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It is our privilege once again to present the Club’s holiday programme for 2019. As always, it has been our goal to create one which has a variety of new destinations as well as old favourites. We are very aware of how keenly it is expected and how eagerly it is scanned. The booking team are geared up for the rush of bookings in the week after brochure issue. This should alert our more recent members that speed is of the essence once you receive your brochure.

In the run up to production, we have received a number of suggestions of places where we should go. These are always welcome so keep them coming. However, be realistic in your expectation of seeing your destination in the next brochure. There are many reasons why it may not be immediately taken up. For example, the first draft of the programme for the following year is tabled for approval in February of the previous year!

This year again we are offering a fair spread of holidays between Europe and the British Isles, with, of course a holiday in the Canadian Rockies. We return to Gdansk by popular request. Paris and Loire is a holiday long overdue, and we are sure that it will be popular. And much more.

Central to Superb Choice Club holidays is the regular daily worship together each morning and evening. These times together with God are precious and valued. There is no greater experience in this life than happy Christian fellowship. This is the icing on the cake of a happy time of relaxation away from the demands of everyday.

It would be very remiss of us to end without thanking all those involved in planning, booking, pricing, printing, mailing and leading your holidays. Hundreds of hours of work go into this programme. Many thanks for a job well done. We look forward to you holidaying with us in 2019.

Greer and Moira
Crieff is a firm favourite with food lovers and outdoor enthusiasts and is a traditional Scots market town set amidst Perthshire’s stunning scenery. The town is the capital of Strathearn and has had royal connections throughout history and with the current day. William and Catherine, Earl and Countess of Strathearn, have visited the town and have sported the now famous Strathearn Tartan. It is a popular destination for tourists, and its attractions include the Caithness Glass Visitor Centre.

The popular Crieff Hydro Hotel is once again the venue for an early break in 2019. All rooms are en-suite and furnished to a very high standard befitting its 4 star status. The hotel is set in over 900 acres of extensive grounds and is ideal for those wishing to walk and enjoy the beautiful environment and views. There are also many sporting and leisure activities available, and the swimming pool and gymnasium are open to all guests. The hotel with its café, shops, beauty salon and cinema is ideal for those wishing just to relax and enjoy the surroundings and of course congenial company. Quiet rooms are available for reading or just to wind down. We also naturally have our daily devotions, which adds perfection to our stay.

The town of Crieff boasts many fine shops and Perth can be easily reached by bus (remember your bus pass). The hotel runs a courtesy mini bus service into Crieff which only takes a few minutes. No travel is included in the package, but Crieff can be easily reached by bus and train. A full Scottish breakfast and 3 course table d’hôte dinner is included.

Ref: SCC336
Cost: 2018
Sharing £242
Single £302
The Club is returning to this popular holiday destination. The Four Views Monumental Hotel, our hotel of choice, has air conditioned rooms, fully equipped with fridge, television, coffee maker and hair dryer. There is a heated outdoor pool and indoor pool along with games and fitness facilities to enjoy.

The hotel is a 20 minute stroll (buses and the very reliable taxis are also available) from Funchal town centre with its cobbled streets, cafes and shopping centre. Also, just a short walk away from the hotel, you will find the beginning of the lovely promenade, a coastal walk lined with wonderful subtropical gardens, carefully manicured and with flowers in bloom all year. Madeira is a popular year-round resort famous for its wine, flowers and embroidery. The capital city and main harbour of Funchal is a frequent stopover for passenger cruise ships. It is located in an amphitheatre formed from the gentle slopes which provide a unique natural shelter.

Possible excursions include a cable car ride to the attractive hilltop town of Monte, 1,600 feet above Funchal. This could be followed by a leisurely walk down through the spectacular tropical gardens or a swift descent by toboggan, expertly guided by the white-clad, straw-boatered drivers. There is also an orchid house as well as botanic gardens not far from the city centre. Trips in the past have included a tour of the scenic Nuns Valley and a trip round the west of the island where the scenery is quite majestic. Madeira is also renowned for its ‘levadas’ (water channels) and a walk along a levada may be a possibility.

Our flight to Madeira is from Glasgow with Jet2.

Ref: SCC337
Cost: Before end of 2018 2019
Sharing £798 £848
Single £934 £984

It's all downhill from here!
Malta

Thursday 28 March to Thursday 4 April
Leaders: Bill and Catherine Mackay

Situated in the centre of the Mediterranean, 60 miles south of Sicily, Malta, Gozo and Comino are known for historic sites related to a succession of rulers including the Romans, Moors, Knights of St. John, French and British. Malta has numerous fortresses, megalithic temples and the Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, a subterranean complex of halls and burial chambers dating to 3,600 BC. There are many places of interest – cathedrals, churches, prehistoric temples, gardens, museums, war rooms and shelters, open air markets, beaches, catacombs, castles as well as many walking possibilities.

The north of Malta has an unusually diverse range of attractions: busy resorts, a wetland nature reserve and ancient temples. We will be located in Mellieha, a popular tourist destination and family resort, well known for its beaches. The town stands on a group of hills overlooking Mellieha Bay, which includes Ghadira Bay, the largest sandy beach in Malta. To the east of the town and bay, there is the Selmun peninsula with St Paul’s Islands lying about 80 metres off the coast. The large Marfa Peninsula lies to the north of Mellieha. It includes several small bays, as well as the harbour of Cirkewwa, from which the Gozo ferry departs. The Marfa Ridge spans a large part of the peninsula. On previous occasions we have gone by coach to Sliema, Valletta and Mdina with its famous cathedral and museum. These are well worth a visit. Our hotel is the Pergola which has ninety four spacious en-suite rooms, two outdoor pools, two restaurants and free Wi-Fi facilities in the lobby.

Flights are from Glasgow.

Ref: SCC338
Cost: Before end of 2018 2019
Sharing £674 £724
Single £742 £792
Tuesday 9 to Tuesday 16 April
Leaders: Bill and Elizabeth McGruther

Jersey has always been a popular destination for Club holidays. Although the largest of the Channel Islands, the sea is never more than 10 minutes away. Its diverse attractions and natural beauty offer something for everyone – landscapes, walks, gardens, beaches, castles, boat trips and history. During the month of April the island still benefits from being the most southerly of the British Isles with mild temperatures warmed by the Gulf Stream.

Our base will be the Golden Sands Hotel, a 4-star family-run hotel right on the seafront at St Brelade’s Bay. We will have half-board at the Golden Sands including a buffet-style breakfast. You can sit on the terrace and admire the views before dinner which specialises in local produce.

Included in the cost of the holiday are one full-day guided tour and two half-day tours - the full day is a guided tour of the island while one half-day tour is a visit to the War Tunnels telling the story of the island’s resistance during WW2 and the other to Samares Manor with its unique plant collections. Outside the hotel there is a bus-stop from where the Liberty Bus will take you to most of the places of interest on the island such as Gerald Durrell’s Zoo, the German Underground Hospital, Jersey Flowers, Jersey Pearl, the motor museum, gardens, jewellery manufacturers and many more attractions. A 25-minute bus ride will take you to the main town of St Helier where you can visit museums, the art gallery, upmarket shops or the more traditional central market.

Travel is by air from Glasgow.

Ref: SCC339
Cost: Before end of 2018 2019
Sharing £752 £802
Single £752 £802
This is a two-centre holiday, with four nights at Amboise in the Loire valley and four nights in the Paris suburb of Massy. Dinner, bed and breakfast, all travel and entries to four of the châteaux mentioned are included in the price.

Our hotel is the 4 star Novotel at Amboise. During our stay we propose visiting the châteaux of Chambord (the largest of the Loire châteaux), Cheverny and Chenonceaux (one of the jewels of the Loire valley). On a free day some may visit the château at Amboise, Leonardo da Vinci’s house or stroll along the banks of the Loire. On our departure from Amboise and after a morning spent in the town of Blois, we travel to Massy for our four day stay in the Kyriad 3 star hotel.

On Sunday we propose attending the early service in the Massy Baptist Church, following which we will visit the town of Fontainebleau. Over the next few days we propose a visit to Paris to see the sights: Les Invalides, the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Élysées and Place de la Concorde. An optional boat trip, or a walk around the Latin Quarter or the Île de la Cité is also a possibility. On a free day some may decide to stay in Massy which has a pleasant park, two shopping centres and a Tuesday market, while others may prefer to take the train to Paris and visit the Louvre, the Musée d’Orsay, etc. We can arrange pre-booked tickets to avoid queues. Versailles could also be visited by train - for good walkers!

Flights are from Glasgow to Charles de Gaulle Airport with a possible stop on the way from the latter airport at the world-famous cathedral at Chartres.

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The sunny island of Cyprus has always been a popular destination for the Club. The mildness of the climate is always pleasant but in May is ideal. This year we will be staying at the 4 star Theo Sunset Bay Holiday Village located on the coast just 6 miles north of the historic town of Paphos. The bedrooms are in different buildings requiring a slight walk downhill and there may be steps up to the rooms. The hotel overlooks a small harbour and each of the rooms is air conditioned with cable television, hairdryer and refrigerator. There are indoor and outdoor pools on site. Regular buses will take us north to Coral Bay or south to Paphos at minimal cost.

Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean and has been ruled at various times by the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans and British, all of whom have left their mark. A drive up to the monasteries and small hill villages with their central market places, can provide a pleasant day out. Paphos is the former capital of Cyprus and in Roman times was visited by St Paul at the very start of his first missionary journey. There are two parts to the town. Kato Paphos by the sea is built round the picturesque port with its castle and many waterfront restaurants and cafes. Stretching along the headland is the archaeological site of Roman buildings, containing exquisite floor mosaics showing many episodes from mythology. Between Coral Bay and Paphos are the atmospheric Tombs of the Kings. Kykkos Monastery and the tomb of Archbishop Makarios are also worth visiting. The upper part of the town, Ktima Paphos, is the location of the indoor market, shopping area and a maze of interweaving streets, easily accessed by bus from Coral Bay.

Flights are from Glasgow with Jet2.

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Known as the ‘Gateway to the Isles’, Oban, the largest town in Argyll, is the centre for this short break. Our accommodation will be in the Alexandra Hotel, an impressive Victorian building which has been renovated whilst still maintaining many of its original features. All rooms have tea/coffee making facilities and the en-suite bathrooms have walk-in showers. A lift is available to all floors. The hotel overlooks the bay and, with its magnificent glass frontage, offers stunning views.

The town itself is in a beautiful location and has many cafes, restaurants, and a wide selection of activities and day trips. The town is dominated by McCaig’s Tower, a Colosseum lookalike, which stands on a hill overlooking the town.

Travel is by coach from Glasgow, and included in the price is a full day trip, sailing to the two beautiful Inner Hebridean islands of Mull and Iona, allowing 2 hours for exploring Iona and its world-famous abbey.

The coach is available throughout our stay and visits may be arranged to places like Inverary and Fort William which are both only an hour away. We propose to visit the village of Luss on the outward journey and the Loch Lomond Shores shopping centre on the return leg.

All trips are included in the cost but entrance fees to places of interest are not.

Ref: SCC342
Cost: Before end of 2018 2019
Sharing £640 £690
Single £740 £790
SCARBOROUGH

Monday 17 to Monday 24 June
Leaders: Donald and Elspeth Macleod

Scarborough has many attractions including coastal walkways, harbour, beaches, gardens, clifftop view, North Bay, miniature railway, castle, Peasholm Park, not to mention the famous Scarborough Spa Orchestra which performs each morning and evening. With our coach we plan to visit Whitby, famous for its Benedictine Abbey, its culture and history.

We also plan to visit York to enjoy its medieval and Roman architecture. There you can step back in time in the famous winding Shambles, take a walk around its centuries-old walls and marvel at the gothic architecture and stained glass of the Minster. York, a city of endless fascination, built its reputation on industries such as railways and chocolate! Another day could be spent on the steam train from Pickering exploring the North Yorkshire Moors. Also up for consideration and exploration would be: Castle Howard, as seen in ITV’s Victoria; Malton with its Modern History Museum; Ripon with its cathedral and gardens; Helmsley with its National Centre for Birds of Prey; and Thirsk, the home of the real James Herriot.

Our accommodation is in the family-owned Red Lea Hotel, a popular hotel situated in an elegant Victorian mid-terrace on Scarborough’s historic South Cliff. All rooms are en-suite and equipped with WiFi. There is lift access to all upper floors. A meeting room is provided, and comfortable lounges, a fully equipped gymnasium and heated swimming pool are also there to enjoy. Our stay is half board.

Travel is by coach from Glasgow, and all excursions, except entrance fees and tickets, are included in the holiday cost.

Ref: SCC343
Cost: Before end of 2018 2019
Sharing £632 £682
Single £703 £753
Gdansk proved a very popular destination for the Club in 2016. Situated on the Baltic Sea, it has a history going back 1,000 years and is best known for its maritime importance, the place where WW2 started, and the birth of the Solidarity movement in the 1980s. Largely destroyed in the war, Gdansk has been splendidly rebuilt as one of Europe's most beautiful port cities. Today it is an important cultural and academic centre with a growing economy, yet retaining its old-world charm. Our hotel once again is the Scandic Gdansk where we shall have half-board. It is situated not far from the old town within walking distance of the main historic, cultural and shopping areas. These include St Mary’s Cathedral, the Central Maritime Museum, shops selling amber goods and a plethora of coffee and cake shops.

We plan to take a trip by coach to the Kaszuby region, noted for its specific folk culture and its own language. The area is known as “Polish Switzerland” and has a varied landscape – forests, hills, sand dunes, thousands of lakes as well as pottery manufacture and the outside museum at Szymbark. We may also organise a guided walking tour of Gdansk. These two tours will be included in the cost of the holiday. As the hotel is very close to the main train station and to trams and buses, there will be opportunities to visit places like Gydinia and the beach resort of Sopot. Other places of interest in the region are the European Solidarity Centre, Stutthof Concentration Camp and Malbork Castle.

Flights will be from Edinburgh.

Ref: SCC344
Cost: Before end of 2018 2019
Sharing £886 £966
Single £1,016 £1,066
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The Victorians and Edwardians loved to visit Llandudno – they called it the Queen of the Welsh Resorts, and graced it with some of the most elegant seaside architecture in Britain.

Our venue for this holiday is the very popular St. Kilda Hotel situated on the promenade and with magnificent views overlooking Conwy Bay and the Great Orme. There is a lift to all floors and all the rooms are en-suite with colour TV and the usual tea and coffee making facilities. The Great Orme tram station is near the hotel, and the Orme itself is a famous tourist attraction accessible by foot, cable car, or by the original tramcars. The Great Orme Country Visitor Centre with models, interactive displays and exciting films is where we can find out more about the diverse wildlife and history of the Great Orme.

World-famous Welsh male voice choirs perform on various weekday evenings in the local Methodist Church on the main street. Llandudno itself is a great tourist place, with its museum, shops and Victorian promenade. The pier stretches over 2,220 feet out to the sea. A sail round the Great Orme headland is very popular with visitors. As time permits, we may make visits to some of the following: Chester, the Isle of Anglesey, the unique Italian-style village of Portmeirion, Snowdonia National Park, and the famous castles at Caernarfon, Conwy and Penrhyn. There are many narrow gauge railways in the area, the best known being the Ffestiniog which runs from Porthmadoc to Blaenau Ffestiniog.

We travel from North Ayrshire and Glasgow by coach.

Ref: SCC345
Cost: Before end of 2018 2019
Sharing £608 £658
Single £628 £678
Dublin affords the opportunity to see many famous sites such as the GPO, Collins Barracks, Kilmainham Gaol, Phoenix Park, Trinity College with its Irish harp and Book of Kells, St Patrick’s Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral, historic Dublin Castle and numerous galleries and museums.

Named a UNESCO City of Literature in 2010, Dublin's written tradition stretches back to 800 AD. Dublin City is the birthplace of Wilde, Yeats and Beckett and ranks among the top tourist destinations in Europe. It offers its visitors a variety of heritage and history to explore, ranging from churches, historic buildings, libraries, museums, jails and galleries to parks and gardens. Leaving the city, three coach excursions are planned which may allow us the opportunity to explore the beautiful scenery of the Wicklow Mountains, Sally Gap, the peacefulness of Glendalough, the grandeur of Powerscourt House and Gardens, the history of Trim Castle in the Boyne valley, and ancient sites of Newgrange.

A coastal route takes in Dublin Bay, Howth and Malahide Castle.

Our accommodation is in the Green Isle Hotel which is conveniently located just 6 miles from the city centre and there is good public transport. Just across the road from the hotel is the attractive Corkagh Park, popular with families and tourists. Free Wifi is available and all guests have complimentary use of the hotel's leisure centre, which has a fully equipped gymnasium, indoor heated swimming pool, steam room and jacuzzi. All excursions, except entrance fees, are included in the holiday cost.

Travel is by air from Glasgow to Dublin.

Ref: SCC346
Cost: Before end of 2018 2019
Sharing £799 £849
Single £949 £999
This holiday is not to be missed as it is a once-in-a-lifetime tour of the natural wonderland of the Canadian Rockies by luxury coach. As part of a larger group with a tour guide we will see many of the great highlights of Alberta and British Columbia. The journey comprises overnight stays in the UNESCO World Heritage town of Banff, gateway to the awe-inspiring Rockies, as well as Jasper, Kelowna, Victoria (‘City of Gardens’) and Vancouver. Our return flight is with Air Canada from Vancouver to the UK. Overall the holiday will take fourteen days from start to finish. This will provide an opportunity to take an unforgettable journey through the heart of the majestic Canadian Rockies to see some of the most outstanding natural riches of Alberta and British Columbia, their wide open spaces, spectacular scenery, pristine lakes and rivers. There will be sufficient free time at each of the locations to choose which of the city sights you specially wish to see. During the tour it may be possible to visit some of the following locations – Banff and Jasper National Parks, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, Columbia Icefield, Maligne Lake, Maligne Canyon, Butchart Gardens, Capilano Suspension Bridge, Stanley Park, Granville Island and Gastown. A sail on Lake Maligne to Spirit Island and a ride on the specially designed coach ‘Ice Explorer’ on to the surface of the Athabasca Glacier are also possibilities. On one of the evenings there will be a special meal and an interpretative talk.

Accommodation will be in 3 and 4 star hotels and is on a room-only basis. Included in the cost are breakfasts and evening meals in external restaurants. Lunches will be at your own expense. Fuller details are available on request. The outward journey will be from various Scottish airports to London Heathrow and then by Air Canada to Calgary.

Ref: SCC347
Cost:
Sharing £3,924
Single £4,873
Situated on the east coast of Majorca, the Hotel Lagotel is located close to Playa de Muro. With rooms newly refurbished in 2018 and a complimentary shuttle bus to the beach, the hotel is in an ideal position to tour this beautiful island.

There are many possible excursions on offer in Majorca. Close by is Port d’Alcudia and the historic old town of Alcudia, home to some medieval remnants as well as the busiest market in the north of the island. Port de Pollenca, an established friendly resort with lovely beaches, shops and restaurants is only a few miles away. Along the coast is Ca’n Picafort, a charming coastal holiday resort which boasts a lovely beach and a weekly market on a Friday. Further along the coast is the delightful resort of Porto Cristo with its natural harbour. One of the most popular visits is to the Cuevas del Drach, the Dragon Caves. Within the caves is Lake Martel, said to be one of the largest underground caves in the world, where daily classical music performances are held. A tour of the island and a visit to the capital, Palma, might be possible. It is a pleasure to stroll through the quiet streets and courtyards of this historic city, where there is evidence of its historic past influenced by Christian kings, Arab rulers and Jewish merchants. The cathedral, La Seu, is one of Spain’s most outstanding. This and the nearby Museum of Mallorca are well worth a visit.

Flights are from Glasgow with Jet2.

Ref: SCC348
Cost: Before end of 2018  2019
Sharing   £704  £754
Single   £756  £806
We make a welcome return to this popular centre in the Highlands of Scotland. Cairngorm Christian Centre is located in the village of Kincraig, which is in the Cairngorm National Park. It is close to Aviemore and Kingussie, and is an ideal place for touring and exploring this beautiful area.

There is a lot to do and see. We can visit the Wildlife Centre with its polar bears and cub and the Heritage Centre with its many old buildings and working sheepdog demonstrations. We must not forget the ospreys nesting nearby. Although they may have gone south for the winter, they do not take their impressive nest with them! The short walk to the site is picturesque in its own right.

This is one of our more affordable holidays. The low price is made possible by having our own tried and tested catering team who cook our daily meals, and by the type of accommodation provided in the Centre which is not a 5 star hotel, but is very comfortable. The lounge/dining room is spacious, light and airy. The accommodation is in bunk-bedded rooms but we will only be using the bottom bunks with no more than two persons in any room. The bunks are comfortable and there is a wash-hand basin in each room. As normal for an outdoor centre no room is en-suite. However, none of the bedrooms is far from the toilets and showers which are plentiful.

Travel to and from this venue is by your own transport. The express Glasgow/Edinburgh/Perth/Inverness buses stop at the train station in Aviemore which is only 5 miles away. Pick-up from the station can be arranged. Some, of course, may prefer to use their own car. During the week, we shall have our own transport for daily excursions. Our previous two visits to this destination received good reviews, and this has encouraged us to offer it again.

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For the 2019 annual Reunion we make a second visit to the 3 star Peebles Hydro Hotel set in extensive grounds with gym and pool facilities on site. We have reserved comfortable en-suite twin and single rooms for the weekend from Friday afternoon until after lunch on Sunday. The cost includes all meals. Day visitors are most welcome to join us on Saturday from 10.00 am so that they can enjoy the fellowship and participate in the other activities held during the day including the evening entertainment. The day visitor cost includes coffee, lunch and dinner.

During the weekend there will be an opportunity to look back on holidays already enjoyed and to look forward to holidays planned for the coming year. Saturday afternoon allows time for a visit to such places as Abbotsford House, Dawyck Gardens, Floors Castle or another of the nearby Border towns. Added to this, news of ongoing Christian work, teaching sessions and a worship service make for a varied and stimulating two days.

The hotel is easily reached from the A72 and there is ample parking. A regular bus service from Edinburgh takes about an hour to Peebles. For the Reunion weekend gratuities are not included in the cost.

The deposit when booking is £30.

Ref: SCC350
Cost: Before the end of 2018 2019
Sharing £164 £184
Single £184 £204
Day Visitor £45 £55
The Canary Islands are a Spanish group of seven main and several smaller islands off the coast of north western Africa. The main islands are Tenerife, Lanzarote, Gran Canaria and Fuerteventura all of which have been the location of Superb Choice Club holidays in the past. These rugged volcanic islands with their black and white sand beaches remain among the most popular sun, sand and sea holiday destinations. They are also known as places to go for year-round sunshine and are especially welcoming in November and December to those who wish to escape from the British winter to every day temperatures in the mid 20’s.

Each island has its own distinct personality. Tenerife is an island in two parts, the south with its purpose-built resorts and the north with the National Park and Spain’s largest mountain, Mount Teide. Lanzarote is one of the less spoiled Canary Islands and is becoming increasingly attractive to those who are sports orientated. Gran Canaria is similar to Tenerife but claims to have better beaches. Fuerteventura is the windiest of the islands and has an interesting variety of birdlife.

The Club proposes to organise a holiday to one of the four main islands in November/December 2019. However, at the time of preparing this brochure, flight schedules and accommodation costs for those months are not available. It is expected that the information necessary to arrange this holiday will be available early in the New Year at which time a flyer will be circulated to Club members with fuller information and costs.

So – Watch this space!
Booking - We advise you to book early as our holidays are extremely popular. Not only does this increase the likelihood that you will obtain a place on the holiday of your choice, but we appreciate early booking and offer a financial incentive to book before 31 December. While we will normally try to obtain additional places on a popular holiday after the initial allocation is taken up, it is not always possible to do so, as a particular hotel, coach or aircraft may by then be full. Furthermore, even when additional places are available, they may only be so at a higher price.

Singles - We recommend that you share accommodation with a friend of your choosing, where possible, either for the whole holiday or, at least, overnight when ferry cabins are involved. This has advantages to both the Club and the individual. Nevertheless, as we are aware that demand for single places is high, we organise each holiday with typically 30% to 40% of single occupancy places, which is as high a proportion as most hotels are willing to provide.

Insurance - We strongly recommend that you arrange travel insurance cover, and that you do so as soon as your booking is confirmed so that you are covered if you have to cancel the holiday for any reason. The Club does not arrange insurance and the cost of insurance is not included in the holiday price. If you are travelling abroad several times each year an annual policy may be the cheapest option.

For holidays in the UK As medical care is provided throughout the UK by the NHS, the main reason for taking out travel insurance for UK holidays is to cover cancellation costs, e.g. owing to illness.

For holidays abroad For all holidays abroad, including the Republic of Ireland and the Channel Islands, you must be covered by travel insurance. For the insurance to be effective the insurer will normally require that all prior health conditions are declared in your application. Over and above any travel insurance, UK residents are entitled to free or reduced cost medical treatment in EU countries, plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland provided that they have a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This is credit card sized and contains your personal identity details. You can apply for an EHIC online via https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-ehic-european-health-insurance-card/ or by calling 0300 330 1350. Cards are currently valid for up to 5 years.
Background - Superb Choice Club was formed in 2001 to foster fellowship for the many holidaymakers of Superb Choice Holidays, which had been operational over the previous 24 years.

Activities - In addition to organising the holiday programme described in this brochure, the Club promotes fellowship through several day events throughout the year. These include December and January lunches in various locations, a Bible Day, and day outings in the spring and autumn. In some areas, local groups of members run their own programmes of events.

Mailings - Every two months the Club issues to its members a newsletter, prayer diary and birthday list. This often also includes information sheets and booking forms for upcoming events and other information.

Prayer Link - The Club also encourages prayer through issuing items by email, especially those too immediate for publication in the bimonthly Prayer Diary. If you would like to receive these bulletins, or wish to contribute a request, please email prayer@superbchoiceclub.org.uk. Where possible, please check first with anyone named in the request that you have their consent.

Website - The Club’s website is at www.superbchoiceclub.org.uk for the latest club information. The contents of this brochure are available on the website.

Recruitment - It is in the interest of every member that we should recruit others. Without this increase we cannot maintain the large and varied holiday programme or the series of activities throughout the year. If you enjoy your membership of the Club, please recommend it to your friends.
1 **Booking.** Bookings should be made by sending a completed booking form and the required deposit to the stated address. The balance of the holiday may be paid in instalments with the total cost of the holiday cleared not less than 8 weeks before the start of the holiday. Where holidays involve air travel, a minimum of £260 per person must be paid within the first 8 weeks after the date of booking to enable tickets to be purchased at the most advantageous price. To enable the Club to comply with certain regulatory requirements, **we require that all travellers on our holidays are members of the Club.** A completed membership application form and payment of the annual membership subscription must have been received in respect of all travellers on the holiday before a booking can be confirmed.

2 **Incentives.** As our holidays are extremely popular we advise and appreciate early bookings. There is a financial incentive to book before 31st December.

3 **Price.** Particulars of what is included in the cost of each holiday are detailed in the brochure. It is not anticipated that prices will have to change, but we reserve the right to alter the price should there be a significant increase in costs, e.g. through worsening currency exchange rates or airlines raising fares. In particular, air tickets purchased nearer to the date of travel may be at a higher price that the Club will have to pass on via a supplementary charge. For this reason early booking is especially advised for air holidays.

4 **Cancellation by you.** If you cancel more than 8 weeks prior to the departure date the amount of the deposit will be retained. If air travel is involved and the tickets have been purchased before the cancellation has been notified, the cost of the air ticket will be retained or required. If hired coach travel is involved the cost of the seat will be retained or required. If cancellation is within 8 weeks of the departure date the total cost of the holiday will be retained or required. If full payment has been made to a Travel Agent (normally 16 weeks before the holiday departure date) the total cost of the holiday will be retained or required. For these reasons we recommend taking insurance at the time of booking.

5 **Cancellation by us.** In the unlikely event of a holiday being cancelled, at least 28 days’ notice will be given, where possible, and an alternative holiday offered or a full refund made.

6 **Additional places** Places on holidays are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis. When a holiday is full, the Club may operate a waiting list. When this happens, you will be told that your booking is on the waiting list and you will be given the opportunity to withdraw it, e.g. to enable you to book another holiday, or to leave it in place. If when places become available, which may not be at the original price, the Club will offer these on the basis of your place in the list, and, if the price is different, give you the opportunity to accept it at that price or to withdraw your booking request. If you choose not to proceed with the booking we will offer to return your cheque uncashed or to apply it to another holiday..

7 **Single Supplements** Single accommodation is limited and is usually subject to a supplementary charge to the Club by hotels and ferry operators. While the Club tries to mitigate these, it has to apply them in its pricing.
8 **Own arrangements** It is sometimes possible for holiday participants to make their own travel arrangements e.g. to make our holiday part of an extended one or to travel from a different airport and meet the holiday group abroad. Where the Club agrees to this, an appropriate adjustment will be made to the price at the time of booking. While the Club will be happy to provide advice, all arrangements for your travel to the point of joining the group or after the point of leaving the group are solely your own responsibility.

9 **Insurance.** The Club does not arrange insurance and the cost of insurance is not included in the holiday price. While the Club may provide advice, it is solely your own responsibility to arrange appropriate insurance for the holiday you are booking.

10 **Passports.** A full passport is required for all holidays abroad. For holidays to USA and Canada the passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the end date of the holiday. It is recommended that you carry a photocopy of your travel documents, passports, EHIC, Insurance etc separately from the main documents.

11 **Holiday Information.** The information contained in this brochure is believed to be accurate at the time of going to press. An information sheet with the final holiday arrangements and instructions will be issued approximately three weeks prior to departure. Additional information is available from the Bookings Team (see back page for details). Every holiday is planned with care but should a published outing or trip on any holiday become impracticable or inadvisable the holiday leaders will decide on the best course of action in the circumstances.

12 **Gratuities.** Gratuities are included in the holiday cost unless otherwise stated.

13 **Mobility and fitness.** If you have mobility or other fitness issues, please choose a holiday that is compatible with your level of ability. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of a holiday for you, please consult the Bookings Team (see back page for details).

14 **Luggage.** You must be able to handle your own luggage, e.g. at airports, or between coaches and hotel rooms, or be accompanied by someone able to do so for you.

15 **Complaints Procedure.** Should you have a complaint regarding the service or facilities on the holiday, please immediately advise the holiday leader, who will deal with the matter on your behalf. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, please write to Superb Choice Club Ltd, Beannach, LAIRG, Sutherland IV27 4DQ.

16 **Extra copies of this brochure.** Additional information and extra copies of this brochure can be obtained from the Bookings Team (see back page for details). However, we encourage you to go to our website [www.superbchoiceclub.org.uk](http://www.superbchoiceclub.org.uk) which contains details of all the holidays described in this brochure and where we will keep you informed of vacancies and other additional events which are planned throughout the year. A booking form can be obtained from the website or from the Bookings Team (see back page for details).
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