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QUALITY ESCORTED HOLIDAYS BY TRAIN

NEW
YEAR
UPDATE



Touring the UK by Rail 2016

FLIP OVER for
Europe by Rail

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





Happy New Year

You may have noticed from our front cover that we have gone all silver to match mine and Rob's hair colour!

We recently entered the British Travel Awards for the first time and are so proud of our Silver Award in the 'Best Rail Holidays Company' category. Votes are cast by customers, so we are also sincerely grateful to you, our loyal customers, for voting for us.

Speaking of loyalty, this time last year we launched our very own Loyalty Rewards Scheme. It has proven to be extremely popular and to celebrate our success at the British Travel Awards, we've decided to award **DOUBLE LOYALTY POINTS** for all bookings made from this brochure's release date until the end of January 2016. Our office will also be open on

Saturdays in January between 9am and 5pm, so don't delay, book your favourite tour today.

Keeping the passion for our product alive, whilst retaining our much loved perennial favourites, we are delighted to announce a number of brand new tours for 2016, both in this UK section and in the flip over European tour section. And don't forget that you can join our UK tours from any UK train station. Please contact us or visit www.railtrail.co.uk for a full list of regional fares.

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



Dave Felstead
Managing Director,
Railtrail Tours Ltd



Your Loyalty Scheme –

What it's worth & How it works

Every £1 you pay in tour fare = 1 loyalty point with a value of 1p. Your loyalty points can then be deducted from your next tour fare if you wish.

Even more **BONUS POINTS** for Introducing a Friend

If you are an existing railtrail client and introduce a friend who has not travelled with us previously then, not only do they accrue Railtrail Reward points with their booking, you will also get the same number of points added to your loyalty points total.

Focus on Steam

To view our superb collection of steam enthusiast tours please visit our website www.railtrail.co.uk 'Steam Enthusiast Tour calendar'. New tours are added to this list on a regular basis.

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KENT & SUSSEX EASTER STEAM EXPLORER

**NEW
TOUR**

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



Fares
From
£525

DEPARTS

Thursday 24 March 2016

**5
DAYS**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

HOTEL

Travelodge Hotel, Maidstone

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

HIGHLAND RAIL VOYAGER



We roam the glorious Highlands and take a “Great Railway Journey of the World” on this all-rail escorted holiday. Relax as magnificent vistas glide past your window and the sensational views unfold.



Fares
From
£299

DEPARTS

Saturdays 23 April, 7 May, 11 June, 25 June,
10 September, 24 September & 8 October 2016

4
DAYS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ An “All-Rail” holiday
- ★ Spectacular Highland scenery
- ★ The famous railway line to the Kyle of Lochalsh, westwards o’er majestic mountains
- ★ Afternoon tea overlooking the Isle of Skye
- ★ Take the remote ‘Far North’ line to Thurso; en route for Caithness horizons espy fairytale castles, great coastal vistas and dramatic swathes of wilderness
- ★ Based in Inverness, at the heart of the Capital of the Highlands
- ★ Stay in the unique splendour of an original railway hotel

HOTEL

Royal Highland, Inverness

A classic Scottish ‘station hotel’, the Royal Highland offers guests the charm and elegance of a distinguished past, combined with modern facilities. The bedrooms have been tastefully contemporised whilst retaining their unmistakably traditional feel, including satellite television and even a choice of pillows.

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



DEVON RIVIERA BY STEAM

A wonderful short break on the English Riviera to explore the beauty and charm of Devon's magnificent coast by boat and two of Devon's finest steam railways.



DEPARTS

Fridays 15 April, 6 May, 3 June, 8 July,
2 September & 23 September 2016

4
DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A lovely introduction to Devon
- ★ Arrive in Torquay along one of Britain's truly great coastal rail journeys
- ★ Enjoy the South Devon Steam Railway to Buckfastleigh
- ★ Glorious sightseeing around Torquay
- ★ Travel by steam train along the beautiful English Riviera coast line
- ★ Visit Dartmouth, historic naval town
- ★ Idyllic circular cruise viewing sights from the majestic River Dart
- ★ Stunningly located, elegant hotel



HOTEL

The Headland Hotel, Torquay

Situated in one of the most beautiful parts of the English Riviera, this elegant hotel sits majestically on the headland, set in two acres of magnificent grounds, with stunning views out to sea. Relax in the bar or Grand Lounge with its high ceilings and soft architectural lines. All bedrooms are en-suite, with free Wi-Fi, telephone, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.

HIGHLAND ADVENTURE



The Highlands of Scotland are a joy to behold as we combine the glorious West Highland rail route with the fabulous 'Harry Potter' Jacobite steam train, steaming over Glenfinnan Viaduct to Mallaig.



Fares
From
£385

DEPARTS

Mondays 9 May, 20 June, 26 September
& 10 October 2016

4
DAYS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A magical Scottish adventure
- ★ Travel the glorious West Highland Line - "Railroad to the Isles"
- ★ Cruise Loch Linnhe, relaxing in search of seals and porpoises
- ★ Take the famous 'Harry Potter' steam train journey aboard the "Jacobite"
- ★ Soar to the heavens - experience stunning views on the Ben Nevis range by cable car
- ★ Enjoy a 'wee dram' at Ben Nevis Distillery: 'Slàinte Mhath' – good health!

HOTEL

Alexandra Hotel, Fort William

Situated close by the railway station this comfortable Victorian villa hotel offers all rooms en suite with TV and radio, telephone and hospitality tray. The dining room is proud of its locally sourced Table d'Hôte menu.

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WELSH MOUNTAINS, STEAM & COAST RAIL VOYAGER

**FRESH
LOOK**

A beautifully scenic rail short break. Glorious Cambrian seascapes, steam train nostalgia in Ffestiniog, the mountains of Snowdonia, plus the little steam railways of Wales not visited elsewhere in the Railtrail programme, all explored from our base in historic Chester.



Fares
From
£395

DEPARTS

Thursday 14 April, Thursday 23 June,
Sunday 10 July, Sunday 14 August &
Monday 29 August 2016

**4
DAYS**

**COMBINE TOURS &
SAVE MONEY!**

Request details or see
website.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Marvellous rail journeys of great vistas and rich delight
- ★ Magical 'coast & mountains' circular rail odyssey
- ★ Steam nostalgia on the Ffestiniog Railway
- ★ Enjoy the wonderful Cambrian Coast Line
- ★ Rail-cruise along the scenic Conwy Valley Line
- ★ Sightseeing in the historic city of Chester
- ★ Return journey on the Bala Lake Steam Railway
- ★ Steam on the Welshpool & Llanfair Railway

HOTEL

Queen Hotel, Chester

Situated in the heart of Chester, directly opposite the railway station, the Queen Hotel is characterised by its elegance and Victorian heritage. The en-suite bedrooms offer modern facilities including direct-dial telephone, satellite TV, tea/coffee making facilities and free Wi-Fi. The hotel features delightful Italian gardens, bar and restaurant.

CANALS, STEAM & HISTORIC CHESTER



HERITAGE & EXPLORER

DEPARTS

Sundays 10 April, 22 May, 19 June & 2 October 2016

5
DAYS

On certain departures these two tours can be combined to make an extended 8 DAY tour.



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Featuring two of the 'Seven Wonders of the Canals', this active tour based in historic Chester offers exciting heritage from Roman times to the waterways and railways golden industrial age.

Fares
From
£515



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Llangollen Steam Railway nostalgia
- ★ 2000 years of history in the beautiful city of Chester
- ★ Relax strolling waterside paths and ancient city walls
- ★ Stay in the heart of Chester, at one of north England's finest grand marquee hotels
- ★ Explore the world of canals at Ellesmere Port, as the heyday of narrow boats comes alive
- ★ Anderton Boat Lift, marvel of Victorian engineering
- ★ Masterpiece of the canals, breathtaking Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

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SPRINGTIME HIGHLANDER

A circular tour of the spectacular 'Great Railway Journeys of the Scottish Highlands'. You may have seen them on TV; now you too can experience some of the most stunningly beautiful scenery in Europe.



Fares
From
£399

DEPARTS

Saturdays 5 March, 19 March & 9 April 2016

5
DAYS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Spectacular Highlands mountain scenery
- ★ The "Great Railway Journey of the World" to Kyle of Lochalsh
- ★ Ride the magical "Harry Potter" line to Mallaig
- ★ Take the fabulous Highland Line climbing through the Cairngorms
- ★ See the Bonnie Prince Charlie monument at the head of Loch Shiel
- ★ Cross magnificent Glenfinnan Viaduct, of Harry Potter movie fame
- ★ Enjoy "monster spotting" at Loch Ness
- ★ By train over Rannoch Moor on the stunning West Highland Line
- ★ Free time to explore Inverness, the capital of the Highlands

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NORTH NORFOLK COAST, THE BROADS & STEAM

**NEW
TOUR**



North Norfolk offers a wealth of nostalgia. From unspoilt beaches to timeless villages, proudly preserved steam railways to majestic broads. Enjoy an easier pace of life, whilst experiencing the best of coast, broads and steam.

**Fares
From
£435**



DEPARTS

Thursdays 28 April, 16 June &
15 September 2016

**5
DAYS**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Visit Royal Sandringham
- ★ Experience the Bittern Line through rural Norfolk
- ★ Enjoy a second steam experience on the picturesque Bure Valley Railway
- ★ Scenic boat cruise on the Norfolk Broads
- ★ Relax in our North Norfolk hotel with leisure facilities
- ★ Steam along the North Norfolk Railway – the Poppy Line

HOTEL

The Links Country Park Hotel

Situated in the heart of Norfolk village life on the fringe of a fabulous golf course, the Links Country Park Hotel, built in 1899, is an unusual example of late Victorian architecture. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool. West Runton station is a two minute walk away, providing links to Cromer, Sheringham and Norwich.

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SHAKESPEARE'S SEVERN

This delightful tour features a day at the popular Severn Valley Railway, the Shakespeare Express vintage steam train to Stratford upon Avon and a canal cruise – all from our base at a 4* hotel with leisure facilities.



Fares
From
£460

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A "Freedom of the Line" ticket for the Severn Valley Steam Railway
- ★ A canal cruise from Birmingham's Gas Street Basin out into the leafy suburbs
- ★ A return steam journey on the Shakespeare Express from Birmingham to Stratford
- ★ A guided walking tour of Stratford-upon-Avon
- ★ Free time in Shakespeare's Stratford and Birmingham
- ★ A 4* hotel with leisure facilities
- ★ No single room supplement!

DEPARTS

Thursdays 4 August & 25 August 2016

5
DAYS



HOTEL

St John's Hotel, Solihull

Located just a short walk from Solihull railway station, the St John's Hotel is a 4* hotel with 180 comfortable rooms equipped with satellite tv, coffee/tea making facilities, iron and board, and individual climate control. The hotel features a restaurant and bar, plus a leisure club including swimming pool, steam room, sauna, whirlpool and gym.

ISLE OF MAN EXPLORER

HERITAGE & EXPLORER



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

Fares
From
£499



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

DEPARTS

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

5
DAYS



HOTEL

Empress Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man

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

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HEART OF WALES STEAM & THE BRECON BEACONS

HERITAGE & EXPLORER

NEW
TOUR

Introducing four great preserved railways and a scenic mainline on one tour based in the Heart of Wales spa town of Llandrindod Wells. View coastlines, vales, reservoirs and mountains from your window on the Vale of Rheidol Railway, the Heart of Wales Line, the Brecon Mountain Railway, the Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway and, last but not least, the Talyllyn, the world's first ever preserved railway.



Fares
From
£499

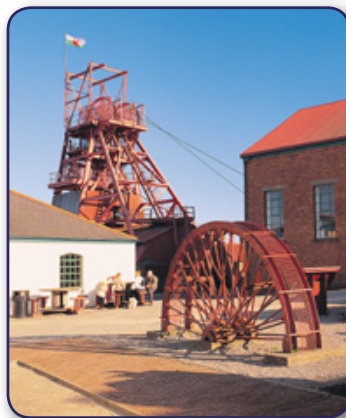
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Travel along the picturesque Heart of Wales Line
- ★ Enjoy medieval Aberglasney House and Gardens
- ★ Experience the Talyllyn Railway, the mother of all preserved lines
- ★ Visit Aberystwyth & Devil's Bridge
- ★ Steam on the Vale of Rheidol Railway – one of the Great Little Trains of Wales
- ★ Explore the unique industrial landscape of the Blaenavon UNESCO World Heritage site
- ★ Ride on the Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway
- ★ Marvel at reservoirs and mountains on the Brecon Mountain Railway

DEPARTS

Thursdays 16 June, 21 July &
1 September 2016

5
DAYS



HOTEL

The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

Situated in the spa town of Llandrindod Wells, the 4* Metropole Hotel is a great base for exploring the varied attractions of the Heart of Wales. The hotel is also a great place to relax, as its Victorian style conservatory houses an 18 metre pool, thermal suites, Jacuzzi and gymnasium.

YORKSHIRE MOORS BY STEAM



Enjoy Harrogate from our hotel across from Betty's, steam across brooding moors to charming Whitby and discover Brontë Country by train. Moors, Dales, Coast and Steam in England's most diverse county!

Fares
From
£375



DEPARTS

Thursdays 28 April*, 12 May**, 23 June & 15 September 2016***

5
DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A lovely introduction to Yorkshire
- ★ Discover Harrogate from a hotel just yards from Betty's Tea Room and other attractions
- ★ Steam across the North York Moors to Whitby
- ★ Enjoy free time in Whitby with its abbey, port & the best fish and chips in Yorkshire
- ★ Skirt the Yorkshire Dales en route to Brontë Country
- ★ Journey on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- ★ Discover the lives of the Brontës at Haworth's Brontë Parsonage
- ★ April departure coincides with North York Moors Steam Gala
- ★ May departure coincides with Haworth 1940s Weekend
- ★ September departure coincides with Harrogate Autumn Flower Show



- * April departure features the **NYMR Steam Gala**
- ** May departure features the **Haworth 1940s Weekend**
- *** September departure includes the **Harrogate Flower Show**



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. Railtrail has chosen to include rooms at the front of the hotel, which vary in shape and size, but which feature a view of Harrogate's 'Old Town' and parkland.



WONDERFUL WALES

Steaming through Snowdonia on the new 'wonder of the world' – the Welsh Highland line is just one of many great rail journeys taking you from glorious sea at Llandudno to the peak of Mount Snowdon.



Fares
From
£795

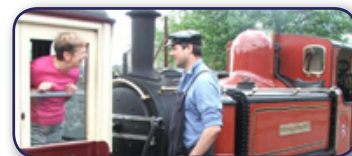
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Stunning scenery, amazing history, nostalgic journeys - and much more...
- ★ Steam through Snowdonia - the Welsh Highland Railway, world famous Ffestiniog Railway and picturesque Llanberis Lake Railway
- ★ Spectacular Snowdon Mountain Railway steam train
- ★ Glorious Bodnant Gardens for tea
- ★ Conwy Valley scenic train journey
- ★ Magnificent Penrhyn Castle and its exotic Gardens
- ★ Enjoy afternoon tea on Victorian Bangor Pier
- ★ Great Orme Mountain tram ride
- ★ Relax at the renowned Empire Hotel, amidst friendly ambience and elegant comfort

DEPARTS

Monday 2 May, Wednesday 6 July
& Monday 5 September 2016

6
DAYS



HOTEL

The Empire Hotel, Llandudno

Faithful to its Victorian character, all rooms are furnished with antiques and beds with down bedding - and have private bathroom, colour TV with satellite, video or DVD player, safe, refrigerator and tea/coffee making facilities. The award-winning Watkins and Co. restaurant offers the finest local produce; a creative chef, elegant surroundings and friendly service all combine to ensure a memorable experience. The indoor heated swimming pool has a sauna, steam room and whirlpool; the small outdoor heated pool has a spa bath.

ROMANTIC HIGHLANDER



A delightful tour inspired by the BBC "Great Railway Journeys of the World" TV series which saw Michael Palin travelling through the spectacular Scottish Highlands to the Kyle of Lochalsh.

Fares
From
£749



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Michael Palin's 'Great Railway Journey' to the Kyle of Lochalsh
- ★ Breathtaking train ride to the heights of Cairngorm Mountain
- ★ Nostalgic steam train ride on the Strathspey Railway
- ★ 'Monster spotting' Loch Ness cruise
- ★ Enchanting Loch Garten Ospreys or Ballindalloch Castle*
- ★ Sensational mountain scenery of the Highland Line to Inverness
- ★ Historic Urquhart Castle
- ★ Visit legendary Isle of Skye
- ★ Culloden Battlefield & Fort Augustus
- ★ Superb spa hotel leisure facilities

DEPARTS

Monday 25 April, Monday 23 May,
Tuesday 28 June & Monday 26 September 2016

6
DAYS



View our amazing tour film
of this holiday at
www.railtrail.co.uk



HOTEL

Palace Hotel & Spa, Inverness

Overlooking the River Ness, a short stroll from the city centre, this superior quality, traditional Scottish hotel has well appointed bedrooms all en-suite with hospitality tray, radio, TV and free WiFi. Leisure facilities include indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, jacuzzi and beauty salon.



GUERNSEY & SARK - EXPLORE & RELAX

A relaxing tour to experience the breathtaking vistas and carefree charm of these Channel Isles – part French, part British and totally unique with their rich heritage and wartime occupation history.



Fares
From
£825

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Travel by train to sail by ferry to Guernsey
- ★ Stay at one of the island's most popular hotels, with stunning sea views and beach walks
- ★ Relax and experience the island life and mild climate
- ★ Guided coach tours of Guernsey's most picturesque scenes, rich heritage and horticulture
- ★ Horse & carriage tour of idyllic Isle of Sark
- ★ Explore Guernsey's wartime history – how the island was shaped by German occupation
- ★ Enjoy free time to simply relax and unwind

DEPARTS

Saturday 18 June* &
Tuesday 23 August** 2016

6*
DAYS

7**
DAYS



HOTEL

Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey

Located on a small peninsula with a wonderful view over Grand Havre Bay, you can stroll to a lovely sheltered sandy beach at the edge of 5 acres of private landscaped gardens. All bedrooms are en-suite and have satellite TV, hair dryer, telephone and tea / coffee making facilities. Leisure facilities include an outdoor swimming pool (heated). WiFi is available in the hotel lobby and bar.

CORNWALL CLASSIC

**FRESH
LOOK**



A joyful Cornish holiday as we meander by train along scenic branch lines, capturing the cream of the coastal and countryside views, to visit charming ports and wonderful seaside resorts.

Fares
From
£685



DEPARTS

Tuesday 10 May, Tuesday 5 July,
Thursday 1 September &
Tuesday 20 September 2016

**6
DAYS**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Journey along the famous English Riviera coastal route
- ★ Experience spectacular scenic branch lines
- ★ Visit the fabulous Eden Project
- ★ Take in beautiful Padstow, famous for its sea food
- ★ Taste the wines at the award-winning Camel Valley Vineyard
- ★ Steam nostalgia on the Bodmin & Wenford line
- ★ Explore delightful Looe, Penzance & St Ives
- ★ Stay at Lanhydrock Hotel, close to the lovely House & Gardens

HOTEL

The Lanhydrock Hotel

Located in the the countryside just outside of Bodmin, close to Lanhydrock House & Gardens, the Lanhydrock Hotel overlooks one of Cornwall's finest golf courses amidst an area of parkland. Rooms are well-equipped with tea/coffee, bath and power shower, plus a view over the gentle undulations of the course.



LAKE DISTRICT & CUMBRIAN MOUNTAINS RAIL ROAMER

Explore dramatic landscapes; enjoy spectacular rail journeys over peaks and along coasts, and experience great history and nostalgic charm on this wonderful Lakes & Mountains rail tour.



Fares
From
£750

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Wonderful coast and mountain vistas roaming by rail around Cumbria
- ★ Relax on a leisurely cruise on idyllic Lake Windermere
- ★ Lakeside & Haverthwaite steam train journey through the Vale of Leven
- ★ Explore historic Carlisle
- ★ Travel the famous Settle & Carlisle line
- ★ Hadrian's Wall & Roman Fort
- ★ Steam on "The Railway Children" line
- ★ Sightseeing in the Brontë village of Haworth
- ★ Visit Hexham - Britain's favourite market town
- ★ Scenic Ravenglass & Eskdale Steam Railway
- ★ "Brief Encounter" tearoom filmic delights
- ★ Stay in a 4* hotel with elegant period charm

DEPARTS

Mondays 16 May, 13 June, 19 September
& 17 October 2016

7
DAYS



HOTEL

Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle

Situated adjacent to the station and city walls, this historic building has been transformed into a boutique style hotel with a modern mix of luxury furnishings and stylish design whilst retaining all its magnificent Victorian features. All rooms have modern en-suite bathroom, TV and tea & coffee making facilities.

DEVON RIVIERA & CORNISH GARDENS

**FRESH
LOOK**



Re-live the halcyon days of the Riviera Express! Our train hugs the coast for the great railway journey from Devon to Cornwall on this delightful two-centre holiday, exploring at a most relaxing pace.

**Fares
From
£849**



DEPARTS

Mondays 16 May & 15 August 2016

**8
DAYS**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The great Riviera coast rail journey
- ★ Enjoy stunning scenery & seascapes
- ★ Visit the amazing Eden Project
- ★ Beautiful Lost Gardens of Heligan
- ★ Charming Bodmin & Wenford Steam Railway
- ★ Lovely Cornish resort of Looe
- ★ Explore the seaside havens of Dartmouth & Torquay
- ★ Trace Agatha Christie connections
- ★ Take a spectacular coastal steam train journey to Kingswear
- ★ Idyllic River Dart cruise to Totnes
- ★ Relax in a lovely Torquay hotel overlooking the sea

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HEBRIDEAN ISLANDS DISCOVERY

Island hop from Skye to Uist and from Harris to Lewis on this magical tour of the Hebridean islands. Every day is different as each sublime, rugged and breathtaking landscape unfolds before you.



Fares
From
£999

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Cruise betwixt the Isles amidst dream-like seascapes; look out for whales, dolphins & sea eagles
- ★ Scenic West Highland Railway
- ★ The romantic 'rail route to the Isles'
- ★ Stunning beaches 'as far as the eye can see'
- ★ Naturalist's paradise of birds & wildlife of the BBC TV series "Islands on the Edge"
- ★ Discover Hebrides ancient history spanning back 5000 years
- ★ Uists' white shell beaches & freshwater lochs
- ★ Sample the traditional island lifestyle & local cuisine
- ★ Magnificent Highlands scenery, Ullapool to Inverness

DEPARTS

Saturdays 30 April & 17 September 2016

8
DAYS

HOTELS

Hotel Crianlarich

Situated in Crianlarich at the heart of the West Highland Line, relax and enjoy your first evening in the Highlands.

Morar Hotel, Morar

A family-run hotel with the Silver Sands restaurant offering the best of local cuisine and panoramic vistas. There is no lift at this hotel.

Dunnollie Hotel, Isle of Skye

Set by the waterside of Broadford Bay on the Isle of Skye and in the foothills that lead to Skye's mighty Cuillin mountains.

Caberfeidh, Stornoway

Considered the best hotel in Stornoway, the restaurant specialises in locally produced and sourced cuisine.



Dark Island, Benbecula

Spectacularly located amidst cornfields, leading to miles of golden sands.

Royal Highland, Inverness

A classic Scottish 'station hotel' offering charm and elegance combined with modern facilities.

ORKNEY & SHETLAND EXPLORER

**NEW
TOUR**



Discover the peace, tranquility and rich heritage of the beautiful islands of Orkney & Shetland on our two night mini-cruise to the northernmost reaches of the UK, part of a wider grand tour visiting John O'Groats, historic Stirling and Edinburgh, Scotland's proud capital.



DEPARTS

Wednesdays 18 May & 31 August 2016

**8
DAYS**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Explore historic Orkney at a gentle pace
- ★ Visit the Italian Chapel, Churchill Barriers and Skara Brae
- ★ Tour idyllic Shetland Isle and its Viking past
- ★ Rich archaeology & history combined with beautiful flora & fauna
- ★ Dramatic scenery of the Highland & Far North Lines
- ★ Discover Thurso, John O'Groats and the Castle of Mey
- ★ Fantastic seascape coastline of the Far North
- ★ Relaxing overnight cruising with modern, en-suite cabins
- ★ Scenic rail journey from Aberdeen along the North Sea coast
- ★ Spend time in historic Stirling, a short walk from the castle and Old Town
- ★ Visit Edinburgh, with a guided walking tour of the 'Royal Mile'

HOTELS

Stirling Highland Hotel

Just a short walk from Stirling Castle, the Highland Hotel is 4* and its restaurant boasts an AA Rosette. Its free car park allows you to drive to your holiday and join at tour base, should you wish. The leisure club, including swimming pool, is a great place to relax. Built in the 19th century as the city's High School, this historic building still houses a working observatory in its roof.

Pentland Hotel, Thurso

Conveniently located in central Thurso, the Pentland Hotel is a good base from which to explore Caithness.

Northlink Ferries

Modern, fully equipped cabins with en-suite washbasin, toilet and shower facilities plus individual temperature control and tea/coffee making facilities.

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QUEEN OF SCOTS

A truly magical circular tour of the Highlands of Scotland, also taking in the magnificent Isles of Mull and Iona, along with spectacular rail journeys, sensational scenery and steam train nostalgia.



Fares
From
£1195

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Sunset journey over the beautiful West Highland Line to Oban
- ★ Take an original 'Great Rail Journey of the World' on the spectacular Kyle of Lochalsh Line
- ★ Delightful An Cala Gardens
- ★ Sensational 'Harry Potter' steam train journey to Mallaig on The Jacobite
- ★ Explore Oban and Inverness
- ★ Dramatic Eilean Donan Castle
- ★ Loch Ness cruise to Urquhart Castle
- ★ Cruise to the Isles of Mull and Iona
- ★ Tour the Great Glen & Loch Ness
- ★ Strathspey Railway steam nostalgia
- ★ Whisky distillery tour, with a wee dram
- ★ Heritage train ride on the charming Keith & Dufftown line
- ★ Relax at our traditional Scottish waterside hotels

DEPARTS

Saturday 11 June & Thursday 8 September 2016

8
DAYS



HOTEL

Caledonian Hotel, Oban

This traditional Scottish hotel rises from the water's edge, commanding breathtaking views over the sheltered bay of Oban. All rooms are en-suite with telephone, television and tea/coffee making facilities.

Palace Hotel & Spa, Inverness

Overlooking the River Ness, a short stroll from the city centre, this superior quality, traditional Scottish hotel has well appointed bedrooms all en-suite with hospitality tray, radio, TV and free WiFi. Leisure facilities include indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, jacuzzi and beauty salon.

THE GRAND TOUR – LAND'S END TO JOHN O'GROATS

**NEW
TOUR**



Explore England, Wales & Scotland on a unique coast to coast adventure, also staying in two castle hotels. Only a few spaces left!

Fares
From
£1695



DEPARTS

Thursday 22 September 2016

**12
DAYS**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Relax at Tregenna Castle Resort near St Ives
- ★ Visit Land's End & Cape Cornwall
- ★ Stay at Ruthin Castle Hotel in North Wales
- ★ Majestic steam on the Welsh Highland Railway & the Ffestiniog Railway
- ★ Enjoy the Llangollen Railway & a Canal Cruise across Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
- ★ Unwind in the heart of the Highlands at the Bridge of Orchy
- ★ Steam across Glenfinnan Viaduct on the Jacobite Steam Train
- ★ Take in the lovely scenery through the Great Glen alongside Loch Ness
- ★ Stay at the original Railtrail hotel, the Palace in Inverness
- ★ Enjoy Railtrail's original 'Great Railway Journey' on the Kyle Line
- ★ Touch the top of the country at John O'Groats

HOTELS

For further details of the hotels we're visiting on this tour see the individual hotels' websites...

Tregenna Castle Resort, near St Ives

www.tregenna-castle.co.uk

Ruthin Castle, Ruthin

www.ruthincastle.co.uk

Bridge of Orchy Hotel

www.bridgeoforchy.co.uk

Palace Hotel & Spa, Inverness

www.invernesspalacehotel.co.uk

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LANGLEY CASTLE, BEAMISH & HADRIAN'S WALL COUNTRY

Imagine staying on the estate of a fortified castle dating back to 1350! Relax in the castle; reflect on tour highlights such as Settle & Carlisle, Hadrian's Wall, Beamish and South Tynedale Railway.



Fares
From
£675

DEPARTS

Sundays 12 June & 4 September 2016

5
DAYS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Experience the Settle & Carlisle Line & the Hadrian's Wall Line
- ★ Stay at Langley Castle, whose fortified main building dates from 1350
- ★ Dine in the castle's award-winning restaurant
- ★ Enjoy a journey on the South Tynedale Railway
- ★ Uncover Roman history at Vindolanda near Hadrian's Wall
- ★ Step back in time at the excellent Beamish Open Air Museum

HOTEL

Langley Castle, near Haydon Bridge

An extraordinary hotel based at a 14th century castle nestled in the Northumbrian valley of the South Tyne. Built in 1350 during the reign of Edward III, the Viscounts Langley took part in the Jacobite uprisings and were executed at the Tower of London, with ownership then passing to the Crown. Langley Castle boasts an exquisite drawing room and award-winning restaurant within its 7 foot thick walls. Our accommodation is in Castle View, a converted listed building just 80 metres from the castle itself, however, it is also possible to upgrade to a room within the castle itself.

AUGILL CASTLE & THE YORKSHIRE DALES

Stay in an exclusive, lovingly restored Victorian castle, travel by vintage coach and steam train through the Yorkshire Dales, and enjoy the Settle and Carlisle Railway in all its glory.



Fares
From
£675

DEPARTS

Sundays 19 June & 11 September 2016

5
DAYS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Stay in a family-owned Victorian castle with just 15 guest rooms
- ★ Relax in the calm of an inviting home filled with antiques and even a 12 seat art deco cinema
- ★ Spend time in Skipton, the "Gateway to the Dales"
- ★ Experience the Settle and Carlisle Railway from the Yorkshire Dales and over high moors
- ★ Steam through the Dales at the Emsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway
- ★ Step back in time with excursions aboard restored 1950s classic coaches
- ★ Explore Carlisle and its fascinating castle

HOTEL

Augill Castle, near Kirkby Stephen

Fifteen years ago our hosts rescued a neglected building, restoring it gradually as a family home with loving attention to detail. Now they open their doors to guests seeking a relaxing and homely stay in a special place. With just 15 individual rooms (within the house and its adjoining lodges), plus large, very beautiful public areas, there is a feeling of space and home within a castle. Dinners are social occasions in the lavish dining room, there is an honesty bar, library and lounge, and even a 12 seat art deco cinema! Make a castle your home for a few days!

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