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BOOKING CONDITIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

HOW TO BOOK:

1. Telephone Avanti on Norwich (01603) 717488 during office hours when your booking will be taken and, if requested, seat numbers allocated. **We reserve the right to change seat numbers should circumstances make it necessary.**
2. **All excursions with the admission cost included are marked by an asterisk *.** Bookings for these excursions remain provisional for up to fourteen days during which time full payment must be sent to Avanti Coach Travel, 26, Heath Way, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4RS. A receipt will be sent to you by return. The booking will be cancelled after fourteen days if payment has not been received. Cheques for all excursions must be made payable to: **“Avanti Coach Travel”**.
3. **The capital letter shown in brackets beside each excursion date indicates the pick-up time. Please refer to the timetable at the back of the brochure to match the letter with your pick-up point to find your pick-up time.**
4. If you cancel your excursion booking within the seven days prior to the date of travel, you will be required to pay the full fare costs. However, the fare cost can be transferred to a new future booking. **All refunds made in respect of cancellations by customers will be subject to a £2.00 administration charge.** There will be no refund made for tickets which we have already paid for on your behalf in respect of admission to an attraction during an excursion, unless someone else is able to take your place.
5. The Company reserves the right to cancel an excursion at any time. In the event of cancellation by the Company, any monies that have been paid will be either refunded in full or transferred to a future booking.
6. You are recommended to obtain Travel Insurance for all excursions, especially those to France and Belgium. An annual policy offers best value.
7. **Passports are required for all excursions to France and Belgium. Citizens of non-EC countries must have any necessary visas to enter each country visited.**
8. Our coaches have reclining seats with generous leg room, seat belts and on-board toilet/washroom.
9. **Smoking and the drinking of alcohol is strictly prohibited on the coaches. It is a legal requirement for passengers to wear seat belts during coach journeys.**
10. **Any subsequent changes or additions to the content of this brochure will be shown on our website, www.avanticoachholidays.co.uk or in our advertisements which appear regularly in certain local publications such as the Eastern Evening News, the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Extra.**

DAY TRIPS FOR 2018

Bold type indicates those excursions for which further information is provided in this brochure

Thur 15 th Feb	(B)	Ely & Anglesey Abbey Snowdrop Walk National Trust Members with card	£24.00 £17.00	
Wed 21 st Feb	(B)	Bury St Edmunds on Market Day	£16.00	
Wed 28 th Feb	(C)	Springfields Shopping Village, Spalding	£18.00	
Wed 7 th March	(B)	Ickworth House (NT) & Daffodil Gardens	£23.00	*
Sun 11 th March	(E)	Orchid Festival at Kew Gardens on Mother's Day	£39.00	*
Thur 15 th March	(B)	Stowmarket on Market Day & Ipswich	£18.00	
Wed 21 st March	(B)	Bury St Edmunds on Market Day	£16.00	
Wed 28 th March	(C)	Colchester	£19.00	
Tues 10 th April	(C)	Springfields Shopping Village, Spalding	£18.00	
Thur 19 th April	(D)	Jordans Mill & Gardens, nr. Bedford & St Neots	£29.00	*
Wed 25 th April	(B)	Bury St Edmunds on Market Day	£16.00	
Wed 2 nd May	(C)	Boston & Sutterton Church Flower Festival	£20.00	
Wed 2 nd May	(E)	Hughenden Manor & Gardens, nr High Wycombe National Trust Members with card	£36.00 £26.00	*
Thur 10 th May	(D)	Maldon Market Day & a Tiptree Cream Tea	£28.00	*
Sun 13 th May	(D)	Woburn Safari Park	Adult £46.00 Sen. Cit. £44.00	* *
Wed 16 th May	(X)	Stody Lodge with a Cream Tea & Sheringham	£26.00	*
Wed 23 rd May	(B)	Bury St Edmunds on Market Day	£16.00	
Tues 29 th May	(C)	Cambridge	£19.00	
Wed 6 th June	(C)	Sandringham House, Gardens & Norfolk Lavender	£30.00	*
Fri 8 th June	(C)	Brick Lane Music Hall 50's & 60's Show with Afternoon Tea	£60.00	*
Wed 13 th June	(D)	Newark on Market Day	£22.00	
Sat 16 th June	(E)	Postal Museum Guided Tour & Mail Train Ride	£56.00	*
Tues 19 th June	(C)	Springfields Shopping Village, Spalding	£18.00	
Thur 21 st June	(B)	Ely Cathedral Flower Festival	£29.00	*
Sun 24 th June	(D)	Woburn Abbey, Gardens & Garden Show	Adult £40.00 Sen. Cit. £39.00	* *
Wed 27 th June	(B)	Bury St Edmunds on Market Day	£16.00	

Tues 3 rd July	(C)	Saffron Waldon on Market Day or	£20.00	
Tues 3 rd July	(C)	Audley End House & Gardens English Heritage Members with card	£34.00 £20.00	*
Thur 5 th July	(B)	Wisbech Rose Fair & Kings Lynn	£20.00	
Tues 10 th July	(X)	“Showtime” at Gorleston Pavilion Theatre	£30.00	*
Thur 12 th July	(C)	Hunstanton & a Cream Tea at Bircham Mill	£22.00	*
Wed 18 th July	(C)	42nd Street - Theatre Royal Drury Lane	£55.00	*
Wed 18 th July	(C)	Dreamgirls – Savoy Theatre	£64.00	*
Thur 19 th July	(X)	Pensthorpe Nature Reserve & Fakenham	£24.00	*
Sun 22 nd July	(D)	Skegness	£23.00	
Mon 23 rd July	(D)	St Ives Market Day & Ely	£21.00	
Wed 25 th July	(B)	Sandringham Flower Show	£30.00	*
Tues 31 st July	(X)	Cromer Pier Show 1	£36.00	*
Wed 1 st Aug	(B)	Bury St Edmunds on Market Day	£16.00	
Thur 9 th Aug	(C)	Aldeburgh & Southwold	£20.00	
Wed 15 th Aug	(C)	Clacton-on-Sea	£20.00	
Wed 22 nd Aug	(B)	Wells next the Sea & the North Norfolk Coast	£18.00	
Wed 29 th Aug	(B)	Bury St Edmunds on Market Day	£16.00	
Tues 4 th Sept	(X)	Boat trip on the Norfolk Broads & Sheringham	£24.00	*
Thur 13 th Sept	(C)	Sudbury & Lavenham	£20.00	
Sun 16 th Sept	(E)	Leeds Castle Festival of Flowers	Adult £42.00 Sen. Cit. £41.00	* *
Tues 18 th Sept	(E)	Buckingham Palace & State Rooms	Adult £47.00 Sen. Cit. £45.00	* *
Wed 19 th Sept	(C)	Boston on Market Day	£20.00	
Tues 25 th Sept	(C)	Springfields Shopping Village, Spalding	£18.00	
Thur 27 th Sept	(X)	Tina ~ The Tina Turner Musical – Aldwich Theatre	£65.00	*
Thur 27 th Sept	(X)	Mamma Mia! – Novello Theatre	£58.00	*
Wed 3 rd Oct	(B)	Bury St Edmunds on Market Day	£16.00	
Tues 9 th Oct	(D)	Lincoln	£23.00	
Thur 11 th Oct	(E)	Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace	£37.00	*
Wed 17 th Oct	(D)	Bletchley Park, near Milton Keynes	£40.00	*
Wed 24 th Oct	(C)	Cambridge	£19.00	

Sun 28 th Oct	(E)	RAF Museum Hendon	£26.00	*
Wed 31 st Oct	(B)	Bury St Edmunds on Market Day	£16.00	
Sat 3 rd Nov	(D)	Romford	£23.00	
Tues 6 th Nov	(D)	Nottingham	£27.00	
Fri 16 th Nov	(B)	Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair	£24.00	
Tues 20 th Nov	(C)	Rockingham Castle Victorian Christmas	£33.00	*
Fri 23 rd Nov	(B)	Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fair	£17.00	
Sat 24 th Nov	(B)	Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fair	£17.00	
Wed 28 th Nov	(C)	Springfields only or Springfields & Baytree	£18.00	
Fri 30 th Nov	(X)	Burnham Deepdale Christmas Market	£18.00	
Mon 3 rd Dec	(B)	Brick Lane Christmas Show and 3-Course Lunch	£69.00	*
Wed 5 th Dec	(D)	St Albans Christmas Market	£26.00	
Sun 16 th Dec	(X)	Cromer Pier Christmas Show	£36.00	*

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Blofield/Thorpe/Norwich Areas:

Thur 29 th Nov	Matinee - Raised Side Seating	£54.50	*
Sun 2 nd Dec	Matinee – Raised Central Seating	£60.50	*
Thur 13 th Dec	Matinee - Raised Side Seating	£54.50	*
Fri 14 th Dec	Evening - Raised Side Seating	£56.50	*
Fri 21 st Dec	Evening – Raised Central Seating	£60.50	*

Attleborough/Wymondham/Hethersett Areas:

Sun 9 th Dec	Matinee - Raised Side Seating	£57.50	*
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Letters in brackets indicate pick-up times as shown in timetable on inside back page.

** Trip prices marked with an asterisk to be paid within two weeks of booking.*

§ Trips marked with this symbol will pick up in Hethersett, Wymondham & Attleborough when there is a minimum of 6 people booked from these areas.

LONDON EXCURSIONS - Spare seats on all our trips to London will be available for anyone wishing to arrange their own day in London, subject to an agreed drop off/pick-up point in London. The price is £25.00 for adults and £15.00 for children.

EXCURSION INFORMATION

(B) Wednesday 7th March

Ickworth House & Daffodil Gardens

This Georgian Italianate palace is a grand place for an entertaining day out. Ickworth's impressive Rotunda is an architectural marvel which was built in the 18th century for the 4th Earl of Bristol to house the priceless treasures collected on his tours around Europe. He also created here the earliest Italianate garden in England. You can visit the servants quarters in the basement to experience 1930s domestic service before seeing the impressive state rooms and the exquisite art and silver collections. Enjoy a stroll around the gardens to enjoy the spring daffodils and discover the hidden Stumpery. A longer walk takes you to the walled garden, perhaps visiting Ickworth Church on the way.

There will be a short afternoon visit to Bury St Edmunds before travelling back to Norwich **£23.00 ***

(E) Sunday 11th March

Orchid Festival at Kew Gardens on Mothers' Day

This year's festival is a celebration of Thailand's vibrant plant life and culture. You can bask in the tropical paradise of the magnificent Princess of Wales Conservatory and enjoy the variety of colourful display of orchids and the handcrafted Thai umbrellas, "Orchid Palace" and a special Thai cart on loan from Thailand's embassy in London. You will also see a bright Vandatunnel and arches all decorated with orchids. You can get top tips from looking after your orchids at home. Authentic Thai food will be available from the Orangery Restaurant and appropriate live music is also provided at weekends.

£39.00 *

(C) Wednesday 28th March

Colchester

Colchester became one of the most prosperous towns in Roman Britain. Most of the Roman walls remain as well as ruins of the Norman Castle. The compact town centre has several narrow streets and alleyways that lead off from the main streets and here you will find a great selection of small independent shops, cafes and restaurants. The bustling High Street has a good mix of local shops and the popular national chain stores.

£19.00

(D) Thursday 19th April

Jordans Mill & Gardens & St Neots

Step back in time at Jordans historic flour mill. Home to the Jordan family for over 150 years, milling ceased here in 2000 and the mill has been lovingly restored to offer a superb and fascinating visit. This 19th century mill has been divided in two by a spectacular floor-to-ceiling glass screen, with the workings of the mill on one side and a display area on the other. Jordans are a well-known maker of cereal and muesli products. They are also owners of the Ryvita brand. Your visit will include a guided tour and a milling demonstration and you will also hear about how the Jordan family went from farming to milling and then to cereal production.

The Mill Gardens are both food and flower gardens with cereal crops, vegetables and fruits being grown in an ornamental setting alongside wild flowers and cultivated garden flowers and shrubs. You can explore the gardens, allotment and orchard before continuing through to the Mill Meadow and Woodland with their abundant wildlife. Colourful spring flowers will be on display as well as some early-flowering tulips. On the homeward journey we make a visit to the historic market town of St Neots.

£29.00 *

(C) Wednesday 2nd May

Boston Market Day & St Mary's Church, Sutterton Flower Festival

Enjoy more than three hours in the historic Lincolnshire town of Boston, where the famous market takes up most of the town square, before we stop off at St. Mary's Church in Sutterton where their annual Flower Festival is held. Refreshments are available in the church and you can browse the various stalls which include books, plants, flowers and bric-a-brac.

£20.00

(E) Wednesday 2nd May

Hughenden Manor & Gardens, near High Wycombe

A hillside haven, tucked away amid the rolling Chiltern countryside, Hughenden is a wonderful place to visit, especially in spring and early summer. The terrace and gardens are in full bloom and there is apple blossom in abundance in the orchard. The magnificent Victorian manor offers a vivid insight into the charismatic personality and colourful private life of the most unlikely Victorian Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, who lived here from 1848 to 1881. You can browse among an extraordinary collection of personal memorabilia and enjoy the colourful views from the recently opened third floor rooms.

You will also discover the Second World War story of Hughenden's secret map-makers. Most of Hughenden's wartime activities only became known comparatively recently. A chance visit by a man who worked in the house during the war has led to over a decade long unravelling of the Operation Hillside story previously kept under wraps.

£36.00 *

National Trust members with card £26.00

(D) Thursday 10th May

Maldon & Cream Tea at Wilkin's Tiptree

The ancient town of Maldon in Essex is home to some of the old Thames Sailing Barges which cluster around the Hythe Quay. Moot Hall, with its balcony and pillars stretching across the pavement is the most striking building along High Street and you will find Maldon Museum by the main gates to Promenade Park. Maldon Market takes place every Thursday in the town centre.

This afternoon we visit Wilkin & Sons Tiptree, where more than 130 years ago, Arthur Wilkin made the first famous "Tiptree" preserve at Trelands Farm. Today, Wilkin & Sons is still a family business and their products are sold in over 60 countries worldwide. The museum is packed with memorabilia and pictures giving an insight into preserve making over the last 100 years. This enjoyable visit also includes a delicious cream tea – choice of tea or coffee, two scones, Tiptree jam and Cornish clotted cream! The well-stocked shop has every variety of Wilkins jams and marmalades as well as relishes, chutneys, jellies, sauces, honey and lemon curd.

£28.00 *

(D) Sunday 13th May

Woburn Safari Park

A superb day out that begins with the Road Safari on board the coach. Entering via the Northern Plains with a diverse mix of animals we then journey through the Savannah Grasslands when we see the herd of Ankole cattle, antelopes, white rhinos and ostriches. We then pass through the sturdy double gates into the Kingdom of the Carnivores – the domain of tigers, wolves, bears and a pride of African lions. At Giraffe Junction you can watch the rare Rothschild's Giraffe herd browsing the trees and you will also see zebras and several other animals who live happily alongside the giraffes. Finally, we come to the African Forest where we find a troop of mischievous monkeys climbing and playing in the trees. Later, you can do the Foot Safari and see an amazing number of different animals in various enclosures as well as colourful birds like Macaws Cockatoos and Lorikeets. There are also Birds of Prey demonstrations. Other attractions include Elephant Meadow, Sea Lion Cove, Deer Stop and the Australian Walkabout. The Safari Restaurant will be open for light refreshments and jot food up to 3:45pm.

Adult £46.00 *

Sen. Cit. £44.00 *

(X) Wednesday 16th May

Stody Lodge, A Cream Tea and a visit to Sheringham

In May the extensive rhododendron and azalea gardens at Stody Lodge provide a spectacular display of colour. With a backdrop of magnificent mature trees you will see the beautifully kept gardens and other spring flowers such as bluebells and lily-of-the-valley. A short woodland walk will take you to the exceptional two acre Japanese Water Garden. With more than 2000 plants, this is probably the largest single planting of vividly coloured azalea mollis in England. We have included a delicious cream tea in our visit to Stody and you can enjoy this in the tearoom at any time during the visit. We make a morning visit to Sheringham en route to Stody.

£26.00 *

**(C) Tuesday 29th May
Cambridge**

Plenty to see and do when visiting Cambridge. Apart from the excellent shopping streets and the Grafton Centre, you could easily spend several hours in the excellent Fitzwilliam Museum or enjoy a walk taking in some of the famous colleges and The Backs.

£19.00

**(C) Wednesday 6th June
Sandringham House, Gardens, Museum & Norfolk Lavender**

A wonderful day out visiting the Queen's Norfolk home and estate. The ground-floor rooms, which are open to the public, are furnished much as they were in Edwardian times and each room has a staff member to answer any questions. The house is surrounded by 60 acres of glorious informal gardens which are a delight throughout the year. The museum has a number of fascinating items including a 1900 Daimler which was the first car owned by a British monarch. You will also see the vintage fire engine used by the Estate's own Fire Brigade. Several children's cars and carriages are also on display. The coach houses and stables have been converted to house a varied collection that includes arts and crafts, ceramics and commemorative china. The Stables Tea Room is next to the Museum. The beautiful medieval church of St Mary Magdalene will be open. Here you will see the highly decorated interior with its magnificent silver altar and pulpit.

£30.00 *

**(C) Friday 8th June
Brick Lane Music Hall 50's & 60's Show with Afternoon Tea**

From the jive to the beehive! Bringing back rock and roll and the summer of love in one bumper show. You are guaranteed an afternoon of great music as well as laughter, fun, song and dance.

£60.00 *

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**(D) Wednesday 13th June
Newark Market Day**

Newark is a delightful and historic market town on the Nottinghamshire/Lincolnshire border. The general market in Newark is held every Wednesday in one of the finest Georgian market squares in Britain and the Buttermarket in the centre of town houses an indoor shopping centre with a diverse range of shops. The new National Civil War Centre was opened in Newark in 2015 and is well worth a visit. It tells the complete history of the 17th century clash between Crown and Parliament, the deadliest war in British history.

£22.00

(E) Saturday 16th June

Postal Museum Guided Tour & Mail Train Ride

The brand new state of the art Postal Museum opened in London in 2017 and has rapidly become one of the capital's most popular attractions. With the services of a London Blue Badge Guide throughout, we begin with a short guided walking tour near The London Museum. You will hear the story of sending letters from as far back as Roman times and then how the ingenuity of the postal service shaped the world we live in today. We follow this with a coach tour that follows visual clues of old parish markings, street signs, property marks and shop signs that would have been used in early Victorian times – before house numbers were introduced or indeed postmen could read and write! Our guide will bring the story to life with fascinating tales of drunken poaching mail men, corrupt politicians, the Victorian internet and a canny public determined to avoid paying for their post. Following free time in Exmouth Market for lunch, we visit the new Postal Museum where five zones lead you through five centuries of world class curiosities. Then its on to the Mail Train for a 20 minute trip on the 100 year old Post Office railway with miniature trains that stop at original station platforms that were once used to whiz four million letters a day beneath the streets of London.

Please Note: Walking sticks and other walking aids are not allowed on the trains. Those not wishing to take the underground train ride can watch the iconic film "Night Mail" and then step into a replica Travelling Post Office and have a go at sorting the mail. The film and travelling Post Office will also be available at the end of the train ride.

£56.00 *

(B) Thursday 21st June

Ely Cathedral Flower Festival – Kaleidoscope of Life

The magnificent medieval Ely Cathedral is the perfect setting for the spectacular 2018 Flower Festival. Over 50,000 blooms will adorn the cathedral in breathtaking displays. The festival's creative director is Chelsea gold medal winner, Roger Woolnough. In addition to the thousands of flowers, there will be a programme of musical performances by choirs from across the world, floral demonstrations and a Gift & Craft Marquee. There are plenty of places offering refreshments in the Cathedral grounds.

£29.00 *

(D) Sunday 24th June

Woburn Abbey, Gardens & Garden Show

This excellent Garden Show is held in the 28 acres of beautiful gardens at Woburn Abbey. Whether you are a “veteran” horticulturalist or you are looking for inspiration, you will have a great day out. You can enjoy an introduction to gardening and get expert advice or you can take the opportunity to learn new skills or ideas. A wide range of plants and garden items will be available to purchase during the visit. The Abbey, which will be open during the day, is full of treasures collected by the Russell family over the last 400 years and has one of the finest art collections on public display. You will also discover superb 18th century French and English furniture, porcelain, The Grotto, the Chinese Room and the State Apartments. The family also accumulated a stunning gold and silver collection over many years and this is on display in the Abbey’s underground vaults.

Adult £40.00 *
Sen. Cit. £39.00 *

(C) Tuesday 3rd July

Audley End House & Gardens

Audley End is the perfect place in England to discover how a thriving country house once worked. Built in the 1600s and lived in until 1948, this Jacobean mansion was the Victorian home of Lord and Lady Braybrooke and it still has the original furniture, paintings and artifacts. After seeing the Great Hall, grand reception rooms, library and state bedroom you can explore the Service Wing and discover what life was like below stairs in the kitchen, scullery, dairy, laundry and nursery. The house is in a classic Capability Brown-style landscape which features expanses of gently rolling grassland, beautiful stretches of water with stone bridges and attractive clumps of trees. You can also visit the working stable block with its horses and wander around the vast gardens including the Walled Organic Kitchen Garden where Victorian varieties of fruit and vegetables are grown.

£34.00 *
With English Heritage Membership Card £20.00 *

(X) Tuesday 10th July

“Showtime” – Gorleston Pavilion Theatre

Enjoy a fantastic afternoon of entertainment in this unique Edwardian theatre which offers a drinks service at your table throughout the performance! This colourful show is packed full of song and laughter. There will be approximately two hours of free time in Gt. Yarmouth before travelling to Gorleston.

£30.00 *

(X) Thursday 19th July

Pensthorpe Nature Reserve & Fakenham

Set in the heart of the Wensum valley, Pensthorpe is a true showcase for British wildlife and beautiful gardens. Pensthorpe boasts four spectacular and unique gardens, created by award-winning garden designers, including the Wildlife Habitat Garden, the Wave & Wave Line Garden, the Millennium garden and the Wildflower Meadow. You will also encounter Flamingos, Cranes and Red Squirrels.

£24.00 *

(B) Wednesday 25th July

Sandringham Flower Show

Probably the biggest and best flower show in East Anglia. Visit the stunning show gardens and displays by leading nurseries and enjoy horticultural talks by gardening experts. The show also includes over 200 trade, horticultural and charity stands, a craft marquee, steam fairground, a military band and great arena events. Admission to the show includes entrance to Sandringham Gardens, Museum and Church.

£30.00 *

(X) Tuesday 31st July

Cromer Pier Show Seaside Special – Show 1

Sit back and enjoy a wonderful blend of song and dance, amazing speciality acts and of course lots of seaside fun and laughter. Plenty of time in Cromer to enjoy lunch before the show.

£36.00 *

(E) Sunday 16th September

Leeds Castle Festival of Flowers

With 900 years of history and set in 500 acres of beautiful parkland, the classical Leeds Castle with its lovely moat has been described as “the best castle in the world”. The castle is the perfect setting for the festival and the wonderful flower arrangements transform the castle rooms into floral works of art. Listed in the Domesday Book, Leeds Castle has been a royal residence for six of the medieval Queens of England and a palace for Henry VIII. A great day with lots to see.

Adult £42.00 *
Sen. Cit. £41.00 *

(E) Tuesday 18th September

Buckingham Palace and State Rooms

The State Rooms at the Palace were designed for monarchs to receive, reward and entertain their subjects and to receive visiting dignitaries on State and ceremonial occasions. The State Rooms reflect the taste of King George IV, with many of the furnishings and works of art coming from Carlton House, The King's London home when he was Prince of Wales. However, the State Rooms are also furnished with many of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collection including priceless paintings, Canova sculpture and Sevres porcelain.

Your visit to the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace will also include entry to a special exhibition on Prince Charles.

Adult £47.00 *
Sen. Cit. £45.00 *

(E) Thursday 11th October

Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace

This knitting and stitching show is the definitive event for anyone with a love of textile-based craft and is the perfect place to learn new skills and shop for all your sewing and knitting supplies. Enjoy magnificent textile art from more than 20 of the world's best-known textile artists who will be showcasing their works which include 3D crochet, surface embroidery, patchwork and quilting.

£37.00 *

(D) Wednesday 17th October

Bletchley Park, near Milton Keynes

Once Britain's best kept secret, Bletchley Park is today a heritage site with listed buildings that have been restored and transformed back to their 1940's appearance. You can explore some of the iconic World War Two Codebreaking Huts and Blocks to get an understanding of the astonishing achievements of the codebreakers whose work shortened the war by two years. Remarkably 9,000 men and women worked at Bletchley during the war and in Huts 3 and 6 the German Enigma messages were decrypted. The Bombe, the forerunner of today's computers, was worked by the WRNS operators whilst in Hut 12 there is an exhibition of some of Alan Turing's wartime notes that were found after the war. A number of film and TV productions have been filmed at Bletchley Park including "The Imitation Game" and "The Bletchley Circle".

£40.00 *

(E) Sunday 28th October

RAF Museum Hendon

Situated on the historic site of Hendon's London aerodrome, this is Britain's only national museum dedicated wholly to aviation. You will see a world-class collection of more than 100 aircraft, integrated with special exhibitions, films, artwork, engines, missiles, photographs, uniforms and medals. The museum also focuses on the people who made it possible – from daredevil early aviators, through wartime heroes, to the thousands of Service men and women whose contribution shaped the world we live in today.

£26.00 *

(B) Friday 16th November

Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair

Ely's magnificent Cathedral, dating back over 1300 years, is the venue for Ely's Christmas Gift and Food Fair. The Cathedral provides a unique and atmospheric venue for the Fair and the quality and individuality of the goods and exhibitors promises to make this one of East Anglia's best Christmas shopping experiences.

£24.00 *

(C) Tuesday 20th November

Rockingham Castle Victorian Christmas & Stamford

This re-creation of a grand Victorian Christmas at Rockingham Castle is a magical and popular event. The setting is Christmas Eve 1849 and the Castle is decorated to help you step back in time to a thoroughly Victorian Christmas. The fires are lit, the food prepared and the Great Hall table is laid for a sumptuous Christmas dinner. Guided tours in period costume take place throughout the day. A wealth of beautifully lit Christmas trees welcome you into the Castle Courtyard where the Castle Gift Shop is stacked full of Christmas ideas for friends & family and the Castle restaurant is open for afternoon tea. There will be a stop for an early lunch in Stamford on the way to Rockingham Castle.

£33.00 *

(B) Friday 23rd November & Saturday 26th November

Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre

The historic centre of Bury St. Edmunds is transformed into a traditional Christmas Market with colourful stalls selling local produce and crafts. The Angel Hill area is the ideal location for this traditional Christmas Fayre which includes fairground rides and on-stage and street entertainment.

£17.00

(C) Wednesday 28th November

Springfields only or Baytree & Springfields

This discount shopping village is the ideal place for Christmas shopping. With over 50 shops including M & S, Clark's and Pavers there is plenty of choice and with a level site and every shop floor on ground level you can enjoy an effortless day's shopping. You will also have the option of spending 1 ½ hours at Baytree Garden Centre, which will be beautifully decorated and stocked for Christmas.

£18.00

(X) Friday 30th November

Burnham Deepdale Christmas Market

The 10th annual Deepdale Christmas Market, in the lovely village of Burnham Deepdale, is one of East Anglia's best seasonal markets. You can enjoy "not on the high street" presents and decorations, plenty of festive cheer and tasty food and drink on offer in three large marquees, a barn and in St Mary's Church.

£18.00

(B) Monday 3rd December

Brick Lane Music Hall Christmas Show and 3-course Lunch

Brick Lane Music Hall in East London is a totally unique venue which offers traditional music hall shows with a great mix of music, song and laughter. This superb Christmas show offers first class entertainment with plenty of opportunity for audience participation. Prior to the show, you will enjoy a three course Christmas Lunch.

£69.00 *

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(D) Wednesday 5th December

St Albans Christmas Market

Enjoy a day with plenty of Christmas cheer in the festive atmosphere of St Albans. The Christmas Market is held around the beautiful Vintry Garden adjacent to the magnificent 11th century St Albans Cathedral. Visitors can browse around the 60 traditional wooden chalets of this European-style Christmas Market in an area that sits in the centre of a triangle formed by St Albans "oldest treasures" – the oldest working Medieval Clock Tower, the oldest Public School in the country and the oldest pub in the country - Ye Olde Fighting Cocks. St Albans has superb shopping with many independent shops along the High Street as well as a great choice of cafes and restaurants.

£26.00

(X) Sunday 16th December

Cromer Pier Christmas Spectacular

Sit back and enjoy a festive blend of song and dance, amazing speciality acts and of course plenty of seaside fun and laughter.

£36.00 *

London Shows

(C) Wednesday 18th July

42nd Street - Theatre Royal Drury Lane, London (2:30 pm show)

Broadway's biggest show has been brought to the West End's biggest stage. The show is the song and dance, American dream fable of Broadway. Young Peggy Sawyer steps off the bus from a small town to become just another face in the chorus line on Broadway's newest show. However, when the leading lady gets injured, Peggy might just have the opportunity for the stardom she has always dreamed of ...

The show features many iconic songs including 42nd Street, We're in The Money, Dames and I Only Have Eyes For You.

£55.00 *

(C) Wednesday 18th July

Dreamgirls - Savoy Theatre, London (2:30 pm show)

With an extraordinary story and the unforgettable, spine-tingling vocals that are sending audiences wild at every single show, this spectacular musical production soars with the classic songs, 'And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going', 'I Am Changing', 'Listen' and 'One Night Only'. Meet The Dreams – Effie, Lorell and Deena – three talented young singers in the turbulent 1960s, a revolutionary time in American music history. Join the three friends as they embark upon a musical rollercoaster ride through a world of fame, fortune and the ruthless realities of show business, testing their friendships to the very limit.

£64.00 *

(X) Thursday 27th September

Tina ~ The Tina Turner Musical – Aldwych Theatre, London (7:30 pm show)

Tina is a brand new musical celebrating the life and music of Tina Turner. The storyline of the musical follows her journey from very humble beginnings in Tennessee to conquering the globe as the "Queen of Rock 'n' Roll". Rising to fame in the 1960's Tina Turner is one of the world's best-selling artists of all time and in a career which has spanned more than 50 years she has earned numerous awards including eleven Grammys. Her performances have also sold more concert tickets than any other solo artist in history. This superb new musical, which features all her greatest hit songs, is likely to be the "must see" show of 2018.

£65.00 *

(X) Thursday 27th September

Mamma Mia! – Novello Theatre, London (7:45 pm show)

Mamma Mia! Is the ultimate feel-good musical! Set on a Greek island paradise, a story of love, friendship and identity is cleverly told through the timeless songs of ABBA. Sophie's quest to discover the father she's never known brings her mother face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding they'll never forget! This irresistible, funny tale has been thrilling audiences all over the world and has been seen by over 8 million people in the West End, where it continues to break box office records. A great day out at a great price, with all the unforgettable ABBA music to get you on your feet!

£58.00 *

EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL SHOWS

Avanti Coach Holidays 2018

KEUKENHOF, DELFT POTTERY & THE WINDMILLS OF HOLLAND
Sunday 22nd April to Wednesday 25th April - £329.00 (4 days)

A MYSTERY WITH HISTORY
Friday 4th May to Monday 7th May - £260.00 (4 days)

**RHS MALVERN SPRING FLOWER FESTIVAL
UPTON-UPON-SEVERN & HEREFORD**
Thursday 10th May to Sunday 13th May - £250.00 (4 days)

CLASSIC CORNWALL & DELIGHTFUL DEVON
Friday 18th May to Thursday 24th May - £485.00 (7 days)

**TALL SHIPS DUBLIN, 2018
GLENDALOUGH & THE WICKLOW MOUNTAINS**
Thursday 31st May to Monday 4th June - £435.00 (5 days)

**HISTORIC YORK, WONDERFUL WHITBY
& THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS**
Sunday 10th June to Thursday 14th June - £310.00 (5 days)

CANTERBURY & THE BEST OF KENT
Sunday 24th June to Thursday 28th June - £339.00 (5 days)

EMMERDALE, SUMMER WINE & THE YORKSHIRE DALES
Sunday 1st July to Thursday 5th July - £270.00 (5 days)

PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA ~ COCKTAILS AND A CRUISE
Monday 9th July to Friday 13th July - £350.00 (5 days)

LIVERPOOL, SPEKE HALL & THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
Wednesday 25th July to Saturday 28th July - £299.00 (4 days)

LLANDUDNO, SNOWDONIA & TEA ON THE DEE
Friday 3rd August to Monday 6th August - £259.00 (4 days)

THE BEST OF NORTHUMBERLAND
Monday 13th August to Saturday 18th August - £355.00 (6 days)

EDINBURGH TATTOO, THE KELPIES & THE SCOTTISH BORDERS
Wednesday 22nd August to Saturday 25th August - £379.00 (4 days)

THE CHARMING COTSWOLDS
Thursday 30th August to Sunday 2nd September - £275.00 (4 days)

HIDDEN GEMS OF THE LAKES & DALES
Thursday 6th September to Monday 10th September - £335.00 (5 days)

ITALIAN & FRENCH RIVIERA
ALASSIO, MONACO & MONTE CARLO
Sunday 30th September to Sunday 7th October - £599.00 (8 days)

LOVELY LANCASHIRE & TEA IN THE BALLROOM
Monday 15th October to Friday 19th October - £329.00 (5 days)

LONGLEAT FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
CHEDDAR GORGE & CLARK'S VILLAGE
Friday 9th November to Monday 12th November - £290.00 (4 days)

TURKEY & TINSEL FESTIVE FUN AT WARNERS, ISLE OF WIGHT
Monday 19th November to Friday 23rd November - £320.00 (5 days)

YORK CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & CHRISTMAS AT CASTLE HOWARD
Monday 26th November to Thursday 29th November - £245.00 (4 days)

DUTCH & GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS
VALKENBURG – MAASTRICHT – AACHEN
Thursday 6th December to Monday 10th December - £349.00 (5 days)

CHRISTMAS IN COUNTY DURHAM
Sunday 23rd December to Thursday 27th December – £540.00 (5 days)

Prices shown are per person sharing a twin or double room.
Single supplements will apply to certain holidays.

Holiday prices include excursions and admission costs to local attractions
as described in our holiday brochure.

**Full holiday details are in our 2018 Holiday Brochure,
which is available on request, or which can be viewed on our website.**

SHOPPING DAY-TRIPS TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM

2018

Thursday 22 nd February	Adinkerke and Cité Europe	£50.00
Monday 26 th March	Adinkerke and Cité Europe	£50.00
** Monday 30 th April	Adinkerke and Cité Europe	** £50.00
Thursday 7 th June	Adinkerke and Cité Europe	£50.00
Monday 16 th July	Adinkerke and Cité Europe	£50.00
** Monday 3 rd September	Adinkerke and Cité Europe	** £50.00
Monday 22 nd October	Adinkerke and Cité Europe	£50.00
Monday 26 th November	Adinkerke and Cité Europe	£50.00

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Thursday 25 th January	Adinkerke and Cité Europe	£50.00
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NB. Following the crossing to France the coach goes first to Cité Europe for approx 1 ½ hours, then to Adinkerke. From there the coach travels directly to the ferry at Calais except on the dates marked ** when the coach returns to Cité Europe for any passengers not visiting Adinkerke.

Channel crossings will be by P & O Ferry

Each passenger's first name, surname and date of birth are now required before departure. Please provide this information when booking.

Each person travelling must have a valid passport.

EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is recommended that each person travelling to France & Belgium has Travel Insurance and the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The EHIC entitles you to reduced cost, and sometimes free, health treatment under the same terms as people that live in the country you are visiting. The EHIC is not a substitute for travel insurance as it may not cover all health costs and **never** covers repatriation costs in the event of illness or injury. **You should therefore have travel insurance cover in addition to the EHIC** as state-provided treatment in some EC Countries may not cover all treatments that you would receive free of charge from the N.H.S.

Your Travel Insurance should also cover the loss or theft of personal items including items purchased during the excursion. Please ensure that you obtain and keep all receipts for purchases made during your trip.

TIMETABLE

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Route Category</u>				
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
Brundall, Cucumber Lane/Beverley Road	8:40	8:10	7:40	7:10	6:40
Blofield, opposite layby before traffic lights	8:45	8:15	7:45	7:15	6:45
Blofield Heath, Tamarind	8:50	8:20	7:50	7:20	6:50
Salhouse, near Station Road	9:00	8:30	8:00	7:30	7:00
Rackheath, Fish Shop, Vera Road	9:05	8:35	8:05	7:35	7:05
Plumstead Road East, Bus Stop nr. Frying Machine & shops	9:12	8:42	8:12	7:42	7:12
Plumstead Road Bus Stop, Heartsease P.H.	9:15	8:45	8:15	7:45	7:15
Bishop Bridge Road/Riverside Road, Bus Stop (opp. shops)	9:20	8:50	8:20	7:50	7:20
Prince of Wales Road bus stop	9:25	8:55	8:25	7:55	7:25
Castle Meadow, opp. British Heart Foundation	9:30	9:00	8:30	8:00	7:30
Hethersett – Bus stop opposite New Road	9:45	9:15	8:45	8:15	7:45
Wymondham – Bus stop, Waitrose	9:52	9:22	8:52	8:22	7:52
Wymondham – Bus stop near Morrisons	9:55	9:25	8:55	8:25	7:55
Wymondham – Avenue Road	10:00	9:30	9:00	8:30	8:00
Attleborough – Queen’s Square	10:10	9:40	9:10	8:40	8:10
Attleborough – Snooker Club	10:15	9:45	9:15	8:45	8:15

(X) = To be confirmed

Keep a note of your trips booked for 2018

AVANTI TRIPS BOOKED 2018

Date	Destination	Date	Destination

COACH SEATING PLAN

4	8	12	16	20	Toilet	X	28	32	36	40	44	48
3	7	11	15	19	X	X	27	31	35	39	43	47
2	6	10	14	18	22	24	26	30	34	38	42	46
1	5	9	13	17	21	23	25	29	33	37	41	45