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Welcome to the Impact Group PLC 2010 Brochure

We begin with a big thank you to all our customers for making 2009 another successful year for Impact Coaches. Without your continuing support we wouldn't still be one of London's leading daytrip companies.

We have kept in many of your favourite excursions but added some new and exciting daytrips such as **Burghley House**, near Stamford, with its garden of surprises, the amazing **Carpet of Flowers** at Arundel Cathedral, charming **Southwold** on the Suffolk coast, **Portsmouth Navy Days** and haunted **Dover Castle** at Halloween ! Furthermore, if you enjoy steam trains your interests are also being catered for. You'll find that there's a wide variety of interesting destinations to suit every member of the family.

On the left you will see our list of local **coach boarding points** and the estimated pick-up times for the various trips. The pick-up point codes (A1, A2, A3 etc) correspond to the codes published in the Diary of Trips overleaf.

As always, we recommend that you book **as early as possible** as some trips sell out quickly and we do not want you to be disappointed. What's more, if you book **seven different trips** in one go the cheapest trip in the batch will be free ! We wish you an enjoyable year of going places in 2010.



DIARY 2010

JANUARY		TRIP	CODE	PRICE		PAGE
				Adult	Child / OAP	
Sat 16th	Bath	A4	£16	£14	8	
Sat 23rd	Boulogne (Bargain fare)	A1	£18 per seat		18	

FEBRUARY		TRIP	CODE	PRICE		PAGE
				Adult	Child / OAP	
Sat 6th	Brighton	A4	£15	£13	10	
Sat 13th/Sun 14th	Paris Weekend	A1	£95 per seat		19	
Sun 14th	Salisbury & Heale Garden	A4	£15	£13	9 & 12	
Weds 17th	Portsmouth	A4	£15	£13	9	
Sat 20th	Calais (bargain fare)	A1	£18 per seat		18	
Sat 20th	Cotswolds in Winter	A4	£15	£13	14	
Sun 21st	Eltham Palace / Bluewater	A9	£14	£12	12	
Sat 27th	Bruges	A1	£29 per seat		18	

MARCH		TRIP	CODE	PRICE		PAGE
				Adult	Child / OAP	
Sat 6th	Bury St Edmunds	A4	£16	£14	8	
Sun 7th	Bletchley / Milton Keynes	A9	£15	£13	14	
Sat 13th	Wells / Clarks Village	A4	£16	£14	9 & 17	
Sat 20th	Calais	A1	£29 per seat		18	
Sun 21st	Thriplow Daffodils	A9	£15	£13	15	
Sat 27th	Boulogne	A1	£29 per seat		18	
Sun 28th	Swindon, Steam & Lacock	A4	£16	£14	16	

APRIL		TRIP	CODE	PRICE		PAGE
				Adult	Child / OAP	
Fri 2nd	Weymouth & Abbotsbury	A4	£17	£14	10 & 11	
Sat 3rd	Amsterdam	A7	£39 per seat		19	
Mon 5th	Horse & Harness Parade	A4	£15	£13	17	
Thurs 8th	Leamington and guide dogs	A9	£16	£14	14	
Sat 10th	Sherborne & Cerne Abbas	A9	£16	£14	16	
Sun 11th	Bath	A4	£16	£14	8	
Tues 13th	Brighton <u>or</u> Worthing	A4	£15	£13	10 & 11	
Thurs 15th	Burghley House, Stamford	A4	£16	£14	12	
Sat 17th	Ostend	A1	£29 per seat		19	
Sun 18th	Salisbury & Stonehenge	A4	£15	£13	9 & 15	
Weds 21st	Scenic Chilterns tour	A9	£14	£12	15	
Sun 25th	Lymington & New Forest	A9	£15	£13	14	

MAY	TRIP	CODE	PRICE	PAGE
			Adult Child / OAP	
Sat 1st	Spalding Flower Show	A4	£18 £13	15
Sat 1st	Bruges	A1	£29 per seat	18
Mon 3rd	Eastbourne <u>or</u> Hastings	A4	£15 £13	10 & 11
Sat 8th	Lincoln	A8	£18 £16	9
Sun 9th	Bournemouth/Poole/C' church	A4	£15 £13	10
Sat 15th	Exbury Gardens	A9	£15 £13	12
Sat 15th	Boulogne	A1	£29 per seat	18
Sat 22nd	Isle of Wight	A3	£29 per seat	16
Sun 23rd	Sheffield Park & Bluebell Rly	A9	£15 £13	16
Sat 29th	Mottisfont roses & Romsey	A9	£15 £13	15
Sun 30th	Great Yarmouth	A8	£18 £16	11

JUNE	TRIP	CODE	PRICE	PAGE
			Adult Child / OAP	
Weds 2nd	Carpet of Flowers, Arundel	A9	£15 £13	14
Fri 4th	Cotswolds / Sezincote	A9	£15 £13	14
Sat 5th	Le Touquet	A1	£32 per seat	19
Sun 6th	Hayling Island / Stansted Pk	A9	£15 £13	11 & 13
Sat 12th	Cambridge <u>or</u> Newmarket	A4	£15 £13	8 & 15
Sat 12th	Lille	A1	£29 per seat	18
Sun 13th	Bath	A4	£16 £14	8
Sat 19th	Longleat <u>or</u> Stourhead	A4	£15 £13	13
Sun 20th	Sandringham	A8	£18 £16	13
Sat 26th	Amsterdam	A7	£39 per seat	19
Sun 27th	Black Country Museum <u>or</u> Birmingham	A4	£16 £14	16 & 17

JULY	TRIP	CODE	PRICE	PAGE
			Adult Child / OAP	
Sat 3rd	Whitstable <u>or</u> Canterbury	A4	£15 £13	9 & 11
Sun 4th	Margate <u>or</u> Broadstairs	A4	£16 £14	11
Sat 10th	Kings Lynn & Lavender	A4	£18 £16	15
Sat 10th	Calais	A1	£29 per seat	18
Sun 11th	Aldeburgh & Southwold	A4	£16 £14	10 & 11
Sat 17th	Great Yarmouth	A8	£18 £16	11
Sun 18th	Kennet & Avon <small>cruise fare included</small>	A4	£21 £18	16
Sat 24th	Bruges	A1	£29 per seat	18
Sat 24th	Rye <u>or</u> Camber Sands	A4	£15 £13	10 & 15
Sun 25th	Weymouth	A4	£17 £14	11
Sat 31st	Portsmouth Navy Days	A4	£15 £13	9

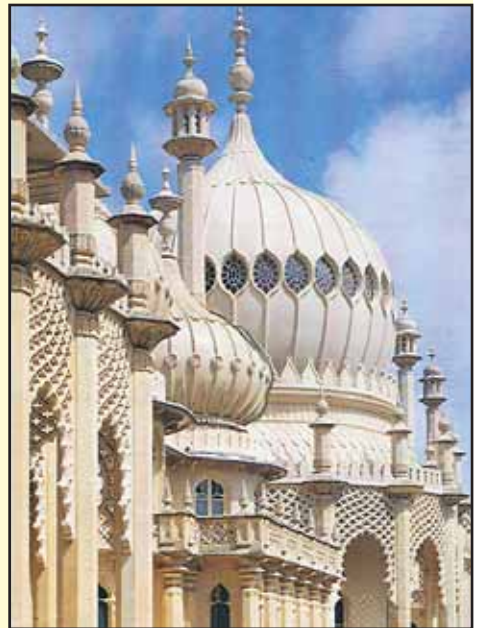
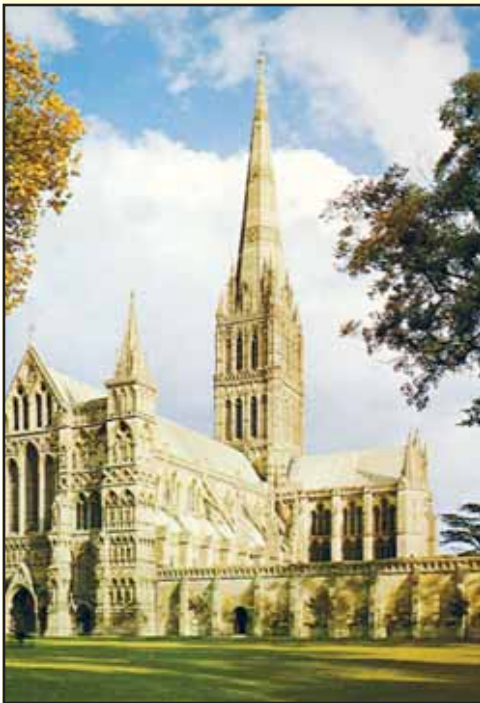
AUGUST	TRIP	CODE	PRICE	PAGE
			Adult Child / OAP	
Sun 1st	Bournemouth/Poole/C' church	A4	£15 £13	10
Weds 4th	Leeds Castle, Kent	A9	£15 £13	12
Sat 7th	Ostend	A1	£29 per seat	19
Sun 8th	Isle of Wight Tour	A3	£29 per seat	16
Weds 11th	Cotswolds tour	A4	£15 £13	14
Sat 14th	Stonehenge & Salisbury	A9	£15 £13	9 & 15
Sun 15th	Brighton	A9	£15 £13	10
Thurs 19th	Bognor Regis <u>or</u> Butlins	A9	£15 £13	10
Sat 21st	Southend Carnival	A5	£15 £13	11
Sat 21st	Boulogne	A1	£29 per seat	18
Sun 22nd	Swanage	A4	£16 £14	11
Weds 25th	Wimpole Hall & Rare Breeds	A9	£15 £13	13
Sat 28th	Amsterdam	A7	£39 per seat	19
Sun 29th	Glenn Miller Festival	A9	£15 £13	17
Mon 30th	Great Yarmouth	A8	£18 £16	11

SEPTEMBER	TRIP	CODE	PRICE	PAGE
			Adult Child / OAP	
Weds 1st	Wye Valley Tour	A8	£18 £15	16
Sat 4th	Le Touquet	A1	£32 per seat	19
Sun 5th	Rye or Camber Sands	A4	£15 £13	10 & 15
Sun 12th	Kennet & Avon <small>Canal cruise included</small>	A4	£21 £18	16
Sat 18th	Bruges	A1	£29 per seat	18
Sun 19th	Clacton <u>or</u> Frinton-on-Sea	A4	£15 £13	10
Sat 25th	Bath	A4	£16 £14	8
Sun 26th	Woburn Safari Park	A9	£15 £13	16

OCTOBER	TRIP	CODE	PRICE	PAGE
			Adult Child / OAP	
Sat 2nd	Boulogne	A1	£29 per seat	18
Sun 3rd	Cambridge / Anglesey Abbey	A9	£15 £13	8 & 12
Sat 9th	Blackpool Illuminations	A8	£27 £24	10
Sun 10th	Portsmouth	A4	£15 £13	9
Sat 16th	Lille	A1	£29 per seat	18
Sun 17th	Chartwell, Kent	A9	£15 £13	12
Sat 23rd	Bournemouth/Poole/C' church	A4	£15 £13	10
Weds 27th	Bovington tanks <u>or</u> Dorchester	A4	£16 £14	17
Sat 30th	Calais	A1	£29 per seat	18
Sun 31st	Halloween at Dover Castle	A4	£16 £14	17

NOVEMBER	TRIP	CODE	PRICE		PAGE
			Adult Child / OAP		
Sat 6th	Fireworks at Beaconsfield	A10	£9	£7	17
Sun 7th	Brighton for Car Rally	A4	£15	£13	10 & 17
Sat 13th	Amsterdam	A7	£39 per seat		19
Sun 14th	Coventry	A4	£16	£14	8
Sat 20th	Calais	A1	£29 per seat		18
Sun 21st	Bath	A4	£16	£14	8
Sat 27th	Lille Christmas Market	A1	£29 per seat		18
Sun 28th	Xmas at Waddesdon Manor or Bicester outlet shopping	A9	£15	£13	13 & 17

DECEMBER	TRIP	CODE	PRICE		PAGE
			Adult Child / OAP		
Sat 4th	Dickens Xmas Market , Kent	A4	£15	£13	17
Sat 4th	Calais	A1	£29 per seat		18
Sat 11th	Bruges Christmas Market	A1	£29 per seat		18
Sun 12th	Christmas at Blenheim	A9	£15	£13	12
Sat 18th	Bluebell Rly Santa Special	A9	£15	£13	16
Sun 19th	Christmas Lights with Santa	A6	£9.50	£7.50	17



*Pictured left: Salisbury Cathedral, Wiltshire
Above: the magnificent Royal Pavilion, Brighton*

Historic UK Cities

Bath

Sat 16th January, Sun 11th April,
Sun 13th June, Sat 25th September
and Sunday 21st November

This is one of England's most important cities due to its stunning Georgian architecture. The Royal Crescent and the Circus are especially fine. Due to its mineral springs there has been a settlement here since Roman times. Things to see include the Pump Room and Roman Baths, the Museum of Costume, the Jane Austen Centre, the Pulteney Bridge and the Thermal Baths - you can swim in water that is over 100 degrees fahrenheit (NB: children not admitted).



Bury St Edmunds Saturday March 6th

It was here in 1214 that the barons decided to force King John to accept the rights laid down in the Magna Carta. Saturday is Market Day so you should find the town buzzing with activity. The restored theatre is a regency gem and directly opposite the latter is the Greene King Brewery which offers tours. There is now a brand new shopping centre next to the old.

Cambridge

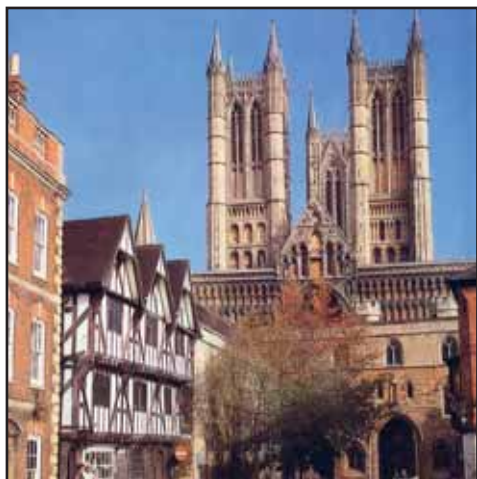
Sat 12th June & Sunday 3rd October

There's a brilliant new attraction in Cambridge - the giant Grasshopper Clock which literally devours time. It has cost £1 million to build. Every visitor to Cambridge should try and see it on the hour when it "performs". Two other essential sights are the exquisite chapel of King's College and the Bridge of Sighs over the River Cam. Delightful.



Coventry Sunday 14th November

The enormous Coventry Transport Museum is situated just a five minute walk from the city's modern cathedral. It is packed with old cars, old commercial vehicles and bikes from a bygone era. There's even a royal car that was used by HRH the Queen Mother. A visit here should bring back memories of the 1940's and 50's - and it's admission free. The new cathedral, which is next to the ruins of the city's bombed cathedral, is also well worth a visit. The stained glass is superb but so is the unusual chapter house. It was designed by Sir Basil Spence and it opened in the early 1960's.



Portsmouth

Weds 17th February, Sat 31st July and Sunday 10th October

The Spinnaker Tower, which is over 300ft high, is a major landmark on the Portsmouth skyline. You can take a trip to the top to enjoy the splendid views of the Solent and the Isle of Wight. Next door is the new Gunwharf shopping centre and Portsmouth Dockyard where you can visit *HMS Victory*, *HMS Warrior* and the tudor warship *Mary Rose*. Our visit on 31st July coincides with **Navy Days**, a chance to go on board present day ships to meet members of the crew. There will also be some special displays and events .

Lincoln Saturday 8th May

Dominated by its outstanding cathedral, Lincoln is a city rich in medieval buildings. The cathedral with its three towers rises to a height of 271ft. Built mainly between the 11th and 14th centuries the interior is especially beautiful. As well as the shops there are lots of things to do including a walk along the castle walls, a visit to the Victorian prison (with its amazing chapel) and taking a boat trip.

Salisbury

Sunday 14th Feb Sunday 18th April & Saturday 14th August

The cathedral close in Salisbury is dominated by the city's famous cathedral. Its spire is 404ft high, the tallest in England. It has an equally fine chancel and nave. However, the other buildings in the close are also worth mentioning. They include Mompesson House (National Trust) and Arundells, formerly the home of Sir Edward Heath. In advance you can book a visit to the latter by phoning 01722 326546 to reserve a place on one of the guided tours (available from April onwards). Market Day is Saturday.

Wells Saturday 13th March

Most visitors come to Wells to visit the immensely fine cathedral with its amazing 14th century clock. This has jousting knights which "perform" every fifteen minutes, always attracting a crowd of admirers. However, the adjoining Bishops Palace with its swans is also a delight as well as the town itself. And don't miss Vicar's Close - it's a gem.

Canterbury Saturday 3rd July

The historic cathedral , the Mother Church of English Christianity, has an outstanding interior. It was here that Thomas à Becket was murdered. You may also wish to visit the bawdy *Canterbury Tales* or one of the city's several museums. There is also a new shopping centre here. We feel sure you will enjoy your time looking around.

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Pictured above: Lincoln

Pictured left: Bath and Cambridge

Coastal Trips

Abbotsbury Swannery Good Friday 2nd April

If you decide to spend less time at Weymouth you can fit in a visit to the famous Abbotsbury Swannery and see the swans with their cygnets. There have been swans nesting here for hundreds of years. Remember to bring your camera.



Aldeburgh Sunday 11th July

This small fishing village on the Suffolk coast was popular with the composer Sir Benjamin Britten who founded the Aldeburgh Festival. We shall be stopping here on our way to Southwold.

Blackpool Saturday 9th October

All the fun and excitement of the Blackpool Tower and the town's other attractions await you, not least the Pepsi Max "Big One" big dipper at the Pleasure Beach. Also there are miles of illuminations along the seafront. These are augmented by the brightly lit trams which add to the spectacle.

Bognor Regis Thursday 19th August

If you buy a day ticket at **Butlins** you can enjoy the resort's many attractions, most of them under cover, which include water slides, children's entertainments, fairground rides and lots more. Alternatively you can enjoy Bognor's beach and promenade for free.

Bournemouth, Poole or Christchurch

Sun 9th May Sunday 1st August
Saturday 23rd October

Christchurch with its harbour is a relaxing place to spend your time but you may prefer the beach and shops in Bournemouth or a cruise to Brownsea Island (famed for its red squirrels and birdlife) from historic Poole Quay.

Brighton Saturday 6th February
Tues 13th April Sunday 15th August
and Sunday 7th November

Choose between the beach, the pier and its funfair, the unusual small shops in The Lanes, the Royal Pavilion or one of Brighton's other popular attractions.

Camber Sands Sat 24th July and
Sun 5th September

Choose between the beach with its soft golden sands or buy a day pass and visit **Pontins** for the resort's many attractions.

Clacton or Frinton Sunday 19th Sept

These two Essex seaside resorts are very different - Clacton is brash and bracing with fairground attractions whilst Frinton is quiet and gentle.

Eastbourne Monday 3rd May

Sometimes regarded as the Rolls Royce of English seaside resorts, Eastbourne continues to be an elegant destination for the more discerning visitor. Find a comfortable deckchair or enjoy a stroll along the three tier promenade; explore the shops and watch a game of tennis or bowls ; then later why not take afternoon tea at the famous Grand Hotel ?

Great Yarmouth

Sunday 30th May Saturday 17th July and Monday 30th August (Bank Hol)

The leading resort on the Norfolk coast, Great Yarmouth is popular for its long sandy beach. However there is also a wealth of fairground attractions and amusements. This is a fun destination.

Hastings

Monday 3rd May

The Jack in the Green Festival takes place on this Bank Holiday Monday and provides the town with extra fun-filled events. See website www.visithastings.com

Hayling Island

Sunday 6th June

It doesn't take long to travel down the A3 to Hayling Island. Apart from a fine beach and plenty of ice cream and candy floss, there's a fairground here and a choice of places to eat.

Margate or Broadstairs

Sun 4th July

Margate and Broadstairs both have splendid sands but head for Margate if you're looking for a fairground and some seaside amusements. Broadstairs, famous for its Charles Dickens Museum, is quieter and more charming. Also it has at least two rather splendid ice cream parlours ! On our way home we shall pass through Ramsgate with its marina.

Swanage

Sunday 22nd August

Situated in a picturesque sheltered bay with a fair sized sandy beach, Swanage is the epitome of everything a traditional seaside resort should be. There are amusements, a pier offering boat trips most days, and some fine coastal walks. Also there is the chance to take a trip by steam train to Corfe Castle if you wish.

*Pictured above left: the Dorset coast
Pictured above right: Weymouth harbour*

Southend

Saturday 21st August

Our trip coincides with the Southend Carnival so all the fun of the fair awaits us plus the Illuminated Carnival Parade which starts at about 7.30pm. The pick-up times will be later than usual enabling us to reach Southend by mid-afternoon. However we don't expect to be back in Ealing before 11.30pm.

Southwold

Sunday 11th July

This attractive seaside resort on the Suffolk coast is quieter than most but that's part of its charm. Our visit here is combined with a visit to Aldeburgh.



Weymouth

Good Friday 2nd April
Sunday 25th July

The sandy beach at Weymouth is one of Britain's safest. The harbour is most attractive and there's some fine Regency architecture too. George III's visit put the town on the map in the 1780's.

Worthing

Tuesday 13th April

This popular Sussex seaside resort is a lot quieter than Brighton. If you have friends living here why not visit them ?

Whitstable Oysters

Sat 3rd July

The annual Oyster Festival will be taking place today so this sleepy Kent resort should be livelier than usual. The origins of this festival date back centuries. As an alternative you can visit Canterbury.

Stately Homes and Gardens

Anglesey Abbey Sun 3rd October

Situated just north of Cambridge this National Trust country house, built in the Jacobean style, has an outstanding collection of fine furniture, paintings and clocks. The garden has a lot of sculpture and a stunning display of Autumn flowering dahlias which are always immensely colourful. A visit here is highly recommended.

Blenheim Palace Sun 12th December

Here is a chance to see the state rooms of Blenheim Palace decorated for Christmas. In the Long Library we can expect to hear a choir singing carols and elsewhere there should be a brass band. Precise details had yet to be finalised when this brochure went to print. It should be a very festive occasion.

Burghley House Thursday 15th April

Our excursion will see us heading northwards to Stamford where Burghley House, a magnificent Elizabethan palace, is situated. It is surrounded by acres of landscaped parkland. One of England's finest treasure houses, building began in 1552 by Sir William Cecil who later became High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I. Outdoors there is a new

attraction - the Garden of Surprises (separate entry fee) which squirts water at its visitors when they least expect it! Wise garden visitors wear anoracs!

Chartwell Sunday 17th October

This was Sir Winston Churchill's home near Westerham, Kent, from 1924 until his death. Where possible the rooms appear just as he left them. In the garden is the studio where he used to paint and some of his canvases are on display.

Eltham Palace Sunday 21st February

Adjoining the magnificent 15th century banqueting hall is a stylish 1930's art deco mansion built as a millionaire's residence for the Courtauld family. The interior, which is stunning, has been used as a location for the Poirot tv series

Exbury Saturday 15 May

This large garden adjoins the New Forest and is close to the Beaulieu River. It is a mass of colour in May with rhododendrons and azaleas galore. The best way to see the garden is to take the narrow gauge steam train. When we leave Exbury we plan to stop briefly at Hythe at 5pm to see the Cunard liner Queen Mary 2 sailing down the Solent.

Heale Gardens Sunday 14th February

The extensive display of snowdrops and yellow aconites at Heale House are stunning. You can see them with us if you book for our February trip to Salisbury.

Leeds Castle Wednesday 4th August

This medieval castle in Kent is built on two islands in the middle of a picturesque lake. Rescued from being a ruin in the 20th century, and restored to its former glory, it was home to medieval kings and



Pictured above: the snowdrops at Heale

queens until Tudor times. The impressive interior is sumptuously furnished. The outdoor attractions include an aviary and a maze with an underground grotto.

Sandringham Sunday 20th June

You will soon discover why this charming Edwardian house has been a popular retreat of the royal family for several generations. The extensive gardens are also worth exploring. In the garage you will find a collection of royal cars. There is even a half scale Aston Martin which was a gift to Princes William and Harry.



Stansted Park Sunday 6th June

Situated on the Hants / Sussex border at Rowlands Castle, Stansted Park is a stately home with much to commend it, not least the large series of servants rooms which depict life below stairs in Edwardian times in vivid detail. A visit here is a rewarding experience. In addition there is a well stocked garden centre and a cafe. The latter serves a wide selection of lunches, teas and light refreshments.

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Stourhead Saturday 19th June

This Grade 1 listed 18th century landscape garden is one of the best of its kind in the world. Surrounding a truly picturesque lake are temples and a magnificent collection of trees and shrubs. As for the house, this Palladian mansion contains a superb collection of furniture by Chippendale the Younger. As an alternative to Stourhead you can visit the Longleat Safari Park.

Waddesdon Manor

Sunday 28th November

The elegant and tasteful Christmas decorations are a real delight and if you want your children to meet Santa he will be here to see them. Only a part of the manor will be on show but it's a great family event with lots happening. The manor is built in the style of a French château and the grounds, which include an aviary, are extensive. *Carry On, Don't Lose Your Head* was filmed here.

Wimpole Hall

Wednesday 25th August

The largest historic house in Cambridgeshire, Wimpole is a very fine 18th century mansion which is beautifully furnished. As for the gardens these are very colourful in August. The adjoining Home Farm contains many rare breeds and is always popular with children.

Great Days Out

Arundel Carpet of Flowers

Wednesday 2nd June

Once a year Arundel Cathedral hosts a carpet of flowers which is nearly a hundred feet long. Here is a chance to see it with us. There will also be time, if you wish, to visit Arundel Castle, home of the Duke of Norfolk, or the Arundel Wetlands Centre, home to hundreds of species of wild birds.



Bletchley Park Sunday 7th March

This is where the German enigma code was deciphered in World War 2. As a result the war was shortened by about two years. It's a fascinating place to visit and you will see a great many items that relate to the war including a lot of material relating to Sir Winston Churchill. As an alternative you can visit the shops at nearby Milton Keynes if you prefer.

Cotswolds Tour Sat 20th February

Friday 4th June Weds 11th August

Come with us and enjoy one of the loveliest parts of England - the Cotswolds with their honey coloured stone cottages and pretty gardens. Each of these tours will be different: on 20th

Pictured above: Lacock Village

Pictured right: Swindon's STEAM Museum

February we shall visit Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water; on 4th June it will be Stow on the Wold and Sezincote with its beautiful Indian garden; and on 11th August we plan to visit Chipping Campden and the famous Hidcote Manor Garden.

Guide Dogs for the Blind Training Centre, Leamington Spa

Thursday 8th April

Following time at leisure in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, we shall visit the training centre to learn how guide dogs for the blind are trained. Demonstrations will be given. No entry fee but donations would be welcomed.

Lymington and the New Forest

Sunday 25th April

Some would say that Lymington is the loveliest town in Hampshire. Its main street is full of small interesting shops whilst nearby there are hundreds of small boats at anchor on the waterfront. We shall also be taking a drive through the New Forest with its wild ponies before we stop in Lyndhurst, home of the New Forest Centre. Several teashops nearby.



Mottisfont & Romsey Sat 29th May

The national collection of old fashioned roses are on display here and what an amazing display it is ! This Hampshire garden, with its wonderful scents, is a joy. In the house there is a brilliant mural by the famous Rex Whistler. Before you leave please try the rose petal ice cream !

The National Stud, Newmarket

Saturday 12th June

Anyone who loves horses will adore this trip. Our guide will come aboard our coach and take us around Newmarket to meet the stallions, the mares and their foals, and we shall see the "boudoir" where the mating process takes place. We also expect to see the winner of the 2004 Grand National, *Amberleigh House*.

Norfolk Lavender Sat 10th July

It's fascinating to see the locally harvested lavender being turned into lavender oil in the Caley Mill distillery. Our guide will tell us about the methods and processes used. There will also be time, of course, to visit the gift shop with its wealth of lavender products. Prior to this there will be time at leisure in historic Kings Lynn.

Rye Sat 24th July Sun 5th September

This ancient hilltop town was one of the famous Cinque ports that defended England in past centuries. With its quaint cobbled streets it's a delightful place to explore. Tea shops galore await you. The tv series *Mapp & Lucia* was filmed here. Its author lived locally in Lamb House.

Spalding Flower Show Sat 1st May

This visit to Lincolnshire is always very popular - the major highlight is the Parade of highly decorated floats, a display of flowers which is hard to equal. Early booking is strongly recommended.

Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain

Sunday 18th April Sat 14th August

Dating back some 4,000 years these amazing stones continue to impress modern day man. We shall visit them on two day trips that also include Salisbury.



Thriplow Daffodil Festival

Sunday 21st March

Every year the Cambridgeshire village of Thriplow hosts a delightful festival when the daffodil is king. Villagers open their gardens, there are morris dancers, heavy horses pull a drey and provide rides, there is a steam traction engine, sheepdog displays, a hog roast and more. Come and discover it all for yourself. This is a day out you will always remember.

Tulips in the Chilterns Weds 21st April

Over 6,000 tulips await you at Chenies Manor on this scenic Chilterns tour. It's an amazing display. Remember to bring your camera. The manor itself dates back at least 500 years. We shall also visit Old Amersham with its lovely old buildings and Little Missenden Church with its charming interior.

WHY NOT CONTACT YOUR FRIENDS AND COME ON ONE OF OUR TRIPS IN A SMALL GROUP ? YOUR PLACE COULD THEN BE FREE OR AT HALF PRICE DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF YOUR PARTY

Great Days Out (continued)

Isle of Wight Tour

Saturday 22nd May Sunday 8th August

Join us on our tour of the Garden Isle and we'll take you to Shanklin, Ventnor and Sandown. There will be views of the high downs and the soaring cliffs - and plenty of sea air at Ventnor, with its famed botanical garden, and Sandown.

Kennet & Avon Canal & Marlborough

Sun 18th July Sun 12th September

Being pulled through the Berkshire countryside in a horse-drawn narrow-boat (complete with bar!) is a truly marvellous way to travel. The restored Kennet & Avon Canal is a real delight.



Woburn Safari Park Sun 26th Sept

An impressive selection of wild animals including lions, giraffes and elephants await you here - and there's also free rides and other attractions to enjoy.

The Black Country Museum

Sunday 27th June

This is one of Britain's most evocative museums and it brings the past vividly to life with its tram rides, 1930's fish and chip shop, period fairground, canal-side village, old school-room, shops from a bygone age, pub, garage and various demonstrations. You won't want to leave !

Wye Valley Tour Weds 1st September

There are some stunning views to enjoy on this forthcoming tour of the Wye Valley which separates England from Wales. Special highlights will be our visits to Tintern and Ross on Wye.

Sheffield Park / Bluebell Steam Rly

Sunday 23rd May Sat 18th December

Sheffield Park Garden in May is a riot of colour. Surrounding the lakes are rhododendrons and azaleas galore. This is a delightful destination in the heart of the Sussex countryside. In addition, we shall visit the famous Bluebell Railway where you will be able to take a ride on one of its old steam trains if you wish.

Swindon and Lacock Village

Sunday 28th March

Firstly we shall visit Swindon where you can explore either the Outlet Shopping Centre or the adjoining Steam museum which tells the story of how locomotives were built for the GWR in Swindon. Secondly, we shall travel via Wootton Bassett to Lacock, one of the finest villages in Wiltshire, with its Abbey, photography museum and wealth of timber framed buildings. Scenes in *Pride and Prejudice*, *Cranford* and the first Harry Potter film were shot here.

Sherborne and Cerne Abbas

Saturday 10th April

We shall take you to some of the loveliest places in Dorset: Sherborne with its lovely old shops and abbey, Cerne Abbas with its famous giant, where scenes in *Tom Jones* were filmed, and Milton Abbas which has been acclaimed as England's prettiest village.

Shopping Trips

Quite a few of our excursions feature superb shopping opportunities. Here are some of them:

Bath Sat 16th January Sun 11th April
Sun 13th Jun Sat 25th Sept Sun 21st Nov

Bury St Edmunds Sat 6th March

There is now a brand new shopping complex immediately adjacent to the old and within a few yards of the market stalls.

Salisbury Sunday 14th February
Sunday 18th April and Sat 14th August

Portsmouth Wednesday 17th February
and Saturday 31st July

The Gunwharf Quay shopping complex is fairly new. Next to the Spinnaker Tower it is within a few minutes walk of the Dockyard.

Milton Keynes Sunday 7th March
This shopping centre is highly acclaimed.

Bluewater, Kent Sunday 21st February

Swindon Outlet Centre Sun 28th March
Lots of leading High Street names offering a wide range of goods at discounted prices.

Clark's Village, Somerset Sat 13th March
The complex here is very large and our past visits have been much enjoyed.

Birmingham Sunday 27th June
One of the finest shopping centres anywhere.

Bicester Sunday 28th November
Situated near the Bucks and Oxfordshire border, this is another popular Outlet Centre with discounted prices galore.

Plus our trips to the
Continent -

**Calais, Boulogne,
Lille, Amsterdam,
Paris** etc. Please
see pages 18 & 19



Special Events

London Harness Horse Parade at Ardingly, Sussex, with hundreds of horse-drawn vehicles! Great fun! **Easter Monday, 5th April**

Spalding Flower Show Saturday 1st May

Southend Carnival Saturday 21st August
featuring the illuminated Parade of Floats.

Glenn Miller Festival Sun 29th August
This superb event in Bedfordshire features the **Syd Lawrence Orchestra** and music from the 1940's at its absolute best - with a mid-afternoon fly past of veteran aircraft!

Tank Battles at Bovington Weds 27th Oct
Enjoy a reconstructed tank battle using present day tanks in the Bovington Camp Arena. In the museum there's a huge collection of tanks to see. Or visit **Dorchester** if you prefer.

Halloween at Dover Castle Sun 31st Oct
In England's most haunted castle, there will be lots of spooky daytime fun to enjoy.

Stunning Fireworks Display Sat 6th Nov
An evening trip to Beaconsfield.

London to Brighton Car Rally Sun 7th Nov
More than 500 cars built before 1908 take part in this delightful annual event. We shall travel to Brighton to see the cars at the finishing line.

Lille Christmas Market Sat 27th Nov.
(Pictured below left). It's unforgettable!

Waddesdon Manor Xmas Sun 28th Nov.

Dickensian Christmas Market, Rochester
Saturday 4th December
This annual festive event is truly great!

Blenheim Palace Xmas event Sun 12th Dec
Brass band music, carol singers and splendid Christmas decorations await you.

London Christmas Lights with Santa
Sunday 19th Dec

This Impact Coaches special comes complete with refreshments and lots of festive merriment. Santa will be driving the coach!

Continental Day Trips

Boulogne, France

Sat 23rd January Sat 27th March
Saturday 15th May Sat 21st August
and Saturday 2nd October

We shall travel by ferry from Dover. On arrival in France we shall make the short journey to Boulogne and the well-stocked Auchan hypermarket, where you will find a huge range of goods for sale. If you wish you can spend the whole of your time in the attractive old town of Boulogne with its wealth of bars, cafes and restaurants, or you can divide your time between the two. Finally we shall return to England by ferry. Not surprisingly, this day out is always a popular one.

Lille, France

Sat 12th June Sat 16th Oct Sat 27th Nov

One of the most stylish cities in France, Lille is an immensely rewarding destination, the European Capital of Culture in 2004. We invite you to explore the narrow and winding cobblestone streets with their cafes, restaurants and unusual shops. As for the Museum of Fine Arts, this is full of priceless treasures. Then there is the acclaimed Christmas Market (which starts in late November and includes fairground attractions), one of the finest and largest anywhere.



Bruges, Belgium

Saturday 27th February Sat 1st May
Sat 24th July Sat 18th September
Sat 11th December (Xmas Market)

Hailed as the Venice of the North, Bruges will captivate your heart with its romantic horse drawn carriages, cobbled streets and canal cruises. The Groeninge Museum is a must for art lovers whilst one of the churches has a work by Michelangelo. As for the Christmas Market, this is really special.



Calais, Northern France

Saturdays 20th February, 20th March,
10th July, 30th October, 20th November
and 4th December

For the serious shopper we head off to Calais via Dover. You will have the choice of spending all your time in Cite Europe with its Carrefour Hypermarket. The shelves will be groaning with beers, wines, cheeses, chocolates, cakes and pastries! Browse around the vast selection of shops and restaurants. If that doesn't appeal then you can spend the day in the town, which has a lot of appeal of its own. If the weather is right you could even head for the beach. You may even choose to do a little of both, the choice is yours. Finally we shall return to Dover by ferry.

Amsterdam

Easter Saturday 3rd April Sat 26th June
Sat 28th August Sat 13th November

Without doubt, this is one of the world's most colourful cities. Where else will you find so much to see and do? There are superb world class museums, intimate bars and cosy cafes, interesting shops, scenic canal trips, the flower markets and diamonds! Furthermore, Amsterdam is one of Europe's treasure troves for lovers of architecture with more than 7,000 national monuments, more than any other city in the world. After 8 or 9 hours at leisure you will rejoin your drivers for the journey back to England via Calais and Dover.



Ostend, Belgium

Saturday 17th April Sat 7th August

This fashionable resort with its long sandy beach, its yacht harbour, the Albert 1 Promenade and its pier is highly regarded. It's a good choice for a relaxing day out whether you come for the seaside attractions or the shops. We shall travel there and back via the Dover to Calais ferry.



St Valentine's Weekend in Paris

Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th February

Come with us to Paris, the world's most romantic city and experience the ambience and atmosphere of this very special destination. Montmartre, the Eiffel Tower and the Cathedral of Notre Dame all await you as well as the elegant department stores in the Opera district. Enjoy a cruise on the Seine or experience the art treasures in the famous Louvre Museum or at the splendid Musée D'Orsay. 3 star hotel B & B will be supplied. A single supplement will apply. Money paid in advance for this trip will be protected in a separate bank account held with Barclays.

Le Touquet, France

Sat 5th June Saturday 4th September

Reputed to be the most elegant holiday resort of Northern France, Le Touquet is the playground of the rich and famous. The owner of the Paris newspaper, "*Le Figaro*", created the resort in 1876. It was then an area of wild sand dunes and forest - part of a hunting estate - but it soon became known as "*Paris by the Sea*", and the most talented architects designed imaginative and innovative hotels and villas. In the 1920's Noel Coward and the "smart set" from England spent many weekends here.

Terms and Conditions

Royal Pavilion
Music Room
Brighton



Bruges



Bluebell Railway



1. We require full payment when booking for any excursion, or extended tour. No seats can be reserved without complying with the above.
2. If you, or any member of your party, wish to cancel their excursion / tour, you must notify us immediately. In any case the date of cancellation will be the date on which the notice is received by Impact. The person who made the booking must sign the letter of cancellation.

Cancellation charges will apply on the following scale:

Cancellation with less than 7 days notice- no refund

Cancellation between 7 and 21 days notice- 50% refund

Cancellation over 21 days notice- 90% refund

In the event of an excursion or tour attracting less than a sufficient number of bookings we reserve the right to cancel that excursion or tour. Should it become necessary to make such a cancellation clients will be given a minimum of 72 hours notice.

3. You are solely responsible for ensuring that all necessary travel documents e.g. Passports, Visas, Vaccination Certificates etc, are valid and effective. Please note that all non-E.U passport holders must now obtain a special visa for entry into France and some other E.U countries.

4. Your contract made under our terms and conditions is subject to English Law and Jurisdiction.

5. Other matters:

a. You may not bring a pet or other animal on the trip or holiday.

b. You may not play a cassette player or radio on the coach.

c. Smoking is not allowed on coaches. If you ignore this rule and thereby cause inconvenience, distress or disappointment to other passengers, you will be liable to meet any claims relating to any inconvenience, distress or disappointment, brought against the company by other passengers, including all legal expenses.

d. You are responsible for ensuring that you are at the correct departure point at the correct time, and we cannot be held liable for any cost or expense suffered by clients due to their late arrivals at any departure point. As a precaution we should strongly advise all clients to arrive at their departure point 10 minutes prior to the departure time of their excursion / tour.

e. It is your responsibility to ensure that your belongings are on board the coach you are travelling on. We strongly recommend holiday insurance that provides cover in case of loss or damage on day trips or tours.

f. Where accommodation is included in a particular tour it will be on a bed and breakfast basis only, unless otherwise stated.

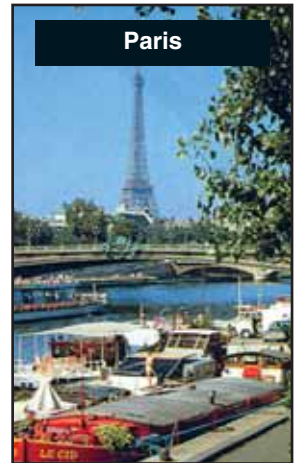
g. Accommodation is based on two sharing unless otherwise stated. Any client travelling alone will be charged a single supplement.

6. We must point out Impact reserve the unconditional right to refuse a booking or terminate a passenger's excursion in the event of any unreasonable conduct, which in our opinion is likely to cause distress, damage, danger or annoyance to our other customers, employees, property or to a third party. This includes any passenger who fails to advise us of any medical condition or disability. Upon such refusal or termination our responsibility for your excursion ceases. Full cancellation charges will apply and we will be under no obligation whatsoever for any refund, compensation or loss you may incur.

7. If you have a complaint during your excursion please immediately inform our representative who will do their best to rectify the problem. If the matter cannot be put right on the spot, you must record details of your complaint in writing with our representative or address your complaint to Impact 1 Leighton Rd, Ealing W13 within 28 days of your excursion. We cannot consider any claims if this procedure is not adhered to.

8. We accept responsibility for the acts/or omissions of our employees, agents, sub-contractors and suppliers and for ensuring we provide the services supplied to you as described in this brochure and to a reasonable standard. We shall not be responsible or accept liability for death, bodily injury or illness caused to the client or signatory to the contract and/or other named persons on the booking form, except when resulting from the negligent acts/omissions of our employees or agents, suppliers, sub contractors, servants and/or agent of same whilst acting within the scope of/or in the course of their employment. Any claims arising there from shall be subject to English Law in respect of any question of liability or quantum, and all proceedings shall be within the exclusive domain of English courts.

The published running times of services are estimates only and we will not be liable for any loss (however caused) arising from delay or failure to operate services in accordance with published timings. We accept no liability whatsoever for delays caused by circumstances beyond our control. This includes delays caused by industrial disputes, closure of ports/roads or mechanical breakdowns. Also, we reserve the right to use a smaller vehicle on trips should passenger numbers be too low to warrant a full-sized coach being used.



How to Book and Other Important Information

Booking Methods

By phone - simply call us on 020 8579 9922 with your credit / debit card details

By mail - please write down your requirements and send them with your cheque to our booking office. Please make your cheque payable to Impact Group PLC.

In Person - visit our booking office at
1 Leighton Road
Ealing, London W13 9EL

By E-mail to : sales@impactgroup.co.uk

Other Important Information

- Coaches will depart at the times stated.
- Our drivers are instructed not to wait after the scheduled times.
- We will not be held responsible for people who turn up late.
- Alternative vehicles may be used in unforeseen circumstances including a smaller vehicle if numbers are low.
- All prices and dates are correct at the time of going to press but they are subject to change without notice.
- Prices do not include entry fees unless this is specifically stated.

Travelling Abroad

Important Passport information

We need to advise you that to travel to France, Belgium and Holland you must have a **FULL TEN YEAR PASSPORT**. Non EC passport holders may require a visa. Please check with the relevant embassy.

Credit card payments are taken at the hypermarket (but when using your credit card you must present your passport).

TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES ARE NOT SOLD AT CITE EUROPE OR AUCHAN.

ALCOHOL Coaches are monitored regarding their weight for safety reasons. Each passenger will only be allowed to bring back 10 litres of alcohol. For example, one pack of beer is approximately 6 litres; therefore we have to restrict limits to one pack per person plus wines / spirits totalling 10 litres per person. Our drivers are NOT allowed to exceed the set limits and are authorised to leave behind any purchases, or passengers, who are detained by Customs and Excise.

CIGARETTES We have now established that the total number of cigarettes that can be brought back from Belgium through France is now 1000 per passenger without needing a movement docket. Any person wanting to carry between 1200 and 2000 cigarettes through France must present himself / herself at the first customs office in France for a "document simplified accompagnement" and pay the tax. It is forbidden to carry more than 2000 cigarettes and there are various penalties for this. Our drivers are NOT allowed to exceed the set limits and are authorised to leave behind any excess purchases, or passengers, who are detained by Customs & Excise. Rolling tobacco is not specifically mentioned; the limit is therefore that which the passenger is carrying for his / her own use.





Impact Coaches Competition Draw

Answer these questions and you could win a free trip worth up to £20. The answers are all in this brochure. First, study these pictures.

1. In which city will you find HMS Warrior?
2. Our picture above shows which royal residence ? It is situated in Norfolk.
3. On which date do we visit Hythe to see the Queen Mary 2 leaving Southampton ?
4. Our picture below left shows a very scenic valley being visited by us in September. What is it called ?
5. Pictured below is the inside of a very fine stately home we are visiting in Lincolnshire in April. It was featured on the *Antiques Roadshow* on 6.12.09. What is it called ?

Please enter by e-mail to: sales@impactgroup.co.uk. All entries received by 27 February 2010 will go in our Draw and the first correct entry drawn from the hat on 1 March will be the winner. If you don't have e-mail please enter by post.



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