



# RMBI Holidays





## UK Holidays

The RMBI organises four annual holiday events in Bournemouth, Eastbourne, Llandudno and Westcliff-on-Sea. The holidays are held for the benefit of RMBI Annuitants or people receiving financial assistance e.g. Masonic Relief Grant. The summer holidays are funded by the Good Neighbour Fund, which benefits from the fundraising activities of the 'Friends of the RMBI' and various Masonic charity organisations around the country.

In total 70 places are offered each year to the four holiday locations. Holidaymakers have to be mobile and able to self care. Each holiday is for two weeks and with half board accommodation in comfortable ensuite rooms, usually at three star hotels. We aim to use the same hotels each year and therefore the staff are familiar with the needs of our holidaymakers.

Local Freemasons in all locations do a great deal to support and entertain the holiday parties, organising trips out and hotel entertainment. This includes visits to Masonic points of interest, visits to local RMBI Homes, visits to key local areas and at the end of the two week holiday, a cocktail party is held followed by a farewell gala dinner.

The Care Advice Team cover the whole of England and Wales and are knowledgeable and experienced in the care sector. The Team visit people in their own homes, or may speak to someone via telephone and post out information.

The Team give advice on all aspects of the services offered by the RMBI, including the holidays both in the UK and overseas, the other Masonic charities and by statutory and voluntary agencies.

Every case is treated in the strictest confidence, with sympathy, tact, diplomacy and sensitivity. The Team support vulnerable people whose trust and confidence is respected.



## Overseas Holiday

The winter holiday to Malta grew out of the desire to assist people who suffer as a result of the damp, cold British weather e.g. those with health problems such as chronic bronchitis, respiratory diseases and arthritic disabilities. Over the years the places sponsored by the numerous Provinces have also been offered to people recovering from surgery and people who have been bereaved.

Due to the ever more difficult restrictions of insurance companies we do have to give consideration to levels of fitness. Although the holiday group are escorted to Malta and accompanied throughout the holiday by RMBI staff, no care is provided and people need to look after themselves and have a reasonable degree of mobility.

Some sponsoring Provinces select people amongst their own beneficiaries whilst other Provinces sponsor a place and ask a member of the Care Advice Team to identify someone who would benefit from a break.

We are also happy for people to come on the holiday on a self-funding basis as a number of people like the idea of a winter holiday but are nervous about going away on their own or enjoy the company and security of a Masonic group.

The holiday is based in the picturesque seaside resort of Sliema which is close to the historic capital Valletta. Malta has many strong Masonic connections and is steeped in history. An invitation to visit the oldest Lodge on the island is an annual affair and enjoyed by all. Areas and points of interest include Medina, the ancient capital of Malta and Vilhena Palace which was built for the Grand Master Vilhena in 1730 and is now the Natural History Museum.

**If you would like more information or would like to apply for a UK or Overseas holiday, please get in touch.**



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