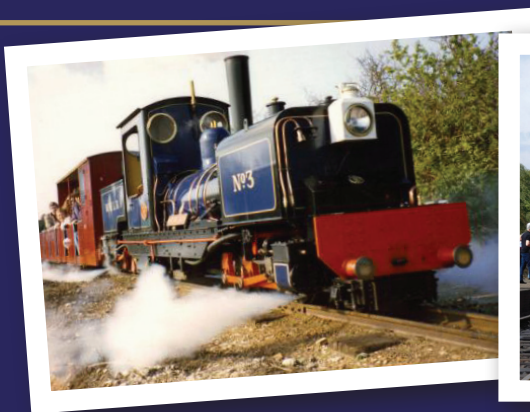




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# Welcome...

## ... to Railtrail's 'World of Steam'

Although most Railtrail tours include a whiff or two of steam nostalgia we have created this highlights brochure especially for you and your love of steam railways.

Additionally, if you flip over the brochure you will find a great little series of **Steam Rail & Ale tours** for devotees of both steam locomotives and fine ales.

We had expected to release this brochure a little earlier to coincide with our January **DOUBLE LOYALTY POINTS** offer, but sometimes we have to wait a while for steam events to be announced. We hope the result was worth waiting for and, as we just missed January, we are pleased to announce that we have extended **DOUBLE LOYALTY POINTS on all bookings made between now and the end of February 2017.**

All tours can be viewed in full and booked either through our office or via the online booking system at [www.railtrail.co.uk](http://www.railtrail.co.uk) Please don't delay booking if you wish to travel as some of the tours are almost full purely from being seen on our website.

**As always, we look forward to the pleasure of your company in 2017**



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

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# KENT & SUSSEX EASTER STEAM EXPLORER



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.



Fares  
From  
**£545**

## DEPARTS

Thursday 13 April 2017

**5**  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Bluebell Railway
- ★ Kent & East Sussex Railway and loco collections
- ★ 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 river-side, 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.

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





# DRESDEN STEAM FESTIVAL & SAXONY STEAM SE

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!

Fares  
From  
**£1575**



Everything you can't do in the UK – A genuine steam festival at a steam depot with visiting engines coming on and off shed. 4 mainline steam excursions including parallel running, the mountain Oberweissbacher line, three steam depots at Arnstadt, Dresden and Löbau. Lots and lots of steam action. Plus tour Colditz Castle and spend the last night there before making a final escape home from this former POW camp.

## DEPARTS

Wednesday 5 April 2017

**9**  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The famous Dresden Steam Festival at Dresden Altstadt Depot
- ★ Steam on the mainline to Berlin
- ★ A mainline steam thrash up the Tharandter incline
- ★ Parallel mainline steam to Decin
- ★ Mainline steam to Altenberg
- ★ The unique Oberweissbacher mountain railway
- ★ Tour of Arnstadt Steam depot
- ★ Visit and barbecue at Löbau Steam Depot Museum
- ★ Tour & Tasting at Arnstadt Brewery
- ★ Steam on the newly extended Waldeisenbahn
- ★ Day Rover on the superb Zittau steam railway
- ★ Paddle steamer cruise on the River Elbe
- ★ Ride both the Dresden Schwebebahn and funicular railways.
- ★ Tour and overnight stay at the famous World War II POW camp at Colditz Castle





## HOTELS

### **Radisson Blu Hotel, Erfurt**

Close 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.



# BELGIUM'S INTERNATIONAL STEAM FESTIVAL & MORE

**NEW  
TOUR**

Brand new for 2017, spend a day at Maldegem's International Steam Festival, explore Belgium's seaside by specially chartered vintage tram, steam through the Dutch countryside on the Goes-Borsele Railway and enjoy our private steam charter on Belgium's Puurs-Dendermonde heritage line. Based in gorgeous Gent, explore the city by tram, cruise its waterways and taste Belgian beer at a renowned brewery.



**Fares  
From  
£699**

## DEPARTS

Thursday 27 April 2017

**5  
DAYS**



- ★ Public steam trip on the Goes-Borsele Railway
- ★ Private steam charter on the Puurs-Dendermonde Steam Railway
- ★ Free morning to explore Gent's beautiful city centre



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Rail travel from London to Belgium and return
- ★ Tour, Tasting and Welcome Dinner at Gentse Grut Brewery
- ★ Get to know Gent from the water on our included canal cruise
- ★ Privately chartered ride on the TTO vintage coastal tram from Knokke to De Panne
- ★ Full day at Maldegem's 'International Steam Festival'

## HOTEL

### Ibis Hotel Gent Opera

The Ibis Hotel is situated in the historic heart of Gent within walking distance of all the sights. Its facilities include a popular and welcoming bar. The modern, air-conditioned rooms are equipped with television, telephone and hairdryer.



# TWO COUNTRIES, TWO STEAM GALAS & MUCH MORE

**NEW  
TOUR**



Enjoy an intensive all steam action tour including Bochum-Dahlhausen 40th anniversary celebrations in Germany, Maldegem's International Steam Festival in Belgium, a standard gauge private steam charter, a heritage steam railway, two railway museums and the amazing Schwebbahn at Wuppertal. Two countries and two galas!

**Fares  
From  
£999**



## DEPARTS

Thursday 27 April 2017

**6  
DAYS**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Experience Wuppertal's suspended Schwebbahn railway
- ★ Enjoy a day at the International Steam Festival in Maldegem
- ★ Visit Train World in Brussels
- ★ 40th Anniversary steam gala at Bochum-Dahlhausen
- ★ Private standard gauge steam charter on the 'Schluff'
- ★ Steam day on the rarely visited metre gauge Selfkantbahn

## 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 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.

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





# HARZ MOUNTAINS SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER & MORE

Experience a summer idyll riding, photographing & line-siding in the stunning Harz Mountains region, plus a private vintage tram charter, a private photo steam charter, and the amazing Schwebebahn.



**Fares**  
From  
**£999**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Enjoy the wonderful Harz Steam Railway in summer
- ★ Private lineside photographers' bus to hop on and off as you wish
- ★ Experience the smells and sounds in an open wagon immediately behind the loco
- ★ Trundle with steam along the rural Selketal
- ★ Storming by steam to Brocken summit
- ★ A private tour of Wernigerode locomotive works
- ★ Based in beautiful old Wernigerode
- ★ Private 600 mm gauge steam charter at Mühlenstroth
- ★ Private vintage tram charter
- ★ Tour of Wuppertal Tram Museum
- ★ Ride the amazing Schwebebahn overhead railway

## DEPARTS

Saturday 27 May 2017

**7**  
DAYS



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website.



## 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.

# GERMAN SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER



## DEPARTS

Wednesday 31 May 2017

6  
DAYS

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



A summer sojourn on three different gauge steam lines including two private charters, Wuppertal's Schwebbahn, 3 steam depots, a rare steam thrash up one of the steepest standard-gauge lines and a private vintage tram charter. Plus the option to combine with another great summer steam tour.

Fares  
From  
£999



## HOTEL

### Inter City 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.

### Inter City Hotel, Magdeburg

The InterCityHotel 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.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Visit to Stassfurt steam shed
- ★ Vintage tram charter in Halle
- ★ Guided tour of Magdeburg and Halle Railway Museums
- ★ Journey on the Schwebbahn overhead railway
- ★ Option to combine with Harz Mountains Summer Steam Explorer & More
- ★ Rare opportunity of sensational steam power up the famous Rübeland Railway
- ★ Private steam charter on the 750 mm Mansfelder Bergwerksbahn
- ★ Private 600 mm steam photo charter at Mühlenstroth

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# NORTHERN FRANCE NARROW GAUGE STEAM

A great steam gala at the unique and historic WW1 Somme line at Froissy, a day of steam at the Baie de Somme line, 3 private steam charters, a vintage trams charter, WW1 battlefield tour, optional free-time in Paris, & the idyllic riverside café culture of Amiens.



Fares  
From  
**£699**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Froissy-Cappy-Dompièrre Steam Gala
- ★ Full day of steam at the superb Baie de Somme line
- ★ Private steam charter on the metre gauge MTVS at Valmondois
- ★ Private steam charter over the 60cm Chanteraines line
- ★ Private steam charter at Train Touristique de la Vallée de la Scarpe (TTVS)
- ★ Private riverside vintage trams charter at Wambrechies
- ★ Tour of the WW1 trenches at Beaumont Hamel
- ★ Visit Thiepval Memorial to the Missing
- ★ Based at historic Amiens on the banks of the River Somme

## DEPARTS

Thursday 1 June 2017

**5**  
DAYS



- ★ Visit St Valéry, a delightful Baie de Somme coastal resort
- ★ Optional sightseeing day in Paris.

## 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.



# GOING DUTCH – THE NETHERLANDS BY STEAM, BOAT & TRAM

**NEW  
TOUR**



A brand new tour enjoying summer in the Netherlands begins with a day in Amsterdam, cruising its canals and a private vintage tram charter. We then steam across North Holland from Hoorn to the IJsselmeer and enjoy a day at the VSM's 'Terug Naar Toen' steam festival, before a final day on the German holiday island of Borkum by ship, little steam railway and vintage bus.

**Fares  
From  
£899**



## DEPARTS

Wednesday 30 August 2017

**6  
DAYS**



- ★ Return journeys on the steam-hauled Borkumer Kleinbahn
- ★ Private tour of Borkum by 'Oldtimer' vintage bus



## HOTEL

### NH Hotel Amersfoort

Conveniently located for Amersfoort station, yet just a short walk from the pleasant centre and impressive Koppelpoort gate, the NH boasts stylish, modern rooms with free wifi, air-conditioning, safe, satellite tv, and bathroom with bath and shower. The hotel also has a restaurant and bar.

### Hampshire Hotel Groningen

The hotel's central location allows easy walking access to Groningen's canals and café bars. Modern rooms are equipped with free wifi, satellite tv and shower. The hotel also boasts a bar and gymnasium.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Steam across North Holland on the Museumstoomtram from Hoorn to Medemblik
- ★ Sail along the shores of the IJsselmeer
- ★ Cruise Amsterdam's network of canals by boat
- ★ Travel on Amsterdam's vintage tram network on a private charter from Amstelveen to Bovenskerk
- ★ Enjoy a day at the 'Terug Naar Toen' steam festival at the Veluwsche Stoomtrein Maatschappij
- ★ Day trip by ferry to the German island of Borkum

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# 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.



Our superb steam and “lake & mountains” scenery tour includes riding up to Schynige Platte for incredible views of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains. Panoramic vistas on the original route of the Glacier Express on the Furka Steam Railway, plus the Brienz – Rothorn Steam Railway and your Bernese Oberland Pass offers freedom of the region on your free day. We stay in Wengen with dinner included each evening. Great value – and a fabulous holiday for enthusiasts and partners alike. Visit [www.railtrail.co.uk](http://www.railtrail.co.uk) to view our **TOUR FILM** of this acclaimed holiday.

## DEPARTS

Wednesdays 21 June, 12 July, 16 August & 13 September 2017

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
- ★ 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





## 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).







# MOLLI, ROLAND & JAN BY STEAM, BOAT & TRAM

Steam through the streets to the coast with Molli, explore beautiful Rügen with Racing Roland and enjoy rare steam on Jan Harpstedt on a comprehensive tour of northern Germany that also visits three new-to-Railtrail steam railways, features rare mainline steam, the world's largest model railway, a vintage tram charter, two steamboat rides and even a day watching steamships arrive for the opening of a steamboat festival.

Fares  
From  
**£1695**



## DEPARTS

Friday 30 June 2017

**11**  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A full day of steam on the Molli with its renowned street running, plus private lineside photo bus
- ★ Steam on the Rasender Roland on Rügen Island
- ★ New steam for Railtrail on the delightfully scenic Hasetalbahn
- ★ Further new steam on the Geesthachter Eisenbahn
- between Bergedorf-Geestacht and Krümmel
- ★ Visit to Hamburg's Miniatur Wunderland (the World's largest model railway)
- ★ Steam day on the rarely visited 22 kms Jan Harpstedt line
- ★ Private vintage tram tour of Rostock
- ★ Rare steam with loco 86 133 Bergen, Putbus and Lauterbach Mole

**NEW  
TOUR**



- ★ Enjoy the opening day of vintage steam powered boats at the Flensburg 'Dampf Rundum' Festival
- ★ Short steam boat ride at Flensburg's 'Dampf Rundum'
- ★ Mainline steam with Class 78 468 Neumünster – Flensburg
- ★ Steam on the Angelner Dampfeisenbahn, Süderbrarup-Kappeln
- ★ Relax with a steamboat ride on Hamburg's Alster lake



## HOTELS

### **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 en-suite rooms include TV, radio, air conditioning, mini-bar and WiFi. Hotel card gives free use of the city's public transport.

### **Hotel Ibis Alster Centrum, Hamburg**

Located adjacent to the station modern en-suite sound proofed rooms, adjustable air conditioning, flatscreen Sky TV.

### **InterCity Hotel, Rostock**

Close to the station and beautiful old-town. It has bar and restaurant. Modern en-suite rooms include TV, radio, mini-bar and WiFi. A free local public transport ticket is included for your stay.

### **Nordic Hotel Astor Kiel**

Located a short walk from the station this modern hotel has all rooms en-suite, Breakfast is served on the 10th floor to enjoy the view of the Kiel Fjord as you dine. The bar offers panoramic views of Kiel city centre and the harbour.



# BLACK FOREST STEAM & MEININGEN STEAM FE

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. Topped off with a steam and heritage electric special to the unique Meiningen railway works steam festival.



Two fabulous steam lines – the Zollernbahn with its 37 tunnels and the Sauschwänzlebahn known as 'the pigtail'. Add to this a private steam photo charter, steam on the Murgtalbahn and a steam festival in Baiersbronn and its beautiful Black Forest Steam with a Meiningen twist.

## DEPARTS

Wednesday 30 August 2017

6  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Meiningen Works Steam Festival
- ★ Mainline steam with Pacific haulage and heritage crocodile electric alternating
- ★ Private steam charter with Class 99 7203 on the Alb-Bähnle, Amstetten to Oppingen
- ★ Steam on the twists and turns of the Sauschwänzlebahn, plus private lineside bus for great photo opportunities
- ★ Admission to Railway Museum Tuttingen
- ★ Steam on the Öchslebahn from Warthausen to Ochsenhausen
- ★ Steam along the Murgtalbahn
- ★ Small steam festival and additional rides at Baiersbronn
- ★ Lots of scenic tourist interests for partners





**NEW  
TOUR**



**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.



# NORFOLK STEAM EXPLORER

**NEW  
TOUR**

A superb variety of steam, from garden railways to a steam gala, as we visit **SEVEN** steam venues and journey through spectacular scenery on this amazing short break based in medieval Norwich.

**Fares  
From  
£459**



## DEPARTS

Thursday 31 August 2017

**5  
DAYS**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ North Norfolk Railway Steam Gala – a full day of steam nostalgia on “The Poppy Line”
- ★ Steam ride at Whitwell & Reepham Railway
- ★ Wells & Walsingham Light Railway – see the unique Garratt locomotives
- ★ Steam on the Mid-Norfolk Railway
- ★ Idyllic garden setting at Barton House Railway
- ★ Steam along the scenic Bure Valley line for nine miles
- ★ Fascinating steam museum and gardens at Bressingham
- ★ Stay in Norwich, just a 10 minute walk away from its medieval centre

## HOTEL

### Holiday Inn Norwich City

This comfortable, modern hotel is located just a 10 minute level walk away from the station and city centre. All bedrooms are en-suite with satellite TV, internet access, telephone, iron & ironing board, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel also benefits from a health and fitness centre.



# GOLDEN HARZ STEAM ENTHUSIASTS' FESTIVAL



With the Harz Mountains bathed in golden autumn hues we ride our photographic steam charter trains using historic locomotives, carriages and wagons, on this annual tour based in beautiful Wernigerode.

**Fares**  
From  
**£999**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A unique three days of steam charters with mixed stock and heritage locos.
- ★ Unusual rolling stock like special transporter waggons carrying standard gauge waggons
- ★ Travel over the Harz System with heritage locomotives and rolling stock
- ★ A classic heritage day from Wernigerode to Quedlinburg including the Stiege loop
- ★ We recreate the parallel departure from Alexisbad, which is no longer possible on public days

## DEPARTS

Wednesday 18 October 2017

**6**  
DAYS

- ★ Storm to Brocken summit with a Mallet and heritage coaching stock
- ★ Special train charter on the Selketal with some overtaking en route and photo run-pasts.
- ★ Enjoy your stay in the beautiful historic town of Wernigerode
- ★ Great value tour fare, including HALF BOARD hotel accommodation



## HOTELS

### **B&B Hotel Bielefeld, Bielefeld**

Located 200 metres from the station the hotel offers modern bright rooms designed in functional style, featuring a seating area, a flat-screen TV with free Sky channels, and an en suite bathroom. Breakfast is buffet style.

### **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 and Jacuzzi.





# BAVARIAN & HARZ MOUNTAINS FESTIVE STEAM

A brand new tour to two of our favourite destinations, featuring the Christmas Markets and steam railways in both northern and southern Germany. Steam through "Franconian Switzerland", around Munich, through the wintry Selketal Valley and up to the peak of the Brocken, whilst enjoying Christmas Markets in Nuremberg, Bamberg, Munich and Wernigerode.



A fabulous two-centre holiday with exhilarating excursions by steam during the day and ample time to relax at some of Germany's most authentic and popular Christmas markets. Compare Munich's market with Nuremberg's famous Christkindlmarkt, Bamberg's quaint market, nestled in its UNESCO protected centre, with the charming little market beneath Wernigerode Town Hall. Enjoy local customs and the sights, sounds and smells of advent in Germany, with half-board each day, including meals in two acclaimed brewery taverns.

## DEPARTS

Friday 8 December 2017

7  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Nuremberg's Christkindlmarkt
- ★ Steam through 'Franconian Switzerland' from Ebermannstadt to Behringersmühle
- ★ Guided tour of UNESCO World Heritage Bamberg
- ★ Lunch with local smoked beer tasting at the Schlenkerla brewery tavern
- ★ Free time at Bamberg Christmas Market
- ★ 'Around Munich' special steam train journey
- ★ Munich's Christmas Market
- ★ Dinner at Munich's famous Hofbräuhaus

# NEW TOUR



- ★ Storm by steam to the top of Brocken Mountain
- ★ Relax at Wernigerode's quaint Christmas Market
- ★ Steam through the Selketal Valley
- ★ Spend time at UNESCO World Heritage Quedlinburg's Christmas Market



## HOTELS

### Inter City 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

### Hotel Alt-Wernigeröder Hof, Wernigeröde

This traditional hotel is close by the historic Old Town and offers buffet breakfast and restaurant with comfortable en-suite bedrooms fitted with cable tv. Free wifi is available in the public areas



# DRESDEN FESTIVE STEAM

A stunning winter wonderland tour to the beautiful city of Dresden, combining great steam trains, scenic journeys, enchanting countryside and magical festive markets in wonderful traditional towns.



This tour will delight the enthusiast of steam trains with its featured locos and variety of lines, and is a must for partners who enjoy the nostalgia of steam and the opportunity to visit some of the finest rural scenery and towns in Saxony and beyond – crowned with traditional carved wood decorations and Christmas stalls that feature locally-made, hand-crafted, quality products. A totally unique and magical festive tour.

## DEPARTS

Wednesday 29 November 2017

7  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Stay in the beautiful city of Dresden at this magical time of year
- ★ Superb mainline steam excursion to Regensburg
- ★ Fabulous Saxon narrow gauge steam on four famous rural lines: the Zittau, Weisseritztalbahn, Döllnitztalbahn & Lössnitzdackel
- ★ The final extension of the Weisseritztalbahn to Kipsdorf included
- ★ Explore the renowned Christmas Markets in Dresden & Regensburg
- ★ Dresden Museum of Transport & Altstadt steam depot
- ★ View glorious Saxon countryside & villages off the tourist trail
- ★ An all-rail holiday





## HOTELS

### **InterCity Hotel, Erfurt**

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

### **Ibis Hotel, Dresden**

A short stroll from the station, located 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 access, satellite TV and en-suite bathrooms with shower and hair dryer.