

Latest News!

Our brochures for holidays from May 2010 to October 2010 are now out. These are being mailed to past travellers, and to those who have requested a copy. They can also be downloaded from our website. Just select a walking or an escorted holiday to download a .pdf file.

Our NEW website will be launched early in 2010, with lots of additional features and information.

Travellers from Scotland: a few flights were planned to be with Flyglobespan who are no longer operating. Alternative flights or departure dates will be offered: updated printed details will be available early in the New Year. Regular customers will know that latest flight details are advised at time of bookings in any event.

Brief details of current holidays follow.

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ANDALUCIA AND GIBRALTAR

A twin-centre holiday that combines the best of traditional Andalucia with a visit to the British corner - Gibraltar and a ride on the stunning Ronda to Algeciras Railway. 4nts hb Costa del Sol, 3nts bb in Gibraltar.

THE BEST OF THE ALPS

In the Italian Valle d'Aosta region you will find Mont Blanc, Mount Rosa and the Matterhorn - the highest mountains in the Alps - and the Gran Paradiso National Park, a paradise of mountain scenery. Also stays in lakeside Geneva and Annecy.

ANDALUCIA AND THE COSTA DEL SOL INC SEVILLE

This holiday is a perfect mix of winter sun on the Costa del Sol and cultural interest in Seville. There is a guided tour of the Alhambra in Granada and free time in historic Cordoba. 5nts hb on the coast, 2nts bb Seville.

BARCELONA AND GAUDI'S CATALONIA

Discover the real Barcelona with a tour of the Gothic Quarter and also Gaudi's Catalonia in the stylish, modernist city of Reus and the Roman port of Tarragona. 4nts bb Barcelona, 3nts bb Tarragona.

4 STAR CYPRUS WINTERSUN - APHRODITE'S ISLE

Winter sun in an ancient land of legend beauty and love! Enjoy Aphrodite's Isle in the old city of Paphos with an included excursion to Nicosia. 7 or 14nts hb in Paphos.

TENERIFE - ISLAND OF CONTRASTS

The ancients called them the Fortunate Isles. Fortunate in climate, but also in having lots to see, with the landscapes of Spain's highest mountain, the UNESCO town of La Laguna, and the wonderful Botanic Garden, founded by Royal Decree in 1788.

CARCASSONNE, CATHAR COUNTRY & CATALONIA

Cathar country in Languedoc-Roussillon is a land of legend, mystery and stunning scenery. Solve the mystery of Rennes le Chateau and see the most complete medieval walled city in Europe. Based in Catalonia and in a pretty French spa town.

CATALONIA, BARCELONA & THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR

Catalonia is a land of beauty with vibrant cities and beautiful countryside. Barcelona, Tarragona, the hills of Priorat and the golden beaches of the Costa Dorada all await you. You will also learn something of Spain's Civil War.

CYCLING IN MALLORCA

Majorca is not all beaches and tacky tourist outlets. As you go to the north-eastern side of the island, Majorca undergoes a remarkable transformation; changing from high-rise apartment blocks and hotels to the calmer shores around Cala Ratjada.

CORSICA, ELBA AND THE TUSCAN COAST

Rousseau once remarked of Corsica that 'One day this little island will astonish Europe.' We are sure that it, and this unusual holiday, will astonish you too! Welcome to L'île de Beauté - the island of beauty.

CAIRO & THE PYRAMIDS, THE RED SEA & MOUNT SINAI

Egypt - land of the Pharaohs, a holy land for Judaism, Islam and Christianity (there are 6 million Coptic Christians in Egypt) and a land of diverse character - the bustle of Cairo, the desert plains and mountains of Sinai, and the Red Sea Resorts.

GENEVA, SWISS LAKES & THE GOLDENPASS LINE

We start with two nights in lakeside Geneva, home of the Jet d'Eau. Then we take the Goldenpass train, through spectacular scenery, for 5 nights in Meiringen and a visit to Lucerne. 2nts hb Geneva, 5nts hb Meiringen.

GREEN SPAIN & THE ROAD TO SANTIAGO

Our unusual 10-day holiday features stunning areas of Spain's north-west. After 2 nights in central Madrid, our Road to Santiago (the St James Way to Compostela) goes via historic Leon and the Green Spain of the Asturias region.

MONTE CARLO AND THE ITALIAN RIVIERA OF FLOWERS

The Riviera dei Fiori on Italy's north Mediterranean coast is an area of stunning beauty all year round. Spectacular cliffs, the blue of the Mediterranean, and the colourful, lush vegetation makes this area a very special place to visit.

KRAKOW, ZAKOPANE AND THE HIGH TATRAS

Two of Poland's most spectacular sites, Krakow and Zakopane, are brought together in this holiday of contrasts. Firstly, the medieval UNESCO-listed university city of Krakow, and then Zakopane, high in the Tatra mountains.

SEVILLE, JEREZ AND THE COSTA DE LA LUZ

Set in spectacular western Andalucía and widely regarded as Spain's forgotten coast, the Costa de la Luz - Coast of Light - is our base. We take in the Dancing Horses of Jerez, and Seville, capital of Flamenco.

ITALY'S MOST BEAUTIFUL LAKES

This holiday includes a week on Lago Maggiore, Italy's second largest lake, which stretches north from Lombardy and up into Switzerland. It lies, sheltered, on the south side of the Alps, making for a mild climate and consequent lush vegetation.

TREASURES OF MOROCCO & SOUTHERN SPAIN

The sights and sounds of not just two countries, but two different continents, divided by the Pillars of Hercules and the Strait of Gibraltar. The familiar, and the not-so familiar; this holiday has a real mixture of flavours and experiences.

MADRID, CIUDAD RODRIGO, SALAMANCA & WELLINGTON'S SPAIN

This fascinating holiday in western Spain features Spain's vibrant capital, but also Avila, Salamanca, and above all, Wellington's Spain. The breaches in the walls of Ciudad Rodrigo caused by two sieges have been repaired and the old city looks as impreg

THE HEIGHTS OF ABRUZZO AND THE LIGHTS OF ROME

Two contrasting regions, both relatively undiscovered: the spectacular mountains of Abruzzo, often snow-capped, and home to no less than three National Parks, all of which are rich in flora and fauna, and the rolling hills of Ciociaria.

THE ALGARVE & HISTORIC CITIES OF PORTUGAL

This holiday offers you a taste of all the different flavours that make up the unique Portuguese cocktail. From the undiscovered Eastern Algarve we travel to visit UNESCO sights, taking in Lisbon, Evora, Oporto and Coimbra.

APULIA, GARGANO & CASTEL DEL MONTE

The little-known heel of Italy is Puglia, or Apulia. Its history has Greek and Albanian influences which make it unique. Its rolling interior and the spectacular Gargano peninsula of cliffs and caves provide an impressive backdrop for our tour.

FRANCE, SPAIN, ANDORRA & THE PYRENEES

Since 1928 the little yellow train has meandered its way across the stunning plateau of Cerdanya, and climbed to the highest French station of all (1592m). Our week features this journey, plus Catalan and Andorran hospitality.

A WEEK ON THE TUSCAN COAST - FLORENCE & PISA

A week in a select resort on the Tuscan Coast, with included guided visits to Florence, Pisa and Lucca. 7nts hb in Forte dei Marmi.

THE COAST AND LANDSCAPES OF TUNISIA

This holiday is a wonderful mix of beachside winter sun, desert oasis, magnificent Roman relics, atmospheric mosques and a breathtaking train journey through the Gorges of Selja on the Red Lizard train.

WALKING IN CATALONIA

Catalonia is a region with an incredibly rich variety of landscapes. Close to the coast, the rolling highlands offer lovely views towards the sea and inland towards the heights of the Sierras, which are rich in wildlife and flora. Our walks feature both!

WALKING IN CYPRUS

Walk in an ancient land of legend beauty and love! Enjoy Aphrodite's Isle in the old city of Paphos. 7nts hb Paphos.

WALKING ON THE EASTERN ALGARVE

To discover the real beauty of the Algarve, our escorted walks through glorious countryside decked with flowers may be the answer! 7nts hb Tavira.

WALKING IN SWITZERLAND & THE GOLDENPASS LINE

This holiday offers the chance to see shimmering Lake Geneva, and a five-night stay in the Bernese Oberland, a haven for walkers. Travel between your centres features a trip on the Goldenpass line, the 'Best of Swiss Panoramic Trains'.

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A touring holiday with two walks in the Abruzzo and one in the Ciociaria hills. You spend four nights in Abruzzo, one of Italy's least well-known, but most spectacular, regions. The region's three national parks are home to an abundance of wildlife.

WALKING IN THE HIGH PYRENEES

Mountain air, fertile valleys, spectacular peaks, and great hospitality! The Pyrenees are a walkers' paradise. After two nights on the coast in Catalonia, you travel to Andorra and the village of Soldeu, perched at over 1600 metres above sea level.

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WALKING IN THE VALLEYS OF ROUSSILLON

This holiday offers an interesting cocktail, with some excellent walking in the hills of the Roussillon area of southwest France, sometimes called French Catalonia - much of it only became part of France in the 17th Century.