

## TRAVELTIMES

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**Last 2 weeks of FREE service**

**Anyone** looking to plan their holidays in 2009 should hurry to the travelocator site to take advantage of using our service for free.

After 14th January we will be charging for all of our travel plans with repeat customers able to enjoy a 10% reduction off the total price.

Friends and family of our customers can also enjoy this discount as can our newsletter subscribers! Just quote FRIEND in the comments box at the end of the online form.

With prices starting at just £15 for a 3 day holiday (or £13.50 with that discount),

### UK OK?

**With** the pound sterling so weak against many worldwide currencies, now may be the perfect time to look to the UK for your holidays.

Let's compare some famous worldwide sites to what can be found in Blighty.

**Eiffel Tower/Blackpool Tower**  
This is an easy one. Similar in shape, if not size, the Blackpool Tower is a northern English icon

and we know we can continue to save our customers money with our well-researched

plans, created by people with first-hand knowledge of over 60 countries.

If I could choose I would travel by...  Hire car  Coach/bus  Train  Airplane

If I could choose I would...  see as much as possible  relax as much as possible  have time to relax AND see as much as possible

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and sits besides the Pleasure Beach, one of the UK's most popular tourist spots.

**Great Wall/Hadrian's Wall**  
Perhaps the Roman's most impressive legacy in Great Britain, Hadrian's wall divided England and Scotland and stretches from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. It makes for a great walk away from any crowds.

**Bondi Beach/Bournemouth**  
Miles of soft, sandy beach,

clean sea and a vibrant night-life. No, this isn't Australia, it's the south coast town of Bournemouth which offers visitors blue flag beaches, some of the country's best nightclubs and bars as well as access to stunning nearby countryside.

**Canada/Scotland**  
With its snowy mountains, icy lakes and idyllic islands, Scotland makes for a great alternative to Canada

## Cruising with the cargo

**C**EO and founder of travelocator, Olly, travelled from Malaysia to India as a passenger on a freighter ship.

Many people, and up until recently this included myself, think that travel on a freighter ship would mean having to bed down on some greasy rags sandwiched between huge containers, only allowed out once the ship reached port.

The reality, of course, was a lot different. Arriving in Port Klang, an hour out of Kuala Lumpur, we were escorted through customs and deposited on a wharf besides the Tiger Breeze. A couple of sailors waved us aboard where we met the captain.

Having been shown to our spacious cabin we then met some of the crew. The officers were mainly British, everyone else either Russian, Georgian or Ukrainian.

One of the sailors even sported an eye patch.

The most interesting character was our Georgian bosun, former KGB, former dressmaker.

The best thing about this journey was our freedom to roam around the bridge.



Inside one of Tiger Breeze's cabins

From here we watched as the massive vessel glided out of the harbor and over the rolling seas. Unlike cruise ships, freighters don't have stabilisers so it can get a little rough.

But the Indian Ocean was fairly calm and a magnificent blue as we passed by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on the way to India.

Food on board was basic but delicious and in large quantities. In the evenings we went to the small bar and chatted to the crew about life as a sailor. Some of these people

could write a book about the things they've experienced. There were a surprising amount of tales of daring sea rescues.

After 4 days at sea Chennai port came into view. The pilot scrambled aboard and was soon guiding the ship into harbor. Our little slice of calm and luxury had not prepared us well for India!

