

**INSPIRING SUPPORTED TRAVEL AND HOLIDAYS FOR A DECADE**



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**10 YEAR BIRTHDAY**

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Go beyond your travel Expectations...



...with a Go Provence Supported Holiday



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# OUR HOLIDAYS FOR 2020

**Skiing in the Alps** - Beginner or experienced, you can enjoy the beauty and exhilaration of skiing.

**Morocco** - Majesty of the Sahara- Explore the mighty kingdom of the west, the old cities and famous desert by camel.

**Trails of Peru** - Discover exotic Peru with its Inca trails and sublime Machu Picchu.

**Wild Scotland** - Connect to nature on the Isle of Mull, a wildlife holiday led by Chris Sperring, MBE.



**Cuisine of the World** - Immerse yourself in the world of flavours, food and cultures.

**Aqua Adventure** - Stay refreshingly cool with water activities in the Gorges du Verdon.

**The Great Adventure** - The most exciting way to experience Provence and the summer warmth.

**Relax in Provence** - Unwind and recharge in beautiful Provence, the paradise of Europe.

**Trans-Siberian Express** - Iconic trip of a lifetime, unfolding Russian, Mongolian and Chinese landscapes.

**Gothic Transylvania** - Uncover the legend of Dracula in the mystical world of magic and horror.

**Northern Lights in Iceland** - Explore the geological wonders in the land of ice and fire.

# HAPPY 10 YEAR BIRTHDAY GO PROVENCE



We would like to welcome you to the 2020 Go Provence holiday brochure. We have some special holidays for 2020 to celebrate our 10-year anniversary. As you can see, we have got exciting new trips to Peru, Morocco, Romania and Scotland. We have also included a trip on the Trans-Siberian Express that crosses three countries. We will still have our summer program in Provence, albeit slightly shorter, and also our ski holiday and Iceland trip that have now become firm favourites. All holiday prices are all-inclusive.

Our aim is, and has always been to offer inspiring supported holidays and travel to people who need a helping hand.

Don't forget our Travel Buddy scheme, which is proving to be very successful, giving you the chance to choose where and when you want to go on holiday.

You will also see in the brochure that we have joined forces with Accessible Travel Partnership. You can read all about our exciting new association with ATP on the following two pages.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has come on our holidays and travelled with us along our 10- year journey. Who knows where the next 10 years will take us all?

See you in 2020.

**Ian and Neil**

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## **It's time to celebrate!**

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, we are delighted and proud to announce that Go Provence Supported Holidays has become a founder associate company of The Accessible Travel Partnership, a network of travel and leisure specialists dedicated and committed to making travel accessible and inclusive everywhere, to everyone. Add to this the financial and licensing protections of 360 Private Travel and you can begin to understand how we are now better placed than ever before to take our valued guests beyond their expectations, to realise their travel dreams and ambitions and to create exciting holiday opportunities that are truly without limits!

## **Why have we joined forces with the Accessible Travel Partnership? Even greater support**

Working with quality and approved destination management partners across the globe, who specialise in the supported area of travel and tourism, means we can offer even greater support to ensure you enjoy happy, memorable experiences in the same spirit of adventure, friendship and fun that Go Provence has proudly become famous for.

## **Even more exciting choice of holidays**

Our valued returning guests will know that in recent years we have been spreading our wings to Italy and Iceland which have become popular on our programme, and now, with our new partnerships and associations, look out for an even more incredible and intrepid range of 'once in a lifetime' journeys and experiences to Asia, Africa, South America and beyond. Excited? We are!



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## **Even better financial protection**

We understand just how important and reassuring providing complete financial protection is to our guests. Well, as members of the Accessible Travel Partnership, Go Provence Supported Holidays enjoys the stringent industry accreditations and licences provided by 360 Private Travel, ensuring the very best financial protections and assurances are in place for you, whichever holidays you book and wherever in the world you want to go.

## **Same faces. Same friends. Same fun!**

What hasn't changed is the same precious, considered support that we have delivered to our valued guests (now firm friends) over the past 10 years. Rest assured, that will never change, wherever in the world we might be! So, as we venture onwards and look forward to another 10 years of shared and unique times together, a community of friendship and fellowship, we will remain committed to turning your travel and holiday dreams into reality. That's a promise. So join us. It's going to be an incredible journey!

ATOL <https://www.caa.co.uk/atol-protection/>

IATA <https://www.iata.org/>

VIRTUOSO <https://www.virtuoso.com/>

# WELCOME TO OUR 2020 '10 YEARS CELEBRATORY' HOLIDAY PROGRAM. HERE IS A LOOK THROUGH THOSE 10 YEARS.





### 15th - 22nd February - Skiing in the Alps

£2,520

If you have ever wanted to try skiing, this could be the opportunity that you have been waiting for, skiing in the French Alps at the ski resort of Pra-Loup near the picturesque town of Barcelonnette.

Fly from London Gatwick to the French airport, Nice, supported by Go Provence. Travel by mini-bus to the beautiful town of Barcelonnette, set 1132m above sea-level. Full-board at the Gîte de l'Eterlou with superb Provençal food. 5 days at Ski School with fully qualified instructors, ski gear and ski passes included



### 1st - 9th April - Morocco - Majesty of the Sahara

£3,590

Spend eight nights in historical Morocco where you will explore her ancient culture and famous desert landscape.

**Day 1:** Arrival/Marrakech

**Day 2:** Marrakech | Marrakech Medina Tour

**Day 3:** Marrakech | Ourika Valley/Palmerie

**Day 4:** Marrakech/Boumalne Dades

**Day 5:** Boumalne Dades/Sahara Desert Todra Gorge, Camel Rides to Desert Camps

**Day 6:** Sahara Desert | Day trip to Rissani, Oasis

**Day 7:** Sahara/Ouarzazate Atlas Movie Studios

**Day 8:** Ouarzazate/Ait Ben Haddou/Marrakech

**Day 9:** Marrakech/Departure



### 16th - 30th April - Explore Peru

£4,100

Home to one of the five cradles of civilisation, the Inca Empire, Peru has a wealth of history and culture. From the Andes to the Pacific and from modern Lima to the ancient Machu Picchu.

**Day 1.** Arrival in Lima. **Day 2.** Lima City Tour.

**Day 3.** Flight to Tarapoto, visit Lamas and the natives. **Day 4.** Laguna Azul.

**Day 5.** Tarapoto and Ahuashiacu waterfalls. **Day 6.** Cusco city tour with folklore show.

**Day 7.** Sacred Valley tour of Pisac, Urubamba, Ollantaytambo, Chincheros.

**Day 8.** Full day in Machu Picchu. **Day 9.** Depart Lima.



### 24th - 31st May - Wild Scotland

£2,350

Discover the wilds of Scotland and all its flora and fauna. Set in the Scottish island of the Isle of Mull, this unique place will help you reconnect with nature. Led by BBC Wildlife presenter Chris Sperring MBE.

Fly from London to Glasgow on a supported flight. Travel by mini-bus and ferry to the Isle of Mull and stay at Killiechranon House, located on the west coast. Each day will be dedicated to discovering and finding out more about well-known species of the island.



### 9th - 16th July - Cuisine of the World

£2,220

Sample the best that French Cuisine has to offer plus recipes from all around the world. Buy fresh ingredients from the local market, cook them with our chef, and then enjoy the meal you have prepared with others.

Visit Provençal food markets to buy the ingredients. Prepare and cook at least one meal per day with the help/support of our resident chef, Neil. Take a trip to a local goat farm and make goat's cheese. Learn about the joys of vegan food and how to prepare it, as well as trying a spot of yoga with Claudia. Recipes from countries all around the world.



### 16th -23rd July - Aqua Adventure

£2,320

Get soaked in some of the cleanest waters of Europe, the River Verdon. Swim, play or paddle in the nearby lakes, rivers and streams.

Activities will include, white-water rafting, canyoning, kayaking, building your own raft and relaxing during a two-hour spa session. Must bring swimwear and clothes that you are happy to get wet.



### 23rd - 30th July - The Great Adventure

£2,425

Experience the thrill of white-water rafting, canyoning, rock-climbing, canoeing and other activities in this action-packed week, all against the beautiful backdrop of the Grand Canyon of Europe, the Gorges du Verdon.

Challenge yourself and discover new activities. All based in the Gorges du Verdon National Park. Offered in partnership with local experts.



### 30th July - 6th August - Relax in Provence

£2,235

Enjoy the best of Provençal life in the South of France: sunny weather, mountains, fields of lavender and cicada-filled slow, summer evenings.

Excursions to places such as Lake Sainte Croix, a local organic goat farm to make cheese, local pottery to decorate pots to take home, markets to sample local wares, the village of Moustiers-Sainte-Marie for its outstanding beauty, the River Verdon to go kayaking and the Gorges du Verdon to see the gigantic Griffon Vultures.



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### 14th - 27th September - Trans-Mongolian Express

£5,950

Three different countries and cultures connected by one iconic trip of a lifetime, The Trans-Mongolian Express. One of the three famous Trans-Siberian train routes. See the beauty and mystique of Russia, Mongolia and China unfold before your very eyes.

Flight into Moscow with a day's sightseeing, then train to and stop offs in Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk and Lake Baikal, Mongolia's capital, Ulaan Baatar, and finally on to Beijing for a short stay in China. Flight back to London from Beijing.



### 1st - 7th October - Gothic Transylvania

£2,425

Transylvania conjures up images of dark mountains, gushing rivers and legends of creatures of the night, most notably vampires, immortalised by Bram Stoker's famous novel, Dracula.

Fly from UK to Bucharest fully supported. Stay in accommodation near Brasov in Transylvania Activities to include, visiting Dracula's castle, bear watching, visiting the historic village of Rasnov, taking a cable car up to Mount Tampa and visiting the Black Church in Brasov.



### 8th - 15th October - Northern Lights in Iceland

£2,650

The Nordic island of Iceland, renowned for its stark beauty, hot springs and waterfalls. We will be Northern Light hunting on this volcanic island. Will we get a chance to experience these celestial wonders of many colours?

Supported flight from Gatwick to Reykjavik Golden Circle Tour, pony trekking, bathing in the warm Blue Lagoon, visiting a volcano and earthquake museum and taking a boat out onto the Greenland Sea to spend an afternoon whale watching.

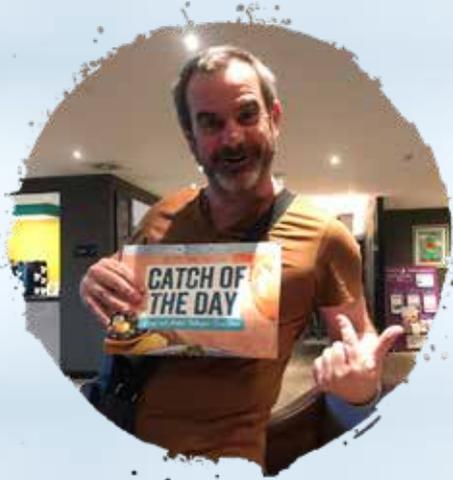
# TRAVEL BUDDY SCHEME

Have you had a hard time finding a supported holiday to the destination you want to visit, during the time you want to go? With our Travel Buddies holiday option, you choose any holiday destination worldwide and one of our qualified travel guides will take you there.



You can go where you like, when you like and with whom you like. We want to make all holiday dreams possible and put choice and flexibility back in the hands of travellers with learning disabilities or difficulties, autism or just those people who may need help getting where they want to go. So get in touch with us and we'll help you plan the trip of a lifetime made just for YOU!

# GO PROVENCE TEAM



**Neil Manser**

Director and co-founder, Neil is the life and soul of the party bringing the fun to Go Provence. Aside of supporting guests at Go Provence, he lives near St Tropez.



**Karen Galway**

Karen has been working as a support worker for Go Provence since 2013. She loves kayaking and supporting, she lives in Cornwall.



**Ian Callen**

Director and co-founder, Ian organises all the activities and planning as well as supporting. He lives in Provence with his wife and three children.



### **Christine Espley**

Christine is a new addition to our team, who joined in the summer of 2019. She caters for all the rock stars, Bob Dylan, Neil Young and Cliff Richard, and now of course, Go Provence guests can enjoy her culinary delights, especially her famous chocolate mousse.



### **John Ryde**

John was a chemistry teacher for 20 years then moved to Thailand and worked on school projects with his wife. He now supports people with autism and learning disabilities near Yeovil.



### **Najla Dabaa**

Najla has been supporting guests with us since 2017. She lives in Fleetwood and has managed a supported living house for people with learning disabilities.



## CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

Because every1 is wonderful and I have just been on a skiing holiday in France which I loved and was 1 of the best holiday's I have ever been on!!

**Rosie - Holiday Guest**

Max has a wonderful week with Go Provence in their adventure week- lots of well-planned activities and fun food and laughter - he will definitely be back!!

**Kate - Holiday Guest parent.**

Amazing from the minute we got off the plane to when we left! Everyone had an amazing time I could not recommend these guys enough, they know what they are doing and always go the extra mile to make sure everyone gets to do the things they want to do and are happy. We were sad to leave and can't wait to make plans to go back! Thank you so much Ian, Neil, Jon, Karen and Najla you guys are great!

**Coleen - supported a group from United Response**

Have had the best holiday ever with Go Provence Supported Holidays. It was my first holiday ever with you Go Provence (so helpful and supportive in every way and completely safe), can't wait to go again with you team !!!!

**Robert - Holiday Guest**

“Incredible people, incredible holidays! My brother’s year is made on these holidays, wish I could rate it more than 5\*! Couldn’t recommend higher, anyone who is considering it just get it touch you won’t regret it!.”

**Leah - sister of a guest.**

“Bill and I would like to say a huge thank you to you and the team for giving Sasha such a lovely holiday. It was a huge experiment for us and was a real success! She had a wonderful time and we look forward to her joining you again in the future. (It was fantastic that her clothes came back washed and folded! A real treat!).”

**Judith - Parent of a guest.**

“I don’t do Facebook but have seen the amazing photos of the Iceland trip. Andrew has been telling us all about the amazing time he has had with you again. You have once again given him a holiday of a lifetime.”

**Dorothy - Parent of a Guest**





## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Flights with support from Go Provence Team Members.
- Quality and comfortable accommodation.
- All meals.
- All activities on your holiday.
- Support from our Go Provence team during your holiday.
- Transport and transfers.
- Quality communication with your support network at home through WhatsApp groups created for your holiday and feedback sheet.
- Financial protection from ATOL and IATA.



## HOW TO BOOK

You can make contact with us if you have a question or wish to book a holiday in a number of ways:

**Website:** [www.goprovence.co.uk](http://www.goprovence.co.uk)  
and go to Our CONTACT page.

**Email** us at [ian@goprovence.co.uk](mailto:ian@goprovence.co.uk)

**Telephone** us  
on our French landline 00 33 (0)9 73 21 31 18  
on our French mobile 00 33 (0)6 83 86 22 25

Write to us at :

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Route de Valensole  
Riez, 04500  
Provence  
France.

# SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



## Offsetting our Carbon Footprint

We want to be the first supported holiday company to invest in sustainable tourism. That means championing local projects who are actively helping to combat climate change.

We plan to contribute £50 from every holiday booked and donate it to a tree-planting project here in our local area, the Gorges du Verdon.

As this goes to print, we are working with the National Parc du Verdon to identify a suitable tree-planting project with which we can become involved.

Climate change is a big concern for all of us and we want to be at the forefront of supported holiday sustainable tourism together with you.



**10 YEAR BIRTHDAY**

**THANK YOU**  
**ÞAKKA ÞÉR FYRIR**

**ТАРАДН ЛЕАТ**

**مكك اركش**

**G pr- vance**

**MULTUMESC**

**Спасибо**

**Баярлалаа**

**MERCI**

**謝謝**

**GRACIAS**

**ISLAND**

**LANDSHYRDESMEN**

**THE KING OF SWEDEN**

**THE KING OF DENMARK**

**THE KING OF NORWAY**

**THE KING OF FINLAND**

**THE KING OF ICELAND**

**THE KING OF GREECE**