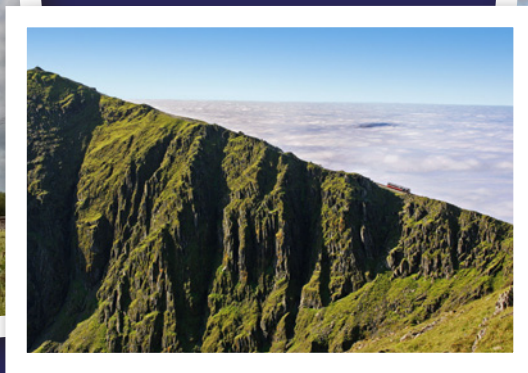




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NEW
YEAR
UPDATE



2018

FLIP OVER for
Europe by Rail

Touring the UK by Rail





Happy New Year

As I write this I am looking through a Railtrail brochure from 1997, which was more of a booklet really and which only featured seven tour series! Back then I still had a full-time job in another industry, but Railtrail had already been my hobby and passion for 18 years. We've certainly come a long way in the last 20 or so years, but we are just as passionate about our tours now as we were back then and the sentiments of my 1997 introduction still ring true.

I wrote about, "trying to recreate those halcyon days when you went on holiday by train amidst Britain's finest scenery." Our first featured tour in that booklet was the **Romantic Highlander** based at the Palace Hotel in Inverness and I'm proud to say you can still book this very tour and hotel - please turn to page 25 for further details.

In the mean time we've got the UK pretty well covered, from Cornwall to Caithness and Caernarvon to Cromer, with the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands thrown in for good measure.

To get the New Year off to a great start we are again offering **DOUBLE LOYALTY POINTS** for all bookings received from now until the end of January 2018.

Whilst our friendly customer services team is always pleased to hear from you an ever increasing number of bookings come direct via our online booking system which is open 24/7. However, our office will also be open Mondays to Saturdays 9am-5pm throughout January should you prefer to call.

I trust that you will find both our UK tours, as well as the Classic Continental tours in the flip over European tours section, as exciting as I do. As always, we look forward to having the pleasure of your company soon.

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.

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 Loyalty points with their booking, you will also get the same number of points added to your loyalty points total.

Your Tour Fare

We offer packages including First Class (where available) or Standard Class rail travel from every mainland UK station for each UK tour. However, due to space within this small brochure we can't print all fares for each tour. The 'from price' in our UK section is for those travelling independently of our rail package and joining at Tour Base, which is usually the hotel (or hotels, for multi-centre holidays). Full details of all fares are available at www.railtrail.co.uk or in our main brochure.

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GRAND TOUR BY RAIL – GOLDEN GALLOWAY &

A new Grand Tour designed to experience the golden glow from Galloway to the Grampians in all their autumnal glory. Travel from Scotland's most southerly point to its most northerly point! Imagine the Nith Valley Line, the West Highland Line, the Far North Line, the Kyle Line, the Highland Line, the Strathspey Steam Railway, plus the Tay and Forth Bridges all on one tour! And just to be completist we've chosen three 'Palace Hotels'!



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Relax at Cally Palace in its splendid grounds
- ★ Visit Scotland's southern tip at the Mull of Galloway
- ★ Admire the scenery on the Nith Valley Line
- ★ Autumn colours galore in the Galloway Forest Park
- ★ Enjoy the West Highland Line past lochs and over Rannoch Moor



- ★ Take in the lovely scenery alongside Loch Ness
- ★ Stay at the original Railtrail hotel, the Palace in Inverness
- ★ Enjoy Dave's original 'Great Railway Journey' on the Kyle Line
- ★ Touch the top of the country at John O'Groats & Dunnet Head
- ★ Experience the Highland Line's dramatic scenery
- ★ Take lunch on board the Strathspey Steam Railway
- ★ Unwind at Atholl Palace, an original Victorian hydro hotel



- ★ Marvel at Queen's View
- ★ Sample a 'wee dram' at Edradour Distillery
- ★ Visit Edinburgh and its Royal Mile
- ★ Cross the Tay Bridge and the magnificent Forth Bridge

THE GLORIOUS GRAMPIANS

**NEW
TOUR**



DEPARTS

Monday 8 October 2018

**10
DAYS**

HOTELS

Cally Palace, Gatehouse of Fleet

Our first 'palace' is the Cally Palace Hotel on the outskirts of Gatehouse of Fleet on the Solway coast. This 18th century mansion was built for the Murray family and is surrounded by 150 acres of gardens, woods and parkland. Now a 4* hotel, the public rooms ooze period elegance, particularly the Bow Lounge with its gilt cupola ceiling. Leisure facilities include a swimming pool and billiard room, but, above all relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

Palace Hotel & Spa, Inverness

Railtrail's original 'palace' hotel and still in the programme 38 years later, the Inverness Palace overlooks the River Ness, a short

stroll from the city centre, and boasts its own leisure facilities, including a swimming pool.

Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry

Our third 'Palace' is the 4* Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry. Dating back to the 19th century trend for health spas, this original hydro hotel stands proudly perched above its own estate with formal gardens, a herb garden, woodland walks and even tennis courts. In keeping with its history, rooms are all different, with quirky original features. The views from the hotel's restaurant across the Tummel Valley are simply stunning and the hotel even boasts its own museum!

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



SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS MORE INCLUSIVE

A great value winter or spring break to an old favourite, the Alexandra Hotel in Fort William, this tour 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.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The beautiful West Highland Line from Fort William
- ★ The Nevis Gondola cable car
- ★ Tour of the Ben Nevis Distillery with a wee dram
- ★ Trundle 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
- ★ Dinner every day, plus 4 lunches
- ★ 3 Drinks Vouchers each evening in the hotel
- ★ Entertainment on 2 evenings

DEPARTS

Tuesdays 23 January, 20 February
& 20 March 2018

5
DAYS



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.

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.



DEPARTS

Saturdays 21 April, 12 May, 2 June,
Monday 9 July & Saturday 15 September 2018

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

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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
£399



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!

DEPARTS

Wednesday 25 April &
Saturday 8 September 2018

4
DAYS



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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.



Fares
From
£349

DEPARTS

Wednesday 18 April, Mondays 21 May,
4 June & 3 September 2018

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
- ★ 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
- ★ Hotel on the stunning seafront

HOTEL

The Livermead House Hotel

The Livermead House Hotel in Torquay is an elegant hotel built in 1820 on the edge of Cockington Valley on Torquay sea front in the heart of The English Riviera, Torbay. The Livermead House offers a traditional flavour on Torquay's water's edge. It's a level walk along the promenade to the town centre and there is free Wi-Fi Internet access in all public areas.

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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.

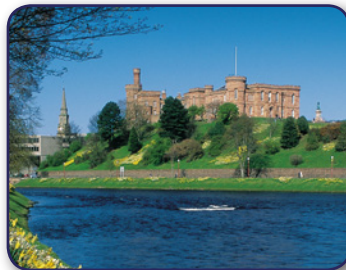


Fares
From
£399

DEPARTS

Saturdays 3 March, 17 March & 31 March 2018

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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DORSET COAST & ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM



Explore delightful Dorset by steam train and marvel at the Jurassic Coast from our boat trip along the shoreline. Enjoy 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.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

DEPARTS

Sundays 13 May & 23 September 2018

5
DAYS



HOTEL

The Carlton Hotel, Bournemouth

One of Bournemouth's original grand hotels, combining Victorian elegance with modern comfort, the hotel boasts a leisure club featuring swimming pool, gym and sauna. 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.



CLASSIC CORNWALL COAST & COUNTRY

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
£595

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

DEPARTS

Thursday 21 June & Sunday 9 September 2018

5
DAYS



HOTELS

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.

CANALS, STEAM & HISTORIC CHESTER

HERITAGE & EXPLORER



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
£525



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 the heart of Chester, at one of north England's finest grand marque hotels

DEPARTS

Sundays 8 April, 20 May, 15 July,
16 September & 7 October 2018

5
DAYS



OCTOBER DEPARTURE –

In place of Llangollen Railway we feature Ffestiniog Steam Railway, Snowdonia and Conwy Valley coach tour.



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.

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



NORTH NORFOLK COAST, THE BROADS & STEAM

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
£485



DEPARTS

Thursdays 17 May, 14 June
& 20 September 2018

5
DAYS



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

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.

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS STEAM & MALT TRAIL

The Western Highlands offer amazing views and this tour promises an action packed few days. Explore both branches of the West Highland Line, 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 and Drummond Castle's famous gardens.



Fares
From
£545

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 all their glory
- ★ 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
- ★ Explore Drummond Castle's exquisite gardens
- ★ Learn about the distilling process and have a 'wee dram' at the Oban and Glenturret distilleries

NEW
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DEPARTS

Thursdays 3 May, 28 June
& 27 September 2018

5
DAYS



HOTEL

The Ben Doran Hotel, Tyndrum

Tyndrum is blessed with two stations, one serving each branch of the West Highland Line, whilst the Ben Doran is surrounded by forests and mountains views. The hotel's sheltered 7 acre garden has lawns and lilyponds, and the restaurants and lounges are situated on the hotel's upper floor, affording lovely views of the surrounding scenery.

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HEART OF WALES STEAM & THE BRECON BEACONS

HERITAGE & EXPLORER

Introducing four great preserved steam 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 Talylyn, the world's first ever preserved railway.



Fares
From
£509

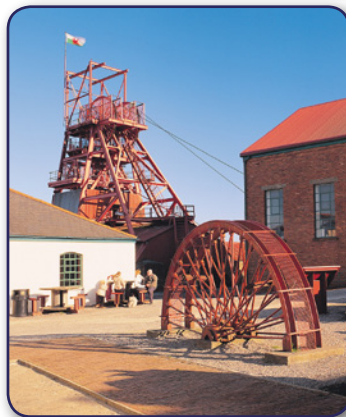
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Travel along the picturesque Heart of Wales Line
- ★ Enjoy medieval Aberglasney House and Gardens
- ★ Experience the Talylyn Steam Railway, the original preserved railway
- ★ 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 Steam Railway
- ★ Marvel at reservoirs and mountains on the Brecon Mountain Steam Railway

DEPARTS

Thursdays 7 June, 26 July, 23 August
& 6 September 2018

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.

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
£515



DEPARTS

Thursdays 19 April, 3 May, Tuesday 12 June,
Thursdays 5 July & 6 September 2018

5
DAYS

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 Old House of Keys
- ★ Spectacular views from Snaefell Mountain Railway
- ★ Steam journey on the Groudle Glen Railway



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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SHAKESPEARE'S SEVERN

**NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT**

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
£495**

DEPARTS

Thursdays 2 August & 23 August 2018

**5
DAYS**



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!

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.

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
£449

DEPARTS

Thursdays 26 April*, 17 May, 21 June
& 27 September 2018

5
DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A lovely introduction to Yorkshire
- ★ April group includes entry to Harrogate Spring Flower Show
- ★ Discover Harrogate from a hotel just yards from Betty's 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 includes the Harrogate Spring 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.



YORKSHIRE DALES STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

Enjoy a day at the Keighley & Worth Valley Steam Railway, pop into a Timothy Taylor inn, visit two other great Yorkshire heritage railways, one a steam ride through the foothills and one a diesel journey through Wensleydale. We also feature two great breweries from our base in Ilkley just below the famous Ilkley Moor. Don't forget your hat!



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Discover Ilkley from a hotel close to Betty's and other attractions
- ★ Steam to your heart's content with a Keighley & Worth Valley Railway day rover
- ★ The first round's on us at a Timothy Taylor pub in Keighley!

- ★ Enjoy Haworth in the heart of Brontë Country
- ★ Experience a tour, pie and a pint at Wharfedale Brewery
- ★ Steam through the Dales on the Embay & Bolton Abbey Railway
- ★ Discover Wensleydale on board the preserved Wensleydale Railway
- ★ Get a taste for Yorkshire at the Black Sheep Brewery

DEPARTS

Thursday 11 October 2018

5
DAYS



HOTEL

The Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley

A lovely Victorian hotel with modern comforts and a warm welcome, with a lounge with log fire in which to relax in the evening. The Craiglands is just a short walk from the centre of the traditional Yorkshire market town of Ilkley and sits beneath Ilkley Moor, immortalized in Yorkshire's unofficial 'national anthem'.

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
£565

DEPARTS

Thursday 18 October 2018

5
DAYS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Tour & Tasting at Harviestoun Brewery
- ★ Enjoy Highland ales at the Cairngorm Brewery
- ★ Taste local craft ales at Kinneil Brew
- ★ Enjoy a day at the Bo'ness & Kinneil Steam Gala
- ★ Soar into the air by boat at the Falkirk Wheel
- ★ Steam excursion on the Strathspey Steam Railway
- ★ 4 star hotel in historic Stirling

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.



ROSES BATTLE BY STEAM & THE WORTH VALLEY AT 50

**NEW
TOUR**

At the end of June the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway celebrates its 50th anniversary with a once-in-a-generation week of festivities of steam and diesel, with locos of all sizes, plus a recreation of the line's inaugural running in 1967. We thought we would celebrate with our own 'battle of the roses' tour, picking off Yorkshire and Lancashire steam and heritage railways every day from our base at an iconic railway hotel. With Railtrail opening the batting you are sure to come up smelling of roses!



Fares
From
£895

DEPARTS

Monday 25 June 2018

**8
DAYS**

- ★ Tour & Tasting at the Black Sheep Brewery
- ★ Sneak across the Pennines to visit the Ribble Valley Steam Railway
- ★ Steam through the South Pennines on the Kirkstall Light Railway
- ★ Visit the fascinating Bury Transport Museum
- ★ Go underground at Yorkshire's National Coal Mining Museum
- ★ Steam from Bury to Rawtenstall on the East Lancashire Railway
- ★ Special charter, museum and loco shed tour at the Middleton Railway
- ★ Steam across the moors on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Most of Yorkshire & Lancashire's steam railways on one tour!
- ★ Stay at Bradford's iconic 4* Midland Hotel with dinner every evening
- ★ Tickets included to two days at the Keighley & Worth Valley 50th Anniversary Gala
- ★ Skirt the Dales by Steam on the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway
- ★ Heritage diesel through scenic Heriot Country on the Wensleydale Railway

HOTEL

Midland Hotel, Bradford

Built between 1885 and 1890 by the Midland Railway Company, the Midland Hotel was a showpiece for the railway company's northern operations, and is of particular architectural interest, with some of the finest Victorian interiors in the city. Today sees a hotel that has undergone a transformation, with investment to all areas of the building, restoring it to its original greatness.

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
£799



DEPARTS

Monday 7 May, Wednesday 4 July &
Monday 3 September 2018

6
DAYS

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



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.



DEVON COAST TO COAST & WEST SOMERSET STEAM

**NEW
TOUR**

Arrive at your first hotel in charming Dunster by steam, explore England's longest heritage railway, visit beautiful Lynton and Lynmouth, connected by their Cliff Railway, explore Devon from coast to coast from the branch line at Barnstaple to the iconic sea wall at Dawlish Warren, culminating in South Devon steam from seaside Torquay.



**Fares
From
£799**

DEPARTS

Thursday 18 October 2018

**7
DAYS**

- ★ 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
- ★ Torquay hotel is on the stunning seafront



HOTELS

The Yarn Market, Dunster

A small family-run hotel in medieval Dunster, dominated by its castle, on the edge of the Exmoor National Park. Situated on the High Street in the village centre, the ancient Yarn Market stands directly in front of the hotel.

The Livermead House Hotel, Torquay

The Livermead House is an elegant hotel built in 1820 offering a traditional flavour on Torquay's water's edge. It's a level walk along the promenade to the town centre and there is free Wi-Fi Internet access in all public areas.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Arrive in Dunster aboard the West Somerset Railway
- ★ Explore Lynton & Lynmouth, connected by their Cliff Railway
- ★ Day Rover ticket on the West Somerset Railway
- ★ Round trip on the Lynton & Barnstaple Steam Railway
- ★ Explore the Tarka Line from Barnstaple in North Devon
- ★ Experience one of Britain's truly great coastal rail journeys - The sea wall route through Dawlish
- ★ Enjoy the South Devon Steam Railway to Buckfastleigh

ROMANTIC HIGHLANDER



A delightful tour inspired by the original 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
£799



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 Ballinalloch 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

Mondays 23 April, 7 May, Wednesday 13 June
& Monday 24 September 2018

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.



CORNWALL COAST TO COAST & POLDARK COUNTRY

**NEW
TOUR**

A taste of Cornwall staying inland at Lanhydrock and at the coast at Tregenna Castle Resort, exploring Cape Cornwall, one of the backdrops for Poldark, and the scenic branch lines unspoiled by the modern world, not forgetting the Eden Project and a touch of steam nostalgia.



Fares
From
£899

DEPARTS

Thursday 19 April & 19 July 2018

**7
DAYS**



HOTELS

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.

Tregenna Castle Resort, near St Ives

A 4* hotel and resort with a fabulous range of facilities, including heated outdoor pool, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, steam room and sauna, plus tennis, badminton and squash courts and even an 18 hole golf course. Tregenna's Woodland Walk through some of its 72 acres is also a great place to unwind amidst nature.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Take in the fabulous Eden Project
- ★ Steam nostalgia on the Bodmin & Wenford line
- ★ Explore the delightful Looe Valley Branch Line
- ★ Stay at Lanhydrock Hotel, close to the lovely House & Gardens
- ★ Explore Cape Cornwall by coach
- ★ Marvel at the scenic St Ives Branch Line
- ★ Visit Land's End
- ★ Stay in lovely St Ives at Tregenna Castle Resort

INNER HEBRIDEAN ISLAND HOPPER

**NEW
TOUR**



A seven day hop around the Highlands and Inner Hebrides, see Arran or 'Scotland in Miniature', the Mull of Kintyre, Islay, Mull, Iona and Skye on this tour to the unspoilt isles off the Scottish coast. That's not all though, as we also feature the West Highland Railway.



**Fares
From
£899**

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Sail to Arran, known as 'Scotland in Miniature'
- ★ Take the 'wee boat' to the Mull of Kintyre
- ★ Stay on Loch Fyne at Inveraray
- ★ Tour the beautiful island of Islay
- ★ Hop across to the Isle of Mull
- ★ Visit the sacred Isle of Iona
- ★ Take the West Highland Line Fort William branch across Rannoch Moor
- ★ Continue through great scenery to Mallaig
- ★ Tour the mystical Isle of Skye

DEPARTS

Thursdays 17 May & 4 October 2018

**7
DAYS**



HOTELS

Jury's Inn, Glasgow

A modern hotel situated close to the Clyde, Glasgow's stations and other attractions.

Inveraray Inn, Inveraray

A lochside location close to the centre of Inveraray, the hotel dates back to the 1760s.

Imperial Hotel, Fort William

A traditional 3 star hotel close to Loch Linnhe in the centre of Fort William.

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HEBRIDEAN ISLANDS DISCOVERY

**NEW
ITINERARY**

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
£1059

DEPARTS

Sundays 22 April, 17 June,
Saturday 29 September 2018

**8
DAYS**



HOTELS

Jury's Inn, Glasgow

A modern hotel situated close to the Clyde, Glasgow's stations and other attractions.

Kings Arms Hotel, Isle of Skye

The Kings Arms dates back to the 1600s, retaining many original features.

Dark Island, Benbecula

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

Caberfeidh, Stornoway

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

Craiglynne Hotel, Grantown on Spey

Set within its own grounds and less than five minutes' walk into the town centre, a traditional Highland hotel surrounded by mountain scenery.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Discover Hebrides ancient history spanning back 5000 years
- ★ Uists' white shell beaches & freshwater lochs
- ★ Sample the traditional island lifestyle
- ★ Magnificent Highlands scenery, Ullapool to Speyside
- ★ Sample Speyside whisky on a distillery tour
- ★ Enjoy heritage rail on the Strathspey Railway
- ★ Soar up Cairngorm on the famous funicular
- ★ Cruise betwixt the Isles amidst dream-like seascapes; look out for whales, dolphins & sea eagles
- ★ West Highland Railway journey – one of the best in the world
- ★ The romantic 'rail route to the Isles'
- ★ Naturalist's paradise of birds & wildlife of the BBC TV series "Islands on the Edge"

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
£1225

DEPARTS

Wednesday 16 May, Saturdays 8 &
22 September 2018

8
DAYS



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. *May departure stays at the Norseman, Wick.

Northlink Ferries

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

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'

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BURNS COUNTRY, ARRAN & THE CAUSEWAY COAST

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
£1015

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Experience the great scenic rail journey through Burns Country
- ★ Tour the Isle of Arran, known as 'Scotland in Miniature'
- ★ Enjoy Brodick Castle Gardens
- ★ Explore Castle Kennedy's historic gardens
- ★ Contrast with Logan Botanic Garden's southern hemisphere plants
- ★ 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

DEPARTS

Thursdays 3 May & 13 September 2018

8
DAYS



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.

WHISKY GALORE!

**NEW
TOUR**



We have been asked several times to organise a Scottish tour visiting different whisky-producing regions and we hate to disappoint. This tour begins in Perthshire, heads into the Cairngorms, then through tranquil Speyside to the coast, returning to Perth along the stunning coastline. Steam, a mountain railway, Edinburgh, Balmoral – we haven't even mentioned the malt yet! Pour yourself a 'wee dram' and read on.

**Fares
From
£995**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Visit Edinburgh, with a guided walking tour of the 'Royal Mile'
- ★ Tour Glenturret Distillery, home of the 'Famous Grouse'
- ★ Explore the Highland Line through the Cairngorms
- ★ Visit scenic Queen's View
- ★ Tour charming Edradour Distillery
- ★ Steam on the Strathspey Steam Railway
- ★ Soar up Cairngorm on the Cairngorm Funicular
- ★ Visit Glenlivet and taste their malt
- ★ Travel through Speyside, visiting Strathisla Distillery

DEPARTS

Mondays 11 & 18 June & 24 September 2018

**8
DAYS**

- ★ Excursion to Balmoral* & Royal Lochnagar
- ★ Visit St Andrews, the home of Golf
- ★ Scenic rail journey from Aberdeen along the North Sea coast
- ★ Tour & Tasting at Eden Mill Gin Distillery

**June groups visit Balmoral (closed September)*



HOTELS

Salutation Hotel Perth

Situated in the heart of the historic City of Perth, the Salutation is the oldest established hotel in Scotland, having welcomed guests through its doors since 1699, including Bonnie Prince Charlie who stayed here in 1745.

Nethybridge Hotel

This traditional Highland hotel is set amidst the peaceful and scenic splendour of the Cairngorm mountains and close to Aviemore and Speyside.

Jury's Inn, Aberdeen

A new and modern hotel adjacent to the station in Aberdeen, the Jury's Inn provides comfortable accommodation in the heart of the city.



JERSEY, GUERNSEY, HERM & SARK

A unique and comprehensive tour of the Channel Islands, from Jersey's beautiful bays and traditional towns to Guernsey's lovely beaches, not forgetting Herm and Sark, where there are no cars. Explore, relax and unwind in the mild climates of the charming Channel Islands.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Travel by train and stay overnight in Bournemouth
- ★ Take the ferry to and from the Channel Islands
- ★ Enjoy a 'round island' tour of Jersey



- ★ Spot Jersey cows grazing in peaceful fields
- ★ Stay at one of the Guernsey's most popular hotels, with stunning sea views and beach walks
- ★ Relax and experience the island life and mild climate
- ★ Guided coach tour of Guernsey's most picturesque scenes, rich heritage and horticulture



- ★ Horse & carriage tour of idyllic Isle of Sark
- ★ Visit the island of Herm, where there is a 'no cars' policy
- ★ Relax in beautiful St Peter Port
- ★ Spend your first and final nights in Bournemouth, returning home at leisure

**NEW
TOUR**



DEPARTS

Mondays 4 June & 10 September 2018

**9
DAYS**



HOTELS

Merton Hotel, Jersey

A short walk through a park to central St. Helier's attractions, the Merton is in a quiet residential area. There's a wide range of amenities on site with bars, restaurants and free entertainment, as well as indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, café and gym.

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).

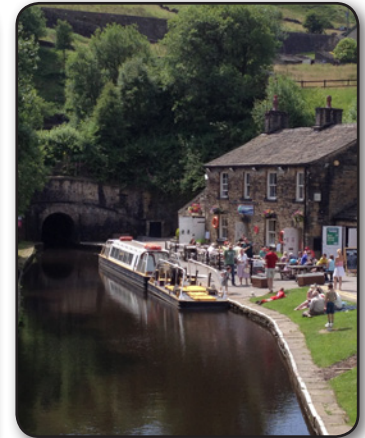
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GRAND TOURS BY RAIL – SIX WONDERS OF THE

There are said to be ‘Seven Wonders of the Waterways’ and on this tour we visit six! Our grand tour begins at the very heart of the industrial revolution at a hotel within the Ironbridge World Heritage site, then explores the masterpieces of Victorian engineering with boat trips and steam trains galore.

Fares
From
£1195



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Begin your tour at a hotel within the Ironbridge Gorge UNESCO World Heritage site
- ★ Visit Blists Hill Victorian Village and tour Ironbridge
- ★ Steam on the Severn Valley Railway
- ★ Get to know Chester on a River Dee cruise
- ★ Anderton Boat Lift, marvel of Victorian engineering
- ★ Masterpiece of the canals, breathtaking Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
- ★ Llangollen Steam Railway nostalgia
- ★ Cruise along the Manchester Ship Canal, viewing Barton Swing Aqueduct
- ★ Steam excursion on the East Lancashire Railway
- ★ Visit Burnley Weavers’ Triangle and walk part of Burnley Embankment
- ★ Boat trip into Standedge Tunnel, the longest, deepest and highest canal tunnel in Britain
- ★ Steam on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- ★ Visit Saltaire, another UNESCO World Heritage site
- ★ Walk the canal lock staircase at Bingley Five Rise Locks

NEW TOUR



DEPARTS

Saturday 9 June 2018

10
DAYS

HOTELS

Best Western Valley Hotel, Ironbridge

A country house hotel situated in the heart of Ironbridge, providing a perfect base for visiting the Ironbridge Gorge Museums. With a Riverside setting and breathtaking views of the surrounding parkland, the hotel is a charming 44 bedroom Georgian listed building.

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 ensuite bedrooms offer modern facilities including telephone, TV with Freeview, tea/coffee making facilities and free Wi-Fi. The hotel features delightful Italian gardens, bar and restaurant.

Best Western Higher Trapp Country House Hotel

Situated near Burnley on the enchanting Pendle hillside, this traditional Country House hotel enjoys stunning views over the Lancashire countryside.

Midland Hotel, Bradford

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GRAND TOURS BY RAIL – LAND'S END TO JOHN

Travel coast to coast from Land's End to John O'Groats. Explore England, Scotland & Wales on one tour. Stay in two castle hotels, the original Railtrail hotel and a hideaway in the western Highlands. All on a one-off, once in a lifetime grand tour of mainland Britain!



Fares
From
£1775



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Relax at Tregenna Castle Resort near St Ives
- ★ Visit Land's End & Cape Cornwall
- ★ Stay at Ruthin Castle Hotel in North Wales
- ★ Marvel at 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

12
DAYS



HOTELS

Tregenna Castle Resort, near St Ives

A 4* hotel and resort with a fabulous range of facilities, including heated outdoor pool, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, steam room and sauna, plus tennis, badminton and squash courts and even an 18 hole golf course. Tregenna's Woodland Walk through some of its 72 acres is also a great place to unwind amidst nature.

Ruthin Castle, Ruthin

Steeped in history, having welcomed royalty and nobility, Ruthin Castle is a beautiful rustic woodland retreat amidst acres of parkland within the Clwydian Range.



DEPARTS

Tuesdays 25 September 2018
& 10 September 2019



Bridge of Orchy Hotel

Situated on the West Highland Way, overlooked by mighty Beinn Dorain mountain, the recently renovated Bridge of Orchy Hotel occupies a position of remote, untouched beauty.



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.



GRAND TOURS BY RAIL – DERRY TO KERRY

38 years ago Michael Palin's first 'Great Railway Journey' to Kyle of Lochalsh prompted Dave to organise his first tour. This prompted us to recreate Palin's second 'Great Railway Journey' from 'Derry to Kerry'! Experience the fabulous line from Coleraine to Londonderry and the scenic East Coast Line from Dublin to Wexford, enjoy the contrasts of Belfast, Dublin, Waterford and Tralee, and wonder at the natural beauty of the Causeway Coast and the Ring of Kerry, all rounded off with a final shindig in Dublin. Cead Mile Failte!

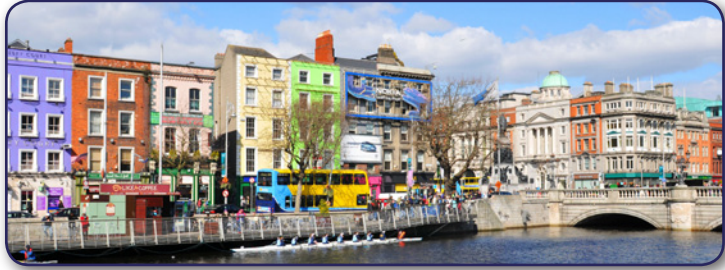


Fares
From
£1695



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ 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
- ★ Sightsee in Dublin's fair city
- ★ Take in the Irish Republic's most scenic railway along the East Coast
- ★ Learn about Ireland's emigrant history at Dunbrody Emigrant Ship Museum
- ★ Explore Waterford and visit the famous Waterford Crystal
- ★ Trundle through the Suir Valley on the heritage Suir Valley Railway
- ★ Enjoy the fabulous views of the Ring of Kerry
- ★ Let your hair down with a final night's dinner and Irish Show in Dublin



DEPARTS

Thursday 20 September 2018

12
DAYS

HOTELS

Londonderry Arms, Carnlough

Built in 1848 as a coaching inn by Frances Anne Tempest, the Marchioness of Londonderry, the Tempests' estate, including the Londonderry Arms, was passed to second cousin, Sir Winston Churchill in 1921. The hotel boasts Georgian architecture and with just 35 rooms it has a cosy, family atmosphere amidst the small seaside village of Carnlough.

Academy Plaza Hotel, Dublin

A city centre hotel just off Upper O'Connell Street on Findlater Place right in the heart of Dublin city within walking distance of Temple Bar, Trinity College, St Stephen's Green and many other famous landmarks.



Treacy's Hotel, Waterford

Treacy's Hotel is a family-run hotel overlooking the River Suir in the heart of Waterford, Ireland's oldest city, and boasts a traditional Irish pub, restaurant and a heated indoor swimming pool.

Benners Hotel, Tralee

A family-run hotel and gastro-pub in the heart of Tralee, the former capital of the Kingdom of Kerry, Benners has a cosy atmosphere, with just 43 recently refurbished bedrooms.