

# MARION OWEN TRAVEL

Well, I have been caught on the hop today! I was just enjoying a few days holiday on the ski slopes when low and behold my Cottingham Times deadline had zoomed round again.....please can 2012 last a little longer!

I can report that the Alps have excellent snow - if anything, after a slow start a little too much too quickly, everyone just hopes that we now can look forward to a long season ahead. That will not make a lot of sense to non skiers - it is an addiction of the healthy kind, if you enjoy it you cannot get enough time to enjoy the slopes. It is a fabulous way to exercise in wonderful scenery and clean air! I am sure if you would like to give it a whirl we can find you just the package you need and it is ideal for all ages making a great family holiday.

Many of you will have now seen my new 24 page magazine we have been busy distributing around the area, if you have not received a copy and would like one please ask or even call into the office and collect one.

Our end of year tours to Thursford and Belgiums Christmas markets were excellent. Dave and myself did not have tickets to see the Thursford Christmas Spectacular show as we had sold our allocation including our seats! We did manage to pick up a couple on arrival and it was fantastic, Dave even admitted to having a tear in his eye at one point. Next year we have three departures and they are filling quickly. Our next tour to depart is Torquay, why not join us and see the difference! As many of our guests say "you don't get this service on a N ..... H.....". But then we are not out to compete we offer quality and value.

We have also added a new tour to Warner's adult only Thoresby Hall. This will depart Friday 20 July returning Monday 23 July. Warner's offer quality accommodation on half board basis. This hotel also has Spa facilities and the theme for the weekend is a tribute to "Simply Red".

Our partners for transport Euro Cruising have just acquired a new 16 seater mini coach, this is available for private hire and also operates cruise transfers to the UK ports - in luxury with all leather reclining seats. Tel: 01482 587091 or email: enquiries@eurocruising.co.uk for more information.

January has always been the main booking season for summer holidays but not everyone is traditional now and many of you take short breaks spaced throughout the year or even enjoy a main holiday in our winter time. Well just to make you aware, dependant on where you wish to travel especially cruising, many lines are now on sale for departures in 2013.

If you are looking at a tailor made holiday using scheduled flights as a guide bookings are not taken until 11 months prior to departure.

Special savings will be in abundance this month, cruise lines offering yet another sale! Many of you will have seen the Fred Olsen Captains Collection we have been distributing but many of the prices shown are not as good as our regular selling prices! That is why you use a travel agent..... We can advise and guide you to the best offer at the time you are booking, we talk to you the internet does not, it is surprising what we can save you!

You may also find that your pennies will take you further than you think! Remember November's article I wrote in Abu Dhabi? Well we went there because it was better on our pocket than travelling to Tenerife plus we flew from Humberside airport - so close to home too.

We look forward to sending you on your travels in 2012 or even travelling with me on one of our own tours. We have destinations and prices to suit everyone.

Myself, Lynne, Kayleigh & Sarah look forward to being of service. Please call for more information and to book your next escape..... wherever it may be in the world! *Marion*



## Our Exclusive Coach Tours

All Continental tours are via North Sea Ferries  
2012 departures are growing .....

**06 February: Torquay - 5 days £199** Single + £15.  
BW Gleneagles Hotel: Full board & free bar 5pm-8pm

**24 March: India, Taj & Tigers 9 days** by air **£1776**  
This is a small escorted tour to give you the best experience.

**12 April: Paris in Springtime - 6 days £299**  
After Dave's fabulous tour of Paris you have 2 free days to explore yourself or visit Disney if you wish. (Easter Holidays)  
Limited child places at £149 1st child, £99 2nd Child

**22 April: New Forest 5 days** Half board **£315**  
Staying in the heart of the forest in Lyndhurst. Singles £375

**02 May: Isle of Wight 7 days** half board **£440**  
A leisurely holiday for the discerning 1 night pre/post 4 nights on the Island. Includes sightseeing or choose to just relax.

**11 May: Titanic Experience & Giants Causeway**  
4 days full board + free bar 6pm - 9pm **£315** singles £355

**07 June: Garonne River Cruise 12 days £1445**  
2 nights in the Loire Valley en route to Bordeaux, Poitiers, Paris plus Arras on the return. Single supplement £460

**16 June: BBC Gardeners World** day out **£49**

**28 June : Normandy's D Day Beaches** 7 days  
**£475** includes full itinerary of sightseeing 2 nights North Sea Ferries & 4 nights B&B at the Novotel in Bayeux

**20 July : Thoresby Hall 4 day weekend £259**

**09 September : World War 1 - 6 days - £389**

**16 September : Floriade 4 days £295**  
includes a 2 day ticket & 1 night half board in Venlo!

**12 October: Blackpool** luxury weekend price **£169**

**19 October: Ypres, Antwerp & Beer Festival**  
Weekend tour 3 nights **£169**

**23 October: Top Hat & London 2 days £125**  
Dress circle tickets for this fabulous show of music & dance

**27 October: Orient Express full day £345**  
**Edinburgh Explorer** brunch out dinner back.

**29 October: Oban 5 days** half board **£229**  
Many special extras. Excursion to Glen Coe, Invereray & Fort William. Limited single rooms price £265

**09 November : Cromer Festive Sparkle £179**  
3 night break, action packed right by the seaside too!

**16 November : Thursford 3 days £215**

**23 November : Thursford 2 days £145**

**8 December : Thursford 2 days £145**

Links Country Park Hotel includes: Dinner B&B, late night tea & mince pies after show. Limited single rooms £10 per night

**25 November Manchester 2 days £79**  
Enjoy the Christmas Markets & Glasshoughton 1 night DB&B

**30 November: Cologne Christmas Market**  
**Weekend- £159** hotel in the centre of Cologne B&B

**14 December : Andre Rieu in concert £89**

**07 March 2013 - Kerela, 9 nights India £1995**  
Join Marion on this adventure of nature, wildlife & culture.

Prices per person based on 2 sharing unless stated otherwise. Please ask for single price



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