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The Complete 2017 Collection

BRAND NEW
Autumn & Festive Tours
& Summer Late
Availability

Let Railtrail Tours be your Guide to the UK & Europe!

Railtrail Festive Tours – Pages 3-15

Our exciting new Festive & Christmas tours are hot off the press! With Christmas Markets in England, Switzerland and Germany, Christmas itself in Scotland, Germany or Switzerland, and New Year by the Romantic Rhine or in the Black Forest, we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some early festive cheer!

Bechel

Classic UK Tours – Pages 28-41

England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands – we've got the UK pretty well covered. Whether it's a 4 day short-break or a 9 day grand tour, exploring this country by train is scenic, relaxing and often nostalgic. What's more, you can join your UK tour from every mainland station, including your local one!

Helen

Railtrail Rail Ale Trails – Pages 16-22

Heritage, steam & brewing tradition – they seem to belong together. Our expanded 2017 programme features two itineraries exploring Belgium's breweries, festivals and heritage, plus the best of Yorkshire and Scotland, plus the Swanage Steam Gala & Isle of Wight Beer & Buses Weekend. Cheers!

Rob

Classic European Tours – Pages 42-47

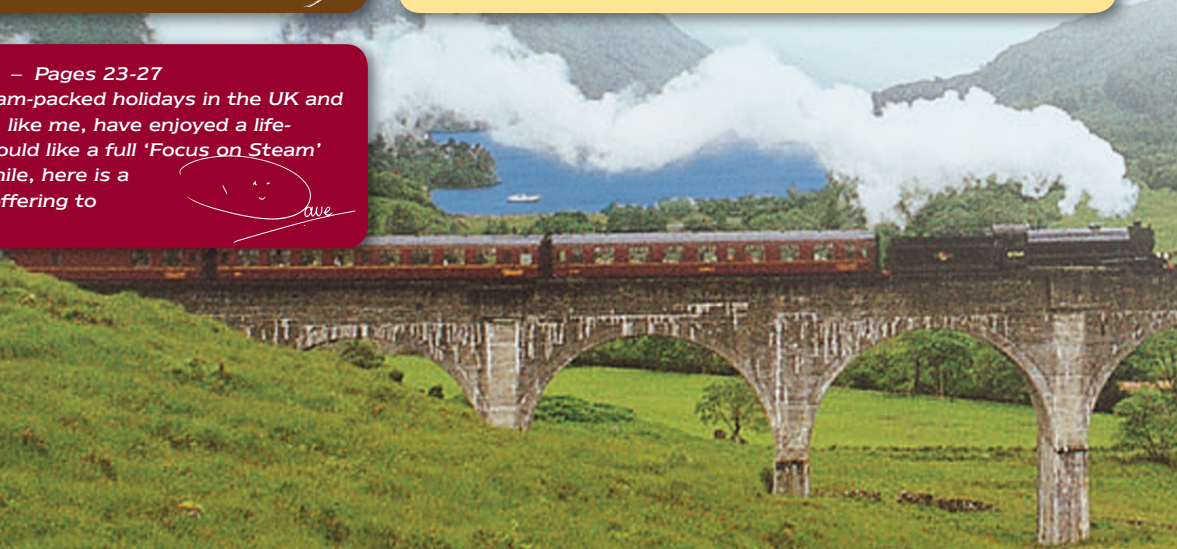
Our continental tours begin with a welcome drink and pastry at St Pancras with your Tour Manager, before the adventure begins by Eurostar. Then let the French and German rail networks transport you to your destination with high speeds and great comfort. It's breakfast in London and dinner in the Swiss Alps or the French Riviera!

Jacob

Focus on Steam Tours – Pages 23-27

Each year Railtrail organises steam-packed holidays in the UK and Europe especially for those who, like me, have enjoyed a life-long passion for steam. If you would like a full 'Focus on Steam' brochure, please tell us. Meanwhile, here is a small selection of our fantastic offering to whet your appetite.

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YORKSHIRE CHRISTMAS MARKETS & STEAM

**NEW
TOUR**



Timed to coincide with Harrogate's Christmas Market weekend, we also steam through the Dales on one of the Yorkshire's finest heritage railways, explore the UNESCO World Heritage village of Saltaire and enjoy more of Yorkshire's varied Christmas Markets, from the walled city of York to cosmopolitan Leeds, all from our base in handsome Harrogate, the English Spa.

**Fares
From
£335**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A lovely introduction to Yorkshire
- ★ Discover Harrogate from a hotel just yards from Betty's and other attractions
- ★ Enjoy a free day at Harrogate's Christmas Market
- ★ Step back in time on the Keighley & Worth Valley Steam Railway

- ★ Uncover York and its St Nicholas fayre
 - ★ Visit the National Railway Museum, with its superb collection
 - ★ Explore the beautifully preserved Saltaire village and Salt's Mill's Hockney collection
 - ★ Experience the German Christmas market in Leeds
- Also included in your Tour Fare:**
- ★ Dinner every evening

DEPARTS Thursday 16 November 2017

**5
DAYS**



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.

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

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Browse Winchester's Christmas Market, set beneath its magnificent cathedral, enjoy Salisbury's own festive market and contrast with Bournemouth's German-inspired stalls, before our highlight Christmas Luncheon aboard the Swanage Railway's 'Dorsetman'. Due to demand we have to confirm numbers long in advance, so please book early to avoid disappointment!

Fares
From
£399



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Salisbury Christmas Market amidst the cathedral city
 - ★ Travel through the New Forest by train to Winchester
 - ★ Wonderfully set Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market
 - ★ Browse Bournemouth's Christmas Market
 - ★ Nostalgic journey on the Swanage Railway
 - ★ Christmas Luncheon on board 'The Dorsetman'
 - ★ Bournemouth seaside hotel with leisure facilities
 - ★ Wine with Dinner every evening
- Also included in your Tour Fare:**
- ★ Dinner every evening, with a glass of wine, plus Christmas Luncheon on the Swanage Railway

DEPARTS

Thursday 23 November 2017

5
DAYS



HOTEL

The Carlton Hotel, Bournemouth

One of Bournemouth's original grand hotels, the Carlton was built in 1861 as a private house for a religious minister. Converted into a hotel, it became host to the rich and famous as Bournemouth developed as a bathing resort. Interestingly, the hotel played its part in the D-Day Landings when General Eisenhower and Field Marshall Montgomery discussed landing plans at the hotel, having watched exercises from the East Cliff. Combining Victorian elegance with modern comfort, the hotel boasts a leisure club featuring swimming pool, gym and sauna.



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



DRESDEN FESTIVE STEAM



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

DEPARTS

Wednesday 29 November 2017

7
DAYS

Fares
From
£1199



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

HOTELS

InterCity Hotel, Erfurt

Situated adjacent to the station the hotel has a pleasant bar and restaurant serving local and international specialties. Modern en-suite bedrooms include TV, radio, mini-bar and WiFi. internet connection.

Ibis Hotel, Dresden

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



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SWISS ST NICHOLAS SNOW TRAIN ADVENTURE

**NEW
TOUR**



Here's something a little bit different - an 8 day tour to our popular hotel on Lake Lucerne, but with a festive twist! Compare Hergiswil's village Christmas Market with Lucerne's, which is actually inside the station, and the stunning market in Einsiedeln's abbey square. Marvel at the Golden Pass route across the Brünig Pass, the revolving cable car at Mount Titlis and the local cable cars up Mount Pilatus. Cruise on Lake Lucerne, take the Rigi Railway up the 'Queen of the Mountains' and relax at two St Nicholas Parades.

**Fares
From
£1375**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Your choice of First or Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ 4* hotel beside Lake Lucerne with leisure facilities and fabulous views
- ★ Excursion on the Rigi Railway, Europe's first mountain railway
- ★ Experience the traditional St Nicholas hunt parade in Küssnacht
- ★ Breathtaking ride on the Titlis Rotair Cable Car, the world's first revolving gondola
- ★ Take the Voralpen Express to the pilgrimage site of Einsiedeln
- ★ Spend time at Einsiedeln's Christmas Market beneath the abbey

DEPARTS Friday 1 December 2017

**8
DAYS**



- ★ Visit Hergiswil's own village Christmas Market
- ★ Witness Hergiswil's St Nicholas Parade
- ★ Wonderfully scenic Goldenpass Line rail journey over the Brünig Pass to Interlaken
- ★ Relax on Lake Lucerne's steamers
- ★ Explore Lucerne Christmas Market, fittingly located inside the station
- ★ Local Transport Pass – offering freedom to explore Lucerne on your free day

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ 7 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal
- ★ Local Transport Pass
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage



HOTEL

Seehotel Pilatus, Hergiswil

This 4-star hotel stands directly at the lakeshore on lovely Lake Lucerne in the village of Hergiswil, just a short train journey from Lucerne itself, surrounded by majestic mountain views. The hotel was bought as a humble guest house in 1911 by ancestors of the Fuchs family, who still own and run the Seehotel. There have been many changes since 1911 and, whilst providing a relaxing base in a great location for all our excursions, the hotel also features a host of leisure facilities, including a large indoor pool, jacuzzi, saunas, sun deck and lakeside terrace.



FESTIVE HARZ STEAM & THE KAISER'S CARRIAGE



Imagine the sweet aroma of chestnuts, almonds and spicy, warming Glühwein amidst the half-timbered picturebook squares of Wernigerode and Goslar - a perfect pre-Christmas backdrop. And not forgetting a mountain steam adventure and a journey aboard the Emperor's Carriage!

Fares
From
£775



DEPARTS Sunday 3 December 2017

5
DAYS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class travel from London to Germany and return
 - ★ Specially chartered journey on Kaiserwagen on Wuppertal's 'dingle-dangle' railway
 - ★ Free time at Wernigerode's lovely Christmas Market
 - ★ Action-packed steam-hauled journey up the Brocken Mountain
 - ★ Excursion to UNESCO World Heritage Goslar with its Christmas Market
- Also included in your Tour Fare:**
- ★ Dinner every evening at your hotel
 - ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager



HOTELS

InterCity Hotel, Wuppertal
The InterCity Hotel puts you right in the centre of Wuppertal, close to the main station and just a short walk from the Schwebebahn 'dingle-dangle' railway.

Hotel Alt-Wernigeröder Hof, Wernigerode

This traditional hotel is close by the historic Old Town and offers buffet breakfast and restaurant with comfortable bedrooms all fitted with modern bathrooms and cable TV. Free Wifi is available in the public areas.



FESTIVE JACOBITE MORE INCLUSIVE

**NEW
TOUR**



Designed to coincide with the first ever winter season of the Jacobite Steam Train, this new tour stays at the Alexandra Hotel in Fort William and packs in lots of content, with three included excursions, all meals included during your stay at the hotel and some drinks each evening, along with entertainment on two nights on our welcoming winter warmer in the western Highlands.

Fares
From
£395



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The beautiful West Highland Line by Jacobite Steam Train
- ★ The Nevis Gondola cable car
- ★ Tour of the Ben Nevis Distillery with a wee dram

- ★ Steam across the Glenfinnan Viaduct en route to Mallaig on the West Highland Line
- ★ Take an original 'Great Rail Journey of the World' on the spectacular Kyle Line
- ★ Coach trip along the Great Glen and Loch Ness

DEPARTS

Tuesday 5 December 2017
Tuesday 12 December 2017

**5
DAYS**



- ★ 3 Drinks Vouchers each evening in the hotel
- ★ Entertainment on 2 evenings

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening plus 4 lunches (3 will be picnic lunches)
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage



HOTEL

The 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.



RHINE VALLEY CHRISTMAS MARKETS & STEAM



Hot chestnuts, almonds, glühwein – Germany's Christmas Markets are a taste sensation. Explore Cologne's varied markets, the quaint smaller markets of Linz and Ahrweiler, and explore the Rhine Valley by rail, including the Vulkan Express by steam!

Fares
From
£499



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class travel from London to Germany and return
- ★ 4 nights at the family-run Hotel Pinger in Remagen
- ★ Excursion to Cologne with its five Christmas Markets
- ★ Excursion to Linz & its Christmas Market

- ★ Return journey on the Kasbachtalbahnhof Railway
- ★ Return journey on the Vulkan Express by steam
- ★ Visit to Ahrweiler Christmas Market

Also included in your Tour Fare:

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

DEPARTS

Thursday 7 December 2017
Thursday 14 December 2017

5
DAYS



HOTEL

Hotel Pinger, Remagen

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





BAVARIAN & HARZ MOUNTAINS FESTIVE STEAM

**NEW
TOUR**



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

Fares
From
£1195



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

DEPARTS Friday 8 December 2017

**7
DAYS**



HOTELS

Inter City Hotel, Nuremberg

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

Hotel Alt-Wernigeröder Hof, Wernigerode

This traditional hotel is close by the historic Old Town and offers buffet breakfast and restaurant with comfortable bedrooms all fitted with modern bathrooms and cable TV. Free Wifi is available in the public areas.

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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

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



FESTIVE CHESTER, MERSEYBEAT & STEAM

**NEW
TOUR**



Chester is stunning in the lead up to Christmas, with its own Christmas market in full swing and the famous Rows beautifully decorated. Staying at one of our favourite hotels, explore Chester and enjoy two very different excursions. A ferry across the Mersey leads to Liverpool and our 'fab four' Magical Mystery Tour, and there's steam nostalgia on the East Lancs Railway, with Christmas lunch included as we steam through the Irwell Valley.

**Fares
From
£375**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Spend time at Chester's Christmas Market
- ★ Take the 'ferry across the Mersey' to Liverpool
- ★ Included Beatles-themed 'Magical Mystery Tour'

- ★ Free time in Liverpool, with its Christmas Market
- ★ Lunchtime steam on the East Lancs Railway
- ★ Christmas lunch included as we steam along the Irwell Valley
- ★ Sightseeing in the historic city of Chester

DEPARTS

**Monday 11 December 2017
Monday 18 December 2017**

**4
DAYS**



HOTEL

Queen Hotel, Chester
Sited 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, TV with Freeview, tea/coffee making facilities and free Wi-Fi. The hotel features delightful Italian gardens, bar and restaurant.

Also included in your Tour Fare:

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



The West Highland Line by Jacobite Steam Train, the Kyle Line & the Cairngorms Line – experience a truly magical pre-Christmas rail tour of the Scottish Highlands, followed by a relaxing and homely Christmas in Stirling with all the trimmings and an excursion to Edinburgh.

Fares
From
£975



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The beautiful West Highland Line to Fort William
- ★ The Nevis Gondola cable car
- ★ Tour of the Ben Nevis Distillery with a wee dram
- ★ Trundle across Glenfinnan Viaduct by Jacobite Steam Train en route to Mallaig
- ★ Cut through the Grampians on the Cairngorm Line
- ★ Take an original 'Great Rail Journey of the World' on the spectacular Kyle Line
- ★ Enjoy a relaxing Christmas in the 4 star Stirling Highland Hotel with an entertainment programme
- ★ Boxing Day excursion to Edinburgh with time to explore its fabulous Christmas Market
- ★ Spectacular Highland Winter Wonderland scenery

DEPARTS Wednesday 20 December 2017

8
DAYS



Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening plus 2 lunches
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel car parking – if you wish to join at the Tour Base and drive to the Stirling Highland, you can park there for the duration
- ★ Hotel Portrage



HOTELS

The Stirling Highland Hotel

Our base over Christmas is set in the heart of Stirling, just a short walk from Stirling Castle. The Highland Hotel is 4 star and its restaurant boasts an AA Rosette. Rooms are well equipped and the restaurant and bar provide comfortable surroundings to unwind in a festive atmosphere.

The 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.

Royal Highland Hotel, Inverness

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



SWISS CHRISTMAS SNOW TRAIN ADVENTURE



How do you fancy a Christmas with a difference amidst the lakes and mountains of Switzerland? Marvel at wintry scenery on the Golden Pass Line, the route of the Glacier Express and the Rigi Mountain Railway, soar up Mount Titlis, and relax on Lake Lucerne's shore at the 4* Seehotel Pilatus, whose leisure facilities open out onto a fantastic panorama of lake and mountain scenery.

Fares
From
£1445



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Your choice of First or Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ 4* hotel beside Lake Lucerne with leisure facilities and fabulous views
- ★ Excursion on the Rigi Railway, Europe's first mountain railway
- ★ Breathtaking ride on the Titlis Rotair Cable Car, the world's first revolving gondola
- ★ Take the Voralpen Express to the pilgrimage site of Einsiedeln

DEPARTS Friday 22 December 2017

8
DAYS



HOTEL

Seehotel Pilatus, Hergiswil

This 4-star hotel stands directly at the lakeshore on lovely Lake Lucerne in the village of Hergiswil, just a short train journey from Lucerne itself, surrounded by majestic mountain views. The hotel was bought as a humble guest house in 1911 by ancestors of the Fuchs family, who still own and run the Seehotel. There have been many changes since 1911 and, whilst providing a relaxing base in a great location for all our excursions, the hotel also features a host of leisure facilities, including a large indoor pool, jacuzzi, saunas, sun deck and lakeside terrace.

- ★ Wonderfully scenic GoldenPass Line rail journey to Interlaken & Grindelwald
- ★ Experience a day on the route of the Glacier Express
- ★ Relax on Lake Lucerne's steamers
- ★ Local Transport Pass – offering freedom to explore Lucerne on your free day

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ 7 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal
- ★ Local Transport Pass
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Portage



CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR BY THE ROMANTIC RHINE

**NEW
TOUR**



Celebrate Christmas by the Rhine in riverside Remagen with dinner every evening, two lunches and a complimentary evening bar on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Or how about New Year with a party, 5-course dinner, live music, fireworks and free bar on New Year's Eve! Sail along the Loreley Valley from beautiful Boppard, climb through the Ahr Valley by train and experience the Vulkan Express.

Fares
From
£799



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class travel from London to Germany and return
- ★ 5 nights at the family-run Hotel Pinger in Remagen

- ★ Dinner every evening, plus 2 lunches (Christmas tour) or 1 lunch (New Year tour)
- ★ Excursion by train to the scenic Ahr Valley
- ★ Christmas or New Year Party with live music and 5 course dinner

DEPARTS

Saturday 23 December 2017
Friday 29 December 2017

**6
DAYS**



- ★ Evening complimentary bar on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (Christmas tour) or New Year's Eve (New Year tour)
- ★ Excursion to Boppard in the Rhine Gorge
- ★ Scenic Rhine Gorge river cruise
- ★ Return journey on the Vulkan Express heritage railway
- ★ Guided historical walk around Remagen with mulled wine

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every day
- ★ Eurostar and rail travel to and from Germany, and all local rail
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

HOTEL

Hotel Pinger, Remagen

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



BLACK FOREST NEW YEAR STEAM



Enjoy a special New Year tour as we steam through glorious Black Forest scenery in its magical winter setting with New Year's Eve in beautiful Freiburg, and a relaxing New Year's Day at the French National Railway Museum, Cité du Train, just over the border at Mulhouse.

Fares
From
£1189



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Steam through the heart of the Black Forest on the Zollernbahn steam line
- ★ Enjoy a second day of Black Forest steam on the Three Lakes Line, climbing from Titisee lake-side to almost 1000m

- ★ Introductory tour of historic Freiburg aboard a private charter vintage tram
- ★ Celebrate New Year's Eve in attractive Freiburg
- ★ Visit and guided tour of the superb French National Railway Museum

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every day, including New Year's Eve

DEPARTS Thursday 28 December 2017

6
DAYS



HOTEL

Inter City Hotel Freiburg

Situated across the road from the station and features modern rooms with soundproofed windows, flat-screen TV with Sky Sports and Bundesliga, radio, working area and minibar, complimentary WiFi, nutritious buffet breakfast, restaurant with large selection of international and national dishes, bar with snacks and cocktails, CityTicket for free use of public transport in Freiburg.

- ★ Eurostar and rail travel to and from Germany, and all local rail journeys
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager



GREAT CENTRAL & MORE – STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

A brilliant Steam, Rail and Ale tour timed to coincide with the huge Great Central Model Railway event. This fabulous tour also visits the 150th Anniversary event at the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway with a 'Jinty' guest loco. Steam on Peak Rail at their vintage bus & coach event combining steam in glorious scenery with heritage bus journeys around the region and between the stations. There is ample opportunity to enjoy real ale at the railways, local pubs, and on a tour of Marston's Heritage brewery.

Fares
From
£459



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Great Central Day Rover pass
- ★ Admission to the GCR Model event at Quorn
- ★ Ecclesbourne Valley Steam - 150th anniversary celebrations
- ★ Steam along Peak Rail
- ★ Peak District Vintage Bus rides
- ★ Tour of Marston's heritage brewery
- ★ Real Ale on trains and in stations on GCR including the renowned 'tin hut'
- ★ Based in Derby, the Real Ale capital of the world

DEPARTS

Thursday 15 June 2017

5

DAYS



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.

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

SPITFIRE, TITANIC & STAFFORDSHIRE BY STEAM

NEW TOUR



Spitfire and Titanic? Okay, we've got your attention! Yes, we see Spitfire RW388 at the Potteries Museum and visit the Titanic Brewery for a tour and tasting, but this tour features so much more – the Amerton, Churnet Valley, Rudyard Lake and Apedale Railways, plus the special Steam Anniversary Gala at Foxfield on a moorlands tour by vintage coach with more than a taste of real ale.

Fares From £399



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Foxfield Steam Railway 50th anniversary steam gala
- ★ Steam on the Churnet Valley Railway – The real ale line
- ★ Charming, 10.25" gauge Rudyard Lake Steam Railway
- ★ Apedale private steam photo charter Moseley Trust locos
- ★ Amerton Railway private steam photo charter & shed tour
- ★ Private Titanic brewery tour & tasting
- ★ Real ale pubs galore
- ★ Vintage bus travel
- ★ See Stoke on Trent's Spitfire
- ★ Stay in a heritage hotel, in the heart of the Potteries

DEPARTS

Thursday 13 July 2017

5 DAYS



HOTEL

Quality Hotel, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent

Built in 1900 and formerly a grand railway hotel, the Quality Hotel remains iconic to this day. The Leisure Club features an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gym. Guests can also enjoy a sports massage by appointment. The elegant Restaurant 66 serves a varied international menu and wine list. Bennett's Bar serves a selection of bar snacks and features a pool table. Room service is also available. All bedrooms have a private bathroom, tea / coffee making facilities and a television.

- ★ Great value fare including halfboard accommodation

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation, plus 'lobby' at the Titanic Brewery

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THE BIG BELGIAN BEER WEEKEND

**NEW
TOUR**

Brand new for 2017 and staying at the upscale Pullman Hotel Brussels Midi, this tour is packed with excitement. Get your bearings with a guided 'Brussels Beer Walk', enjoy ample free time at the 'Belgian Beer Weekend' in the glorious Grand Place, visit the new Train World Museum, steam on a specially chartered train, cruise Gent's canals and visit four very different Belgian breweries.

Fares
From
£649



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Includes rail travel from London St Pancras International
- ★ 4* hotel, 2 dinners & 1 lunch
- ★ Introductory Brussels Beer Walk
- ★ Ample free time to visit Brussels Beer Weekend festival
- ★ Tour & Tasting at Malheur Brewery
- ★ Private charter of the Dendermonde-Puurs Steam Railway
- ★ Tour & Tasting at Duvel Brewery
- ★ Tour, Tasting & Lunch at Gruut Brewery
- ★ Beer Boat Trip on Gent's canals
- ★ Train World Brussels
- ★ Tour & Tasting at Cantillon Brewery

DEPARTS

Thursday 31 August 2017

**5
DAYS**



HOTEL

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

BELGIAN STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL



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

Fares
From
£699

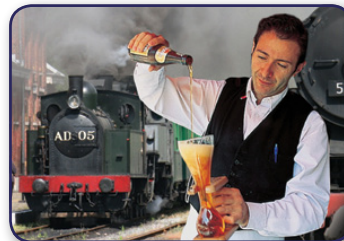


TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Includes rail travel from London St Pancras International
- ★ Tour & Tasting at the Cantillon Brewery
- ★ Tour & Tasting at St Feuillen Brewery
- ★ Tour, tasting and lunch at the Fagnes Brewery
- ★ The “Three Valleys Steam Railway Festival” including Treignes Railway Museum
- ★ Thuin Tram Museum and vintage tram charter
- ★ The ‘Canal du Centre’, including a cruise, heritage boat lift and the largest boat lift in the world
- ★ Visit to Train World Museum in Brussels

DEPARTS Thursday 21 September 2017

5
DAYS



HOTELS

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 Hainaut province. In 2015 Mons was the European Capital of Culture.

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





YORKSHIRE DALES STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

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

Fares
From
£445



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 Railway
- ★ 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

DEPARTS

Thursday 5 October 2017

5
DAYS



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.

- ★ 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

SCOTTISH STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL



Build up a head of steam, uncovering Scotland's heritage from a different angle. Enjoy a day at the Bo'ness & Kinneil Steam Gala, soar above the canals by boat on the remarkable Falkirk Wheel and steam through the Highlands on the Strathspey Railway on a tour that also features the best of Scottish brewing.

Fares
From
£545



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Enjoy a day at the Bo'ness & Kinneil Steam Gala
- ★ Taste the local craft ales of Kinneil Brew
- ★ Soar 35 metres into the air by boat at the engineering masterpiece Falkirk Wheel
- ★ Experience a tour and tasting at Harviestoun Brewery
- ★ Steam on the former Highland Railway with the Strathspey Steam Railway
- ★ Marvel at the vistas as we travel by train to Aviemore
- ★ Enjoy Highland ales at the Cairngorm Brewery
- ★ 4* hotel in historic Stirling with leisure facilities

DEPARTS Thursday 19 October 2017

5
DAYS



HOTEL

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, whereas 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.

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



SWANAGE GALA & ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM, BEER & BUSES

**NEW
TOUR**

Last October Dave disappeared down to the Isle of Wight for the weekend and returned to Leek with this beauty! Imagine a weekend of 'Classic Buses & Beer', with 60 vintage buses shuttling between 62 real ale pubs on the island, plus Isle of Wight Steam, the Swanage Steam Gala in delightful Dorset, and tour and tasting at the Ringwood Brewery. We hope this tour is as appealing to you as it is to us!

**Fares
From
£495**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Tour & Tasting at the Ringwood Brewery
- ★ Dinner at the Inn on the Furlong
- ★ Full Day Rover at the Swanage Railway Autumn Steam Gala
- ★ 2 Day Rover Ticket for the 'Isle of Wight Classic Buses & Beer Weekend'
- ★ Isle of Wight World War Two Museum
- ★ Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- ★ Services of a Tour Manager who lives on the Isle of Wight

DEPARTS Thursday 12 October 2017

**5
DAYS**



HOTEL

Travelodge Poole & Travelodge Newport Isle of Wight

We have chosen Travelodge hotels as they offer affordable, good standard accommodation. The Poole hotel is close to the railway station, just a short walk away from the sea, whereas the Travelodge Newport Isle of Wight puts you at the centre of one of the island's small towns. Both hotels have a café bar. Rooms come equipped with a double bed, shower and tea/coffee making facilities. Single accommodation is in a double room.



NORTHERN FRANCE NARROW GAUGE STEAM



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

Fares
From
£699



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Froissy-Cappy-Dompièrre Steam Gala
- ★ Full day of steam at the superb Baie de Somme line
- ★ Private steam charter on the metre gauge MTSV at Valmondois
- ★ Private steam charter over the 60cm Chanteraines line
- ★ Private steam charter at Train Touristique de la Vallée de la Scarpe (TTVS)
- ★ Private riverside vintage trams charter at Wambrechies
- ★ Tour of the WW1 trenches at Beaumont Hamel
- ★ Visit Thiepval Memorial to the Missing
- ★ Based at historic Amiens on the banks of the River Somme
- ★ Visit St Valéry, a delightful Baie de Somme coastal resort
- ★ Optional sightseeing day in Paris.

DEPARTS Thursday 1 June 2017

5
DAYS



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.





MOLLI, ROLAND & JAN BY STEAM, BOAT & TRAM

**NEW
TOUR**

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

Fares
From
£1695



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A full day of steam on the Molli with its renowned street running, plus private lineside photo bus
- ★ Steam on the Rasender Roland on Rügen Island
- ★ New steam for Railtrail on the delightfully scenic Hasetalbahn
- ★ Further new steam on the Geesthachter Eisenbahn between Bergedorf-Geestacht and Krümmel
- ★ Visit to Hamburg's Miniatur Wunderland (the World's largest model railway)

DEPARTS Friday 30 June 2017

**11
DAYS**

- ★ Steam day on the rarely visited 22 kms Jan Harpstedt line
- ★ Private vintage tram tour of Rostock
- ★ Rare steam with loco 86 133 Bergen, Putbus and Lauterbach Mole
- ★ Enjoy the opening day of vintage steam powered boats
- ★ Steam on the rarely visited 22 kms Jan Harpstedt line
- ★ Short steam boat ride at Flensburg's 'Dampf Rundum' Festival
- ★ Mainline steam with Class 78 468 Neumünster – Flensburg
- ★ Steam on the Angeler Dampfeisenbahn, Süderbrarup-Kappeln
- ★ Relax with a steamboat ride on Hamburg's Alster lake

HOTELS

InterCity Hotel, Bremen

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

Hotel Ibis Alster Centrum, Hamburg

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

InterCity Hotel, Rostock

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

Nordic Hotel Astor Kiel

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

BLACK FOREST STEAM & MEININGEN STEAM FESTIVAL

**NEW
TOUR**



Wonderful steam trains of southern Germany's tourist resorts with steam excursions, private steam photo charter, superb heritage steam lines plus riding and photographing the fabulous Sauschwänzlebahn. Topped off with a steam and heritage electric special to the unique Meiningen railway works steam festival.

**Fares
From
£1299**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Meiningen Works Steam Festival
- ★ Mainline steam with Pacific haulage and heritage crocodile electric alternating
- ★ Private steam charter with Class 99 7203 on the Alb-Bähnle, Amstetten to Oppingen
- ★ Steam on the twists and turns of the Sauschwänzlebahn, plus private lineside bus for great photo opportunities
- ★ Admission to Railway Museum Tuttingen

DEPARTS Wednesday 30 August 2017

**6
DAYS**



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.

- ★ Steam on the Öchslebahn from Warthausen to Ochsenhausen
- ★ Steam along the Murgtalbahn
- ★ Small steam festival and additional rides at Baiersbronn
- ★ Lots of scenic tourist interests for partners

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NORFOLK STEAM EXPLORER

**NEW
TOUR**

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

Fares
From
£459



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

DEPARTS

Thursday 31 August 2017

**5
DAYS**



HOTEL

Holiday Inn Norwich City

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

GOING DUTCH – THE NETHERLANDS BY STEAM, BOAT & TRAM

NEW TOUR



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

Fares
From
£899



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

DEPARTS Wednesday 30 August 2017

6
DAYS



HOTELS

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

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



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

HIGHLAND RAIL VOYAGER



SHAKESPEARE'S SEVERN

DEPARTS

3 July, 10 July, 16 September &
30 September 2017

4
DAYS

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
£399

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

DEPARTS

Thursday 3 August 2017
Thursday 24 August 2017

5
DAYS

Enjoy a thrilling day of steam at the Severn Valley Railway, steam into Stratford-upon-Avon on the Shakespeare Express and discover Birmingham's maze of canals on a gentle cruise, all from a 4* hotel with leisure facilities and **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT!**



Fares
From
£475

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A "Freedom of the Line" ticket for the Severn Valley Steam Railway
- ★ A canal cruise from Birmingham's Gas St 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!

DEVON RIVIERA BY STEAM



HIGHLAND ADVENTURE

DEPARTS 6 July, 30 July & 18 September 2017

4
DAYS

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. **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT!**

Fares
From
£355



- ★ Travel by steam train along the beautiful English Riviera coast line
- ★ Glorious sightseeing around Torquay
- ★ Visit Dartmouth, historic naval town
- ★ Idyllic circular cruise viewing sights from the majestic River Dart
- ★ Stunningly located, elegant hotel

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A lovely introduction to Devon
- ★ Arrive in Torquay along one of Britain's truly great coastal rail journeys at Dawlish
- ★ Enjoy the South Devon Steam Railway to Buckfastleigh

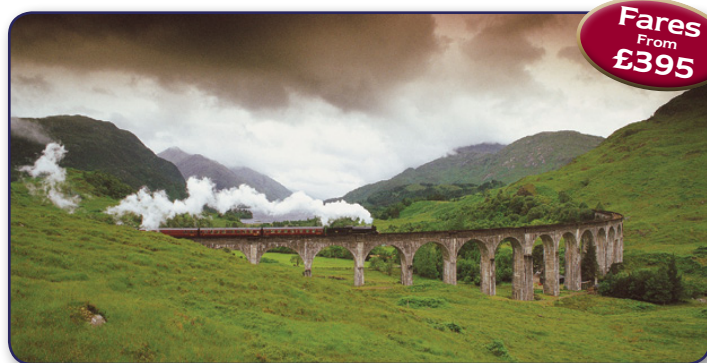


DEPARTS Mondays 12 June, 25 September & 23 October 2017

4
DAYS

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
£395



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Take the famous 'Harry Potter' steam train journey aboard the "Jacobite"
- ★ A magical Scottish adventure
- ★ Travel the glorious West Highland Line - "Railroad to the Isles"
- ★ Cruise Loch Linnhe, relaxing in search of seals and porpoise
- ★ 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!

WELSH MOUNTAINS, STEAM & COAST RAIL VOYAGER



CANALS, STEAM & HISTORIC CHESTER

HERITAGE & EXPLORER

DEPARTS

Thursdays 15 June &
10 August 2017

4
DAYS

A beautifully scenic short break. Glorious Cambrian seascapes. Steam train nostalgia in Ffestiniog, the mountains of Snowdonia, plus the little steam railways of Wales, all explored from our base in Chester.

Fares
From
£429



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

DEPARTS

Sundays 11 June, 16 July &
8 October 2017

5
DAYS

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

- ★ 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
- ★ Llangollen Steam Railway nostalgia
- ★ 2000 years of history in the beautiful city of Chester
- ★ Relax strolling waterside paths and ancient city walls
- ★ Stay in heart of Chester, at one of north England's finest, grand marque hotels

YORKSHIRE MOORS BY STEAM



ISLE OF MAN EXPLORER

HERITAGE & EXPLORER

DEPARTS

Thursdays 22 June & 14 September 2017*

5 DAYS

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 £415



- ★ 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
- ★ Scenic journey on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- ★ Discover the lives of the Brontës at Haworth's Brontë Parsonage Museum

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A lovely introduction to Yorkshire
- ★ Discover Harrogate from your hotel just yards from the famous Betty's Tearoom and other attractions
- ★ Steam across the beautiful North York Moors to the seaside at Whitby



* September departure includes the Harrogate Flower Show

DEPARTS

Thursdays 15 June, 6 July & 7 September 2017

5 DAYS

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 £519



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ 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
- ★ 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

HEART OF WALES STEAM & THE BRECON BEACONS



NORTH NORFOLK COAST, THE BROADS & STEAM

DEPARTS

Thursdays 1 June, 27 July, 10 August
& 28 September 2017

**5
DAYS**

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**



- ★ 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

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



DEPARTS

Thursdays 22 June &
7 September 2017

**5
DAYS**

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
£475**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Relax in our North Norfolk hotel with leisure facilities
- ★ Steam along the North Norfolk Railway – the Poppy Line
- ★ 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

DORSET COAST & ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM

**NEW
TOUR**



SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS STEAM & MALT TRAIL

DEPARTS Sunday 24 September 2017

**5
DAYS**

Explore delightful Dorset by steam train and marvel at the Jurassic Coast from our boat trip along the shoreline. Marvel at Exbury Gardens, ride on the estate's 'Rhododendron Line' narrow-gauge steam railway and relax at our seafront hotel on Bournemouth's east cliff. Round off your holiday in great style with a day's adventure on the Isle of Wight.

**Fares
From
£499**



- ★ Ride on Exbury's 'Rhododendron Line' narrow-gauge steam railway
- ★ Return rail and ferry to the Isle of Wight
- ★ Free time in Shanklin on the Isle of Wight
- ★ Experience the 'Island Line'
- ★ Journey back in time on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- ★ Bournemouth seaside hotel with leisure facilities

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Return boat trip along the Jurassic Coast
- ★ Nostalgic journey on the Swanage Railway
- ★ Travel through the New Forest to Exbury Gardens



DEPARTS Thursdays 8 June, 20 July & 28 September 2017

**5
DAYS**

The Western Highlands offer amazing views and this tour 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.

**Fares
From
£550**



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
- ★ Travel through Glencoe to Fort William, returning over Rannoch Moor
- ★ 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

ROMANTIC HIGHLANDER



CORNWALL CLASSIC

DEPARTS 14 June & 25 September 2017

6
DAYS

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
£855



- ★ Nostalgic steam train ride on the Strathspey Railway
- ★ 'Monster spotting' Loch Ness cruise
- ★ Historic Urquhart Castle
- ★ Visit legendary Isle of Skye
- ★ Culloden Battlefield & Fort Augustus
- ★ Superb spa hotel & leisure facilities

** We visit the Osprey Centre May - July when the birds are generally resident; later tour visits Ballindalloch Castle.*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Michael Palin's 'Great Railway Journey' to the Kyle of Lochalsh
- ★ Breathtaking train ride to the heights of Cairngorm Mountain
- ★ Enchanting Loch Garten Ospreys or Ballindalloch Castle*
- ★ Sensational mountain scenery of the Highland Line to Inverness



DEPARTS Thursdays 25 May, 29 June, 6 July & 7 September 2017

6
DAYS

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.

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 Trevibban Mills Vineyard



Fares
From
£695



- ★ Steam nostalgia on the Bodmin & Wenford line
- ★ Explore delightful Looe, Penzance & St Ives
- ★ Stay at Lanhydrock Hotel, close to the lovely House & Gardens

WONDERFUL WALES



LAKE DISTRICT & CUMBRIAN MOUNTAINS RAIL ROAMER

DEPARTS 5 July & 4 September 2017

6
DAYS

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
£829



- ★ 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

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



DEPARTS Mondays 19 June & 18 September 2017

7
DAYS

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
£775



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ 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 star hotel with elegant period charm
- ★ 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

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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
£899



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
- ★ Horse & carriage tour of idyllic Isle of Sark
- ★ Guided coach tours of Guernsey's most picturesque scenes, rich heritage and horticulture
- ★ Explore Guernsey's wartime history – how the island was shaped by German Occupation
- ★ Relax in beautiful St Peter Port
- ★ Spend your first and final nights in Poole, returning home at leisure

DEPARTS **Wednesday 23 August 2017**

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.

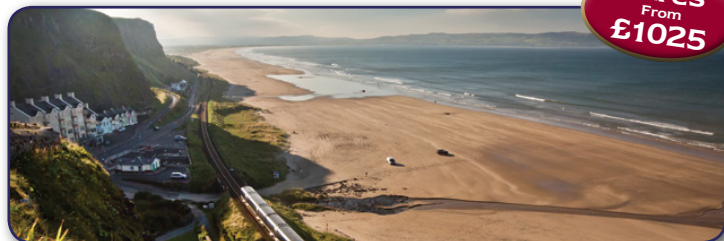


BURNS COUNTRY, ARRAN & THE CAUSEWAY COAST

NEW
TOUR



Two countries, a beautiful island described as 'Scotland in Miniature', two of the great railway journeys of the British Isles, a heritage line, a distillery, magnificent gardens and the UNESCO World Heritage Giant's Causeway – all on one unique new Railtrail tour!



Fares
From
£1025

DEPARTS Thursday 21 September 2017

8
DAYS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Experience the great scenic rail journey through Burns Country
- ★ Visit the Birthplace Museum of Robert Burns
- ★ Tour the Isle of Arran, known as 'Scotland in Miniature'
- ★ Enjoy Brodick Castle Gardens
- ★ Contrast with Logan Botanic Garden's southern hemisphere plants
- ★ Explore Castle Kennedy's historic gardens
- ★ Marvel at the Giant's Causeway, a unique natural phenomenon
- ★ Arrive at the Causeway aboard the Bushmills Railway
- ★ Taste Bushmills Whiskey at the distillery
- ★ Experience Northern Ireland's great scenic rail journey
- ★ Tour the walls of Derry-Londonderry
- ★ Visit the Titanic Experience in Belfast

HOTELS

North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer

'The Castle' is a 3* hotel, family-run for more than 50 years and former home of famous Arctic explorer, Sir John Ross. Leisure facilities include a swimming pool, sauna, gym and the hotel also boasts its own curling rink!

Londonderry Arms, Carnlough

Built in 1848 as a coaching inn by the Marchioness of Londonderry, the estate and hotel were passed to her second cousin, Sir Winston Churchill, in 1921. Family-owned for the last 60 years, the hotel boasts Georgian architecture and with just 35 rooms it has a cosy, family atmosphere amidst the small seaside village of Carnlough.



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
£1099



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 **Saturday 30 September 2017**

8
DAYS

HOTELS

Hotel Crianlarich

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

Dark Island, Benbecula

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

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 sourced cuisine.

Royal Highland, Inverness

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



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

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
£1095



DEPARTS Monday 2 October 2017

8
DAYS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Begin your Scottish tour at the historic Grand Central Hotel
- ★ Scenic 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
- ★ Stay on the beautiful Isle of Mull
- ★ Sensational 'Harry Potter' steam train journey to Mallaig on The Jacobite
- ★ Explore Fort William and Inverness
- ★ Enjoy a wee dram at Ben Nevis Distillery
- ★ Soar up Aonach Mor on the Nevis Gondola
- ★ Dramatic Eilean Donan Castle
- ★ Tour Mull and cruise to Iona
- ★ Tour the Great Glen & Loch Ness
- ★ Strathspey Railway steam nostalgia
- ★ Speyside whisky distillery tour, with a wee dram
- ★ Heritage train ride with lunch on the charming Keith & Dufftown line

HOTELS

Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow

One of the great railway hotels and site of the world's first long-distance tv transmission, this stylish hotel was built in 1883 to serve the newly built Central Station.

Isle of Mull Hotel

The Isle of Mull Hotel and Spa is situated on the crescent of Craignure Bay with gardens stretching to the water's edge.

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.



ORKNEY & SHETLAND EXPLORER

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.

Fares
From
£1195



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

DEPARTS

Wednesdays 31 May &
20 September 2017

8
DAYS

- ★ 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, whereas 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

Northlink's modern vessels boast comfortable bars, lounges and restaurants, as well as well-stocked shops. Cabins have two comfortable fixed beds, positioned side by side. Built with your comfort in mind they are modern, clean and fully equipped with en-suite washbasin, toilet and shower facilities plus individual temperature control and tea/coffee making facilities.

GOLDEN HIGHLANDER



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

Fares
From
£449



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Spectacular Highlands mountain scenery
- ★ The "Great Railway Journey of the World" to Kyle of Lochalsh
- ★ Ride the magical West Highland 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

DEPARTS Thursday 19 October 2017

5
DAYS



HOTELS

Royal Highland Hotel, Inverness

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

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.



THE RHINE VALLEY RAIL ROAMER



THE BIG FIVE MOUNTAIN RAILROAD ADVENTURE

DEPARTS

14 July, 24 August*
& 28 September 2017

5
DAYS

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

* August departure coincides with "Bahnhof" Festival on the Vulkan Express

Fares
From
£555



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

DEPARTS

Saturdays 3 June, 8 July, 19 August &
23 September 2017

8
DAYS

Experience five completely unique mountain railroad excursions – the Pilatus Railway, the Rigi Railway, the Stanserhorn, the Titlis cable car and the Hammetschwand Lift – all from our base at the 4* Seehotel Pilatus beside lovely Lake Lucerne.

Fares
From
£1299



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



BARCELONA, CARCASSONNE & THE CATALAN COAST



HARZ MOUNTAINS STEAM - THE JEWEL OF GERMANY

DEPARTS

Fridays 9 June & 15 September 2017

8
DAYS

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

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First Class rail travel to/ from Perpignan, including Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Visit enchanting Collioure
- ★ Explore the coves of the Catalan Coast by rail and road train
- ★ Winetasting of local wines in Banyuls



Fares From £1299

- ★ Relax in the Mediterranean resort of Argeles-sur-Mer
- ★ Travel into the Pyrenees aboard the spectacular 'Petit Train Jaune'
- ★ Enjoy a traditional French market day
- ★ Visit exciting Barcelona, the proud capital of Catalonia
- ★ Visit the perfect medieval walled city of Carcassonne
- ★ Enjoy a home-made Cassoulet, the regional speciality

DEPARTS

Saturdays 17 June, 15 July & 30 September 2017

7
DAYS

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

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First Class rail travel to Germany, including Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Enjoy the famous Harz Mountains steam railway; travel freely with our exciting 3-day Freedom of Harz Pass
- ★ Traditional 'Hansel & Gretel' towns
- ★ Pastoral landscapes and forests



Fares From £1199

- ★ Schwebebahn 'dingle-dangle' railway
- ★ Explore the medieval town of Quedlinburg
- ★ Discover Wernigerode's 'fairytale' castle
- ★ 4 star quality hotels in Wuppertal & Wernigerode

SWISS GLACIER EXPRESS, & THE BERNINA



ST TROPEZ, ANTIBES & MONTE CARLO

DEPARTS

Fridays 16 June & 8 September 2017

6
DAYS

Two of the world's greatest railway journeys on one tour! Enjoy the classic Glacier Express journey across the Swiss Alps, followed by the Bernina Express in its full glory. Which is the best experience? We'll probably call it a draw! Not forgetting Lausanne, Montreux and St Moritz, plus stays on Lake Geneva and in the Engadine Valley on a marvellous panoramic Swiss alpine adventure.

Fares
From
£1299



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Discover the 'Olympic City' of Lausanne
- ★ Stay in a lakeside hotel by Lake Geneva
- ★ Cruise along Lake Geneva to visit Château Chillon
- ★ Enjoy free time in lakeside Montreux
- ★ Admire the scenery from the world famous Swiss Glacier Express with lunch provided

- ★ Stay in Celerina in the beautiful Upper Engadin Valley close to the Bernina Pass
- ★ Marvel at the equally spectacular Bernina Express train journey
- ★ Take in great views of the Upper Engadin Valley from the Muottas Muragl funicular
- ★ Visit stylish St Moritz
- ★ Witness two of the world's great railway journeys on one tour



DEPARTS

Thursdays 8 June & 14 September 2017

8
DAYS

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

Fares
From
£1245



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

THE RHINE & MOSELLE RAIL & WINE TRAIL



SWISS MOUNTAIN STEAM

DEPARTS

**Sundays 18 June, 20 August* &
17 September 2017**

**6
DAYS**

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

**Fares
From
£699**



- ★ Discover Assmannshausen's wines with a winetasting at your hotel
- ★ Visit the spa town of Wiesbaden and ride the Nerobergbahn funicular railway
- ★ Enjoy a tasting of 'Sekt' sparkling wine at the Weingut Barth
- ★ Take the scenic rail journey along the Moselle Valley to Cochem
- ★ Cruise the Moselle and taste Moselle wines with a winetasting

**August departure coincides with the Rudesheim Wine Festival*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class rail travel to Germany and return
- ★ Stay in the heart of the Rhine Gorge UNESCO World Heritage site
- ★ Visit Rudesheim, with lunch and winetasting at a local wine cellar
- ★ Cruise the Loreley Valley, partly by steamer, visiting St Goar and Bacharach



DEPARTS

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

**8
DAYS**

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

**Fares
From
£1599**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

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GERMAN COASTAL STEAM & BERLIN'S GARDEN SHOW

NEW TOUR



THE SAXONY SEVEN STEAM & RAIL EXPLORER

NEW TOUR

DEPARTS Sunday 25 June 2017

9 DAYS

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

Fares From £1295



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

DEPARTS Mondays 12 June & 4 September 2017

9 DAYS

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

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Fares From £1395



SWITZERLAND'S SECRET RAILWAYS

NEW TOUR



Switzerland has an amazing array of mountain railways, including many fabulous ones unknown in the UK as they aren't included in the Swiss travel passes. On this tour we feature three such 'secret railways', plus a steam excursion with a twist on the Brienzer Rothornbahn, all from a small, family-run hotel nestled by idyllic Lake Thun.

Fares From **£1399**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Your choice of First or Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ Hotel beside Lake Thun with leisure facilities and fabulous views
- ★ Included excursion on the Niesen Funicular to the top of the "Swiss Pyramid"

- ★ Return journey on the Stockhorn Aerial Cableway for fantastic panoramic views
- ★ Day ticket for the Lake Thun boats
- ★ Visit the lovely lakeside resort of Spiez
- ★ Enjoy two rail experiences in one at the Niederhorn Railway, with incredible views from the top

DEPARTS Friday 15 September 2017

7 DAYS



- ★ Experience a special Brienzer Rothornbahn journey on their 'Steam & Sausage' excursion
- ★ Local Bus Pass – offering freedom of the region on your free day



HOTEL

Strandhotel Seeblick

A small, family-run hotel at the water's edge in the peaceful village of Faulensee with just 22 bedrooms, all with balcony. The restaurant terrace looks straight out onto Lake Thun, with boats bobbing in the gentle waters. In spring 2017 the hotel will open a brand new spa facility, with indoor and outdoor pool.



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

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tour hotel, leaving you free to enjoy your holiday by train even more? Using Railtrail's luggage service allows you to travel light on the first and last days of your holiday. And this special concierge service costs from as little as £85 per case. For tours with overnight stops en route, simply take a small overnight bag whilst your luggage is delivered to your mainstay hotel. For tours featuring two or more mainstay hotels, your luggage will be delivered to the first mainstay hotel and collected from the last mainstay hotel. Contact us for further details.



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