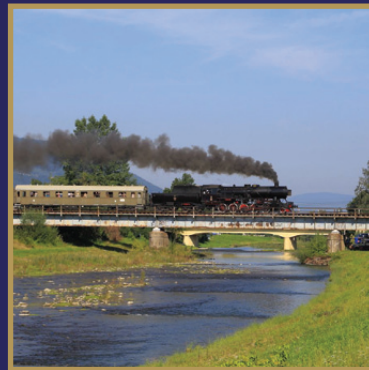




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BY TRAIN



Touring Europe by Rail

2017

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# Welcome

**Welcome, once again, to our selection of European tours, designed by our small but expert team to tour Europe the Railtrail way.**

As you turn the following pages you will find tour ideas to some of our favourite places that simply don't exist anywhere else. What's more, touring Europe by rail is becoming more expensive now that the Pound is a little weaker, so we have designed each tour to be high in content and the best possible value for money. Excursions are included on most days and every tour in this brochure includes at least breakfast and dinner every day of your stay at our hotels.

Railtrail's European tours are fast gaining popularity, so we've been hard at work developing new ones to complement the tried and tested. So if you fancy a **steam and rail packed sojourn in Saxony** or the contrasts of **German Coastal Steam & Berlin's Garden Show**, a **Swiss mountain adventure with five great railway experiences on one tour** or the sun-kissed landscapes of the **French Riviera** or **Catalonia**, we've got just the tour for you. And following our first popular 'Grand Tour by Rail' in 2016 from Land's End to John O'Groats, we've provided more choice for 2017. How about a '**Grand Tour of Poland**' including Gdansk, Warsaw, Krakow, three heritage railways and the Berlin Garden Show? Or even a **unique adventure around Norway**, featuring Oslo, Bergen, the Bergen Railway, the Flåm Railway, a funicular, a cable car, three heritage railways and a sensory adventure along serene fjords.

**Enjoy reading and hopefully see you at St Pancras.**

**Rob Carroll**  
Commercial & Product Manager  
Railtrail Tours Ltd



FRONT COVER MAIN PICTURE:  
Spectacular Oslo-Bergen line,  
The Grand Tour – Norway's Majestic Fjords & Steam



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Extraordinary short breaks and tours featuring amazing railway journeys to wonderful destinations to suit all tastes.

Our **Classic European Tours** depart from London St Pancras International where you will be met by your Tour Manager and board your high-speed Eurostar train to the continent.

Each tour describes all the included rail travel and excursions, plus your quality hotel accommodation with dinner each evening – with some lunches or tea often included as we take you on fabulous excursions to experience local delights.

Many tours include the extra comfort of the exclusive carriages and refreshments of Eurostar Standard Premier train travel, plus First Class travel for the onward great continental railway journey to the country of your holiday destination.



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# Touring Europe with *Railtrail*

## What are our European tours like?

Our tour researchers Dave and Rob have spent many years travelling by train across Europe. They've both got plenty of stories to tell, but the following pages represent some of their very favourite places outside of the UK. Tours are designed with the same ethos as our UK programme:



**Meals** – At Railtrail we understand the value of not having to fend for yourself in the evening after your day's adventure, particularly in foreign climes. That's why every holiday in this brochure includes breakfast and dinner

every day during your stay at our hotels. In fact, breakfast and dinner is the minimum we provide; many of the tours include a lunch, a tea or coffee and cake, as detailed in the individual itineraries. We hope you will agree that we provide more service at excellent value!

## Excursions

We leave the occasional day free for your individual sightseeing, but the majority of your time on tour will include excursions, attractions and rail journeys, as

detailed in each itinerary. Everything mentioned in the tour highlights is included, which means that there are no hidden extras. It is our aim to include more than other companies, whilst providing great service and value for money.



## A great way to start your holiday!

For almost all our continental European tours we meet at the 'Railtrail Meeting Point' at St Pancras – DesVins café, where your Tour Manager will be on hand to greet you with a welcome drink.



## GRAND TOURS BY RAIL

Towards the centre of this brochure we feature our **Grand Tours by Rail** section, featuring longer, unique and limited edition holidays. If travelling from **Land's End to John O'Groats** appeals to you, or perhaps a **Derry to Kerry** tour following in Michael Palin's tracks, or even a **Grand Tour of Poland** or an 18 day **Grand Norwegian adventure** by steam, rail, funicular and boat across mountains and fjords, please turn to our section with the golden banner for **Grand Tours by Railtrail**.



### A note about Luggage

We do include hotel portage wherever we can, however, carrying luggage is the customer's responsibility, including on to or off a train (unless stated otherwise in the tour itinerary). We would recommend a modest sized suitcase with wheels and a retractable handle and a small piece of hand baggage per person.

### Our Concierge Luggage Service

Did you know that it is possible to arrange to have your luggage collected in advance from your home and delivered to your European tour hotel, leaving you free to enjoy your holiday by train even more? Using Railtrail's luggage service allows you to travel light on the first and last days of your holiday. And this special concierge service costs from as little as £135 per case. For tours with overnight stops en route, simply take a small overnight bag whilst your luggage is delivered to your mainstay hotel. For tours featuring two or more mainstay hotels, your luggage will be delivered to the first mainstay hotel and collected from the last mainstay hotel. Contact us for further details.



Prices:	1 case (return journey)	2 cases (return journey)
Europe	£135	£230
Switzerland	£160	£260

## Spend a night in London before your tour

Many customers ask us to recommend a hotel near St Pancras for the night before tour departure. It makes great sense to stay over in London; it alleviates the worry of arriving at St Pancras on time. There are many hotels of varying quality around the King's Cross/St Pancras area, but we have decided to partner the **Ambassadors Hotel** in Bloomsbury, a 4\* hotel less than 10 minutes' walk from St Pancras, allowing you to arrive at our meeting point refreshed and relaxed. Book an extra night with Railtrail and extend your holiday with a night in the capital!

### Rail tickets

We are happy to provide special rate return flexible travel tickets to London for the day before the tour departs. Equally, we can arrange a package including rail tickets and accommodation at the Ambassadors Hotel. Please contact us for further details.



### Ambassadors Hotel

An independent 4\* hotel with a great location. St Pancras is less than ten minutes' walk away, but Russell Square Tube Station is also very close. Oxford Street and Covent Garden can be reached with ease. We book the hotel on a room only basis, as our European tours feature either hot drink & pastry at our welcome point or a meal on board Eurostar (*dependent on the tour*), however, we can also arrange dinner at the Ambassadors Hotel for the night before your departure.

**Room Only from £62 per person**

**Dinner can be arranged for £30 per person extra**

From only  
**£62**  
Per Person



# AMSTERDAM, BRUSSELS, BULBFIELDS & STEAM

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ World famous Keukenhof Gardens at its finest with tulips in bloom
- ★ Floralia at the Château de Grand Bigard near Brussels with over a million bulbs
- ★ Explore the Three Valleys Steam Railway
- ★ Enjoy a round trip in North Holland on the Hoorn to Medemblik Steam train and by boat on the IJsselmeer
- ★ Take a relaxing cruise amidst Amsterdam's canals
- ★ Experience Gouda's cheese market day

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

## DAY 1

Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras to **Brussels**. After checking into the 4\* Hotel Pullman Brussels Midi, which is ideally located from the Eurostar, we enjoy a transfer to **Château de Grand Bigard**, where Dutch planters have created the annual **Floralia** exhibition, with over a million bulbs in lovely surroundings. (D)

## DAY 2

Today we take the train across Belgium to Mariembourg in the south of the country for a scheduled excursion on the '**Chemin de Fer des Trois Vallées**' (**The Three Valleys Railway**), riding behind a steam locomotive in their heritage carriages from Mariembourg to Treignes. At **Treignes** there is time to visit the **CF3V Museum**, before we make our return journey by steam to Mariembourg, continuing to Brussels by rail. (B,D)

## DAY 3

We journey to **Keukenhof**, "the most beautiful spring garden in the world", open just a few weeks each year, where awesome swathes of tulips, crocuses and daffodils burst out of the rolling countryside. Huge rivers of colour beneath great avenues of trees: some of the world's greatest collection of bulbs including over **1,000 varieties of tulip**. Enjoy the 79 acres of park and gardens, strolling some



Gouda's Cheese Market

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Springtime is the very best time of the year to visit the bulbfields. This tour features **Keukenhof Gardens**, the **Floralia** flower show at a Belgian **château**, **steam adventures** on the 'Three Valleys Line' and the historic **steam train** from Hoorn to Medemblik in North Holland. **Not forgetting a day in Amsterdam** with canal trip and we also stay in **Gouda** to coincide with their cheese market!

Fares From **£899**



Steaming Through The Tulips

of the 15kms of footpaths to explore the many themed pavilions, flower shows and "**inspirational**" gardens with ideas to recreate at home. In the afternoon we transfer to our hotel in the cheese capital, **Gouda**, the Best Western Gouda, with dinner provided in the hotel restaurant. (B,D)

## DAY 4

Travelling northwards to the town of **Hoorn**, we join the historic **Museumstoomtram steam train** that meanders across the West Frisian meadows between the Zuiderzee towns of **Hoorn** and **Medemblik**. Here an old-fashioned **steamer awaits to sail gently along the IJsselmeer lake** to the village of **Enkhuizen**. After a day of nostalgia amidst the timeless scenery of North Holland, we rejoin the rail system at Enkhuizen, travelling back to Gouda. (B,D)

## DAY 5

We travel by rail to **Amsterdam**, where we take a **cruise along the city's most beautiful canal belt**, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Observe the gracious 17th century gabled merchants' houses, the numerous baroque churches and the enchanting bridges. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore; perhaps visit Anne Frank House, discover the finest works from the 17th century at the Rijksmuseum or learn about beer at the Heineken Experience. We return by train to Gouda and enjoy a farewell meal in the hotel restaurant. (B,D)

## DAY 6

After a leisurely breakfast at our hotel, the final morning is free to explore **Gouda** a little. And this is the perfect day to discover more about the town's most famous export, as the **Cheese Market** is taking place. Cheeses are delivered to the market on wagonettes, where farmers negotiate prices with traders in front of the monumental Goudse Waag

## DEPARTS

Saturday 15 April 2017

6 DAYS

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to/from Holland including Standard Eurostar	£899
Single Traveller Supplement	£195

5 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation Eurostar standard class rail travel  
Standard Class rail travel to & from the Netherlands  
All transfers, excursions & admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager  
Hotel Porterage  
Standard Premier Eurostar option available  
**GUARANTEED FARE**

## HOTELS

### Hotel Pullman, Brussels Midi

An upscale 4\* hotel situated at Brussels Gare du Midi station, just a short walk from your Eurostar, the Pullman Hotel offers easy access to the centre of the city. The hotel features a restaurant and bar, whilst the spacious rooms come equipped with air-conditioning, minibar, safe, and tea and coffee making facilities.

### Best Western Hotel Gouda

This new 4\* hotel is situated in Gouda's historic centre next to one of the town's prettiest canals. Also featuring a restaurant and bar, the modern rooms are equipped with free wifi, air-conditioning, safe, refrigerator, and tea and coffee making facilities.

building (historic weighing house). In the afternoon we depart on our return rail journey to Brussels, then via Eurostar to London St Pancras. (B)

# THE FAB FOUR RHINE VALLEY RAIL ROAMER

**NEW  
TOUR**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class travel from London to Germany and return
- ★ 4 nights at the family-run Hotel Pinger in Remagen
- ★ Excursion to Königswinter and the Drachenfelsbahn rack railway
- ★ Return journey on the Kasbachtalbahnhof Railway
- ★ Return journey on the Vulkan Express by steam and diesel
- ★ Exploring the Ahr Valley branch line, with vineyard visit and winetasting

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening at your hotel
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

## DAY 1

We depart London St Pancras by Eurostar, speeding across Kent and towards France. Our Eurostar terminates at Brussels, where we change onto a high-speed train into Germany. Our hotel for four nights is the Hotel Pinger in the Rhine riverside village of **Remagen**. (D)

## DAY 2

Today we explore the local region by scheduled service through the scenic Ahr Valley, an enclave of red-wine production in a predominantly white-wine area. Guided by our hotelier, we stop first at the lovely town of **Altenahr** before heading back down the valley to the pretty walled-town of **Ahrweiler**. During the day we also visit Germany's oldest wine co-operative in **Mayschoss**, with a **buggy ride through the vineyards, followed by a tasting of the local wines**. (B,D)

## DAY 3

Today we head for the opposite bank of the Rhine by ferry and railway, travelling first



The Glorious Rhine

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Pastoral Vineyard

© GNTB

Experience four of the Rhine Valley's rail highlights on one fabulous tour! Including Germany's oldest rack railway, the Drachenfelsbahn, the heritage railbuses of the Kasbachtalbahnhof, the scenic branch line through the red wine vineyards of the Ahr Valley and, not forgetting, heritage steam and diesel on the Vulkan Express!

**Fares  
From  
£555**



Drachenfels Cog Railway Passing Drachenburg Palace

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**5  
DAYS**

## DEPARTS

Thursday 27 April 2017  
Friday 14 July 2017  
Thursday 24 August 2017\*  
Thursday 28 September 2017

\* 24 August departure includes the "Bahnhof" Festival on the Vulkan Express

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:	
Standard Class rail travel to/from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	£555
Single Traveller Supplement	£85
4 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal Eurostar Standard Class rail travel Standard Class rail travel to Remagen and return All transfers, excursions & admissions as detailed Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager	
GUARANTEED FARE	

## HOTEL

### Hotel Pinger, Remagen

Conveniently situated for Remagen's centre and its railway station, yet just a short stroll from the Rhine Promenade, the family-run Hotel Pinger is very much the hub of this small Rhineland town. The hotel boasts a traditional restaurant, bar and coffee shop. The Pinger brothers are the third generation to manage the hotel, which was bought as a restaurant by their grandfather and converted into a hotel after WWII.

to **Königswinter**. Here we take a return trip on Germany's oldest rack railway, the **Drachenfelsbahn**, from the valley station up a height difference of 220 metres to the top station, where you will find the ruined Drachenfels ("dragon's cliff") Castle and great views across the river and the Siebengebirge hills. At **Linz-am-Rhein** we join the heritage diesel **Kasbachtalbahnhof Railway**, whose 1950s 'Roter Brummer' Uerdinger Railbus transports us from the bottom station to Kalenborn over 9 kms of track that rates amongst Germany's steepest. (B,D)

## DAY 4

This morning we take the train along the Rhine to Brohl, where we join the **Brohltalbahn**. Otherwise known as the **Vulkan Express**, the line meanders up through the Brohl Valley into the Eifel Hills, whose dramatic rock formations were created during a period of volcanic activity. The railway has recently reintroduced steam to the line and today's **steam-hauled journey** leads us to the village of Oberzissen, from where diesel locos take over for the final leg to Engeln. (B,D)

## DAY 5

Leaving Remagen, we change trains onto the high speed line in Cologne. In Brussels we join the Eurostar service to London St Pancras. (B)



All Aboard The Vulkan Express

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# THE RHINE & MOSELLE RAIL & WINE TRAIL

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class rail travel to Germany and return
- ★ Stay in the heart of the Rhine Gorge UNESCO World Heritage site
- ★ Visit Rudesheim, with lunch and winetasting at a local wine cellar
- ★ Cruise the Loreley Valley, partly by steamer, visiting St Goar and Bacharach
- ★ Discover Assmannshausen's wines with a winetasting at your hotel
- ★ Visit the spa town of Wiesbaden and ride the Nerobergbahn funicular railway
- ★ Enjoy a tasting of 'Sekt' sparkling wine at the Weingut Barth
- ★ Take the scenic rail journey along the Moselle Valley to Cochem
- ★ Cruise the Moselle and taste Moselle wines with a winetasting

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening, plus one lunch
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Portage

## DAY 1

We depart London St Pancras by Eurostar to Brussels. Then by high speed train to Cologne, onwards to Koblenz and our destination **Assmannshausen**, with a welcoming evening meal at our hotel. Assmannshausen is a wine village, an enclave of red wine using pinot noir grapes within a region of white Rieslings. Depending on your departure date, you will stay at either the Hotel Alte Bauernschänke or the Rheinhof Lamm. The winemakers visited on this tour are personal friends of the hoteliers, chosen for their variety and quality. (D)

## DAY 2

Today we make the short journey around the headland along the Rhine to **Rudesheim**, arguably the most famous village in the Rhine Valley. Here you will have free time to explore the beautiful quaint Drosselgasse, where you will find enticing speciality shops featuring the locally produced Riesling wine, and maybe visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, which houses 350 self-playing musical instruments spanning three centuries. We meet for a **rustic-style lunch in a local wine cellar**, where we also enjoy a **tour and tasting of three local wines**. (B,L,D)



Moselle Wine Tasting

© Koblenz-Touristik

Stay in a wine village at the heart of the Rhine Gorge, exploring the romantic Rhine and Moselle Valleys by rail and riverboat, and visiting a wide variety of winemakers to discover the region's wealth of wine culture.



Rhine Gorge Cruising

Fares  
From  
£699

6  
DAYS

## DEPARTS

Sunday 18 June 2017  
Sunday 20 August 2017\*  
Sunday 17 September 2017

\* August departure coincides with the  
**Rudesheim Wine Festival**

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to/from Germany including Standard Eurostar	£699
Single Traveller Supplement	£100

5 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, 1 lunch  
Eurostar Standard Class rail travel  
Standard Class rail travel to & from Germany  
All excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager  
Hotel Portage  
First Class rail option to & from Germany available  
**GUARANTEED FARE**

## HOTELS

### Rheinhof Lamm or Alte Bauernschänke, Assmannshausen

The two hoteliers are great friends. Having known Rob for many years, they have used their contacts to help design this unique tour. The June date will stay at the Alte Bauernschänke, whereas the August and September dates will feature the Rheinhof Lamm. Both hotels have a long tradition of welcoming guests from the UK and for each tour one evening meal will take place at the other hotel to add a little variety.

## DAY 6

We say goodbye to Assmannshausen today and travel by train back through Koblenz to Brussels to board our Eurostar to London St Pancras. (B)



# SWISS GLACIER EXPRESS & THE BERNINA



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Discover the 'Olympic City' of Lausanne
- ★ Stay in a lakeside hotel by Lake Geneva
- ★ Cruise along Lake Geneva to visit Château Chillon
- ★ Enjoy free time in lakeside Montreux
- ★ Admire the scenery from the world famous Swiss Glacier Express with lunch provided
- ★ Stay in Celerina in the beautiful Upper Engadin Valley close to the Bernina Pass
- ★ Marvel at the equally spectacular Bernina Express train journey
- ★ Take in great views of the Upper Engadin Valley from the Muottas Muragl funicular
- ★ Visit stylish St Moritz
- ★ Witness two of the world's great railway journeys on one tour

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every Evening
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

## DAY 1

Travelling by Eurostar from London, we change stations in Paris, continuing our journey to Basel, just across the Swiss border. Here we take the Intercity service to **Lausanne** via Bern, arriving in the lakeside area of Lausanne and our hotel, the Hotel au Lac, in time for dinner. (D)

## DAY 2

This morning we experience lovely Lake Geneva from the water with a **fabulous cruise along the lake to Château Chillon**, perched dramatically at the water's edge against a stunning mountain backdrop. We include entrance to the castle before continuing to **Montreux** for some free time in Lake Geneva's most celebrated resort. (B,D)

## DAY 3

One of the great railway journeys of the world awaits today. First we leave Lake Geneva,



Bernina Express Spirals

© RHB

Two of the world's greatest railway journeys on one tour! Enjoy the classic **Glacier Express** journey across the Swiss Alps, followed by the **Bernina Express** in its full glory. Not forgetting **Lausanne, Montreux and St Moritz**, plus stays on **Lake Geneva** and in the **Engadine Valley**.



The World Famous Glacier Express

Fares From **£1299**

**6** DAYS

## DEPARTS

Friday 16 June 2017  
Friday 8 September 2017

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to/from Switzerland, including Standard Eurostar	£1299
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Single Traveller Supplement	£100
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5 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal Eurostar and rail travel to and from Switzerland in Standard Class  
All excursions as detailed  
Lausanne Transport Card  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager  
Hotel Porterage  
First Class rail option to & from Switzerland available  
GUARANTEED FARE

## HOTELS

### Hotel Au Lac, Lausanne

A 3\* hotel with an enviable location, the belle époque style and era Hotel Au Lac is situated beside Lake Geneva, just a short ride away from the train station and city centre using your Lausanne Transport Card. The hotel boasts a restaurant, and rooms are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities.

### Hotel Chesa Rosatsch, Celerina

Situated just a short walk from the railway station beside the Inn River, the 4\* Hotel Chesa Rosatsch has a beautiful position in the centre of the alpine village of Celerina against the dramatic backdrop of the Upper Engadin mountains. The oldest part of the hotel is housed in a 400 year old building and behind these ancient walls is a combination of traditional Swiss mountain hospitality and modern flair.

## DAY 6

Farewell to Celerina, as we head across Switzerland to Basel. Travelling through France, we change stations in Paris to meet our Eurostar to London St Pancras. (B)

heading round the lake and through the mountains to **Brig**. Here we join the iconic **Glacier Express**, one of the world's great scenic railway journeys, connecting the Valais Canton with Graubünden. This is an amazing journey and we enjoy it in style, with **lunch served to our seats**. Known as 'the slowest express train in the world', take your time to marvel at the ever-changing mountain vistas outside your window, as the train follows the course of the Rhône river, then climbs through the Furka Base Tunnel en route to the Oberalp Pass, the highest point on the line at over 6,000 feet. The train then continues through the UNESCO World Heritage Albula Line, a masterpiece of railway engineering of tunnels, spirals and viaducts, including the often photographed **Landwasser Viaduct**, before reaching **Celerina** in the Upper Engadin Valley, where we spend three nights at the Hotel Chesa Rosatsch. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4

This morning we spend time in the stylish mountain resort of **St Moritz**, set amidst a splendid alpine backdrop, before continuing to **Punt Muragl**, the base station of the **Muottas Muragl funicular**. We enjoy a ride on the funicular. At almost 2,500 metres above sea level, from the top there are spectacular views to be seen of the entire Upper Engadin Valley. (B,D)

## DAY 5

Having sampled the Glacier Express, today is an equally impressive experience – the **Bernina Express**. Many aficionados rate this journey even better than the Glacier Express! From our base in the Engadin Valley, we climb high over the **Bernina Pass** and through hairpin bends on a journey towards the sunny south of the Alps on our way through the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland, finally crossing the border into Italy itself. We enjoy a little free time and maybe chance to enjoy an espresso in the Italian city of **Tirano**, before returning through the majestic Alpine scenery to Celerina. (B,D)



# HARZ MOUNTAINS STEAM - THE JEWEL OF GERMANY

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First Class rail travel to Germany and return including Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Enjoy the famous Harz Mountains steam railway; travel freely with our included 3-day Freedom of Harz Pass
- ★ Traditional 'Hansel & Gretel' towns
- ★ Pastoral landscapes and forests
- ★ Schwebebahn 'dingle-dangle' railway
- ★ Explore the medieval town of Quedlinburg
- ★ Discover Wernigerode's 'fairytale' castle
- ★ 4 star quality hotels in Wuppertal & Wernigerode

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening, plus 1 lunch
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Portage

### DAY 1

By Eurostar to Brussels with a light meal served to your seat, and onward by high-speed train to **Wuppertal** for a welcome evening meal at the InterCity Hotel. (E,D)

### DAY 2

An amazing and totally unique journey on Wuppertal's century-old 'space ships' - the **Schwebebahn elevated railway** - before continuing to historic **Wernigerode** the capital of the Harz Region, at the foot of the beautiful **Harz Mountains**. (B,D)

### DAY 3

We board the bimmelbahn road train to visit **Wernigerode's 'fairytale' castle** perched high above the town. The afternoon is yours to stroll at leisure in the gardens, explore the market place and see more of this lovely town. (B,D)

### DAY 4

The sound of the powerful **steam locomotive** reverberates around the valley sides as we climb steeply, through deep forests, to the summit of **Brocken Mountain** formerly occupied by 2,000 Russian soldiers and spy cameras overlooking the border to the west.



Steaming Through The Idyllic Selkethal Valley

© HSB Dirk Bahnsen

**A First Class rail holiday to enjoy picturesque towns and villages surrounded by a panoramic range of rocky crags romantic valleys, and fairytale woods - full of folklore, witches and steam trains.**



Arriving at Brocken Mountain Summit

**Fares From £1199**

**7 DAYS**

Today, it is a nature reserve and we can enjoy the magnificent views in peace before returning by steam train to Wernigerode. (B,D)

### DAY 5

By private coach to Quedlinburg, for a magical, charming, rural journey by **narrow gauge steam train** through the romantic Selke Valley" to the small spa, hunting lodge town of **Alexisbad**, beloved by Hitler's generals. After lunch we return by coach for a guided walking tour of the **UNESCO protected**, medieval town of **Quedlinburg**. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6

A day of choice to relax and explore the traditional shops and cafés of **Wernigerode**, or to use your **Harz Mountains Railway Pass** and venture further by steam train. Perhaps cross the mountains north-south, with cork screw turns, pastoral plateau landscapes, and deep thick pine forests where the local folklore of witches is only disturbed by the resident deer and wild boar. (B,D)

### DAY 7

Bidding farewell to beautiful Wernigerode we return by high speed train via Hanover, Cologne and Brussels, arriving back in London in the early evening. (B,E)



Beautiful Wernigerode

© GNTB

## DEPARTS

Saturday 17 June 2017  
Saturday 15 July 2017  
Saturday 30 September 2017

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:

First Class rail travel to/from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1199
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Single Traveller Supplement	£120
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6 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, 1 lunch Eurostar Standard Premier rail travel  
First Class rail travel to & from Wernigerode  
All transfers, excursions & admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager  
Hotel Portage  
**GUARANTEED FARE**

## HOTELS

### 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.

### Hotel HKK, Wernigerode

This stylish, English-speaking, 4 star hotel is close by the historic Old Town, and features modern, comfortable en-suite rooms. Enjoy culinary delights in the buffet restaurant and relax in the Berliner Ziller bar or Top Fit Club.



Wuppertal Schwebebahn The 'Dingle Dangle' Railway

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# THE SAXONY SEVEN STEAM & RAIL EXPLORER

**NEW  
TOUR**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Return rail to Germany in the class of your choice
- ★ Soar up to Augustusburg Castle on the Augustusburg Cable Railway
- ★ Steam through the Ore Mountains on the Fichtelbergbahn
- ★ Visit Oberwiesenthal, Germany's highest town
- ★ Guided sightseeing tour of Dresden
- ★ Experience Dresden's hill railways
- ★ Spend a day exploring the Saxon Switzerland National Park
- ★ Kirmitzschtal tramway ride from Bad Schandau to the Lichtenhainer Waterfall
- ★ Stroll through the gardens of Pillnitz Palace
- ★ Steam boat trip on the River Elbe with coffee and cake
- ★ Löbnitzdackel steam journey to Moritzburg
- ★ Guided tour of the royal hunting lodge of Moritzburg
- ★ Visit to Meissen Porcelain
- ★ Day ticket on the Zittau narrow-gauge steam railway

### DAY 1

We depart London St Pancras by Eurostar to Brussels and onwards through Germany to Erfurt for our first night at the conveniently situated InterCity Hotel. (D)

### DAY 2

Travelling by train into Saxony, we check into the Mercure Chemnitz for two nights, before continuing to the valley station of the **Augustusburg Castle Funicular Railway**. The cable railway opened in 1911, covering over 1 km and a height difference of 168 metres on its way up to Augustusburg Castle, former residence of the Duke of Saxony. (B,D)

### DAY 3

Our rail adventure continues southwards into the **Ore Mountains** and the village of Cranzahl. Here we board the **Fichtelbergbahn Steam Railway**, taking a fabulously scenic 17 km route, skirting the border with the Czech Republic through the **Ore Mountains** to **Oberwiesenthal, Germany's highest town** (B,D)



Zittau Line at Bertsdorf

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We have been taking steam enthusiasts to Saxony for many years to discover some of Germany's best narrow-gauge railways, but here is a tour with broader appeal, featuring funicular railways, steam lines, trams and river steam boats, plus Meissen porcelain, castles, gardens, the beautiful city of Dresden and the enthralling landscape of Saxon Switzerland. Introducing the Magnificent Seven!



Dresden's Spectacular Waterfront

**Fares  
From  
£1395**

**9  
DAYS**

## DEPARTS

Monday 12 June 2017  
Monday 4 September 2017

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to/from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	£1395
First Class rail travel to/from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1695
Single Traveller Supplement	£275

8 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, 1 coffee & cake

Rail travel to & from Germany in the class of your choice

All excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager  
Hotel Portage

**GUARANTEED FARE**

## HOTEL

### Mercure Hotel Chemnitz

A modern 3 star superior hotel, and a short walk to the shopping area, featuring bar, restaurant and gym with sauna; all bedrooms en-suite, satellite TV, direct dial telephone, wi-fi and hairdryer.

### Pullman Hotel Dresden Newa

This modern and stylish 4\* hotel is conveniently situated beside Dresden's main station. All rooms are air-conditioned and feature floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows and satellite TV.

### DAY 8

Leaving Dresden by train, we head back across Germany for our final night at the InterCity Hotel **Wuppertal**, where you will have the chance to ride on Wuppertal's own suspended railway, the Schwebebahn. (B,D)

### DAY 9

We depart Wuppertal for Cologne, changing for Brussels to board our Eurostar to London St Pancras. (B)



# BARCELONA, CARCASSONNE & THE CATALAN COAST

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First Class rail travel to/from Perpignan, including Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Visit enchanting Collioure
- ★ Explore the coves of the Catalan Coast by rail and road train
- ★ Winetasting of local wines in Banyuls
- ★ Relax in the Mediterranean resort of Argelès-sur-Mer
- ★ Travel into the Pyrenees aboard the spectacular 'Petit Train Jaune'
- ★ Enjoy a traditional French market day
- ★ Visit exciting Barcelona, the proud capital of Catalonia
- ★ Visit the perfect medieval walled city of Carcassonne
- ★ Enjoy a home-made Cassoulet, the regional speciality

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

### DAY 1

By early morning Eurostar from London to Paris with a light breakfast served to your seat. By TGV to **Perpignan**, from where we transfer to the coast and our hotel, the Grand Hotel du Lido in **Argelès-sur-Mer**. Here we enjoy a welcome drink of Pastis, the aperitif of the South of France, before dining in the hotel restaurant. (E,D)

### DAY 2

We spend the first day exploring this delightful part of French Catalonia. A local road train transports us the short distance to **Argelès Village**, where today is **market day**, a great way to sample the sights, smells and tastes of the region. Joining the local coastal railway, we head south towards the Spanish border along the stunning '**Vermillion Coast**', where the region's expansive beaches develop into a series of charming coves, backed by vineyards and the Albères mountains. At **Banyuls** we enjoy a winetasting of local produce, before continuing to the simply stunning coastal village of **Collioure**. It is not difficult to see why the Fauvist art movement was drawn to Collioure, with its special light, beautiful bay, lighthouse and fort. (B,D)



Stunning Collioure

Travel in First Class style to the South of France. Relax in a beachside hotel, explore the rocky coves of the Catalan Coast, tasting local specialities, visit colourful Barcelona, the Pyrenees and the perfect medieval walled city of Carcassonne.



The Perfect Medieval Town of Carcassonne

Fares From **£1299**

**8** DAYS

### DEPARTS

Friday 9 June 2017  
Friday 15 September 2017

### FARE

From London St Pancras International:

First Class rail travel to/from Perpignan including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1299
Single Traveller Supplement	£160

7 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal  
Eurostar Standard Premier rail travel  
First Class rail travel to & from Perpignan  
All transfers, excursions & admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

GUARANTEED FARE

### HOTEL

#### Hotel du Lido, Argelès-sur-Mer

Argelès enjoys a vast expanse of sandy beach, with the Albères Mountains in the distance, before the coastline develops into a series of charming rocky coves. The Hotel du Lido has a fabulous beachside location, with its own private beach, surrounded by a shady park. The hotel boasts a restaurant, bar and heated outdoor pool. We have deliberately chosen arrival dates to enjoy pleasant weather, yet away from the hordes of high summer.

### DAY 7

Your last day is free for you to enjoy the relaxed **Mediterranean atmosphere** or maybe take in a local market in Banyuls or Perpignan. (B,D)

### DAY 8

After breakfast we transfer to Perpignan, joining the TGV to Paris, travelling in First Class. Crossing Paris, we join the Eurostar to London St Pancras, travelling in Standard Premier Class with a light meal and drinks served to your seat. (B,E)

### DAY 3

A coach transfers us into the foothills of the Pyrenees to **Villefranche de Confluent**. Here we begin one of Europe's most scenic rail journeys, '**Le Petit Train Jaune**', which connects the Plain of Roussillon with the Cerdagne mountains, crossing viaducts and bridges with spectacular views from your window. Remarkably this wonderful line is under threat of closure, so this may be your last chance to experience the 'Yellow Train' - an experience that mustn't be missed. (B,D)

### DAY 4

A day at leisure to relax in **Argelès-sur-Mer**. Relax on the **hotel's private beach** or maybe explore the region further. From Argelès the city of Perpignan is a short train ride, where you could visit the Palace of the Kings of Majorca. Alternatively, head south by train to Port Bou, just across the border with Spain, or Figueres, home of the **Salvador Dalí Museum**. (B,D)

### DAY 5

Our rail excursion heads northwards through the coastal lagoons and deep into the heart of the Languedoc region to **Carcassonne**, where we enjoy free time to experience one of the world's most incredible medieval fortified towns. Carcassonne's citadel is entirely encircled by an impenetrable city wall, all turrets, towers and battlements. Explore the quaint alleys of this UNESCO World Heritage protected site before we return to Argelès, where tonight's dinner is the speciality of the Languedoc region, Cassoulet. (B,D)

### DAY 6

An early morning start sees us slip across the border by coach into Spanish Catalonia to visit the proud regional capital of **Barcelona**. Here we enjoy an orientation drive to introduce the city, including Gaudí's masterpiece, the extraordinary **Sagrada Família** and the viewpoint at **Mont Juic**. Free time in the city allows you to explore **Las Ramblas**, before we return to France. (B,D)

# THE BIG FIVE MOUNTAIN RAILROAD ADVENTURE



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Your choice of First or Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ 4\* hotel beside Lake Lucerne with leisure facilities and fabulous views
- ★ Excursion on the Rigi Railway, Europe's first mountain railway
- ★ Breathtaking ride on the Titlis Rotair Cable Car, the world's first revolving gondola
- ★ Drama and Thrills on the Pilatus Railway, Europe's steepest cog railway
- ★ Experience traditional and modern technology at the Stanserhorn
- ★ Enjoy incredible views at the Hammetschwand Lift, the world's highest outdoor rock lift
- ★ Local Transport Pass – offering freedom of the region on your free day

### DAY 1

Relax as we let the European train system transport us from the bustle of early morning London to **Lucerne**, then by local train to lakeside Hergiswil by **Lake Lucerne** and the Seehotel Pilatus, where a welcome evening meal awaits at our hotel. (D)

### DAY 2

Our first adventure begins with a rail journey around the lake to Stans. Here we join the **Stanserhorn**, firstly enjoying the timber carriages of the **nostalgic funicular railway dating from 1893**, before continuing on the world's first cabrio cable car, whose top deck has no roof. Enjoy the lakes and mountains panorama through the panoramic windows of the lower deck or feel the wind in your hair on the sun deck, with nothing but the wide open sky above. (B,D)

### DAY 3

Drama and thrills all the way today on the **Pilatus Railway!** This famous round trip provides the best of mountain railways from every angle. Let the **world's steepest cogwheel railway** take you up through woods and tunnels, along flowery meadows and rocky outcrops to the top of this rugged pre-Alpine peak. After free time at the summit, an aerial cable car and panorama gondola transport you back down to Lucerne, Switzerland's prettiest city. (B,D)

### DAY 4

A day at leisure in Hergiswil allows you the opportunity to relax and unwind by lovely Lake



Pilatus Cog Railway

Experience five completely unique mountain railroad excursions – the **Pilatus Railway**, the **Rigi Railway**, the **Stanserhorn**, the **Titlis cable car** and the **Hammetschwand Lift** – all from our base at the 4\* Seehotel Pilatus beside lovely **Lake Lucerne**, whose leisure facilities open out onto a fantastic panorama of lake and mountain scenery.

Fares From **£1299**



Thrilling Mount Stanserhorn Cable Car

Lucerne and maybe take full advantage of the **hotel's leisure facilities**. Alternatively, you can use your **local transport pass** to visit **Lucerne** itself, with its famous Chapel Bridge and Transport Museum. (B,D)

### DAY 5

A pretty unique experience awaits today, as we travel from Hergiswil to Stanstad. From here a short bus journey takes us up to **Bürgenstock**. We enjoy the fresh mountain air on a breathtaking **mountain walk to the Hammetschwand Lift**, the **highest outdoor rock lift in the world**. For over 100 years the elevator has taken passengers up 153 metres in one minute, enjoying lakes and mountain views. Revel in the views from the restaurant at the summit before we make the return journey. (B,D)

### DAY 6

See steep rocky walls, deep glacial crevasses and snow-covered mountain summits glide past as we ascend **Mount Titlis** on the **world's first revolving gondola** – the 'Titlis Rotair'. The gondola rotates a full 360 degrees during its ascent, providing breathtakingly beautiful panoramas as you soar to the mountain station at an altitude of over 3,000 metres above sea level. (B,D)

### DAY 7

**Europe's first mountain railway**, the **Rigi Railway**, has been transporting visitors from all over the world to the top of the 'Queen of the Mountains' since 1871. The Rigi was the preferred destination of writers and heads of state during the 'Belle Epoque' era between 1884 and 1914. Mark Twain, Tolstoy and Goethe all enthused about the beautiful views and even Queen Victoria wrote that, "We are amused!" Enjoy the 'Queen of the Mountains' for yourself on our fantastic final mountain adventure. (B,D)

## DEPARTS

Saturday 3 June 2017  
Saturday 8 July 2017  
Saturday 19 August 2017  
Saturday 23 September 2017

8 DAYS

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:	
Standard Class rail travel to/from Switzerland including Standard Eurostar	£1299
First Class rail travel to/from Switzerland, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1599
Single Traveller Supplement	£150
7 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal Eurostar and rail travel to and from Switzerland in the class of your choice Local Transport Ticket All excursions as detailed Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager Hotel Portage GUARANTEED FARE	

## HOTEL

### Seehotel Pilatus, Hergiswil

A 4-star hotel on the shores of lovely Lake Lucerne surrounded by majestic mountain views. This family owned hotel provides a great location for all our excursions and also features a host of leisure facilities, including a large indoor pool, jacuzzi, saunas, sun deck and lakeside terrace.

### DAY 8

We return by train across Switzerland to Paris, changing stations for our Eurostar journey to London. (B)



# ST TROPEZ, ANTIBES & MONTE CARLO

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First Class rail travel to France, including Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Visit the world famous resort of Monte Carlo
- ★ Cruise to St Tropez
- ★ Relax in the Mediterranean resort of St Raphael
- ★ Scenic rail journey to the ancient town of Antibes
- ★ Enjoy a traditional French market day
- ★ Time at leisure in St Raphael and Frejus for shopping and sightseeing
- ★ Dining each evening in a charming local restaurant
- ★ Delightful promenade hotel with palm-fringed waterfront views

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

### DAY 1

By early morning Eurostar from London to Lille with a light breakfast served to your seat, then TGV to **St Raphael** where we check into the Hotel Continental, situated a short distance away from the railway station. Our evening meals featuring fresh local produce are taken in the relaxing ambience of a seafront restaurant near the hotel. (E,D)

### DAY 2

This morning is free to explore **St Raphael** before we take a local train to the nearby resort of **Antibes** with its historic old town and dazzling marina, filled with yachts of the rich and famous. You may wish to visit the ancient castle Chateau Grimaldi - home of the Picasso Museum. (B,D)

### DAY 3

After breakfast we take to the water for a full day in **St Tropez**. The town is the playground of the rich and famous who, like you, are here to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the wonderful surroundings. The marina is well worth visiting for the spectacle, and you never know who you may bump into! (B,D)



Palais du Prince

© MonacoTB

The French Riviera! We visit some of the most famous destinations including a boat trip to sensational St Tropez and the scenic rail journey along the stunning coastal route to visit Monte Carlo.



Nice Promenade des Anglais

Fares From **£1245**

**8** DAYS

### DAY 4

Today is **Market Day in St Raphael**; enjoy a day at leisure to stroll and enjoy this local tradition which stretches over a mile, along the sea front from St Raphael to Frejus marina. (B,D)

### DAY 5

By train to **Nice** to enjoy the atmosphere of the narrow streets of the picturesque old town and harbour. Perhaps visit the Chateau or today's **Antiques Market**, then stroll the **Promenade des Anglais**, enjoying the clear air and soft light that has inspired many artists. (B,D)

### DAY 6

We take the stunning coastal rail journey to the one and only **Monte Carlo**. Home to the Grimaldi family, the Principality came to international fame with the marriage of Prince Rainer to Grace Kelly. Some of the many places to visit include the **Cathedral, Palais du Prince**, the **Casino** and the **marina**. (B,D)

### DAY 7

Your last day on the Riviera is free for you to enjoy the relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere of **St Raphael** and nearby **Frejus** with its Roman remains, or perhaps take the excellent bus or train services to visit nearby villages and towns such as St Paul de Vence or **Eze**. (B,D)

### DAY 8

After breakfast we take the TGV to Lille Europe and Eurostar to London St Pancras, arriving early evening. (B,E)



Monte Carlo Casino

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## DEPARTS

Thursday 11 May 2017  
Thursday 8 June 2017  
Thursday 14 September 2017

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:

First Class rail travel to/from France, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1245
Single Traveller Supplement	£350

7 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal  
Eurostar Standard Premier rail travel  
First Class rail travel to & from St. Raphael  
All transfers, excursions & admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager  
Hotel Porterage

GUARANTEED FARE

## HOTEL

### Hotel Continental, St Raphael

Situated in a heart of the town the hotel benefits from its superb location, right on the Mediterranean marina waterfront, a short stroll from the city centre and railway station. Each well-appointed room features cable satellite TV, internet access, air-conditioning, safe, minibar and hairdryer.



Earning a Crust in St Tropez

# SWISS MOUNTAIN STEAM



## 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
- ★ The amazing Brienz Rothorn steam mountain railway
- ★ Return rail journey up the spectacular Schynige Platte
- ★ 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

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ 7 nights bed, breakfast & evening meal, 1 lunch, 1 coffee & cake
- ★ Standard Class 6 Day Bernese Oberland Pass
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

### DAY 1

Relax as we take you by high speed train from the bustle of early morning London to **Interlaken**, then by local train to idyllic **Wengen** and a welcome evening meal at our hotel. (D)

### DAY 2

A day of steam in wonderful mountain scenery on the **Brienz Rothorn Railway**, Switzerland's oldest steam cog railway. It has climbed Rothorn Kulm (2244m) since 1892 at incredible gradients; the thrilling ride leads to spectacular mountain panoramas. We then leisurely **cruise along Lake Brienz**. (B,D)

### DAY 3

Joining a train to Thun, we set sail on **Lake Thun** towards Interlaken. On arrival we catch



Furka Steam Railway

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.



Brienz Rothorn Railway

Fares From **£1599**

**8**  
DAYS

### DEPARTS

Wednesday 21 June 2017  
Wednesday 12 July 2017  
Wednesday 16 August 2017  
Wednesday 13 September 2017

View our amazing tour film of this holiday at [www.railtrail.co.uk](http://www.railtrail.co.uk)

### FARE

From London St Pancras International:	
Standard Class rail travel to/from Switzerland, including Standard Eurostar	£1599
First Class rail travel to/from Switzerland, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1899
Single Traveller Supplement	£100
7 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, 1 lunch, 1 coffee & cake Eurostar and rail travel to and from Switzerland in the class of your choice Standard Class 6 Day Bernese Oberland Pass All excursions as detailed Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager Hotel Porterage GUARANTEED FARE	

### 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).

the **funicular up the Harder Kulm**, whose peak boasts magnificent views of lakes and mountains, and a lovely Panorama Restaurant, where we enjoy a welcome **coffee and cake**. (B,D)

### DAY 4

Travelling high into the spectacular mountains to Oberwald, where we take a vintage train on the **Furka Steam Cog Railway** along the original 'Glacier Express' route - crossing viaducts, through tunnels and past alpine meadows full of flowers. Marvel at the **Rhone glacier** viewed between snow-covered mountain peaks en route to the line's terminus at Realp. Returning to Wengen by train via the Glacier Express route. (B,D)

### DAY 5

A day at leisure allows you to relax in **Wengen** or maybe use your **Bernese Oberland Pass** to explore the public transport system of this beautiful region. Most railways are covered in the pass, including the lines to Lucerne and Bern, Switzerland's handsome capital city. Or maybe visit **Gstaad** on the Golden Pass Line, or use your pass to gain a discount on the Jungfrau Railway to the top of Europe. (B,D)

### DAY 6

Another highlight awaits today, as we head for Wilderswil, where we join our train up to **Schynige Platte** through alpine pastures, with great views of the Mönch, Eiger and Jungfrau. (B,D)

### DAY 7

One of the most amazing journeys in Switzerland as we travel by train and cable car to the summit of the **'James Bond' mountain - the Schilthorn**. Here we have lunch in **Piz Gloria, the revolving restaurant**, from where 200 mountain tops can be viewed including the **Eiger and the Jungfrau**. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8

We return by high speed trains to London, arriving late afternoon. (B)



# GERMAN COASTAL STEAM & BERLIN'S GARDEN SHOW

**NEW TOUR**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Return rail to Germany in the class of your choice
- ★ Experience Wuppertal's 'dingle-dangle railway'
- ★ Tour Berlin, a city with a unique history
- ★ Visit the International Garden Exhibition
- ★ Spend time in the charming Hanseatic city of Stralsund
- ★ Tour Rügen island by steam on board the 'Racing Roland'
- ★ Steam through the streets to the coast on the Mollie train
- ★ Tour Herrenhausen Royal Gardens in Hanover

### DAY 1

We depart London St Pancras by Eurostar to Brussels and onwards through Germany to **Wuppertal** for our first night at the conveniently situated InterCity Hotel. Why not use your included transport ticket to experience **Wuppertal's Schwebebahn suspended railway**. (D)

### DAY 2

Our journey continues to **Berlin** for three nights at the InterCity Hauptbahnhof and, if you wish, your Tour Manager will take you for a short introductory walk along Unter den Linden to the Brandenburg Gate. (B,D)

### DAY 3

Today begins with a half-day **guided sightseeing coach tour of Berlin**, which uncovers this unique city's turbulent past. The tour will introduce both the east and west of this once divided city, including part of the remaining **Berlin Wall**. The afternoon is then free to explore independently using your transport ticket. (B,D)

### DAY 4

Every ten years Germany hosts an **International Garden Exhibition** and 2017 is Berlin's turn. We travel by public transport to Marzahn-Hellersdorf in the suburbs of Berlin, where a new landscape has been created over the last few years, featuring garden art, nature and landscape design. Of particular interest in the **'Gardens of the World'** exhibition, which showcases garden styles from across the globe, from Japan, China and Bali to the latest addition, an English landscape garden. (B,D)

### DAY 5

Leaving Berlin, we travel northwards through the rural east of Germany towards the coast and the **Hanseatic city of Stralsund**. After checking in for

**Berlin is becoming more popular every year and 2017 will be a great year in which to visit, as the city hosts the International Garden exhibition. As well as touring Berlin, experience two great Hanseatic cities and two great coastal railways – the charming Mollie and the Racing Roland – and explore Herrenhausen Gardens, whose history is entwined with our own Royal Family.**

**Fares From £1295**



Steaming Through Bad Doberan

© Silke Schelling

two nights at the InterCity Hotel, we use our local train tickets to visit the island of **Rügen** and the seaside village of **Sassnitz**. Back in Stralsund this evening, take time to explore the charming red brick Gothic architecture of the Old Town, which is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. (B,D)

### DAY 6

Today we explore the **beautiful island of Rügen** in greater detail and, what's more, we do it by **steam train** as the narrow-gauge Rügensche Bäderbahn, better known as the **'Racing Roland'**, takes you between the island's charming seaside villages, meandering through the heart of nature on this beautiful, unspoilt holiday island. (B,D)

### DAY 7

Departing Stralsund, we head west to another Hanseatic city, the port city of **Rostock**. In the afternoon we continue on a rail excursion to **Bad Doberan**, where we join the Mecklenburgische Bäderbahn, affectionately known as **'Mollie'**. This **steam hauled journey** begins in the most charming fashion, chugging through the quaint streets of Bad Doberan, before heading through idyllic natural landscapes and tree-lined avenues to the coast at **Bad Kühlungsborn**. After free time at the resort we return to Bad Doberan by **steam train** and spend a night at the InterCity Hotel Rostock. (B,D)

### DAY 8

We head south to Hanover for one night, visiting the **Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen** this afternoon for a guided tour. Created for Princess Sofia of Hanover, the gardens include the Great Garden and the George Garden, named for our own King George III, who owned the garden during his reign as King of Hanover. Our final night is spent at the InterCity Hotel Hanover. (B,D)

### DAY 9

We depart Hanover for Cologne, changing for Brussels to board our Eurostar to London St Pancras. (B)

## DEPARTS

Sunday 25 June 2017  
Sunday 13 August 2017

**9 DAYS**

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:	
Standard Class rail travel to/from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	£1295
First Class rail travel to/from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1595
Single Traveller Supplement	£250
8 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal Rail travel to & from Germany in the class of your choice All excursions and admissions as detailed Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager Hotel Portage GUARANTEED FARE	

## HOTEL

### InterCity Hotels

Throughout this tour we stay in InterCity Hotels. Historically this hotel chain was part of the German railways, which explains not only their close proximity to train stations, but also the unique policy of including a local transport ticket for the duration of your stay. Now part of the Steigenberger Hotel Group, InterCity hotels provide convenient and comfortable 3 and 4 star accommodation across Germany and beyond.



Brandenburg Gate

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Herrenhausen Gardens

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# KRAKOW, WARSAW & THE CHABOWKA STEAM FESTIVAL

**NEW  
TOUR**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Return rail to Poland in the class of your choice
- ★ Tour Berlin, a city with a unique history
- ★ Visit the International Garden Exhibition
- ★ Get to know Warsaw on our guided sightseeing tour
- ★ Visit Sochaczew Railway Museum and ride on its historic train
- ★ Guided sightseeing tour of charming Krakow
- ★ Two day ticket to the Parowozjada Festival in Chabowka
- ★ Guided tour of the Chabowka Open Air Museum
- ★ Steam excursion to Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains
- ★ Steam excursion to Mszana Dolna
- ★ Excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage Wieliczka Salt Mines
- ★ Dinner in Krakow's Jewish Quarter with live music
- ★ Experience Wuppertal's 'dingle-dangle railway'

### DAY 1

We depart London St Pancras by Eurostar to Brussels and onwards along the high-speed line to Berlin for three nights at the InterCity Hotel. (D)

### DAY 2

Today begins with a half-day **guided sightseeing coach tour of Berlin**, which uncovers this unique city's turbulent past. The afternoon is then free to explore independently. (B,D)

### DAY 3

Every ten years Germany hosts an **International Garden Exhibition** and 2017 is Berlin's turn. We visit the show today and view garden art, nature and landscape design. Of particular interest in the **'Gardens of the World'** exhibition, which showcases garden styles from across the globe. (B,D)

### DAY 4

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Steaming to The Tatra Mountains

**Fares  
From  
£2295**

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### DAYS 8 & 9

We spend two days at the **Parowozjada Festival in Chabowka**, with a guided tour of the open air museum in the former locomotive shed, which houses exhibits related to the history of Polish railways. On the tracks there will be a parade of steam, electric and diesel locomotives, wagons and ploughs. In the afternoon of the first day there will be a **steam journey to Zakopane** in the heart of the Tatra Mountains National Park, whereas on the second day the excursion will take us to **Mszana Dolna**. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10

No visit to Krakow would be complete without a visit to the **Salt Mines at Wieliczka**, the oldest operational mines in Europe and also a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our guided tour uncovers a remarkable underground 'cathedral' with intricate carvings from the salt miners, including a statue of Pope John Paul II, and even an underground post office made from salt. Back in Krakow, our final dinner is taken at a **restaurant in the Jewish Quarter with live klezmer music**. (B,D)

### DAYS 11-12

We retrace our tracks through Poland and Germany, spending a further night at the InterCity Hotel in Berlin and a night at the InterCity Hotel in **Wuppertal**, with the opportunity to ride on Wuppertal's suspended railway. (B,D)

### DAY 13

We depart Wuppertal for Cologne, changing for Brussels to board our Eurostar to London St Pancras. (B)

## DEPARTS

Saturday 12 August 2017

## FARE

From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to/from Poland, including Standard Eurostar	£2295
First Class rail travel to/from Poland, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£2745
Single Traveller Supplement	£595

12 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, plus 2 lunches at the Steam Festival  
Rail travel to & from Poland in the class of your choice  
All excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager  
Hotel Portage  
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## HOTELS

### InterCity Hotels

Convenient and comfortable 3 and 4 star accommodation across Germany, InterCity Hotels are ideal for rail tours in both location and quality.

### Polonia Palace Hotel, Warsaw

An upscale 4\* hotel well located for central Warsaw. Since its opening in 1913 by Count Konstanty Przezdziecki, the Polonia Palace has survived war and political turmoil with dignity to remain one of Warsaw's grand hotels.

### Mercure Old Town, Krakow

A brand new hotel situated in the heart of Krakow within close proximity to the station and just five minutes' walk from the Old Town itself.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Return rail to Norway in the class of your choice (Standard Class only in Norway)
- ★ Discover Bremen on board a heritage tram tour
- ★ Experience the Bergen Railway across 'the roof of Norway'
- ★ Enjoy Bergen from our hotel on the historic Bryggen waterfront
- ★ Soar up Mount Fløyen on the Fløibanen Funicular
- ★ Step back in time on the Gamle Vossebanen Steam Railway
- ★ Cruise through the fjords to Balestrand
- ★ The thrills and spills of the Flåm Railway
- ★ Soar up Mount Hoven on the Hoven Cable Car (scheduled to open May 2017)
- ★ Stay beside tranquil Loenfjord at a historic hotel
- ★ Cruise on UNESCO World Heritage Geiranger Fjord
- ★ Enjoy free time in Oslo's compact centre
- ★ Ride the Tertitten Steam Railway
- ★ Marvel at Norway's longest heritage line, the Krøderbanen Steam Railway
- ★ Experience Wuppertal's 'dingle-dangle railway'

### DAY 1

We depart London St Pancras by Eurostar to Brussels and onwards to the Hanseatic city of **Bremen** for two nights at the Maritim Hotel. (D)

### DAY 2

We begin our day with a guided tour of Bremen by **privately chartered heritage tram**, following which there is free time to explore Bremen's charming Old Town. (B,D)

### DAY 3

Our journey continues across northern Germany for a night at the **Baltic Coast** at

**By popular demand, here is our grand tour of Norway! Experience the enthralling Flåm Railway and the coast-to-coast Bergen Railway across the roof of Norway. Visit regal Oslo and beautiful maritime Bergen, soaring up the Fløibanen funicular. Cruise the majestic fjords through idyllic nature, climb Mount Hoven by cable car, and visit three great heritage railways.**

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Geiranger Fjord

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the Maritim Hotel Travemünde, with a great location between harbour and beach. (B,D)

### DAY 4

Transfer to Kiel to board our early afternoon sailing. Settle into your cabins as **we cruise by the Danish mainland and islands** on our overnight ferry to Oslo. (B,D)

### DAY 5

Arriving in **Oslo**, we transfer to the Norwegian State Railway network, departing Oslo Sentral Station on the **Bergen Railway**. After crossing Norway's arable fields and meadows, the line begins to climb. We break our journey, spending a night at the Thon Hotel Hallingdal (B,D)

### DAY 6

Our adventure on the **Bergen Railway** really hots up today, as we pass the winter ski resort of Geilo before **climbing across 'the roof of Norway'** through a wild mountain landscape with spectacular views. Descending through tunnels hewn into the rock, we arrive in the handsome **Hanseatic city of Bergen** for three nights at the Thon Hotel Bergen Bryggen, set on Bergen's UNESCO World Heritage

protected waterfront quarter of **Bryggen**. (B,D)

### DAY 7

Today is a relaxing day to explore the charming listed Bryggen quarter, but we do feature a return journey up **Mount Fløyen** on the **Fløibanen funicular railway**. From the bottom station in Bryggen the railway ascends to the summit, with fantastic views across Bergen from a height of 320 metres above sea level. (B,D)

### DAY 8

Nostalgia rules today as we spend time exploring the **Gamle Vossebanen Steam Railway**. On a narrow gauge line originally built as the first part of the Bergen to Oslo Railway in 1883, a heritage locomotive and carriages wend their way from Garmes through the garden city of Arna, following the Arna River before climbing to Haukeland, before a series of lakes and tunnels lead us to our destination at Midtun. (B,D)

### DAY 9

Leaving Bergen by **Express Boat**, we cruise through the coastal archipelago and into



Fløibanen Funicular Railway

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Krøderbanen Steam Railway

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Enjoying The Holiday of a Lifetime

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**brehtaking Sognefjord**, Norway's longest and, locals would claim, most beautiful fjord. We stay for two nights beside the fjord at the family-run Hotel Kviknes in **Balestrand**. (B,D)

### DAY 10

We set sail again on today's excursion, heading into **spectacular Aurlandsfjord** to Flåm for a journey on the **Flåm Railway**, a thrilling fjords and mountain journey climbing 865 metres to Myrdal, passing through 20 tunnels. (B,D)

### DAY 11

A stunning coach journey through fjord country takes us to Nordfjord for two nights at the charming Alexandra Hotel in **Loen**. Prior to arriving in Loen we experience the brand new **Hoven Loen Cable Car** (opens May 2017) to an altitude of over 1,000 metres to the viewing platforms. (B,D)

### DAY 12

Even more beautiful scenery awaits as we enjoy the **UNESCO World Heritage Geiranger Fjord** the best way possible – by boat. Trees cling miraculously to the fjord's steep sides as we gently meander along crystal clear waters with snow-capped mountains in the distance. (B,D)

### DAYS 13-14

Our coach transfers us to Otta, where we rejoin the Norwegian rail system, heading

southwards through **Lakeland scenery to Oslo** for three nights at the Thon Hotel Terminus. Day 14 is at leisure to recharge and soak in Norway's cosmopolitan yet compact capital. (B,D)

### DAY 15

Not one but two heritage railways await today! First of all we visit the **Tertitten Railway**, a heritage narrow-gauge line of 4km preserved by volunteers as part of the original Urskog-Høland Line. After our round trip we then travel to **Norway's longest heritage railway, the Krøderbanen**, which runs a standard gauge steam or diesel service from Vikersund to the Krøderen Lake, some 26 km away. (B,D)

### DAYS 16-17

After a final morning free in Oslo we transfer to the port for our overnight sailing to Kiel. From Kiel we continue to **Wuppertal** for our final evening at the InterCity Hotel, with the opportunity to ride on **Wuppertal's suspended railway**. (B,D)

### DAY 18

We depart Wuppertal for Cologne, changing for Brussels to board our Eurostar to London St Pancras. (B)

### DEPARTS

Sunday 25 June 2017  
Sunday 6 August 2017

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DAYS**

### FARE

From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to/from Kiel, including Standard Eurostar	£3695
First Class rail travel to/from Kiel, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£3995
Single Traveller Supplement	£895
17 nights' bed, breakfast and evening meal Rail travel to & from Kiel in the class of your choice (Standard Class only on Norway's rail system) All excursions and admissions as detailed Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager Hotel Portage <b>GUARANTEED FARE</b>	
Join Oslo on day 5 and leave in Oslo on day 16	12 days from £2445

### HOTELS

#### Maritim Hotels

Convenient and comfortable 4 star accommodation across Germany with good locations for city and stations.

#### Thon Hotels

Modern and comfortable 3 or 4\* hotels chosen particularly for their convenient locations for sightseeing and rail travel.

#### Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand

What started as a grocer's shop in 1752 is now Norway's largest fjord hotel. Ole Kvikne bought the general store and guest house in 1877 and the hotel that resulted is still in the hands of the Kvikne family.

#### Alexandra Hotel, Loen

A fifth generation family-run hotel opened in 1884. Situated in a sheltered location in the inner reaches of Nordfjord between towering mountains and deep fjords, the Alexandra is a perfect place to relax.

#### Color Line Ferries

Comfortable overnight accommodation in inside cabins with dinner and breakfast provided.



Bergen

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Return rail to Poland in the class of your choice
- ★ Tour Berlin, a city with a unique history
- ★ Visit the International Garden Exhibition
- ★ Hanseatic Gdansk
- ★ Taste Kashubian specialities in a Gdansk restaurant
- ★ Journey on the privately chartered Nowy Dwor Narrow Gauge Railway
- ★ Visit to the Elblag Canal, as featured in Michael Palin's 'New Europe'
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### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ 12 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, plus three lunches
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

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Elblag Canal & Cable Haulage Incline

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A unique Grand Tour covering Poland from the handsome Hanseatic city of Gdansk to beautifully preserved Krakow via Warsaw's reconstructed Old Town, visiting three heritage railways, the fascinating Elblag Canal and the extraordinary Wieliczka Salt Mines, plus a tour of Berlin and a visit to the International Garden Exhibition.

**Fares From £2595**



Horse & Carriage, Krakow Main Square

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### DAY 2

Today begins with a half-day **guided sightseeing coach tour of Berlin**, which uncovers this unique city's turbulent past. The tour will introduce both the east and west of this once divided city, including part of the remaining **Berlin Wall**, but also passing **Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate, Alexanderplatz, Museum Island, the Kurfürstendamm** and the **Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church**, which remains in ruins as a reminder of the destruction of war. The afternoon is then free to explore independently using your local transport ticket. (B,D)

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**restaurant serving Kashubian specialities in a regional folk setting.** (B,D)

### DAY 5

Today we have organised a **special charter of the Nowy Dwor Narrow Gauge Railway**, which operates between Mikoszewo and Nowy Dwor Gdanski. Hauled by a heritage diesel locomotive, we make several stops to admire the scenery of the Vistula River entering the Baltic Sea or the lovely sandy beach at Jantar popular with amber searchers, also enjoying lunch en route. We then continue for a **cruise on the Elblag Canal**, as featured on Michael Palin's 'New Europe', which has been described as one of the 'Seven Wonders of Poland'. Rather than overcoming height differences with a series of locks, boats are hauled up and down the levels on rails using hydraulically powered cable cars. (B,L,D)

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Gdansk Riverside

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Panoramic Warsaw

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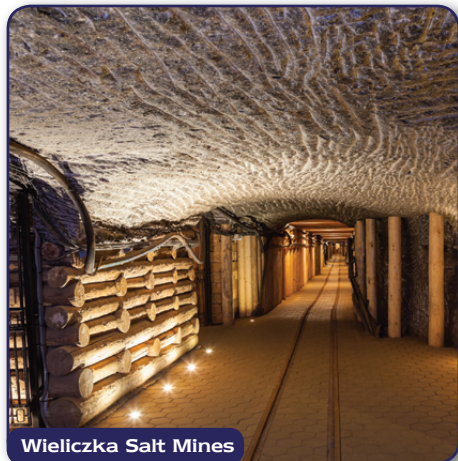
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### DAY 10

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Wieliczka Salt Mines

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Wawel Castle and Cathedral

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**13**  
DAYS

### DEPARTS

Tuesday 6 June 2017

### FARE

From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to/from Poland, including Standard Eurostar	£2595
First Class rail travel to/from Poland, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£2995
Single Traveller Supplement	£650

12 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, plus 3 lunches

Rail travel to & from Poland in the class of your choice

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#### Ester Hotel, Krakow

A small, intimate hotel located in Krakow's historic Kazimierz District or 'Jewish Quarter', which is in an area of the city declared part of a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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Chabowka Steam

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Polonia Palace Hotel

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