



## Austria's Lake District

Stunning scenery awaits you around every corner of this fabulous tour. The region is awash with pretty alpine resorts set against spectacular mountain scenery and crystal clear lakes. You are ideally placed to visit the famous resorts of St Wolfgang, Mondsee and the enchanting city of Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace and where much of the renowned "Sound of Music" was filmed.

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** From Dover to Calais and onto your overnight hotel.

**Day 2:** Travel to Austria today, arriving at your destination in time for your evening meal.

**Day 3:** Free day in St Georgen im Attergau with your included train and boat trip. After a leisurely breakfast make your way to the local train station and catch the **little train** down to the lake of **Attersee**, before a **cruise** on the north part of the lake. Free time in the afternoon for you to explore the village or just relax around the hotel's outdoor swimming pool.

**Day 4:** First we head to **Bad Ischl** a Spa Town and home to Emperor's and Composer's. You could visit the lovely Kaiser Villa which is situated here where the Emperor Franz Joseph spent most of his summers. It was also where he signed the declaration of war against the Kingdom of Serbia, signaling the start of WW1. In the afternoon we make our way to the World Heritage Site of **Hallstatt**,

considered one of the most beautiful villages in Austria. Hallstatt is a salt town full of old world charm and built on the side of Lake Hallstattersee.

**Day 5: Salzburg** known as the 'Sound of Music' city is said to be one of Europe's most beautiful and historic cities, set in a spectacular mountain setting. Squeezed between the River Salzach and the mighty Hohensalzburg Fortress there is much to see during your visit here. Palaces such as The Hellbrunn with its water gardens, castles, art collections and many churches, a number of which featured in the film 'The Sound of Music'. Salzburg is probably most famous as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in 1756, and his impact on the world stage has transformed the city into an international centre for music. You can visit his birthplace situated in the famous pedestrian street called 'The Getreidegasse'.

**Day 6:** Full day tour of some of the nearby lakes which this area is famous for. A short drive takes you to **Mondsee** a beautiful village where the church

was used for the wedding of Maria and Von Trapp in the Sound of Music and sits on the shores of the lake. Take the spectacular drive through the mountains and lakes and onto **St Wolfgang** another beautiful village in the area and also the home to the famous White Horse Inn. From St Wolfgang make your way home via the **Traunsee** making a short stop at **Traunkirchen**. Time permitting a visit can be made to the Baroque Church with the unusual pulpit in the shape of a boat.

OR: Other day options available: Travel into Germany to visit the town of **Berchtesgaden**, one of the most romantically scenic places in the Bavarian Alps. Nearby is the infamous Eagle's Nest which was given to Adolf Hitler as a birthday present.

**Day 7:** Depart Austria today and travel north to your final overnight stay.

**Day 8:** Travel back to Calais then Dover and home.

*North Sea Ferry options available – call us for details.*



### Hotel Tirolerhof

3★ • 48 Bedrooms  
• Lift • Coach parking

A charming family run hotel offering a warm welcome to all of its guests.

Situated in the town of St Georgen in Attergau a short distance from the lake of Attersee. The hotel is furnished in typical Austrian Style with superb home-made cuisine.

### Tour Includes:

- ▶ 7 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Return train journey from St Georgen to Lake Attersee
- ▶ Boat cruise on Lake Attersee
- ▶ Welcome drink
- ▶ 5 course candlelit farewell dinner
- ▶ Entertainment most nights in resort
- ▶ Use of outdoor swimming pool in resort

May to Sep: Prices from: **£359**



Bruges



Chateau de Champ de Bataille

## Belgium, Bruges & the Battlefields

Our tour is based in the centre of Ypres which during the First World War was reduced to ruins. Visits include the beautiful medieval town of Bruges.

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel from Dover to Calais and on to your hotel in **Ypres**, the excellent 3 star Novotel Ypres Centrum for a 3 night stay on bed and buffet breakfast basis.

**Day 2:** Why not begin with a visit to the In Flanders Field Museum located within the Cloth Hall in the centre of Ypres. The Cloth Hall was for a time the largest building in Europe and has been painstakingly rebuilt after its complete destruction during the First World War. In the afternoon why not take a guided tour of some of the key battlefield sites of the Ypres Salient. At 8pm each evening the Last Post is played at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres an expression of the Belgian people's gratitude to those who died for their country's freedom.

**Day 3:** A full day to explore the medieval city of **Bruges**. Why not take a horse-drawn cab ride through the cobbled streets, visit art galleries, museums, or stock up on some luxurious Belgian chocolates. Alternatively, travel to the seaside town of Ostend. It's a firm favourite with the Belgian Royal Family and the rest of the country given its individual charm, enticing stretch of seafront, offering not less than five beaches, yacht harbour and gleaming, well landscaped parks.

**Day 4:** Retrace your steps to Calais for the return ferry to Dover, and home.

*Other options are available, staying at the Best Western Plus Alize in Mouscron on 3 or 4 night packages on BB or HB basis from £179.*

*North Sea Ferry options available – call us for details.*

### Novotel Ypres Centrum

3★ • 122 Bedrooms  
• Lift

The hotel is just a short stroll from the Menin Gate and the Grote Markt.



### Tour Includes:

- ▶ 3 nights BB
- ▶ Tea/coffee making facilities in the bedrooms
- ▶ Return ferry

## Chateaux & Gardens of Normandy

Beautiful gardens abound throughout this fertile region within the many chateaux & manor houses. Our popular tour features some of the very best.

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** From Dover to Calais and onto your hotel near Lisieux.

**Day 2:** Travel to **Rouen** with time to explore this captivating city. Enjoy a fascinating walk through the architectural styles of the last 800 years: from the half timbering of the Middle Ages to the Renaissance and the classical era. Notoriously known for where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake in 1431, today a visit can be made to the St Joan of Arc Church which was completed in 1979 in the same location where she was burned alive – a large cross outside the church marks the exact spot. The old marketplace is a good lunch stop before making your way to the **Chateau de Champ de Bataille**, near Le Neubourg for your included afternoon visit. Known as the 'Norman Versailles', it has recently been restored to its 18th Century splendour, with parks and gardens in the style of Louis XIV.

**Day 3:** Spend a relaxing morning in the charming market town of Lisieux before continuing in the afternoon to the Normandy Jewel **Chateau Vendeuvre** for our included visit to the Chateau, Museum and Gardens.

**Day 4:** If staying for 3 nights depart the hotel after breakfast and make your way back to the port of Calais and home.

### OR if staying for 4 nights

**Day 4:** Giverny has been carefully restored in its original style, to reflect the scene that Monet captured in his world famous watercolours. The wisteria-clad bridges, water lilies, and weeping willows were his inspiration for more than twenty years remain as popular as ever. This afternoon visit La Roche-Guyon with its spectacular chateau.

**Day 5:** Time to head for home.

### Mercure Hotel Lisieux

3★ • 69 Bedrooms  
• Lift • Coach parking

A comfortable hotel with swimming pool, conveniently placed on the outskirts of Lisieux.



### Tour Includes:

- ▶ 3 or 4 nights DBB (choice of main) followed by tea/coffee
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Welcome drink
- ▶ Entrance to Chateau de Vendeuvre House and Gardens
- ▶ The Gardens at Chateau de Champ de Bataille

May to Oct: Prices from: **£229**

May to Sep: Prices from: **£269** (3 nts) **£329** (4 nts)



Keukenhof Gardens

## Dutch Delight: Trams, Boats & Bulbfields

Enjoy a delightful spring weekend break visiting the magnificent, world-famous bulb fields at Keukenhof. Also includes a trip through time by steam tram and museum boat.

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel from Dover to Calais and onto Holland and the Amersfoot Area for your 3 night stay at the Kontakt der Kontinenten Hotel.

**Day 2:** After breakfast, it's a full day excursion to the Dutch Bulbfields and your included visit to the **Keukenhof Gardens** named 'The Greatest Flower Show on Earth', with over 70 acres of parkland and 10 miles of walkways. Admire a vast collection of hundreds of thousands of flowers displayed in the beautifully landscaped gardens, which adorn the estate.

**Day 3:** Head north to Hoorn and board the **famous tram** for our included journey through the lovely Dutch countryside to Medemblik, with coffee and a local pastry served on board. On arrival you have free time to explore **Medemblik** with its beautiful historical centre before boarding the **museum ship Friesland** for the cruise to Enkhuizen. From here make your way home across the **Houtribdijk** - a 27km dike, built between 1963 and 1975. It crosses what used to be the Zuider See and is now the IJsselmeer, the largest inland lake in Western Europe. Look out for the radio station half way, before joining a polder "**Flevoland**" - reclaimed land from the former sea. From here make your way to the mainland and back to the hotel. OR if you're looking for other options: visits can be made to the magnificent Het Loo Palace & Gardens nearby, the city of Arnhem where the famous WW2 battle was held and which inspired the film A Bridge Too Far, and Arnhem War Cemetery in Oosterbeek plus the Arnhem Airborne Museum.

**Day 4:** Retrace your steps to Calais for the return ferry to Dover and home.

### Kontakt der Kontinenten

3★ • 125 Bedrooms  
• Lift • Coach parking

A former mission house and monastery, ideally situated in Holland for the above tours.



### Tour Includes:

- ▶ 3 nights DBB ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Free tea/coffee in the hotel
- ▶ Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- ▶ One way trip on Tram Train from Hoorn to Medemblik (including coffee and pastry)
- ▶ Cruise on the museum ship from Medemblik to Enkhuizen

Mar, Apr & early May: Prices from: **£259**



Vianden Castle

## Luxembourg & Trier with wine tasting

A real European treat staying in this charming medieval town, perfectly suited as a base for touring Luxembourg & Germany's oldest city of Trier.

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Ferry from Dover to Calais, then continue to **Vianden** in Luxembourg.

**Day 2:** Free day to explore **Vianden**, which has captivated visitors for many years. Why not visit the nearby Victor Hugo Museum or take time to explore the historic churches and gothic architecture of this historic town. Also well worth a visit is Vianden castle which is considered the most impressive fortress in Luxembourg, a country which has over 60 castles but is only the size of Oxfordshire.

**Day 3:** Take a trip to **Luxembourg City**, the cultural and political centre of this modest country that plays a significant role in the administration of the European Community. There is plenty to discover including Grand Ducal Palace, Luxembourg Castle, and the National Museums of Art and Natural History.

**Day 4:** Today we visit Germany's oldest city **Trier**, which lies on the banks of the River Mosel and still retains its picture book quality. The city has many Roman monuments and remains which can still be seen today including Trier Cathedral, the Basilica of Constantine and the impressive Porta Nigra. After lunch continue along the Moselle Valley for your **included tour and tasting of wines** at one of the local vineyards.

**Day 5:** Travel back to Calais for the ferry to Dover, and home.

*North Sea Ferry options available - call us for details.*

### Grand Hotel de Vianden

3★ • 57 Bedrooms  
• Lift

Ideally situated, this charming family run hotel is close to the Victor Hugo Museum and the impressive castle.



### Tour Includes:

- ▶ 4 nights DBB (choice menu)
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Welcome drink
- ▶ Vineyards Tour & Wine Tasting (including 3 glasses of wine)

Apr: Prices from: **£226** May to Sep: Prices from: **£266**



Lake Garda



Portofino

**Italy's Lake Garda & the Dolomites**

Italy's largest lake, its shores are dotted with fascinating old towns, castles and picturesque villages set against a backdrop of towering mountains.

**Suggested Itinerary:**

**Day 1:** Travel to Dover for your short channel crossing to Calais and onto your overnight hotel in France.

**Day 2:** Depart after breakfast and make your way to Italy arriving in time for dinner at the excellent Hotel Sole in the centre of **Riva del Garda**.

**Day 3:** Free day to relax and enjoy **Riva Del Garda**.

**Day 4:** The **Italian Dolomites**, or 'pale mountains', is a breath taking mountain range. With a mixture of Italian and Austrian architecture the Dolomites are said to be one of the most scenic regions in Italy.

**Day 5:** Spend a day exploring Lake Garda. Along its shores lie pretty villages such as **Malcesine**, **Bardolino** and **Sirmione**. **Sirmione** is set in a picturesque headland jutting into the lake at its southern tip.

**Day 6:** Another free day in Riva del Garda or why not visit the stunning city of **Verona**, this city is rich in history and culture and is also the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Take time to visit the famous balcony or wander around the beautiful market piazzas and shops, or visit the famous Amphitheatre, where famous operas are held during the summer months.

**Day 7:** Depart after breakfast and enjoy the Alpine views en route back to your overnight hotel.

**Day 8:** Depart the hotel after breakfast and make your way up to Calais for your return sailing.

**Hotel Sole**

4★ • 63 Bedrooms  
• Lift •

Hotel Sole is ideally situated in the centre of Riva del Garda with stunning views over the lake and the piazza.



**Tour Includes:**

- ▶ 7 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Porterage
- ▶ Choice of dinner menu in Italy
- ▶ Welcome drink (at resort hotel)
- ▶ Wine tasting (in Riva del Garda)
- ▶ Gala dinner on one evening

**Italy's Alassio – Riviera of Flowers**

Alassio on the Italian Riviera is ideally situated to combine a relaxing beach holiday with a wonderful base for exploring this region's amazing coastline.

**Suggested Itinerary:**

**Day 1:** From Dover to Calais and onto your overnight hotel.

**Day 2:** Continue south into Italy, arriving in **Alassio** in time for your evening meal and welcome drink.

**Day 3:** Day at leisure in **Alassio**. This former feudal town which belonged to the monks of nearby Isola Gallinara is now one of Italy's most popular holiday centres. Visits can be made to Alassio's busy morning market which sells clothing, fruit and vegetables, the town's famous muretto (little wall) or visit the many shops and boutiques in the pedestrian area of the town.

**Day 4:** Take the coastal road visiting the nearby coastal towns of **Diano Marina** and **San Remo**, the glittering capital of the "Riviera of Flowers".

**Day 5:** Another day at leisure in Alassio OR head to **Rapallo** in the heart of the Riviera, surrounded by a lush, green landscape. From here you have the option to take a boat cruise to exclusive **Portofino**, with its pastel coloured houses and multi-millionaires yachts lining the bay.

**Day 6:** Today we visit **Ventimiglia** a popular summer destination for tourists and particularly popular all year with visitors on Friday due to the excellent street market. You can shop for great bargains in Ventimiglia's market before we continue to **Menton** in the afternoon, the 'Lemon Festival Capital of the World'. Located very close to the border of France and Italy, Menton is, in many ways, more Italian than French. It has its own microclimate, pretty architecture and wonderful scenery.

**Day 7:** To France for your final overnight.

**Day 8:** Calais to Dover, then home.

**Hotel Toscana**

4★ • 64 Bedrooms  
• Lift •

This excellent family-run hotel is ideally situated near to Alassio beach and the main shopping area.



**Tour Includes:**

- ▶ 7 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Porterage (in Alassio)
- ▶ American buffet breakfast and choice dinner in Alassio
- ▶ Live music on one night during your stay in Alassio
- ▶ Welcome & farewell drink

Apr, May, Sep & Oct: Prices from: **£379**

May & Sep: Prices from: **£449**



Andorra La Vella

## Andorra & the Three Countries Tour

Andorra is a tiny independent principality situated between France and Spain in the Pyrenees mountains. Our tour includes a guided visit to nearby Spain and France.

### Suggested Itinerary:

- Day 1:** Following your Channel crossing we continue to our overnight hotel on bed and breakfast basis.
- Day 2:** After breakfast we continue south and complete the journey to **Andorra** and our hotel for the next 4 nights.
- Day 3:** At leisure in **Andorra la Vella**. Andorra's capital can be split in two, both easily accessible, the newer part has an open-air, modern shopping centre while the historic centre has changed little over time with its intriguing architecture, narrow streets, small squares and low houses.
- Day 4:** A guided three countries tour visiting **Andorra, France** and Catalonia in **Spain**. We travel to **La Seu d'Urgell** with its historic Cathedral, a beautiful example of the Italian-influenced Romanesque style of Catalonia in the 11th and 12th centuries before arriving at **Puigcerdà**, with its spectacular views to the craggy peaks of the surrounding Pyrenees with free time for lunch. In the afternoon we continue to **Mont Louis** where the city walls are listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site before finishing the tour at the winter ski resort of **Font Romeu**.
- Day 5:** Today we enjoy a half day excursion to a **local vineyard** where you'll enjoy a **wine-tasting** as part of the visit.
- Day 6:** Travel to our last overnight hotel on bed and breakfast basis.
- Day 7:** Depart the hotel after breakfast and make your way to Calais and your return sailing to Dover and home.

### Hotel President Andorra La Vella

- 4★ • 100 Bedrooms  
• Lift • Indoor pool & sauna

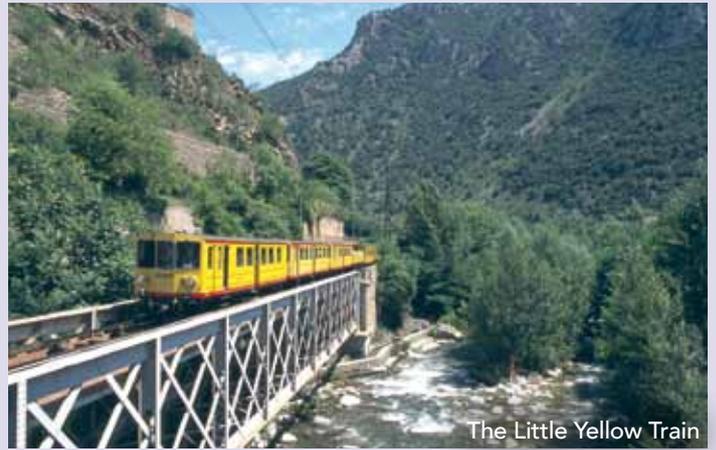
Situated in the heart of Andorra la Vella, the hotel is near the historical centre and shops.



### Tour Includes:

- ▶ 6 nights (2 nights on BB basis o/n, 4 nights HB)
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Wine tasting at local vineyard
- ▶ Guide for 3 countries tour (Andorra, France & Spain)
- ▶ Welcome drink
- ▶ Free drinks package
- ▶ Portage ▶ Leisure facilities

May to Oct: Prices from: **£336**



The Little Yellow Train

## Spain & the Little Trains

Our base for this very popular tour is the lovely Spanish resort of Roses and includes the below train journeys & visits in Spain and France.

### Suggested Itinerary:

- Day 1:** From Dover to Calais and onto your overnight stay.
- Day 2:** Drive through France, into Spain, and on to **Roses** for the next 7 nights.
- Day 3:** Free morning at leisure. In the afternoon join the **Roses Express**, a tourist train which allows your passengers to see the lovely countryside and Cap de Creus Nature Park.
- Day 4:** Day in France. This morning join your included visit to a **vineyard** in **Thuir** for your **wine tasting**. Lunch can be taken in the village of **Thuir** before making your way to **Villefranche-de-Conflent** for your trip on the **Little Yellow Train to Mont Louis**. From here the coach will pick up the group to return to Roses.
- Day 5:** Free day at leisure to enjoy all **Roses** has to offer or just sit and relax at the hotel or on the beach.
- Day 6:** A day trip to **Nuria** and your included return trip on the **rack railway** up to the Sanctuary of Nuria.
- Day 7:** Another day trip to **France**. Make your way to **Rivesaltes** where you will join the **TPCF train to Axat**. On arrival free time will be given in Axat where you can take lunch. In the afternoon on our way back to Roses we can make a stop at **La Jonquera** time permitting.
- Day 8:** In the morning make your way to **Figueres** with your included entrance to the **Dali Museum**. This afternoon enjoy free time at leisure back in Roses and say a fond farewell to this enchanting destination.
- Day 9:** Leave Spain today and head back into France to your overnight hotel.
- Day 10:** Up to Calais, then Dover and home.

### Coral Platja

- 3★ • 167 Bedrooms  
• Lift  
• Outdoor swimming pool

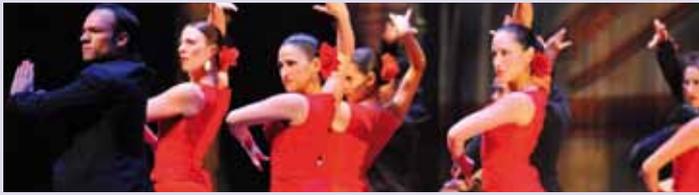
A seafront hotel with swimming pool, ideally located for easy access to the resort of Roses.



### Tour Includes:

- ▶ 9 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Wine with dinner (Roses)
- ▶ Entertainment most nights
- ▶ Wine tasting
- ▶ Four rail journeys
- ▶ Dali Museum
- ▶ English speaking Guide (3 days)

May to Sep Prices from: **£519** Oct: Prices from: **£489**



### Traditional Spain & Barcelona

A wonderful combination of touring and relaxation is on offer in our Traditional Spain tour. Our tour includes a seafront hotel, welcome drink, entertainment, **wine tasting**,

**boat trip, train ride, Flamenco Show** and not forgetting a half day **guided tour to Barcelona** - the principal attraction and a must see for anyone visiting the Costa Brava.

**Coral Platja, Roses**  
3★ • 167 Bedrooms  
• Lift

**Tour Includes:**  
▶ 7 nights DBB  
▶ Return ferry  
▶ Inclusions as above

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£416**



### Going Dutch 'Singles Tour'

This very popular tour to Holland offers 34 single rooms on selected dates in July and August. Why not include some of these leading attractions for a perfect Summer mini-break:

- Amsterdam - Holland's largest city & Volendam fishing village
- Het Loo Palace & Gardens
- Famous tram & boat trips
- Arnhem • Free tea/coffee

**Kontakt der Kontinenten Hotel**  
3★ • 125 Bedrooms  
• Lift • Coach parking

**Tour Includes:**  
▶ 3 nights DBB  
▶ Return ferry  
▶ Welcome drink

Jul & Aug: Prices from: **£219**



### Luxembourg Autumn Colours

Embedded in a landscape typical of the Ardennes – rolling hills and heavily wooded valleys, this area is a delight in the autumn time. Our base for this tour is Vianden which

has charmed visitors for many years. Included in the tour is a welcome drink, a **walking tour of Vianden** and **guided tour of Luxembourg**.

**Grand Hotel Vianden**  
3★ • 57 Bedrooms  
• Lift • Coach parking

**Tour Includes:**  
▶ 3 nights DBB  
▶ Return ferry  
▶ Inclusions as above

Oct & Nov: Prices from: **£169**



### Austrian Christmas Markets

In December, traditional Christmas Markets are held not only in the beautiful city of **Salzburg** but also in the surrounding villages of **St Gilgen, Strobl** and **St Wolfgang**

situated in the idyllic setting of the Austrian Lake District. Staying at the charming Hotel Tirolerhof, you'll enjoy fine home-cooked food and warm hospitality.

**Hotel Tirolerhof**  
3★ • 48 Bedrooms  
• Lift • Coach parking

**Tour Includes:**  
▶ 6 nights DBB ▶ Return ferry  
▶ Boat cruise ▶ Welcome drink  
▶ Entertainment

Dec: Prices from: **£309**



### Italy's Christmas Markets

The beautiful setting of the **Lake Garda Christmas Market** is held in the main piazza overlooking the northern part of Italy's largest lake. Our hotel is the characterful 4 star Portici

Hotel, which was completely renovated in 2012. During your stay visits can be made to the nearby Christmas markets of **Arco, Rovereto, Trento** and **Levico**.

**Portici Hotel**  
4★ • 63 Bedrooms  
• Lift

**Tour Includes:**  
▶ 7 nights DBB  
▶ Return ferry  
▶ Porterage

Dec: Prices from: **£369**



### Three Countries Christmas Markets

Popular in Europe since the Middle Ages, these Christmas markets remain a huge attraction for visitors in search of Christmas shopping and culture. Our tour is based in the

fairytale setting of Valkenburg which is well placed for visiting the nearby markets in Germany & Belgium.

*North Sea Ferry options, plus 4 night packages, also available.*

**Hotel Schaepekens**  
3★ • 130 Bedrooms  
• Lift • Coach parking

**Tour Includes:**  
▶ 3 nights DBB (choice buffet)  
▶ Return ferry

Nov & Dec: Prices from: **£196** (Mon x 3nts) **£236** (Fri x 3 nts)