

# NEWS



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## THE RAMBLING GOURMET

### RAMBLERS WORLDWIDE HOLIDAYS OFFERS A DELECTABLE NEW COMBINATION OF THE WORLD'S FINEST WALKING, WINE AND CULINARY HOLIDAYS FOR 2008

Amongst its diverse range of exciting new destinations, Ramblers Worldwide Holidays is offering a superb choice of holidays to satisfy an appetite for excellent walking, food and wine.

And, the great advantage of such a holiday is that one can walk off the calories having indulged in a feast of culinary delights!

Some of the highlights of the operator's new programme for 2008 include:

#### A TRUE TASTE OF PORTUGAL

A one week holiday based at Vila Real deep in the heart of Portugal's famous wine growing region of Oporto.

Known as 'The Royal Town', many of Portugal's nobility have lived here, enjoying the town's magnificent position at the feet of the twin mountain ranges of Marao and Alvao.

Famed for its port wine, the region also has high meadows, spectacular rock formations, gorges and waterfalls like the one at Fiskas de Ermelo, which is 350m deep and over a mile wide.

This walking holiday also provides the opportunity for guests to learn the art of Portuguese cooking at first hand in the kitchens of the host Hotel Miraneve.

**Lead in price £761** includes flights, transfers, half-board accommodation and the services of a tour leader.

#### SAVOUR CATALONIA'S RUSTIC CHARM

A short break, with a gastronomic treat!

A 5-day, short break only two hours from Barcelona and close to the borders with Andorra and France. It begins in the remote village of Estamariu on the southern edge of the Pyrenees with walks that meander through local hamlets, the Cadi-Moixeró National Park (home to golden eagles, vultures, lammergeiers and red deer) and Romanesque Seu de Urgel – one of the most important towns in the Catalan Pyrenees with its wonderful open-air market.

# THE WORLD'S MORE BEAUTIFUL ON FOOT

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## **THE RAMBLING GOURMET (continued)**

**Lead in price £547** includes, flights, transfers, 5 days half-board accommodation at the charming and rustic 3-star Cal Teixidó in Estamariu, (breakfast and 3 evening meals), and the services of a tour leader.

In addition an evening meal will be taken at the 4-star El Castell de Ciutat Hotel (part of the prestigious Relais and Châteaux group), owned by the Tápies family since 1970. The food in the “Tápies”, Michelin star restaurant is of the highest quality, sourced locally from the hotel’s kitchen gardens, the surrounding mountains and the Mediterranean. Use of El Castell’s extensive ‘Wellness’ spa facility (treatments at extra cost) is also included.

## **THE WINE VILLAGES OF THE ALSACE**

An eight-day, walking holiday – savouring the finest wines en route –in the magnificent Alsatian countryside on the border between France and Germany.

Travel is by Eurostar and TGV from London, St Pancras to Colmar via Lille and Strasbourg.

We stay in Kayserberg on the lower slopes of the Rhine Valley and thence explore the Vosges Mountains and famous wine villages of Riquewihr, Ribeauvillé and Comar.

The superb wines of the region perfectly complement the cuisine, which is a subtle fusion of French and German food.

**Lead in price £591** includes rail travel by Eurostar and TGV from London, St Pancras, transfers, 8 days (7 nights), staying at 3-star Hotel Les Remparts with breakfasts taken in the hotel and 5 dinners included and taken in local restaurants and the services of a tour leader.

## **THE COAST AND CREEKS OF BRITTANY**

An eleven-day tour walking along Brittany’s spectacular coastline from St Malo to Ploumanac’h.

From St Malo one explores the coastal path to Cancale (famous for its oysters) and the island of Mont-St-Michel and its impressive Abbey. Then it is on to Ploumanac’h – a small village on the Pink Granite Coast (Côte du Granit Rose).

**Lead in Price £630** includes half-board accommodation at the 2-star Hotel Escale Oceania, St Malo located on the beach 10 minutes’ walk from the Old Town (5 nights) and the 2-star Hotel du Phare in Ploumanac’h (5 nights), breakfasts taken in the hotel and dinners taken in a local restaurant in St Malo and in the hotel in Ploumanac’h and the services of a tour leader.

Travel to and from Brittany is NOT INCLUDED.

## **A TASTE OF NORMANDY**

A one-week tour of Normandy – based at Rouen, one of France’s most ancient and historic cities on the banks of the Seine.

Highlights include, the enormous early medieval Cathedral (where Richard the Lionheart is buried) and the impressive Place du Vieux Marché (where Joan of Arc was martyred in 1431).

## **THE RAMBLING GOURMET (continued)**

Rouen – with its half-timbered buildings, cafes, bars, brasseries, patisseries and open air markets, is an ideal 'jumping off point' for tours to Monet's wondrous gardens at Giverny and the coastal villages so beloved by the impressionist painters.

**Lead in price £539** includes rail travel by Eurostar and SNCF from London St Pancras to Paris and Rouen, accommodation at 3-star Hotel Notre Dame, Rouen, breakfasts taken in the hotel and dinners taken in a local restaurant and the services of a tour leader.

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