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2016

**FOCUS ON STEAM**

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*Silver Award Winner – Britain's 'Best Rail Holidays Company'*



# Happy New Year

***My love of steam and all the associated pleasure it brings has been with me since childhood and certainly doesn't diminish with age. With this in mind, it gives me great pleasure to introduce our widest selection yet of steam holidays to ring in the New Year.***

Whether you are, like myself, an avid steam enthusiast, or someone who simply enjoys the nostalgia of travelling aboard a steam train, with all the happiness that brings both to yourself and onlookers waving to you, it is my desire with the tours in this booklet to both exceed your expectations and, perhaps, even encourage you to have new experiences. All safe in the knowledge that you are travelling with the most experienced and knowledgeable escorted steam rail holiday specialist.

*For our extensive collection of Classic UK & European escorted rail holidays, which also includes our unique Signature Tours, please see separate brochure, or visit [www.railtrail.co.uk](http://www.railtrail.co.uk), or call **01538 382323**. Thank You.*

As you may already be aware, Railtrail won the silver award for Best Rail Holiday Company at the 2015 British Travel Awards. We achieved this because so many of you took the trouble to vote for us and my most sincere thanks to you. It was an extremely proud moment for me personally to know that something I started doing 36 years ago by printing leaflets on an old duplicating machine that ensured I would get covered in ink has gone on to win awards. A very proud moment indeed for everyone at Railtrail - thank you.

And to welcome you to 2016, I'm happy to announce that all bookings received between now and January 31st will receive **DOUBLE RAILTRAIL LOYALTY POINTS**.

***As always, we look forward to the pleasure of your company in 2016***

**Dave Felstead**  
Managing Director,  
Railtrail Tours Ltd



# SOMERSET & DORSET 50TH ANNIVERSARY STEAM GALA

**NEW  
TOUR**



A great tour to start the season as we combine superb steam galas recollecting the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the famous 'Somerset & Dorset' line plus viewing the projects to recreate steam on the S&D route with social evening meals and fine local ale.



Fares  
From  
**£449**

## DEPARTS

Thursday 10 March 2016

**4**  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ 2 day rover at West Somerset Railway S&D Gala
- ★ Gala features locomotives of former S&D classes
- ★ Day rover at East Somerset Steam gala
- ★ Visit to S&D Trust at Midsomer Norton
- ★ S&D Museum at Washford
- ★ 3 evening meals with real ale/cider at quality pubs
- ★ Connecting tour travel aboard beautiful vintage coach
- ★ Great value Steam, Rail & Ale tour

## HOTEL

### Travelodge Taunton

This hotel has Travelodge's fresh new look and upgraded rooms. Every room has a comfy new king size bed, complete with a cosy duvet and four plump pillows. Bathroom includes bath with overhead shower and the standard facilities expected in a modern bathroom suite. Single travellers will have sole occupancy of a double room.

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# KENT & SUSSEX EASTER STEAM EXPLORER

**NEW  
TOUR**

We stay beside the River Medway in the historic county town of Maidstone on this fascinating Easter break featuring six famous steam lines, a historic dockyard steam festival - plus a taste of Kent with a real ale Brewer's Supper.



## DEPARTS

Thursday 24 March 2016

**5  
DAYS**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Bluebell Railway
- ★ Kent & East Sussex Railway
- ★ Colonel Stephen's Museum, Tenterden
- ★ The unique Sittingbourne & Kemsley Steam Railway
- ★ Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway - the world's smallest public railway
- ★ The Festival of Steam & Transport Gala at Historic Dockyard Chatham
- ★ The Spa Valley Railway
- ★ The Lavender line
- ★ Shepherd Neame brewery tour

## HOTEL

### Travelodge Hotel, Maidstone

The Travelodge Maidstone Central Hotel is riverside, a short walk from the High Street and town centre shops and restaurants. The hotel has a bar and café restaurant, where we will take our buffet-style full English breakfast. Your room is en-suite, and has TV and coffee & tea making facilities. Low cost evening meals are available at the hotel as an optional extra.

# BAIE DE SOMME STEAM GALA & MUCH MORE



The fabulous Baie de Somme steam gala plus 4 narrow gauge private steam charters, a potential mainline steam run, historic WW1 battlefield tour, optional free-time in Paris, and the idyllic riverside café culture of Amiens.

Fares  
From  
£799



## DEPARTS

Tuesday 12 April 2016

6  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ 2 days at the superb Baie de Somme steam gala
- ★ Private steam charter, Froissy-Cappy-Dompierre line
- ★ Private steam charter on the metre gauge MTVS at Valmondois
- ★ Private steam charter at Train Touristique de la Vallée de la Scarpe (TTVS)

- ★ Private steam charter over the 60cm Chanteraines line
- ★ Tour of the WW1 trenches at Beaumont Hamel
- ★ Based at historic Amiens on the banks of the River Somme
- ★ Delightful Baie de Somme coastal resorts
- ★ Optional sightseeing day in Paris.
- ★ Possible Mainline Steam Amiens-Noyelles

## HOTEL

### Hotel Campanile, Amiens

A good quality, modern, hotel adjacent to the station complete with café, bar and restaurant. Spacious, light rooms have been designed to offer you a relaxed stay: courtesy tray with tea, coffee and biscuits, flat screen TV, direct telephone and Internet connection for your computer. Extensive local produce continental buffet breakfast with freshly baked bread and pastries.

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# DRESDEN STEAM FESTIVAL

Plus **SAXON NARROW GAUGE STEAM 3** (optional extension)

Celebrate the best of German steam at Dresden Steam Festival plus amazing mainline steam journeys, narrow gauge steam charter, special loco depot photo shoots, Colditz Castle & lots more steam action!



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The famous Dresden Steam Festival at Dresden Altstadt Depot
- ★ Steam on the mainline from Chemnitz
- ★ Tour of Chemnitz steam & heritage diesel depot
- ★ After dark steam photo shoot at Altstadt depot
- ★ Mainline thrash up steep Tharandt incline with parallel running
- ★ Private steam photo charter on Döllnitzalbahn
- ★ Mainline steam excursion to Decin with parallel running
- ★ Mainline steam Klotzsche to Coswig
- ★ Mainline steam run with heritage electric E77 Dresden to Chemnitz
- ★ Articulated 8-wheeled Saxon-Meyer locomotives
- ★ Colditz Castle tour & overnight stay
- ★ Superb traditional steam depots full of locomotives

## DEPARTS

Tuesday 12th April 2016

**7** or **10**  
DAYS DAYS



**COMBINE TOURS & SAVE MONEY!**

Request details or see website.



## HOTELS

### InterCity Hotel, Erfurt

Adjacent to the station, the hotel has a pleasant bar and restaurant serving local and international specialties. Modern en-suite rooms include satellite TV, radio, mini-bar and WiFi.

### Colditz Castle Youth Hostel

Clean and basic en-suite accommodation in a truly historic venue, with a good quality evening meal.

### Ibis Hotel, Dresden

A short stroll from the station, in the heart of the city near to the historic Old Town, the Ibis hotels are inviting and modern, with comfortable bedrooms, air-conditioning, WiFi, satellite TV and en-suite bathrooms with shower and hair dryer.

# SAXON NARROW GAUGE STEAM



## DEPARTS

Monday 18 April 2016

4  
DAYS

These two tours can be combined to make an extended 10 DAY tour.



## HOTEL

### Ibis Hotel, Dresden

A short stroll from the station, in the heart of the city near to the historic Old Town, the Ibis hotels are inviting and modern, with comfortable bedrooms, air-conditioning, WiFi, satellite TV and en-suite bathrooms with shower and hair dryer.

Classic Saxon narrow gauge steam relaxing on the Zittau-Oybin/Jonsdorf line on the Polish border, powering up the Weisseritztalbahn, and a day of rural nostalgia on the Lössnitzgrundbahn. Then visit Germany's Barry scrapyard of mainline steam locomotives!

Fares  
Joining Dresden  
£375



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Full day of steam on the Polish border enjoying the 750 mm Y shaped Zittau-Oybin/Jonsdorf line that is still a public service in this rural outback
- ★ Loco shed tour at the junction station of Bertsdorf
- ★ Steam on the Weisseritztalbahn with the chance to ride in the open passenger waggon
- ★ Visiting Germany's 'Barry scrapyard' of standard gauge steam at Falkenberg with over 50 ex mainline locos present
- ★ Full day of steam on the Lössnitzgrundbahn between Radebeul and Radeburg
- ★ Sightseeing opportunities in Dresden to view the largest paddle steamer fleet in the world and the beautiful waterfront

Call 01538 382323 – to book or to request a detailed tour itinerary



# BAVARIAN STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

Based in the historic city of Nuremberg, we combine superb steam action with tours of the famous Bavarian and Czech breweries to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the German Brewing Law.

**Fares**  
From  
**£1299**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Private steam photo charter Ebermannstadt to Behringersmühle
- ★ Mainline steam excursion to Pilsen
- ★ Tour of Pilsen brewery
- ★ Visit to a steam gala at the Bavarian Railway Museum
- ★ Mainline steam excursion from Nördlingen
- ★ Admission & tour of German Railway Museum, Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg
- ★ Tour, tasting, and dinner at the Alstadthof brewery
- ★ Mainline steam excursion to Lake Ammersee
- ★ Admission & tour of Augsburg Railway Park

## DEPARTS

Wednesday 4 May 2016

**7**  
DAYS



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## HOTEL

### InterCity Hotel, Nuremberg

A modern 3 star hotel situated adjacent to the station and city centre. All rooms are en-suite with individually controlled air-conditioning, fully equipped bathroom, hair dryer, cosmetic mirror, minibar, LCD flatscreen with SAT-TV and SKY, phone with voice mail, WiFi, laptop size safe and work desk.

- ★ Admission & Tour of German National Railway Museum, Nuremberg
- ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at the Mönchshof brewery
- ★ The beautiful UNESCO World Heritage city of Bamberg
- ★ Experience the Schlenkerla smoked beer at the brewery restaurant



# 3 COUNTRIES SCENIC STEAM – GERMANY, FRANCE & SWITZERLAND



## DEPARTS

Tuesday 10 May 2016

8  
DAYS

These two tours can be combined to make an extended 14 DAY tour.



## HOTEL

### InterCity Hotel, Freiburg

A short stroll from the station and Freiburg's Old Town, the InterCity has modern furnished rooms, with soundproof windows, fully equipped bathroom, hair dryer, minibar, TV with Sky Channels, radio, WiFi, and telephone. Hotel bar and restaurant with national & international menu.

Enjoy an amazing variety of mainline & narrow gauge steam through fabulous lakes & mountains scenery! A wonderful steam nostalgia tour including new venues not previously visited by Railtrail.

Fares  
From  
£1595



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Spectacular steam in even more spectacular scenery
- ★ Mainline Black Forest steam tour to Lakes Titisee and surrounding area
- ★ Steam on the twists and turns of the Sauschwänzlebahn, plus private lineside bus for great photo opportunities
- ★ Mainline steam to Neuchâtel with Class 52 221
- ★ Steam on the 13 Kms standard gauge Kandertalbahn
- ★ Tour of loco shed at St Sulpice
- ★ Steam on the 12 Kms Standard gauge Chemin de Fer du Rhin
- ★ Vintage tram charter in Freiburg
- ★ Private steam charter in the beautiful Alsace region of France on the Train Doller
- ★ Switzerland's Blonay-Chamby lines' steam & heritage railway festival.
- ★ Visit the fascinating French "Cité du Train" railway museum at Mulhouse
- ★ Stay in the beautiful Black Forest city of Freiburg



# GREAT CENTRAL & MORE – STEAM, RAIL & ALE

**NEW  
TOUR**

A brilliant Steam, Rail & Ale tour timed to coincide with the huge Great Central Model Railway event plus steam on the Great Central North. Add in a private steam passenger and photo freight charter on the Foxfield Railway plus Marstons Heritage brewery, the much loved Titanic brewery and a visit to England's oldest inn, dating from 1189.



**Fares  
From  
£499**

## DEPARTS

Thursday 16 June 2016

**5  
DAYS**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Great Central Day Rover pass
- ★ Admission to the GCR Model event at Quorn
- ★ Steam on GCR - Nottingham
- ★ Vintage bus rides
- ★ Tour of Marston's brewery
- ★ Private passenger steam charter Foxfield Railway
- ★ Private photo steam charter of mineral train at Foxfield
- ★ Visit to Titanic brewery and taster
- ★ Farewell drink at 'Ye Olde Trip To Jerusalem'
- ★ Half Board at former Railway Hotel

## HOTEL

### Hallmark Hotel, Derby

The original Midland Railway hotel has been refurbished to create a luxurious boutique-style hotel whilst still retaining Victorian features and the wonderful grandeur of old. En-suite bedrooms feature flat screen TV with Freeview, free internet access, tea/coffee making facilities and hair-dryer; sleep easy in great beds with sumptuous bedding, chenille throws and luxury cushions.

# ISLE OF MAN EXPLORER

HERITAGE & EXPLORER



The fantastic Isle of Man at its very best! A wonderful sea-front hotel on a traditional promenade, horse drawn trams, steam railways, heritage electric trams, a mountain railway and superb scenery.

Fares  
From  
£499



## DEPARTS

Thursday 5 May, Wednesday 15 June,  
Thursday 7 July & Thursday 8 September 2016

5  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Discover the captivating heritage of this independent isle
- ★ Rover ticket for all the Isle of Man railways
- ★ Laxey Mines private steam charter
- ★ Ride the unique Manx Electric Railway

- ★ Explore the harbourside town of Ramsey
- ★ Steam journey on the Isle of Man Steam Railway
- ★ Discover medieval Castle Rushen
- ★ Fascinating Castletown Old House of Keys
- ★ Spectacular views from Snaefell Mountain Railway
- ★ Steam journey on the Groudle Glen Railway

## HOTEL

### Empress Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man

The hotel commands a prime position on the Victorian promenade overlooking Douglas Bay; built at the end of the 19th Century, it has been extensively upgraded and proudly maintains its status as one of the best hotels on the island. All bedrooms have luxurious en-suite marble bathroom, complimentary refreshments, TV, hairdryer, trouser press and Wi-Fi.

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# GERMAN SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER

**NEW  
TOUR**

Revisiting some super lines we have not been to for a while: Rübeland, Stassfurt, and Mansfelder Bergwerkbahn plus a new destination – Nettetalbahn and a mainline steam run with a loco we haven't used before.



**Fares  
From  
£1189**

## DEPARTS

Thursday 16 June 2016

**6  
DAYS**



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SAVE MONEY!**

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Rare opportunity to ride with steam up the famous Rübeland Railway
- ★ Private steam charter on the 750 mm Mansfelder Bergwerkbahn
- ★ Mainline steam excursion with Class 44 1486
- ★ Private standard gauge steam photo charter
- ★ Visit to Stassfurt steam shed
- ★ Guided tour of Magdeburg Railway Museum
- ★ Journey on the Schwebbahn overhead railway
- ★ Option to extend onto great value break in the Harz mountains

## HOTEL

### InterCity Hotel, Magdeburg

The InterCity Hotel Magdeburg is centrally located, right next to the city's main station. Restaurant serving local and international specialities. Modern en-suite rooms with satellite TV, including Sky Sport and Bundesliga channels, radio, mini-bar and free Wi-Fi. Sky sports bar. Free public transport ticket.

### InterCity Hotel, Wuppertal

This city centre hotel has a pleasant bar and restaurant serving local and international specialities. Modern en-suite rooms include satellite TV, radio, mini-bar and Wi-Fi. Free public transport ticket.

# HARZ MOUNTAINS SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER & MORE



## DEPARTS

Sunday 19 June 2016

7  
DAYS

These two tours can be combined to make an extended 10 DAY tour.



## HOTEL

### InterCity Hotel, Wuppertal

This city centre hotel has a pleasant bar and restaurant serving local and international specialities. Modern en-suite rooms include satellite TV, radio, mini-bar and WiFi internet connection.

### Hotel HKK, Wernigerode

This stylish, 4 star hotel is close by the historic Old Town and offers modern, comfortable rooms, featuring flat-screen TV and radio. Enjoy culinary delights in the buffet restaurant and relax in the bar or sauna, steam bath, jacuzzi & infrared cabin.

Experience a summer idyll riding, photographing & linesiding in the stunning Harz including a brand new steam line. Plus Wuppertal's tramway museum, vintage tram charter and the amazing Schwebebahn.

Fares  
From  
£999



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Private Steam Charter on new for Railtrail line Bornum-Derneburg
- ★ Private vintage tram ride
- ★ Tour of Wuppertal Tram Museum
- ★ Ride the amazing Schwebebahn overhead railway
- ★ Enjoy the wonderful Harz Steam Railway in summer
- ★ Private lineside photographer's bus to hop on and off as you wish
- ★ Experience the smells and sounds in an open waggon immediately behind the loco
- ★ Trundle with steam along the rural Selkethal
- ★ Storming by steam to Brocken summit
- ★ A private tour of Wernigerode locomotive works
- ★ Based in beautiful old Wernigerode with Half Board
- ★ Option to combine with the German Summer Steam Explorer

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# SOUTHERN GERMANY BY STEAM

**NEW  
TOUR**

Wonderful steam trains of southern Germany's tourist resorts with steam excursions, private steam photo charter, superb heritage steam lines plus riding and photographing the fabulous Sauschwänzlebahn.



**Fares  
From  
£1199**

## DEPARTS

Wednesday 6 July 2016

**6  
DAYS**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Private steam charter with Class 99 7203 on the Alb-Bähnle, Amstetten to Oppingen
- ★ Mainline express steam ride Stuttgart-Füssen
- ★ Lineside bus available for photography on some sections e.g. Günzacher Steige incline

- ★ Steam on the twists and turns of the Sauschwänzlebahn, plus private lineside bus for great photo opportunities
- ★ Admission to Railway Museum Tuttlingen
- ★ Steam on the Öchslebahn from Warthausen to Ochsenhausen
- ★ Zollernbahn steam with Class 52 7596 on a 37 tunnels trip Rottweil-Hausach
- ★ Lots of scenic tourist interests for partners

## HOTEL

### Maritim Hotel, Stuttgart

A 4 star international hotel all rooms en-suite with hairdryer, sat TV, free WiFi, safe and mini bar with swimming pool, sauna, fitness room. Piano bar, 2 restaurants, and café.

# SWISS MOUNTAIN STEAM



Switzerland and steam trains - a delightful combination as we take you to the heart of this beautiful country to experience some amazing mountain rail journeys and glorious lake steamer cruises.

Fares  
From  
**£1595**



## DEPARTS

Wednesdays 6 July, 27 July, 10 August,  
24 August & 7 September 2016

**8**  
DAYS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Your choice of First or Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ Shimmering blue lakes, past alpine meadows, up to heavenly skies, by steam train
- ★ Ride the extended Furka Steam Railway – original route of the Glacier Express
- ★ Chartered steam train up the spectacular Schynige Platte
- ★ The amazing Brienz Rothorn steam mountain railway
- ★ Lunch at the Schilthorn summit – James Bond 007 mountain
- ★ Lake Thun cruise & funicular up Harder Kulm
- ★ Coffee & cake at the Panorama Restaurant at Harder Kulm
- ★ Stay in beautiful car-free alpine spa town of Wengen
- ★ Bernese Oberland Pass – offering freedom of the region on your free day



## HOTEL

### Sunstar Hotel, Wengen

This 4-star hotel is noted for its caring reputation and beautiful setting with panoramic views. It is located in the centre of Wengen - just 200m from the station - a small, car-free spa town situated on a sheltered terrace at over 1300m above sea level, the majestic peaks of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau as a backdrop. Pure mountain air invites sheer relaxation. Enjoy delicious evening meals with choice of main dishes in the lovely restaurant. Leisure facilities include bar, indoor pool, steam bath, sauna and sunbathing lawn. Bedrooms are en-suite, with TV, radio, telephone, safe, hairdryer and free mini-bar (mineral water, soft drinks, fruit juices and beer).

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# SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS STEAM & MALT TRAIL

**NEW  
LOOK**

The Western Highlands and Islands offer world famous scenery and this special departure explores both branches of the West Highland Line, visits the Isle of Mull, rides the Jacobite steam train to Mallaig and tours two distilleries with a 'wee dram' at each. Not forgetting a cruise on the steamship Sir Walter Scott on idyllic Loch Katrine.



Fares  
From  
**£559**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Enjoy a day in the scenic Trossachs hills
- ★ Cruise aboard the steamship Sir Walter Scott
- ★ Explore both branches of the West Highland Line in their summer glory
- ★ Travel over Rannoch Moor to Fort William
- ★ Pass through lochs and glens en route to Oban
- ★ Reach Mallaig at the end of the northern branch by Jacobite Steam Train
- ★ Hop across to the Isle of Mull to visit Duart Castle
- ★ Learn about the distilling process and have a 'wee dram' at the Oban and Glengoyne distilleries
- ★ Enjoy a ceilidh at our hotel in Crianlarich at the junction of the two West Highland branch lines

## DEPARTS

Thursday 21 July 2016

**5  
DAYS**



## HOTEL

### The Crianlarich Hotel

Crianlarich is the junction village where the West Highland Line veers northwards and westwards over moors and through glens to the sea. Our hotel sits a short walk from the station, with 36 bedrooms, an AA rosette restaurant and Scottish snug bar – a great place to relax with a malt after a day's exploring.



# NORTHERN GERMANY & BALTIC COAST STEAM



Enjoy a superbly relaxing summer steam tour as we meander across Northern Germany on a sojourn of discovery to enjoy the very best of the steam railways from town, countryside to seaside!



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Visit the 60th anniversary steam festival at Germany's very first heritage railway at Bruchhausen - Vilsen
- ★ Steam on the Rasender Roland on Rügen Island
- ★ A full day of steam on the Molli with its renowned street running, plus private lineside photo bus
- ★ Visit to Hamburg's Miniatur Wunderland (the World's largest model railway)
- ★ Private narrow-gauge steam charter at Mühlenstroph
- ★ Steam day on the rarely visited 22 kms Jan Harpstedt line
- ★ Relax on the beautiful beaches of the Baltic coast
- ★ Optional sightseeing in historic Bremen

## DEPARTS

Monday 1 August 2016

8  
DAYS



## HOTEL

### Holiday Inn Express, Gütersloh

A modern, stylish hotel with restaurant and bar, just 5 minutes' walk from the station and 200 metres from the old town. En-suite bedrooms with modern facilities including WiFi and satellite TV.

### InterCity Hotel, Rostock

This comfortable hotel is close to the main train station and beautiful old-town with its impressive Gothic architecture. It has bar and restaurant where the hanseatic specialities are recommended. Modern en-suite rooms include TV, radio, minibar and WiFi. A free local public transport ticket is included for your stay.

### InterCity Hotel, Bremen

Adjacent to the railway station, near the historic old town of this charming city, the friendly hotel has wine bar, bistro and restaurant. Modern ensuite rooms include TV, radio, air conditioning, minibar and WiFi. Hotel card gives free use of the city's public transport.



# SAXON STEAM PLUS CHEMNITZ 25TH ANNIVERSARY STEAM FESTIVAL

**NEW  
TOUR**

Saxon steam at its very best as we celebrate the 25th Chemnitz Steam Festival at the magnificent double roundhouse steam depot. Featuring guest locomotives, footplate rides, a day and night photo parade, a mainline steam excursion, a vintage tram charter, plus steam on the Parkeisenbahn. We then enjoy superb Saxon Narrow Gauge steam on three wonderful lines, also visiting a remote mainline steam depot.

**Fares  
From  
£1095**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Full day at Chemnitz 25th Anniversary steam festival
- ★ Step back into the 1950's - Large railway yard, traditional double roundhouse of locos,

guest locos, footplate rides, photo parade in the day and special admission after dark photo shoot

- ★ Mainline steam excursion from Chemnitz
- ★ Steam on the Saxon Narrow gauge Pressnitzalbahn

## DEPARTS

Thursday August 18th 2016

**6  
DAYS**



- ★ Private steam charter at the rarely visited Schönheide line
- ★ Steam on the Saxon narrow gauge 'mountain railway' the Fichtelbergbahn



- ★ Visit to standard gauge Schwarzenberg Railway Museum (traditional roundhouse loco collection)
- ★ Based at Mercure Hotel, Chemnitz

## HOTEL

### Mercure Kongress Hotel, Chemnitz

A modern 3 star superior hotel with all rooms en-suite with TV, WiFi and tea/coffee facilities.

# WELSH MEGA STEAM 7 NORTH & MID WALES



A wonderful opportunity to experience the great rail journeys of North and Mid Wales, with 'little' and standard gauge lines through stunning scenery. **SIXTEEN** heritage and scenic railways, including two steam galas! If you've always promised yourself to 'do' all these famous railways, but never got round to it, then this is **THE** opportunity to bag them all in one go. Plus enjoy fantastic lineside photo opportunities during the tour with our private coach.



Fares  
From  
**£999**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ By steam along the whole of the new Welsh Highland line
- ★ Steam on the Ffestiniog Railway & Welsh Highland (Heritage) lines
- ★ The scenic Cambrian Coast line between Porthmadog and Machynlleth
- ★ The great fun of the Llanberis Lake Railway
- ★ Steam to the summit of the Snowdon Mountain Railway

## DEPARTS

Sunday 28 August 2016

8  
DAYS

- ★ Ride the Great Orme Tramway with magnificent seascape views
- ★ Railcruise along the scenic Conwy Valley line
- ★ Steam on the whole length of the Vale of Rheidol Railway
- ★ Ride through the sand dunes on the Fairbourne
- ★ Wonderful seascapes on the historic cliff funicular at Aberystwyth
- ★ Private steam charter at the Corris Railway and workshops tour
- ★ The 'grandad' of preservation – the immortal Talyllyn Railway
- ★ The Bala Lake Steam Railway
- ★ The Welshpool & Llanfair Railway steam gala
- ★ A full day rover on the Llangollen Railway steam gala

## HOTEL

### Travelodge, Bangor

The hotel has been updated with a fresh new look and features Travelodge's new room design complete with Dreamer Bed so you can be sure of a good night's sleep.

### Travelodge, Oswestry

The no-frills en-suite rooms feature custom-designed beds, limited free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, as well as tea and coffee making facilities.

### University Aberystwyth

2 nights are in university accommodation which is all en-suite and offered as single rooms only. Those travelling together may request adjacent rooms.



# BELGIAN STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

An action-packed Belgian tour featuring a day at the Trois Vallées Steam Festival and much more – Train World Brussels, vintage trams, UNESCO World Heritage canal boat lifts and visits to three Belgian breweries!

Fares  
From  
**£699**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Explore the “Trois Vallées Steam Railway Festival”
- ★ Included entry to the Trois Vallées Railway Museum in Treignes
- ★ Visit to the Tramway Museum at Thuin
- ★ Specially chartered rides on the museum’s electric tram and Autorail car
- ★ A day exploring the heritage of the Canal du Centre with its historic boat lifts
- ★ Canal cruise includes historic hydraulic boat lift, locks and turning bridges

## DEPARTS

Thursday 22 September 2016

5  
DAYS



- ★ Experience the Strepv-Thieu Boat Lift, the largest ever built
- ★ Visit the sloping lock of Ronquières
- ★ Visit to the new Train World Museum in Brussels
- ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at the Binchoise Brewery



- ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at the Fagnes Brewery
- ★ Tour and tasting at the Cantillon Brewery in Brussels

## HOTEL

### Ibis Hotel Mons Centre Gare

The Ibis Hotel is situated close to the railway station and boasts a restaurant and bar. Mons has a picturesque old town, complete with Grand Place square, and is the capital of the Hainault province. In 2015 Mons was the European Capital of Culture.

# YORKSHIRE DALES STEAM RAIL ALE TRAIL



Enjoy a day at the Keighley & Worth Valley Autumn Steam Gala and two other great Yorkshire heritage railways, plus a visit to York and two great breweries. Don't be bitter – hop on!



Fares  
From  
£399

## DEPARTS

Thursday 6 October 2016

5  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Enjoy Haworth in the heart of Brontë Country
- ★ Spend a day in York to visit the National Railway Museum
- ★ Experience a tour and tasting at the York Brewery
- ★ Discover Wensleydale on board the preserved Wensleydale Railway
- ★ Get a taste for Yorkshire at the Black Sheep Brewery
- ★ Discover Harrogate from a hotel just yards from Betty's and other attractions
- ★ Steam to your heart's content at the Keighley & Worth Valley Autumn Gala
- ★ Steam through the Dales on the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway

## HOTEL

### The Yorkshire Hotel, Harrogate

Situated right at the centre of "The English Spa", the Yorkshire Hotel is just footsteps away from Betty's, the Spa, the Royal Pump Room, green parkland and other attractions. The hotel boasts a lounge, bar and brasserie; and rooms feature tea/coffee making facilities.

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# RHEINGOLD STEAM & MORE

**NEW  
TOUR**

Classic European rail travel of yesteryear at its very best as we step back in time aboard the famous Rheingold Express hauled by a mighty German Pacific steam locomotive along the most famous of routes on both sides of the River Rhine. Quite simply a unique, not to be missed experience. Add to this a couple of heritage steam lines, a private steam charter, a vintage tram museum private charter, and the incredible Schwebbahn overhead railway.



**Fares  
From  
£1095**

## DEPARTS

Thursday 29 September 2016

**6  
DAYS**



- ★ Steam & heritage diesel on the Vulkan Express - the Brohltalbahn
- ★ Tour of DB museum at Koblenz
- ★ The magnificent Bochum-Dalhausen loco collection at the former DB depot



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First class seating on the world famous Rheingold-Express hauled by a vintage steam locomotive
- ★ By steam through the stunningly picturesque Rhine Valley to Rudesheim
- ★ Private steam charter on the metre gauge Selfkantbahn
- ★ Bergische Strassenbahn tram charter in Wuppertal
- ★ Standard gauge private steam photo charter on the Wiehltalbahn
- ★ Superbly atmospheric Dieringhausen steam depot roundhouse, turntable, water cranes etc.

## HOTEL

### InterCity Hotel, Wuppertal

This city centre, English-speaking, hotel has a pleasant bar and restaurant serving local and international specialities. Modern en-suite rooms include satellite TV, radio, mini-bar and WiFi.

# FORTHCOMING TOURS – GERMANY

Please call to express your interest



## MEININGEN STEAM FESTIVAL & MORE

DEPARTS: 30 August 2016

7  
DAYS



- ★ Mainline steam Leipzig to Meiningen
- ★ Experience the unique ambience of a steam railway works
- ★ Numerous guest locomotives
- ★ Footplate rides
- ★ Steam on the Saxon narrow gauge 750mm Zittau – Oybin /Jonsdorf line
- ★ Private steam photo charter on the 18kms, 600mm Waldeisenbahn Muskau line Weisswasser – Bad Muskau - Kromlau
- ★ & Much More

## NUREMBERG ADVENT STEAM

DEPARTS: 23 November 2016

7  
DAYS



- ★ Vintage tram charter around Nuremberg
- ★ Guided tour DB Museum Nuremberg
- ★ Steam Ebermannstadt to Behringersmühle
- ★ Schlenkerla smoked beer at brewery restaurant
- ★ Mainline steam Nuremberg to Regensburg with 52 8195
- ★ Mainline steam Nördlingen to Gunzenhausen
- ★ Tour DB steam depot museum Nördlingen
- ★ Vintage tram charter Augsburg
- ★ Augsburg Railway depot museum

## DRESDEN FESTIVE STEAM

DEPARTS: 30 November 2016

7  
DAYS



- ★ Steam on the Lössnitzgrundbahn, Radebeul-Radeburg
- ★ Steam over the newly extended Weisseritztalbahn (hopefully )
- ★ DB Museum tour including non-public collection of locomotives
- ★ 2 full day Mainline steam specials from Dresden
- ★ Steam on the Zittau – Oybin/Jonsdorf line
- ★ Visit Dresden Altstadt steam depot
- ★ Traditional Christmas Markets & Festivities

## RAILTRAIL TOURS 2016 STEAM DEPARTURES

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Mon 18 Apr	Saxon Narrow Gauge Steam	4	7	Sun 28 Aug	Welsh Mega Steam 7 - North & Mid Wales	8	19
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Wed 27 July	Swiss Mountain Steam	8	15				

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