



# DRESDEN STEAM FESTIVAL

Plus

## SAXON NARROW GAUGE STEAM 3 (optional extension)

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

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  
**£1395**

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

**DEPARTS**

**Tuesday 12th April 2016**

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The famous Dresden Steam Festival at Dresden Altstadt Depot
- ★ Steam on the mainline from Chemnitz
- ★ Tour of Chemnitz steam & heritage diesel depot
- ★ After dark steam photo shoot at Altstadt depot
- ★ Mainline thrash up steep Tharandt incline with parallel running
- ★ Private steam photo charter on Döllnitzalbahn
- ★ Mainline steam excursion to Decin with parallel running
- ★ Mainline steam Klotzsche to Coswig
- ★ Mainline steam run with heritage electric E77 Dresden to Chemnitz
- ★ Articulated 8-wheeled Saxon-Meyer locomotives
- ★ Colditz Castle tour & overnight stay
- ★ Superb traditional steam depots full of locomotives
- ★ **3 day tour extension option:** Super Saxon narrow gauge steam including the newly extended Weisseritzalbahn, a full day on the Zittau-Oybin-Jonsdorf line, tour Bertsdorf shed, day rover travel on the Lossnitzgrundbahn, visit the standard gauge graveyard of steam locos at Falkenberg



Dresden Steam Festival

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Everything you can't do in the UK – A genuine steam festival at a steam depot with visiting engines coming on and off shed. Experience parallel running on the mainline with two steam hauled trains side by side. Lots and lots of steam action with rare haulage with a vintage electric for good measure. And spend a night in Colditz Castle former POW camp.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION:** 3 days of classic Saxon narrow gauge steam relaxing on the Zittau-Oybin-Jonsdorf line on the Polish border, powering up the newly extended Weisseritzalbahn, and a day of rural nostalgia on the Lossnitzgrundbahn. Then visit the Barry scrapyards of steam!



Schönheide

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Colditz Castle

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Dresden waterfront

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Weisseritzalbahn

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**ATOC**  
ASSOCIATION OF TRAIN OPERATING COMPANIES

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Tuesday 12 April

Depart London St. Pancras International 10.58 hrs and travel by Eurostar and ICE train, via Frankfurt Flughafen (Airport) departing 18.11 hrs, to Erfurt. We arrive 20.39 hrs for one night at the InterCity Hotel. (D)

### DAY 2 Wednesday 13 April

By train to Oschatz for a private steam charter on the superb Döllnitztalbahn narrow gauge line with a Saxon Meyer loco. Then onto Colditz Castle for a guided tour and the unique experience of dining and staying the night at one of WW2's most memorable POW sites. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 Thursday 14 April

Our first mainline steam run is with 1934 Krupp built Pacific 01 118. Normally based in Frankfurt and regularly used by Railtrail, she takes us from Dresden to Görlitz on the Polish border, and return. From tonight we stay with Ibis Hotels, in the heart of Dresden. (B)

### DAY 4 Friday 15 April

A full day at the fabulous Dresden Steam Festival at Altstadt amidst the nostalgic atmosphere of a traditional working steam shed, with lots of locos in steam, footplate rides and visiting engines. Plus the option of a mainline run to Zittau in the afternoon (payable locally). (B)

### DAY 5 Saturday 16 April

It's the unique parallel steam running day. In the morning we have mile after mile up the Tharandt incline with the trains each taking turns overtaking the other – see our Dresden Steam Festival film on our website. In the afternoon its more parallel steam this time at speed on our journey between Decin and Usti Nad Labem view a steam loco at work like never before creating huge excitement as first one then the other overtakes, giving all participants the opportunity to see powerful steam locomotives hard at work (B)

### DAY 6 Sunday 17 April

A final day of mainline steam Klotzsche-Pulsnitz-Kamenz-Ruhland-Coswig with photo stops en route. The afternoon is free to enjoy the beautiful city of Dresden perhaps take a cruise on one of its world famous paddle steamers on the River Elbe. For those wanting more steam there is the possibility of joining another mainline steam special to Nossen (fare payable locally). We conclude our Dresden Steam festival tour back at Altstadt depot for an after dark photo parade of various locos featured in the festival. (B)

### DAY 7 Monday 18 April

Clients on the seven-day tour, depart Dresden today 08.19 hrs, returning via Frankfurt and Brussels to arrive London St Pancras International 19.57 hrs. (B)

Those staying for the Saxon Narrow Gauge Steam 3 extension board our regional train that takes us to the Polish border for one of Saxony's finest 750 mm narrow gauge routes - from Zittau to the mountain spa resorts of Oybin and Jonsdorf, which is still very much a public service over the ten mile long route, and includes lunch and an engine shed tour at the junction station of Bertsdorf. (B,L)

### DAY 8 Tuesday 19 April

It's back to standard gauge today as we take you to the graveyard of steam locos at Falkenberg. This large collection of approximately 50 locomotives are mainly in 'Barry scrapyards' condition. The former steam depot yard and roundhouse add to the sad scene. Our afternoon is spent back with live 750 mm gauge steam on the newly extended Weisseritztalbahn line meandering up the Weisser valley with an open coach to travel in if you wish. (B)

### DAY 9 Wednesday 20 April

We conclude our tour with more 750 mm Saxon narrow-gauge steam in idyllic rural pastures as we spend a full day riding the Lossnitzgrundbahn between Radebeul and Radeburg. (B)

### DAY 10 Thursday 21 April

We depart Dresden 08.19 hrs and return via Frankfurt and Brussels to arrive London St Pancras International 19.57 hrs. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included  
(L) = Light Lunch included

## DRESDEN STEAM FESTIVAL

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Erfurt / Dresden, including Standard Eurostar	<b>£1395</b>
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First Class rail travel to / from Erfurt / Dresden, including Standard Premier Eurostar	<b>£1695</b>
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Single Room Supplement	<b>£130</b>
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Fare inclusive of:  
6 nights' bed & breakfast, 2 evening meals, 1 light lunch  
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

## DRESDEN STEAM FESTIVAL Plus SAXON NARROW GAUGE 3

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Erfurt / Chemnitz, including Standard Eurostar	<b>£1695</b>
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First Class rail travel to / from Erfurt / Chemnitz, including Standard Premier Eurostar	<b>£1995</b>
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Single Room Supplement	<b>£190</b>
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Fare inclusive of:  
9 nights' bed & breakfast, 2 evening meals, 2 light lunches  
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

All fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room; single rooms available for a supplement.

### GUARANTEED FARE – No currency surcharge

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# BAVARIAN STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

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

**7**  
DAYS

**DEPARTS**

Wednesday 4 May 2016

**Fares**  
From  
**£1299**



Nuremberg

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Private steam photo charter Ebermannstadt to Behringersmühle.
- ★ Mainline steam excursion to Pilsen
- ★ Tour of Pilsen brewery
- ★ Visit to a steam gala at the Bavarian Railway Museum
- ★ Mainline steam excursion from Nördlingen
- ★ Tour, tasting, and dinner at the Alstadthof brewery
- ★ Mainline steam excursion to Lake Ammersee
- ★ Admission & tour of Augsburg Railway Park
- ★ Admission & tour of German Railway Museum, Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg
- ★ Admission & Tour of German National Railway Museum, Nuremberg
- ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at the Mönchshof brewery
- ★ The beautiful UNESCO World Heritage city of Bamberg
- ★ Experience the Schlenkerla smoked beer at the brewery restaurant



Class 41 steaming through the landscape

## SENSATIONAL SUMMER STEAM

Take a fabulous extended holiday!  
**COMBINE TOURS** and enjoy even  
more great steam and save £250!

### Bavarian Steam, Rail & Ale Trail

plus

### 3 Countries Steam

(14 days in total – see overleaf)



600mm steam at Neuenmarkt



52 8195 steam in Northern Bavaria



Taste Schlenkerla smoked beers



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Wednesday 4 May

We depart London St. Pancras International circa 08.55 hrs and travel by Eurostar to Brussels and onwards via Frankfurt arriving Nuremberg circa 20.00 hrs for a welcome evening meal at the Inter City Hotel adjacent to the station. (D)

### DAY 2 Thursday 5 May

The first of our mainline steam excursions takes us to Pilsen hauled by Class 52 8195 where we have a tour of the famous brewery with some free-time before steaming back to Nuremberg. (B)

### DAY 3 Friday 6 May

Travelling by regional train to visit and tour the superb German Museum of Steam Locomotives at Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg before enjoying a tour and tasting of 3 beers at the Mönchshof brewery and dining in their restaurant. (B,D)

### DAY 4 Saturday 7 May

Travelling by train to a special steam day at the Bavarian Railway Museum in Nördlingen where 4 locos are anticipated to be in steam. In the afternoon we have a mainline excursion run with either Class 52 8168 or Class 01 180 or Class 01 1066. Back in Nuremberg we enjoy a tour of the old cellar labyrinth of the Alstadthof brewery including dinner, 3 types of beer and 2 beer schnapps. (B,D)

### DAY 5 Sunday 8 May

Travelling by train to the excellent Augsburg Railway Park, home to steam and heritage diesel & electric locos in both the steam depot and roundhouse. We then take a mainline steam excursion with Class 38 1301 or Class 41 018 to Lake Ammersee and return. (B)

### DAY 6 Monday 9 May

Today we have a private photo steam charter on the standard gauge Fränkische Schweiz line from Ebermannstadt to Behringersmühle with a 3 course lunch and 3 types of beer including the renowned Schlenkeria smoked beer. After some free-time in attractive UNESCO World Heritage Bamberg, we return as outward to Nuremberg. (B,L)

### DAY 7 Tuesday 10 May

There is time for us to visit the DB Museum in Nuremberg before departing for London or Freiburg if joining the 3 Countries Steam tour. If returning to London we depart Nuremberg circa 12.00 hrs arriving back in London St Pancras International at circa 20.00 hrs. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included, (L) = Lunch included



89 6024 at Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg

## Combine Tours: 3 COUNTRIES STEAM Plus BAVARIAN STEAM RAIL & ALE TRAIL

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	£2644
First Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£3145
Single Room Supplement	£345

Fare inclusive of:  
13 nights bed & breakfast, 4 evening meals, 1 lunch  
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

All fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room; single rooms available for a supplement.

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## BAVARIAN STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	£1299
First Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1620
Single Room Supplement	£120

6 nights' bed, breakfast hotel accommodation  
3 dinners & 1 Lunch  
Standard Class rail travel (subject to selected rail travel option) and seat reservations where available  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
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# 3 COUNTRIES STEAM - GERMANY, FRANCE & SWITZERLAND

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

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

**8**  
DAYS

**DEPARTS**

Tuesday 10 May 2016

Fares  
From  
**£1595**



Rural Germany

Mainline express steam to leisurely rural narrow gauge, with a stunning mixture of spectacular scenery from deep in the Black Forest to the Blonay-Chamby line overlooking the vast waters of Lake Geneva. A tour of great steam railway journeys in three countries, each unique in rich heritage, sensational scenery and steam loco power.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Lake Geneva



Blonay-Chamby



Freiburg



Blonay-Chamby

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Tuesday 10 May

We depart London St Pancras International by Eurostar to Paris, and then by high speed train via Mannheim to Freiburg, where we have a welcome evening meal at the Inter City hotel. (D)

### DAY 2 Wednesday 11 May

A leisurely day as we tour Freiburg aboard our privately chartered vintage tram followed by a free afternoon with time to enjoy the town and its funicular railway. Each evening is free for you to explore and to dine at leisure at a restaurant of your choice, or to join your Tour Manager at our choice of typical local restaurants (not included in tour fare). (B)

### DAY 3 Thursday 12 May

Crossing the border by scheduled train into France where we have a private steam photo charter on the 14 kms long Train Touristique Thur Doller Alsace, before visiting the French National Railway Museum at Mulhouse. (B)

### DAY 4 Friday 13 May

A day of steam on the magnificent spirals, twists and turns of the Sauschwänzlebahn, combining riding this stunning steam line with also using our private bus to hop-on and hop-off for great lineside photography. The line is situated on the edge of the Black Forest and is commonly known as "the pigtail" due to its tortuous route. (B)

### DAY 5 Saturday 14 May

Travelling by train to Fleurier in Switzerland for a scenic mainline steam journey hauled by Class 52 221 along the route Fleurier-Travers-St Sulpice (visit of Loco shed) – Fleurier – Travers – Neuchâtel a picturesque resort on the shores of Lake Neuchâtel surrounded by the Jura Hills where we enjoy a sightseeing break before returning by scheduled train to Freiburg. (B)

### DAY 6 Sunday 15 May

A day of 'Railtrail Firsts' as we commence with a first time visit to the 13 kms standard gauge Kandertalbahn for a steam hauled run along the whole length of the line. We follow this with another 'First' as we visit and ride the 12 kms long standard gauge Chemin de Fer du Rhin again with steam haulage along the whole line. (B)

### DAY 7 Monday 16 May

We are currently awaiting confirmation of a mainline steam excursion to Vevey in Switzerland if this is not confirmed travel will be by scheduled rail service. At Vevey we have a fabulous scenic steam journey along the Blonay-Chamby route overlooking Lake Geneva, plus admission to the Chaulin Museum Steam Festival. As Vevey is on the shores of Lake Geneva there is the option of local sightseeing. We return to Germany by either steam or scheduled service trains. (B)

### DAY 8 Tuesday 17 May

We return by high speed trains from Freiburg via Brussels to London St Pancras International. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included,



Sauschwanzlebahn

## 3 COUNTRIES STEAM

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	<b>£1595</b>
First Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	<b>£1925</b>
Single Room Supplement	<b>£225</b>

7 nights' bed & breakfast, 1 evening meal.  
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

## Combine Tours: 3 COUNTRIES STEAM Plus

### BAVARIAN STEAM RAIL & ALE TRAIL

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	<b>£2644</b>
First Class rail travel to to / from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	<b>£3145</b>
Single Room Supplement	<b>£345</b>

Fare inclusive of:  
13 nights bed & breakfast, 4 evening meals, 1 lunch  
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# GREAT CENTRAL & MORE – STEAM, RAIL & ALE

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**5**  
DAYS

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

**DEPARTS**

**Thursday 16 June 2016**

**Fare**  
From  
**£499**



Departing Loughborough GCR

© Alan Weaver

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Half Board accommodation at former Midland Railway hotel
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager



Great Central Railway



Foxfield Railway



Model Railway Exhibition



Varied Locomotives



Idyllic country crossings

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Thursday 16 June

Travelling by train from your home station to Derby and after registering at the Hallmark Hotel, the former Midland Railway Hotel, we travel by train to Burton upon Trent for a guided tour of Marston's brewery. The tour includes the Victorian Brewhouse, the Burton Union System, the Bottling Plant and a sociable 3 halves taster of their finest beer. Afterwards we return by train to Derby for our first evening meal at the Hallmark. (D)

### DAY 2 Friday 17 June

By train and coach to the Foxfield Railway for a private steam passenger charter train and time to admire the excellent industrial locomotive collection in their museum. Then after a lunch, courtesy of Railtrail, we recreate yesteryear with a private photo shoot of their mineral train coming up the incline from the colliery. We then transfer into the heart of Stoke on Trent to visit the Titanic brewery for a Titanic & Rail quiz whilst enjoying a social tasting of their ales. We return to Derby by train and keep a look out for the famous Potteries bottle kilns! (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 Saturday 18 June

A short journey takes us to Loughborough and a full day at the best mainline steam railway in Britain - the double track Great Central Railway. Your day rover ticket allows unlimited travel and free access to the model railway marquee at Quorn which is one of the

UK's biggest model railway events. After our evening meal we have a Great Central Past & Present quiz for you. (B,D)

### DAY 4 Sunday 19 June

Returning to the rails, we travel by train to Nottingham, transferring by heritage coach to the Great Central Railway - Nottingham to enjoy a journey over the line by steam, with ample time to enjoy the magnificent collection of heritage rail and road vehicles. We then continue by heritage coach to England's oldest Inn, 'Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem', for a farewell drink courtesy of Railtrail from their fine selection of ales. We return by train to Derby for our final evening meal at the Hallmark hotel. (B,D)

### DAY 5 Sunday 20 June

Our tour concludes after breakfast with individual departures to homeward stations. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (L) = Lunch included, (D) = Dinner included

## FARES

Fare Region	First	Standard	RC
London: St Pancras	£610	£570	-£5
Greater London	£635	£585	-£10
South of England	£640	£585	-£10
East Anglia	£645	£590	-£10
South West	£705	£600	-£15
Heart of England	£610	£550	-£5
Midlands	£535	£520	-£5
Yorkshire	£555	£535	-£5
North East	£645	£565	-£10
North West	£565	£540	-£5
South Wales	£590	£555	-£10
North Wales	£585	£555	-£5
Scotland	£715	£615	-£15

**Tour Base Fare**

**£499**

**Single Room Supplement**

**£45**

Fare inclusive of:

4 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, 1 Light lunch  
 3 x 'three halves' of fine ale or cider  
 Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)  
 Rail & coach travel, with transfers as described  
 All excursions and admissions as detailed  
 Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager



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## HOTEL

### Hallmark Hotel, Derby

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

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# GERMAN SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**6**  
DAYS

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

**DEPARTS**

Thursday 16 June 2016

**Fares**  
From  
**£1189**



Storming up the Rübeland

© Helmut Werner

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

Come and relax in rural Germany in the warmth of summer and enjoy great steam action at a variety of lines varying from mainline steam excursion through to gently meandering rural countryside on a 750mm heritage railway. Then throw in a rare steam thrash up one of the steepest standard gauge inclines (only operating on two dates in 2016), a steam charter on a new line for Railtrail – the standard gauge Nettetalbahn and a couple of railway museums, and suddenly this is one not to miss – particularly when it can be combined with an even more relaxing break in beautiful Wernigerode riding and lineside photographing steam on the wonderful Harz Mountains Railway.

**SENSATIONAL SUMMER STEAM**

*Take a fabulous extended holiday! COMBINE TOURS and enjoy even more great steam and save £300!*

**German Summer Steam Explorer**

*plus*

**Harz Mountains Summer Steam Explorer**

(10 days in total – see overleaf)



Steam Charter, Mansfelder Bergwerkbahn

© Steve Kloseck



'The Beast' 95 027



Steam at work, Mansfelder Bergwerkbahn

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Wuppertal Schwebebahn



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Thursday 16 June

Depart London circa 10.58 hrs by Eurostar to Brussels then via Cologne and Hanover to Magdeburg where we have a welcome buffet evening meal at the Inter City hotel. (D)

### DAY 2 Friday 17 June

Travelling by train to enjoy a private steam photo charter with run-pasts and photo stops on the Mansfelder Bergwerkbahn which is Germany's oldest narrow gauge railway which opened in 1880. This 750 mm railway is 11 Kms long and operates through pleasant rural scenery and has always been popular on previous visits. We will also be having a guided tour of the MaLoWa railway shed before enjoying a goulash soup lunch courtesy of Railtrail Tours.

Our afternoon visit takes us to Stassfurt for a tour of the traditional standard gauge mainline shed which currently hosts 5 locomotives including Class 44 1486 which we anticipate will be being prepped ready for its mainline run tomorrow. We have arranged for a barbecue meal with the volunteers of the railway at the depot. The evening is free at leisure in Magdeburg. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 Saturday 18 June

Travelling by regional train to Stassfurt where we board our mainline steam excursion hauled by Class 44 1486 this full day tour with ample time for sightseeing is currently classed as a 'Mystery Excursion' as we are still negotiating the destination. Upon return to Magdeburg the evening is again free at leisure. (B)

### DAY 4 Sunday 19 June

We commence with a visit to the railway museum in Magdeburg which is home to just two steam locomotives. We then have a fabulous steam experience thrashing our way up the steeply inclined line in the Harz mountains known as the Rübeland with the brute of a 2-10-2 loco Class 95 027 accompanied by a cacophony of sound. The railway is only open on two dates in 2016 so this is a day not to be missed. (B)

### DAY 5 Monday 20 June

A final day of superb steam as we take you for a private steam charter along a line we have not previously visited – The Nettetalbahn is on the edge of the Harz region and our private charter is scheduled to be hauled by a 1911 built T3 0-6-0 tank engine and will feature a number of photo run pasts between Bornum to Derneburg and return. We have also included a light lunch before taking the charter train back to Derneburg, this time hauled by an industrial diesel locomotive.

At Derneburg we bid farewell to those who are combining the tour with the Harz Summer Steam. Meanwhile we continue by train via Hanover to Wuppertal where we have a farewell evening meal and accommodation at the Inter City hotel. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6 Tuesday 21 June

After a morning ride on the unique Schwebebahn overhead railway we board our train and return to London St Pancras International via Cologne and Brussels. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included, (L) = Lunch included



Strassfurt Steam Shed

## GERMAN SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	<b>£1189</b>
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First Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	<b>£1489</b>
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Single Room Supplement	<b>£95</b>
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5 nights' bed & breakfast, 2 evening meals, 2 light lunches, 1 barbecue.  
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

## Combine Tours: HARZ MOUNTAINS SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER Plus GERMAN SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	<b>£1888</b>
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First Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	<b>£2288</b>
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Single Room Supplement	<b>£196</b>
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Fare inclusive of:  
9 nights bed & breakfast, 7 evening meals, 3 lunches  
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

All fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room; single rooms available for a supplement.

### GUARANTEED FARE – No currency surcharge

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# HARZ MOUNTAINS SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER & MORE

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**7**  
DAYS

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

**DEPARTS**

Sunday 19 June 2016

**Fares**  
From  
**£999**



Glorious Harz Steam

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A wonderful summer tour steaming over all three lines of the Harz Mountains Railway: the rural Selkethal and branches, storming the mighty Brocken Mountain, and the opportunity to steam into Nordhausen.

Plus discover a brand new steam line on the edge of the Harz aboard our private steam charter then conclude this super tour with a visit to Wuppertal's excellent tram museum including a private vintage tram charter and of course the much loved Schwebebahn overhead railway.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Picturesque Wernigerode



Steam to Brocken summit

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Wuppertal Vintage trams



Steaming through the idyllic Selkethal valley

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**SENSATIONAL  
SUMMER STEAM**

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COMBINE TOURS and enjoy even  
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**Harz Mountains  
Summer Steam Explorer**

*plus*

**German  
Summer Steam Explorer**  
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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Sunday 19 June

Depart London circa 14.00 hrs by Eurostar to Brussels then by high speed train via Cologne (dep 19.25 hrs) to Wuppertal for a welcome evening meal at the InterCity Hotel and perhaps an after dinner relax in the hotel bar. (D)

### DAY 2 Monday 20 June

Continuing by train via Hannover to Derneburg where we meet the German Summer Steam group and continue by road the short distance to Bornum. Here we have a private steam charter along a line we have not previously visited – The Nettetalbahn is on the edge of the Harz region and our private charter is scheduled to be hauled by a 1911 built T3 0-6-0 tank engine and will feature a number of photo run pasts between Bornum to Derneburg and return. We have also included a light lunch before taking the charter train back to Derneburg, this time hauled by an industrial diesel locomotive. At Derneburg whilst the German Summer Steam group commence their homeward journey we travel by train to Wernigerode via Goslar and our tour base at the HKK Hotel and a welcome evening meal. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 Tuesday 21 June

A fantastic day rambling by steam around the rural and rustic Selkethal section of the Harz Railway system. The Selkethal transports you back to the days of lightly-used British branch lines, as the train meanders along at a gentle pace through beautiful pastureland and little river valleys, interspersed by traditional German villages.

To enhance your day we have our own private coach 'shadowing' the train so you can hop on and off as you wish; you can choose to ride the train or get ahead to photograph it. In previous years this has been immensely popular.

Our steam route\* is: Quedlinburg – Alexisbad – Gernrode (lunch) – Stiege – Hasselfelde – Stiege - Eisfelder Talmühle.

\*An option to rise early and travel to, then ride, the short Harzgerode branch with steam is available at a supplement, payable locally. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4 Wednesday 22 June

We commence with a private guided tour of the Wernigerode locomotive works. We then storm by steam up the Brocken Mountain, hauled by one of the 2-10-2 tank locos of the Brockenbahn.

We return to the junction station at Drei Annen Hohne where you have 3 options included in your tour fare ...

Take a steam trip (sitting in the open cabrio wagon if you wish) to Eisfelder Talmühle then returning by steam to Wernigerode via Drei Annen Hohne.

Just enjoy a relaxing afternoon at Drei Annen Hohne station watching and photographing the steam departures.

Or from Drei Annen Hohne you can return direct to Wernigerode by steam to enjoy an afternoon sightseeing in one of Germany's most historic and pretty towns.

Back in Wernigerode we have another fine buffet evening meal at our hotel. (B,D)

### DAY 5 Thursday 23 June

Relax all day in Wernigerode if you wish, or at no extra cost have another superb day of steam on the Harz Mountains Railway. With the freedom of the timetable there are lots of options but you may like to join the Tour Manager who will be steaming up to Drei Annen Hohne and onwards beyond Eisfelder Talmühle to the terminus of the Harzquerbahn at Nordhausen then returning back over the Harzquerbahn aboard a modern railcar to Wernigerode thereby travelling over all the HSB routes during the tour. (B,D)

### DAY 6 Friday 24 June

Bidding farewell to beautiful Wernigerode we travel by train back as far as Wuppertal for a guided tour of the excellent tram museum and a vintage tram charter followed by a ride over the whole of the amazing Schwebebahn overhead railway. We conclude our tour with a farewell evening meal at the Inter City hotel. (B,D)

### DAY 7 Saturday 25 June

Travelling by train via Cologne and Brussels then onwards to London St Pancras International arriving late afternoon. (B)

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## HARZ MOUNTAINS SUMMER STEAM EXPLORER & MORE

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First Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	<b>£1299</b>
Single Room Supplement	<b>£120</b>

6 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal plus 2 Light lunches Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)  
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# SOUTHERN GERMANY BY STEAM

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**6**  
DAYS

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.

**DEPARTS**

Wednesday 6 July 2016

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Private steam charter with Class 99 7203 on the Alb-Bähnle, Amstetten to Oppingen
- ★ Mainline express steam ride Stuttgart-Füssen
- ★ Lineside bus available for photography on some sections e.g. Günzacher Steige incline
- ★ Steam on the twists and turns of the Sauschwänzlebahn, plus private lineside bus for great photo opportunities
- ★ Admission to Railway Museum Tuttlingen
- ★ Steam on the Öchslebahn from Warthausen to Ochsenhausen
- ★ Zollernbahn steam with Class 52 7596 on a 37 tunnels trip Rottweil-Hausach
- ★ Lots of scenic tourist interests for partners



Mainline steam excursions

**Fares**  
From  
**£1199**

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Mainline express steam with hop on hop off bus for photographing, steep inclines, 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, a wonderful step into the past at a former loco shed packed with steam and heritage diesels, and magnificent scenery in glorious German tourist resorts.



Roadside steam on the Zollernbahn

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Double header steam on the Zollernbahn

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Sauschwänzlebahn

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Hausach, Black Forest



Sauschwänzlebahn



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Wednesday 6 July

We depart London St Pancras International by Eurostar to Paris, and then by high speed train to Stuttgart, where we have a welcome evening meal at the Maritim Hotel. (D)

### DAY 2 Thursday 7 July

Travelling by local train for a private steam charter on the delightful metre gauge Alb-Bähnle line with loco 99 7203. There will be numerous run-pasts for photography en-route between Amstetten and Oppingen. After a light lunch, courtesy of Railtrail, we continue our rural steam odyssey with an afternoon steam run on the Öchslebahn between Warthausen and Ochsenhausen. (B,L)

### DAY 3 Friday 8 July

A day of steam on the magnificent spirals, twists and turns of the Sauschwänzlebahn. Combine riding this stunning steam line with our private coach to hop-on and hop-off for great lineside photography. The line is situated on the edge of the Black Forest and is commonly known as "the pigtail" due to its tortuous route.

En-route back to Stuttgart we will be stopping for a visit to Tuttingen Railway Museum where a collection of around 26 steam locomotives are kept in the old roundhouse and whilst there will not be any locos in steam we will have a ride with one of the heritage diesels or railcars. As it will be a long day we have also included an evening barbecue at the museum with the volunteers. (B,D)

### DAY 4 Saturday 9 July

It's mainline steam today as we have an excursion with either Class 41 018 or Pacific 01 1066 from Stuttgart to Füssen and again we have a lineside bus for hopping onto to enjoy lineside photography along some of the more exciting sections including the Günzacher incline – your choice whether to

remain on board the steam train throughout or take some lineside photos at times during the journey.

At Füssen there is the possibility to join a sightseeing tour by coach to Neuschwanstein Castle if you wish at a supplementary fare. (B)

### DAY 5 Sunday 10 July

Our final standard gauge steam tour takes us aboard the superb Zollernbahn line with Class 52 7596 blasting its way through 37 tunnels on our way to Haussach and there will be plenty of time to enjoy sightseeing and perhaps a glass of beer in this pretty little Black Forest town. Otherwise there is the option of a further steam journey onwards to St Georgen and return to Haussach which is payable locally. Whichever you choose we steam back along the Zollernbahn to Rottweil and local train to Stuttgart (B)

### DAY 6 Monday 11 July

We return by high speed trains from Stuttgart via Brussels to London St Pancras International. (B)

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(L) = Light Lunch included

## SOUTHERN GERMANY BY STEAM

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Single Room Supplement	£135

Fare inclusive of:

5 nights' bed & breakfast, 1 evening meal, 1 barbecue, 1 light lunch.

Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)

All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

## 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.

All fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room; single rooms available for a supplement.

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# SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS STEAM & MALT TRAIL

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**5**  
DAYS

The Western Highlands offer amazing colours in Autumn and this special departure promises an action packed few days. Explore both branches of the West Highland Line, visit the Isle of Mull, ride the Jacobite Steam Train to Mallaig, and visit two distilleries for a tour and a 'wee dram'. Not forgetting a cruise on the steamship Sir Walter Scott on idyllic Loch Katrine.

**DEPARTS**

**Thursday 21 July 2016**

**Fare**  
From  
**£445**



Jacobite Steam Train

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
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SS Sir Walter Scott



Oban



Passing Loch Dubh



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Thursday 21 July

Arrive in **Crianlarich** and make your way to our hotel for four nights, the Crianlarich Hotel, just a short walk from the station which serves both branches of the West Highland Line. During your stay there will be **two nights' entertainment** at the hotel, including a ceilidh on one evening. (D)

### DAY 2 Friday 22 July

After breakfast this morning we rejoin one of the world's greatest railway journeys to head through a region of high moors and wilderness inaccessible by road on the stunning **northern branch of the West Highland Line**. As you cross **Rannoch Moor** look out for Corrour Station, the highest mainline station in the UK, before our descent to **Fort William**, overlooked by the mighty Ben Nevis. At Fort William we change onto the **Jacobite Steam Train** which hauls the final leg past **Loch Linnhe** into breathtaking **Glenfinnan** and onwards towards **Mallaig**, with the Small Isles looming tantalisingly close offshore. After free time in Mallaig to sample the local catch, we make the return journey by steam and mainline service to Crianlarich. (B,D)

### DAY 3 Saturday 23 July

Lochs, glens, islands and malt await today, as we explore the **western branch of the West Highland Line**. After yesterday's heather-framed wilderness, today is a contrast of quintessential Highland lochs and glens in golden autumn hues. Reaching **Oban**, we leave the mainland by ferry for the **Isle of Mull**, where we enjoy a visit to **Duart Castle**, the proud ancestral home of the Clan MacLean. Returning to Oban, we experience a fascinating tour of the **Oban Distillery**,

culminating in a 'wee dram'. After the return journey past **Loch Etive** and the appropriately named **Loch Awe**, relax in our hotel bar with its extensive range of malts. (B,D)

### DAY 4 Sunday 24 July

Today our tour reaches its peak with a coach transfer through majestic scenery to the **Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway Steam Gala**. Details of the specific steam trains are yet to be confirmed, but our **day rover ticket** allows you to hop on and off at your leisure. Our return journey to Crianlarich is punctuated with a visit to the **Glengoyne Distillery** for a tour climaxing with a tasting of their fine malt. (B,D)

### DAY 5 Monday 25 July

Our hotel in Crianlarich bids "Haste ye back," as we make our way home from the majestic autumnal Western Highlands. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (L) = Lunch included, (D) = Dinner included

## FARES

Fare Region	First	Standard	RC
London: Euston	£745	£610	-£25
Greater London	£795	£630	-£25
South of England	£800	£645	-£30
East Anglia	£805	£650	-£30
South West	£805	£650	-£40
Heart of England	£695	£585	-£30
Midlands	£655	£570	-£25
Yorkshire	£610	£550	-£20
North East	£575	£530	-£15
North West	£600	£540	-£15
South Wales	£725	£600	-£30
North Wales	£645	£560	-£25
Scotland	£545	£520	-£10

**Tour Base Fare**

**£445**

**Single Room Supplement**

**£60**

Fare inclusive of:

4 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal  
 Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)  
 Rail & coach travel, with transfers as described  
 All excursions and admissions as detailed  
 Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager  
 Hotel Portage



## HOTEL

### The Crianlarich Hotel

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

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# NORTHERN GERMANY & BALTIC COAST STEAM

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**8**  
DAYS

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

**DEPARTS**

**Monday 1 August 2016**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



The Molli

© Chris Lewis

A great Railtrail steam tour that has much to offer as a summer holiday for enthusiasts and partners alike.

We feature an amazing variety of steam lines, a plethora of differing gauges, locomotives, and rolling stock. It is achieved in a relaxing style enabling everyone to unwind and enjoy themselves on a magnificent holiday.



Rostock

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Rügen Island



Bruchhausen

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Jan Harpstedt

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Monday 1 August

Depart London circa 10.58 hrs by Eurostar to Brussels then, via Cologne (depart 16.46 hrs), to Gütersloh and the Holiday Inn Express where we have a welcome evening meal. (D)

### DAY 2 Tuesday 2 August

We start the day with a private steam photo charter at the excellent 600mm one kilometre line at Mühlentrost. We have a light lunch before travelling by train to Schwerin and the (rarely visited by UK groups) Mecklenburgische Eisenbahnfreunde depot - home to Pacific 03 1090 and examples of Class 64, 89 and 91 locos. We then continue by train to Rostock and a welcome evening meal at the InterCity Hotel. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 Wednesday 3 August

Travelling by train to Prora and Putbus for a day of steam, including sandwich lunch, on Rügen Island's 750mm Rasender Roland line, with a visit to the standard gauge Eisenbahn & Technik museum at Prora, plus a guided visit to the loco shed at Putbus. (B,L)

### DAY 4 Thursday 4 August

We continue this steam sojourn of discovery at probably the most popular line in Northern Germany: a full day on the Molli with unlimited train rides between Bad Doberan and Kühlungsborn, including the famous street running. In the afternoon we have made a special arrangement with the railway whereby the train will 'perform' at selected points for photographers in our private lineside bus. (B)

### DAY 5 Friday 5 August

Travelling by train to Hamburg to view 'the Harz Mountains to the Americas' at Hamburg's amazing "miniatur-wunderland", the largest model railway in the world, which has cost 10 million Euros!

We then continue by train to the historic city of Bremen and a welcome evening meal at the InterCity Hotel. (B,D)

### DAY 6 Saturday 6 August

We have timed the tour to coincide with the railway festival at Bruchhausen-Vilsen where the metre gauge line became Germany's very first heritage railway on its opening in 1966. A full day rover facility will enable you to enjoy this super line and its excellent collection of locomotives and rolling stock. (B)

### DAY 7 Sunday 7 August

Our exploration of Northern Germany's heritage railways concludes with a day of steam on the rarely visited 22 kms, standard gauge Delmenhorst-Harpstedter Eisenbahnfreunde e.V. (B)

### DAY 8 Monday 8 August

We depart Bremen circa 07.30 hrs, travelling via Cologne (arrive 10.50 hrs) and Brussels to arrive at London St Pancras International circa 16.10 hrs. (B)

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(L) = Light Lunch included

## HOTELS

### Holiday Inn Express, Gütersloh

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

### InterCity Hotel, Rostock

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

### InterCity Hotel, Bremen

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

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## NORTHERN GERMANY & BALTIC COAST STEAM

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Rostock / Bremen, including Standard Eurostar	£1295
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First Class rail travel to / from Rostock / Bremen, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1635
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Single Room Supplement	£175
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Fare inclusive of:

7 nights' bed & breakfast, 3 evening meals, 2 light lunches  
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available  
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All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
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# SAXONY STEAM Plus CHEMNITZ 25TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**6**  
DAYS

Superb Saxon narrow gauge plus the 25th Anniversary celebrations at Chemnitz. Top up with a rarely visited railway museum, a great parkeisenbahn, and stir in a vintage tram charter and voila! – perfection.

**DEPARTS**

**Thursday 18 August 2016**

**Fares From**  
**£1095**



Pressnitztalbahn

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The unique Chemnitz 25th Anniversary Steam Festival
- ★ Steam on the mainline from Chemnitz
- ★ After dark steam photo shoot at Chemnitz depot
- ★ Private steam photo charter at Schönheide
- ★ Articulated 8-wheeled Saxon-Meyer locomotives
- ★ Steam along the rural idyll of the Pressnitztalbahn at Jöhstadt
- ★ Mountain steam on the Fichtebergbahn at Cranzahl
- ★ Rarely visited standard gauge steam roundhouse at Schwarzenberg
- ★ Steam on the Chemnitz Parkeisenbahn
- ★ Tour of Erfurt with vintage tram charter

Summertime in Saxony is a wonderful relaxing time and we are combining those fabulous narrow gauge lines up in the mountains with a major railway festival down in the former heartland of industry at Chemnitz including first time for Railtrail a visit to the excellent parkeisenbahn for steam and a private charter vintage tram.



Pressnitztalbahn

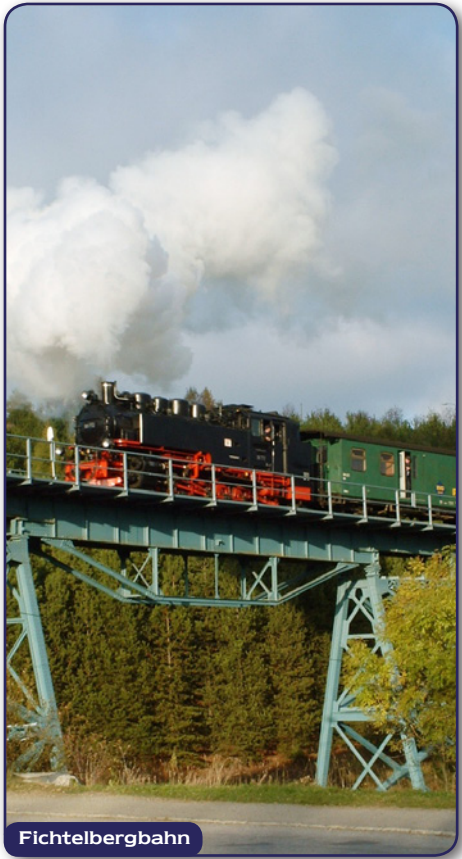


Schönheide

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Chemnitz Depot



Fichtebergbahn



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Thursday 18 August

Depart London St. Pancras International circa 10.58 hrs and travel by Eurostar and ICE train, via Frankfurt Main departing circa 18.11 hrs arriving Erfurt circa 20.40 hrs and a welcome evening meal at the InterCity Hotel. (D)

### DAY 2 Friday 19 August

We commence our day with a private vintage tram tour of the historic city of Erfurt before continuing by train to Chemnitz where after registering at our hotel we have a private steam charter on the excellent Chemnitz Parkeisenbahn followed by an after dark atmospheric photo shoot at Chemnitz Railway Museum. (B)

### DAY 3 Saturday 20 August

A full day at the Chemnitz Railway Museum steam festival with the superb home fleet of locomotives boosted with guest engines. The stunning time-warp that is Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf steam depot is home to circa, twenty standard gauge locomotives, including examples of Class 24, 38, 41, 43, 44, 50, 52, 58, 75 and 86, and a similar sized collection of historic diesel locomotives, all housed in the twin roundhouses. Footplate rides will be available along with a photographic loco parade and we also include a mainline steam excursion from the depot lasting 3 or 4 hours. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included

(L) = Light Lunch included

### DAY 4 Sunday 21 August

One of the tour highlights, as we have a private Sachsen Meyer steam photographic charter on the 4 kms, rarely visited, 750 mm line at Schönheide close to the Czech Republic. After lunch, courtesy of Railtrail, we later in the day continue to Schwarzenberg for a tour of the standard gauge roundhouse there with its excellent steam collection. It's very rare for a UK tour operator to visit either of these remote venues. We conclude this fabulous day of Saxon narrow gauge steam with two return journeys along the whole length of the Pressnitztalbahn between Jöhstadt and Steinbach. (B,L)

### DAY 5 Monday 22 August

Travelling by train high into the Erzgebirge Mountains to enjoy a full day of steam on the 750 mm Fichtelbergbahn which operates a public steam hauled service from Cranzahl over the 18 kms steeply graded line to the mountain summit at the ski resort of Oberiesenthal crossing the impressive 100 metre high steel constructed Hüttenbachtal viaduct near the entrance to the station. There is time for multiple journeys over the line and we also include a light lunch and tour of the locomotive works. (B,L)

### DAY 6 Tuesday 23 August

Departing Chemnitz circa 07.33 hrs, returning via Leipzig, Frankfurt and Brussels to arrive London St Pancras International circa 19.39 hrs. (B)



Steam on the mainline

## SAXONY STEAM *Plus* CHEMNITZ 25TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

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Standard Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	£1095
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First Class rail travel to / from Wuppertal, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1445
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Single Room Supplement	£126
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Fare inclusive of:

5 nights' bed & breakfast, 1 evening meal, 2 light lunches  
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available  
(subject to selected rail travel option)

All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

All fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room;  
single rooms available for a supplement.

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## 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.

### Mercure Kongress Hotel, Chemnitz

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

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A unique opportunity to experience the great rail journeys of north Wales: 'little' and standard gauge lines, through stunning scenery. **SIXTEEN** heritage and scenic railways and two steam galas to finish!

**8**  
DAYS

**DEPARTS**

**Sunday 28 August 2016**



Welsh Highland Line

Fare  
From  
**£999**

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Our hugely popular Mega Steam tour – at an amazing value for money fare! Experience **SIXTEEN** fantastic railways, including the whole of the superb Welsh Highland line from Caernarfon to Porthmadog through the Aberglaslyn Pass, plus ride the spectacularly scenic Cambrian Coast line and all culminating at the delightful Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway and the impressive Llangollen Railway Annual Steam Galas.

If you've always promised yourself to 'do' all these famous railways, but never got round to it - then this is a unique opportunity to

bag them all in one go. Plus enjoy fantastic lineside photo opportunities during the tour with our private coach.

Fares are **INCLUSIVE** of rail travel from your UK 'home' station, giving you great value connecting travel. So, book now for a wonderful 8 day 'bash' with great camaraderie!



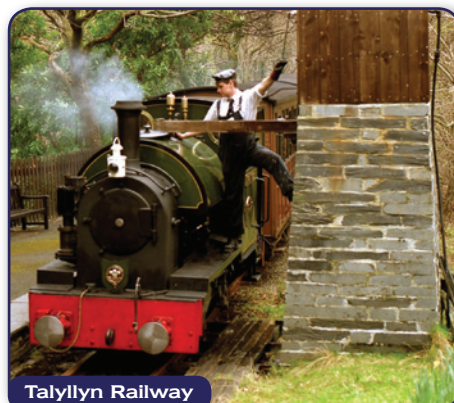
Snowdon Mountain Railway

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Ffestiniog Railway

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Talylyn Railway

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Welshpool & Llanfair Railway

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- A full day rover at the Llangollen Steam Railway Gala
- A full day rover at the Welshpool & Llanfair Steam Railway Gala
- By steam along the whole of the Welsh Highland line
- Steam on the Ffestiniog Railway & Welsh Highland (Heritage) lines
- The scenic Cambrian Coast line between Porthmadog and Machynlleth
- The great fun of the Llanberis Lake Railway
- Steam to the summit of the Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Ride the Great Orme Tramway with magnificent seascape views
- Railcruise along the scenic Conwy Valley line
- Steam on the whole length of the Vale of Rheidol Railway
- Ride through the sand dunes on the Fairbourne
- Wonderful seascapes on the historic cliff funicular at Aberystwyth
- Private steam charter at the Corris Railway and workshops tour
- The 'grandad' of preservation – the immortal Talylyn Railway
- The Bala Lake Steam Railway

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Sunday 28 August

Travelling by train from your home station to arrive Llandudno Junction (circa 14.00 hrs) then by private coach (which stays with us for the whole tour) into Llandudno for a ride up the Great Orme heritage tramway, finally continuing to the Travelodge, Bangor. Our coach then takes us into the town where you can choose to dine at leisure or join the Tour Manager and Driver at their chosen restaurant.

### DAY 2 Monday 29 August

We travel aboard our private coach to the foot of Snowdon for a return journey on the Llanberis Lake Steam Railway. Rise to the summit of Snowdon (weather permitting) on the breathtaking Snowdon Mountain Railway (steam haulage service) before returning to Bangor to again dine at leisure. (B)

### DAY 3 Tuesday 30 August

One of the great circular wonders of the world as we travel by coach to Caernarfon to travel the new Welsh Highland line by steam to Porthmadog Harbour. We then have an enjoyable return run on the Welsh Highland (Heritage) line followed by free-time in Porthmadog. We then travel by steam up the Ffestiniog line to Blaenau Ffestiniog then down the picturesque Conwy Valley line to Llandudno Junction and onwards to Bangor for a final evening at leisure. (B)

### DAY 4 Wednesday 31 August

Whilst your luggage travels on the bus we hop on and off to photograph steam along the Welsh Highland line before joining the scheduled train service at Porthmadog to Fairbourne, for a steam run along the sand dunes. We then continue by train to Machynlleth and onwards by coach to Aberystwyth University. In the evening we take the Aberystwyth Cliff Railway 'funicular' to enjoy an evening meal at a quality restaurant at the top of the cliff. (B,D)

### DAY 5 Thursday 1 September

The Vale of Rheidol Railway is our base for the morning as we take a return journey over the whole length of the line to Devils Bridge and back to Aberystwyth, experiencing the journey behind one of the line's steam locomotives. Our afternoon features the ever popular visit to the Corris Railway where we have a private steam photographic charter before enjoying a tour of their workshops. In the evening we

again take the Aberystwyth Cliff Railway 'funicular' to enjoy our restaurant evening meal. (B,D)

### DAY 6 Friday 2 September

We transfer again today. With luggage stored on our coach we spend the morning visiting the famous Talylyn Railway, with ample time for our return journey along the whole length of the line from Tywyn Wharf to Nant Gwernol before heading off for an afternoon on the Bala Lake Railway with photo rumpasts to end the day. Then it's on to the Travelodge at Oswestry, our home for the next two nights in en-suite rooms. (B)

### DAY 7 Saturday 3 September

Enjoy a full day at the Welshpool & Llanfair Railway for their annual Steam Gala with extra activity and visiting engines in steam. This really is a fabulous rural countryside railway as we ride between Llanfair Caereinion and Welshpool behind steam, including tackling the steep Golfa Bank. Plenty of time to see other workings today, including the "vintage" train with Countess and replica Pickering coaches, whilst enjoying repeat journeys along the line (B)

### DAY 8 Sunday 4 September

After breakfast we depart by coach (with luggage) to the standard gauge Llangollen Steam Railway to enjoy a full day of steam riding the line at their steam gala. This railway really has a real "ex GWR / British Railways" atmosphere. Our coach then takes us the short distance to Ruabon station for homeward trains. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included,

## FARES

Fare Region	First	Standard
London: Euston	£1,185	£1,085
Greater London	£1,230	£1,105
South of England	£1,240	£1,115
East Anglia	£1,265	£1,130
South West	£1,225	£1,110
Heart of England	£1,205	£1,095
Midlands	N/A	£1,045
Yorkshire	N/A	£1,080
North East	N/A	£1,110
North West	£1,050	£1,030
South Wales	£1,165	£1,070
North Wales	£1,025	£1,020
Scotland	£1,195	£1,095

**Tour Base Fare £999**  
(Join Llandudno Junction / Leave Ruabon)

**Single Room Supplement £186**

7 nights' bed & breakfast accommodation  
2 evening meals  
Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)  
All excursions & admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

Calculate the cost of your holiday ALL INCLUSIVE of rail travel from your nearest mainline station. Look down the Fares table for the UK region from which you wish to travel, or you may select the Tour Base Fare and join as indicated.

If wishing to travel **BY AIR** to join the tour. Choose the UK region of your arrival airport, or from which you wish to travel to join the tour.

## ACCOMODATION

### Travelodge Bangor & Oswestry

The tour stays for 5 nights at Travelodge hotels and will feature breakfasts away from the hotels. All bedrooms are en-suite with modern facilities.

### Aberystwyth University

We stay for 2 nights in en-suite student accommodation with modern, but basic facilities. All rooms are single rooms however those travelling together may request adjacent rooms. At Aberystwyth we include in your tour fare evening meals in the summit restaurant of the funicular railway, a unique experience.

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# MEININGEN STEAM FESTIVAL & MORE

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

A superb value tour featuring: steam to Meiningen Works Festival with Pacific 03 2155 and steam on four different gauges including private photo charters, and a private tram charter!

**7**  
DAYS

**DEPARTS**

**Tuesday 30 August 2016**

**Fares**  
From  
**£1199**



Meiningen Steam Festival

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Superb mainline steam with Pacific 03 2155 Halle - Meiningen
- ★ Visit the world's greatest steam locomotive works festival
- ★ Footplate rides, locos being serviced, turntable in use, etc, etc
- ★ Private steam charter Muskau Forest Railway
- ★ Private steam charter Cottbus Parkeisenbahn
- ★ Private vintage tram charter on Halle tram network
- ★ Full day steam Zittau – Oybin / Jonsdorf
- ★ Guided tour Bertsdorf Locomotive shed
- ★ Visit to Stassfurt Steam Railway depot
- ★ Guided tour DB museum Halle

A wonderful late summer break of great German steam in a variety of gauges! Amazing steam-hauled railway journeys, great photo opportunities and the best Railway Works steam show in Europe!



Bertsdorf parallel departure



Bad Muskau Forest Railway



Stassfurt steam depot



Meiningen Loco Works



Halle vintage tram



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**ATOC**  
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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Tuesday 30 August

We depart London St Pancras International circa 06.50 hrs (Ebbsfleet 07.07 hrs) by Eurostar to Brussels and by ICE train via Cologne & Berlin to Cottbus arriving 18.59 hrs for a welcome evening meal at the conveniently located 4 star Radisson Blu Hotel close to the main station. (D)

### DAY 2 Wednesday 31 August

After breakfast we travel by regional train to Zittau for a full day of steam on the 17 Kms, 750 mm gauge, line between Zittau to Oybin / Jonsdorf. This rural public steam train service is Y shaped and at the junction station of Bertsdorf we include a tour of the loco shed and lunch. There is ample time to enjoy the full experience of travelling on this wonderful line located in Eastern Germany right by the borders of the Czech Republic and Poland. (B,L)

### DAY 3 Thursday 1 September

Travelling by train to Weisswasser for a private steam photo charter on the 7 Km, 600 mm, Muskau Forest Railway another remote line rarely visited by UK tour operators. There will be numerous runpasts and photo stops plus we have included lunch to enable us to maximise the morning at the line. After lunch we return to Cottbus for a private steam charter on the Cottbus Parkeisenbahn again with runpasts and photo stops. (B,L)

### DAY 4 Friday 2 September

After breakfast we transfer by train with luggage to the Hotel Atlas situated close by the main station at Halle. We then have a guided private vintage tram charter of Halle followed by a welcome evening meal at our hotel. (B,D)

### DAY 5 Saturday 3 September

The big event, as we take a fantastic mainline steam run with Pacific 03 2155 and heritage coaches from Halle to Meiningen, where we visit this famous, now unique, railway works on its annual festival day. This is time-warp time; we tour a traditional railway works with other steam-hauled charters arriving adding to the numerous locomotives on-site in steam and under repair. Guest locos being serviced, turned on the turntable, and other locomotives giving footplate rides, it is simply one of the best steam days to be experienced in this day and age and very reminiscent of loco works open days in the UK of the 1950's & 60's. (B)

### DAY 6 Sunday 4 September

We commence with a guided tour of the DB Museum Halle which has an assortment of circa 20 heritage locomotives featuring a Class 03 Pacific and Class 41 Rekolok along with heritage diesel and electric locomotives which are displayed in the former depot roundhouse. We then travel by train to Stassfurt for a visit to the railway museum which is again housed in the former steam depot and contains an excellent collection of steam and heritage diesel locomotives. (B)

### DAY 7 Monday 5 September

Departing Halle Hbf 06.07 hrs travelling via Hanover, Cologne and Brussels then via Eurostar arriving (Ebbsfleet 15.45 hrs) London St Pancras International 16.05 hrs.

(B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included  
(L) = Light Lunch included

## HOTELS

### Radisson Blu Hotel, Cottbus

Stylish 4 Star hotel with pool, sauna, gym & free Internet. The hotel is located close by the railway station and includes two restaurants and hotel bar.

### Hotel Atlas, Halle

A 3 star hotel 600 metres from the station offering modern, comfortable, en-suite rooms equipped with flat screen TVs. The hotel has a restaurant serving both German and International cuisine.



Stassfurt steam depot

## MEININGEN STEAM FESTIVAL & MORE

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Standard Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Eurostar	£1199
First Class rail travel to / from Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1525
Single Room Supplement	£145

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6 nights' bed & breakfast, 2 evening meals, and 2 light lunches.  
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

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# BELGIAN STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

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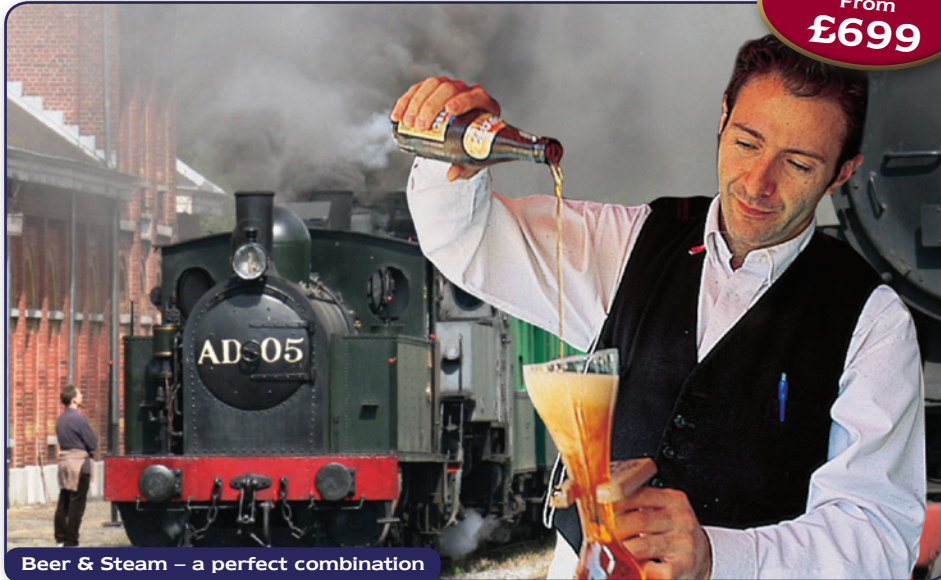
An action-packed Belgian tour featuring a day at the 3 Valleys Steam Festival and much more – Train World Brussels, vintage trams, UNESCO World Heritage canal boat lifts and visits to three Belgian breweries!

**5**  
DAYS

**DEPARTS**

**Thursday 22 September 2016**

**Fare**  
From  
**£699**



Beer & Steam – a perfect combination



Thuin Tramway Museum



Cantillon Brewery



Three Valleys Steam Festival

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Rail travel from London to Belgium and return
  - ★ Explore the “Three Valleys Steam Railway Festival” with a day pass
  - ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at the Binchoise Brewery
  - ★ Included entry to the Three Valleys Railway Museum in Treignes
  - ★ Visit to the Tramway Museum at Thuin
  - ★ Specially chartered rides on the museum’s electric tram and Autorail car
  - ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at the Fagnes Brewery
  - ★ A day visiting the ‘Canal du Centre’, including a cruise
  - ★ Cruise includes a heritage boat lift and the new largest boat lift in the world
  - ★ Visit to view the ‘sloping lock of Ronquières’
  - ★ Visit to Train World Museum in Brussels
  - ★ Tour & Tasting at the Cantillon Brewery
- Also included in your Tour Fare:**
- ★ Dinner every evening, plus 1 lunch
  - ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Thursday 22 September

Travel from London St Pancras International by Eurostar to Brussels. Here we change trains and continue to Mons for three nights at the Ibis Hotel. This evening we enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (D)

### DAY 2 Friday 23 September

Today begins with a transfer to **Strépy-Thieu** for a day of fascinating waterway heritage. We start with a **guided cruise on the Canal du Centre**, taking in a **historic hydraulic boat lift, a lock and several turning bridges**. The 4 working boat lifts on the canal form a UNESCO World Heritage site. We have the opportunity to visit the lift's engine room before a road train transports us back to Strépy-Thieu for a light lunch. In the afternoon the road train transports us upstream of the colossal **Strépy-Thieu boat lift, the largest in the world, where we join our boat to sail into the lift, descending around 70 metres to the lower level**. We end our day on the canal by visiting the **Sloping Lock of Ronquières**, where we view the longest sloping lock in the world. Toast the end of a fascinating day with a **tour and tasting, followed by dinner at the Binchoise Brewery**. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 Saturday 24 September

For our visit to the "**Three Valleys Steam Festival**" we depart Mons for Mariembourg by train. A **day ticket** is provided for you to discover the lines at your leisure and don't forget to visit the **Three Valleys Railway Museum** at Treignes. A fuller programme will be

announced closer to the date, but in 2015 there were 6 locomotives involved. After a day's exhilarating steam, we meet up for our transfer to **Brasserie des Fagnes**, situated just outside Mariembourg, where we visit the old and modern breweries, taste one of the special brews and enjoy a relaxing dinner together in the Belgian countryside. (B,D)

### DAY 4 Sunday 25 September

We travel by coach to Thuin, where we visit the historic **Tramway Museum**, which houses 30 restored vehicles and preserves a rural route that retraces the history of the world's largest tram network. During our visit we ride on **specially arranged electric trams and autorail cars**. The day continues with a visit to **Train World in Brussels**, Belgium's fascinating and brand new railway museum, situated at the historic Schaerbeek station and showcasing the past, present and future of the railways. Our final night is spent at the **Mercure Brussels Gare du Midi**, with dinner served locally. (B,D)

### DAY 5 Monday 26 September

For our final visit this morning, we walk the short distance to the **Cantillon Brewery**, which also houses the **Museum of the Gueuze**, a beer made using spontaneous fermentation traditional to the Brussels region. After a **tour and tasting**, we join the Eurostar service to London St Pancras. (B)

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## BELGIAN STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Belgium, including Standard Eurostar	£699
Single Room Supplement	£150

Fare inclusive of:

4 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, plus 1 lunch Eurostar and Belgian rail travel to Mons and return All transfers, excursions & admissions as detailed Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

## HOTEL

### Ibis Hotel Mons Centre Gare

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

All fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room; single rooms available for a supplement.

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# NORTHERN FRANCE NARROW GAUGE & STEAM

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**5**  
DAYS

A fabulous steam gala plus 4 narrow gauge private steam charters, historic WW1 battlefield tour, optional free-time in Paris, and the idyllic riverside café culture of Amiens.

**DEPARTS**

Thursday 22 September 2016

**Fares**  
From  
**£759**



Parallel departure, Baie de la Somme railway

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Froissy-Cappy-Dompierre Steam Gala
- ★ Full day of steam at the superb Baie de la Somme line
- ★ Private steam charter on the metre gauge MTSV at Valmondois
- ★ Private steam charter at Train Touristique de la Vallée de la Scarpe (TTVS)
- ★ Private steam charter over the 60cm Chanteraines line
- ★ Tour of the WW1 trenches at Beaumont Hamel
- ★ Visit Thiepval Memorial to the Missing
- ★ Based at historic Amiens on the banks of the River Somme
- ★ Delightful Baie De Somme coastal resorts
- ★ Optional sightseeing day in Paris.

Another variation on this popular tour that delights enthusiasts and partners alike, who appreciate the novelty of the railways and the gentle pace of the tour allowing ample opportunity to 'opt out' of the programme to spend free-time enjoying the café culture, local drink and cuisine in the idyllic seaside resort of St Valéry or a full day in Paris. In the evenings take time to visit Amiens' beautiful cathedral and local drink and cuisine in restaurants idyllically set on the banks of the Somme.



Froissy-Cappy-Dompierre railway, alongside the Somme Canal.



Freight, Froissy-Cappy-Dompierre Festival



Steam at Chanteraines



Baie de la Somme



Wagons, Froissy-Cappy-Dompierre Festival



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Thursday 22 September

We depart London St. Pancras International circa 12.57 hrs (Ebbsfleet 13.15 hrs) by Eurostar to France and by local train service to Amiens where we stay for four nights at the Hotel Campanile, adjacent to the station with numerous bars and restaurants nearby and along the banks of the River Somme.

Each evening is free for you to explore and to dine at leisure at a restaurant of your choice, or to join your Tour Manager at our choice of typical French restaurants (not included in tour fare).

### DAY 2 Friday 23 September

Travelling by train to Paris and then by local train to Valmondois for a metre gauge steam charter over the MTVS (Musée des Tramways à Vapeur et Chemins de Fer Secondaires) short line, run-bys included and a visit to their depot containing steam locos, early diesel railcar and coaching stock from various small lines in France. There is time for lunch at a bar by the station before travelling by local train to Gennevilliers for another exclusive steam charter over part of the 60cm Chanteraines line. A visit to their depot and workshop is included. Later take the tram and RER service into Paris for our return rail journey to Amiens. If you wish to spend the day in Paris you might like to maximise your time by travelling on the Cityrama hop on hop off tourist buses. (B)

### DAY 3 Saturday 24 September

After breakfast we travel by local train to Noyelles to enjoy steam on the beautifully rural and rustic Baie de la Somme railway. We have arranged a special steam working from St Valery through to

Cayeux-sur-Mer and return to enable us to cover the whole system with steam. In addition to the fabulous steam railway itself the railway's coastal resort of St Valery is a delightful resort famed for its local restaurants and the local speciality – mussels. (B)

### DAY 4 Sunday 25 September

Today we travel by private coach to the 2ft gauge Froissy-Cappy-Dompierre railway for its end of season steam gala. This former First World War line runs alongside the Somme Canal and is now a popular tourist line with an excellent railway museum and features roadside and canal-side running, a switchback and a tunnel. Many locomotives will be in steam offering passenger rides and demonstration freight runs. Also in steam will be the 7.25" miniature line plus model displays in the museum. As there is so much going on we are including a sandwich lunch.

We conclude our day with a poignant visit to one of the best preserved WW1 battlefield sites at Beaumont-Hamel and a tour of the trenches may leave you aghast at the close proximity of the rival forces. (B,L)

### DAY 5 Monday 26 September

Our final attraction is a private steam photo charter at the Train Touristique de la Vallée de la Scarpe (TTVS). This excellent 60 cms steam line offers great rural canal side photo opportunities and is a delightful way to conclude our tour before returning to Lille for our Eurostar back to London St Pancras International, arriving circa 18.09 hrs. (Ebbsfleet by later train arriving 18.45 hrs) (B)

(B) = Breakfast included



Amiens Picardy

## NORTHERN FRANCE NARROW GAUGE & STEAM

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

5 days by train From London St Pancras International including Standard Eurostar	£759
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Single Room Supplement	£185
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Fare inclusive of:

- 4 nights' bed & breakfast accommodation
- 1 light lunch
- Standard class rail travel and seat reservations where available
- All excursions & admissions as detailed
- Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

All fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room; single rooms available for a supplement.

### GUARANTEED FARE – No currency surcharge

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## HOTEL

### Hotel Campanile, Amiens

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

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# YORKSHIRE DALES STEAM RAIL ALE TRAIL

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**5**  
DAYS

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

**DEPARTS**

**Thursday 6 October 2016**

**Fare**  
From  
**£399**



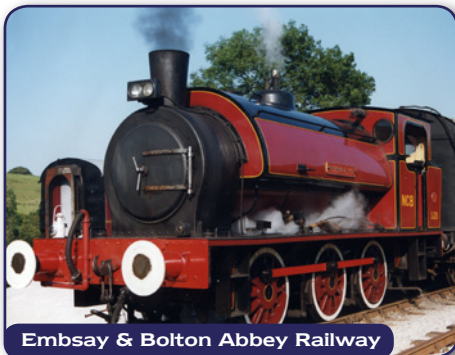
Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Portage



Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway



National Railway Museum



Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Steam Gala



Betty's Tea Rooms



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Thursday 6 October

Arrive in **Harrogate** and make your way to the Yorkshire Hotel, situated at the very heart of the town, opposite Betty's Tea Rooms and just a short walk from the shops and the famous Turkish Baths. (D)

### DAY 2 Friday 7 October

A short local train journey today takes you through quaint Knaresborough to historic **York**, which boasts many attractions, not least the Minster, city walls and, of course, the **National Railway Museum**. After free time to discover the NRM and the city's other attractions, we meet up for a visit to the **York Brewery**, set within the city walls, where the brewing process is explained on a guided tour, including four tasters of the brewery's products. (B,D)

### DAY 3 Saturday 8 October

Today's excursion skirts the Dales as we transfer to Keighley for the **Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Autumn Steam Gala**. An included day ticket allows you to ride the scenic line all day through countryside made familiar through film in the Railway Children, hopping on and off as you please. Why not break off in **Haworth**, the home of the Brontës, and visit the Parsonage, before we meet up in Keighley for the return journey to Harrogate. (B,D)

### DAY 4 Sunday 9 October

A fabulous **tour of the Dales** awaits today, as we transfer first to Bolton Abbey for a ride on the **Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway** along the former Skipton-Ilkley Line to Embsay Station, which was built in 1888. Heading north by coach through the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, we pick up the **Wensleydale Railway**, a preserved railway servicing locals and tourists alike on a scenic line through Wensleydale that once connected the East Coast Mainline with the Settle & Carlisle. Our circular tour of the Dales then ends in **Masham** with a tour and tasting at the excellent **Black Sheep Brewery**. (B,D)

### DAY 5 Monday 10 October

We bid "ah'll sithee" to Yorkshire and make our way home. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included

## FARES

Fare Region	First	Standard	RC
London: Kings Cross	£550	£485	-£10
Greater London	£590	£505	-£10
South of England	£595	£510	-£15
East Anglia	£605	£515	-£15
South West	£610	£525	-£20
Heart of England	£590	£505	-£10
Midlands	£535	£465	-£10
Yorkshire	N/A	£445	-£5
North East	£510	£480	-£10
North West	N/A	£460	-£5
South Wales	£610	£510	-£10
North Wales	N/A	£490	-£10
Scotland	£595	£510	-£10

**Tour Base Fare £399**

**Single Room Supplement £120**

Fare inclusive of:

4 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal  
 Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)  
 Rail & coach travel, with transfers as described  
 All excursions and admissions as detailed  
 Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager  
 Hotel Portage



## HOTEL

### The Yorkshire Hotel, Harrogate

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

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# RHEINGOLD STEAM & MORE

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

Re-live the diamond age of railway touring with nostalgia and luxury aboard the famous steam hauled Rheingold Express, plus a plethora of private steam charters, steam railways & vintage trams on a tour packed with rail discoveries.

**6**  
DAYS

**DEPARTS**

**Thursday 29 September 2016**

**Fares**  
From  
**£1095**



Rheingold Express

© Martin Morikovsky

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First class seating on the world famous Rheingold-Express hauled by a vintage steam locomotive
- ★ By steam through the stunningly picturesque Rhine Valley to Rudesheim
- ★ Bergische Strassenbahn vintage tram charter in Wuppertal
- ★ Standard gauge private steam photo charter on the Wiehltalbahn
- ★ Superbly atmospheric Dieringhausen steam depot roundhouse, turntable, water cranes etc.
- ★ Steam & heritage diesel on the Vulkan Express - the Brohltalbahn
- ★ Tour of DB museum at Koblenz
- ★ The magnificent Bochum-Dalhausen loco collection at the former DB depot
- ★ Assmannshausen chair lift

No-one does Germany like Railtrail and this tour features an amazing variety of steam lines, a plethora of differing gauges, locomotives, and rolling stock. It is achieved in a relaxing style enabling everyone to unwind and enjoy a diamond rail tour packed with new rail discoveries.



Rheingold Dome Car



Vintage tram charter



Vulkan Express



Wiehltalbahn



Wuppertal's Schwebbahn



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Thursday 29 September

Depart London circa 10.58 hrs by Eurostar to Brussels then onto Cologne via the High Speed line to Wuppertal, where we stay for 5 nights at the InterCity Hotel. During your stay your room ticket entitles you to use the local transport system, including the Schwebbahn, free of charge. We enjoy dinner together at the hotel this evening. (D)

### DAY 2 Friday 30 September

Today is a fabulous day of steam commencing with a regional train journey to Dieringhausen for a full day private steam photo charter on the standard gauge Wiehltalbahn between Dieringhausen and Wiehl, with numerous photo run-pasts, opportunities for footplate rides etc. We have included a light lunch and, of course, ample opportunity to enjoy the atmosphere of the former DB steam shed at Dieringhausen, with its superb collection of steam and heritage diesel, electric, battery locos and railcars. (B,L)

### DAY 3 Saturday 1 October

A rail and tram train journey to Bochum-Dalhausen. Here we enjoy a guided tour of this wonderful former DB depot, with around 20 steam locomotives resident plus many heritage diesel, railcars, electrics, battery electric, EMUs, and even a battery electric railcar. We then return by regional train back to Wuppertal for a guided tour of the excellent tram museum, Bergische Museumsbahnen followed by a private charter of one of the vintage trams. (B)

(B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included  
(L) = Light Lunch included

### DAY 4 Sunday 2 October

Step back into yesteryear on a great diamond rail journey aboard the First Class luxurious, pullman style seating of the famous Rheingold Express of yesteryear, which used to speed holidaymakers from Holland through Germany to Switzerland. Today's journey is much shorter but no less spectacular as we steam through the Rhine Valley on both the left and right bank routes between Cologne and our destination the popular tourist resort Rudesheim, gloriously situated on the banks of the Rhine. The train is scheduled to be hauled by a Class 01 Pacific express steam locomotive. We also take the chairlift from Assmannshausen offering amazing views along the Rhine. (B)

### DAY 5 Monday 3 October

We travel by train along the majestic Rhine to Koblenz for a tour of the DB Museum, before retracing our steps along the river to Brohl for an afternoon ride on the Vulkan Express, featuring reintroduced steam to Oberzissen then heritage diesel up the incline to Engeln, returning to Brohl as outward before taking the regional service back to Wuppertal. (B)

### DAY 6 Tuesday 4 October

It's time to bid farewell to Wuppertal and journey back by ICE train and Eurostar to London (circa 16.05 hrs). (B)

## RHEINGOLD STEAM & MORE

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Wuppertal, including Standard Eurostar	£1095
First Class rail travel to / from Wuppertal, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1350
Single Room Supplement	£135

Fare inclusive of:

5 nights' bed & breakfast, 1 evening meal, 1 light lunch  
Standard Class rail travel (First Class seating on the Rheingold Express) and seat reservations where available  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

All fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room; single rooms available for a supplement.

### GUARANTEED FARE – No currency surcharge

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## HOTEL

### InterCity Hotel, Wuppertal

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



Wuppertal's Schwebbahn



Vulkan Express

© Chris Lewis

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# GOLDEN HARZ ENTHUSIAST STEAM FESTIVAL

**FOCUS ON STEAM**  
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

**6**  
DAYS

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.

**DEPARTS**

Wednesday 19 October 2016

**Fares**  
From  
**£985**



Harz parallel departure

Join us once again on an immensely enjoyable Heritage Steam visit to the Harz Mountains Railway at this glorious time of year, organised in conjunction with ourselves and the Friends of HSB.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A unique three days of steam charters with mixed stock and heritage locos.
- ★ More steam than ever before on this superb value tour.
- ★ Unusual rolling stock like special transporter waggons carrying standard gauge waggons
- ★ Travel over the whole of the Harz System with heritage locomotives
- ★ Double headed steam
- ★ A classic heritage day from Wernigerode to Hasselfelde including the Stiege loop
- ★ Steam & heritage stock up the Harzgerode branch
- ★ Storm to Brocken summit with heritage coaching stock
- ★ We recreate the parallel departure from Alexisbad, which is no longer possible on public days
- ★ Special train charter on the Selkethal 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 BORAD hotel accommodation



Mallet with heritage mixed train



99 6101 "Piffi"

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Wernigerode Shed

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A Harz autumn

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Eisfelder

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Wednesday 19 October

We depart London St. Pancras International 10.58 hrs and travel by Eurostar to Brussels and onwards via Cologne to Bielefeld and the Hotel Bielefeld close by the station. We have a welcome evening meal at a local restaurant. (D)

### DAY 2 Thursday 20 October

After breakfast we travel by train via Hannover to Wernigerode arriving 12.38 hrs Choose to either have an afternoon at leisure in beautiful Wernigerode town or after depositing luggage at the excellent HKK Hotel we take a steam run up to Drei Annen Hohne before enjoying our first multi-choice buffet evening meal at our hotel. (B,D)



Wernigerode

## 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.

All fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room; single rooms available for a supplement.

### GUARANTEED FARE – No currency surcharge

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### DAY 3 Friday 21 October

We now have three days of steam charters (organised in conjunction with "Friends of HSB") utilising the heritage coaching set, saloon bar car for food and drink, and various freight wagons. The days will feature photo run-pasts, parallel departure, photographic freight, mixed passenger and freight, travel over the whole of the Harz Railway system including both branch lines and an amazing double header to Nordhausen which sees little steam these days. **Basically, our Railtrail tour will feature special workings not seen in the normal HSB operation!** (B,D)

### DAY 4 Saturday 22 October

Another incredible value day on the wonderful Harz with a private steam charter packed combination of unusual steam workings with passenger, freight and mixed trains using heritage locomotives. Together with the beautiful golden autumn scenery and historic towns and villages, this holiday will appeal to enthusiast and non-enthusiast partners alike. (B,D).

### DAY 5 Sunday 23 October

A final day touring the fabulous Harz Mountains region aboard our special trains. Quite simply a superb day to end a superb steam tour, as we return to Wernigerode for our farewell evening meal and another convivial evening in this delightful town. (B,D)

### DAY 6 Monday 24 October

With an abundance of memories of a fabulous event, we return by train via Hannover and Cologne to London St Pancras International arriving 19.03 hrs (B) (B) = Breakfast included, (D) = Dinner included

## GOLDEN HARZ ENTHUSIAST STEAM FESTIVAL

### FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Wernigerode, including Standard Eurostar **£985**

First Class rail travel to / from Wernigerode, including Standard Premier Eurostar **£1285**

Single Traveller Supplement **£99**

Fare inclusive of:

5 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal hotel accommodation  
Standard Class rail travel (subject to selected rail travel option) and seat reservations where available  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

### FARES Independent travel option:

Join Wernigerode Day 2 / leave Wernigerode Day 6 As described in itinerary **£695**

Single Room Supplement **£80**

Fare inclusive of:

4 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal hotel accommodation  
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed  
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