



# Railtrail®

QUALITY ESCORTED HOLIDAYS BY TRAIN



The Complete 2015 Collection

**BRAND NEW**  
Autumn & Festive Tours  
& Summer Late  
Availability

# *Welcome* to the World of Railtrail® Tours!

## **Choosing your holiday is always an exciting time and we want you to choose Railtrail for your next great railway experience.**

In this brochure we are delighted to introduce a number of exciting, hot off the press **Autumn, Festive and Christmas** holidays, along with a reminder of our **Summer 2015** tours, many of which only have a few places left, featuring imaginative itineraries always giving more than expected, compiled with personal inspiration that the 'production line' companies cannot match.

- **Festive celebration tours** capture that special magical experience of Advent-time, Christmas & New Year, with a whiff or more of steam nostalgia amongst the many highlights.
- Our new innovative '**Steam, Rail & Ale**' tours are proving immensely popular even though they have only appeared on our website recently. With just a few places remaining on each tour and as they coincide with a special event at each railway, they cannot be repeated.
- An unrivalled programme of **Steam Train Holidays**, for both general interest and steam enthusiasts alike, is second to none and we have an amazing variety of tours to suit all tastes.
- **Classic European Collection** take you on great continental railway journeys to magical destinations in the most popular classic resorts.
- Last, but not least, we have a small, select programme of '**Signature Tours**', where small groups visit wonderful destinations staying at unique venues.

*Please take a break and enjoy a little armchair travel in the company of Railtrail Tours. And as a little incentive to travel with us...*

**Book on or before Monday May 18th and gain double Railtrail Rewards Loyalty Points.**

Kind Regards,



**Dave Felstead**, Founder & Managing Director



# Railtrail

## PERSONALISED GIFT VOUCHERS



An ideal gift for friends and loved ones wishing to partake in a Railtrail Tour.

Please contact us for further details.

## 2015 TOUR GUIDE

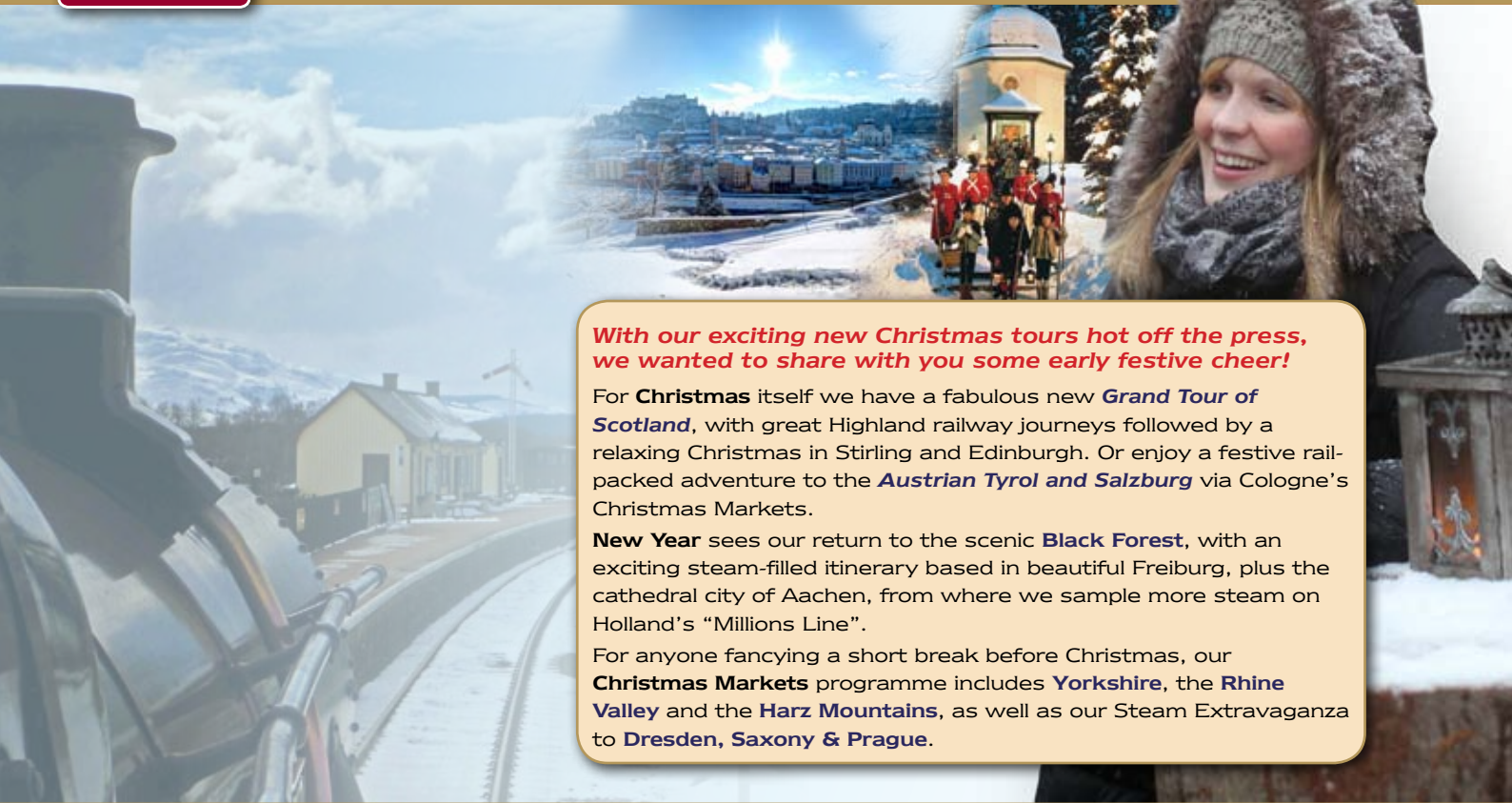
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*'We have travelled with Railtrail on many occasions over the last 20 years or so, both within the UK and Europe. We have always found the Railtrail staff very helpful and the tours to be well organised and friendly. Dave Felstead has set his own innovative mark on the tours he has organised and we can always recognise a 'Dave' feature which makes Railtrail tours so distinctive and pleasurable'.*

*Elizabeth & Ralph, Aylesbury*



# Railtrail Festive Tours



**With our exciting new Christmas tours hot off the press, we wanted to share with you some early festive cheer!**

For **Christmas** itself we have a fabulous new **Grand Tour of Scotland**, with great Highland railway journeys followed by a relaxing Christmas in Stirling and Edinburgh. Or enjoy a festive rail-packed adventure to the **Austrian Tyrol and Salzburg** via Cologne's Christmas Markets.

**New Year** sees our return to the scenic **Black Forest**, with an exciting steam-filled itinerary based in beautiful Freiburg, plus the cathedral city of Aachen, from where we sample more steam on Holland's "Millions Line".

For anyone fancying a short break before Christmas, our **Christmas Markets** programme includes **Yorkshire**, the **Rhine Valley** and the **Harz Mountains**, as well as our Steam Extravaganza to **Dresden, Saxony & Prague**.



# DRESDEN FESTIVE STEAM



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

DEPARTS

Wednesday 2 December 2015

7  
DAYS

Fares  
From  
**£1199**



## 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
- ★ Explore the renowned Dresden Christmas Markets
- ★ The final extension of the Weisseritztalbahn to Kipsdorf is due to be re-opened in time for our visit
- ★ Fabulous Saxon narrow gauge steam on three famous rural lines: the Zittau, Weisseritztalbahn & Lössnitzdackel
- ★ Dresden Museum of Transport & Altstadt steam depot
- ★ View glorious Saxon countryside & villages off the tourist trail

## HOTELS

### InterCity Hotel, Erfurt

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

### Ibis Hotel, Dresden

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







# YORKSHIRE CHRISTMAS MARKETS & STEAM

NEW  
TOUR



Steam across the Moors and Dales on two of the Yorkshire's finest heritage railways and enjoy Yorkshire's varied Christmas Markets, from the walled city of York to the village of Grassington in the Dales, from our base in handsome Harrogate, the English Spa.

Fares  
From  
£335



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A lovely introduction to Yorkshire
  - ★ Discover Harrogate from a hotel just yards from Betty's and other attractions
  - ★ Steam across the North York Moors
  - ★ Spend time at the Grassington Dickensian Festival in the Yorkshire Dales
  - ★ Step back in time on the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway
- ★ Uncover York and its Christmas Market
  - ★ Relax in charming Knaresborough with its Christmas Fayre
- Also included in your Tour Fare:**
- ★ Dinner every evening
  - ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
  - ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
  - ★ Hotel Portorage

DEPARTS Thursday 3 December 2015

5  
DAYS



## HOTEL

### The Yorkshire Hotel, Harrogate

Situated right at the centre of "The English Spa", the Yorkshire Hotel is just footsteps away from Betty's, the Spa, the Royal Pump Room, green parkland and other attractions. The hotel boasts a lounge, bar and brasserie, whereas rooms feature tea/coffee making facilities. Railtrail has chosen to include rooms at the front of the hotel, which vary in shape and size, but which feature a view of Harrogate's 'Old Town' and parkland.





# RHINE VALLEY CHRISTMAS MARKETS & STEAM

**NEW  
TOUR**



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

**Fares  
From  
£495**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class travel from London to Germany and return
  - ★ 4 nights at the family-run Hotel Pinger in Remagen
  - ★ Excursion to Cologne with its five Christmas Markets
  - ★ Excursion to Linz & its Christmas Market
  - ★ Return journey on the Kaschachtalbahnhof Railway
  - ★ Return journey on the Vulkan Express by steam
  - ★ Visit to Ahrweiler Christmas Market
- Also included in your Tour Fare:**
- ★ Dinner every evening at your hotel
  - ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager

## DEPARTS

**Thursday 26 November 2015  
Thursday 10 December 2015**

**5  
DAYS**



## HOTEL

### Hotel Pinger, Remagen

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

### Rhine Valley & Festive Harz Combined **SAVE £175**

Fantastic Christmas Markets experience...

### Rhine Valley Christmas Markets & Steam *plus*

### Festive Harz Steam & the Kaiser's Carriage

(10 December, 9 days by rail)

### Combined Tour Fare **£995**

ex London by rail (SRS £150)

Call **01538 382323** – to book or to request another Railtrail Tours 2015 brochure



# FESTIVE HARZ STEAM & THE KAISER'S CARRIAGE

**NEW  
TOUR**



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

**Fares  
From  
£675**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

**DEPARTS**

**Monday 14 December 2015**

**5  
DAYS**



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### InterCity Hotel, Wuppertal

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

### HKK Hotel Wernigerode

This stylish 4 star hotel is close to the historic Old Town and features modern, comfortable en-suite rooms. Enjoy culinary delights in the buffet restaurant and relax in the Berliner Ziller bar.





# A GRAND TOUR OF SCOTLAND AT CHRISTMAS

**NEW  
TOUR**



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

**Fares  
From  
£895**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

**DEPARTS** Sunday 20 December 2015

**8  
DAYS**



### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening plus 3 lunches
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel car parking – if you wish to join at the Tour Base and drive to the Stirling Highland, you can park there for the duration
- ★ Hotel Portage



## HOTELS

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

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

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

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# CHRISTMAS IN THE AUSTRIAN TYROL

**NEW  
TOUR**



A wonderful quality tour to the Austrian Tyrol, where we spend Christmas in a family-run 4 star hotel, enjoying a steam train ride through the Ziller Valley, a rack railway up Germany's highest mountain and coffee and strudel on Christmas Day in Mozart's city of Salzburg. Add in Salzburg and Cologne Christmas Markets for a festive feast for the senses.

Fares  
From  
**£1195**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A truly sensational Christmas rail holiday
- ★ Start your tour exploring Cologne's Christmas Markets
- ★ Great rail journey along the scenic Rhine Gorge
- ★ Spend Christmas at a 4 star family-run Tyrolean hotel with leisure facilities
- ★ Christmas Eve round-trip on the Zugspitzbahn rack railway
- ★ Christmas Day in Salzburg with coffee and strudel
- ★ Time to explore Salzburg's Christmas Markets
- ★ Exciting Boxing Day steam trip on the Zillertalbah Railway
- ★ Festive meals and atmosphere at your hotel
- ★ Farewell Dinner at a Cologne Brewery Tavern

**DEPARTS** Monday 21 December 2015

**8  
DAYS**



## HOTEL

### Hotel Jenbacherhof

Situated in the centre of Jenbach, a short uphill walk from the stations, the 4 star Hotel Jenbacherhof is a family-run hotel with excellent modern facilities, but still retains the homely touches of the Tyrolean guesthouse from which it was developed. The hotel boasts an attractive restaurant, lounge and bar, as well as an indoor swimming pool on its third floor.

### Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ 7 nights bed, breakfast & evening meal, 1 coffee and cake
- ★ Standard Class rail travel to Austria and return (First Class Upgrades available)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage



# BLACK FOREST NEW YEAR STEAM & MORE



A special festive holiday with steam journeys in Holland and Germany and sightseeing by vintage tram. Enjoy historic Aachen, Black Forest scenery and New Year's Eve celebrations in beautiful Freiburg.

DEPARTS

Monday 28th December 2015

7  
DAYS

Fares  
From  
**£1250**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Explore the 'Millions Line' by steam
  - ★ Enjoy free time in pretty Maastricht
  - ★ Introductory tour of historic Freiburg - aboard a vintage tram
- Also included in your Tour Fare:**
- ★ Dinner every day, including New Year's Eve celebration
  - ★ Eurostar and rail travel to and from Germany, and all local rail
  - ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Steam through the heart of the Black Forest on the Zollernbahn steam train, hauled by 52 7596
  - ★ Enjoy a second day of Black Forest steam on the Three Lakes Line, climbing from Titisee lake-side to almost 1000m with loco 58 311
  - ★ Celebrate New Year's Eve in attractive Freiburg
  - ★ Visit Aachen with its stunning cathedral

## HOTELS

### Novotel Freiburg

A short stroll from the station and Freiburg's Old Town, the 4 star Novotel sits next to the city's concert hall. Rooms are comfortably furnished and feature free wifi. The inviting spa area boasts a sauna and a heated indoor pool.

### Ibis Aachen Marschierort

Conveniently situated between Aachen's railway station and city centre, the Ibis has a restaurant and bar. Rooms are en-suite with shower and feature flat screen tv, hairdryer and desk.







NEW  
TOUR

## BELGIAN STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

**Ale and steam** – they have so much in common. Cast aside by the modern age, but preserved by people with passion and determination, the steam scene and real ale culture continue to prosper. The trackside pub is often the best place to share stories, but have you ever fancied combining the thrills, spills, sights and smells of a day at a Steam Gala with visits to the best local breweries?

If so, we've designed new tours especially for you combining exciting steam galas with imaginative excursions and excellent real ale breweries. *Cheers!*



**DEPARTS** Thursday 24 September 2015

5  
DAYS

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

Fares  
From  
**£695**



- ★ 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

### 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”



# YORKSHIRE DALES STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

NEW  
TOUR



NEW  
TOUR

# SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS STEAM & MALT TRAIL

**DEPARTS** Thursday 8 October 2015

5  
DAYS

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

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Steam to your heart's content at the Keighley & Worth Valley Autumn Gala
- ★ Enjoy Haworth in the heart of Brontë Country
- ★ Spend a day in York to visit the National Railway Museum



- ★ Experience a tour and tasting at the York Brewery
- ★ Steam through the Dales on the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway
- ★ Discover Wensleydale on board the preserved Wensleydale Railway
- ★ Get a taste for Yorkshire at the Black Sheep Brewery

**DEPARTS** Thursday 22 October 2015

5  
DAYS

The Western Highlands offer amazing colours in Autumn and this special departure promises an action packed few days. Explore both branches of the West Highland Line, visit the Isle of Mull, ride the Jacobite Steam Train to Mallaig, and visit two distilleries for a tour and a 'wee dram'. Not forgetting a day excursion to the Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway Steam Gala!



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

**Focus on Steam** – Here at Railtrail we are passionate about steam. We are very grateful to the determined bands of volunteers who work tirelessly for the benefit of future generations to preserve heritage lines, and locomotives, often in very scenic rural locations both in the UK and overseas.

The following three tours are a reflection of that passion and are a fitting tribute to what can be achieved by people who have a vision for sharing their passion for steam with others.





# NORTHERN FRANCE NARROW GAUGE STEAM

NEW  
TOUR



A delightful, leisurely French tour featuring private steam and tramway charters, historic WW1 battlefield tour, optional free-time in Paris, and the idyllic riverside café culture of Amiens.

Fares  
From  
£699



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Private steam photo charter, Froissy-Cappy-Dompierre line
- ★ Baie de la Somme steam railway to delightful coastal destinations
- ★ Specially arranged steam replaces diesel on Baie de Somme to Cayeux-sur-Mer
- ★ Private steam photo charter on the metre gauge MTVS at Valmondois
- ★ Exclusive Wambrechies' canal-side vintage trams charter
- ★ Private steam charter over part of the 60cm Chanteraines line
- ★ Tour of the WW1 trenches at Beaumont Hamel
- ★ Explore historic Amiens on the banks of the River Somme
- ★ Enjoy the festive Bastille fireworks celebrations in Amiens
- ★ Optional sightseeing day in Paris

DEPARTS Saturday 11 July 2015

5  
DAYS



## HOTEL

**Holiday Inn Express, Amiens**  
Situating near the railway station, this contemporary hotel has bright, air-conditioned, double glazed en-suite non-smoking bedrooms, with shower over bath, hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities, direct dial telephone and satellite TV, & internet. Extensive local produce continental buffet breakfast with freshly baked bread and pastries.

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# ROTTERDAM TO BAVARIA STEAM FESTIVAL

**NEW  
TOUR**

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  
**£1199**  
From London



## 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

## DEPARTS

Tuesday 29 September 2015

7  
DAYS



- ★ Independent Travel Fare available: arrange own travel to / from Rotterdam option

## 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 nonsmoking with bright modern furniture, hairdryer, Wi-Fi, TV and telephone. It has an English pub-style restaurant for main meals and snacks.

# 3 COUNTRIES STEAM - GERMANY, FRANCE & SWITZERLAND

NEW  
TOUR



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

DEPARTS

Thursday 21 May 2015

6  
DAYS

Fares  
From  
£1195



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Mainline express steam with Pacific 01 202 from Bern to Vevey on the shores of Lake Geneva
- ★ Black Forest 3 lakes steam tour around Lakes Titisee, Windgfallweiher and Schluchsee
- ★ Steam on the twists and turns of the Sauschwänzlebahn,

plus private lineside bus for great photo opportunities

- ★ Steam in the beautiful Alsace region of France on the Train Doller
- ★ Switzerland's Blonay-Chamby Railway with steam one way, heritage electric back
- ★ Visit the fascinating French "Cité du Train" railway museum at Mulhouse
- ★ Stay in the beautiful Black Forest city of Freiburg

## HOTEL

### InterCity Hotel, Freiburg

A short stroll from the station and Freiburg's Old Town, the InterCity has modern furnished rooms, with soundproof windows, fully equipped bathroom, hair dryer, minibar, TV with Sky Channels, radio, WiFi, and telephone. Hotel bar and restaurant with national & international menu.



# Beautiful Britain by Train



## HIGHLAND RAIL VOYAGER

Our **Classic UK tours**, for which Railtrail has been renowned for over three decades, include many of the Great British Railway Journeys featured in the popular TV series.

Combining quality with great value you can sit back and relax knowing your holiday is in the hands of the most experienced UK escorted rail holiday company.

### All our UK Tour Fares include:

- ★ Dinner, bed & breakfast at quality hotels
- ★ ALL excursions and admissions
- ★ ALL rail travel from your home station and return, in your choice of First or standard class - with discounts for National Railcard holders, or travel independently to the tour base if you prefer
- ★ Services of an experienced Railtrail tour manager
- ★ Build up your Railtrail Rewards Loyalty points with every tour booked.

### DEPARTS

13 June, 27 June, 12 September, 26  
September & 10 October 2015

4  
DAYS

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



### 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

# DEVON RIVIERA BY STEAM



# HIGHLAND ADVENTURE

**DEPARTS**

8 May, 5 June, 3 July  
& 4 September 2015

**4**  
DAYS

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

**Fares**  
From  
**£325**



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

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



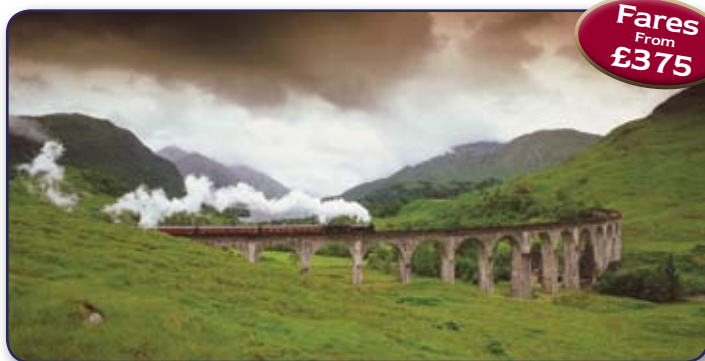
**DEPARTS**

18 May, 22 June, 21 September  
& 19 October 2015

**4**  
DAYS

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

**Fares**  
From  
**£375**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

# WELSH MOUNTAINS, STEAM & COAST RAIL VOYAGER



# CANALS, STEAM & HISTORIC CHESTER

HERITAGE & EXPLORER

DEPARTS

7 June, 5 July, 2 August,  
30 August & 4 October 2015

4  
DAYS

A beautifully scenic rail short break. Glorious Cambrian seascapes, steam train nostalgia, the mountains of Snowdonia, Erddig Hall and Gardens, all explored from our base in historic Chester.

Fares  
From  
£375



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Marvellous rail journeys of great vistas and rich delight
- ★ Cruise the River Dee in Chester
- ★ Magical 'coast & mountains' circular rail odyssey
- ★ Steam nostalgia on the Ffestiniog Railway
- ★ Enjoy the wonderful Cambrian Coast Line
- ★ Rail-cruise along the scenic Conwy Valley Line
- ★ Sightseeing in the historic city of Chester
- ★ Excursion to the romantic Erddig Hall and Gardens
- ★ Horse & Carriage ride at Erddig

DEPARTS

3 June, 2 September  
& 7 October 2015

5  
DAYS

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

Fares  
From  
£515



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



# YORKSHIRE MOORS BY STEAM



# ISLE OF MAN EXPLORER

HERITAGE & EXPLORER

DEPARTS

14 May, 18 June  
& 10 September 2015

5  
DAYS

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

Fares  
From  
£355



- ★ Enjoy free time in Whitby with its abbey, port & the best fish and chips in Yorkshire
- ★ Skirt the Yorkshire Dales en route to Brontë Country
- ★ Scenic journey on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- ★ Discover the lives of the Brontës at Haworth's Brontë Parsonage Museum

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



DEPARTS

7 May, 25 June, 9 July  
& 10 September 2015

5  
DAYS

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

Fares  
From  
£499



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Explore the harbourside town of Ramsey
- ★ Steam journey on the Isle of Man Steam Railway
- ★ Discover medieval Castle Rushen
- ★ Fascinating Castletown Nautical Museum
- ★ Spectacular views from Snaefell Mountain Railway
- ★ Steam journey on the Groudle Glen Railway
- ★ Discover the captivating heritage of this independent isle
- ★ Rover ticket for all the Isle of Man railways
- ★ Laxey Mines private steam charter
- ★ Ride the unique Manx Electric Railway

# ROMANTIC HIGHLANDER



# CORNWALL CLASSIC

DEPARTS

25 May, 30 June  
& 28 September 2015

6  
DAYS

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

Fares  
From  
£795



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

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

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



DEPARTS

6 May, 10 June, 8 July  
& 9 September 2015

6  
DAYS

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

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Journey along the famous English Riviera coastal route
- ★ Experience spectacular scenic branch lines
- ★ Discover beautiful Trebah Garden
- ★ Enjoy a classic yesteryear excursion aboard a vintage coach
- ★ Take tea in traditional Cornish style

Fares  
From  
£675



- ★ Steam nostalgia on the Bodmin & Wenford line
- ★ Explore delightful Looe, Truro, Penzance & St Ives
- ★ Amazing Cornish Seal Sanctuary
- ★ Wonderful 4 star hotel in the cathedral city of Truro



# WONDERFUL WALES



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

Fares  
From  
**£795**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Stunning scenery, amazing history, nostalgic journeys - and much more...
- ★ Steam through Snowdonia - the Welsh Highland Railway, world famous Ffestiniog Railway and picturesque Llanberis Lake Railway
- ★ Spectacular Snowdon Mountain Railway

- ★ Glorious Bodnant Gardens for tea
- ★ Conwy Valley scenic train journey
- ★ Magnificent Penrhyn Castle and its exotic Gardens
- ★ Enjoy afternoon tea on Victorian Bangor Pier
- ★ Great Orme Mountain tram ride
- ★ Relax at the renowned Empire Hotel, amidst friendly ambience and elegant comfort

DEPARTS

4 May, 8 July & 7 September 2015

6  
DAYS



## HOTELS

### The Empire Hotel, Llandudno

One of our most popular hotels, the beautifully appointed bedrooms are fitted with private bathroom, satellite TV, DVD, a large library of free films, 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.



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# LAKE DISTRICT & CUMBRIAN MOUNTAINS RAIL ROAMER

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

Fares  
From  
**£750**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Wonderful coast and mountain vistas roaming by rail around Cumbria
- ★ Relax on a leisurely cruise on idyllic Lake Windermere
- ★ Lakeside & Haverthwaite steam train journey through the Vale of Leven
- ★ Explore historic Carlisle
- ★ Hadrian's Wall & Roman Fort

- ★ Travel the famous Settle & Carlisle line
- ★ Steam on "The Railway Children" line
- ★ Sightseeing in the Brontë village of Haworth
- ★ Visit Hexham - Britain's favourite market town
- ★ Scenic Ravenglass & Eskdale Steam Railway
- ★ "Brief Encounter" tearoom cinematic delights
- ★ Stay in a 4 star hotel with elegant period charm

## DEPARTS

18 May, 22 June, 21 September  
& 19 October 2015

7  
DAYS



## HOTEL

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

# QUEEN OF SCOTS



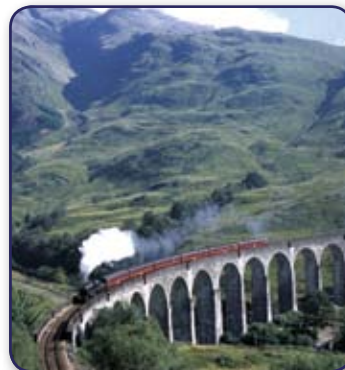
A truly magical circular tour of the Highlands of Scotland, also taking in the magnificent Isles of Mull and Iona, along with spectacular rail journeys, sensational scenery and steam train nostalgia.

DEPARTS

8 June, 7 September  
& 5 October 2015

8  
DAYS

Fares  
From  
£1095



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## HOTELS

### Caledonian Hotel, Oban

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

### Palace Hotel & Spa, Inverness

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



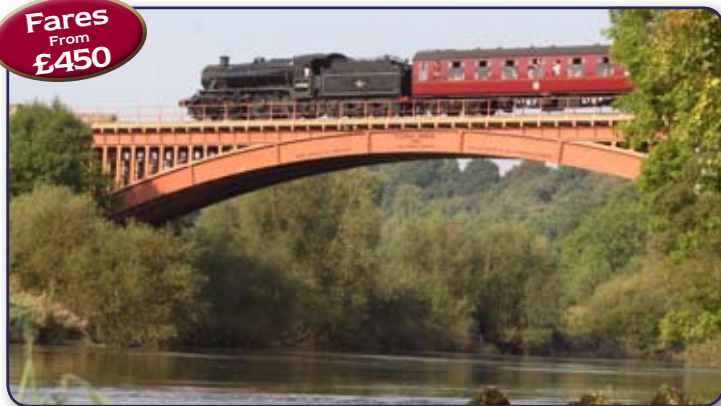


# SHAKESPEARE'S SEVERN

**NEW  
TOUR**

Enjoy a thrilling day of steam at the Severn Valley Railway, steam into Stratford-upon-Avon on the Shakespeare Express and discover Birmingham's maze of canals on a gentle cruise from historic Gas Street Basin. And for this brand new tour we have chosen a 4 star hotel with leisure facilities and unusually **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT!**

**Fares**  
From  
**£450**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A "Freedom of the Line" ticket for the Severn Valley Steam Railway
- ★ A canal cruise from Birmingham's Gas St Basin out into the leafy suburbs

- ★ A return steam journey on the Shakespeare Express from Birmingham to Stratford
- ★ A guided walking tour of Stratford-upon-Avon
- ★ Free time in Shakespeare's Stratford and Birmingham
- ★ A 4 star hotel with leisure facilities
- ★ No single room supplement!

**DEPARTS**

Thursday 20 August 2015

**5  
DAYS**



## HOTEL

### St John's Hotel, Solihull

Located just a short walk from Solihull railway station, the St John's Hotel is a 4 star 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.



# HEBRIDEAN ISLANDS DISCOVERY



# GUERNSEY & SARK EXPLORE & RELAXATION

**DEPARTS** 2 May & 19 September 2015

**8**  
DAYS

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

**Fares**  
From  
**£999**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

**DEPARTS** 31 August & 14 September 2015

**6**  
DAYS

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

**Fares**  
From  
**£799**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



# GOLDEN HIGHLANDER

**NEW  
TOUR**

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

**Fares**  
From  
**£429**

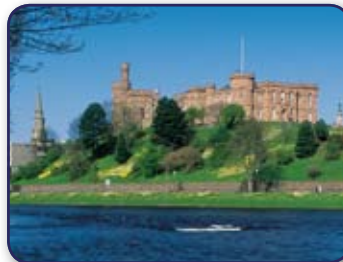


## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

**DEPARTS** 15 & 22 October 2015

**5  
DAYS**



## HOTELS

### Royal Highland Hotel, Inverness

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

### Alexandra Hotel, Fort William

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





I am pleased to invite you on board to view our **Railtrail Classic European** tour collection for 2015, superb escorted holidays by train taking you on Great Continental Railway Journeys through stunning scenery to incredible destinations.

During 2014 we welcomed to the Railtrail team Rob Carroll, who is quite probably the most experienced and well known European rail holiday specialist. With his and our combined experience and commitment to quality of service we have been developing our portfolio of European classic rail holidays.

We are pleased to announce the first of these **NEW TOURS**. Explore romantic Venice and lovely Lake Garda on a fabulous new First Class tour, or sample lakes Maggiore, Como and Lugano on a tour packed with Italian and Swiss lakes and mountains. Experience the classic Swiss Glacier Express or be tempted by a new German tour featuring landmark hotels, fascinating Berlin, a mountain railway, UNESCO gardens and the German National Garden Show!

I trust you too will be attracted to our Classic Great Continental Railway Journeys with all the added value of travelling with Railtrail Tours.

**Dave Felstead**  
Managing Director

**DEPARTS** 14 June & 13 September 2015

**6**  
DAYS

Explore the scenery and wine of the Rhine & Moselle valleys, from our base in the relaxing village of Löff beside the River Moselle and experience the spectacular rail journey along the Rhine Gorge.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class rail travel to Germany and return
- ★ Explore all that is best of these iconic rivers & the Rhine world heritage site
- ★ Discover the beautiful valley of the Moselle River
- ★ Visit historic Cochem
- ★ Great scenic rail journey along the Rhine to Rudesheim



- ★ Sample Moselle produce; visit a local vineyard with tasting session
- ★ River cruise along the Moselle to beautiful Bernkastel
- ★ Lovely 4 star hotel with pool & leisure facilities





# HARZ MOUNTAINS STEAM - THE JEWEL OF GERMANY

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

Fares  
From  
**£1075**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Pastoral landscapes and forests
- ★ Schwebebahn 'dingle-dangle' railway
- ★ Explore the medieval town of Quedlinburg
- ★ Discover Wernigerode's 'fairytale' castle
- ★ 4 star quality hotels in Wuppertal & Wernigerode
- ★ First Class rail travel to Germany and return including Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Enjoy the famous Harz Mountains steam railway; travel freely with our included 3-day Freedom of Harz Pass
- ★ Traditional 'Hansel & Gretel' towns

## DEPARTS

6 June, 18 July & 26 September 2015

7  
DAYS



## HOTELS

### InterCity Hotel, Wuppertal

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

### Hotel HKK, Wernigerode

This stylish, English-speaking, 4 star hotel is close by the historic Old Town, and features modern, comfortable en-suite rooms. Enjoy culinary delights in the buffet restaurant and relax in the Berliner Ziller bar or Top Fit Club.



# SWISS MOUNTAIN STEAM



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

Fares  
From  
**£1595**



## 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

## DEPARTS

8th July, 29th July, 12th August,  
26th August & 9th September 2015

8  
DAYS



View our amazing tour film  
of this holiday at  
[www.railtrail.co.uk](http://www.railtrail.co.uk)

## 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).



# SWISS GLACIER EXPRESS, LAKES & MOUNTAINS



# ST TROPEZ, ANTIBES & MONTE CARLO

**DEPARTS**

6 June, 25 July &  
19 September 2015

**6**  
DAYS

A great taste of Switzerland, from cosmopolitan Basel to Zermatt beneath the Matterhorn to Brunnen beside serene Lake Lucerne, including Europe's most famous train journey – the Glacier Express!

**Fares**  
From  
**£1175**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ Admire the scenery from the world famous Glacier Express
- ★ Explore Basel with an included transport ticket
- ★ Relax in mountainous Zermatt overlooked by the Matterhorn
- ★ Cruise idyllic Lake Lucerne
- ★ Stay beside Lake Lucerne at our 4 star hotel in beautiful Brunnen
- ★ Our tailor made Swiss Card gives you freedom on your free days

**DEPARTS**

14 May, 11 June  
& 17 September 2015

**8**  
DAYS

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

**Fares**  
From  
**£1250**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



# SWITZERLAND MORE INCLUSIVE



# BERLIN, THE BROCKEN & GERMANY'S GLORIOUS GARDENS

**DEPARTS** 31 May 2015

**8  
DAYS**

Full-board at our resort, wine with dinner, a leisurely local programme and a huge choice of free day options - great value and freedom from a village whose outlook is of Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau!

**Fares  
From  
£1595**



- ★ A leisurely walk with our hotelier, including al fresco grilled lunch
- ★ Visit the castles of Lake Thun by boat
- ★ Enjoy brunch at the Schilthorn mountain restaurant
- ★ Visit 007 Bond World at the Schilthorn
- ★ Bernese Oberland Pass – offering freedom of the region on your free days
- ★ Experience cosmopolitan Basel on a city tour
- ★ Cheese fondue farewell dinner in Basel

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Your choice of First or Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ A traditional Swiss chalet hotel in a peaceful mountain village
- ★ Packed lunches included whilst in Mürren, plus wine, beer or soft drink with dinner
- ★ Views from the village of the towering peaks of Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau



**DEPARTS** 26 June, 7 August  
& 18 September 2015

**9  
DAYS**

First Class rail, Brocken by steam, four nights in a Palace Hotel, three more in a Berlin landmark, the German Garden Show, Dessau's Garden Kingdom, the world's largest rose collection – all on one tour!

**Fares  
From  
£1495**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Stay in style at the Schlosshotel Ballenstedt on the edge of the Harz Mountains
- ★ Experience UNESCO World Heritage at Dessau Wörlitz Garden Realm
- ★ Admire the world's largest rose collection in Sangerhausen
- ★ Try Wuppertal's Schwebelbahn 'dingle-dangle' railway
- ★ First Class rail travel to Germany and return including Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Stay in the heart of Berlin at the Ellington Hotel with its musical heritage
- ★ Discover Berlin's fascinating contrasts
- ★ Spend a day at the German National Garden Show
- ★ Steam train to the top of the Brocken Mountain

# LAKE GARDA & VENICE



# THE ITALIAN LAKES - MAGGIORE, COMO & LUGANO

**DEPARTS** 13 June & 5 October 2015

**10**  
DAYS

Red wine and lakeside promenades - Bardolino is a great place to sample the grape, listening to Lake Garda gently lapping at its shores. Visit romantic Venice and explore Lake Garda by boat.

**Fares**  
From  
**£1595**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First Class rail travel to Lake Garda and return including Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ 4 star hotel in central Bardolino, close to lovely Lake Garda
- ★ Taste the local produce with a Bardolino wine tasting
- ★ Visit the stunning peninsula village of Sirmione by boat
- ★ Explore the canals, bridges and alleys of romantic Venice
- ★ Enjoy the dramatic northern part of the lake and Malcesine
- ★ Admire the views of Lake Garda from the Monte Baldo cable car

**DEPARTS** 13 June & 12 September 2015

**10**  
DAYS

Explore three dramatic lakes from Stresa, nestled beside beautiful Lake Maggiore, with excursions to stunning Lake Como and attractive Lugano, plus the spectacular Centovalli 'Hundred Valleys' Railway.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class rail travel to Lake Maggiore and return
- ★ 3 star family-run hotel in central Stresa, just a short walk from Lake Maggiore
- ★ Explore Lake Maggiore's Borromean Islands by boat

**Fares**  
From  
**£1229**



- ★ Experience the dramatic Centovalli Railway to Locarno in Switzerland
- ★ Cruise back to Stresa from Locarno across Lake Maggiore
- ★ Visit the attractive and cosmopolitan Swiss lakeside town of Lugano
- ★ Enjoy a relaxing cruise across Lake Como to beautiful Bellagio

# LANGLEY CASTLE, BEAMISH & HADRIAN'S WALL COUNTRY



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

**Fares**  
From  
**£699**



**DEPARTS**

**14 June, 6 September,  
20 September 2015**

**5**  
DAYS

## YOUR HOTEL

### Langley Castle, near Haydon Bridge

An extraordinary hotel based at a 14th century castle nestled in the Northumbrian valley of the South Tyne. Built in 1350 during the reign of Edward III, the Viscounts Langley took part in the Jacobite



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

★ Step back in time at the excellent Beamish Open Air Museum



uprisings and were executed at the Tower of London, with ownership then passing to the Crown. Langley Castle boasts an exquisite drawing room and award-winning restaurant within its 7 foot thick walls. Our accommodation is in Castle View, a converted listed building just 80 metres from the castle itself, however, it is also possible to upgrade to a room within the castle.



# AUGILL CASTLE & THE YORKSHIRE DALES

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

**Fares**  
From  
**£699**



**DEPARTS**

**21 June, 13 September  
& 27 September 2015**

**5**  
DAYS

## YOUR HOTEL

### **Augill Castle, near Kirkby Stephen**

Fifteen years ago our hosts rescued a neglected building, restoring it gradually as a family home with loving attention to detail. Now they open their doors to guests seeking a relaxing

and homely stay in a special place. With just 15 individual rooms (within the house and its adjoining lodges), plus large, very beautiful public areas, there is a feeling of space and home within a castle. Dinners are social occasions in the lavish dining room, there is an honesty bar, library and lounge, and even a 12 seat art deco cinema! Make a castle your home for a few days!



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Stay in a family-owned Victorian castle with just 15 guest rooms
- ★ Relax in the calm of an inviting home filled with antiques and even a 12 seat art deco cinema
- ★ Spend time in Skipton, the "Gateway to the Dales"
- ★ Experience the Settle and Carlisle Railway from the Yorkshire Dales and over high moors



# EXCLUSIVE EMERALD ISLE



Explore lively Dublin, cruise along the majestic Shannon and explore the daunting beauty of Ireland's wild west from our base in a 16 bedroom Georgian country mansion, Middleton Park House.

Fares  
From  
£795



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Stay in a Georgian country mansion amidst Ireland's rolling hills
- ★ Relax in rural Westmeath in a splendid setting
- ★ Learn about the history of the house on a historical tour
- ★ Cruise the Shannon to Clonmacnoise Monastery
- ★ Enjoy a rail round-trip to breathtaking Connemara
- ★ Visit Kylemore Abbey and admire Killary Fjord

- ★ Tour "Dublin's Fair City"
- ★ Your holiday finale – a night of traditional Irish music



DEPARTS

8 June, 14 September  
& 5 October 2015

6

DAYS

## YOUR HOTEL

### Middleton Park House, Castletown Geoghegan

Imagine a striking Georgian country mansion sitting perched atop a hill amidst secluded woodland in the Emerald Isle.

With only 16 bedrooms (12 bedrooms and 4 suites), there is plenty of space to relax in the house's public areas, including the Drawing Room, Cocktail Bar, Library, Conservatory and Games Room. Dining is a sociable experience as the party will be small and there is sure to be a traditional Irish welcome in store.



# PARIS, CHANTILLY & CHÂTEAU MONTVILLARGENNE

Travel in style to Paris, stay in and dine at a château hotel set in 15 acres of park, enjoy dinner at Le Train Bleu and discover the delights of Paris and Chantilly on a weekend with a difference!

**Fares**  
From  
**£795**



- ★ Explore Paris by coach and by boat
- ★ Visit Château Chantilly, its gardens and art gallery
- ★ Experience an equestrian demonstration at Chantilly

**DEPARTS** 3 July & 18 September 2015

**4**  
DAYS

## YOUR HOTEL

### Château Montvillargenne

The 4 star Hotel Château Montvillargenne is situated 20 miles north of Paris amidst the Chantilly Forest. Set within 15 acres of park, the Château was built in Norman style in the last

century by the Rothschild family. Featuring restaurant, elegant bar, plus an indoor pool, sauna and fitness room, our standard rooms are in a modern building attached to the Château, with satellite tv, safe and minibar. Upgrades to standard and superior rooms in the Château are available on request.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Travel in First Class style to Paris with Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Spend 3 nights at Château Montvillargenne hotel near Chantilly
- ★ Enjoy 2 dinners in the Château with wine included
- ★ Dine at Le Train Bleu, the world's most famous station restaurant, with wine included





# BEETHOVEN'S BONN & THE RAILWAYS OF THE RHINE



Travel First Class, stay in a former monastic building and sample the railways of the Rhine, all from our base in Beethoven's Bonn. Two dates also feature the spectacular Rhine in Flames festival!

Fares  
From  
£895



DEPARTS 30 July & 3 September 2015

5  
DAYS

## YOUR HOTEL

### Collegium Leoninum, Bonn

Located just a short walk from the railway station in the heart of Bonn, the Leoninum is a tranquil oasis within the city. Built in 1897 for the diocese of Aachen and Bonn, the building housed the priests' seminary of the archbishopric of

Cologne. A modern hotel has been built within its protected walls, which also doubles as an exclusive retirement residence. As such, rooms are very generous in size and facilities. The hotel also boasts Leo's Restaurant, named after Pope Leo XIII, a pool, sauna and fitness room. Within the hotel still stands the 'Old Church', built in neo-Gothic style.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Rise to the top of the Drachenfels ('Dragon's Rock') by cog railway
- ★ Experience a dining cruise during Rhine in Flames (April & July only)
- ★ Travel in First Class style to Germany with Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Stay in a calm oasis in central Bonn in the former monastic school
- ★ Enjoy a specially arranged classical music recital in the hotel's 'Alte Kirche' church
- ★ Visit Beethoven's House Museum
- ★ Enjoy a scenic ride through the Eifel hills on the Vulkan Express



## Open our emails for great offers!

In March we launched some **VERY SPECIAL DEALS** for those of you with 'Railtrail Rewards' loyalty points which will be sent by e-mail only.

Special offers on particular tour departures will give you the opportunity to use your reward points at a value far in excess of their face value.

To ensure that you receive priority notification of all our special offers, plus new holiday information, updates and Railtrail news, you need to ensure we have your up-to-date information and correct email address.

Please go to [www.railtrail.co.uk](http://www.railtrail.co.uk) and click on "Log In", and then...

- Log in as an "Existing Client". You can then check and update all the details we use to contact you, and ensure we always have your correct e-mail address.
- If you have forgotten your password please click "Forgotten your password" and follow the instructions.
- If you do not have an account already, please "Click to register".

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Dave Felstead, Founder & Managing Director



## Your Loyalty Scheme – What it's worth & How it works

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

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

If you introduce a friend who has not previously travelled with Railtrail Tours, ask them to quote your name at the time of booking and, once they have completed their holiday, you will also receive the same number of Railtrail Rewards loyalty points as they have earned on their trip.

*'Looking forward to the pleasure of your company'*

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