

UK and Europe:

# 50 shades of travel



Planes, Trains and  
Automobiles (and More!)



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A holiday starts when we imagine travelling around a country or staying in a particular place. It's an exciting time.....but the planning and organising can be overwhelming. Sometimes it just helps to know what is possible.

Our eBook is designed to help you understand the different modes of travel you can consider when you are thinking about your UK and Europe holiday.



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# River Cruising



## Fine Tip



*Check the 'early bird specials' that the River Cruise companies promote in the August to mid-December for travel the following year. These vessels are small so if you want a particular sailing date or cabin category, book early.*

Growing in popularity this trendy mode of travel offers significant value and makes good use of your available time.

With your transportation, accommodation, meals and tours all taken care of, all you have to do is enjoy the experience.

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CRUISING**



# Canal Boat Holiday



## Fine Tip

If you like the idea of river cruising but you want to be more independent, then consider hiring a canal boat. It's like a motor home on water.

Don't rule this option out if you know nothing about operating a boat. Training is provided. You can't go too wrong in a canal and the boat only travels at about 4mph.

*Just make sure you pay attention to where you are standing when you go under the bridges. Some of them can be quite low! Also plan 'when' you go because these boats are generally not air-conditioned.*



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**CANAL  
BOAT  
RENTALS**





# Ocean Cruising



## Fine Tip



*Take time to acquaint yourself with the various cruise options.*

*Offers that are all-inclusive may seem expensive at the outset but if you choose a less expensive option and then have to pay individually for the tours and the drinks, often that price can exceed the price of the all-inclusive.*

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**OCEAN  
CRUISING**

Ocean cruising affords you the opportunity to visit key ports from the comfort of your floating hotel.

You are welcomed on board; you unpack once and then you let the staff take care of you. Tours available during the port stays are varied and well organised.



# Travel by Rail

While waterways once linked Europe, the introduction of rail made travel throughout Europe easy and very affordable. The trains are fast, clean and comfortable.

The stations are centrally located within most cities and with easy access to further public transport.



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## Fine Tip

Take a look at the price of upgrading to a first class ticket or purchase a **Eurail Pass**. The differential is minimal in comparison to a business class flight upgrade. There is more room for your luggage; the seats are more comfortable and on some lines, there is free wi-fi for First Class passengers.

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# Self-drive Car Touring



## Fine Tip



*Consider using a diesel vehicle as it can reduce your costs. Take advantage of the 'early bird' offers which typically include free days and drop off and pick-up price reductions.*

Some people like to take their travel by the wheel, literally. You can rent a local car for shorter stays but if you are planning to take a longer holiday, then leasing a car would be a better option.

Peugeot Eurolease allows New Zealand residents to drive a new Peugeot for a low, tax-free price, including unlimited mileage and comprehensive insurance (with no excess) and a GPS system.

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# Walking and Bike tours



## Fine Tip

The UK and Europe are very cycle-friendly and there are scenic cycle paths without motor traffic.

Bike and walking tours are graded for level of physical difficulty. In addition you may have the choice of being footloose (independent) or guided. Many include accommodation, breakfast, tour maps and luggage transportation.

*Late spring and early autumn  
are the best seasons to book  
when temperatures are  
generally very pleasant.*



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FOOT<sup>AND</sup>  
BIKE  
TOURS





# Escorted coach Tours



## Fine Tip



*You will need to carefully research what is included and what is not. For example the lower priced 3 star tours have fewer two nights stays; accommodation can be on the outskirts of the city and fewer sightseeing tours are included.*

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**UK/EURO  
ESCORTED  
TOURS**

Take the guesswork out of where to visit and how to get there with an escorted tour. Fine Travel works with several tour operators who provide superior customer service and holidays that create memories to last a lifetime. Choose from a standard coach tour, to a smaller coach tour to even a private tour in which you choose to explore at your own pace.

Escorted tours are one of the most popular modes of travel for our Fine Travel clients when they visit the UK or Europe. These insightful, well-managed trips enable our clients to see and experience parts of the UK and Europe they might not have been aware of otherwise, something our Fine Travel Consultants strive to accomplish with every client.



Our Fine Travel Consultants are experts in their field and have the knowledge and experience to create quality itineraries tailored to your needs and interests, lending just the right amount of comfort and adventure. Our relationships with our suppliers and local operators ensure you will be well taken care of. We provide contact information for each operator along the way, plus our expert Fine Travel Consultant is 'on call' to handle any issues such as delayed flights, so our clients feel comfortable and secure as they leave the details to us.

As you prepare your holiday, we can provide insight into hidden gems, such as local eateries and pubs or sites to see that are not necessarily on the map – a service which is highly valued by our clients.

**Enquire** today to learn more about modes of travel in the UK and Europe, or to speak with a Fine Travel Consultant to help you book your holiday.

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*Let us help you  
Plan Your Holiday*

## *Established in 2003,*

Fine Travel is an affordable concierge-style travel agency providing comprehensive travel services to both leisure and business clients in New Zealand. We provide a variety of services which have put us way ahead of any anonymous connection you might make booking direct on the Internet or with a travel supplier.

Over the last 11 years we have successfully managed a growing client list of business and leisure travellers by providing honest, personal, and value based travel advice in a prompt professional manner. Our consultants are vested in the business and bring a wealth of knowledge to our clients from their contacts and their own personal travel experiences. Their honesty and attention to detail set us apart in the New Zealand Travel Industry.

For the business traveller, we offer the security of knowing that your travel will be managed by someone with extensive travel experience who understands the importance of getting it right the first time. We appreciate that plans can change at the last minute and that you need someone reliable and who can be available to make it happen for you.

We are a TAANZ and IATA bonded independent travel agency. We have the freedom to source from whoever has the best product and delivers the best value for our clients. We currently leverage our partnership with Travel Managers Limited; Go Holidays, a division of New Zealand's largest travel company, Stella Travel Group; Infinity Holidays, the wholesaler for Flight Centre; QBE Insurance; Cruise Factory; Adventure World Travel and all major airlines.

Our goal is to take the stress out of planning and booking travel by giving our clients precious time to prepare themselves for their trip, rather than dealing with the myriad of details and travel traps. We are real people, dedicated to making sure that you'll have the best holiday experience of new destinations, new cultures and new people.

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with us in:*

