



SWISS MOUNTAIN STEAM

FOCUS ON STEAM
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

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.



Brienz Rothorn Railway

Fares
From
£1595

DEPARTS

Wednesday 8th July 2015
Wednesday 29th July 2015
Wednesday 12th August 2015
Wednesday 26th August 2015
Wednesday 9th September 2015

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
- ★ Chartered steam train 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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening, plus 1 lunch and 1 tea
- ★ Standard Class 6 Day Bernese Oberland Pass
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

Our superb steam and “lake & mountains” scenery tour – this year including our private steam hauled charter train up to Schynige Platte for incredible views of the Eiger, Münch and Jungfrau mountains. Panoramic vistas on the original route of the Glacier Express on the Furka Steam Railway, plus the Brienz – Rothorn Steam Railway. With your Swiss Rail Pass also cruise on the lake paddle steamers. We stay in Wengen with dinner included each evening. Great value – and a fabulous holiday for enthusiasts and partners alike. Visit www.railtrail.co.uk to view our **TOUR FILM** of this acclaimed steam holiday.



Schynige Platte



Piz Gloria



Lake Lucerne Steamers



Furka Railway



Sunstar Hotel, Wengen



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ITINERARY

DAY 1

Relax as we take you by high speed train from the bustle of early morning London to Interlaken, then by local train to idyllic Wengen and a welcome evening meal at our hotel. (D)

DAY 2

A day of steam in wonderful mountain scenery on the Brienz Rothorn Railway, Switzerland's oldest steam cog railway. It has climbed Rothorn Kulm (2244m) since 1892 at incredible gradients; the thrilling ride leads to spectacular mountain panoramas. We then cruise Lake Brienz by paddle steamer. (B,D)

DAY 3

Joining a train to Thun, we set sail on Lake Thun towards Interlaken. On arrival we catch the funicular up the Harder Kulm, whose peak boasts magnificent views of lakes and mountains, and a lovely Panorama Restaurant, where we enjoy a welcome coffee and cake. (B,T,D)

DAY 4

Travelling high into the mountains along part of the current Glacier Express route to Realp, where we board a steam train on the Furka Steam Cog Railway along the original 'Glacier Express' route - crossing viaducts, through tunnels and past alpine meadows full of flowers. Marvel at the Rhone glacier viewed between snow-covered mountain peaks en route to the line's newly extended terminus at Oberwald. (B,D)

DAY 5

A day at leisure allows you to relax in Wengen or maybe use your Bernese Oberland Pass to explore the public transport system of this beautiful region. Most railways are covered in the pass, including the lines to Lucerne and Bern, Switzerland's handsome capital city. Or maybe visit Gstaad on the Golden Pass Line, or use your pass to gain a discount on the Jungfrau Railway. (B,D)

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

DAY 6

Another special highlight awaits today, as we head for Wilderswil, where we join our private steam charter train up to Schynige Platte through alpine pastures, with great views of the Mönch, Eiger and Jungfrau. (B,D)

DAY 7

One of the most amazing journeys in Switzerland as we travel by train and cable car to the summit of the 'James Bond' mountain - the Schilthorn. Here we have lunch in the revolving restaurant, Piz Gloria from where 200 mountain tops can be viewed including the Eiger and the Jungfrau. (B,L,D)

DAY 8

We return by high speed trains to London, arriving late afternoon. (B)



SWISS MOUNTAIN STEAM

FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Switzerland, including Standard Eurostar	£1595
First Class rail travel to / from Switzerland, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1895
Single Traveller Supplement	£95

Fare inclusive of:
7 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal, 1 lunch, 1 coffee & cake
Eurostar and rail travel to and from Switzerland in the class of your choice
Standard Class 6 Day Bernese Oberland Pass
All excursions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
Hotel Portage

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

GUARANTEED FARE – No currency surcharge

If wishing to travel **BY AIR** to join the tour: Please contact us with your variation request so that we may confirm availability and fare variation.

HOTEL

Sunstar Hotel, Wengen

This 4-star hotel is noted for its caring reputation and beautiful setting with panoramic views. It is located in the centre of Wengen - just 200m from the station - a small, car-free spa town situated on a sheltered terrace at over 1300m above sea level, the majestic peaks of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau as a backdrop. Pure mountain air invites sheer relaxation. Enjoy delicious evening meals with choice of main dishes in the lovely restaurant. Leisure facilities include bar, indoor pool, steam bath, sauna and sunbathing lawn. Bedrooms are en-suite, with TV, radio, telephone, safe, hairdryer and free mini-bar (mineral water, soft drinks, fruit juices and beer).

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NORTHERN GERMANY & BALTIC COAST STEAM

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

DEPARTS

Monday 27 July 2015



The Moll

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

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



Rostock



Rügen Island



Bruchhausen



Jan Harpstedt



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ITINERARY

DAY 1 Monday 27 July

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

DAY 2 Tuesday 28 July

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

DAY 3 Wednesday 29 July

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

DAY 4 Thursday 30 July

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

DAY 5 Friday 31 July

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

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

DAY 6 Saturday 1 August

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

DAY 7 Sunday 2 August

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

DAY 8 Monday 4 August

We depart Bremen 07.44 hrs, travelling via Cologne (arrive 10.50 hrs) and Brussels to arrive at London St Pancras International 16.03 hrs. (B)

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

HOTELS

Holiday Inn Express, Gütersloh

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

InterCity Hotel, Rostock

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

InterCity Hotel, Bremen

Adjacent to the railway station, near the historic old town of this charming city, this 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.

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

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FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Rostock / Bremen, including Standard Eurostar	£1295
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First Class rail travel to / from Rostock / Bremen, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1655
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Single Room Supplement	£225
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Fare inclusive of:

7 nights' bed & breakfast, 3 evening meals, 2 light lunches
Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available
(subject to selected rail travel option)

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

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WELSH MEGA STEAM 6

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Saturday 29 August 2015

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



Ffestiniog Railway

Fare From £1195

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

If you've always promised yourself to 'do' all these famous railways, but never got round to it - then this is a unique opportunity to bag them all in one go. Plus enjoy fantastic lineside photo opportunities during the tour with our private coach.



Snowdon Mountain Railway

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The Tour Fare is exceptional value as we include Half-Board accommodation and by using University accommodation, there is no single room supplement to pay if travelling on your own. We also offer Fares ALL INCLUSIVE of rail travel from your UK 'home' station, giving you great value connecting travel too. So, book now for a wonderful 8 day 'bash' with great camaraderie!



Cambrian Coast Line

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Welshpool & Llanfair Railway

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Talyllyn Railway

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ITINERARY

DAY 1 Saturday 29 August

Inclusive rail travel from your home station to arrive Llandudno Junction (circ 14.15 hrs). Then by private coach into Llandudno for a ride up the Great Orme heritage tramway before continuing to Bangor where we have three nights half board accommodation in en-suite rooms at the University. (D)

DAY 2 Sunday 30 August

We travel aboard our private coach to the foot of Snowdon for a return journey on the Llanberis Lake Steam Railway. Then to the summit of Snowdon (weather permitting) on the breathtaking Snowdon Mountain Railway (steam haulage service). (B,D)

DAY 3 Monday 31 August

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

DAY 4 Tuesday 1 September

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

DAY 5 Wednesday 2 September

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

ACCOMODATION

The tour stays at university accommodation which is all en-suite and offered as single rooms only. Those travelling together may request adjacent rooms.

Bangor University

Aberystwyth University

Glyndwr (Wrexham) University

Half-Board accommodation, including breakfast and evening meal. At Aberystwyth we take evening meals in the summit restaurant of the funicular railway, a unique experience.

DAY 6 Thursday 3 September

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

DAY 7 Friday 4 September

After breakfast we depart by coach to the standard gauge Llangollen Steam Railway to enjoy a full day of steam riding the line, including we anticipate the new extension to Corwen. Plus we take a tour of the shed which, with their fine collection of locomotives, has a real "ex British Railways" atmosphere, along with viewing progress on the new-build locomotives. (B,D)

DAY 8 Saturday 5 September

After breakfast we depart by coach (with luggage) to the Welshpool & Llanfair Railway for their Annual Gala Day with extra activity and visiting engines in steam. This really is a fabulous rural countryside railway as we ride between Llanfair Caereinion and Welshpool behind steam, including tackling the steep Golfa Bank. Plenty of time to see other workings today, including the "vintage" train with Countess and replica Pickering coaches, whilst enjoying repeat journeys along the line, before departing by train from Welshpool at 17.00 hrs to homeward stations. (B)

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

FARES

Fare Region	First	Standard
London: Terminal	£1395	£1285
Greater London	£1450	£1305
South of England	£1450	£1305
East Anglia	£1490	£1330
South West	£1475	£1345
Heart of England	£1400	£1295
Midlands	£1325	£1255
Yorkshire	N/A	£1295
North East	N/A	£1330
North West	£1325	£1260
South Wales	£1395	£1300
North Wales	£1265	£1245
Scotland	£1475	£1345

Tour Base Fare £1195
(Join Llandudno Junction / Leave Welshpool)

NO Single Room Supplement

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

Fares are based on single room en-suite accommodation.

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

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

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MEININGEN STEAM FESTIVAL & MORE

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Superb mainline steam with Pacific 01 118 Frankfurt - Meiningen
- ★ Visit the world's greatest steam locomotive works festival
- ★ Footplate rides, locos being serviced, turntable in use, etc etc
- ★ Rare steam haulage at Eisenbahnfreunden Wetterau
- ★ Private steam charter at Fortuna Mines Solm
- ★ Private steam tram charter on Darmstadt tram network
- ★ Private steam charter at Frankfurt Feldbahn

DAY 1 Thursday 3 September

We depart London St Pancras International 10.58 hrs (Ebbsfleet 11.15 hrs) by Eurostar to Brussels and by ICE train to Frankfurt arriving 17.30 hrs for a welcome evening meal at the conveniently located Leonardo Hotel close to the main station. (D)

DAY 2 Friday 4 September

After breakfast we travel by regional train to Wetzlar where we transfer by private coach to Solms. Here we enjoy a private steam charter at the former mine's railway, which is now the Grube Fortuna line, with steam locomotive 'Brigadelok' along with numerous photo run-pasts and footplate rides.

After taking lunch at the railway we stay close to Frankfurt in the afternoon with a 3 hour private vintage steam tram charter of Darmstadt which will take us over this extensive tram system concluding in the rush hour! the tram is an Henschel built locomotive with open carriages, great fun. (B,L)



Frankfurt Feldbahn



Darmstadt Steam tram

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



Meiningen Loco Works

Fares From £999

5 DAYS

DAY 3 Saturday 5 September

The big event, as we take a fantastic mainline steam run with Pacific 01 118 and heritage coaches from Frankfurt to Meiningen, where we visit this famous, now unique, railway works on its annual festival day.

This is time-warp time; we tour a traditional railway works with other steam-hauled charters arriving adding to the numerous locomotives on-site in steam and under repair. Guest locos being serviced, turned on the turntable, and other locomotives giving footplate rides, it is simply one of the best steam days to be experienced in this day and age and very reminiscent of loco works open days in the UK of the 1950's & 60's. (B)

DAY 4 Sunday 6 September

A new venue for Railtrail this morning as we travel to the Eisenbahnfreunde Wetterau at Bad Nauheim for a 20 Kms steam excursion to Münzenburg and return with their dainty little Henschel 0-6-0T built in 1904.

Then concluding this excellent tour with a private steaming at one of our favourite venues the Frankfurt Feldbahn, where the 14 steam locomotives will also be specially paraded for photos and a private barbecue. (B,D)

DAY 5 Monday 7 September

We depart from Frankfurt 10.16 hrs and travel via Brussels and then Eurostar to arrive (Ebbsfleet 15.45 hrs) London St Pancras International 16.05 hrs. (B)



Eisenbahnfreunde Wetterau

DEPARTS

Thursday 3 September 2015

FARE

From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Frankfurt, including Standard Eurostar	£999
First Class rail travel to / from Frankfurt, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1225
Join & leave tour in Frankfurt	£795
Single Room Supplement	£99

4 nights' bed & breakfast, 2 evening meals (1 is barbecue) and 1 lunch. Standard Class rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option) All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager Fares based upon sharing a twin-bedded en-suite room; single rooms available for a supplement.

GUARANTEED FARE

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HOTEL

Leonardo Hotel Frankfurt City Centre

Situated a short distance from the railway station, city centre and river bank, the hotel has a bar and bistro restaurant and offers bright modern en-suite bedrooms with air conditioning, TV, safe, internet access and hairdryer



Meiningen Loco Works



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Rail travel from London to Belgium and return
- ★ Explore the "Three Valleys Steam Railway Festival" with a two day pass
- ★ Included entry to the Three Valleys Railway Museum in Treignes
- ★ Private photo steam charter on the "Petit Train du Bonheur" – the "Little Train of Happiness"
- ★ Visit to the Tramway Museum at Thuin
- ★ Specially chartered rides on the museum's electric tram and Autorail car
- ★ Tour & Tasting of the Aulne Abbey Brewery
- ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at the Biercée Distillery
- ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at the Chimay Visitor Centre
- ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at the Fagnes Brewery

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

DAY 1 Thursday 24 September

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

DAY 2 Friday 25th September

Our first day begins with a transfer to Rebecq for a leisurely ride on the "Petit train du Bonheur" – the **Little Train of Happiness**. The track along the River Senne was closed in 1961 and lay dormant until the local owner of a steam locomotive bought the Rebecq station building and began the project of restoring steam to the "Valley of the Birds". We have a **private photo steam charter** over this 4km 600mm line not previously visited. We follow this charming start to the day with a visit to the **Brewery of Aulne Abbey for a tour and tasting**. The afternoon continues in Thuin, where we visit the historic **Tramway Museum**, which houses 30 restored vehicles and preserves a rural route that retraces the history of the world's largest tram network. During our visit we ride on specially arranged electric trams and autorail cars. The day ends

An action-packed Belgian tour featuring two days at the 3 Valleys Steam Festival and much more – vintage trams, the "Little Train of Happiness", visits to a distillery and three Belgian breweries!



Belgian Beer & Steam – a winning combination!

Fares From **£695**

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Thursday 24 September 2015

FARE

From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Belgium, including Standard Eurostar	£695
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Single Room Supplement	£120
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4 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal Eurostar and Belgian rail travel to Charleroi and return
All transfers, excursions & admissions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

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

GUARANTEED FARE

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HOTEL

Ibis Hotel Charleroi

The Ibis Hotel is situated opposite Charleroi Sud railway station, close to the centre of the town. Rooms feature satellite television, air-conditioning and bathrooms with either a tub or shower.



Three Valleys Steam Railway



Petit Train du Bonheur



Three Valleys Steam Railway

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ROTTERDAM TO BAVARIA STEAM FESTIVAL

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A unique continental rail holiday by express steam & heritage diesel train from Holland via the Rhine Gorge to the historic town of Bayreuth in Franconia (northern Bavaria), travelling in a First Class heritage carriage to enjoy the 3 day Festival of Steam at Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg. Wonderful steam nostalgia, fabulous journeys, glorious sightseeing.

Fares
From
£1399



Pacific 01 1075 travelling through picturesque Dutch countryside

A very special, one-off continental rail holiday, by heritage steam & diesel locomotives from Rotterdam through Holland to Bayreuth in a First Class heritage carriage on a great railway adventure. The journey, including the scenic Rhine Gorge route, is shared by two Pacific locomotives 01 1075 from Rotterdam and 01 150 from Würzburg with heritage diesel hydraulic V200 116 hauling the middle section. We then have three days at the superb Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg Steam Festival featuring steam hauled excursions around the picturesque Northern Bavaria area as well as the fabulous festival itself plus a brewery tour! At the end of the festival we have the excitement of returning to Rotterdam again hauled by heritage locomotives in first class style.



Steaming through scenic Franconia



Pacific 01 202 at speed



Enjoy the roar of diesel hydraulic V200-116



5 miles at a minimum 1 in 40 gradient



Hermitage Bayreuth

DEPARTS

Tuesday 29 September 2015

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Holland to Northern Bavaria yesteryear rail journey in a First Class heritage rail carriage
- ★ Rotterdam-Mönchengladbach hauled by express steam locomotive Pacific 01 1075
- ★ Würzburg to Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg with Pacific 01 150
- ★ Travelling down the spectacular Rhine Gorge route with heritage diesel hydraulic locomotive
- ★ 3 days of steam excursions through great scenery at one of Germany's finest Steam Festivals
- ★ Steam thrash up steeply inclined lines
- ★ Visit to the brewery museum in Kulmbach
- ★ Lineside bus for photographers to capture memorable steam images
- ★ A unique tour combining sensational steam and stunning scenery in First Class style
- ★ Independent Travel Fare available: arrange own travel to / from Rotterdam option



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ITINERARY

DAY 1 Tuesday 29 September

We depart London St Pancras International 10.58 hrs by Eurostar to Brussels then Regional train to Rotterdam arriving 16.56 hrs and our hotel adjacent to the station.

DAY 2 Wednesday 30 September

After breakfast we have a fantastic day travelling in old fashioned first class style (there is also a dining car on the train). We depart Rotterdam hauled by express steam Pacific locomotive 01 1075 travelling across Holland to Mönchengladbach in Germany. From here the valley walls of the spectacular Rhine Valley will reverberate to the sound of heritage diesel hydraulic V200 116 as it speeds us through Loreley, Frankfurt and the Spessart Forest to Würzburg where steam replaces diesel in the form of express Pacific locomotive 01 150 for the journey onto Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg in picturesque Franconia, Northern Bavaria. Here V200 116 again takes over to our destination the heritage town of Bayreuth thereby concluding a truly memorable day of yesteryear express rail travel in comfort and style. We transfer to our hotel for a welcome evening meal (B,D)

DAY 3 Thursday 1 October

After breakfast on the next three mornings we re-board our heritage train for a journey with V200 116 to Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg steam festival with a selection of mighty steam power excursions with Pacific locomotives 01 150, 01 202, and 01 180 around the local region including tours to Bamberg and up the steep incline to Hof. Also included is a visit to the brewery museum in Kulmbach with a buffet dinner at Mönchshof brewery. We return to the beautiful town of Bayreuth aboard our heritage train. (B,D)

DAY 4 Friday 2 October

After travelling into the steam festival with V200 116 we again have a series of excursions with our trio of Pacific steam locomotives including over the route to Pegnitz and Nuremberg with its plethora of bridges. We also step back in time by enjoying a tour of the former steam depot at Neuenmarkt-Wirsberg with its collection of approx 40 steam and heritage diesel locos plus visiting locos and 5 miles at a minimum 1:40 gradient around which this amazing steam festival is based. Today also features a photo parade of all participating locomotives. (B)

DAY 5 Saturday 3 October

Our final day at the festival includes double-headed Pacifics, and a lineside bus service for photography of the steam thrash up the inclined plane to Hof. A fantastic last day at a very special event. (B)

DAY 6 Sunday 4 October

We return as outward to Rotterdam with the same combination of express steam and heritage diesel power. (B)

DAY 7 Monday 5 October

After breakfast there is time for local sightseeing before departing Rotterdam Central by Regional train at 13.08 hrs to Brussels then via Eurostar to London St Pancras International arriving 18.10 hrs.

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

ROTTERDAM TO BAVARIA STEAM FESTIVAL

FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Rotterdam, including Standard Eurostar	£1399
First Class rail travel to / from Rotterdam, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1699
Single Room Supplement	£130

Fare inclusive of:

6 nights' bed & breakfast, 2 evening meals
Standard Class scheduled rail travel and seat reservations where available (subject to selected rail travel option)
First Class reserved seating aboard mainline heritage steam train
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

HOTELS

Holiday Inn Express Hotel, Rotterdam Central

Situated a short distance from the railway station, the hotel offers bright air-conditioned en-suite bedrooms with satellite TV, Wi-Fi, direct dial telephone, individual controlled air-conditioning, double glazing, and hairdryer.

Hotel Rheingold, Bayreuth

A 4 star hotel with English speaking staff, located on the edge of the picturesque old town with many restaurants nearby, all rooms en-suite and non-smoking with bright modern furniture, hairdryer, Wi-Fi, TV and telephone. It has an English pub-style restaurant for main meals and snacks.

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

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GOLDEN HARZ ENTHUSIAST STEAM FESTIVAL

FOCUS ON STEAM
WITH RAILTRAIL TOURS

6
DAYS

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

DEPARTS

Wednesday 14 October 2015

Fares
From
£935



Harz parallel departure

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A unique three days of steam charters with mixed stock and 3 heritage locos.
- ★ More steam than ever before on this superb value tour.
- ★ Special transporter photo train carrying standard gauge waggons
- ★ Travel over the whole of the Harz System with heritage locomotives
- ★ Double headed steam including black Mallet to Nordhausen
- ★ A classic heritage day from Wernigerode to Hasselfelde including the Stiege loop
- ★ Steam & heritage stock up the Harzgerode branch
- ★ Storm to Brocken summit with heritage coaching stock
- ★ We recreate the parallel departure from Alexisbad, which is no longer possible on public days
- ★ Special train charter on the Selkethal with some overtaking en route and photo run-pasts.
- ★ Enjoy your stay in the beautiful historic town of Wernigerode
- ★ Great value tour fare, including HALF BOARD hotel accommodation

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

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



Mallet with heritage mixed train



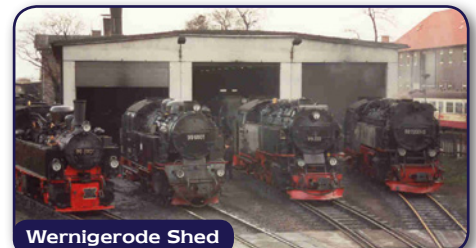
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A Harz autumn



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ITINERARY

DAY 1 Wednesday 14 October

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

DAY 2 Thursday 15 October

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

DAY 3 Friday 16 October

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

Today's special starts with a Rollbockzug - a photo steam charter using the dual gauge transporter waggons carrying standard gauge trucks from Wernigerode to Wernigerode-Hasserode with unique Krupps 2-6-2T 99 6001. This powerful loco, built for 50kph running, then takes us on a blast up to Drei Annen Hohne before storming up the Brockenbahn with an amazing cacophony of sound and vision, plus our specially organised photo run-pasts. The summit of Brocken mountain was formerly a Soviet stronghold overlooking the Western Plain. We return

to Wernigerode with the heritage coaching stock, or you might like to alight at Drei Annen Hohne for some relaxing steam photography. (B,D)

DAY 4 Saturday 17 October:

A fabulous day today as we board our heritage train, this time hauled by 1914 built Henschel 99 6101 ("Pfiifi") double heading with a beautiful 100 years old black Mallet as we travel over the whole of the Harzquerbahn line from Wernigerode to Nordhausen before returning as far as Eisfelder Talmühle where we take the Selkethal line along the branch to Hasselfelde including the Stiege loop. As regular participants know there will be many opportunities for photo run-pasts throughout all days. We return to Wernigerode by private bus. (B,D).

DAY 5 Sunday 18 October:

Using the powerful Krupp 99 6001 and heritage stock we head away from Wernigerode back along the Harzquerbahn to Eisfelder Talmühle then heading onto the Selkethal via Alexisbad to travel up the Harzgerode branch before returning to Alexisbad and onwards to the Selkethal terminus at Quedlinburg - thereby completing our travel over the whole of the Harz railway system. A superb day to end a superb steam tour, as we return to Wernigerode by private bus for our farewell evening meal and another convivial evening in this delightful town. (B,D)

DAY 6 Monday 19 October:

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

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

HOTELS

B&B Hotel Bielefeld, Bielefeld

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

Hotel HKK, Wernigerode

This stylish, 4 star hotel is close by the historic Old Town and offers modern, comfortable rooms, featuring flat-screen TV and radio. Enjoy culinary delights in the buffet restaurant and relax in the bar or sauna, steam bath and Jacuzzi.

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

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GOLDEN HARZ ENTHUSIAST STEAM FESTIVAL

FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Wernigerode, including Standard Eurostar **£935**

First Class rail travel to / from Wernigerode, including Standard Premier Eurostar **£1235**

Single Traveller Supplement **£99**

Fare inclusive of:

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

FARES Independent travel option:

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

Single Traveller Supplement **£75**

Fare inclusive of:

4 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal hotel accommodation
All transfers, excursions and admissions as detailed
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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 2nd December 2015

Fares
From
£1195



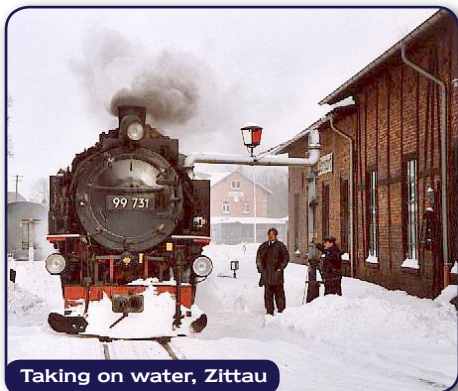
Class 52 in the snow

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

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Stay in the beautiful city of Dresden at this magical time of year
- ★ Superb mainline steam with Pacific Class 01 509 to Prague
- ★ 2nd Mainline steam excursion to beautiful Görlitz in Upper Lusatia
- ★ Fabulous Saxon narrow gauge steam on three famous rural lines: the Zittau, Weisseritztalbahn & Lossnitzdackel
- ★ The final extension of the Weisseritztalbahn to Kipsdorf is due to be re-opened
- ★ Explore the renowned Dresden Christmas Markets
- ★ Dresden Museum of Transport & Altstadt steam depot
- ★ View glorious Saxon countryside & villages off the tourist trail
- ★ An all-rail holiday
- ★ *Independent Travel Fare available: arrange own travel to / from Dresden*



Taking on water, Zittau



Weisseritztalbahn



Beautiful Dresden



Loco 351097



Dresden Christmas Market

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Wednesday 2 December

We depart London St Pancras International 10.57 hrs by Eurostar to Brussels, and then by ICE train via Frankfurt (18.11 hrs), to Erfurt and the InterCity Hotel adjacent to the station, where we have a welcome evening meal. (D)

DAY 2 Thursday 3 December

After breakfast we travel by regional train to Dresden, arriving 13.30 hrs. We then take an afternoon steam train ride along the Lossnitzgrundbahn - a superb 17kms long, 750mm gauge line with eleven stations between Radebeul and Radeburg and return to enjoy our first night of the Christmas festivities in beautiful Dresden. (B)

DAY 3 Friday 4 December

We begin with a guided tour of Dresden Transport Museum plus the atmospheric steam loco depot at Dresden Altstadt, followed by a return steam ride on the second of our fantastic Saxony narrow gauge lines, up the picturesque Weisser valley currently some 15 kms to Dippoldiswalde but the new extension to Kipsdorf is due to open in time for our visit.

Alternatively, you may wish to relax in Dresden and explore other magnificent attractions such as the stunning rebuilt Frauenkirche, Semper Opera House, Royal Palace, Procession of Princes, Bruehl Terrace, and Zwinger Palace. All these beautiful historic buildings form the magnificent waterfront along the River Elbe, also home to the world's biggest paddle steamer fleet. (B)

DAY 4 Saturday 5 December

Today we have the first of our mainline steam train journeys, with express passenger Pacific locomotive 01 509 hauling our vintage train travelling through the region known as "Saxon Switzerland" where the

railway clings to the banks of the River Elbe on its scenic route to Prague in the Czech Republic, for a sightseeing visit to this fabulous historic city at this delight time of year. (B)

DAY 5 Sunday 6 December

Our second mainline steam excursion is currently scheduled to take us from Dresden to the eastern most town in Germany - the beautiful town of Görlitz, with its unadorned streets, cobbled market place, and famous art nouveau store (location for the Ralph Fiennes film 'The Grand Budapest hotel') plus of course a very traditional Christmas market in the most traditional of settings. This excursion is again due to be hauled by Pacific steam locomotive 01 509 however an alternative excursion for those wishing to travel behind a different locomotive is being planned. (B)

DAY 6 Monday 7 December

Today you may wish to spend the day Christmas shopping in Dresden, or go on our search for "Steam in the Snow" that takes us to the Polish border for one of Saxony's finest narrow gauge routes - from Zittau to the mountain spa resorts of Oybin and Jonsdorf, which is still very much a public service over the ten mile long route, and includes lunch and an engine shed tour at the junction station of Bertsdorf. (B,L)

DAY 7 Tuesday 8 December

We depart Dresden by train at 08.19 hrs, travelling via Frankfurt (14.00 hrs) and Brussels to arrive London St Pancras International at 19.57 hrs. (B)

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

HOTELS

InterCity Hotel, Erfurt

Situated adjacent to the station the hotel has a pleasant bar and restaurant serving local and international specialities. 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.

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

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DRESDEN FESTIVE STEAM

FARES From London St Pancras International:

Standard Class rail travel to / from Erfurt / Dresden, including Standard Eurostar	£1199
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First Class rail travel to / from Erfurt / Dresden, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£1479
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Single Traveller Supplement	£145
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Fare inclusive of:

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

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FARES Independent travel option:

Join Frankfurt Day 1 leave Frankfurt Day 7	£1019
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Single Traveller Supplement	£145
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