



TRAVEL GROUP

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The picturesque Ribble Valley, Tales of the Pendle Witches

Blackpool Illuminations & Settle to Carlisle Railway

A 5-day tour commencing Wednesday 8th September 2027

Dear Travel Group Members,

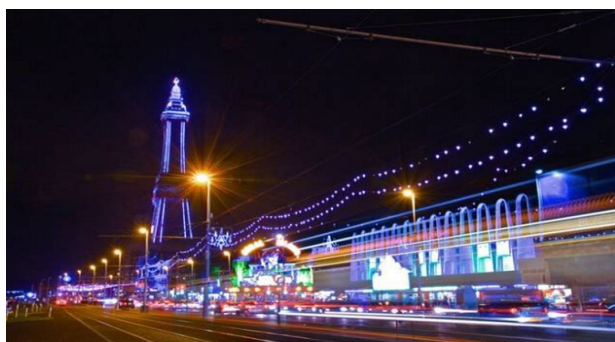
It only seems like days since we launched the Ilfracombe Tour next June. In order to secure a break for the autumn, we have booked the following holiday which includes a drive through the world-renowned Blackpool Illuminations and would like to offer you the opportunity to join us. We are, again, using the services of Alfa Holidays, an employee-owned business. We will be staying at the Queens Hotel, located between Blackpool's South and Central Piers with both tram and bus stops and the promenade close by. We have put together a varied itinerary including a journey on the world-famous Settle-Carlisle Railway; a drive through the Ribble Valley based around the Witches of Pendle; a day in Lancaster to include entrance to Lancaster Castle where the Pendle Witches were tried; an evening drive through Blackpool Illuminations. Please note that the ascent to Lancaster Castle is steep and on uneven ground so may not be suitable for all travellers.

We have a better allocation of single rooms than usual for this tour but would recommend that some of you consider sharing a twin room with a friend or relative.

Bookings are now being taken.

Kind Regards

Ann



Blackpool Illuminations



Settle-Carlisle Railway

YOUR 5 DAY ITINERARY

Wednesday: After our pick-ups in Watford and Bushey we shall head north to Blackpool. En route, we will visit Dunham Massey, a National Trust historic house, parkland and gardens in Cheshire. National Trust members should bring their membership cards to gain entry and non-members must pay an entry fee that will be confirmed in due course. There will be time to take lunch before we continue our journey to the Queens Hotel.

Thursday: We will enjoy a scenic journey through the Ribble Valley, with an expert guide bringing local myths, legends and the Lancashire countryside to life, Look forward to tales of the Witches of Pendle... We will return to our hotel for dinner and then head out for a drive through the world-famous Blackpool Illuminations. .

Friday: Following a scenic drive to Settle, we will board the train to journey along the 72 mile route over the Ribbleshead Viaduct and through Blea Moor taking in some of the most dramatic scenery to be found on our shores. Time for lunch at leisure will be accommodated in the itinerary.

Saturday: We will make our way to Lancaster, the county town of Lancashire, for a visit to Lancaster Castle where the Pendle Witches were tried and convicted and an opportunity to explore this historic city. There will be time to take lunch at leisure.

Sunday: As we head south, we will make stops for coffee and lunch as we make our way home to Bushey and Watford.



Lancaster Castle



Pendle Hill in the distance

PRICE and GENERAL INFORMATION

Price per person: Minimum 40 persons—£449 Minimum 30 persons—£479

Cosy Double room for SINGLE occupancy — £60 supplement

Sea View - £28 per person

Alfa Peace of mind Guarantee - alfatravel.co.uk/peace-of-mind-guarantee £28.00 pp

Price includes: Return Coach Travel; 4 nights half board accommodation in a 3 star hotel; trip on the Settle-Carlisle Railway; evening drive through Blackpool Illuminations; scenic journey through the Ribble Valley with an expert guide relating myths and legends about the area including the Witches of Pendle; outing to Lancaster to include entrance to Lancaster Castle.

Your Hotel: The Queens Hotel is situated in Blackpool. All bedrooms have en-suite facilities, are equipped with flat screen TV, tea/coffee making facilities and free wi-fi and hairdryer. Porterage is available on arrival and departure.

BOOKING CONDITIONS: *The tour must have a minimum of 30 persons to operate. Balance payment will be due by 1st July 2027. A deposit cheque of £50 per person, made out to Alfa Holidays Limited, should be sent to Ann Hodge as soon as possible to secure your place(s). This will not be banked until we have the minimum number of bookings to operate the tour. Once your deposit has been banked, it is non-refundable. This tour is being organised by Alfa Holidays, a well-established, award winning UK tour operator. Your money is safe; Alfa Holidays is fully bonded through ABTOT (a government approved consumer protection scheme, offering a regulated financial protection scheme to comply with UK Travel Regulations recognised and respected by the UK Travel Industry). Their ABTOT number is 7089. Passengers are expected to take out the Alfa Peace of Mind Guarantee or have their own travel insurance. Late cancellations of less than 7 weeks will incur charges according to the length of notice given prior to departure.*

Bushey U3A cannot entertain financial claims should a member suffer any losses through the tour operator defaulting on their obligations.

Please complete and return the Booking Form below, with your deposit cheque for £50 per person, payable to Alfa Holidays, to Ann Hodge to secure your booking.

Bushey and District U3a Travel Group Booking Form

Please reserve place (s) on the Blackpool Tour September 2027.

Rooms: Single Cosy Double (1 person) Double (2 people) Twin (2 people)

Sea View

PASSENGER NAMES (with titles and full names)
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Special Requests (disability, dietary, etc) (cannot be guaranteed)
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Enclosed find cheque for £..... payable to Alfa Holidays Ltd covering £50 deposit for person(s)
and Alfa Peace of Mind Guarantee for person(s) at £28 per person..

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Signed:Name: Date: