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Quality Escorted Holidays by Train

2015

LANGLEY CASTLE, BEAMISH & HADRIAN'S WALL COUNTRY

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

Fares From £699

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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

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

DAY 1

Our tour begins in **Leeds** and the city's superb **Queens Hotel**, a Grade II listed building oozing Art Deco style next to Leeds Station. After meeting your Tour Manager, uncover the city's Victorian architecture before we dine together for the first time. (D)

DAY 2

Departing Leeds, we head northwards on one of the great railway journeys of the UK. Heading north, we pass Bingley's **Five Rise Locks**, and **Skipton** on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales. From here the scenery becomes more dramatic, as we cross the Pennines on the famous **Settle & Carlisle Line**, trundling over **Ribblehead Viaduct**



Beamish



Vindolanda excavations



Ribblehead Viaduct

and passing Dent, England's highest mainline station. Descending through the rolling hills to Carlisle, we change to the **Hadrian's Wall Line**. At Haydon Bridge we are transferred to our hotel, **Langley Castle**. (B,D)

DAY 3

Today begins with a nostalgic journey on the **South Tynedale Railway**, the North's highest narrow gauge railway. The steam or diesel locomotives wend their way from **Alston** to **Lintley** and back along a 3½ mile stretch of preserved track. We then visit **Vindolanda**, a living and working archaeological site on a **Roman fort and village** just behind **Hadrian's Wall**, where you can imagine life at this northern outpost of the Roman Empire. Excavations have revealed houses, granaries, offices, baths and temples amongst many more Roman artefacts. (B,D)

DAY 4

Our excursion takes us by coach into the Durham countryside to visit **Beamish Open Air Museum**. Beamish recreates life in the North-East from the 1820s through to the 1940s on a 300 acre site that includes an pre-WWI town, an Edwardian railway station, a 1940s farm, a colliery and adjacent early 1900s pit village, an 1820s hall and even a waggonway marking the very birth of the railways in 19th century North-East England. (B,D)

DAY 5

Bid farewell to Langley Castle and transfer to Hexham station to begin the journey home. (B)



Langley Castle

DEPARTS

Sunday 10 May 2015
 Sunday 14 June 2015
 Sunday 6 September 2015
 Sunday 20 September 2015

5 DAYS

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Kings Cross	£870	£790	-£10
Greater London	£900	£815	-£10
South of England	£915	£825	-£15
East Anglia	£915	£825	-£15
South West	£995	£865	-£20
Heart of England	£895	£800	-£10
Midlands	£865	£785	-£10
Yorkshire	£775	£745	-£5
North East	£785	£755	-£5
North West	N/A	£760	-£5
South Wales	£940	£830	-£10
North Wales	N/A	£810	-£10
Scotland	£885	£795	-£10
Join & Leave at Hotel	£699		

Single Room Supplement £435

Upgrade to Castle Room £110 per person (sharing a twin/double)

4 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal
 Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
 Rail & coach travel, with transfers as described
 All excursions and admissions as detailed
 Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
 Hotel Portage

HOTEL

Langley Castle, near Haydon Bridge

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

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.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening, plus tea at Bolton Abbey
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

DAY 1

Arrive in **Leeds** and the city's superb **Queens Hotel**, a Grade II listed building oozing Art Deco style next to Leeds Station. Explore the city's Victorian arcades ahead of our first dinner together. (D)

DAY 2

Departing Leeds, we soon leave behind the mill towns of West Yorkshire, catching a glimpse of **Five Rise Locks** at Bingley before breaking our journey at **Skipton** with its popular market. After some free time the journey continues to Settle in the Dales, before climbing into the wild moors



Classic Coach



Embsay Steam Railway



Augill Castle

Fares From **£699**

5
DAYS

DEPARTS

Sunday 17 May 2015
Sunday 21 June 2015
Sunday 13 September 2015
Sunday 27 September 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Kings Cross	£845	£780	-£10
Greater London	£880	£805	-£10
South of England	£895	£815	-£15
East Anglia	£895	£815	-£15
South West	£975	£845	-£20
Heart of England	£860	£780	-£10
Midlands	£835	£760	-£10
Yorkshire	N/A	£740	-£5
North East	N/A	£790	-£10
North West	N/A	£745	-£5
South Wales	£925	£820	-£10
North Wales	N/A	£790	-£10
Scotland	£910	£830	-£10
Join & Leave at Hotel	£699		

Single Room Supplement £450

Upgrades available to The Gatehouse, the Orangery, the Stable House and Pendragon Grand Double. Please call us for further details.

4 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, plus tea at Bolton Abbey
Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
Rail & coach travel, with transfers as described
All excursions and admissions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
Hotel Porterage

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!

of the **Settle & Carlisle Line**, crossing **Ribblehead Viaduct** and passing Dent, the highest mainline station in England. At **Kirkby Stephen** we are met by a classic coach for the short transfer to **Augill Castle**. Augill is no ordinary hotel; in fact it would be better described as a country home, lovingly restored by owners willing to share a beautiful and relaxing place with guests. (B,D)

DAY 3

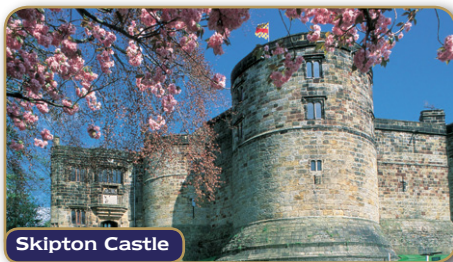
Today features a truly nostalgic journey, as we board our **classic coach** bound for the **Yorkshire Dales**. At **Embsay** we take a ride on the **Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway**, a preserved part of the former Skipton to Ilkley line that closed in 1965. After steaming through the Dales, we take a tea break at **Bolton Abbey**, before rejoining our classic coach. Next stop is **Hawes** in the heart of **Wensleydale**, where today is market day. After a little free time in Hawes, we head back through the Dales to **Augill Castle**, after a short stop at the **Wensleydale Creamery** shop. (B,D)

DAY 4

A more leisurely day awaits today, as we transfer to **Kirkby Stephen** to experience the remaining section of the **Settle & Carlisle Railway**. Leaving Kirkby Stephen behind, we head further northwards through the former county of Westmorland and Appleby, famed for its annual horse fair, before crossing rolling hills en route to **Carlisle**. We pay a visit to **Carlisle Castle**, which has dominated the town for nine centuries, before heading back to Augill for our final evening in the castle. (B,D)

DAY 5

Bid farewell to our hosts at Augill Castle and transfer to Kirkby Stephen station to begin the journey home. (B)



Skipton Castle

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.

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

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 Porterage

DAY 1

Arrive in **Holyhead** for the afternoon sailing to Dublin. On arrival we transfer by coach from Dublin to **Middleton Park House**, set in the rolling Westmeath hills, where we enjoy our first dinner together. (D)

DAY 2

Today we explore the local region, beginning in **Athlone**, whose town centre is dominated by its **Norman castle**. Here we take to the majestic River Shannon on a **cruise to Clonmacnoise Monastery**. The Vikings used the Shannon as the main artery through Ireland and they reached Clonmacnoise as far back as the 9th century. We retrace their historical steps and visit Clonmacnoise itself, the burial place of kings and one of the most important early centres of religion and scholarship in Ireland. (B,D)



Traditional Irish Music

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Kylemore Abbey

Fares From **£795**

6 DAYS

DAY 3

A **historical guided tour of Middleton Park House** and its estate begins the day, after which there is plenty of time to relax on the estate. Maybe take a stroll down to the local village, Castletown Geoghegan, with its quaint pub and motte and bailey fortification. (B,D)

DAY 4

A fantastic round trip awaits today as we travel by rail from **Tullamore** northwestwards through counties Offaly, Westmeath and Galway en route to **Westport**. Here our coach will be waiting to take a scenic route through **Connemara**, Ireland's unspoilt west, via breathtaking Killary Fjord and a visit to **Connemara Crystal** and **Kylemore Abbey**. Heading through the Gaeltacht, where Irish is still spoken, we enjoy free time in **Galway City**, before rejoining the Irish Rail system and a different route back to Tullamore. (B,D)

DAY 5

We bid fond farewells to **Middleton Park House** and transfer to Mullingar station for the journey to **Dublin**. On arrival in Dublin, we check in to our hotel, Maldron Parnell Square Hotel. We then take an **introductory coach tour**, after which the afternoon is free in Ireland's capital. Be sure to visit the Book of Kells, enjoy a pint of the black stuff at the Guinness Storehouse or explore thriving Temple Bar. This evening we enjoy a **farewell dinner with live Irish music**. (B,D)

DAY 6

We transfer to the port for our morning return ferry crossing to Holyhead and home. (B)



Middleton Park House

DEPARTS

Monday 11 May 2015
Monday 8 June 2015
Monday 14 September 2015
Monday 5 October 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Euston	£1010	£895	-£10
Greater London	£1060	£925	-£10
South of England	£1075	£945	-£15
East Anglia	£1075	£945	-£15
South West	£1050	£930	-£25
Heart of England	£960	£885	-£15
Midlands	£930	£855	-£10
Yorkshire	N/A	£895	-£20
North East	N/A	£950	-£25
North West	£955	£880	-£10
South Wales	£1000	£890	-£15
North Wales	£830	£820	-£5
Scotland	£1060	£940	-£25
Join/Leave at Holyhead			£795
Join/Leave at Dublin			£755

MAY Departure Supplement £30
JUNE Departure Supplement £55
SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £55

Single Room Supplement £175

Upgrades available to suites. Please call us for details.

5 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, including a dinner with Irish music
Rail & ferry travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
Rail & coach travel, with transfers as described
All excursions and admissions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
Hotel Porterage

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!



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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner each evening & Eurostar meals
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

DAY 1

Departing London St Pancras, we speed through northern France in style in Standard Premier Class, with a light meal included. On arrival in **Paris**, a coach awaits to introduce the highlights of Paris on an orientation drive, before we make our way to **Château Montvillargenne** for three nights, with dinner included in the Château tonight. (D)

DAY 2

This morning is free to explore the gardens of **Château Montvillargenne** or to relax in the hotel's leisure facilities. In the early afternoon we return to **Paris** for a **boat trip on the River Seine**, allowing us to view many of the sights from a different angle. After some free time



Château Chantilly

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Paris

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Château Montvillargenne

Fares From **£795**

4
DAYS

DEPARTS

Friday 24 April 2015
Friday 12 June 2015
Friday 3 July 2015
Friday 18 September 2015

FARE

From London St Pancras International	£795
Single Room Supplement	£175

JUNE Departure Supplement £50

SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £50

UPGRADE to a standard room in the Château £50 per person (sharing a twin/double room)

UPGRADE to a superior room in the Château £95 per person (sharing a twin/double room)

3 nights' bed, breakfast & evening meal
Eurostar Standard Premier rail travel
All transfers, excursions & admissions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
Hotel Porterage

GUARANTEED FARE

HOTEL

Château Montvillargenne

The 4* 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.

to explore Paris independently, we return to Château Montvillargenne for dinner. (B,D)

DAY 3

No visit to the Chantilly region would be complete without seeing **Château Chantilly**. Home to French princes prior to the Revolution, Château Chantilly now houses the largest collection of classical paintings in France outside of the Louvre, the **Grand Stables** with the **Museum of the Horse**, plus three exquisite types of garden from the 17th to 19th centuries, including the French style garden created by André Le Nôtre. Our day pass allows you to visit the Château, its gallery, its gardens and the Grand Stables, but also includes an **equestrian demonstration**. After a day experiencing French regal culture, we transfer to Paris for another dining experience with a difference. **Le Train Bleu** was opened in 1901 by the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean railway company and is arguably the most famous station restaurant in the world. Its opulent surroundings, including 41 paintings of landscapes visible from the railway, have attracted famous diners like Brigitte Bardot, Coco Chanel and Salvador Dali. Here we enjoy dinner, served with wine, before returning to the Château. (B,D)

DAY 4

After breakfast we transfer to Paris for the Eurostar service to London St Pancras, travelling once again in Standard Premier Class with a light meal included at your seat. (B)



Le Train Bleu

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!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner each evening & Eurostar meals
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

DAY 1

Travel in Standard Premier Class from St Pancras to Brussels, with a light meal served on board. In Brussels we change onto a high-speed service bound for Cologne in First Class. After the final journey to **Bonn**, we walk the short distance from the station to our hotel, the **Collegium Leoninum**, whilst our bags are transported for us. (D)

DAY 2

Our first rail excursion heads along the Rhine to the wine town of **Königswinter**, set at the foot of the Siebengebirge ('Seven Hills'). Here we take a journey on the **Drachenfels Cog Railway**, which dates from 1883, to the summit of Drachenfels ('Dragon Rock'). On the way we navigate inclines of up to 20% with a height difference of 220 metres between valley and summit stations. On our return to **Bonn**, we visit **Beethoven House**. The birthplace of the great composer is now a museum, containing the largest collection of Beethoven material in the world. (B,D)

DAY 3

A day at leisure to explore Bonn further. Alternatively, a short train ride northwards takes you to Cologne, with its masterpiece



Rhine in Flames



Collegium Leoninum Hotel

Fares From **£895**

5 DAYS

DEPARTS

Thursday 30 April 2015 (Rhine in Flames)
 Thursday 21 May 2015
 Thursday 30 July 2015 (Rhine in Flames)
 Thursday 3 September 2015

FARE

From London St Pancras International First Class rail travel to / from Bonn, including Standard Premier Eurostar	£895
Single Room Supplement	£135
APRIL & JULY Departure Supplement £50 (Rhine in Flames)	
4 night's bed, breakfast & evening meal Eurostar Standard Premier rail travel First Class rail travel to Bonn and return All transfers, excursions & admissions as detailed Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager Hotel Porterage	
GUARANTEED FARE	

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.

Gothic cathedral. Otherwise, head south by train along the banks of the Rhine to Koblenz, where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet at Deutsches Eck ('German Corner'). For May and September departures dinner will again be at the hotel. However, for the April and July departures, we include a **dining cruise** on a Rhine passenger boat for the **Rhine in Flames** festival, with illuminations and fireworks. (B,D)

DAY 4

Our local train takes us along the left bank of the Rhine to the riverside village of **Brohl**. Here we enjoy a return journey on the diesel hauled **Brohltalbahn**, better known as the **Vulkan Express**. Climbing through the Eifel range, a historically volcanic region, our 12 mile journey takes a leisurely 1½ hours, reaching speeds of 12 mph as we make our way to Engeln at the top of the line. After free time for lunch we make the return journey to Brohl and Bonn. After dinner we enjoy a **private classical music recital** in the Collegium's 'Alte Kirche' church. (B,D)

DAY 5

Leaving Bonn, our journey home in First Class involves a change of trains in Cologne. In Brussels we join the Eurostar service to London St Pancras, travelling in Standard Premier Class with a light meal served to our seats. (B)



Drachenfels Railway

BOOKING CONDITIONS



The following Booking Conditions together with the information contained in our Brochure, Website, Tour Details and Itinerary form the basis of your contract with us. Please read them carefully as they apply to all bookings you make with us and set out our respective rights and obligations.

In these conditions 'we' and 'ourselves' means Railtrail Tours Limited; 'you' means the person making the booking to travel on a Tour, and includes any person travelling with or in the care of you or for whom you make any booking arrangements with the Company. 'Hotel' includes any accommodation provided or offered to you.

1. CONSUMER PROTECTION

In accordance with the provisions of article 7 of the EC package travel directive 90/314, your tour monies are held in a specially designated trust account until completion of the holiday. In the unlikely event of our insolvency the Trustee will refund all monies paid by yourselves from that account.

If you have booked your Railtrail holiday via an authorised travel agent all monies are held by that agent until paid to us or refunded to you. In the unlikely event of the travel agent's insolvency we cannot be held responsible for any monies paid by you to the travel agent but not subsequently transferred to Railtrail Tours Ltd.

All rail tickets issued by Railtrail Tours Ltd are guaranteed good for travel by the Rail Settlement Plan Ltd.

All the flights and flight-inclusive holidays in this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked (flights, hotels and other services) is listed on it. Please see below for further information, or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: www.atol.org.uk. Our ATOL number is 9056. In the unlikely event of our insolvency the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. ATOL protection applies to all holidays that include air travel.

2. BOOKING FORM, PAYMENTS & INSURANCE

A Railtrail Tours Booking Form is to be completed. A Railtrail Tours Booking Form is to be completed in full as part of the booking process; for bookings made online or over the telephone, a Passenger Information Form including a mobility declaration will be sent to you for completion and return. At time of booking a deposit is payable per person: £75 for UK Classic tours, £150 for ALL Signature and European Classic tours and £250 for Worldwide tours. Deposits are NON REFUNDABLE.

The balance of fare is due for payment 9 weeks before departure date for UK Classic Tours and 13 weeks before departure date for ALL Signature, European Classic and Worldwide tours; for bookings made less than these number of weeks before departure the full amount is due at time of booking. Our preferred means of payment is cheque or debit card. All payments by credit card will be charged a processing fee of 2.5%.

If your fare includes a Railcard discount it is your responsibility to carry your valid Railcard(s) on tour and each day train travel is featured.

Voucher discounts and donation offers apply to new bookings on UK & European Railtrail operated tours only; they cannot be applied retrospectively. Vouchers are redeemable one voucher per person per tour. A voucher may not be used in conjunction with any other offer. Donations are based upon the standard passenger fare only and payable when travelled.

Holiday Insurance: For European and Worldwide tours it is a condition of booking that you are adequately insured and it is a condition of travel that before departure you provide to us details of your insurance arrangements (insurers name, your policy number and the emergency contact number stated on your policy). For UK holidays this travel insurance requirement is not mandatory for UK nationals but we do recommend that you are similarly insured; insurance is mandatory for NON-UK nationals and it is a condition that you provide details to us as above.

We request that you provide to us details of 'next of kin' / In Case of Emergency contact information, for each passenger in your party.

For European and Worldwide tours a full ten year passport is required, and many countries stipulate that it is valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date; it is your responsibility to carry a valid passport on tour.

3. CANCELLATION

IF YOU CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

If at the time of cancellation your full balance payment due by this time has NOT been received your liability for the relevant balance remains.

Should you cancel your booking, we will refund against cancellations RECEIVED IN WRITING as follows:

a) UK Classic Tours

- More than 62 days before departure date - Loss of deposit only
- Between 30 and 62 days before departure - 50% refund
- Less than 30 days before departure date - No refund

b) ALL Signature, European Classic & Worldwide Tours

- More than 90 days before departure date - Loss of deposit only
- Between 45 and 90 days before departure - 50% refund
- Less than 45 days before departure date - No refund

Outstanding amounts not refunded by us may then be claimed from your insurers, subject to their terms & conditions.

3.2 IF WE CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

Whilst all tours and facilities shown here are subject to alteration or amendment without notice, in the very unlikely event of cancellation of the tour by ourselves all monies paid will be refunded immediately in full, or you may request they be transferred to a different tour.

3.3 INSUFFICIENT DEMAND

If the cancellation has been caused by insufficient demand then at least two weeks notice will be given prior to departure date.

If the tour is cancelled by ourselves in addition to refunding all monies paid we will pay compensation in accordance with and limited to the scale below:

- 42 days or more before departure - Nil
- From 28 to 41 days before departure - £10
- From 14 to 27 days before departure - £20

4. FORCE MAJEURE

Please note, compensation will not be payable if we are forced to cancel your holiday due to force majeure, including industrial dispute, war, terrorist activity, natural disaster, adverse weather conditions and all similar events outside our control.

5. ALTERATIONS

5.1 IF WE CHANGE YOUR HOLIDAY

Alterations to the published itinerary occur occasionally for a variety of operational reasons. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. Although we will advise any major amendments to you in writing prior to departure if circumstances permit, we cannot guarantee to include every area or place mentioned in the brochure, although every effort will be made to do so. If an alternative hotel is used in place of the one published, this will be of at least the same standard.

5.2 ALTERATIONS TO YOUR BOOKING BY YOU

Once we have confirmed your booking should you wish to make an alteration we will do our utmost to make the change. However, we reserve the right to charge an alteration fee of £20 per person, together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. Any alteration to your booking requested less than 60 days prior to departure may need to be regarded as a cancellation.

All cancellations will be subject to the cancellation charges set out in the relevant clauses.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

We undertake to use due care in arranging your holiday and accept liability for any acts or omissions on the part of our staff. However in common with most other travel operators we do not exercise direct control over the day-to-day running of services provided by ferries, railways, airlines, hotels, attractions, etc included within our itineraries and all tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions of all third party carriers and suppliers used.

In the unlikely event of industrial action by staff of a third party carrier or supplier necessitating a delay or change to your itinerary Railtrail Tours Ltd. cannot be held responsible for any additional costs incurred. We will, of course, make every effort to assist in making suitable alternative arrangements.

7. FLIGHTS

All flight details, including timings, given on booking and detailed on your Confirmation & Invoice are for general guidance only and are subject to change. The latest timings will be shown on your itinerary which will be sent to you approximately 7 days before departure. You must accordingly check all details very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after itineraries have been despatched; we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs.

We are not always in a position to confirm the airline, aircraft type and airport of destination which will be used in connection with any flight included in your holiday. Where this information is provided, at any time, it is subject to change. Any such change will be treated as a minor change and will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal fees.

8. PROBLEMS & COMPLAINTS

We trust that you will thoroughly enjoy your Railtrail Tours holiday. Should a concern arise during the tour will you please bring it to the immediate attention of your Tour Manager who will endeavour to resolve it on your behalf. In the unlikely case of the concern not being resolved to your satisfaction please put your complaint IN WRITING to our office address within ten days of the completion of the tour.

9. SUITABILITY & BEHAVIOUR

It is your responsibility to provide accurate information about your mobility, health and fitness at the time of booking, and to advise us of any change to your level of mobility or health and fitness between booking your holiday and joining your tour. For bookings made online or over the telephone, a Passenger Information Form including a mobility declaration will be sent to you for completion and return.

If you arrive for a holiday and in the opinion of the Tour Manager your condition or lack of mobility means you are likely to be incapable of coping with the tour or to experience significant difficulties in doing so then the Tour Manager has the absolute discretion to terminate your booking at that time without refund or compensation to you for either monies paid or costs incurred by you as a result of this termination.

If in the reasonable opinion of the Tour Manager, Hotel Manager, Train Manager, or any other person in authority your behaviour is causing danger, damage, distress or annoyance to others we reserve the right to terminate your holiday at the Tour Manager's absolute discretion. Should this be the case then we will also not be liable to refund or compensate as above.

10. EXCHANGE RATE & FARE ADJUSTMENTS

Unless stated otherwise in Tour Details, we reserve the right to increase or decrease European and Worldwide tour fares if at the time the balance of fare falls due there has been a fluctuation greater than 5% in the exchange rate shown by the tour fare, or increases above 2.5% in aircraft fuel, overlying charges, airport charges or scheduled air fares.

11. DATA PROTECTION

In agreeing to these booking conditions you acknowledge that we will collect personal information about you that is relevant to your holiday, including items relating to diet and health. We may pass this information on to our suppliers, often overseas, to enable them to deliver to us and you the services required. We undertake not to pass on this information for any other purpose other than the provision of your holiday. Enquiries and bookings made through a third party may also be subject to their information sharing policies.

12. CONTRACT

The contract and any claims arising shall be governed by English law and all proceedings shall be within the exclusive domain of the English courts.

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November 2014

Thu 27 Cologne Christmas Markets & the Kaiser's Carriage 4

December 2014

Wed 3 Dresden Festive Steam 7

Thu 4 Highland Winter Wonderland 4

Sat 6 Highland Festive All Inclusive 4

Sat 27 Black Forest New Year Steam & More 7

January

Thu 15 Highland Winter Wonderland 4

February

Sun 1 Glacier Express & Swiss Mountain Railways 6

Sun 8 Glacier Express & Swiss Mountain Railways 6

Thu 12 Highland Winter Wonderland 4

March

Sat 28 Springtime Highlander 5

April

Thu 9 St Tropez, Antibes & Monte Carlo 8

Sat 11 Springtime Highlander 5

Sun 19 Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager 4

Mon 20 Devon Riviera & Cornish Coast 8

Wed 22 Canals, Steam & Historic Chester 5

Thu 23 Yorkshire Moors by Steam 5

Fri 24 Paris & Chateau Montvillargenne 4

Sat 25 Springtime Highlander 5

Mon 27 Romantic Highlander 6

Thu 30 Beethoven's Bonn & Railways of the Rhine 5

May

Sat 2 Hebridean Islands Discovery 8

Mon 4 Queen of Scots 8

Mon 4 Wonderful Wales 6

Wed 6 Cornwall Classic 6

Wed 6 Lake Garda & Venice 10

Thu 7 Isle of Man Explorer 5

Fri 8 Devon Riviera by Steam 4

Sat 9 Highland Rail Voyager 4

Sun 10 Langley Castle, Beamish & Hadrian's Wall Country 5

Mon 11 Exclusive Emerald Isle 6

Thu 14 Yorkshire Moors by Steam 5

Thu 14 St Tropez, Antibes & Monte Carlo 8

Sun 17 Augill Castle & the Yorkshire Dales 5

Sun 17 Best of the Rhine & Moselle 6

Mon 18 Highland Adventure 4

Mon 18 Lake District & Cumbrian Mountains Rail Roamer 7

Mon 18 Devon Riviera & Cornish Coast 8

Wed 20 Florence, Tuscany, Lake Garda & Venice 11

Thu 21 Guernsey & Sark Explore & Relaxation 6

Thu 21 Beethoven's Bonn & Railways of the Rhine 5

Mon 25 Romantic Highlander 6

Tue 26 The Italian Lakes - Maggiore, Como & Lugano 10

Sun 31 Swiss More Inclusive 8

June

Wed 3 Canals, Steam & Historic Chester 5

Fri 5 Devon Riviera by Steam 4

Date Tour Days

June Cont.

Sat 6 Harz Mountains Steam - the Jewel of Germany 7

Sat 6 Swiss Glacier Express, Lakes & Mountains 6

Sun 7 Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager 4

Mon 8 Queen of Scots 8

Mon 8 Exclusive Emerald Isle 6

Tue 9 Florence, Tuscany, Lake Garda & Venice 11

Wed 10 Cornwall Classic 6

Thu 11 St Tropez, Antibes & Monte Carlo 8

Fri 12 Paris & Chateau Montvillargenne 4

Sat 13 Highland Rail Voyager 4

Sat 13 Lake Garda & Venice 10

Sat 13 The Italian Lakes - Maggiore, Como & Lugano 10

Sun 14 Langley Castle, Beamish & Hadrian's Wall Country 5

Sun 14 Best of the Rhine & Moselle 6

Thu 18 Yorkshire Moors by Steam 5

Sun 21 Augill Castle & the Yorkshire Dales 5

Mon 22 Highland Adventure 4

Mon 22 Lake District & Cumbrian Mountains Rail Roamer 7

Thu 25 Isle of Man Explorer 5

Fri 26 Berlin, the Brocken & Germany's Glorious Gardens 9

Sat 27 Highland Rail Voyager 4

Tue 30 Romantic Highlander 6

July

Fri 3 Devon Riviera by Steam 4

Fri 3 Paris & Chateau Montvillargenne 4

Sun 5 Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager 4

Wed 8 Wonderful Wales 6

Wed 8 Cornwall Classic 6

Wed 8 Swiss Mountain Steam 8

Thu 9 Isle of Man Explorer 5

Sat 11 The Italian Lakes - Maggiore, Como & Lugano 10

Sat 18 Harz Mountains Steam - the Jewel of Germany 7

Sat 25 Swiss Glacier Express, Lakes & Mountains 6

Wed 29 Guernsey & Sark Explore & Relaxation 6

Wed 29 Swiss Mountain Steam 8

Thu 30 Beethoven's Bonn & Railways of the Rhine 5

August

Sun 2 Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager 4

Fri 7 Berlin, the Brocken & Germany's Glorious Gardens 9

Wed 12 Swiss Mountain Steam 8

Mon 17 Devon Riviera & Cornish Coast 8

Wed 26 Swiss Mountain Steam 8

Sun 30 Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager 4

September

Tue 1 Florence, Tuscany, Lake Garda & Venice 11

Wed 2 Canals, Steam & Historic Chester 5

Thu 3 Beethoven's Bonn & Railways of the Rhine 5

Fri 4 Devon Riviera by Steam 4

Sun 6 Langley Castle, Beamish & Hadrian's Wall Country 5

Mon 7 Queen of Scots 8

Mon 7 Wonderful Wales 6

Wed 9 Cornwall Classic 6

Wed 9 Swiss Mountain Steam 8

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