

15 YEARS OF LIFE CHANGING HOLIDAYS

Yellow Submarine Holidays 2024



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Adults Holidays 2024

I am delighted to share the 2024 adult holiday programme with you. I hope you are excited about the year ahead and going on a fantastic Yellow Submarine holiday. I think half the fun of a holiday is the anticipation beforehand and sharing all the stories with friends and family when you get home! This year will be the 15th year of adult holidays, check out page 4 to look back at our first holiday, hear from someone who was there and see what has changed over the years. To mark the year we have a camera for members to use on holiday to capture the most memorable moments. I can also now reveal this year's passport stamp - I hope you like it!



We believe that people with learning disabilities and/or autism deserve to live life to the full and that absolutely includes going on holiday. We strive to create an environment where members feel comfortable, can express themselves and can make memories. On behalf of all the members, thank you to the volunteers that helped out last year and who have already committed their support for the coming year. The holidays would not be the same without you.

A message from Simon...

2024 promises to be a busy year with 9 all-inclusive holidays lined up! This year we have aimed to make the holidays as accessible as possible with 2 holidays held on a weekend, 2 during the school holidays, 2 abroad and 1 where we will provide a higher level of support. On every holiday except WOMAD Festival there is WIFI available, a mix of accommodation with showers or baths with rooms on the ground floor for some holidays. Food, activities and support are all provided as part of every holiday. All the holidays are led by our friendly, trained and experienced staff.

2024 Holiday costs:

UK holidays - £850

Butlins, Bognor - £1,000

European holidays - £1,400

Details of each holiday are inside but if you have any questions, feel free to get in touch. I look forward to seeing you on holiday!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon".

15 Years of Holidays

“Our founder, Toby, had an uncle called Max with Down Syndrome. He dreamed of going on holiday to Disneyland. The problem was it was really really expensive. Not only did he need to pay for his hotel and flight, he also needed to pay for a carer’s hotel and flight. Whilst he got on really well with his carer he would have preferred to go on holiday with his friends. Learning about this Toby decided to start Yellow Submarine Holidays. The goal was simple - to take friends on holiday together and to make it affordable by sharing costs and using volunteers.”



Toby



Paris Holiday

“Our first ever holiday was to a farm in Dorset called the Magdalen Project. The holiday involved home made pizzas, trips to the arcades and ice cream on the beach. But mainly it showed the joy of spending time together as a group. Laughing, chatting and making new friends!

Going to another country seemed a bold idea but we managed it for the first time in 2010 with a trip to Paris. We saw the sights on an open top bus and tried some of the local food. Everyone had a great time but it was noted in the evenings that they spoke funny on the telly... that would be French!”

“Wow - fifteen years of holidays! I have had the privilege of helping with countless over my near decade at Yellow Submarine and it is by far my favourite aspect of the organisation, I have so many amazing memories with so many amazing people. They’re the reason the charity started and the reason why I came to work here, holidays will always be an integral part of Yellow Submarine and I’m looking forward to seeing what the next fifteen years holds...”



Cara

BUTLINS MINEHEAD
COALPORT STATION
WOODLANDS GLASBURY
NEW FOREST
DISNEYLAND PARIS
BUTLINS BOGNOR REGIS
WOMAD FESTIVAL
BENIDORM SPAIN
BLACKPOOL

Butlins Minehead

11 - 15 March

Mon - Fri

This holiday offers the full Butlins experience. We will be onsite in 'comfort plus' apartments just a short walk from the Sky Pavilion. We will see evening shows and enjoy all the activities, amusements and swimming pool. We will head into the local town and it is likely we will take a trip on the East Somerset steam railway. As a small group based on site this holiday offers lots of flexibility on how you spend your days. There will be a moderate amount of walking.



Minibus. Pick up is from Thornhill Park and Ride, Oxford and Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney.



Twin bedrooms in comfort plus apartments. Apartments have showers, TV, lounge, cooking facilities and patio.



Half board package with breakfast and dinner served in the food hall. We can also prepare food ourselves.



A 'showtime break' that includes live performances, workshops, amusements, rides and swimming. Also a day on a steam train.

Coalport Station

18 - 22 April

Thurs - Mon

We are pleased to be going back to Coalport Station. Staying in the refurbished carriages at the historical station we will be stepping back in time, enjoying slow paced days on the Severn Valley Railway, at Blists Hill Victorian living museum and a day going to Shrewsbury with a boat trip or to the local RAF museum. Our hosts Lisa and Steve will share their stories of the railway. We will enjoy time together relaxing at local cafes and pubs.



Minibus. Pick up is from Thornhill Park and Ride, Oxford and Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney



Twin beds, bath, shower, TV, lounge area and kitchen



We will be eating one meal a day out, as well as preparing meals in the carriages. The Black Swan pub is booked for our last night.



Trip on the Seven Valley Railway. Options for other days include Blists Hill Museum Shrewsbury, RAF museum and games cafe.

Woodlands

28 May - 1 June

Tues - Sat

We will be going to Glasbury-on-Wye in the Brecon Beacons to enjoy outdoor activities, explore the local area and go on day trips. This holiday is for people that like to be active in the outdoors. We will have are own building with plenty of space to spread out. In the evening we will relax with hot chocolate, campfires, films and good food. Before we travel home we will go for a celebratory breakfast at the local garden centre.



Minibus. Pick up is from Thornhill Park and Ride, Oxford and Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney.



You will be able to share with others or have your own room. Includes showers, a meeting area, kitchen and outdoor spaces.



Meals will be a mix of food we prepare, catered food and meals out. They will include a pub night, BBQ and big breakfast at a local garden centre.



Likely to be canoeing, zip wire or gorge walking. We will also go on a steam train and go shopping in Brecon.

New Forest

10 - 14 June

Mon - Fri

Pamper yourself in the tranquil setting of Sandy Balls holiday village on the edge of the New Forest. Enjoy a hot tub, spa and treatments as well as exploring the local area on day trips.

This holiday will be slow paced and relaxing you will enjoy local cafes and pubs.

The modern lodges will be a home from home with flat screen tv, lounge, fully equipped kitchen and bathroom.



Minibus. Pick up is from Thornhill Park and Ride, Oxford and Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney.



Twin rooms in 2 exclusive lodges. We will have our own hot tub. Each lodge has, lounge, TV, kitchen and 2 bathrooms.



Meals will be home cooked in the lodges, at the on site restaurant or out at cafes and pubs.



Indulge yourself with a beauty treatment, enjoy the hot tub, follow the alpaca trail, or visit the motor museum or beach.

Disneyland

24 - 29 June
Mon - Sat

Immerse yourself in everything Disney. We will be spending one full day at the Disney Studios and one day at the main Disney park. We will also explore the local town and go on a day trip. The accommodation is 30 minutes drive from Disneyland and there will be a lot of walking on this holiday. The day trip will be tailored to the needs of the group. There will also be the chance to buy souvenirs and collect autographs!



Minibus. Pick up is from Thornhill Park and Ride, Oxford and Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney.



Sharing with one or two others on the first or second floor at La Croix de la Jarrie. Includes showers, lounge, TV and kitchen.



We will have breakfast in our accommodation each day. Other meals will be out at either a French restaurant, cafe or Disneyland.



1 day at Disney Studios, a day in the main Disney park, bowling, seeing the sites. Final activities to be agreed by the group.

WOMAD Festival

25 - 28 July

Thurs - Sun

We are excited to be going back to this inclusive festival near Malmesbury. This holiday is all about the music, activities and food. We will be staying in the accessible campsite in bell tents with camp beds that have been kindly donated by the Scouts. There are plenty of hot showers, toilets and this year we will set up an outdoor kitchen, chairs and tables. We will explore the festival site, eat, relax and dance! There will be a quite a lot of walking around the festival site.



Minibus. Pick up is from Thornhill Park and Ride, Oxford and Windrush Leisure Centre Witney.



Campbeds in bell tents. We have toilets and hot showers close by and access to power for charging devices.



We will cook breakfast each day and then for lunch and dinner will choose from a huge variety of concession stalls.



Watch artists and bands perform as well as accessible workshops in dance, yoga, arts and flash mobs! More details: WOMAD.co.uk

Spain

9 - 14 September

Mon - Sat

*Benidorm. Staying at a hotel with a pool, close to the beach. We will go to Aqualandia water park and wander the streets of the old town for souvenirs.

We will be flying on this holiday and it is likely that we will have an early start on travel days. When we are there we will stay together as a group and it is likely there will be a moderate amount of walking. ***This holiday is subject to availability when we book in February so the hotel and destination may change. We will be flying and the activities will be similar.**



Flying from Gatwick or Birmingham to Spain.
Minibus transfer to our hotel.



Twin rooms. Each apartment has showers, TVs and air conditioning.



Half board - breakfast and dinner will be buffet style in the hotel. We can also prepare meals ourselves.



At the hotel: Swimming, games room, live music and shows.
We will plan day trips based on the interests of the group.

Butlins Bognor

7 -11 October

Mon - Fri

This holiday has been tailored for people who want to experience a yellow submarine holiday but would like extra support. Each person will have their own room on the ground floor in a gold apartment 5 minutes walk from the pavilion. We will enjoy everything at the Butlins site as well as taking a trip on a canal boat, visiting Chichester and going bowling. There will also be a chance to play on the amusements and buy a souvenir.



Minibus. Pick up is from Thornhill Park and Ride Oxford, Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney and home as arranged



Individual room in a 3 bedroom gold apartment. Apartments have TVs, lounge, kitchen and showers.



Half board package with breakfast and dinner served in the food hall. We will also be able to prepare food ourselves.



'Spooktober' break that includes live performances, workshops, amusements, rides and swimming. Trip to Chichester.

Blackpool

21 - 25 October

Mon - Fri

We are off back to Blackpool. We will be hosted by Beryl on her family's farm just 10 minutes drive from the tower. We will be seeing the illuminations, climbing the tower, and going on a day trip to a shopping centre or football stadium. We may even get to do karaoke! On this holiday there will be a moderate amount of walking. We will be having a mixture of home cooked meals and meals out at pubs and cafes. The house is fully equipped and a lovely place to relax. You can even feed the animals.



Minibus. Pick up is from Thornhill Park and Ride, Oxford and Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney.



The Old Barn at Bell Farm has twin rooms on the ground and first floor. There is a bath, shower, lounge, dining room and kitchen.



We will be having a mix of home cooked meals in and eating out. They will include fish and chips as well as a full english breakfast.



Blackpool tower and ballroom, illuminations, Madame Tussauds and Sealife centre. Also a shopping trip or stadium tour.

FAQs

Do I need to meet at a central location to come on holiday?

To reduce the time everyone spends on the bus we have two pick up points. If you are unable to get to one please contact Simon to organise an alternative.

How will we get to the holiday destination?

By minibus, with the exception of Spain where we will drive to the airport and then fly.

How many people will be coming?

Holiday groups will be made up of 5 - 10 members with between 2 and 5 staff and volunteers depending on the needs of the group.

Do I have to share a bedroom?

All holidays with the exception of Butlins Bognor are costed based on members sharing. If you would prefer not to, please indicate this on the EOI form. There maybe an additional charge if there is availibilty.

Are the holidays risk assessed?

Yes, all of our holidays are risk assessed before we go, to receive a copy please contact Simon.

Will the accommodation I'll be staying in be accessible?

We stay in different types of accommodation, all of which have varying levels of accessibility, this will be identified in the holiday brochure.

Why has the cost of the holidays increased from last year?

We have increased the price of holidays in order to provide the same standard of accommodation, food and experiences that we all know and love. For Butlins Bognor the higher cost reflects the addition staff cost and single room supplement.

Do I need travel insurance for Europe? Yes, please take out the appropriate cover for your medical needs and requirements.

Do I need to take money on holiday?

You do not need any money, all food, accommodation and activities will be paid for. You may want to buy souvenirs or additional food and drinks. We would recommend around £15 per day.

How to sign up...

We allocate holidays based on member's preferences, interests and the individual's need for respite. Members that frequently attend YS adults opportunities and activities will be given priority.

We aim to offer a place to everyone that applies for a holiday, however, sometimes it is not possible. Unfortunately, being sent one of our programmes does not mean that a place on a trip is guaranteed. If we aren't able to offer someone a holiday, they will be given priority the following year.

Please complete the expression of interest form listing the top 3 holidays that you would like to go on. Please also state whether you would be happy to share a room with another member of the same sex.

Here are some dates for your diary:

- 22 January 2024:** Deadline for expressions of interest
- From 2 February 2024:** Holidays will be allocated
- December 2024:** The 2025 brochure will be released

Scan the QR
code to register
interest

