will be drawn in a straight line towards the longest pleasure pier in the world. There's plenty of fun things to see and do while you're visiting.

Clacton Airshow

£24.00

Friday 23rd August

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 17.00

2019 will once again see Clactons award winning seafronts and gardens be transformed into a fun filled display/event site and flight viewing area. With impressive aerobatic displays whilst a whole host of exhibition stands, food court and on-site entertainment are available at ground level.

Waverley Paddle Steamer

£52.00

Tbc. October

Arrival: 10.30 Departure: 16.30

The last sea-going paddle steamer in the world magnificently restored with towering funnels, timber decks, gleaming varnish and brass. The journey will take you from Tower Pier, through Tower Bridge and onto Southend, where you can spend the rest of your day. **Please note adverse weather conditions could require the boat to divert to another port or even be cancelled.**

Christmas River Cruise + Pie & Mash - London

£42.00

Thursday 21st November

Arrival: 15.00 Departure: 20.00

The first of our popular Christmas trips. We board our boat to take us up the River Thames towards Central London seeing what London looks like at this time of year from the river, whilst enjoying traditional pie, mash & liquor.

Westfield Shopping - Stratford

£20.00

Saturday 23rd November

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 16.30

If you haven't already, a chance to get all your Christmas shopping done in one place at one of the largest shopping centres in Europe.

Christmas at Kew Gardens

£38.00

Thursday 28th November

Arrival: 17.00 Departure: 21.00

Now in its seventh year, the winter trail will be bigger than ever before, with over a million twinkling pea-lights and thousands of laser beams. Walk under welcoming arches into a world festooned with seasonal cheer and wander beneath unique tree canopies drenched in Christmas colour.

Winchester - Christmas Market

£22.00

Sunday 1st December

Arrival: 11.30 Departure: 16.30

The lovely medieval city of Winchester has one of the largest Christmas markets in the south of England, with around 100 wooden chalets in the Cathedral Close, alongside an open-air skating rink. Stalls sell a range of craft items, including Christmas decorations, jewellery, hats, belts, artwork and wooden toys and there's a German theme to the food and drink offerings, with mulled wine and bratwurst.

Cruise Ship - Festive Lunch & Show

£69.00

Saturday 7th December

Arrival: 11.00 Departure: 16.00

Here is a fantastic opportunity to step aboard Cruise & Maritime Voyages ship, the Magellan to view their facilities and cabins, sample the delicious cuisine and enjoy some stylish entertainment. Docked in Tilbury you'll be welcomed onboard and enjoy a 5 course lunch and Show. **5 COURSE DINNER & SHOW INCLUDED.**

Brick Lane Music Hall - London

£56.00

Friday 20th December

Arrival: 12.00 Departure: 17.00

Brick Lane Music Hall is a totally unique venue and the only permanent home for music hall. It receives worldwide acclaim and attracts audiences from all over the country to its home in Silvertown in London's Docklands. We will have a Christmas lunch, then sit back and enjoy the show. **3 COURSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH INCLUDED.**

Brick Lane Music Hall



Terms & Conditions

Excursions: Reservations must be paid for at time of booking.

For cancellations more than 7 days before departure a charge is made against a refund to cover any entrance/ticket fees.

For cancellations within 7 days of departure, no refund will be given.

Holidays: A deposit of £50 per person will be requested at time of booking and the balance will be paid no later than 56 days before departure. For cancellations more than 42 days before departure you will incur the loss of your deposit. For cancellations 7-42 days before departure you will pay a charge of 80%. For cancellation within 7 days of departure no refund can be made.

Unfortunately on occasions we are unable to operate excursions or holidays due to an insufficient number of bookings. In the event we are forced to cancel a trip, you will be notified at least 7 days before for excursions and for holidays at least 42 days before.

Seating Capacity – The maximum numbers allowed on the vehicle is indicated on the vehicle. No standing passengers allowed. No Passengers allowed in courier seat. Drivers will not carry extra passengers over the seating capacity. All passengers must remain seated with their seatbelts correctly fastened whilst the vehicle is in motion unless using the washroom or catering facilities (if any). Passengers using the washroom or leisure facilities or who for any other reason do not remain in their seats with their seatbelts fastened whilst the vehicle is in motion do so entirely at their own risk.

Seat Belts – It is a requirement by law that all passengers remain seated whilst the bus is in motion and that seat belts be worn at all times. Hirers wishing to use child car seats during the trip must confirm this at point of booking and it must be recorded on the booking confirmation.

Animals – Will not be carried on the vehicle, except guide dogs and by special permission of The Company.

Cancellation By The Company – In the event of unforeseen events, prevailing circumstances or an emergency, or an action by the hirer to vary the agreed conditions, The Company may return all monies paid and without further liability cancel the contract.

Change Of Vehicle – The Company reserves the right to hire another Coach Operator to cover the hire.

Route – The route used, unless the hirer has advised of a particular route or places to be passed en-route, which will be specified on the booking form, will be at the discretion of The Company and/or the driver. The vehicle will depart at the times stated by the hirer, and it is the responsibility of the hirer to account for all passengers at those times. The Company will not accept liability for any losses incurred by the passengers who fail to follow instructions given by the hirer or driver. Please do not keep the driver waiting. He may have other pick-ups to make and any delays could cause other groups or parties to be inconvenienced. If you are late, the driver may have to leave you. However, at the driver's discretion, he may be prepared to wait but a charge of £5.00 will be levied for each 10 minutes delay (or part of).

Breakdown and Delay – Please allow plenty of time to reach your destination as The Company accepts no responsibility, nor can be held liable in any way whatsoever for delays due to breakdown, traffic congestion, adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances beyond our control.

Driver's Hours – The hours of operation of the driver are regulated by the law and the hirer accepts the responsibility of ensuring the hire keeps to the hours and times agreed by the company. Neither the hirer nor any passengers shall delay or otherwise interrupt the journey in such a way that the driver is at risk of breaching regulations relating to drivers hours and duty time. If any breach is likely to occur the hirer will be responsible for any additional costs.

Property – The Company will undertake to transport a reasonable quantity of accompanying luggage. If however, in the judgement of the driver, the volume and weight is excessive The Company reserves the right to refuse the carriage of said luggage. In addition, The Company cannot assume responsibility or liability for any loss or damage to client's property or luggage, however caused. Any articles of found property recovered from a vehicle will be held at the depot from where the vehicle is based and may be collected from there.

Insurance – All hirers and individual passengers are recommended to obtain insurance for those items where, save for negligence, The Company's liability is limited (such as delay or luggage).

Conduct Of Passengers – The driver is responsible for the safety of the vehicle. Any passengers whose conduct is in breach of statutory regulations will be removed on the driver's authority. The hirer will be responsible for the conduct of all passengers and for all damages caused to the vehicle by passengers during the period of hire. The Company reserves the right to terminate any and all services to unruly and/or abusive passengers.

Complaints – All complaints must be made within 7 days of the date of hire in writing to: Masons Mini bus and Coach Hire Ltd. Unit 27 Old Airfield Industrial Estate, Cheddington Lane, Long Marston, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP234QR

Notices – No bill, poster or notice is to be displayed on any vehicle without prior consent of The Company.

Food and Drink – Food and drink is only to be consumed on the vehicle with the driver's permission. No greasy foods (pizzas, kebabs, chicken, burgers, chips etc.) are to be consumed or carried on the vehicle at any time. The Company reserves the right to charge a valeting fee for any soiling in our vehicles or damages caused by the hirer or passengers.

Alcohol – Under no circumstances may alcoholic drinks be carried on or consumed upon the vehicle without the express permission of The Company in writing. It is illegal to carry alcoholic beverage on any bus travelling to certain sporting events. In the event of travel sickness due to alcohol, a £100.00 cleaning charge is payable to the driver on demand at the time of the incident.

Smoking and Illegal Substances – All minibuses, coaches and buses are non-smoking vehicles by law. The Company will not be held responsible for the transportation of any illegal substance or articles in the vehicles. Any client doing so will have the hire contract terminated immediately without refund.

Surcharges – Any additional charges such as toll fees, congestion charges, parking charges and accommodation charges etc. are payable by the customer. The hirer will be held responsible for any and all damage to vehicles owned by The Company, or any other vehicles used by The Company, howsoever caused by the hirer(s) or their passengers to the value of £60.00 or the cost of clean-up, repair or replacement with new, whichever is the greater. This includes, but is not restricted to: sickness and spillage stains, cigarette burns and fabric tears.

Drivers – The vehicles belonging to The Company are only insured for drivers employed by Masons Mini bus and Coach Hire Ltd. No other person may drive the vehicles under any circumstances.

Law – The driver will use his/her judgement to drive at a reasonable speed in relation to the prevailing road type and conditions. Under no circumstances should the driver be encouraged to drive or act outside the law, PSV law or The Highway Code.

Insurance

Masons Coach Hire do not offer travel insurance but we strongly advise all our customers to take out travel insurance to cover medical and repatriation costs, personal injury, loss of baggage and cancellation charges.

Pick up Points

The times given for arrival and departure are to and from the destination. These are just a guide and may vary slightly.

- CHEDDINGTON** - The Green
- PITSTONE** - Masons Stores
- TRING** - High Street
 - New Mill
- NORTHCHURCH** - Old Grey Mare
- BERKHAMSTED** - High Street
- LEIGHTON BUZZARD** - Tesco
 - West Street
 - Morrisons
 - Greenfields

Additional pick ups may be considered, please call to discuss this possibility. For groups of 10 or more we can offer one free local pick up of your choice.

More information on pick ups, including times will be issued to you closer to the departure date of your chosen trip.

Hemel Hempstead

Pick ups for our Hemel Hempstead trips only:

- GADEBRIDGE PARK & RIDE** - Bus Stop
- BRIDGE STREET** - Bus Stop

Holidays

For our holidays we will be picking up from all our original pick up points and all Hemel Hempstead pick up points.

Additional pick ups may be considered, please call our office to discuss this possibility. For groups of 10 or more we can offer one free local pick up of your choice.

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Check list

Here's a handy check list to help you organise the trips you are interested in and when you're paid up and ready to go!

Trip	Date	Interested	Deposit Paid	Paid in Full
Lunch Club Trips				
The Wavendon Arms - Wavendon	19 th February			
The Old Mill - Berkhamsted	29 th March			
The Crown - Northill	10 th April			
The River Mill - St Neots	30 th May			
The Chequers - Westoning	5 th September			
The Boat - Stoke Bruerne	24 th September			
The George Inn - Maulden	7 th November			
The Barns Hotel - Bedford	18 th December			
Day Trips				
Cirque du Soleil - Royal Albert Hall	21 st February			
Shri Swaminarayan Mandir - (Neasden Temple)	25 th April			
Cotswold Tour	7 th May			
Bruges - Belgium	4 th May			
Alphorpe House - Food Festival	12 th May			
Bournemouth	1 st June			
Savill Gardens & Cream Tea River Cruise	5 th June			
Flower Market & Sky Gardens - London	9 th June			
Southend	15 th June			
Southwold	19 th June			
Bluebell Railway & Vinyard Tour	Tbc. June			
Great Yarmouth	29 th June			
National Arboretum - Armed Forces Day	30 th June			
Eastbourne	13 th July			
Stratford upon Avon - Canal Cruise & Lunch	16 th July			
Bedford - Evening Jazz Cruise & Dinner	26 th July			
Ramsgate & Broadstairs	28 th July			
NAFAS Floral Art & Design Show	8 th August			
Margate	10 th August			
Whitstable	24 th August			
Little Hampton	1 st September			
Rutland Water - Lunch & Cruise	13 th September			
Pullman Dining - Kent & East Sussex Railway	29 th September			
Waverley Paddle Steamer	Tbc. October			
Knitting & Stitching Show - Alexandra Palace	13 th October			
Christmas River Cruise + Pie & Mash - London	21 st November			
Christmas at Kew Gardens	28 th November			

Winchester - Christmas Market	1 st December			
Shopping, Cream Tea & Lights - Knightsbridge	5 th December			
Christmas at Blenheim Palace	10 th December			
Mickie's Christmas Party - Wood Green	Tbc. December			
Christmas Carols - Royal Albert Hall	Tbc. December			
Pantomime - London	Tbc. December			
Holidays				
Eastbourne	2 nd - 6 th April			
Newquay	19 th - 24 th May			
Derbyshire	6 th - 11 th August			
Oban - Scotland	12 th - 18 th October			
Beer & Battlefields - Ypres	6 th - 9 th September			
Blackpool	23 rd - 25 th October			
Sidmouth	2 nd - 6 th November			
Sidmouth	4 th - 8 th December			
Thursford - West Runton	13 th - 15 th November			
Hemel Hempstead Day Trips				
Bruges - Belgium	4 th May			
Brighton	2 nd June			
Southwold	19 th June			
Cambridge - Cream Tea & River Cruise	3 rd July			
Southend	16 th August			
Clacton Airshow	23 rd August			
Waverley Paddle Steamer	Tbc. October			
Christmas River Cruise + Pie & Mash - London	21 st November			
Westfield Shopping - Stratford	23 rd November			
Christmas at Kew Gardens	28 th November			
Winchester - Christmas Market	1 st December			
Cruise Ship - Festive Lunch & Show	8 th December			
Brick Lane Music Hall - London	20 th December			

Keep in touch

The best way to keep up to date with information on trips we are running or new trips added, is to sign up to our mailing list. You can do this by visiting our website;

www.masonscoachhire.co.uk

or follow us on social media sites:

facebook.com/masonscoaches

twitter.com/masonscoaches

instagram.com/masonscoaches

Or of course please give us a call for any more information you would like to know:

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Wishing you all the very best for 2019



'We have been on a few day trips and several lunch clubs all of which have been really enjoyable. We have met some lovely people and all the staff and drivers are very friendly. Nothing is too much trouble. A great family company' - Jackie and Lawrie White

'Had our first holiday with Masons to Llandudno this year, can't praise Candice and Bradley enough! Their care and attention to detail to ensure we were all looked after and individual needs met ensured we had a really lovely holiday. Looking forward to booking again' - Jennifer Haywood

'Only been on one trip so far with but you are far superior to other companies we have been with. From the friendly efficiency when booking to the lovely coach, your friendly and welcoming staff and the welcome refreshments on board it made a great day out. We are looking forward to the 2019 brochure' - Janice Lawes



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