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# THE CENTENARY EXTRAORDINARY DRIVE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BENTLEY DRIVERS CLUB

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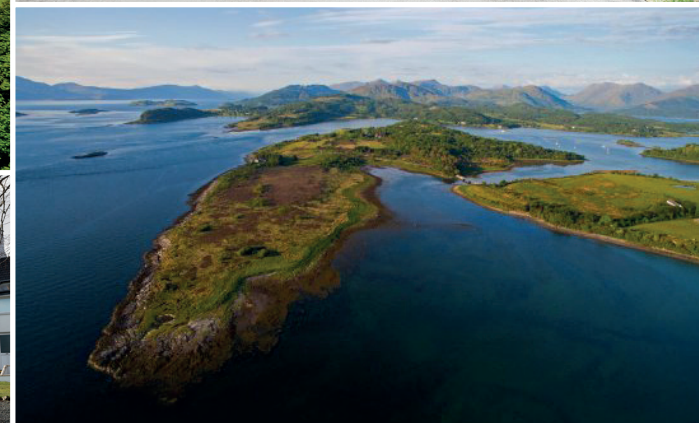
There will only ever be one centenary year for Bentley and to mark this huge milestone in the marque's glittering history, we are holding the grandest of grand tours; a one-off created to attract Bentleys of all ages from all over the world to experience exactly what makes Britain Great.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of what could be the most head-turning convoy ever, as we meander through the most incredible scenery and locations that the UK has to offer, stopping off at carefully-chosen destinations and experiencing extraordinary activities with members of the Bentley Drivers Club joining the group for elements as we travel down the country.

From HM the Queen Mother's Castle of Mey on the north coast of Scotland, via the Islands and Highlands – where we will go off-road in the Bentayga – dinner on HMY Britannia and the odd golf course, just 19 couples will have the opportunity to enjoy our cars among the splendour of the Scottish scenery.

As the hotels, and the roads, get a little bigger, so do our numbers and 50 couples will pilot their Bentleys from the National Railway Museum in York, down to the Cotswolds, and on to London, where the peak of the celebrations will be reached with a black tie dinner in the Tower of London. We finish with a day in period dress at Brooklands, a suitably fitting way to round off this celebration of all things Bentley and British.





## FRIDAY 15

The first leg of our extraordinary voyage starts at the northernmost point of the British mainland, in the ultra-exclusive setting of the Castle of Mey. This little gem was the only home that HM the Queen Mother ever owned, and has been perfectly preserved by the same team who served Her Majesty. And it is exclusively ours for the evening before we retire to the stately Ackergill Tower, our 600-year-old home for the night.

## SATURDAY 16 & SUNDAY 17

After a leisurely morning, perhaps taking the air on Ackergill's private beach, we start our journey south with a short drive along the beautiful Caithness coastline to the Novar estate, home of the Monro Fergusons, where we are based for two nights. While we stay on their 22,000-acre estate, we will be part of our own off-road expedition in a convoy of Bentley Bentaygas – heading out on private tracks up through ancient Caledonian forest where some of Britain's last capercaillie live, then driving across the open mountainside, before dropping down to our hosts' private boathouse on the banks of Loch Maree.

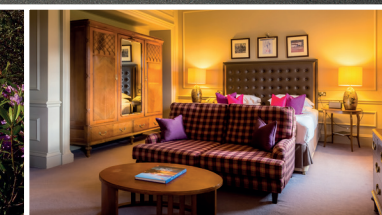
## MONDAY 18

Now we head inland, up and over the mountains of the North West Highlands, following the stunning North Coast 500 route past Eilean Donan and down to the Kyle of Lochalsh. We cross the new bridge to the magical Isle of Skye and Kinloch Lodge, the luxury hotel owned by Lord and Lady Macdonald, the latter being rather better known as the celebrity chef Claire Macdonald.



## TUESDAY 19 & WEDNESDAY 20

It's a short but special drive across Skye to Armadale, where we catch the ferry back to the mainland before driving down the west coast to our next island haven, the Isle of Eriska hotel, where we spend two supremely relaxing nights. It is testament to the specialness of this place that you can watch otters frolicking on the remains of an Iron Age crannog there, play a round of golf on its private course or enjoy luxury spa treatments before joining the rest of the group for a Michelin-starred dinner, all without ever having to leave the island.







## THURSDAY 21 & FRIDAY 22

It's back onto the mainland and the lovely drive down to Archerfield, for another fabulous two-night stay in our private Robert Adam-designed stately home on one of the great links courses of Scotland. While there, you'll have the opportunity to make the most of its outstanding spa and golf course or have a stress-free foray into nearby Edinburgh, thanks to the support team's shuttle vehicles. On the second night, you'll experience one of the highlights of the trip – a black tie dinner on the Royal Yacht Britannia, now moored up in ancient Leith, and all ours for an extraordinary night, never to be forgotten.

## SATURDAY 23 & SUNDAY 24

After a fine breakfast, we head south along some of the incredible driving roads of the Scottish borders and cross into England, where we head to the great city of York. Here, you can explore the spiders web of medieval streets and city walls, not to mention the magnificent Minster. On the second night, we will be the guests of the National Railway Museum, where some of WO Bentley's less well-known engineering masterpieces are exhibited.









## MONDAY 25 & TUESDAY 26

Our Monday morning commute will be to the home of Bentley Motors in Crewe, where a still secret but very special series of celebrations is planned for our visit. While the details will remain under wraps, you'll receive the full Bentley VIP treatment with rare behind-the-scenes access.

## WEDNESDAY 27 & THURSDAY 28

From Crewe, we head through the heart of England to the picturesque beauty of the Cotswolds. Through rolling hills and picture postcard villages of honey-coloured stone, our convoy of Bentleys will head to one of England's loveliest hotels, the Lygon Arms. After a day at leisure to either explore the area, or to head out to an artist's studio who has very strong links to the BDC, we will have dinner in the fabulous Tudor setting of Sudeley Castle, once home to Queen Katherine Parr.

## FRIDAY 29 & SATURDAY 30

Our Extraordinary Drive now starts to reach its pinnacle as we head to the capital city and dinner at the Tower of London. Special parking and security have been arranged at the fabulous St Pancras Hotel, easy to reach by road and a very special home for our time in London. Our last dinner together will be a suitably spectacular affair, held at the Tower of London itself.

## SUNDAY 31

Our magnificent convoy of cars will make one final journey together out to Brooklands Circuit, scene of so many tales of derring-do from Bentley's past. There, we will have a final lunch, in costume suitable to the era of our Bentleys, in this most appropriate and evocative of settings.





From Mey to Surrey (16 nights) - £19,500 per couple  
From York to Surrey (8 nights) - £8,500 per couple  
Price based on two people sharing. Please note that insurance is not included and a single supplement applies.

The event will be supported by the Bentley Extraordinary Drives team, whose experience of running events for Bentley means that guests will be looked after in a fashion entirely appropriate to the specialness of the occasion. No fewer than six team members will be on hand throughout the event, with support cars in front and behind the main convoy, carrying photographer, videographer, mechanic, first aiders and security. The aim is to anticipate guests' needs before they even realise that they are wanting something, and Bentley's team of warm, friendly hosts is highly skilled at their craft. Most meals and drinks are included in the price, other than when guests are at liberty to enjoy a little time at leisure.

These are indicative itineraries and may change.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Extraordinary Drives support team using the contact details below.

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