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## Escorted Holiday Collection 2012

We are pleased to present brief details of our Escorted Holiday Collection, including no less than sixteen new holidays for 2012. Please ask for a brochure, or download one at [www.preferredts.com](http://www.preferredts.com). One-centre holidays are shown in purple, holidays with two or more centres are shown in black.

All holidays include flights from airports all over the UK, good quality hotels (mostly on a half-board basis), and included visits. Almost all our experienced multilingual tour directors live full time in the countries they work in, bringing you real local expertise and insight.

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- 1 - France, Catalonia, Pyrenees
- 2 - Spain, especially Andalucia
- 3 - Italy, including Corsica
- 4 - Switzerland, Poland, Germany, Portugal, Canaries
- 5 - Cyprus, Greece, Tunisia, Morocco

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### **BORDEAUX, SAN SEBASTIAN & THE BASQUE COUNTRY**

June, September 2012 - 8 days from £729.00

The vineyards of Bordeaux, the rich Basque coastline, the gorgeous beaches of San Sebastian, a scenic mountain rail trip in the Pyrenees, St Jean Pied du Port (the starting point for many Santiago-bound pilgrims): these are some of the treats in store.

### **CARCASSONNE, CATHAR COUNTRY & CATALONIA**

March, April, May, June, September, October 2012 - 8 days from £599.00

Cathar country is a land of legend, mystery and stunning scenery. Carcassonne is the most complete medieval walled city in Europe. You will also spend a couple of days on the Spanish coast with a chance to visit the Roman town of Tarragona.

### **FRANCE, SPAIN, ANDORRA & THE PYRENEES**

May, July, September 2012 - 8 days from £649.00

Three countries, but at a gentle pace, with time to visit the magnificent monastery at Montserrat, the Labouiche underground river and magical Barcelona - plus a never-to-be forgotten journey through the high Pyrenees on the Petit Train Jaune.

### **SPRINGTIME IN THE PYRENEES**

April, May 2012 - 8 days from £639.00

The Train of the Lakes follows a spectacular course through the hills from Lleida to La Pobla de Segur, into the Pyrenees where you spend four nights in Val d'Aran with its own traditions and even its own language! You also spend two nights in Barcelona.

**BARCELONA, MONTSERRAT AND DALI'S CADAQUES - NEW FOR 2012!**

April 2012 - 8 days from £689.00

You stay in central Barcelona, close to Gaudi's masterpieces, and in a picturesque resort amid the coves of the Costa Brava. You will see white-painted Cadaques, the excavations at Ampurias, as well as spectacular Montserrat.

**MADRID, CIUDAD RODRIGO, SALAMANCA & WELLINGTON'S SPAIN**

May, September 2012 - 8 days from £709.00

This fascinating holiday in western Spain visits Wellington's (and Sharpe's) walled city of Ciudad Rodrigo, timeless Salamanca and the walled garrison town of Almeida in Portugal. All this...plus Avila and Madrid's many attractions too!

**GREEN SPAIN & THE ROAD TO SANTIAGO**

September 2012 - 10 days from £829.00

Our 10-day holiday features the beautiful areas of Spain's north-west. After 2 nights in Madrid, our 'Road to Santiago' leads us to the Cantabrian coastline, the stunning Picos de Europa and of course Santiago de Compostela.

**ANDALUCIA'S EASTERN COAST, GRANADA & ALMERIA - NEW FOR 2012!**

February, March, April, November 2012 - 8 days from £499.00

Almunecar, in sub-tropical Eastern Andalucia, shows its Phoenician, Roman and Moorish past. Nearby the Sierras plunge into the sea. You will see the Alhambra in Granada, the city of Almeria and the Cabo de Gata Natural Park with its salt pans and dunes.

**ANDALUCIA - THE WHITE VILLAGES OF THE ALPUJARRAS**

May, September 2012 - 8 days from £699.00

The Alpujarras is one of Spain's most scenic and unspoilt regions. This unusual holiday combines beautiful mountain scenery together with a couple of days in an area of the Costa del Sol favoured mainly by the Spanish. Plus Granada, and Picasso's Malaga

**ANDALUCIA & GIBRALTAR**

May, August, September 2012 - 8 days from £699.00

A twin-centre holiday that combines the best of Andalucia with a stay in the British corner – Gibraltar. We stay in a Spanish resort on the Costa del Sol, and take in the stunning Ronda to Algeciras Railway as we travel to Gibraltar.

**CITIES OF ANDALUCIA**

April, October 2012 - 8 days from £669.00

The treasures of Andalucia enjoy worldwide renown - we feature Seville, Cordoba and Granada, too. Few itineraries, though, allow enough time to sample the varied attractions of Andalucia's finest cities. Please note: the itinerary in April (shown in the winter brochure) and in October are different.

**SEVILLE & THE COSTA DEL SOL**

March, November 2012 - 8 days from £599.00

This holiday is a perfect mix of winter sun, in a Spanish resort on the Costa del Sol, and cultural interest in Seville where we spend 2 nights. There is a guided tour of the Alhambra in Granada and free time in historic Cordoba.

**THE COSTA DE LA LUZ, RONDA, JEREZ & THE DANCING HORSES - NEW!**

September 2012 - 8 days from £699.00

Andalucia's Costa de la Luz, with an included visit to Jerez, home of sherry and of the amazing dancing horses. You will also visit Tarifa, Ronda and Mijas.



### **VENICE, SLOVENIA & CROATIA - NEW FOR 2012!**

September 2012 - 8 days from £789.00

The maritime city of Venice, the Slovenian Riviera, the Croatian hills, the Roman mosaics of Aquileia and the white Lipizzaner horses are all seen during this interesting holiday.

### **ITALY'S MOST BEAUTIFUL LAKES - LAKE MAGGIORE**

April, May, June, August, September 2012 - 8 days from £729.00

This holiday includes a week in the pleasant town of Arona on the shores of Lago Maggiore, with included visits to Lakes Como and Lugano. Our resort has a pleasant old centre, and frequent services operate from the boat stop and railway station.

### **LAKE ISEO & THE CAMONICA VALLEY - NEW FOR 2012!**

June, September 2012 - 8 days from £739.00

Italy's smaller but beautiful lake: 15 miles long, nestling amid mountain scenery. You visit UNESCO listed Valcamonica and Italy's largest lake island, on excursions by boat and train.

### **THE CINQUE TERRE, PORTOFINO & THE ITALIAN LAKES**

March, April, May, June, September 2012 - 8 days from £749.00

See the millionaires' haunts of Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure, the spectacular landscapes of the Cinque Terre and Lake Maggiore. Travel on the picturesque Three Valleys Railway into the maritime city of Genoa. You will also visit Pavia.

### **ROME, TIVOLI & TERRACINA**

September 2012 - 8 days from £869.00

Italy's capital, with Colosseum, Spanish Steps, and Trevi Fountain needs little introduction. You also see the magnificent Villa d'Este in Tivoli, and stay in Terracina, an enchanting town on the coast midway between Rome and Naples.

### **THE TUSCAN COAST, FLORENCE, PISA & THE GULF OF POETS - NEW!**

September 2012 - 8 days from £849.00

A week under the Tuscan sun in a 4-star hotel in Forte dei Marmi - one of Italy's most chic resorts - with included visits to mighty Florence as well as to Pisa, Torre del Lago Puccini, and the Gulf of Poets, haunt of Byron & Shelley.

### **A WEEK ON THE TUSCAN COAST - FLORENCE & PISA**

April, May 2012 - 8 days from £779.00

A week under the Tuscan sun in a 4-star hotel in Forte dei Marmi - one of Italy's most chic resorts - with included visits to mighty Florence as well as to Pisa and Lucca.

### **CORSICA & TUSCANY - NEW FOR 2012!**

June, September 2012 - 10 days from £969.00

As well as a spectacular tour of the beautiful island of Corsica featuring the coast of Cap Corse in the north and the old capital of Corte in the centre, you will also enjoy 3 nights close to the walls of historic Lucca, Tuscany.

### **MONTE CARLO & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA OF FLOWERS**

May, June, July, September, October 2012 - 8 days from £689.00

A spectacular holiday combining the French and Italian Riviieras with included visits to Monte Carlo and the mountain villages of Tende and Dolceaqua. En route between our centres, there is a stunningly scenic Alpine train ride.

### **VALLE D' AOSTA, AIX-LES-BAINS, GRAN PARADISO & MONT BLANC EXPRESS - NEW FOR 2012!**

September 2012 - 8 days from £799.00

The Matterhorn, the traffic-free mountain village of Chamois, the Mont Blanc Express, the Gran Paradiso National Park and lakeside Aix-les-Bains and Geneva are seen on this holiday. Your main base is in the Italian - but French speaking - Valle d'Aosta.

**GENEVA, SWISS LAKES & THE GOLDENPASS LINE**

August 2012 - 8 days from £899.00

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 Interlaken and a visit to Lucerne.

**KRAKOW, ZAKOPANE & THE HIGH TATRAS**

June, August, September 2012 - 8 days from £669.00

Two of Poland's most spectacular sites, the medieval university city of Krakow, and Zakopane, amid the Tatra Mountains, are together in this holiday of contrasts. Between the two we spend 2-3 hours meandering through the Dunajec River Gorge on rafts!

**BERLIN, POTSDAM & THE HARZ MOUNTAINS - NEW FOR 2012!**

July, August 2012 - 8 days from £799.00

Medieval half-timbered towns, a stunning steam train ride on Goethe's Brocken in the Harz, imperial cities and the re-born German capital of Berlin, with wonderful museums, the Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie.

**ESTORIL, MERIDA & EXTREMADURA - THE LAND OF THE CONQUISTADORS - NEW FOR 2012!**

September 2012 - 8 days from £699.00

A tour of the old Roman province of Lusitania with the opportunity to explore Extremadura. There are sites of major interest and importance, particularly rich in the periods of the Romans, the Age of Discovery and the Conquistadors.

**OPORTO, LISBON AND PORTUGAL'S GREEN NORTH - NEW FOR 2012!**

April, May 2012 - 8 days from £629.00

The rolling landscapes of Northern Portugal, where the rivers carve their way through deep green valleys, staying in the unspoilt UNESCO-listed town of Guimaraes, the so-called Birthplace of Portugal. You will see Oporto and Lisbon, too.

**A WEEK ON THE ALGARVE - NEW FOR 2012!**

May, September 2012 - 8 days from £769.00

A relaxing week in an excellent hotel amid the beauty of the Algarve, discovering the spectacular coast, and also the hinterland's unspoilt countryside, including the former Moorish capital, Silves, old Alte and Portugal's wild west, Cape St Vincent.

**TENERIFE - ISLAND OF CONTRASTS**

March, April, May, November 2012 - 8 days from £639.00

Discover the historic mansions in La Laguna and the wonderful botanic gardens of La Oratava where exotic plants brought from the New World in the 18th century continue to flourish - and enjoy the warm weather too!

**LANZAROTE & FUERTEVENTURA - NEW FOR 2012!**

March, November 2012 - 8 days from £719.00

The entire island of Lanzarote is a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Cesar Manrique left an indelible mark on the island, not just artistically, but also in helping maintain the unique and unblemished landscapes. We also visit neighbouring Fuerteventura.

**GRAN CANARIA - LAS PALMAS & THE MINIATURE CONTINENT**

January, April 2012 - 8 days from £769.00

Gran Canaria richly deserves its epithet of 'The Miniature Continent'. Its varied landscapes give rise to innumerable micro-climates and almost half the island is classified as a World Biosphere Reserve.

## **ATHENS, DELPHI, OLYMPIA & THE VOURAIKOS GORGE TRAIN - NEW FOR 2012!**

April, May 2012 - 8 days from £799.00

A trip on the newly reopened Vouraikos Gorge Train - a spectacular narrow gauge railway up Mount Helmos - combined with ancient Olympia, Delphi and the sights of much-improved Athens, the cradle of civilisation.

## **CYPRUS - APHRODITE'S ANCIENT ISLE**

February, November 2012 - 8 days from £699.00

Our hotel in Paphos has indoor and outdoor pools, restaurants and cocktail and poolside bars, but is also close to the town's archaeological museum and Roman mosaics - Paphos is much more than a beach resort! We also visit the island's capital, Nicosia.

## **KYRENIA - CYPRUS' SCENIC NORTH - NEW FOR 2012!**

September, October 2012 - 8 days from £799.00

Northern Cyprus has a long history indeed. The Besparmak Mountains provide a scenic backdrop to Kyrenia, with its Venetian harbour and impressive castle. You will also visit Nicosia and the Vouni Palace.

## **THE ANCIENT ISLE OF CRETE - NEW FOR 2012!**

September, October 2012 - 8 days from £799.00

A two-centre holiday amidst the citrus groves, mountains, vines, beaches, and above all, the historical sites of the ancient isle of Crete - visiting Elounda, Heraklion and the Minoan Palace at Knossos.

## **THE COAST & LANDSCAPES OF TUNISIA**

March, November 2012 - 8 days from £719.00

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

## **MARRAKESH, MOGADOR & THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS**

May, October 2012 - 8 days from £799.00

The best of Southern Morocco, with four nights in the heart of the imperial 'Red City' of Marrakesh, and three in UNESCO-listed Essaouira, a relaxing harbour town with impressive ramparts. You also take in the spectacular Atlas Mountains.

Lead-in prices shown are subject to availability, and in most cases are based on the shared occupancy of a twin-bedded room. Our brochures contain full details of prices, dates and any applicable supplements.

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