JANUARY 2022





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I hope you have managed to stay safe and well these past few months. Let's hope 2022 is the year we are all able to finally start putting this pandemic behind us.

Happily, when lockdown restrictions allowed, we saw many customers – old and new – join us on a *wide range of holidays and tours all over the UK during 2021*.

We had an increased demand from people who wanted to get away for Christmas and the New Year, with people booking well-deserved holidays away.

It was so rewarding to get such *positive feedback* from so many of you who travelled with us last year during the summer months, telling us how much you enjoyed your holiday.

That's what we love the most; knowing that we are *helping people* to *make memories* and have some *happy, quality time* in good company, even during such challenging circumstances.

Hopefully, we've got many more miles of smiles ahead of us for 2022. Please, rest assured that, as long as we are allowed to travel, we've taken every possible precaution to ensure our coaches are as *clean and safe* as they can be – as well as being *very comfortable*, of course!

We were also extremely proud to receive a *prestigious industry award* recognising our drivers for the work they did supporting ambulance services in Bristol last year when they were not able to do what they enjoy doing most and taking our customers on happy holidays. You can read more about that award inside.

We also managed to take 80 people away on our *annual re-union* which was a big success, and it was so nice to catch up with so many of our clients.

More exciting news is that we have *2 new Gold Coaches* which will arrive in the country from Spain at the end of January and they will be added to our fleet of gold coaches hopefully by Easter... *we will keep you posted!*

We've got a whole host of holiday hotspots, terrific tours, exciting excursions, and delightful day trips lined up for 2022; just visit us at *www.bakersdolphin.com* or give us a call on *01934 415 000*, and a member of our friendly team will be able to give you all the assistance you need in order to choose the perfect getaway for you in 2022.

We very much look forward to welcoming you on board one (or more) of our coaches very soon. Amanda Harrington AMANDA HARRINGTON F.inst.T.T. Sales & Marketing Director



Something for everyone - 2022/23 trip availability 29th Annual Re-union, fantastic 4 day getaway Days Out by Coach Lots to choose from!

NATIONAL AWARD FOR BAKERS DRIVERS WHO SUPPORTED AMBULANCE SERVICE

So proud of our Drivers...

We are proud to say that a team of our drivers won the Road Haulage Association (RHA) Heroes Award after spending 14 months working with Bristol Ambulance's Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

We were humbled and honoured to be recognised with this top industry award.

Many drivers spent more than a year with Bristol Ambulance EMS when lockdown restrictions prevented us from running holidays and day trips.

When he presented us with the award, RHA chief executive Richard Burnett said: "The coach sector has been on its knees and yet their selflessness to do what they have done within a sector that had very little certainty or support is fantastic.



"It is an honour to uphold and uplift, and recognise that they have achieved because they don't get enough credit, and that makes them a worthy overall winner."

Bakers Dolphin Managing Director Max Fletcher said the drivers' local knowledge, driving skills and customer service provided an excellent foundation for them to undergo specialist training to drive ambulances.

He said: "Like most other businesses, we were looking at ways we could all get through the lockdown. Our business is well over 100

years old and has helped out in wars in the past, so this was another proud chapter in our history."





Coach firm helps charity's flagship fundraiser

A convoy of coaches from Bakers Dolphin ensured fleet-footed walkers got the best possible start to a local charity's flagship fundraising event.

Ten full-size coaches took people to their starting points for Weston Hospicecare's Mendip Challenge, which returned in 2021.

It raises tens of thousands of pounds towards the charity's vital work in providing palliative care for people living with lifelimiting illnesses in Weston-super-Mare and surrounding areas.

Bakers Dolphin Sales and Marketing Director Amanda Harrington said: "The pandemic has been challenging for many businesses and organisations but charities have been particularly hard hit, with many unable to open their shops or run their usual events, which provide vital funds for their work.

"It was heart-warming to see the Mendip Challenge return, and we are very proud to be associated with it.

"Our staff thoroughly enjoyed the amazing atmosphere that surrounds the event and loved being part of something which

can make such a positive difference to the lives of so many local families."





Join us for our

The beautiful heart of Wales SAVE THE DATE Friday 11th November 2022 4 DAYS ONLY

2021 REUNION



Friday - We depart and make our way Llandrindod Wells, arriving late afternoon at the Metropole Hotel & Spa for the next 3 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast. Tea/coffee & biscuits are served on arrival and we enjoy a pre-dinner drink with live entertainment this evening after dinner.

Saturday - Today we head through the countryside, via Pembridge to Leominster for a short break before we head to Croft Castle and parkland, home of the Croft family for many years. Later we return to the hotel for the Bakers Dolphin 2023 brochure launch! Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided. Later, enjoy our gala dinner, followed by live entertainment and of course, dancing!

Sunday - This morning our journey takes us northwest to the Welsh coast at Aberystwyth where we enjoy the university and holiday resort town and the variety of attractions and retail it has to offer. This afternoon we visit the Vale of Rheidol Railway where we enjoy a steam train journey through the beautiful rolling hills and stunning scenery of the Welsh countryside to Devil's Bridge. After dinner this evening we enjoy our final night of entertainment.

Monday - After breakfast we depart for home, enjoying a two-course lunch on the way. O VALE OF RHEIDOL RAILWAY

- ABERYSTWYTH
- LEOMINSTER
- ENTERTAINMENT EACH EVENING
- BEAUTIFUL CROFT CASTLE



Book your place at this years reunion tour!



Please call our friendly reservations team on 01934 415 000

The Metropole Hotel

The Metropole Hotel is located in the centre of the historic spa town of Llandrindod Wells, in the beautiful 'Heart of Wales', a delightful town with Victorian canopied streets, delicate wrought ironwork and ornamental parks. Hotel facilities include indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, whirlpool and gym and all bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.





29th Annual Reunion 4 day getaway extravaganza

Exciting New S... 2 NEW GOLD COACHES!!



We are delighted to inform all our loyal customers that we have **2 new Gold Coaches** that will join our fleet this coming Easter - we have made a few changes to the style but on the whole they are very similar. **We can't wait for them to arrive in the UK as they are currently being built in Spain.**

Our Gold holidays are very popular if you haven't taken the opportunity to travel on one of them we strongly suggest you give it a go!





GOLD TASTER

Harrogate & Skipton 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Cairn Hotel Included in your stay City of York Kipton & Haworth

Free time in Harrogate Monday 28 March 2022

5 DAYS | £329





GOLD TASTER

Delightful Corner of Wales 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel

Included in your stay Saundersfoot, St Davids, St Bride's Bay, The Gower

Monday 28 March 2022





GOLD TASTER

Suffolk 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Best Western Brome Grange Hotel

Included in your stay Aldeburgh & Southwold, Historic Lavenham, Felixstowe and Ipswich

Monday 21 March 2022

5 DAYS | £349

GOLD TASTER

Cheshire & North Wales 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Beaufort Park Hotel

Included in your stay Roman City of Chester, Vale of Conwy & Llangollen, Llandudno & North Wales Coast

Monday 28 March 2022 5 DAYS | £349



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We are busy planning our day trip programme introducing new products and adding even more destinations of interest for you to visit. Perhaps in 2022, we can help you tick a few things off your bucket list of the places and things you've always wanted to do but never quite got there - yet!

Our short breaks have proved so popular as part of our Days Out programme, we have expanded our offering. We are offering four of the RHS flower shows travelling up the day before, staying overnight to arrive fresh for a full day visit to the show - the world's greatest at Chelsea with Kensington Palace, Hampton Court with Windsor, Tatton with the new RHS Bridgewater Garden or choose Wisley with Savill Garden Windsor.

New for 2022, look out for Come Racing at Newmarket which is a 2 night break with a visit to the National Stud followed by an afternoon at the races. The Shakespeare Express explores the backwaters of Birmingham by canal boat and you take the steam train to Stratford. For scenery, The Gower South Wales and National Botanic Gardens. Plus our most popular destinations of Portmeirion, Harrogate, Blackpool and Cornwall. Book today with a £40pp deposit and balance due 6 weeks before departure. Enjoy a day out with lunch or tea - Silverstone, Dartmoor,

or Wye Valley. New this year is a visit to The Antique Centre near Exeter or the Butterfly Farm in Stratford. Always popular are Harry Potter, Monkey World, Abergavenny, Winchester and the Dartmoor Scenic. By Gold Coach look out for Liverpool Stadium Tour, The Shard London and Kew Gardens to the Orchid Festival during February.

Major events this year include the Cheltenham Gold Cup (18 Mar), Royal Ascot on Ladies Day (16 June), daily coach only travel to the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships (27 June to 10 July), Crufts (12 Mar), Royal International Air Tattoo at Fairford (16-17 July) and Birmingham International Tattoo (11 Sept).

Our website pages have lots of information enabling you to book easily with a shopping basket to put your selection in before checking out securely online or by calling us.

All prices include return coach travel and tickets/entry where appropriate.

YOUR LOCAL JOINING POINTS

Bristol Nailsea or Gordano Clevedon Weston-super-Mare Burnham On Sea Highbridge Bridgwater Taunton (selected northbound trips only. Enquire at time of booking).

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DAYS

From November 2021

Theatre Trips Overnight Stay: Concerts & Event London Trips

The Show must go on!

Performers of all kinds are thoroughly enjoying taking to the stage in front of live audiences after many months of cancellations and postponements due to the pandemic.

And Bakers Dolphin has seats available for some of the hottest concerts of the year in 2022.

Early booking is advised, to avoid disappointment. But among the many events we'll be going to this year are:



FURTHER DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE www.bakersdolphin.com





Marvellous Spring Breaks for March



Glorious Torquay & Devon 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Derwent Hotel, Torquay Visits to Plymouth, Dawlish & Exeter

Monday 7 March 2022 5 DAYS **£309**



GOLD

Blairgowrie 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Angus Hotel Excursions to Pitlochry, Perthshire & Dundee Monday 14 March 2022 5 DAYS **£379**



DEPARTS	DESTINATION	DAYS	PRICE
4 March	The Antiques Experience	3	£279
7 March	GOLD Eden Camp & North Yorskshire	5	£419
7 March	GOLD Taster Looe & Cornish Coast	5	£399
7 March	Ilfracombe Spring Break with Half Price Bar	5	£419
7 March	Isle of Wight	5	£299
7 March	Snowdonia	5	£369
12 March	GOLD Black Forest	7	£649
13 March	Tenby, Pembrokeshire	5	£319
14 March	Edinburgh Royalty & Cruising in Scotland	5	£489
14 March	GOLD Pitlochry & Royal Deeside	5	£419
14 March	Porthcawl Half Price Bar	5	£269



All tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing. Single room supplements may apply. Bedroom tax may apply on Continental tours. Please enquire at the time of booking.



GOLD Dunoon 4 nights with dinner.

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GOLD Winnock House Party 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Winnock Hotel

The Jersey Boys tribute show & a trip to beautiful Trossachs Monday 7 March 2022 5 DAYS | £439



St Agnes 3 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Rosemundy House Hotel Leisure day in St Agnes & trips to Truro & Padstow Saturday 12 March 2022

4 DAYS I **£269**



Marvellous Spring Breaks for March



Inverness 6 nights with dinner. bed & breakfast at the The Palace Hotel All inclusive trip with excursions to Loch Ness, Loch Maree Saturday 26 March 2022 7 DAYS | **£729**



Spring in Kew & Chiswick 2 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Holiday Inn Kew Gardens, Chiswick House & Gardens Trust Friday 18 March 2022

3 DAYS | **£379**

Lake District 4 nights with dinner,

bed & breakfast at the Shap Wells Hotel Journey on the Lake Steamer, visits to Glenridding & Kendal Monday 21 March 2022

5 DAYS | **£369**

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Tenby 3 nights with dinner. bed & breakfast at the **Cliffe Norton Hotel** Visits to Carmarthen, Saundersfoot & Cardigan Bay

Friday 25 March 2022 4 DAYS | £259

Cambridge 4 nights with dinner,

bed & breakfast at the Holiday Inn

Visits to the Imperial War

Museum, Ely & Bury St Edmunds

Monday 28 March 2022 5 DAYS | **£459**

DEPARTS	DESTINATION	DAYS	PRICE
18 March	Emmerdale Studios & Village Tour	4	£379
18 March	Exmouth & East Devon 4 Days	4	£239
18 March	My Life on the QE2 & Cabaret Evening	3	£269
18 March	St Mawes & Poldark Country	4	£299
19 March	GOLD Lake Como	8	£759
20 March	GOLD Tralee Killarney & Ring of Kerry	7	£529
21 March	Bournemouth Free Bar	5	£299
21 March	GOLD Waterford Inclusive	5	£399
21 March	GOLD Yorkshires Beautiful Dales	5	£479
21 March	Isle of Wight	5	£309
24 March	Discover Dundee Winter Warmer	5	£399
25 March	Cumbrian All Inclusive	4	£349
25 March	Florimania at Hampton Court Palace	3	£259
25 March	Mothers Day Weekend in Cumbria	4	£289
26 March	Mystery Weekend Break	2	£139
27 March	GOLD Lake Lucerne & Glacier Express	7	£759
28 March	GOLD Winnock All Inclusive - Drymen	5	£489
28 March	Newquay Spring Break with Half Price Bar	5	£269



Big Band Night in Yorkshire

3 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Cedar Court Huddersfield

Hits from the 50s - 80s plus a visit to Harewood House & York

Friday 18 March 2022

4 DAYS I **£439**





FREE BAR Bournemouth FREE Bar

4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Durley Dean Hotel

Visits to Poole, Christchurch, Swanage & Corfe Castle Monday 4 April 2022 5 DAYS | £359

Eden Camp & North Yorkshire 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Best Western Burn Hall Hotel Many trips included on this tour Monday 4 April 2022 5 DAYS **£439**



Whitby & North Yorkshire Moors 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast - Royal Whitby Hotel Visits to York, Scarborough & Whitby Monday 11 April 2022 5 DAYS **£429**

DEPARTS	DESTINATION	DAYS	PRICE
4 April	Delightful Corner of Wales	5	£399
4 April	Eastbourne at the Queens Hotel	5	£349
4 April	GOLD Dunoon Scotland	5	£279
4 April	GOLD Loch Long Arrochar	5	£409
4 April	GOLD Yorkshire Dales & Harrogate	5	£499
4 April	Ilfracombe Spring Break with Half Price Bar	5	£429
8 April	Wine Tasting Break, Surrey	3	£249
9 April	Isle of Man Chesterhouse Hotel	5	£629
10 April	GOLD Loch Ness & Inverness	7	£719
11 April	Glorious Torquay & Devon	5	£339
11 April	GOLD Cathedral Chateau & Castle	5	£489
11 April	GOLD Dutch Bulbfields	5	£629
11 April	Paignton	5	£279
11 April	Paignton Dartmouth & Plymouth	5	£519
11 April	Snowdonia	5	£399



Great Yarmouth 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Palm Court Hotel Visits to Norwich, Southwold & Lowestoft

Monday 4 April 2022 5 DAYS **£399**



St Mawes & Poldark Country 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Ship & Castle Visits to Charlestown, Mevagissey & Padstow Monday 4 April 2022 5 DAYS **£389**

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Shrewsbury Ludlow & Shropshire 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast - Buckatree Hall Hotel Visits to Ludlow, Oswestry & Bewdley Monday 11 April 2022 5 DAYS **£379**

Devon, Bantham Beach

Paignton









Steaming through Yorkshire 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast - Mercure Bradford Bankfield Carlisle Railway, Bolton Abbey & much more... Thursday 14 April 2022 5 DAYS **£429**



Llandudno - The Jewel of North Wales 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the County Hotel Visits to Porthmadog, Anglesey & the Llanberis Pass Monday 18 April 2022 5 DAYS | £429

St Ives & Scenic Cornwall

4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast - St. Ives Bay Hotel Visits to St Ives, Penzance, Truro & Falmouth

Monday 18 April 2022 5 DAYS | **£479**



Tenby, Pembrokeshire

4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Belgrave Hotel Visits to Saundersfoot, Carmarthen & Tenby

> Monday 25 April 2022 5 DAYS | £359

DEPARTS	DESTINATION	DAYS	PRICE
18 April	Bournemouth	5	£349
18 April	GOLD Constable Country	5	£519
18 April	GOLD Northumbria Highlights	5	£389
18 April	Newquay Hotel Victoria	5	£499
18 April	Newquay Spring Break with Half Price Bar	5	£319
18 April	Porthcawl Half Price Bar	5	£289
21 April	Railways & Towns of the Peak District	5	£519
22 April	Bruges City Break	4	£429
22 April	Isle of Anglessey & Puffin Island	3	£289
22 April	The Art of Chocolatology, Northampton	3	£289
23 April	GOLD Mystery Weekend	2	£199
23 April	GOLD Spain Winter Sun Callela All Inc.	8	£689
23 April	GOLD Tralee Killarney & Ring of Kerry	7	£549
24 April	Englands Jurassic Coast	7	£659
24 April	GOLD Isle of Bute & Skye	5	£619
24 April	Great Yarmouth & the Norfolk Broads	7	£629
25 April	Beautiful Norfolk Coast & City	5	£439
25 April	Bude Bideford & Barnstaple	5	£379
25 April	Chester Llandudno & Liverpool	5	£389
25 April	GOLD Dutch Bulbfields - Fletcher Hotel	5	£629
25 April	GOLD Yorkshire Delightful Dales	5	£399
25 April	Isle of Wight Broadway Park Hotel	7	£689
25 April	Pitlochry & Royal Deeside	5	£419
25 April	Spring in Cheshire	5	£399
27 April	Isle of Wight	5	£359
29 April	Dutch Bulbfields & Floriade Cruise	5	£779







Exciting Trips for Easter



<u>EASTER IN</u>

Harrogate & York 3 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Cedar Court Hotel Visits to RHS Garden Harlow Carr, Harrogate & York

Friday 15 April 2022 4 DAYS **£389**



EASTER IN

Lytham St Annes 3 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Inn on the Prom

Visits to Blackpool, The Pleasure Beach & Southport

> Friday 15 April 2022 4 DAYS | **£419**

EASTER IN Newcastle & Northumberland 3 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Holiday Inn Gosforth Park

Many great trips on this tour! Friday 15 April 2022 4 DAYS **£349**



ASTER IN

Rockingham Castle & Rutland Water 3 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Rockingham Forest Hotel Many great trips on this tour!

Friday 15 April 2022 4 DAYS **£379**

EASTER IN The Isle of Wight

3 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast at the Shanklin Hotel

Visits to Ryde, Cowes, The Needles & Yarmouth

> Friday 15 April 2022 4 DAYS **£309**



GOLD Italy's Lake Garda

7 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast - Villa Rosa Hotel Visits to Venice, Verona, Lake Garda and much more

Sunday 17 April 2022
8 DAYS **£719**

DEPARTS	DESTINATION	DAYS	PRICE
15 April	Easter Delights of the North East	4	£299
15 April	Easter Derbyshire Delights	4	£389
15 April	Easter in Cambridgeshire	4	£419
15 April	Easter in the Home Counties	4	£299
15 April	Easter in Exmouth & East Devon	3	£219
17 April	GOLD Easter in the Black Forest	7	£679
17 April	GOLD Easter on Lake Como, Italy	8	£819

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BAKERS DOLPHIN HELPS TO GET SCHOOL BIKES BACK ON TRACK

Christmas came early for children at a Westonsuper-Mare primary school after their beloved bicycles were repaired for free by Bakers Dolphin.

Bournville Primary School has plenty of outdoor space for children to enjoy riding bikes but unfortunately, many of the school's bikes had fallen into disrepair.

Derek Forbes, Quality & Compliance Manager at Bakers Dolphin, said: "Like so many schools, Bournville Primary has to work very hard to manage its budget so it struggles to keep on top of small jobs like bike repairs.

"When we heard about this, we thought it would be nice to help out so we contacted the school and brought eight bikes to our workshops just before Christmas and repaired them.

"It made a nice change for our engineer Dan Moore to work on something other than keeping our coaches in top working order and he said it was a pleasure doing it, knowing how much enjoyment it would bring to some local children."



Come and say hello...



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Our friendly travel specialists are on hand to assist you with your **holiday** and **days out** requirements, so do please call in and see us.

The opening times for both our shops are **Monday to Friday 9:30am until 4:30pm**. We look forward to seeing you very soon....





Book your holiday online at www.bakersdolphin.com

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