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**The  
Cruise Counter**



2018-2019

1<sup>st</sup> edition Part 1

## Foreword

It is over 25 years since Thompson Travel International opened its doors and how that time has flown. From our single branch in Northern Ireland, we manage many worldwide trips and host many groups for passengers from all over the UK. With our airline knowledge and contracts, it is possible to join any of our trips from any airport. We are often misconstrued to be part of the huge 'Thomson' brand, but we are proud of that 'p' in our name and to say we are wholly independent family run company with no links to a multiple.

Our success as a travel agency comes down to selling family holidays, city breaks and all sorts of worldwide trips and experiences for multi-generational families based on what they want. The 'jewel in our crown' must come from the fact that we also hold a full ATOL license, giving us the lead in packaging group, cruise and tailor-made holidays.

Everything we do is personal – if it's not good enough for you, then it's not good enough for us. We offer good value for money holidays and hold direct contracts with leading airlines, cruise companies and hoteliers - that gives us exclusive pricing, hence making great savings for you.

Many of our customers favourite places are represented in this brochure and the best prices for inclusive tours and holidays. Have a browse and contact us. We would love to have you join us on a tour, a cruise or arrange your own personal holiday.

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**Director**  
**ABC Winner of Outstanding Woman in Business 2017**



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It's hard sometimes to pluck up the courage to head off on holidays on your own – something recognized by us when we set up 'Travelling Alone Together' (TAT). Airports, security, dining and touring alone - all reasons people choose to stay at home. Male or female - if you are travelling solo, come along and join us! We are not a dating agency, just a means for those who would love to get away to the sun or further afield and have that bit of security in numbers. Some of the tours in this brochure are exclusive to TAT.

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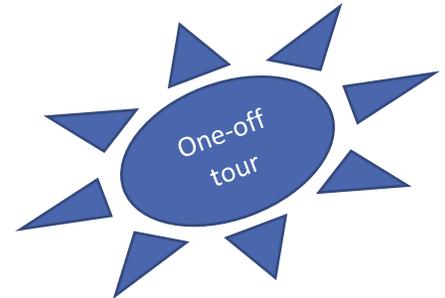
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## THE SOMME – 100 YEARS



<b>DATE:</b>	<b>10 -13 November 2018</b>
<b>DURATION:</b>	<b>4 days</b>
<b>DEPARTURE:</b>	<b>DUBLIN (other airports available)</b>
<b>TOUR ESCORTED BY:</b>	<b>Stephen Carvell</b>
<b>TOUR TYPE:</b>	<b>CULTURE</b>
<b>PRICE:</b>	<b>£595 pp sharing</b> <b>£745 single</b>



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### 10 November 2018

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Depart Dublin at 7am. Arrival in Brussels at 10.30 am.

From Brussels you'll drive to **Mons** to see where the Irish lieutenant Maurice Dease earned the first VC of the Great War. You'll also be visiting the impressive **St Symphorien military cemetery**, where both German and British (including the first and last English casualty of WW1, Maurice Dease, private Price and many others) have been buried.

Lunch has been pre-arranged at the Grand Place of Mons. After lunch you'll drive to your hotel in Kortrijk. Afternoon and evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at Parkhotel Kortrijk.

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### 11 November 2018

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Departure from the hotel at 8.30 am. Morning at leisure in Ypres. Here you will visit the *In Flanders Fields Museum* followed by some free time. At 11 am there will be the **special Last Post Ceremony**, including the *Poppy Parade* prior to the ceremony.

Lunch has been pre-arranged in Ypres.

From Ypres we drive via the **Locre** area (where the Irish troops were encamped and where headquarters for the corps and divisions could be found) to **Kemmel** to see the remains of the concrete shelters of the Lettenberg and watch the introduction film on *Zero Hour*. We will also visit the temporary exhibition *'Irish blood on Flemish soil'* in the Heuvelland Visitor Centre. From Kemmel we continue to the **Spanbroekmolen Crater** – known as the Pool of Peace – to see where the Irish troops attacked the German lines on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1917. We will also look at the two memorials for the Irish divisions along the Kemmel – Wijtschate road. Next onwards to **Messines** to visit the local museum on the Mine Battle of Messines Ridge and the **Island of Ireland Peace Park**. From Messines we will also make a small detour to Plugstreet to see the site of the **1914 Christmas Truce**. Our last visit will be **Hill 60**, one of the few sites in the Ypres area that have been left untouched since 1919. We also find the best preserved mine crater there: the *Caterpillar Crater*.

Back in Kortrijk by 6.30 pm. Evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at Parkhotel Kortrijk.

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## 12 November 2018

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Depart from your accommodation in Ypres at 8.30 am. We'll drive along the motorways to the *Newfoundland Memorial Park* at **Beaumont-Hamel**. The story of the Newfoundland Regiment being annihilated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July is even more remarkable because you can still see the actual trenches from where they attacked. Onwards to Thiépval to visit the Ulster Tower and the **Thiepval Memorial to the Missing** with the very interesting Visitor Cemetery. From Thiépval we drive to Albert for lunch.

After lunch we continue to the **Lochnagar Crater**, one of the most impressive remains of the underground war. From La Boisselle we drive through Fricourt (where you can see the German military cemetery) to **Devonshire Trench Cemetery** at Mametz. Next onwards to Longueval to visit the South African Memorial and Museum at **Delville Wood**. From Longueval we continue along **High Wood** to **Pozières** to see the memorial to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Division, the Australian Memorial Park and the Tank Memorial. Driving along the Canadian Memorial of **Courcelette** and the battlefield of the **Butte de Warlencourt**. Next back to Kortrijk.



Back in Kortrijk by 6.30 pm. Evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at Parkhotel Kortrijk.

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## 13 November 2018

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Departure from the hotel at 8.30 am. From Kortrijk we drive to Poperinge to hear the story of the soldiers' life behind the lines. We will visit the *Shot At Dawn site* and hear the story of famous place like La Poupée and Talbot House. Next onwards to **Essex Farm Cemetery**, where the Canadians set up their advanced dressing stations and medical posts when the battle started on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1915. We visit the **John McCrae Memorial** and learn about the reason for writing his famous poem. We will continue to Steenstraete and Bikschoote for a view of the territory where the Germans released the gas. Via *Carrefour des Roses*, a French memorial site, we drive to the **Francis Ledwige Memorial** and the poet's grave at **Artillery Wood Cemetery**. Next onwards to **Langemark** to see the German military cemetery.

For lunch we drive to **Polygon Wood**. At the Dreve, the tavern owned by amateur archaeologist Johan Vandewalle, we will not only be able to get a delicious **Tommie Tucker meal**, but also see the private exhibition on the underground warfare. It is also home to the Brothers-In-Arms Memorial Project.

Via Zonnebeke and 's Graventafel Ridge we drive up to **Tyne Cot Cemetery**. From Tyne Cot, we follow in the footsteps of the Canadians that cleared the village of **Passchendaele**, with enormous losses...

From Passchendaele you'll drive to Brussels International Airport. Arrival at the airport by 4 pm.

#### 4\* PARKHOTEL KORTRIJK

This luxurious and trendy hotel is located a stone's throw away from the Shopping centre K and within walking distance of the Market Square in Kortrijk, opposite to the Central Station. Free WIFI is available throughout the hotel.

All rooms are decorated in a contemporary design with warm tones to create a relaxed atmosphere. Stay in one of the standard rooms, or opt for a prestige room for extra space and comfort.



The new wellness area located in the South wing offers a place to retreat. It includes an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam bath and a fitness centre. At a surcharge the Wellness avenue includes a rain shower, steam footbath, infrared sauna, salt crystal sauna, snooze room, ice cold shower, herbal sauna, eucalyptus steam room and therapy baths. Also available are pampering massages, soothing facial cares, body cares, manicures and pedicures.

IN THE TRENDY RESTAURANT GUESTS CAN ENJOY THE CLASSIC FRENCH CUISINE. THE NEW BAR JULES SERVES LOCAL DRINKS, COCKTAILS, WINES AND DIFFERENT WORLD CUISINE DISHES. EVERY MORNING A ROYAL BREAKFAST BUFFET IS SERVED FOR ALL GUESTS

#### Price includes:-

- **direct flights from Dublin to Brussels**
- **3 Nights at the 4\* Park Hotel Kortrijk**
- **professional private guide**
- **transportation with luxury coach**
- **all entrance fees**
- **breakfast and lunch each day**

#### Price excludes:-

- **drinks**
- **wreath of poppies for the Last Post Ceremony: € 25 per wreath**
- **personal insurance/expenses**

*If you have a relative that you know died or is commemorated at the Somme, please let us know in advance of travel and we will do our best to help you locate the grave or memorial when you are there*

# AN INTRODUCTION TO ISRAEL FOR CHURCH LEADERS



**DATE:** 4 February 2019 – 9 February 2019  
**DURATION:** 5 days  
**DEPARTURE:** DUBLIN (other airports available)  
**TOUR ESCORTED BY:** Edwin Michael  
**TOUR TYPE:** FAITH  
**PRICE:** Please contact our office for pricing for this tour



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## Monday 4 February 2019

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- Depart Dublin for onward flight to Tel Aviv. Arrival late Monday night with transfer directly to Tiberias for overnight.

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## Tuesday 5 February 2019

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- Drive through the Sharon Valley to Caesarea. Visit the excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods. Continue to the Carmel Mountains to Muhrakha. Proceed to Mt. Carmel enjoy the view on Haifa City and Harbor.

Afternoon at Nazareth Village before returning to Tiberias. Finish the day with a boat ride on the sea of Galilee

Dinner and overnight Hotel



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## Wednesday 6 February 2019

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\_Breakfast at hotel

Depart Tiberias to Capernaum and Mount of Beatitudes.. Visit Yardenit baptismal site on River Jordan.

This afternoon travel to Bethlehem for visit to shepherd's fields, finally arriving in Jerusalem for your first view of the city from Mount Scopus.

Dinner and overnight at Yehuda hotel.

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### Thursday 7 February 2019

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Breakfast at hotel

Drive to Mt. of Olives for a view on Old and New Jerusalem.  
Visit the Garden of Gethsemane.

Afternoon walking tour of the Old City from Pool of Bethesda  
along via Dolorosa.,

Dinner and overnight at Yehuda hotel



### Friday 8 February 2019

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Breakfast at hotel

Morning visit to Calvary and Garden Tomb.

Afternoon: Travel south from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea for a dip. If time permits you will visit Massada.

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**Saturday 9 February 2019** Depart hotel early am for transfer back to airport and onward flight to Dublin.

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Price includes: -

- 5 nights' accommodation in mentioned hotels – half board
- Room based on 2 sharing with bath/shower and air con
- 4 days sightseeing in air-conditioned coach
- Group transfers

English speaking guide throughout

Entrance fess

Porterage at hotels and airport

Excludes: - personal insurance, lunches and tipping



**A Mezuzah** is affixed to the doorpost of Jewish homes to fulfill the Jewish biblical commandment - to "write the words of God on the gates and doorposts of your house" (Deuteronomy 6:9).

#### Price includes:-

- Return flights and taxes
- Return transfers
- Fully air-conditioned coach
- Services of a fully qualified English speaking guide throughout
- All entrance fees as included in the itinerary
- Half board throughout (breakfast & dinner)
- Tips & gratuities

#### Not included:-

- Lunches
- Items of a personal nature
- Personal Insurance – you must have insurance for your trip. If you have your own insurance please ensure you furnish us with a copy of this with your booking. We are regulated by the FCA to sell insurance to if you wish to obtain a quote from us, please contact our office.

Bookings will be allocated on a first come first serve basis on completion of a completed booking form and deposit.



*Shalom – is the Hebrew word for peace, but it is also used a lot in greeting others – it is widely used in Israel*

*Ahlan – is Arabic for 'hello' so you may use it to greet many Arabic people in Israel.*

# TENERIFE WITH DENIS LYLE



**DATE:** 8 March 2019 – 15 March 2019

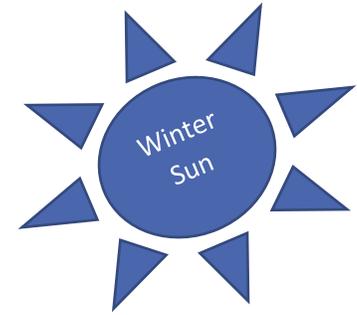
**DURATION:** 8 days

**DEPARTURE:** Belfast

**TOUR ESCORTED BY:** Denis Lyle

**TOUR TYPE:** FAITH

**PRICE:** £729pp sharing  
Single Supplement £240pp



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**8 March 2019 – 15 March 2019**

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Denis Lyle has been escorting christian groups for many years. His annual trip to Tenerife has been a firm favourite for many travelers who wish to have the fellowship with other like-minded holidaymakers.

The La Siesta hotel in Tenerife has been a favourite for Tenerife groups for numerous years. On some evenings Denis will avail of a private room for some short study or reflection time for the group.



Your days are free to enjoy the sunshine, take a walk, a tour or boat trip or the excellent facilities at the hotel.

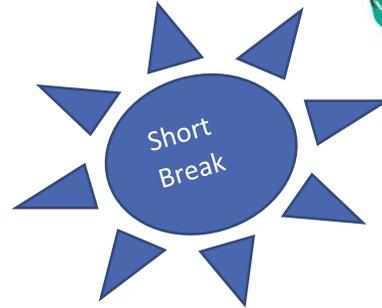
This tour books up fast and places are limited.



## LOVIN' LIVERPOOL



<b>DATE:</b>	<b>13 March 2019</b>
<b>DURATION:</b>	<b>3 days</b>
<b>DEPARTURE:</b>	<b>Belfast</b>
<b>TOUR ESCORTED BY:</b>	<b>Sharon Fleming</b>
<b>TOUR TYPE:</b>	<b>Solo Travellers</b>
<b>PRICE:</b>	<b>£289pp SHARING    Single supplement £80</b>
<b>INCLUDED:</b>	<b>Flights, Transfers, 2 nights 4 * Novotel, 1 Evening meal, Entrance to Beatles Museum</b>



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**Have you ever joined one of our solo trips before? This trip is the perfect opportunity to get to know a few others and enjoy a short break to Liverpool. Those who travel with us already will appreciate the short flight, short transfers and meeting up with those from previous trips.**

### **13 March 2019**

Don't be letting the winter blues get to you as we hit Liverpool after a short flight from Belfast International at 8am. We will transfer to the hotel and drop off our bags before heading down to the Albert Dock. Liverpool is very accessible and most of the main shopping and tourist areas can be covered on foot, so bring your walking shoes.

You will have a bit of free time along the way to grab a bit of brunch before we pick up a bus tour of the famous Beatles childhood and history. Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields are places we have all heard of and you will know exactly why they feature in some songs after this trip.

Return to hotel for check-in.

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### **14 March 2019**

After breakfast you will have free time in the Liverpool One area or take a wander down to the Liver Building or Maritime Museum. If you aren't afraid of heights you could take the Liverpool Eye and find out a bit more about the history of Liverpool, it's film productions and 'Paddy's Wigwam'!

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### **15 March 2019**

After breakfast we will take a walk to the famous Liverpool cathedral. One of the largest 20<sup>th</sup> century cathedrals and includes the world's highest Gothic arch. Depending on time, you may have free time to grab a bite or a coffee at the Cathedral café.

The remainder of the afternoon will be free to go shopping or chill at the hotel before we head for our return flight, departing at 6.30pm and arriving in Belfast at 7.20pm.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>6 April 2019 – 11 April 2019</b>
<b>DURATION:</b>	<b>6 days</b>
<b>DEPARTURE:</b>	<b>Belfast</b>
<b>TOUR ESCORTED BY:</b>	<b>Trevor Magee</b>
<b>TOUR TYPE:</b>	<b>FAITH &amp; CULTURE</b>
<b>PRICE:</b>	<b>£729pp SHARING    Single supplement on request</b>



## 6 April 2019 – 11 April 2019

Trevor Magee is a keen cyclist and is well known in cycling circuits in NI. He has taken part in many charity races as well as leisurely group cycles. Trevor has hosted many male cycling groups in Spain.

All abilities are welcome on this trip. It will consist of various cycles every day, from the base in the picturesque town of Puerto Pollensa.

You don't need to bring a bicycle with you (unless you wish – a charge will apply) These are available for hire along with helmets etc. **The itinerary will be based on the ability of the complete group so that as many levels of ability can be accommodated as possible. This trip is most suitable for beginner to intermediate cyclists.**



**Puerto Pollensa is perfect for cycling – The weather always brightens and improves in April in Majorca.** When the spring season is underway. At the start of the month, the average temperature begins at around 13-18 degrees.

Cyclists are drawn to Puerto Pollensa by safe well signposted roads, low density traffic and careful drivers. Cyclists of all levels, **from beginner to pro**, find it to be a great cycling destination. The **coastal roads** are great for gentler cycling routes from Puerto Pollensa and along the length of the island, down its eastern side and in the centre, **miles of flats** and empty roads through **Mallorca's wine region** make

for leisurely cycling routes in Mallorca's forgotten interior, whilst the Northern mountains give great challenge to those who want a more difficult run.

# The DANUBE by RIVER CRUISE



**DATE:** 20 April 2019

**DURATION:** 10 days

**DEPARTURE:** Dublin

**TOUR ESCORTED BY:** Alison Magowan

**TOUR TYPE:** CULTURE

**PRICE:** £1399pp sharing

Single supplement: £200



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**20 April 2019 – 29 April 2019**

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## Saturday 20 April 2019

Depart Dublin with Lufthansa airlines at 10:30 (check in 08:30) for your onward flight to Munich

You will be collected by coach and transferred to Passau Austria. Check into your Passau Hotel for 1 night.

## Sunday 21 April 2019

After breakfast you have the morning free to explore Passau. At 2pm you will take a short transfer to Engelhartszell (Passau) to board the Arosa Donna

## Monday 22 April 2019

Arrive in Vienna at 12:00pm, Vienna the capital of Austria is known as the city on the blue Danube, but today the main river is detached from the inner city and only the Danube Channel runs through the city. Vienna is still one of Europe's most seductive cities and worth a visit not just for its incomparable culture treasures, the pomp and elegance of former glory, but also for its traditional coffee houses. Overnight stay in Vienna with extra time to explore the fabulous city.



### Tuesday 23 April 2019

Depart Vienna at 18:30pm for your onward journey to Esztergom (Hungary).

### Wednesday 24 April 2019

Arrival 08:00 in Esztergom (Hungary). Esztergom is one of the oldest cities in Hungary, approximately 150 years ago the cathedral was built within a period of 30 years. St Peter's Cathedral in Rome was used as a model. It is the most beautiful Cathedral in Hungary as well as the third largest cathedral in Europe. Depart at 10:30am

### Thursday 25 April 2019



Arrive at 15:00 in Budapest, Budapest once consisted of three parts: Buda, Obuda and Pest. Buda meaning "oven" was the historical upper city with the castle. The part Obuda meaning "old oven" was the part between the hill and the Danube, Pest on the left hand side was where most of the population lived. In 1872 these three parts where most of the population lived. In 1872 these three parts were combined to form a real centre. Depart at 16:00

### Friday 26 April 2019

Arrive in Bratislava it is been the Capital of Slovakia since its independence in 1993. Bratislava was also the capital of Hungary from 1536 to 1784, A visit should begin at the castle which offers spectacular panoramic views over the "beauty on the Danube". The Old City presents a fascinating network of attractive squares and winding lanes leaving Bratislava at 16:30

Passing through Wachau.

Many mythical and historical tales are told about the Wachau Valley, from stories of marauding knights to the captivity of Richard the Lionheart. Above all else, however, it is the narrow 36-km-long valley that captures the imagination. Apricot orchards and vineyards line the slopes, while the rugged cliffs accentuate the charm of the area. On the steep hills of this UNESCO World Heritage Site grow world-famous grape varieties which were being eagerly enjoyed as far as back as the middle ages by the residents of the castles and palaces. The remains of these edifices can be seen all along the banks of the river; while some have been very well preserved, others survive as picturesque ruins.

### Saturday 27 April 2019

Arrive in Melk (Austria) at 12:00 to explore the city and departs 16:00

### Sunday 28 April 2019

Engelhartszell (Passau) for flight back to Dublin at 15:10 (check in 13:10) with Lufthansa

# COSTA DEL SOL for TAT



**DATE:** 9 May 2019

**DURATION:** 8 days

**DEPARTURE:** Belfast

**TOUR ESCORTED BY:** Alison Magowan

**TOUR TYPE:** TRAVELLING ALONE TOGETHER

**PRICE:** from £835.00 sharing

**Single Supplement: Only £60!!!!**



**9 May – 16 May 2019**

This is one of our exclusive tours for our Travelling Alone Together trips. You will never know, if you don't go!

Join this group of men and women on a relaxing sunshine break on the Costa Del Sol. The Sol House is a firm favourite with all our customers. It has great access to the beach and easy access to shopping and restaurants.



You can do as much or as little as you like on this one. Our leader, Alison, is on hand if you fancy heading out on one of the trips she can organise locally.



You will have company on the flight, at the hotel if you want it and it's great to catch up at meal times and in the evenings – so you are never alone, unless you want to be.

The majority of our groups tend to be adults aged 50+ but there is no age restriction, so check out availability with our office. The single supplement on this date in May is a one-off special and will be offered on a first come first serve basis – and there are limited rooms available.

# KRAKOW with Denis Lyle

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>9 May 2019</b>
<b>DURATION:</b>	<b>4 days</b>
<b>DEPARTURE:</b>	<b>Belfast</b>
<b>TOUR ESCORTED BY:</b>	<b>Denis Lyle</b>
<b>HOTEL</b>	<b>3* Wyspianski</b>
<b>TOUR TYPE:</b>	<b>FAITH &amp; CULTURE</b>
<b>BOARD</b>	<b>Bed &amp; Breakfast</b>
<b>PRICE:</b>	<b>£595</b>
	<b>Single Supplement £135</b>



**9 May – 12 May 2019**

## Day 1

Arrival to Krakow airport. Transfer to the hotel. Time at leisure in evening

Take an afternoon stroll with the local guide to the heart of Krakow where you will see the Main Market Square with large Gothic Cloth Hall, just to allow you to get familiar with the area.

**Krakow** - Having escaped destruction during World War II, the city uniquely retains its charming medieval shape. The central Market Square – the largest in Europe – In the middle of the square there is the Cloth Hall (Sukiennice, 14<sup>th</sup> c.), Wawel Castle is an interesting example of Renaissance architecture, which houses one of the largest collections of tapestries in Europe. Overnight at hotel



**Day 2** –Breakfast in hotel. Half day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau with local guide.



## Auschwitz

Witness here one of the most memorable lessons of modern European history. The visit includes a film showing the camp's liberation and you'll see the flower strewn Death Wall, the national memorials, the rail line, ramp and remains of the hundreds of barracks, a moving testimony to the number of lost lives through Nazi activities across occupied Europe. Picnic lunch.

Afternoon to the famous Salt Mines.



**Wieliczka Salt Mine** - During this fascinating tour you will see underground lakes that change into variety of colours, wonderful churches, including the famous church of St. Kinga, original tools and equipment. Well-preserved traces of the past allow you to imagine the working conditions of the people who worked in the mine and their struggle to overcome the elements. Free time for lunch

### Day 3



This morning you will visit the **Kamimierz district** with an English speaking guide. **Kazimierz** district - from the 15th Century became the main cultural centre of the Jewish community in Poland with its unique oriental atmosphere. Its soul perished during the traumatic events of World War II but many of the buildings, some still with Yiddish inscriptions, survived. Free time for lunch.

**This afternoon you will visit 'Schindler's Factory' – a story about Krakow and its inhabitants under Nazi Occupation.**

This is a new branch of the Historical Museum of Krakow, where you can visit the exhibition "Krakow under Nazi Occupation 1939-1945" which has been set up in the former administrative building of Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory. The exhibition is a story of Krakow and the fate of its Polish and Jewish citizens during World War II, but it is also about the German occupiers, who arrived here on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1939 and brutally interrupted the centuries-old history of a Polish-Jewish Krakow. Here, the grand history of WWII intersects with everyday life. Overnight stay in Krakow.



### Day 4

Breakfast in the hotel and check out. Transfer to Krakow airport for return flight.

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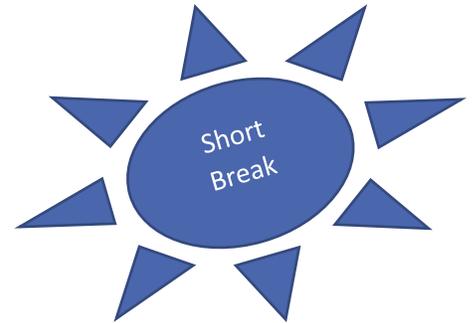
- Return flights and taxes
- Return transfers
- Fully air-conditioned coach
- Services of a fully qualified English speaking guide throughout
- All entrance fees as included in the itinerary
- Bed & Breakfast throughout (+ 1 picnic lunch)

#### Not included:-

- Lunches and evening meals except where specified
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips & Gratuities

# HOLLAND & THE BULBFIELDS

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>09 MAY 2019</b>
<b>DURATION:</b>	<b>4 days</b>
<b>DEPARTURE:</b>	<b>Belfast</b>
<b>TOUR ESCORTED BY:</b>	<b>Steven Carvell</b>
<b>TOUR TYPE:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>PRICE:</b>	<b>£649</b>



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**9 May 2019 – 12 May 2019**

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## THURSDAY 9 MAY 2019

DEPART BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 09:35AM ARRIVING IN SCHIPHOL AIRPORT AT 12.10 MID-DAY (FLIGHT TIMES MAY CHANGE). Hand luggage included.

Today lunch will be included en route to your hotel in the picturesque town of Volendam. The remainder of your day will then be free to enjoy the local town.

You will be transferred to your hotel for 3 nights on a Bed & Breakfast basis.



## FRIDAY 10 MAY 2018



Today after breakfast you will travel to Zaase – Schans. At the farm you will enjoy a professional demonstration of cheese-making. Cheese making is an old Dutch guild, just like woodcarving, wooden show making, pewter casting and distilling liqueur. You will be able to attend a cheese making demonstration at the Catharine Hoeve, Jacob's Hoeve and Alida Hoeve, where the staff, in traditional costumers will chat to you about the Hneri Willig cheese – from Gouda to goat and herb cheese.

You will then travel to Haarlem for some free time for lunch. After lunch you will have an opportunity to visit the famous house and museum of Corrie Ten Boom.

Cornelia Arnolda Johanna "Corrie" ten Boom (15 April 1892 – 15 April 1983) was a Dutch watchmaker and Christian who, along with her father and other family members, helped many Jews escape the Nazi Holocaust during World War II by hiding them in her closet. She was imprisoned for her actions. Her most famous book, *The Hiding Place*, is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts.



Corrie ten Boom was born on 15 April 1892 to a working class family in Haarlem, Netherlands, near Amsterdam. Named after her mother but known as "Corrie" all her life, she was the youngest child of Casper ten Boom, a jeweler and watchmaker. Her father was fascinated by the craft of watchmaking and often became so engrossed in his own work that he forgot to charge customers for the services.

Corrie trained to be a watchmaker herself and in 1922 became the first woman licensed as a watchmaker in Holland. Over the next decade, in addition to working in her father's shop, she established a youth club for teenage girls, which provided religious instruction as well as classes in the performing arts, sewing and handicrafts. She and her family were Calvinists in the Dutch Reformed Church, and their faith inspired them to serve their society, offering shelter, food, and money to those in need. The family then became very active in the Dutch underground hiding refugees; they honored the Jewish Sabbath. The family never sought to convert any of the Jews who stayed with them.

## SATURDAY 11 May 2018



Today you will take a short train journey to Amsterdam after breakfast. On arrival you will make the short 5 minute walk to the canal side and enjoy a canal cruise through Amsterdam.

The remainder of the afternoon will be free to enjoy Amsterdam and you will return by train to the hotel around 4pm.

Remainder of evening free.

## SUNDAY 12 MAY 2018

Today we check out of our hotel and set off for a morning panoramic tour to the Hauge. Photo stop at the Hague and some time at the International Place of Justice to view the Flame of Peace.

You will then have some free time to enjoy lunch in Schevengen.



Around 3pm you will depart for Keukenhof – and the fantastic 7 million bulbs. Enjoy a leisurely stroll around the gardens and view the amazing array of colours– and unusual cultivated stock. There are cafes and restaurants there if you wish to have a snack or meal.

We will depart Keukenhof around 6pm for transfer to the airport and your onward flight

Flights will depart Amsterdam at 9.45pm arriving into Belfast International at 10.20pm local time.

What's included:-

Return flights to Amsterdam with hand luggage

Coach on touring days

Entrance fees where mentioned in itinerary

Bed & Breakfast/1 x lunch

Overnights at hotel

Not included:-

Hold luggage

Items of a personal nature

Personal Insurance

Tips & gratuities (recommended €15pp)

**NORWEGIAN FJORDS FROM DUBLIN**  
**on CELEBRITY REFLECTION**



**DATE:** 26 May 2019

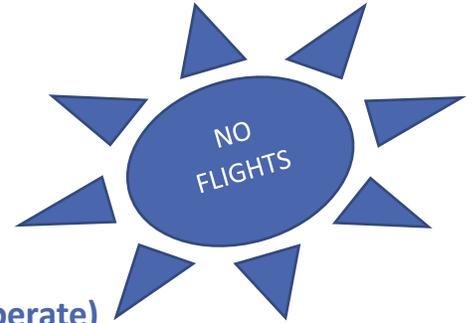
**DURATION:** 10 days

**DEPARTURE:** Dublin

**TOUR ESCORTED BY:** Non-escorted  
(depending on numbers coach will operate)

**TOUR TYPE:** THE CRUISE COUNTER

**PRICE:** from £1095pp sharing inside stateroom (prices subject to availability)



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**26 May 2019 – 4 June 2019**

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26 May 2019 Arrive Dublin Port to board Celebrity Reflection.



27 May 2019 *Day at Sea*

A day at sea is the perfect time to explore the one-of-a-kind Lawn Club onboard Celebrity Reflection. Relax in the sun, enjoy a drink, or even a picnic, all with real grass between your toes.

28 May 2019 *Bergen*

Haakon's Hall fortress stands guard over this classic Norwegian port. Seeking stunning vistas? Ascend the 1,000ft Mt. Fløyen in just minutes by funicular railway and toast the views with a beer.

29 May 2019 *Alesund*



One of the most attractive Norwegian fishing ports, Alesund owes its distinctive look to the 1904 fire in the town. Did you know Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany led the rebuilding effort?

30 May 2019 *Geiranger*

Nothing quite prepares you for the jaw-dropping views of Geiranger. See it all from a viewpoint overlooking Norway's famous Seven Sisters waterfall, or from a kayak on the crystal waters.

31 May 2019 *Olden*

You'll be blown away by the towering glaciers, icy peaks, mirrored lakes and roaring waterfalls while nearby Briksdal Glacier is a must. Picturesque Olden has welcoming shops and cafes and charming historic buildings, such as Olden Old Church.

01 June 2019 *Lerwick, Shetland Islands*

Lerwick is the capital of Shetland and has the lively reputation to match. The views of the natural harbour are beautiful, and there's plenty of spots to try some traditional Scottish fare.

02 June 2019 *Day at Sea*

Onboard Celebrity Cruises, dining in one of the speciality restaurants is a must. Why not try Murano? Sumptuous surroundings, impeccable service, and outstanding French cuisine.



03 June 2019 *Dublin – Portadown*

Disembark Celebrity Reflection

This has to be one of the most amazing trips I have taken at sea. The breath-taking scenery is given no justice in my pictures. In May 2018, I embarked on Celebrity in Dublin port – not an aircraft in sight. From arrival at the port to boarding took 20 minutes. We enjoyed fine dining from start to finish topped with awe-inspiring scenery under the most beautiful clear blue sky – it was a treat from start to finish. The Norwegian Fjords cruise is a definite in our brochure for 2019 as testament to the fact that we think it is worth doing over and over again – as do our customers. Depending on numbers booked and pick-up locations, we may also run a coach again to and from the port. Sharon Fleming MD (2018)



**ALL TRIPS IN THIS BROCHURE ARE BOOKABLE ON COMPLETION OF A BOOKING FORM AND PRESENTATION OF A COPY OF YOUR ID, ALONG WITH THE NECESSARY DEPOSIT.**

**IF YOU WISH TO FIND OUT ANY MORE INFORMATION ON THE TOURS PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE ON**

**02838 394489**

**ITINERARIES/COSTS**

**WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ITINERARIES AND PRICING IS BASED ON PRODUCTION ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**PAYMENTS**

**You may make payment by cash or card to our office.**

**BACS payments can be made to**

**Bank of Ireland**

**Sort Code: 90 23 54**

**Account No: 64837731**

**Ref: EXAMPLE: SURNAMETFS08MAR19 (YOURNAME, TOUR REF)**

## PACKAGE HOLIDAY BOOKING CONDITIONS

YOUR CONTRACT IS WITH THOMPSON TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL. AND THEIR TRADING NAMES. A Member of ABTA, IATA & ATOL

### 1. Your holiday contracts

When you make a booking, you guarantee that you have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party the terms of these booking conditions. A contract will exist as soon as we issue our confirmation invoice. This contract is made on the terms of these booking conditions, which are governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts. You may however choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland if you live there and wish to do so.

[If you had not seen these terms and conditions when you made your booking and you are not happy to proceed with the booking now that you have seen them please return all documentation to us or to your travel agent, within 7 days of receiving these booking conditions. Your booking will be cancelled, and your monies will be returned in full, provided you have not commenced your travel. This clause does not apply if your booking was made within 10 weeks of travel].\*

### 2. Your financial protection

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays, by way of our Air Travel Organiser's Licence number 4982. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.

We will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where we aren't able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

### 3. ABTA

We are a Member of ABTA, membership number D1828. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you an arbitration scheme for the resolution of disputes arising out of this contract. The scheme is arranged by ABTA and administered independently. It is a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on you for costs. The upper limit on claims is £5,000 per person and £25,000 per booking form. The scheme doesn't apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. It can however deal with claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your request for arbitration must be received by ABTA within eighteen months of the date of return from holiday. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA Mediation Procedure and we have the option to agree to mediation. Further information on the Code and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found on [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com).

## Package Travel Regulations

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2015/2302. Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. Thompson Travel International will be responsible for the proper performance of the package as required by law, Thompson Travel International has protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation if it becomes insolvent.

### **Key rights under Directive (EU) 2015/2302:**

— Passengers will receive all essential information about the package before concluding the package travel contract or completion of the booking form. Full details of all the tours is available from our office.

— Passengers are given an emergency telephone number or details of a contact point where they can get in touch with the organizer abroad or the travel agent.

— Passengers may transfer the package to another person, on reasonable notice and possibly subject to additional costs should the airline allow.

— After booking, the price of the package may only be increased if specific costs rise (for instance, fuel prices) and if expressly provided for in the contract, and in any event not later than 20 days before the start of the package. If the price increase exceeds 8 % of the price of the package, the passenger may terminate the contract.

— Passengers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee and get a full refund of any payments if any of the essential elements of the package, other than the price, are changed significantly. If before the start of the package the trader responsible for the package cancels the package, passengers are entitled to a refund and compensation where appropriate.

— Passengers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee before the start of the package in the event of exceptional circumstances, for instance if there are serious security problems at the destination which are likely to affect the package.

— Additionally, passengers may at any time before the start of the package terminate the contract in return for an appropriate and justifiable termination fee.

— If, after the start of the package, significant elements of the package cannot be provided as agreed, suitable alternative arrangements will have to be offered to the passenger at no extra cost. Passengers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee, where services are not performed in accordance with the contract and this substantially affects the performance of the package and the organizer fails to remedy the problem.

— Passengers are also entitled to a price reduction and/or compensation for damages where the travel services are not performed or are improperly performed.

— The organizer must aid if the passenger is in difficulty.

— If the organizer or, in some Member States, the retailer becomes insolvent, payments will be refunded. If the organizer or, where applicable, the retailer becomes insolvent after the start of the package and if transport are included in the package, repatriation of the passengers is secured. Thompson Travel International has taken out an appropriate insolvency protection in compliance with the bonding requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority that passengers may contact directly. In case that services are denied because of organizer's insolvency, the competent authority can be contacted.

4. Your Holiday Price

- 1) We reserve the right in our media or website to alter the prices of any of the holidays shown in our brochure. You will be advised of the current price of the holiday that you wish to book before your contract is confirmed.
- 2) When you make your booking, you must pay a deposit of £250.00 person or that specified on your itinerary. The balance of the price of your travel arrangements must be paid at least 12 weeks before your departure date. If the deposit and/or balance is not paid in time, we shall cancel your travel arrangements. If the balance is not paid in time we shall retain your deposit and any other monies due at that time.
- 3) EITHER The price of your travel arrangements is fully guaranteed and will not be subject to any surcharges.  
OR  
Changes in [transportation costs, including the cost of fuel] [dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports] and [exchange rates] mean that the price of your travel arrangements may change after you have booked. However, there will be no change within 30 days of your departure. We will absorb, and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges. You will be charged for the amount over and above that, plus an administration charge of £1 per person together with an amount to cover agents' commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your travel arrangements, you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value), or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid, except for any amendment charges. Should you decide to cancel you must do so within 14 days from the date on your final invoice. We will consider an appropriate refund of insurance premiums paid if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy. Should the price of your holiday go down due to the changes mentioned above, by more than 2% of your holiday cost, then any refund due will be paid to you. However, please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place.
- 4) EITHER All monies you pay to the travel agent are held by him on behalf and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times. This is subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail. If we fail, any money held at that time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by him, is and continues to be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us.

5. If You Change Your Booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, for example your chosen departure date or accommodation, we will do our utmost to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be in writing from the person who made the booking. You will be asked to pay an administration charge of (£25.00), and any further cost we incur in making this alteration. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made, and you should contact us as soon as possible. Note: Certain travel arrangements may not be changeable after a reservation has been made and any alteration request could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

6. If You Cancel Your Holiday

You, or any member of your party, may cancel your travel arrangements at any time. Written notification from the person who made the booking agent must be received at our offices. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, you will have to pay cancellation charges as follows:

<i>Period before departure in which you notify us</i>	<i>Cancellation charge</i>
More than (180) days	Deposit only
More than (120) days	20 % of holiday cost
More than (84) days	50 % of holiday cost
Less than day 84	75 % of holiday cost
Less than 56 days	100% of holiday cost

Note: If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

7. If We Change or Cancel Your Holiday

As we plan your holiday arrangements many months in advance we may occasionally have to make changes or cancel your booking and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Changes If we make a major change to your holiday, we will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure. You will have the choice of either accepting the change of arrangements, accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value), or cancelling your holiday and receiving a full refund of all monies paid. In some cases, we will also pay compensation (see below). These options don't apply for minor changes. Examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of carriers, change in itinerary order. Please note that carriers such as airlines used in the brochure may be subject to change. Cancellation We will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 4 weeks before your departure date, except for reasons of *force majeure*. We may cancel your holiday before this date if, e.g., the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached. If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). In some cases we will pay compensation (see below).

Insurance If we cancel or make a major change and you accept a refund, we will consider an appropriate refund of your travel insurance premiums if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy.

Compensation If we cancel or make a major change we will pay compensation as detailed below except where the major change or cancellation arises due to reasons of *force majeure*. The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so.

IF WE CANCEL OR MAKE  
A MAJOR CHANGE TO  
YOUR HOLIDAY

<i>Period before departure in which we notify you</i>	<i>Amount you will receive from us</i>
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More than 91 days	£15
More than 56 days	£30
More than 4 days	£75
Less than one day	£150

**Force Majeure** We will not pay you compensation if we have to cancel or change your travel arrangements in any way because of unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control. These can include, for example, war, riot, industrial dispute, terrorist activity and its consequences, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, epidemics and pandemics, unavoidable technical problems with transport.

**8. If You Have A Complaint**

If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform the relevant supplier (e.g. your hotelier) and our resort representative immediately who will endeavour to put things right. If your complaint is not resolved locally, please follow this up within 28 days of your return home by writing to our Customer Services Department at Thompson Travel International giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. Please keep your letter concise and to the point. It is strongly recommended that you communicate any complaint to the supplier of the services as well as to our representative without delay and complete a report form whilst in resort. If you fail to follow this simple procedure we will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify your complaint whilst you were in resort and this may affect your rights under this contract. Please also see clause 3 above on ABTA.

**9. Our Liability to You**

If the contract, we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed by us or our suppliers we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements. However we will not be liable where any failure in the performance of the contract is due to: you; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel arrangements and where the failure is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall. Our liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of 1 x times the cost of your travel arrangements. Our liability will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to

- (a) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the transportation for your travel arrangements. These terms are incorporated into this contract; and
- (b) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of compensation that you can claim for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of compensation contained in these or any conventions.

NB this clause does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter into for excursions or activities whilst on holiday.

**10. Prompt assistance in resort**

*If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.*

**11. Passport, Visa and Immigration Requirements**

Your specific passport and visa requirements, and other immigration requirements are your responsibility and you should confirm these with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates. We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements.

**12. Excursions**

Excursions or other tours that you may choose to book or pay for whilst you are on holiday are not part of your package holiday provided by us.

**13. Group Bookings**

If you're booking has been made through a group booking where the content, flights and cost have been agreed with them, we cannot be responsible if this does not meet your expectations. Please ensure your group leader has given you a full copy of the planned itinerary. The price paid for the group travel is based on a minimum number, therefore cancellation charges may differ from normal package holidays.

**14. Foreign Office Advice**

We do our best to endeavour to give you the best advice when booking your holiday but circumstances in the countries we book can change. Should the Foreign Office advice against travel to any destination we future, we will refund all monies due or offer you an alternative holiday or travel date.

Please keep up to date with Foreign Office Advice on [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel/-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel/-advice)

This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements. Please note that in accordance with Air Navigation Orders in order to qualify for infant status, a child must be under 2 years of age on the date of its return flight.





We are a member of the Association of British Travel Agents and are licensed to sell holidays provided by tour operators giving you protection.



We are a member of the International Air Transport Association and are licensed to issue worldwide airline tickets on behalf of airlines approved by IATA.



This is one of the most important licenses regarding your package holiday. If you book a package holiday including flights, you really need to see this logo on your paperwork. All our guests that travel with us will receive an ATOL certificate if it is necessary for the type of travel booked.



We are a member of the Cruise Lines International Association UK & Ireland

*'The world is a book and those who don't travel, read but one chapter'*

