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F R Willetts LIMITED



For over 90 years, F R Willetts has been providing coach travel as the Forest of Dean's premier coach company and we pride ourselves on maintaining a high standard of both coaches and drivers.

Whether it is a day excursion, a weekend break or a mid-week holiday, F R Willetts can offer you a wide range of destinations at excellent value for money.

Take a look at our selection of excursions and tempting UK breaks, we are sure there is something for everyone.

For more information or to book, please call our friendly sales team on 01594 837933.

Keep an eye on the website for additional excursions and holidays that may be added - www.willettsyorkley.co.uk.

Saturday 6th Minehead & Lynmouth

FOREST – Adult £16.50, Senior £16.00, Child £15.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £17.50, Senior £17.00, Child £16.50

Minehead is a small, traditional town that sits just outside the boundary of Exmoor National Park and breathes how West Somerset works, where rich agricultural land meets the sea. It sits amongst countryside that inspired the verses in the hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* as well as the works of Coleridge and Wordsworth. The centre of Minehead is only a few minutes walk along the Avenue from the seafront. Lynmouth is a village on the northern edge of Exmoor. We take the scenic route to Minehead and Lynmouth allowing you time in both places to enjoy and explore at your leisure.

Saturday 13th Exmouth

FOREST – Adult £16.50, Senior £16.00, Child £15.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £17.50, Senior £17.00, Child £16.50

Exmouth is a port town and seaside resort sited on the East bank of the mouth of the River Exe. It is the Western gateway to the Jurassic Coast and has 2 miles of golden sands with stunning coastline.

Sunday 14th Highclere Castle**ENTRY INCLUDED**

FOREST – Adult £34.50, Senior £34.00, Child £33.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £35.50, Senior £35.00, Child £34.50

Highclere Castle, is a stunning country house in Berkshire which, to most, will be otherwise known as the setting for the popular TV programme, *Downton Abbey*. Price includes entry to the Castle, Gardens and the Egyptian Exhibition.

Tuesday 16th Cwmbran

FOREST ONLY – Adult £12.00, Senior £11.50, Child £11.00

Saturday 20th Cheddar & Wells

FOREST – Adult £14.50, Senior £14.00, Child £13.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £15.50, Senior £15.00, Child £14.50

We start with a drive through the spectacular Cheddar Gorge with a stop off in Cheddar Village. Then it's onto Wells with plenty to do and see in this charming Cathedral city in Somerset. Saturday is also market day in Wells with many different stalls available, including fine foods, fruit and vegetables, lovely clothing, handbags and purses, books, jigsaw puzzles and many other unusual items suitable for Christmas and birthday presents.

Sunday 28th Weston Super Mare

FOREST – Adult £14.50, Senior £14.00, Child £13.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £15.50, Senior £15.00, Child £14.50

Wednesday 31st Paignton Festival

FOREST – Adult £16.50, Senior £16.00, Child £15.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £17.50, Senior £17.00, Child £16.50

Over the years Paignton Festival has grown from a one night procession to 9 days of free entertainment for all the family.

Sunday 4th Sidmouth Folk Festival

FOREST – Adult £16.50, Senior £16.00, Child £15.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £17.50, Senior £17.00, Child £16.50

There has been a folk festival in Sidmouth in the first week of August every year since 1955, now attracting tens of thousands of visitors to over 700 diverse events with broad 'something for everyone' appeal.

Saturday 10th Oxford

FOREST – Adult £15.00, Senior £14.50, Child £14.00
WYE VALLEY – Adult £16.00, Senior £15.50, Child £15.00

Oxford, the City of Dreaming Spires, is a university city in central southern England. For over 800 years, it has been a home to royalty and scholars, and since the 9th century an established town, although people are known to have lived in the area for thousands of years. Nowadays, the city is a bustling cosmopolitan town. With its mix of ancient and modern, there is plenty for both the tourist and resident to do. Whether its visiting one of the many historic buildings, colleges or museums, going out for a drink or a meal, taking in a show or shopping till you drop, Oxford has it all.



Oxford, the City of Dreaming Spires

Saturday 17th Tenby

FOREST – Adult £16.50, Senior £16.00, Child £15.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £17.50, Senior £17.00, Child £16.50

Tenby is probably the most iconic seaside town in Wales, rivalling places like Mevagissey and Polperro for quaintness and charm. It was awarded a Silver award for the best UK coastal resort at the British Travel awards in 2016, as voted for by the public. Tenby has three great beaches; North, South and Castle, each with its own character.

Saturday 24th Frogmore House & Savill Gardens, Windsor

FOREST – Adult £35.50, Senior £35.00, Child £34.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £36.50, Senior £36.00, Child £35.50

Frogmore House is set in the beautiful surroundings of the private Home Park about a mile from Windsor Castle. For over 300 years the house has been used as a Royal retreat and today is used by the Royal Family for private entertaining. The Savill Garden is a delightful garden and is one of the enduring attractions of Frogmore. It is one of the finest royal gardens within Windsor Great Park created in the 1930's and designed for year round colour and interest. **We are booked for a tour of the house at 1.45pm and then we will be able to go to the Savill Garden at our leisure. Time depending we may also have time for a light lunch in Windsor.**

Monday 26th Weston Super Mare

FOREST – Adult £14.50, Senior £14.00, Child £13.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £15.50, Senior £15.00, Child £14.50

Tuesday 27th Cwmbran

FOREST ONLY – Adult £12.00, Senior £11.50, Child £11.00

Saturday 31st Bournemouth Air Show

FOREST – Adult £16.50, Senior £16.00, Child £15.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £17.50, Senior £17.00, Child £16.50

The UK's biggest air festival is an unmissable weekend. The festival site covers a 1.5 mile stretch of Bournemouth's award winning coastline - there is plenty to see and do. This excursion is likely to be an earlier start and later than normal return.



Saturday 7th St Fagans & The Royal Mint

FOREST – Adult £23.00, Senior £22.50, Child £22.00
WYE VALLEY – Adult £24.00, Senior £23.50, Child £23.00

A combined visit to St Fagans National Museum of History and The Royal Mint. St Fagans is Wales's most visited heritage attraction in the grounds of the magnificent St Fagans Castle. The Royal Mint is the world's leading export mint, making coins and medals for an average of 60 countries every year. However, its first responsibility is to make and distribute United Kingdom coins as well as to supply blanks and official medals. During your visit, you will learn more about where your coins are made, the history behind The Royal Mint and you will also be able to strike your own coin if you wish.

Saturday 14th Ralph Court Gardens & Hereford

ENTRY INCLUDED

FOREST – Adult £21.00, Senior £20.50, Child £20.00
WYE VALLEY – Adult £20.00, Senior £19.50, Child £19.00

Set in the grounds of a gothic rectory and with 12 amazing gardens, you will be transported around the world and beyond. After the gardens we will stop off in Hereford at your leisure.

Sunday 15th Wells & Clarks Village

FOREST – Adult £14.75, Senior £14.25, Child £13.75
WYE VALLEY – Adult £15.75, Senior £15.25, Child £14.75

Saturday 21st Abergavenny Food Festival *or* Shopper

FOREST ONLY – Adult £27.00, Senior £26.50, Child £26.00
SHOPPER – Adult £12.00, Senior £11.50, Child £11.00

Abergavenny Food Festival is a place for foodies and chefs.



Sunday 29th Weston Super Mare

FOREST – Adult £14.50, Senior £14.00, Child £13.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £15.50, Senior £15.00, Child £14.50

Our final visit of the year to the popular seaside resort.

LLANDUDNO – THE SOMERSET HOTEL

Sunday 22nd September –

Thursday 26th September

£302 per person

- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Evening entertainment and 2 excursions included

The hotel underwent a substantial refurbishment programme in 2016 and now boasts a new central reception, seafront coffee shop, enlarged ballroom that features a well-stocked bar and updated seafront gardens - perfect for a relaxing evening drink. 2017 saw the addition of 10 new bedrooms and a new lift. The hotel offers a number of sea view rooms that have stunning views of the pier, seafront promenade and the Great Orme. The town centre is just a 10 minute stroll along the flat promenade and with the beach on the doorstep and a variety of visitor attractions to explore, it's the perfect choice for a seaside break. Sea view rooms have to be requested at time of booking and are not guaranteed. They are limited, so are on a first come first serve basis. Further sea view rooms may incur a supplement.

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NIGHTS

LLANDUDNO

Sunday 6th

Mystery Trip

FOREST – Adult £14.50, Senior £14.00, Child £13.50
WYE VALLEY – Adult £15.50, Senior £15.00, Child £14.50

Our most popular trip returns. Hop aboard and see where we take you!

Tuesday 15th

Cwmbran

FOREST ONLY – Adult £12.00, Senior £11.50, Child £11.00

Our most popular trip returns. Hop aboard and see where we take you!

Saturday 19th

Grease, The Musical or Cardiff Shopper

GREASE: – £57.00 per person
CARDIFF SHOPPER:

FOREST – Adult £13.00, Senior £12.50, Child £12.00
WYE VALLEY – Adult £14.00, Senior £13.50, Child £13.00

The world's best-loved musical is back, grittier and more glamorous than ever before. After transferring to Rydell High for senior year, leather-clad greaser Danny and girl-next-door Sandy are unexpectedly reunited after a whirlwind summer romance. Bursting with hits including *Summer Nights*, *Greased Lightnin'*, *Hopelessly Devoted to You* and *You're the One That I Want*, *Grease* is brought to life by a fresh young cast who bring energy, vitality and passion to this ultimate musical classic. However, if the theatre isn't for you why not spend a day in Cardiff instead with a vast array of things to do and see?

Sunday 27th

Birmingham Bullring Shopper

FOREST – Adult £16.25, Senior £15.75, Child £15.25
WYE VALLEY – Adult £17.25, Senior £16.75, Child £16.25

A visit to Birmingham's premier shopping destination with over 200 stores and, when you need to refuel, a wide choice of stylish restaurants, cafés and places to grab a snack.

October

Sunday 3rd

NEC Creative Crafts, Simply Christmas & Cake International

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ADDITIONAL COST

FOREST – Adult £16.25, Senior £15.75, Child £15.25
WYE VALLEY – Adult £17.25, Senior £16.75, Child £16.25

Discover all the ideas, inspiration and supplies you could ever dream of! Knitters, stitchers, hobbyists and crafters will be in their element with endless supplies, innovations, new product launches, demonstrations and workshops designed to encourage and inspire your creativity – there's no better place to stock up and revel in creative craft inspiration! Browse aisle and aisles of stalls and stands packed with brand-new crafting innovations, classic tools and products and accessories in every colour of the rainbow! With experts manning each stall – you'll be sure to find exactly what you need!

Saturday 9th

Bristol Cribbs Causeway *or* Cabots Circus

FOREST ONLY – Adult £13.00, Senior £12.50, Child £12.00

Saturday 16th

Cardiff Christmas Markets

FOREST – Adult £13.00, Senior £12.50, Child £12.00
WYE VALLEY – Adult £14.00, Senior £13.00, Child £12.50

The Cardiff Christmas Markets return to the pedestrian streets of the city centre with both returning and new exhibitors to show their original hand made products that are the essence of what makes the market so different each year.

Saturday 24th

Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre

FOREST – Adult £25.00, Senior £24.50, Child £24.00
WYE VALLEY – Adult £26.00, Senior £25.50, Child £25.00

Mingle with medieval jesters and enjoy live music as you browse over 100 stalls selling quality wares, handmade gifts and seasonal products. With a full timetable of entertainment all weekend including music, comedy, fighting knights, theatre and puppets, the Fayre is fantastic fun for all ages! Join in our carol singing sessions and our panto – oh yes you will! Have a go at archery and sword-fighting or why not try your hand at juggling and circus skills?

Saturday 30th

Bath Christmas Market

FOREST – Adult £14.25, Senior £13.75, Child £13.25
WYE VALLEY – Adult £15.25, Senior £14.75, Child £14.25

The award winning market is back with around 150 sparkling chalets spread out around the Bath streets. As well as unique homeware and personalised presents, Christmas decorations and more you'll also find tasty food to satisfy any appetite or why not indulge in the mulled wine to keep you warm.

WEYMOUTH – TURKEY & TINSEL – THE RUSSELL HOTEL

Thursday 28th November –
Monday 2nd December

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NIGHTS

£298 per person

- *Dinner, bed & breakfast*
- *2 excursions included*

Weymouth is a seaside town in Dorset, southern England. Its sandy beach is dotted with colourful beach huts and backed by Georgian houses. Jurassic Skyline, a revolving viewing tower, and Victorian Nothe Fort offer harbour views. The Russell Hotel is situated on the glorious seafront esplanade of Weymouth and adjoins the Hotel Prince Regent. Refurbishments in 2017 saw the reception area opened up and the installation of a new seafront coffee shop and lounge area for our guests to enjoy the view from. These new facilities in addition to the existing lounge, games room and bar with live nightly entertainment offer all the facilities you need to enjoy your break. Being situated on the seafront, the hotel also offers a number of sea view rooms that really make the most of the hotels fantastic location. Sea view rooms have to be requested at time of booking and are not guaranteed. They are limited, so are on a first come first serve basis. Further sea view rooms may incur a supplement. Weymouth town centre with its attractions, shops and cafés is just a short stroll away along the seafront promenade.



WEYMOUTH

Sunday 1st

Worcester Victorian Xmas Fayre

FOREST – Adult £15.75, Senior £15.25, Child £14.75
WYE VALLEY – Adult £16.75, Senior £16.25, Child £15.75

Sticking to it's traditional roots with plenty of Victorian themed characters, festive treats and a wonderful atmosphere, the Christmas fayre this year will house almost 200 stalls across the city centre, selling local arts and crafts, delicious street food and gifts. As well as a wonderful array of stalls, there will be a fantastic programme of entertainment. Look out for Victorian characters in Gin Lane, lofty entertainers on stilts, brilliant musicians on our stages and buskers on every street corner.



Saturday 7th

Oxford Christmas Market & Blenheim Palace Illuminated Lights Trail

More information to come...

Sunday 15th

Pantomime – *Cinderella* or Cardiff Shopper

CINDERELLA:

FOREST – Adult £34.00, Senior £33.50, Child £33.00
WYE VALLEY – Adult £35.00, Senior £34.50, Child £34.00

Featuring an all-star cast, laugh out loud comedy and plenty of boos and hisses, this spectacular family pantomime is magically brought to life.

CARDIFF SHOPPER:

FOREST – Adult £13.00, Senior £12.50, Child £12.00
WYE VALLEY – Adult £14.00, Senior £13.50, Child £13.00

Tuesday 17th

Cwmbran

FOREST ONLY – Adult £12.00, Senior £11.50, Child £11.00

For that last minute Christmas gift.

2020 EXCURSIONS

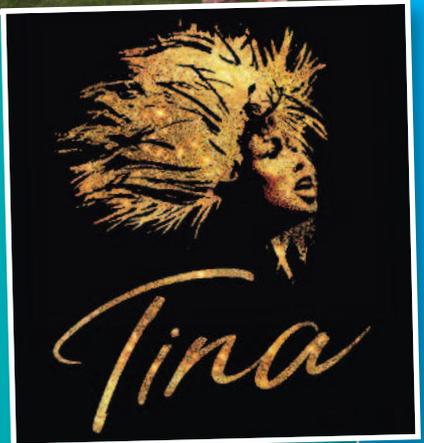
DATES AND PRICES TO FOLLOW BUT PLEASE REGISTER INTEREST

Royal Ascot 2020 Ladies Day



Riverdance The New 25th Anniversary Show (Bristol Hippodrome)

The Original,
The Best.
The No.1 World
Dance Show



Tina - The Tina Turner Musical (London)

The life story of
the Queen of
rock'n'roll



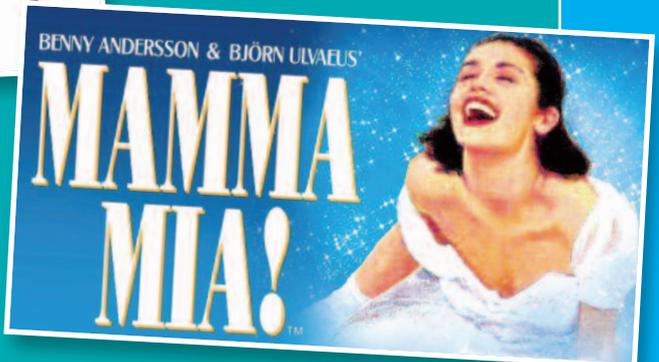
Wicked (London)

The untold story of
the Witches of Oz

Mamma Mia - Celebrating 20 Years (London)

A mother. A daughter.

3 possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!



2020 HOLIDAYS

MAY 2020

ISLE OF WIGHT - DAISH'S HOTEL

Friday 15th May -
Tuesday 19th May

£329 per person

- *Dinner, bed & breakfast*
- *2 excursions included*

Just off the South coast of England, the Isle of Wight is known for its sandy beaches and seafront promenades such as Shanklin or Ventnor. Situated on Shanklin High Street, Daish's hotel was originally an 18th century coaching inn and still bears a number of period features today. The hotel has a coffee shop that serves light snacks and refreshment and a large garden and sun terrace. The price includes two excursions; a tour of the Island and a visit to Ryde and Osborne House.

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NIGHTS

JUNE 2020

SCOTLAND, DUNOON - SELBORNE HOTEL

Monday 8th June -
Friday 12th June

£328 per person

- *Dinner, bed & breakfast*
- *2 excursions and entertainment included*

Dunoon is the main town on the Cowal peninsula in the south of Argyll and Bute, Scotland. It is on the western shore of the upper Firth of Clyde, to the south of the Holy Loch and to the north of Innellan. The early history of Dunoon often revolves around two feuding clans; the Lamonts and the Campbells.

Selborne Hotel is superbly situated looking south across the Clyde with pleasant gardens reaching down to the promenade and almost to the water's edge. All public rooms and any of the bedrooms offer uninterrupted views of the estuary. There are some ground rooms available but have to be requested at time of booking to ensure this can be accommodated. The hotel has lifts that serves almost all rooms and there will be entertainment most evenings.

The price includes two excursions.

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NIGHTS

PAIGNTON - THE QUEENS HOTEL

Monday 27th July -

Friday 31st July

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NIGHTS

£318 per person

- *Dinner, bed & breakfast*
- *2 excursions and entertainment included*

Paignton is a seaside town on the coast of Tor Bay in Devon. Together with Torquay and Brixham it forms the borough of Torbay which was created in 1998. The Torbay area is a holiday destination known as the English Riviera.

The Queens Hotel is a cosy hotel which enjoys a flat level position and is just 200 yards from Paignton town centre and seafront. It's comfortable interior, fine restaurant, all year round entertainment lounge and heated indoor swimming pool ensure your stay will be a memorable one.

Price includes two excursions and entertainment.

JULY 2020

GREAT YARMOUTH - NEW BEACH HOTEL

Wednesday 9th September -

Sunday 13th September

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NIGHTS

£309 per person

- *Dinner, bed & breakfast*
- *2 excursions and entertainment included*

Great Yarmouth is Norfolk's premier beach resort on the East coast and is known for its long sandy beach. As one of the UK's top beach resorts there is loads to see and do, a superb choice of places to eat and drink, a bustling town centre, beautiful wide, sandy beaches stretching as far as the eye can see, lots of pretty Norfolk towns, villages and Norfolk Broads to explore in the surrounding area and dry and sunny weather throughout the year.

New Beach Hotel is superbly situated in Great Yarmouth's most central and lively location, directly opposite Britannia Pier and a short walk from the shops. With a relaxing quiet lounge, attractive bar/lounge with views of the pier and sea and 2 lifts that serve most rooms.

With entertainment most evenings the price also includes two excursions.

SEPTEMBER 2020

OCTOBER 2020

BLACKPOOL - LIBERTYS HOTEL

Friday 23rd October -

Monday 26th October

£218 per person

- *Dinner, bed & breakfast*
- *Includes illuminations and 1 excursion*

Blackpool is a seaside resort on the Irish Sea coast of England. It's known for Blackpool Pleasure Beach, an old-school amusement park with vintage wooden roller coasters. Built in 1894, the landmark Blackpool Tower houses a circus, a glass viewing platform and the Tower Ballroom.

Liberty's Hotel sits close to the centre of town, just off the Promenade. This hotel and its friendly staff have earned a sterling reputation for great service, comfortable accommodation and superb value for money. The pretty restaurant, relaxing guest lounge and bar offer great British hospitality with a warm welcome, an excellent selection of food and a variety of entertainment for the perfect night in.

Price includes illuminations and an additional excursion. Only a small number of single rooms available.

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NIGHTS

NOVEMBER 2020

TORQUAY - METROPOLE HOTEL

Monday 16th November -

Friday 20th November

£269 per person

- *Dinner, bed & breakfast*
- *2 excursions and entertainment included*

You can't get much more of a 'traditional British seaside' resort than the vibrant and cheerful town of Torquay. Set at the very heart of the English Riviera on the South Devon Coast, Torquay is famous for its sandy beaches, family attractions and genteel Victorian appearance. Made famous by the legendary comedy series *Fawlty Towers*, Torbay is distinctly Mediterranean and is a family favourite with plenty of attractions and things to do.

This newly-acquired hotel (by the Leisureplex Group) features a bar, games room, extensive lobby lounge, elevated panoramic terrace and 2 large entertainment rooms. There is a lift that serves all floors of the hotel.

The holiday will be a Turkey & Tinsel festive special with two excursions included.



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NIGHTS

EXMOUTH - CAVENDISH HOTEL

Monday 27th July -

Friday 31st July



**FESTIVE
SPARKLE**



**3
NIGHTS**

£215 per person

- *Dinner, bed & breakfast*
- *1 excursion included*

Exmouth is situated on the estuary of the River Exe and is Devon's oldest seaside resort. It was once the most select seaside resort in Britain and it offers a rich mixture of immaculate sands, lovely gardens, a busy harbour and good shopping with an indoor market and pedestrianised high street. On one side the resort overlooks Lyme Bay, while to the west, where the hotel is situated, it looks across the estuary of the River Exe to the Haldon Hills and Dawlish Warren.

The stretch of coast (the Jurassic Coast) from Exmouth to Dorset has been officially ranked alongside the Grand Canyon and the Great Barrier Reef as one of the natural wonders of the world.

This is a popular hotel and this will be a Festive Sparkle weekend with one excursion included.

DECEMBER 2020

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Deposits are required on all holidays to secure your booking. Balances are due by the date specified on the booking form. Should you wish to cancel at any time, cancellation charges may apply. We strongly recommend that you take out travel insurance to cover you in the event of cancellation and/or illness or accident. F R Willetts cannot be held responsible for any loss due to inadequate insurance cover.

We are usually allocated a limited number of sea view rooms without supplement, so these have to be requested at time of booking. We will endeavour to fulfil sea view requests where possible but this is not always possible. Specific rooms can usually be pre-booked but this may incur a small supplement. Any additional requests are put to the specific hotel at the time of providing rooming list details, they will try to accommodate wherever possible.

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**WE ACCEPT BOOKINGS VIA THE TELEPHONE,
IN PERSON OR THROUGH OUR AGENTS:**

FOREST:

COLEFORD: Odds & Ends

LYDNEY: Frankies

WYE VALLEY:

ROSS-ON-WYE: Mandy Moo's



**We accept payment by debit or
all major credit cards.**

Seats are allocated on a first come first serve basis unless specifically booked. We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. We will endeavour to honour any seats booked but in exceptional circumstances seats may be changed without notice.

We reserve the right to cancel an excursion or holiday should the minimum number of passengers required not be met.

*We no longer accept payment on the coach.
All excursions must be paid for in advance.*

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