



Railtrail

QUALITY ESCORTED HOLIDAYS
BY TRAIN



Touring the UK by Rail

2015

**FLIP OVER for
Europe by Rail**



Welcome

Here is our 2015 brochure and I am as excited as ever, looking forward to my 35th year steering Railtrail Tours to deliver the wonderful holidays by train that clients both old and new enjoy so much.

I find it incredibly exciting that we remain forever innovative, introducing new tours and new concepts, and building on our applauded reputation for first class quality of service.

This collection of **Classic UK** tours features our original, inspirational holidays by train for which Railtrail has become renowned, plus some brand NEW tours, and some of my favourite destinations revisited with the introduction of new excursions and hotels – always a pleasure!

Exploring Britain is at the heart of Railtrail ... superb escorted holidays by train to explore our rich heritage and scenery, and including ALL your rail journeys from your home station. Travel with the most experienced UK rail holiday specialist – no-one else does it like Railtrail.

This new style, flip-over brochure enables us to introduce both our European and UK tours with equally high prominence. So, just flip-over to explore our **Classic European** collection featuring Great Continental Railway Journeys and many brand new tours.

In addition to this I am delighted to also introduce a whole new collection of Railtrail tours, unique in their concept and design, staying at hotels full of individual character and intriguing history – so we have dedicated a brochure especially to them: **Railtrail “Signature” Tours.**

Embark now on pages that will take you on marvellous Great British Railway Journeys with Railtrail Tours - or follow me and “flip-over” so that I may welcome you to our Classic European collection.

We look forward to the pleasure of your company in 2015.

Dave Felstead
Founder & Managing Director
Railtrail Tours Ltd



Beautiful Britain by Train

Explore superb scenery, experience excellent food, stay in quality hotels, visit stunning destinations.

A great way to holiday and marvellous value for money. Your Railtrail UK Tour Fare is all inclusive of:

- ★ All rail travel from your home station and return - with discounts for National Railcard holders; see RC discount in the Fares tables
- ★ YOUR choice of standard or First Class* rail travel to and from the Tour Base
- ★ Half-board accommodation with private facilities at quality hotels
- ★ ALL the excursions and attractions featured in your tour
- ★ Services of an experienced Railtrail Tours tour manager

Treat yourself to a little extra luxury and relaxation - you will be amazed at how little it costs to travel First Class* by rail. *See *Booking Information* (page C) regarding some local and regional travel being standard class only.

To discover more about our quality escorted holidays by train read **“On tour with Railtrail”** in the centre of this brochure.

To book your Railtrail tour, see the **Booking Information** section where you will find a step-by-step guide of the things you need to know and consider and a **Booking Form**.



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WELSH MOUNTAINS, STEAM & COAST RAIL VOYAGER

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

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

Travelling by train to historic **Chester**, where our hotel is conveniently close to the railway station. To begin our stay we enjoy a **cruise** on the River Dee, affording charming views of the city from the water. (D)

DAY 2

Today we relax on our **lovely circular train journey** of mountain vistas and seascapes. We travel through the hills of mid-Wales to the



Ffestiniog Railway

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Erddig Hall

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.



Dovey Estuary, Cambrian Coast Line

Fares From £350

4 DAYS

DEPARTS

Sunday 19 April 2015
 Sunday 7 June 2015
 Sunday 5 July 2015
 Sunday 2 August 2015
 Sunday 30 August 2015
 Sunday 4 October 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Euston	£575	£435	-£10
Greater London	£595	£460	-£10
South of England	£615	£485	-£15
East Anglia	£615	£485	-£15
South West	£625	£495	-£15
Heart of England	£485	£410	-£10
Midlands	£415	£395	-£5
Yorkshire	£460	£425	-£10
North East	£525	£465	-£15
North West	£415	£395	-£5
South Wales	£525	£425	-£10
North Wales	£385	£375	-£5
Scotland	£595	£450	-£15
Join & Leave at Hotel		£350	

JUNE, JULY, AUG, SEPT Departure Supplement £45
OCTOBER Departure Supplement £25

Single Room Supplement £100

3 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 transfer as described
 All excursions as detailed
 Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
 Hotel Portage

DAY 3

Our half-day excursion takes us by coach across the Welsh border to **Erddig Hall**, renowned as one of the UK's finest historic houses. With so many beautifully preserved artefacts, the house beautifully captures the "upstairs, downstairs" life of a gentry family 250 years ago. In addition, the house boasts a **country park and walled garden**. We enjoy a **horse and carriage ride** within the grounds, before returning to **Chester** for free time to explore its historic heart. (B,D)

DAY 4

It's time to bid farewell to **Chester** and return by train to homeward stations. If you would like free time in the morning to explore **Chester** more, please state this at the time of booking. (B)

COMBINE TOURS & SAVE MONEY! Certain departures can be combined with **Canals, Steam & Historic Chester** (page 9). Request details or see website.



Conwy Castle

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HOTEL

Queen Hotel, Chester

Situated in the heart of Chester, directly opposite the railway station, the Queen Hotel is characterised by its elegance and Victorian heritage. The en-suite bedrooms offer modern facilities including direct-dial telephone, satellite TV, tea/coffee making facilities and free Wi-Fi. The hotel features delightful Italian gardens, bar and restaurant.

HIGHLAND RAIL VOYAGER



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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

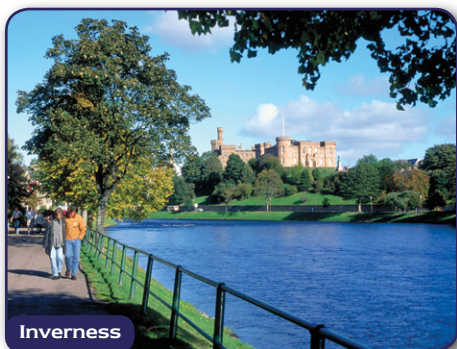
- ★ Dinner each evening plus tea in Kyle of Lochalsh overlooking Skye
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

DAY 1

Travelling by train across the border and climbing high into the mountains along the glorious **Highland Line** through Stirling, Perth and Aviemore to the city of **Inverness**. (D)

DAY 2

A highlight of your holiday - travelling by train on one of the world's finest coast-to-coast railway journeys to the Kyle of Lochalsh, immortalised in Michael Palin's original "**Great Railway Journeys of the World**" TV series.



Inverness

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Kyle of Lochalsh

© VisitBritain / Colin Weston

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.



Highlands by train

© Scotrail

The train stops briefly at the tiny townships of Achnashellach and Achnasheen before descending through forest and glen to Loch Carron and the west coast of Scotland.

As the train clings to the rocky shoreline you are rewarded with dream-like vistas across this mighty sea loch to the skyline of the dark Cuillin Hills, majestically dominant on the Isle of Skye, before we slowly draw into **Kyle of Lochalsh**, our journey's end. Here we take refreshments at the Lochalsh Hotel, with time to relax and view 'across the water' to Skye - a view described by Michael Palin as 'one of the great breakfast table views of the world'. (B,T,D)

DAY 3

Today's scenic rail journey is one of many contrasts, as we take the **Far North Line** through Caithness, one of the last true wildernesses in Europe, to **Thurso** on the most northerly shoreline of Britain. A two hour break gives time to stretch your legs, stroll along the riverside and seafront and explore some of the enthralling history of the area at the fascinating "**Caithness Horizons**", before experiencing more dramatic scenery en route back to Inverness. (B,D)

DAY 4

After breakfast it is time to bid farewell to the Highlands and return by train southwards, past the **Cairngorm Mountains** and down through the Lowlands to Edinburgh and homeward stations. (B)



Plockton

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DEPARTS

Saturday 9 May 2015
 Saturday 13 June 2015
 Saturday 27 June 2015
 Saturday 12 September 2015
 Saturday 26 September 2015
 Saturday 10 October 2015

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DAYS

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Kings Cross	£525	£425	-£20
Greater London	£565	£450	-£20
South of England	£585	£460	-£25
East Anglia	£585	£460	-£25
South West	£700	£535	-£40
Heart of England	£590	£460	-£30
Midlands	£560	£440	-£25
Yorkshire	£505	£415	-£20
North East	£455	£390	-£20
North West	£530	£425	-£20
South Wales	£640	£495	-£35
North Wales	£565	£450	-£25
Scotland	£390	£360	-£10
Join & Leave at Hotel	£295		

MAY Departure Supplement £40
JUNE Departure Supplement £80
SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £80
Single Room Supplement £80

3 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, 1 tea
 Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
 Rail travel, as described
 All excursions as detailed
 Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
 Hotel Porterage

HOTEL

Royal Highland, Inverness

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



DEVON RIVIERA BY STEAM

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
- ★ 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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

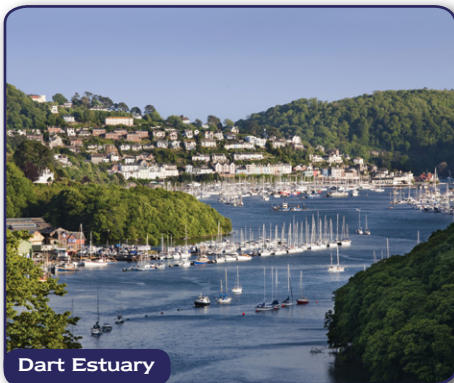
- ★ Dinner each evening
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base in your choice of Standard or First Class
- ★ Services of an experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Portage

DAY 1

Experience one of England's most quintessential holiday welcoming moments - the **great railway journey along the sea wall at Dawlish**, before climbing high into the rural pastures of the Devon hills then descending back to the coast to arrive on the Riviera at **Torquay**. We transfer to the Headland Hotel in its magnificent location, commanding the seascape. (D)



South Devon Railway



Dart Estuary

© VNTPL / Andrew Butler

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.



Dartmouth Steam Railway

Fares From **£325**

4 DAYS

© Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boat Company

DAY 2

We transfer by 1940's vintage bus to **Totnes**, where we join the oldest preserved steam railway in the south-west, the **South Devon Railway**. Following a pretty route through the Dart Valley on a former GWR branch line, we follow a scenic 7 mile journey connecting the beautifully maintained stations at **Totnes and Buckfastleigh**. After free time we return to Torquay by vintage bus. The day is then free for you to enjoy at leisure in **Torquay**; perhaps take "the mile" stroll around the harbour and seafront spotting the clues linked to a character in Dame Agatha's books, or take the sea ferry to Brixham, home of the "Golden Hind" replica of the iconic Tudor ship. (B,D)

DAY 3

Today we travel by **steam train** alongside the English Riviera coastline to Churston, then on through the wooded slopes of Long Wood bordering the Dart Estuary to Kingswear. We take a short ferry crossing to the historic resort of **Dartmouth** where there is free time for some sightseeing and a gentle circular **river cruise** viewing Bayards Cove, Kingswear and Dartmouth Castles, Britannia Royal Naval College, Dittisham Village, and Sir Walter Raleigh's Boathouse. We return by steam train to Paignton, and onwards to our hotel. (B,D)

DAY 4

We bid farewell to new found friends and transfer to Torquay station for homeward rail journeys. (B)



Dart Adventurer

© Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boat Company

DEPARTS

Friday 8 May 2015
Friday 5 June 2015
Friday 3 July 2015
Friday 4 September 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Paddington	£460	£420	-£15
Greater London	£490	£445	-£20
South of England	£480	£440	-£20
East Anglia	£610	£510	-£30
South West	£360	£350	-£5
Heart of England	£485	£435	-£20
Midlands	£635	£495	-£30
Yorkshire	£725	£550	-£35
North East	£780	£580	-£45
North West	£695	£525	-£30
South Wales	£595	£440	-£15
North Wales	£715	£550	-£35
Scotland	£830	£620	-£50
Join & Leave at Hotel	£325		

JUNE Departure Supplement £20
JULY Departure Supplement £30
SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £20

NO Single Room Supplement

3 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

The Headland Hotel, Torquay

Situated in one of the most beautiful parts of the English Riviera, this elegant hotel sits majestically on the headland, set in two acres of magnificent grounds, with stunning views out to sea. Relax in the bar or Grand Lounge with its high ceilings and soft architectural lines. All bedrooms are en-suite, with free Wi-Fi, telephone, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. Leisure facilities include sauna and an outdoor heated swimming pool.

HIGHLAND ADVENTURE



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!

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening in your hotel
- ★ 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

Travelling by train to **Glasgow**, where we take an early evening meal before boarding our train for the glorious sunset journey past lochs, through forests and over mountains and moors that is the spectacularly scenic **West Highland Line** to Fort William. (D)

DAY 2

We **cruise Loch Linnhe** – a lovely sea loch - looking out for seals and porpoises, diving birds and perhaps a golden eagle;. Upon our return to **Fort William** we have time for lunch and to wander the shops, before we take our tour of the fascinating **Ben Nevis whisky distillery**, concluding with a wee dram. We



Loch Shiel

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Loch Linnhe

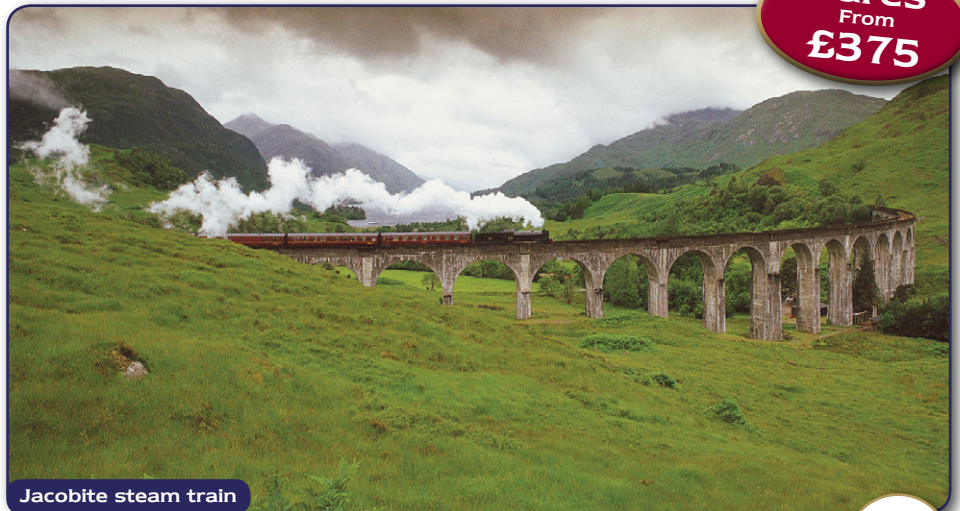
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Rannoch Moor

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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.



Jacobite steam train

Fares From **£375**

4
DAYS

then soar skyward in a **Nevis Range** gondola on our adventure to experience stunning panoramic views of the Highlands and Ben Nevis itself. (B,D)

DAY 3

Today our adventure continues aboard the **Jacobite steam train*** to Mallaig, journeying over the impressive Glenfinnan Viaduct, capturing views of Prince Charlie's monument, Loch Shiel and Loch Eilt, before the line turns north with astonishing vistas to the Atlantic coastline of golden white sands. There is time to explore the harbour town of **Mallaig**, with its majestic views across to the Isle of Skye, before we return to Fort William on our great railway journey of dramatic and captivating scenes on the 'Harry Potter' line. (B,D)

DAY 4

The beautiful rail journey from Fort William back to Glasgow concludes our holiday, passing across remote moors and through the glens to Loch Lomond and finally along the shores of the Clyde as we approach Glasgow for homeward trains. (B)

**In the unlikely event of the steam train being unavailable we reserve the right to substitute a diesel train or undertake the journey by road coach.*

DEPARTS

Monday 18 May 2015
Monday 22 June 2015
Monday 21 September 2015
Monday 19 October 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Euston	£715	£550	-£25
Greater London	£775	£575	-£25
South of England	£785	£600	-£30
East Anglia	£785	£600	-£30
South West	£795	£620	-£40
Heart of England	£680	£535	-£30
Midlands	£660	£525	-£25
Yorkshire	£575	£495	-£20
North East	£530	£475	-£15
North West	£570	£475	-£15
South Wales	£695	£565	-£30
North Wales	£625	£525	-£25
Scotland	£495	£475	-£10
Join & Leave at Hotel			£375

MAY Departure Supplement £50
JUNE Departure Supplement £50
SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £50
Single Room Supplement £70

3 night's 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 Porterage

HOTEL

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.

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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening plus 1 light lunch
- ★ 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

Travelling by train along the spine of Scotland. Leaving the Lowlands behind, the wonderfully picturesque **Highland Line** takes you through Perth, Pitlochry and over the Cairngorm Mountains to **Inverness** and our traditional Scottish hotel, The Royal Highland. (D)

DAY 2

We take the amazing Kyle Line train, Scotland's original "**Great Railway Journey of the World**", coast-to-coast through stunning scenery and across mountain plateaux. Look out for wild deer, eagles and the palm trees of Plockton village, before dramatic sea vistas are revealed as we arrive at **Kyle of Lochalsh**.

Here we enjoy a light lunch in the renowned **Lochalsh Hotel**, overlooking the Isle of Skye, before retracing our steps to Inverness. (B,L,D)



Loch Shiel

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.



Glenfinnan Viaduct

Fares From **£429**

5 DAYS

DAY 3

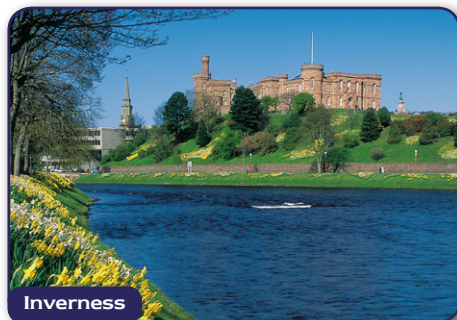
A free day in **Inverness** to enjoy this compact and easy to get around city. **Inverness Castle** is perched picturesquely above the River Ness and the medieval buildings of Church Street. Enjoy the magnificent cathedral church, lovely riverside restaurants and bustling cafes along with a wide range of specialist retailers in the historic **Old Town** and **Victorian Market**. (B,D)

DAY 4

Departing Inverness by road we travel alongside **Loch Ness**, with a short break for photography and monster spotting, then continue through the beautiful **Great Glen** to Fort William. Here we commence our magical train journey along the **rail route to the Isles**. We cross the world renowned **Glenfinnan Viaduct**, overlooking Loch Shiel and the Bonnie Prince Charlie monument; a view made even more famous in the Harry Potter films. We round Loch Eilt with its trees of the ancient Caledonian Forest and burst out onto the white-sanded Atlantic shoreline at Morar. Catch distant views of the Isles of Eigg and Rhum before we reach the terminus at **Mallaig** overlooking the Isle of Skye. After a sightseeing break we return to **Fort William** with seats on the opposite side of the train so no vista is missed. (B,D)

DAY 5

After breakfast we bid farewell to Fort William, and travel by train over the stunning **West Highland Line** over Rannoch Moor to complete our circular tour back to the Lowlands and Glasgow for trains to homeward stations. (B)



Inverness

DEPARTS

Saturday 28 March 2015
Saturday 11 April 2015
Saturday 25 April 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Kings Cross	£725	£595	-£20
Greater London	£755	£609	-£20
South of England	£775	£625	-£25
East Anglia	£775	£625	-£25
South West	£840	£680	-£40
Heart of England	£725	£599	-£30
Midlands	£709	£595	-£25
Yorkshire	£655	£565	-£20
North East	£599	£535	-£20
North West	£650	£555	-£20
South Wales	£775	£639	-£35
North Wales	£705	£590	-£25
Scotland	£539	£515	-£10
Join & Leave at Hotel	£429		

Single Room Supplement £95

4 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, 1 light lunch
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

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CANALS, STEAM & HISTORIC CHESTER

HERITAGE & EXPLORER



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

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

DAY 1

By train to **Chester** and our hotel conveniently situated near the railway station. Afternoon stroll along the ancient City Walls to the Dee for a **river cruise** and charming views of the town from the water. Return through Chester's attractive city centre. (D)

DAY 2

By train to **Ellesmere Port** to discover the colourful world of Roses & Castles at the **National Waterways Museum**. Enjoy a guided tour of the large collection of narrow boats, other canal craft and recreated workshops; time for further exploration at leisure before we cruise along the **Shropshire Union Canal** to Stanney Mill, before returning to Chester by train. (B,D)

DAY 3

Experience one of Robert Aickman's 'Seven Wonders of the Canals'. At the magnificent **Anderton Boat Lift** we trace the history of canal carrying and engineering and take the trip boat to descend the lift and cruise the **River Weaver** with refreshments on board. We then return to **Chester** for an afternoon at leisure in the city's winding medieval



Historic Chester

© Visit England / Marketing Cheshire

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.



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

streets of black-and-white houses, its Roman museum, beautiful Cathedral, and the famous Rows. Walk the towpath below the towering walls, marvel at the massive and ingenious **Northgate Staircase Locks**, idle away a moment watching the boats in **Chester Basin**. There's something to see at every turn in Chester. (B,D)

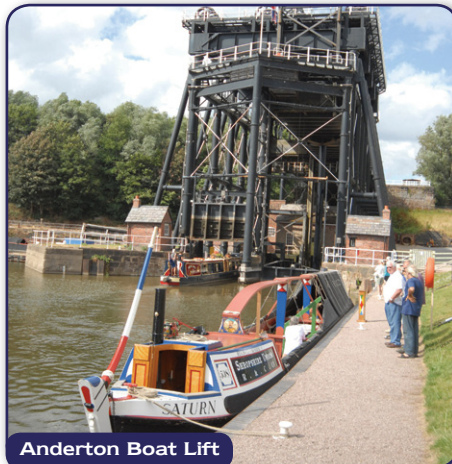
DAY 4

By private coach to the **Llangollen Canal** at Trevor for a breathtaking aerial cruise across another of the 'Seven Wonders', the spectacular **Pontcysyllte Aqueduct**. Crossing 126ft above the River Dee, it is the highest and longest aqueduct in Britain and a World Heritage site. We continue by road to Llangollen with time to look around the delightful town before a thrilling **steam train** ride along the beautiful **Dee Valley to Carrog**. Alight at Berwyn on the way back and trace the canal feeder on foot to **Llangollen** – or stay on the train. (B,D)

DAY 5

Bid farewell to beautiful Cheshire as we take our homeward trains. (B)

COMBINE TOURS & SAVE MONEY! This holiday can be combined with **Welsh Mountains, Steam & Coast Rail Voyager** (page 4). Request details or see website.



Anderton Boat Lift

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Fares From **£495**

5 DAYS

DEPARTS

Wednesday 22 April 2015
 Wednesday 3 June 2015
 Wednesday 2 September 2015
 Wednesday 7 October 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Euston	£685	£580	-£10
Greater London	£740	£600	-£10
South of England	£755	£630	-£15
East Anglia	£755	£630	-£15
South West	£730	£625	-£20
Heart of England	£630	£555	-£10
Midlands	£560	£535	-£5
Yorkshire	£605	£570	-£10
North East	£665	£610	-£15
North West	£560	£535	-£5
South Wales	£665	£565	-£10
North Wales	£530	£520	-£5
Scotland	£730	£595	-£15
Join & Leave at Hotel	£495		

JUNE / SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £50
OCTOBER Departure Supplement £20

Single Room Supplement £150

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

Queen Hotel, Chester

Situated in the heart of Chester, directly opposite the railway station, the Queen Hotel is characterised by its elegance and Victorian heritage. The en-suite bedrooms offer modern facilities including direct-dial telephone, satellite TV, tea/coffee making facilities and free Wi-Fi. The hotel features delightful Italian gardens, bar and restaurant.



YORKSHIRE MOORS BY STEAM

NEW TOUR

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A lovely introduction to Yorkshire
- ★ Discover Harrogate from a hotel just yards from the famous Betty's Tearoom and other attractions
- ★ Steam across the beautiful North York Moors to the seaside at Whitby
- ★ Enjoy free time in Whitby with its abbey, port & the best fish and chips in Yorkshire
- ★ Skirt the Yorkshire Dales en route to Brontë Country
- ★ Scenic journey on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- ★ Discover the lives of the Brontës at Haworth's Brontë Parsonage

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

Arrive in **Harrogate** and make your way to the Yorkshire Hotel, situated at the very heart of the town, opposite Betty's Tea Rooms and just a short walk from the shops and the famous Turkish Baths. (D)

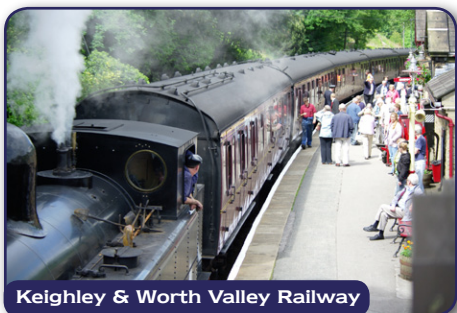
DAY 2

Enjoy a free day in your new surroundings. There are plenty of options in "The English Spa", as **Harrogate** became known in the Georgian era. Maybe take high tea at Betty's, experience the town's famous Turkish Baths or simply enjoy a stroll amidst Harrogate's vast green spaces. Alternatively, a short train



Harrogate

© Welcome to Yorkshire



Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

© Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

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!



North Yorkshire Moors Railway

Fares From **£325**

5 DAYS

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journey takes you to quaint Knaresborough or historic York, which boasts many attractions, not least the Minster, city walls and, of course, the National Railway Museum. (B,D)

DAY 3

Transferring by coach to **Pickering**, we board the **North Yorkshire Moors Railway** for a stunningly diverse journey in heritage carriages to the coast. Steaming across heather moorland landscapes, we pass by **Goathland**, familiar to many as 'Aidensfield' in 'Heartbeat', before descending to **Whitby**, a picturesque fishing port framed by its famous abbey. Stroll the quaint streets in search of Whitby Jet, climb the steps to the abbey or simply enjoy some of the finest fish and chips in Yorkshire before we make the return journey. (B,D)

DAY 4

Today's excursion skirts the Dales as we transfer to Keighley. Here we board the **Keighley & Worth Valley Railway** for another scenic journey through countryside made familiar through film, this time the Railway Children. Passing through the hills and dales reminiscent of Brontë novels, it is fitting that our journey takes in Haworth, home of the Brontë family. Here we visit the **Brontë Parsonage Museum** before returning to Harrogate for our final dinner. (B,D)

DAY 5

We bid farewell to new found friends and make our way home. (B)



Whitby

© Welcome to Yorkshire

DEPARTS

Thursday 23 April 2015
Thursday 14 May 2015
Thursday 18 June 2015
Thursday 10 September 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Kings Cross	£470	£410	-£10
Greater London	£520	£425	-£10
South of England	£525	£440	-£15
East Anglia	£525	£440	-£15
South West	£595	£475	-£20
Heart of England	£505	£425	-£10
Midlands	£455	£390	-£10
Yorkshire	N/A	£365	-£5
North East	£455	£410	-£10
North West	N/A	£390	-£5
South Wales	£545	£445	-£10
North Wales	N/A	£410	-£10
Scotland	£520	£435	-£10
Join & Leave at Hotel	£325		

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

Single Room Supplement £150

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

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.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

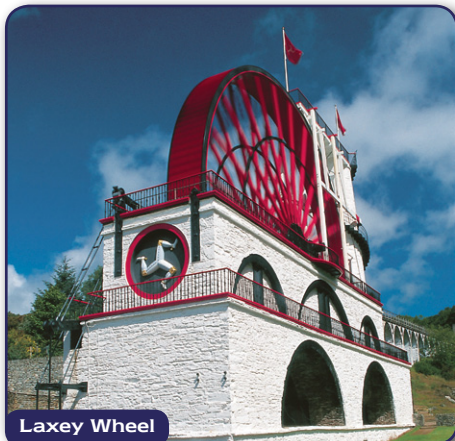
- ★ Dinner every evening
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Portage

DAY 1

By train then ferry to **Douglas, Isle of Man**. We transfer to the Empress Hotel in its prime location on the Victorian promenade overlooking Douglas Bay. Enjoy a stroll along the seafront before our evening meal. (D)

DAY 2

Today we enjoy a whiff of steam on the magnificent **Isle of Man Railway** to Port Erin with time to view the excellent refurbished railway sheds, steam trains and carriages at the neighbouring **Railway Museum**. We return by steam train to Castletown and the island's ancient capital, **Castle Rushen**, one of Europe's most finely preserved medieval fortresses. We also visit the **Nautical Museum**, a fascinating 'tardis like' building, home to the extraordinary 18th century armed yacht, 'Peggy'. We return to Douglas by steam train.



Laxey Wheel

© Isle of Man Tourist Office

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.



Isle of Man Steam Railway

Fares From **£499**

5 DAYS

Alternatively, enjoy a full day of steam alighting at whatever stations you wish to explore and for photography. (B,D)

DAY 3

A great day of heritage starts with boarding the **Manx Electric Railway** to Laxey where we have a special private steaming on the mines railway and visit "Lady Isabella" – the **Great Wheel of Laxey**. We depart Laxey by tram to **Ramsey** where there is time to take lunch and stroll around the pier and harbour before returning by electric railway and **horse drawn tram** to Douglas.

Alternatively, use your travel pass to take a bus from Ramsey to Peel and explore the island's main fishing port and Peel Cathedral. (B,D)

DAY 4

Travelling by tram to Laxey we transfer to the electric **Snaefell Mountain Railway** for our journey to the top of the island's highest peak, Snaefell at 2,036ft; on a clear day it is said one can see the six kingdoms - Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland, Isle of Man and Heaven. After a lunchtime break we return to Laxey and continue by tram to Groudle, for a steam train journey on the narrow gauge **Groudle Glen Railway** to the cliff tops of Sea Lion Rocks. We conclude our exciting day by **Manx Electric Railway** tram to Douglas. (B,D)

DAY 5

Our island exploration draws to a close as we board the morning ferry to Heysham for trains to homeward destinations. (B)



Groudle Glen Steam Railway

© Groudle Glen

DEPARTS

Thursday 7 May 2015
Thursday 25 June 2015
Thursday 9 July 2015
Thursday 10 September 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Euston	£785	£675	-£10
Greater London	£840	£700	-£15
South of England	£840	£710	-£15
East Anglia	£840	£710	-£15
South West	£875	£740	-£20
Heart of England	£815	£685	-£15
Midlands	£700	£635	-£10
Yorkshire	£670	£650	-£10
North East	£695	£665	-£15
North West	£625	£615	-£5
South Wales	£785	£675	-£15
North Wales	£645	£630	-£5
Scotland	£750	£660	-£15

Join & Leave at Hotel £499
Join & Leave at the port of Heysham £585

Single Room Supplement £85

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

Empress Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man

The hotel commands a prime position on the Victorian promenade overlooking Douglas Bay; built at the end of the 19th Century, it has been extensively upgraded and proudly maintains its status as one of the best hotels on the island. All bedrooms have luxurious en-suite marble bathroom, complimentary refreshments, TV, hairdryer, trouser press, and Wi-Fi.



ROMANTIC HIGHLANDER

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 Ballinalloch Castle*
- ★ Sensational mountain scenery of the Highland Line to Inverness
- ★ 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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening, plus refreshments on the Strathspey Railway
- ★ 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

Travelling by train along the spine of Scotland. The wonderfully picturesque **Highland Line** takes you through Perth, Pitlochry and over the Cairngorm Mountains to Inverness and our hotel on the banks of River Ness. (D)

DAY 2

A relaxing morning of 'monster spotting' as we cruise along **Loch Ness** to **Urquhart Castle**. Explore the brooding ruins and take a lunch-break, before we continue along the lochside to **Fort Augustus** for a sightseeing break by the mighty **Caledonian Canal** waterway staircase. We complete our circular tour of the Loch, travelling along its southern high wilderness with magnificent vistas, before concluding a wonderful day with a visit to atmospheric, melancholy **Culloden Battlefield**. (B,D)

DAY 3

Touring **Speyside** including riding up the **Cairngorm Funicular Railway** to the summit of the mountain, a whiff of nostalgia on the **Strathspey Steam Railway** with refreshments



Strathspey Steam Railway

© Strathspey Steam Railway

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.



Kyleakin Harbour, Skye

Fares From **£695**

6 DAYS

DEPARTS

Monday 27 April 2015
Monday 25 May 2015
Tuesday 30 June 2015
Monday 28 September 2015

View our amazing tour film of this holiday at www.railtrail.co.uk

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Kings Cross	£920	£820	£20
Greater London	£960	£840	£20
South of England	£980	£850	£25
East Anglia	£980	£850	£25
South West	£1075	£920	£40
Heart of England	£980	£850	£30
Midlands	£950	£830	£25
Yorkshire	£895	£810	£20
North East	£845	£780	£20
North West	£930	£815	£20
South Wales	£1030	£885	£35
North Wales	£955	£840	£25
Scotland	£780	£755	£10
Join & Leave at Hotel	£695		

MAY, JUNE, SEPT Departure Supplement £100
Single Room Supplement £195

5 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, 1 lunch
Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
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served en route, then a truly enchanting visit to either **Loch Garten's Osprey Centre** to see the rare birds in the wild or **Ballinalloch Castle**, the Pearl of the North*. (B,L,D)

DAY 4

A free day to enjoy at leisure in **Inverness**, the capital of the Highlands, including the castle, cathedral, riverside walks and Victorian market. You may wish to take a dolphin cruise on the Moray Firth, or a full day excursion to experience the train journey along the Far North line through wild Caithness. (B,D)

DAY 5

After breakfast we board the train for the journey of a lifetime, Scotland's **Kyle Line**. Simply one of the world's finest coast to coast rail adventures, it is a heady cocktail of dramatic scenery and romantic legend. After crossing the great mountain plateau and its wonderful vistas we arrive on the west coast at **Kyle of Lochalsh**. Here we board our private coach to cross the Skye Bridge for a scenic tour on the **Isle of Skye** through Broadford to Portree with views to the brooding Cullin Hills, before returning to the Kyle and our train back to Inverness. (B,D)

DAY 6

Today we bid farewell to Inverness and return by train over the mountains to Edinburgh and homeward stations. (B)

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



Urquhart Castle

© Britain on View

HOTEL

Palace Hotel & Spa, Inverness

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

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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening, plus 2 teas
- ★ 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

Arriving Llandudno Junction by train in the early afternoon we journey to **Bodnant Gardens** for afternoon refreshments, picturesquely located above the River Conwy - a wonderful place to relax into your holiday. We then continue to **Llandudno** and the superbly traditional Empire Hotel. (T,D)

DAY 2

Heading into Snowdonia, we take a steam train ride on the **Llanberis Lake Railway** followed, after a relaxing break, by a journey on the amazing **Snowdon Mountain Railway**. After enjoying this kaleidoscope of vistas we return through the National Park and Conwy Valley to Llandudno. (B,D)

DAY 3

Take a traditional great railway journey as we head along the beautiful **Conwy Valley Line** to Blaeanau Ffestiniog. Here we board our narrow gauge steam train on the world famous **Ffestiniog Railway** to travel to **Porthmadog**. The afternoon is free to enjoy lunch and explore; you may wish to travel on the quaint Welsh Highland Railway (Porthmadog). Late



Ffestiniog Steam Railway

© Britain on View

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.



Welsh Highland Railway

Fares From **£795**

6 DAYS

DEPARTS

Monday 4 May 2015
Wednesday 8 July 2015
Monday 7 September 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Euston	£970	£885	-£10
Greater London	£1025	£895	-£10
South of England	£1060	£920	-£15
East Anglia	£1060	£930	-£15
South West	£1080	£965	-£25
Heart of England	£945	£875	-£15
Midlands	£875	£850	-£10
Yorkshire	N/A	£900	-£20
North East	N/A	£935	-£25
North West	£865	£840	-£10
South Wales	£975	£875	-£15
North Wales	£825	£820	-£5
Scotland	£1020	£920	-£25
Join & Leave at Hotel	£795		

Single Room Supplement £180

5 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, 2 teas
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

DAY 4

A truly scenic rail journey as we board the magnificent **Welsh Highland Railway** at Caemarvon for a steam hauled journey climbing into Snowdonia, twisting around forests to Beddgelert and through the much treasured beauty of Aberglaslyn Pass. We then visit magnificent **Penrhyn Castle** with stunning views over Snowdonia and Menai Strait and so much to explore, including an exotic tree and shrub collection and Victorian walled garden, fascinating industrial railway museum and superb dolls' museum. Our day concludes at **Bangor** where we stroll and take tea on the beautifully restored pier. (B,T,D)

DAY 5

We follow in the footsteps of Victorian holidaymakers aboard a vintage tramcar to the summit of the **Great Orme**, offering magnificent views across the Irish Sea. The day is then free for you to enjoy at leisure in **Llandudno** to savour the Edwardian elegance of this charming resort. (B,D)

DAY 6

A reluctant farewell to Llandudno and the lovely Empire Hotel sees us make our way to the station for our journeys homeward. (B)



Great Orme Tramway

© Colin Paxon / Great Orme Tramway

HOTEL

The Empire Hotel, Llandudno

Faithful to its Victorian character, all rooms are furnished with antiques and beds with down bedding - and have private bathroom, colour TV with satellite, video or DVD player, safe, refrigerator and tea/coffee making facilities. The award-winning Watkins and Co. restaurant offers the finest local produce; a creative chef, elegant surroundings and friendly service all combine to ensure a memorable experience. The indoor heated swimming pool has a sauna, steam room and whirlpool; the small outdoor heated pool has a spa bath.



CORNWALL CLASSIC

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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner each evening, plus 1 tea
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base in your choice of Standard or First Class
- ★ Services of an experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

DAY 1

Relive the happy days of childhood holidays, as we travel the route of the old "**Cornish Riviera Express**", clinging to the sea wall at Dawlish before crossing Brunel's mighty Royal Albert Bridge into Cornwall, and onto Truro, where we stay for five nights at the lovely Alverton. (D)

DAY 2

A day of gentle roaming by rail as we head west on the Cornish mainline to **Penzance** for sightseeing and views of St. Michael's Mount, before taking the spectacular branch line journey to the pretty harbour resort of **St Ives**; this famous resort has it all: cobbled streets full of history, pretty fisherman's cottages, beautiful creations in craft shops to stunning art at the Tate. (B,D)

DAY 3

Today we board our lovingly restored classic coach, a real head turner, and venture to the picturesque reaches of the **Helford Estuary**, where we visit the seals and otters at the **Cornish Seal Sanctuary** - and perhaps see the rescued Grey Seal Railtrail Tours have 'adopted'. We meander onward to the sub-



Bodmin & Wenford Railway

© Bodmin & Wenford Railway

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.



Carbis Bay, St. Ives Branch Line

Fares From **£675**

6 DAYS

DEPARTS

Wednesday 6 May 2015
 Wednesday 10 June 2015
 Wednesday 8 July 2015
 Wednesday 9 September 2015

tropical paradise that is **Trebah Garden**. One of the 'Great Gardens of Cornwall' and rated among the 80 finest gardens in the world. Here we enjoy a traditional Cornish cream tea with homemade scones and clotted cream. (B,T,D)

DAY 4

Back on the rails, we travel by train to Bodmin for a wonderful journey of nostalgia on the **Bodmin & Wenford steam railway**, a time-capsule of yesteryear train travel. Then continue along the mainline to Liskeard and change trains to trundle along one of the prettiest rural branch lines in Britain, twisting, turning and hugging the riverside to the estuary at **Looe** where after a break for a little sightseeing on the banjo pier we return by train to Truro. (B,D)

DAY 5

A free day to enjoy the delights of Truro, England's most southerly city with a marvellous cathedral, or maybe take the scenic branch line to **Falmouth** for a stroll along Gyllyngvase beach and gardens. Perhaps take a cruise up river or across the estuary to St Mawes, discover Pendennis Castle's secret wartime tunnels, or just stroll around the town and its magnificent Maritime Museum. (B,D)

DAY 6

After breakfast we bid farewell to Truro and join an express train to your home station. (B)



Trebah Garden

© Trebah Garden

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Paddington	£795	£755	-£15
Greater London	£850	£780	-£15
South of England	£860	£790	-£15
East Anglia	£895	£820	-£25
South West	£750	£725	-£10
Heart of England	£810	£775	-£20
Midlands	£925	£800	-£20
Yorkshire	£980	£845	-£30
North East	£999	£855	-£30
North West	£950	£835	-£25
South Wales	£950	£775	-£15
North Wales	£935	£820	-£25
Scotland	£1045	£885	-£35
Join & Leave at Hotel		£675	

Single Room Supplement £225

5 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, 1 tea
 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

The Alverton, Truro

Situated within walking distance of the centre of Cornwall's capital, the Alverton is a Grade II listed building and formerly a convent, complete with its own bell tower, and was built by the same architect as Truro Cathedral. Built in 1830 and set within its own private gardens, the Alverton is a lovely place to relax and a great base from which to explore Cornwall. Rooms are equipped with Freeview tv, complimentary wifi and tea/coffee making facilities.

GUERNSEY & SARK EXPLORE & RELAXATION



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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

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

DAY 1

Travelling by train to the South Coast then across the **English Channel** aboard Condor Ferries* to Guernsey and the superbly located Peninsula Hotel on the north-west coast. (D)

DAY 2

A relaxing introduction to north Guernsey; our varied tour takes in the exotic plants of **Sausmarez Park & Gardens**, along with the island's **Folk and Costume Museum**. We visit historic sites dating back to megalithic times, renowned horticultural centres and the wonderful seascapes of **Bordeaux, Pembroke** and **L'Anresse Bays**. (B,D)

DAY 3

Today we cruise to the **Isle of Sark**, a world apart from the hustle and bustle of daily life. We tour this marvellous, car-free, haven by **horse and carriage**. This tranquil hideaway, with lush, dazzling wildflowers and secluded sandy beaches surrounded by huge cliffs, coves and caves, is a true Channel island gem. (B,D)

DAY 4

A free day to enjoy at leisure on **Guernsey**. Our hotel is surrounded by landscaped gardens and beautiful beaches and is ideal for taking a stroll. Or you may wish to travel to



Pleinmont Observation Tower

© Visit Guernsey / Chris George

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.



St Peter Port

Fares From £799

6 DAYS

DEPARTS

Thursday 21 May 2015
Wednesday 29 July 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Waterloo	£985	£870	-£15
Greater London	£985	£885	-£15
South of England	£985	£885	-£15
East Anglia	£995	£895	-£20
South West	£925	£885	-£15
Heart of England	£985	£895	-£20
Midlands	£1010	£895	-£20
Yorkshire	£1020	£925	-£25
North East	£1085	£950	-£30
North West	£1065	£940	-£25
South Wales	N/A	£870	-£15
North Wales	£1035	£915	-£20
Scotland	£1110	£980	-£35
Join & Leave at Mainland Port	£799		

Single Room Supplement £130

5 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal
Rail travel, and seat reservations, from your Home Station to Poole (Standard or First Class)
Return Condor Ferry crossing to Guernsey
Connecting coach travel, with transfers as described
Isle of Sark cruise
2 hour horse & carriage tour of Sark
All excursions and admissions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
Hotel Porterage

the island capital of **St Peter Port**, with one of the most beautiful harbours in Europe surrounded by great history in myriads of cobbled streets. Perhaps visit the fortress and gardens of Castle Cornet, or Hauteville House – the amazing home of French write Victor Hugo. (B,D)

DAY 5

Our scenic tour of the south of the island visits renowned venues including **Victorian Candie Gardens**, the 14th century **St Appoline's Chapel**, and the home of **Guernsey Pearls**. Today we will also be reflecting on Guernsey's life during World War II, including touring **La Valette Underground Military Museum** and the bunkers and Doyle Monument at **Jerbourg Point** where British commandos landed in WWII, along with the heroic stories of the local population during the occupation of the island. As we journey up the **West Coast** we will hear of the wartime role of the towers, miras guns and aerodrome, and view part of the **Atlantic Wall**. (B,D)

DAY 6

Today we bid farewell to Guernsey and **cruise*** back to the mainland for trains to homeward destinations. (B)

* Crossing times subject to ferry timetable & conditions, published January 2015



Sark sightseeing

HOTEL

Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey

Located on a small peninsula with a wonderful view over Grand Havre Bay, you can stroll to a lovely sheltered sandy beach at the edge of 5 acres of private landscaped gardens. All bedrooms are en-suite and have satellite TV, hair dryer, telephone and tea / coffee making facilities. Leisure facilities include an outdoor swimming pool (heated). WiFi is available in the hotel lobby and bar.



LAKE DISTRICT & CUMBRIAN MOUNTAINS RAIL ROAMER

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 filmic delights
- ★ Stay in a 4 star hotel with elegant period charm

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner each evening, plus 2 teas
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base in your choice of Standard or First Class
- ★ Services of an experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Porterage

DAY 1

Travelling by train to the historic border city of **Carlisle** and our ideally located hotel, by the station and alongside the ancient city walls. (D)

DAY 2

Roaming by rail the northern fells of the Tyne Valley to the market town of **Hexham**. After browsing the market stalls we have an afternoon viewing **Hadrian's Wall**; bring history alive at **Vindolanda** - a fascinating Roman fort and settlement - and the **Roman Army Museum**. (B,D)

DAY 3

By train to **Windermere**. After enjoying sightseeing, we relax aboard one of the graceful lake steamers, **cruise** to the southern tip of the lake and board our **vintage steam train** to journey through the picturesque Vale of Leven to the village of **Haverthwaite** and enjoy traditional afternoon tea in the station buffet. We return by rail to Carlisle. (B,T,D)



Haworth

© Welcome to Yorkshire

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.



Lake Windermere

Fares From **£750**

7 DAYS

DEPARTS

Monday 18 May 2015
Monday 22 June 2015
Monday 21 September 2015
Monday 19 October 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Euston	£1010	£885	-£15
Greater London	£1070	£905	-£15
South of England	£1070	£925	-£20
East Anglia	£1070	£925	-£20
South West	£1090	£950	-£25
Heart of England	£950	£850	-£15
Midlands	£910	£830	-£15
Yorkshire	£860	£825	-£10
North East	N/A	£770	-£5
North West	£890	£810	-£10
South Wales	£985	£880	-£20
North Wales	£920	£835	-£15
Scotland	£895	£825	-£15
Join & Leave at Hotel	£750		

MAY Departure Supplement £25
JUNE Departure Supplement £25
SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £25

Single Room Supplement £150

6 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, 2 teas
Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
Rail & coach travel, with transfers as described
All excursions & admissions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tours Manager
Hotel Porterage

DAY 4

A day of stunning sea and landscapes. We sit back, relax and meander by train around the whole of the **Cumbrian coast**. To Ravenglass for a **steam train ride** on the famous 'Ratty' through glorious Eskdale; we continue the wonderful coastline rail journey through Grange-over-Sands and around Morecambe Bay to Lancaster, taking tea and scones in the 1940s station buffet at **Carnforth**, scene of the famous film "**Brief Encounter**". We complete our circular tour north, up over **Shap** summit, back to Carlisle. (B,T,D)

DAY 5

A day at leisure to discover the history of **Carlisle** - a 2,000 year old border city, scene of many invasions and battles. Perhaps explore Tullie House Museum & Art gallery, Carlisle castle - frequented by Mary Queen of Scots - and the glorious 14th century stained glass window in the medieval cathedral. (B,D)

DAY 6

One of the holiday highlights as we take the train over the world famous '**Settle & Carlisle**' line to Keighley. Here step into the time capsule that is '**The Railway Children**' line and ride behind steam into the hills of Brontë land with time for sightseeing. From **Haworth** we return over the Settle & Carlisle line - past the peaks of Whenside, Ingleborough, and Pen-y-ghent - across Ribbleshead viaduct and hopefully a glorious sunset as we cross the summit at Ais Gill. (B,D)

DAY 7

Bidding farewell to Carlisle we travel by train to homeward destinations. (B)



Lakeside & Haverthwaite

© Lakeside & Haverthwaite

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.

DEVON RIVIERA & CORNISH COAST



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The great Riviera coast rail journey
- ★ Enjoy stunning scenery & seascapes
- ★ Visit the amazing Eden Project
- ★ Beautiful Lost Gardens of Heligan
- ★ Charming scenic branch line journeys
- ★ Cornish resorts of Mevagissey & Looe
- ★ Explore the seaside havens of Dartmouth & Torquay
- ★ Trace Agatha Christie connections
- ★ Take a spectacular coastal steam train journey to Kingswear
- ★ Idyllic River Dart cruise to Totnes

Also included in your Tour Fare:

- ★ Dinner every evening, plus 2 teas
- ★ Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
- ★ Some excursions aboard a beautifully restored classic coach
- ★ Services of an experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
- ★ Hotel Portage

DAY 1

Experience the most scenic of rail journeys along **Dawlish sea wall** and over the world famous **Tamar Bridge** to Cornwall. On arrival at Truro we transfer to the lovely Alverton. (D)

DAY 2

We visit the **Eden Project**: an unforgettable sensory journey of breathtaking beauty as you step from steamy tropical rain forest into Mediterranean-type climates of the world. En route back to the hotel we enjoy a **Cornish cream tea** at the gem that is **Marsh Villa**, a magical water and woodland garden. (B,T,D)

DAY 3

Another relaxing day aboard our classic coach as we visit delightful **Mevagissey** for a sightseeing break, then take a guided tour of the glorious **Lost Gardens of Heligan**, including traditional Cornish cream tea. (B,T,D)

DAY 4

Enjoy a day at leisure in **Truro** with its marvelous cathedral or maybe take the scenic branch line to **Falmouth**, perhaps relaxing by Gyllingvase beach and gardens or visiting the town's fascinating Maritime Museum. (B,D)

DAY 5

Your luggage travels ahead whilst our train journey takes us to the haven of **Looe** for a sightseeing break; perhaps visit the 16th



Lost Gardens of Heligan

© Lost Gardens of Heligan

Re-live the halcyon days of the Riviera Express! Our train hugs the coast for the great railway journey from Cornwall to Devon on this delightful two-centre holiday, exploring at a most relaxing pace.



Dartmouth Steam Railway

Fares From **£799**

8 DAYS

DEPARTS

Monday 20 April 2015
Monday 18 May 2015
Monday 17 August 2015
Monday 21 September 2015

century Old Guildhall museum describing the town's diverse history, relax on the wonderful sandy beach, explore the harbour quay or stroll the "banjo" pier as the River Looe meets the sea. We continue by rail to Torquay, and the lovely Headland Hotel. (B,D)

DAY 6

Relax and soak up the atmosphere of **Torquay**. Enjoy free time in this classical English resort – along with the fun and intrigue of the '**Agatha Christie Mile**'. Take in 10 landmarks around the harbour and seafront - spotting the clues linked to a character in Dame Agatha's books! (B,D)

DAY 7

Experience the Sunday Times newspaper's "best day out in Britain"! By **steam train** along the coast from Paignton to **Kingswear**, where a short ferry crossing takes us to delightful **Dartmouth** for a sightseeing break before a glorious cruise up the **River Dart** to Totnes. (B,D)

DAY 8

After breakfast it is time to bid farewell to Torquay and return by train to homeward destinations. (B)



Eden Project

© Waterway Images

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Paddington	£915	£880	-£15
Greater London	£970	£915	-£15
South of England	£970	£915	-£15
East Anglia	£1025	£950	-£25
South West	£830	£820	-£5
Heart of England	£930	£890	-£15
Midlands	£1030	£915	-£20
Yorkshire	£1070	£950	-£25
North East	£1120	£975	-£30
North West	£1055	£935	-£20
South Wales	£1040	£885	-£10
North Wales	£1050	£935	-£20
Scotland	£1160	£1010	-£35
Join & Leave at Hotel	£799		

MAY Departure Supplement £30
AUGUST Departure Supplement £50
SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £50

Single Room Supplement £195

7 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, 2 teas
Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
Rail & coach travel, with transfers as described
All excursions & admissions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
Hotel Portage

HOTELS

The Alverton, Truro

A Grade II listed building and former convent, complete with its own bell tower, the Alverton was built by the same architect as Truro Cathedral. Built in 1830 and set within its own private gardens, rooms boast tv, free wifi and tea/coffee making facilities.

The Headland Hotel, Torquay

This hotel sits majestically on Torquay's headland, set in two acres of magnificent grounds with stunning views out to sea. Relax in the bar, Grand Lounge or the outdoor heated pool. All bedrooms are en-suite with free wifi, telephone, tv and tea/coffee facilities.



HEBRIDEAN ISLANDS DISCOVERY

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

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

DAY 1

Travelling by train to Glasgow, we spend the first night at the Marks Hotel, situated close to the city's Theatre District and Sauchiehall Street. (D).

DAY 2

One of the world's great rail adventures - the stunningly picturesque and romantic 'rail journey to the isles' takes us over Rannoch Moor to Fort William. Our journey continues across 'Harry Potter' famed **Glenfinnan Viaduct** where the Highlander Monument stands at the head of lovely Loch Shiel, then around Loch Eilt before reaching the Atlantic coastline at **Morar**. Here our hotel offers breathtaking views across the silver sands and sea to the inner Hebridean islands of Rum and Eigg. (B,D)

DAY 3

Time to view the silver sands of **Morar** - location for the much lauded film 'Local Hero' - before the short ride to **Mallaig**. Stroll around the small town and harbour, then board the **Isle of Skye** ferry for a visit to the Clan Donald Centre before touring the heavenly southern peninsula, "the garden of Skye". (B,D)



Callanish, Isle of Lewis

© VisitScotland/ScottishViewpoint

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.



Isle of Harris

Fares From **£999**

8 DAYS

DEPARTS

Saturday 2 May 2015
Saturday 19 September 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Euston	£1240	£1130	-£20
Greater London	£1295	£1155	-£20
South of England	£1295	£1165	-£30
East Anglia	£1295	£1165	-£30
South West	£1360	£1210	-£40
Heart of England	£1260	£1145	-£30
Midlands	£1240	£1130	-£25
Yorkshire	£1170	£1095	-£20
North East	£1110	£1075	-£15
North West	£1185	£1095	-£20
South Wales	£1290	£1170	-£35
North Wales	£1230	£1125	-£25
Scotland	£1075	£1050	-£10
Join & Leave at Hotel		£999	

SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £60

Single Room Supplement £190

7 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

DAY 4

We travel the shores of Loch Snizort to **Uig** for the ferry cruise to North Uist. A tour of **Benbecula** and **South Uist** passing numerous lochans and beautiful beaches to arrive at our hotel for a relaxing evening in a tranquil location. (B,D)

DAY 5

We cruise to the **Isle of Harris** and Lewis; a rugged landscape of moorland, deep-sea lochs, mountains and a proud history. With an expert local guide we explore Harris before continuing northwards to **Lewis** and the capital **Stornoway**. (B,D)

DAY 6

Experience the dramatic landscape of **Lewis** on a full day tour in the company of our island guide, including the impressive standing stones of **Callanish**, a traditional thatched blackhouse settlement, and the ancient broch at **Carloway**. (B,D)

DAY 7

Explore **Stornoway**, its harbour and eclectic architecture before we depart the Hebrides, crossing to **Ullapool** for the spectacular journey over the Highlands to **Inverness**. (B,D)

DAY 8

Bidding farewell to Inverness we take the glorious rail journey past the **Cairngorms** and southwards through Pitlochry to Edinburgh and onward destinations. (B)

HOTELS

Marks Hotel, Glasgow

A modern hotel set in the heart of Glasgow's city centre, just a short walk from the Theatre District.

Morar Hotel, Morar

A family-run hotel with the Silver Sands restaurant offering the best of local cuisine and panoramic vistas. No lift

Dunnollie Hotel, Isle of Skye

Set by the waterside of Broadford Bay on the Isle of Skye and in the foothills that lead to Skye's mighty Cuillin mountains.

Dark Island, Benbecula

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

Caberfeidh, Stornoway

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

Royal Highland, Inverness

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



Island Wildlife

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ 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
- ★ 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

Also included in your Tour Fare:

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

DAY 1

Travelling by train to **Glasgow** for an early evening meal followed by a, hopefully, golden sunset journey through the mountains and glens along the **West Highland Line** to Oban. (D)

DAY 2

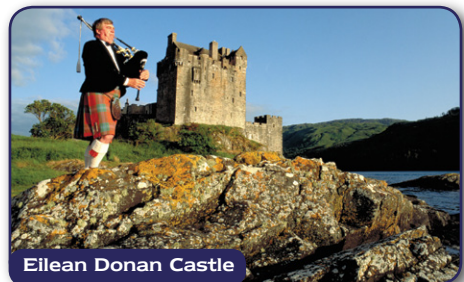
A most relaxing day as we cruise the **Firth of Lorne** to the **Isles of Mull and Iona** and its famous abbey. (B,D)

DAY 3

A leisurely short coach tour takes us to **An Cala Gardens** for a relaxing visit amidst beautiful flora and fauna and meandering streams. We return to **Oban** with the afternoon free for sightseeing. (B,D)

DAY 4

The famous 'Harry Potter' **Jacobite steam train*** to Mallaig. **Glenfinnan Viaduct**, Bonnie Prince Charlie's monument and Loch Shiel are viewed before bursting out onto the Atlantic coastline of golden white sands with distant



Eilean Donan Castle



Jacobite steam train

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.



Strathspey Steam Railway

Fares From **£1095**

8
DAYS

DEPARTS

Monday 4 May 2015
Monday 8 June 2015
Monday 7 September 2015
Monday 5 October 2015

FARES

FARE REGION	FIRST	STANDARD	RC
London: Kings Cross	£1350	£1240	-£20
Greater London	£1405	£1260	-£20
South of England	£1405	£1275	-£30
East Anglia	£1405	£1275	-£30
South West	£1495	£1330	-£40
Heart of England	£1350	£1245	-£30
Midlands	£1355	£1240	-£25
Yorkshire	£1275	£1205	-£20
North East	£1230	£1185	-£20
North West	£1305	£1210	-£20
South Wales	£1410	£1275	-£35
North Wales	£1350	£1235	-£25
Scotland	£1185	£1165	-£10
Join & Leave at Hotel	£1095		

MAY Departure Supplement £30
JUNE Departure Supplement £50
SEPTEMBER Departure Supplement £80

Single Room Supplement £250

7 nights' bed, breakfast & Table d'Hôte evening meal, 1 lunch
Rail travel & seat reservations from your Home Station to Tour Base (Standard or First Class)
Rail & coach travel, with transfers as described
All excursions & admissions as detailed
Services of experienced Railtrail Tour Manager
Hotel Portering

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.

On tour with *Railtrail*



On a Railtrail Tours quality escorted holiday by train all the details are taken care of by us – allowing you to relax and enjoy the unique – and green – experience that is travelling by train.

Take Great British and Continental Railway Journeys in all seasons, through glorious scenery that is simply not accessible by road. You relax in the comfort of reserved seats, with the freedom to move around that makes the train journey all part of the pleasure.



Touring by train the Railtrail way – a great way to travel in comfort and style

Consistent high standards combined with a friendly relaxed manner characterise our tours. All the attractions, excursions and journeys described are thoroughly researched, planned and organised by the Railtrail team and are **ALL INCLUDED** in your tour fare.

Similarly, we select all our hotels for their location, quality of service and facilities combined with the warmth of their welcome, style and character. Our tours feature delightful hotel and restaurant meals; each itinerary indicates all the meals we include.

Our dedicated Customer Service team will provide you with a personal service to assist you right from the moment of your first enquiry, through to your return home.

We will plan your train journeys and issue your tickets and seat reservations. We send you a personalised Railtrail itinerary for your holiday.

En route or at your UK destination station you will be met by your Tour Manager who will then escort your holiday throughout. European tours are escorted from and to London St Pancras International.



A short note to say how much the wife and I enjoyed your Harz Mountains tour... Everything went as advertised, all trains were on time and your Tour Manager Peter Hammond was an excellent ambassador for your company, even stepping off the train home at Creve Station to bid us farewell. I can't fault any part of the experience except that it passed all too quickly.

Mr & Mrs W., Sandbach June 2014



Canals, Steam & Historic Chester. It has been one of the best holidays that I have ever had with Railtrail Tours. The hotel was excellent, the food very good and the Tour Manager, Mr Keith Sykes was very knowledgeable on all the longboats and canals. There was a charming manner that made the holiday run like clockwork. Thank you for having organized an interesting and enjoyable five days.

Mrs S., Huntley June 2014



Switzerland was FANTABULOUS!! Hotels – all different but very good and comfortable. Excursions – superb! Tour Manager – well, what can I say! Steve was really good, helpful, thoughtful and efficient.

Mrs C., Stoke-on-Trent February 2014



Cornwall Classic. Just returned from another excellent Rail Trail tour. Well organised with a very good hotel with friendly and helpful staff, good food and sensibly paced day trips. Jim Ayres was first class, always ensuring we were comfortable and enjoying our trip. Well done we will see you again later in the year.

Mr M., Ely May 2014



Some of the things we are often asked as customers plan their holidays by train...



How many people will there be on the tour?

We ensure holiday arrangements are matched to the size of tour groups (typically 15 - 30 passengers) and always understand that you want attentive but not intrusive personal attention.

I'm concerned - I will be travelling on my own...

Single travellers are made extremely welcome on our tours and they invariably appreciate and enjoy the convivial manner that typifies a Railtrail holiday. We realise that the fear of travelling alone can be a worrying experience for some people and can re-assure you that you will be travelling with friends on a Railtrail holiday – simply friends that you have not yet met.

Who will be our Tour Manager?

Quite often our clients ask if a particular Tour Manager will be taking their holiday. Those who have travelled with us invariably make special mention of their Tour Manager and Railtrail take pride in the comments we receive about their kindness, skill, good humour, knowledge and willingness to help.

Do I arrange my own travel to join a tour or pay extra for this?

UK tours' Fares tables do feature a "Join & Leave at Hotel" **Tour Base Fare** should you wish to drive or travel independently to the hotel.

However a unique feature of our holidays is that travel from your nearest or preferred rail station is **ALL INCLUDED** in your Railtrail UK tour fare. We can also arrange your rail travel to London to join our European and Worldwide tours.

Do I have to carry my own luggage?

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

Can I send my suitcase ahead?

Luggage delivery services are increasingly popular. Arrange to have your luggage collected in advance from your home and delivered to your UK or European tour hotel, leaving you free to enjoy your holiday by train even more.

Carry My Luggage provides such a service and offers clients of Railtrail a **15% complimentary discount** off their prices. For details visit www.carrymyluggage.com or call **0845 009 0362**, and quote promotion code: **RTT10**.

When will I get my travel tickets and itinerary?

These will be sent to you approximately 7 to 10 days before your departure date, and will include your detailed travel timings and tour joining arrangements. In the case of UK tours, the journeys linking your home station to the tour base are individually tailored to leisure travel fares and any applicable route restrictions. Reserved seats are included where the facility is provided.

Can I come and see you? Where are you based?

You are very welcome to visit us during normal office hours – we love to meet all our holidaymakers.

We would however appreciate your telephoning to make an appointment beforehand. Our offices are in the centre of the historic market town of Leek in the Staffordshire Moorlands – between the Potteries and the Peak District.

And to assure you, your money is protected ...

Financial protection of our clients' money is in place, with all your payments held in a designated Client Trust account and only released upon completion of your holiday. So no matter what method of payment you use your monies are 100% safe.

Do you arrange holidays for groups? Of how many people?

Railtrail has over 35 years of experience of operating escorted holidays by rail for private groups. U3A, WI, Probus and even friends of heritage railways ask us to arrange their holidays by train, because we include an extensive range of excursions – and invariably something a little different – and we give all the benefits of group travel as well as looking after each individual traveller in the group.

Talk to us about your ideas and call upon our many years of experience and knowledge. However we tailor a tour for you, an experienced Railtrail Tour Manager will meet your group at your joining station, accompany you throughout your holiday – and back to your home station. Your tour itinerary, travel, seat reservations, accommodation, attractions, excursions and charters are all tailored to suit your group.

Just a small group?

We can offer you a special 'Group Rate' if **EIGHT** or more wish to book on one of the tour departure dates in this brochure.



We have just returned from the most wonderful and exhilarating Swiss Mountain Steam holiday.

The scenery was stunning. The trip up to the Schynige platte was so exciting, it was steam both ways! The Alpine Gardens were absolutely beautiful; all the trips had their own individual excitements. The final trip to the Schilthorn and Piz Gloria was breathtaking. Our courier Stephen did a wonderful job – he was entertaining and knowledgeable.

Miss D., Stoke-on-Trent August 2014

We returned from the Highland Winter Wonderland on Sunday. It was an excellent holiday and very good value for money. The hotel was very good and the staff very pleasant. Our Tour Manager Les Snaith was excellent – very friendly and informative. We would certainly recommend Railtrail and will both go again in the future.

Mr & Mrs P., Letchworth Garden City January 2014





BOOKING INFORMATION

Don't delay to begin your holiday. With your booking made, sit back and relax - as we look after all the arrangements and your Railtrail quality escorted holiday by train gets underway.

HOW TO BOOK

You may book online at www.railtrail.co.uk, over the telephone during office hours, or by you sending us a Railtrail Tours booking form along with your deposit. (A booking form is included in this brochure, may be downloaded from our website, or call 01538 382323 to request one by post.) Your Travel Agent may also submit your booking to us.

The Railtrail brochure includes full tour itineraries, hotel and fare information along with the information you need to make your booking.

All these details plus additional information can be found online at www.railtrail.co.uk, including links to hotels and attraction websites, and extra features such as photo galleries and tour reports.

Visit www.railtrail.co.uk to check availability and book on-line any time of the day or night. If you have a query request a "Call Back" via the website - when you have found a departure date that you are interested in, simply submit your contact details and we will telephone you back during office hours to talk through the tour and help you make your holiday booking.

Please do not hesitate to contact us. The Railtrail team will be pleased to help you in any way we can.

Telephone: **01538 382323** E-mail us: enquiry@railtrail.co.uk

Please read this Booking Information section carefully; it is a step-by-step guide of things you need to know or consider and hopefully the answers to any questions you may have...



YOUR TOUR FARE

UK Holidays

To calculate the cost of your UK holiday INCLUSIVE of rail travel from your nearest mainline station please consult the "Fares" table listed for each Tour.

Look down the table for the region from which you wish to travel, The amounts shown alongside are the Adult Tour Fare, per person (sharing a twin/double room).

Choose First or standard class rail travel to and from the Tour Base. **Please note: Some local and regional train services are standard class only**, so First class ticket holders will travel in standard class accommodation for these sections of journeys.

If you have a **National Railcard** (e.g. Senior) the amount in the "RC" column may also be deducted from your Tour Fare.

Alternatively, you may select the **Tour Base** fare as shown to "Join and Leave" at the tour hotel(s).

European Holidays

Fares include rail travel from London St. Pancras International, however we can also provide you with connecting, flexible travel rail tickets to London from your chosen mainline station at a special value fare.

If you wish to travel independently to the Tour Base in Europe (e.g. by air), contact us outlining your proposed travel plans and we can provide a variation to the tour fare.



BOOKING INFORMATION



MAKING A BOOKING

Please complete each section and answer ALL questions in FULL during the booking process.

Please complete both sides of the form and sign it, having read the Railtrail Booking Information and Conditions. For bookings made online or over the telephone, a Passenger Information form including a Mobility Declaration will be sent to you for completion, signature and return.

A written confirmation of receipt of your booking will be forwarded to you; this includes when your balance of fare is due for payment. Whilst every effort is taken to ensure all details are correct, we ask that on receipt of all your documentation you check all the details and notify us immediately of any concerns.

Deposit & Payments

At time of booking you need to pay £75 PER PERSON for UK Classic tours, £150 PER PERSON for ALL Signature and European Classic tours and £250 PER PERSON for worldwide tours. Remember – deposits are NON REFUNDABLE. It is important that you consider travel insurance arrangements before 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%.

Holiday Travel 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) and also 'next of kin' / In Case of Emergency contact information.

For UK holidays this requirement is not mandatory for UK nationals but we do recommend that you are similarly insured and request that you do provide us with 'next of kin' / In Case of Emergency contact information; insurance is mandatory for NON-UK nationals and it is a condition that you provide details to us as above.

When will I have to pay the balance?

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 9 weeks before departure date (13 weeks for ALL Signature, European Classic and Worldwide tours) the full amount is due at time of booking.

Your Booking Confirmation & Invoice includes the date when your balance of fare is due by. You are liable for the full balance at this date.

THE TOUR FARE

What is included in the Tour Fare?

All rail travel throughout the holiday as described. Air travel where applicable. Connecting road travel from station to hotel (where necessary). Accommodation and meals as detailed in the tour itinerary. All excursions and admissions to attractions,

unless otherwise stated in the tour itinerary. Services of an experienced Tour Manager. VAT and local taxes where applicable.

UK tours: Rail travel to and from the Tour Base in your choice of First or standard class. Please note: Some local and regional train services are standard class only, so First class ticket holders will travel in standard class accommodation for these sections of journeys.



What meals are included?

UK tours include half board accommodation with a full cooked breakfast and a choice three course table d'hôte evening meal, unless otherwise stated in the Fare table or tour itinerary.

European tours may be on a bed and buffet continental breakfast basis, half board or a mixture of both as stated in the Fare table or tour itinerary.

Each tour states in the Fare table what meals are included; at the end of each day initial letters in brackets indicate the meal(s) included: **B**reakfast, **L**unch (light), **A**fternoon **T**ea, **D**inner, **E**urostar Standard Premier meal.

Please inform us when booking if any special preference is required (e.g. vegan, vegetarian, diabetic etc.).

What is not included?

- Normally we do not include lunch unless specifically stated in the tour itinerary.
- 'Free day' excursions and activities, where suggestions are payable local.
- Any supplement for single travellers; this is shown in the Fare table.
- Passport, visa and insurances.
- Personal expenses.
- For European and Worldwide tours: Rail tickets from your home station to and from London; we can of course supply these on request, at special value fares that give travel time flexibility.

YOUR MOBILITY & TOUR SUITABILITY

Due to the nature of our holidays, it is important that you have a reasonable level of fitness; some walking is involved.

If you are infirm or disabled in any way it is essential that you contact us before booking to enable us to advise suitability of your chosen tour. This request is made in good faith and your own interest, as we would not wish you to book on a tour where limited mobility would affect your enjoyment of the holiday.

As part of the booking process you are required to provide information about your mobility and fitness to travel on a touring holiday by train, which can be physically demanding.

Subsequently, if you arrive for a holiday with a condition that you have not previously disclosed to us and in the opinion of the Tour Manager your condition or lack of mobility would detrimentally affect the smooth running of the tour then the Tour Manager has the absolute discretion to cancel your booking at that time without compensation or refund. Please note, your Tour Manager cannot provide individual assistance with boarding and handling luggage. We are required by law to notify airlines of clients with reduced mobility including walking difficulties, broken limbs and pregnant women.

UK RAILCARDS

Senior, Disabled Persons, Two Together, Family & Friends and 16-25 national Railcard holders qualify for a Fare deduction on UK tours as indicated in the Fares table (e.g. - £30). The Railcard must be carried at all times for examination during travel.

WHAT TO WEAR

Dress code at the hotels is smart casual and experienced travellers take clothing based on 'mix & match', with 'layers' and sturdy shoes for travelling and excursions.

LUGGAGE & ADVANCE DELIVERY SERVICES

We do include luggage transfers and portage whenever we can, however carriage of luggage is the client's responsibility including on to or off a train (unless stated otherwise in the tour itinerary). We consider lightweight suitcases with wheels and a retractable handle to be a necessity. We would recommend a modest sized suitcase and a small piece of hand baggage per person.

Please note, your Tour Manager cannot provide individual assistance with boarding and handling luggage.

You may also like to consider using a luggage delivery service who will arrange to transport your luggage from your home to your tour hotel. **Carry My Luggage** offer Railtrail clients a **15% complimentary discount**. Contact them directly on 0845 009 0362 or www.carrymyluggage.com and when booking quote **RTT10** to receive your discount.





BOOKING INFORMATION

HOTELS

The hotels used in our tours are of a good standard with all rooms having private bathrooms en suite, (NB this may be with bath or shower or both, depending on the hotel). Grades are based on local ratings, which vary country to country. All hotels have lifts unless otherwise stated.

Published Tour Fares are based on sharing a double or twin-bedded room; if you have a specific preference for either double or twin-bedded please state accordingly when booking and we will do our utmost to satisfy your request.

Are Extra Nights available?

On UK tours, you may extend your stay, either before or after the Tour, subject to availability; please request when booking.

On European tours, if you are varying the Tour travel arrangements – for instance travelling out or back by air – please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Single Rooms

Single travellers are made extremely welcome on our tours. However there is usually a single supplement for each tour as shown in the Fare details.



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PASSPORTS & VISAS

British Citizens: 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 have a valid passport. Please allow at least one month and preferably three months for issue or renewal. We will advise you at the time of booking of any visa requirements.

If you are not a British Citizen you must also check immigration requirements with the appropriate embassy or consulate of the country/countries that you plan to visit or travel through.

OVERSEAS HEALTHCARE INFORMATION

For European tours: A European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows EU citizens access to reduced-cost, sometimes free, medical treatment that may become necessary during your holiday in a European Union (EU) country and Switzerland. All UK residents should have one and carry it with them when travelling abroad. To apply go to: www.nhs.uk and search "Healthcare Abroad", or phone: 0300 330 1350. To apply by post, pick up an EHIC form from the Post Office.

For Worldwide tours: We will advise you at the time of booking of any health precautions and immunisations recommended that we are aware of at the time of going to press with our tour information, but you should also seek advice from a qualified medical practitioner.

CONCESSIONS

If you have free rail travel concessions please contact us regarding how these may be used; your tour fare will be adjusted accordingly. Railtrail cannot be held responsible for travel arrangements made by others using concessionary facilities.

SMOKING

Hotel rooms and train seats will be reserved as NO-SMOKING where available unless the appropriate request is made when booking. Please note many train companies now operate a no-smoking policy. Also for the comfort of the majority, all road coach tours and excursions are designated no smoking. There will however be opportunities for smokers during stops.

TOUR JOINING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS & ITINERARIES

Tour itineraries are individually tailored to leisure travel fares and any applicable route restrictions in the case of UK tour journeys linking your home station to the tour base. Reserved seats are included where the facility is provided. Detailed travel timings are shown in your Joining Arrangements and Tour Itinerary. This is sent to you with your travel tickets approximately 7 days before departure date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Railtrail Tours would like to thank all those who have assisted in the planning of our tours and production of this brochure - with time, information, words and photographs: all the train operating companies, railways, hotels, tourist offices, fellow tour operators, other organisations, individuals, members of the Railtrail team and their families - and our clients, who provide invaluable feedback and many compliments.



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We find many of our new bookings come via **'personal recommendation'** from holidaymakers who have enjoyed travelling with us again and again.

If you are an existing Railtrail client and recommend us to a friend who hasn't travelled with us previously, please ensure

when they complete their booking form they note YOUR name and postcode at the foot of their form.

When they have completed their holiday you will receive a **£75 discount voucher*** for each new client you introduce, which may be used towards the cost of your next Railtrail holiday.



Passenger Information Please provide us with all the following information in order to fully process your booking.

	Passenger 1 (Party Leader)	Passenger 2
Name		
Special Diets		
Any Medical Conditions or Disabilities		
Any Mobility Restrictions		

Next of Kin: Name		
Relationship		
Home Telephone		
Mobile		

National Railcard: Type		
Number		
Expiry Date		

If a discount is claimed a valid National Railcard must be carried whilst on a UK tour.

Insurance Company		
Insurer's Emergency Contact No.		
Policy Number		

Insurance is not mandatory for UK residents travelling on UK tours

Passport: Number & Issue Date		
Expiry Date		
Nationality		
Country / Authority issued by		

A Passport is not required for UK tour bookings, but photo ID may need to be carried on some UK tours.

Are you travelling with anyone else on this tour who will have sent us a booking form independently?

If so, whom? _____

Please tick on both of your Booking Forms to indicate that you wish Railtrail to make adjacent seat reservations where possible.

DECLARATION To be completed by the First Passenger (Party Leader) on behalf of ALL of the party

MOBILITY DECLARATION

See "Your Mobilty & Tour Suitability", Booking Information, page D.

I declare that I and all of my party are capable of:

- * Carrying and lifting our own luggage on to and off trains? YES NO
- * Walking at a reasonable pace as part of a group? YES NO
- * Climbing steps without assistance? YES NO

If the answer is **NO** to any of these questions, you or your travel agent will need to discuss the suitability of your chosen tour with Railtrail before booking.

Please do not hesitate to contact us.

I have read and I understand the **Railtrail Booking Information** and I have provided the **Passenger Information** needed to process this booking. I have read and I accept the **Railtrail Booking Conditions** on behalf of all of the above named passengers and understand the importance of the **Mobility Declaration**.

I enclose a deposit payment as described above, and undertake on behalf of myself and my party to pay the required balance money no later than **13 weeks** (All Signature, European & Worldwide tours) / **9 weeks** (UK tours) before the departure date.

Signed _____

Date _____

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS)



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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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Date	Tour	Days	Date	Tour	Days
November 2014			June Cont.		
Thu 27	Cologne Christmas Markets & the Kaiser's Carriage	4	Sat 6	Harz Mountains Steam - the Jewel of Germany	7
December 2014			Sat 6	Swiss Glacier Express, Lakes & Mountains	6
Wed 3	Dresden Festive Steam	7	Sun 7	Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager	4
Thu 4	Highland Winter Wonderland	4	Mon 8	Queen of Scots	8
Sat 6	Highland Festive All Inclusive	4	Mon 8	Exclusive Emerald Isle	6
Sat 27	Black Forest New Year Steam & More	7	Tue 9	Florence, Tuscany, Lake Garda & Venice	11
January			Wed 10	Cornwall Classic	6
Thu 15	Highland Winter Wonderland	4	Thu 11	St Tropez, Antibes & Monte Carlo	8
February			Fri 12	Paris & Chateau Montvillargenne	4
Sun 1	Glacier Express & Swiss Mountain Railways	6	Sat 13	Highland Rail Voyager	4
Sun 8	Glacier Express & Swiss Mountain Railways	6	Sat 13	Lake Garda & Venice	10
Thu 12	Highland Winter Wonderland	4	Sat 13	The Italian Lakes - Maggiore, Como & Lugano	10
March			Sun 14	Langley Castle, Beamish & Hadrian's Wall Country	5
Sat 28	Springtime Highlander	5	Sun 14	Best of the Rhine & Moselle	6
April			Thu 18	Yorkshire Moors by Steam	5
Thu 9	St Tropez, Antibes & Monte Carlo	8	Sun 21	Augill Castle & the Yorkshire Dales	5
Sat 11	Springtime Highlander	5	Mon 22	Highland Adventure	7
Sun 19	Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager	4	Mon 22	Lake District & Cumbrian Mountains Rail Roamer	4
Mon 20	Devon Riviera & Cornish Coast	8	Thu 25	Isle of Man Explorer	5
Wed 22	Canals, Steam & Historic Chester	5	Fri 26	Berlin, the Brocken & Germany's Glorious Gardens	9
Thu 23	Yorkshire Moors by Steam	5	Sat 27	Highland Rail Voyager	4
Fri 24	Paris & Chateau Montvillargenne	4	Tue 30	Romantic Highlander	6
Sat 25	Springtime Highlander	5	July		
Mon 27	Romantic Highlander	6	Fri 3	Devon Riviera by Steam	4
Thu 30	Beethoven's Bonn & Railways of the Rhine	5	Fri 3	Paris & Chateau Montvillargenne	4
May			Sun 5	Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager	4
Sat 2	Hebridean Islands Discovery	8	Wed 8	Wonderful Wales	6
Mon 4	Queen of Scots	8	Wed 8	Cornwall Classic	6
Mon 4	Wonderful Wales	6	Wed 8	Swiss Mountain Steam	8
Wed 6	Cornwall Classic	6	Thu 9	Isle of Man Explorer	5
Wed 6	Lake Garda & Venice	10	Sat 11	The Italian Lakes - Maggiore, Como & Lugano	10
Thu 7	Isle of Man Explorer	5	Sat 18	Harz Mountains Steam - the Jewel of Germany	7
Fri 8	Devon Riviera by Steam	4	Sat 25	Swiss Glacier Express, Lakes & Mountains	6
Sat 9	Highland Rail Voyager	4	Wed 29	Guernsey & Sark Explore & Relaxation	6
Sun 10	Langley Castle, Beamish & Hadrian's Wall Country	5	Wed 29	Swiss Mountain Steam	8
Mon 11	Exclusive Emerald Isle	6	Thu 30	Beethoven's Bonn & Railways of the Rhine	5
Thu 14	Yorkshire Moors by Steam	5	August		
Thu 14	St Tropez, Antibes & Monte Carlo	8	Sun 2	Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager	4
Sun 17	Augill Castle & the Yorkshire Dales	5	Fri 7	Berlin, the Brocken & Germany's Glorious Gardens	9
Sun 17	Best of the Rhine & Moselle	6	Wed 12	Swiss Mountain Steam	8
Mon 18	Highland Adventure	4	Mon 17	Devon Riviera & Cornish Coast	8
Mon 18	Lake District & Cumbrian Mountains Rail Roamer	7	Wed 26	Swiss Mountain Steam	8
Mon 18	Devon Riviera & Cornish Coast	8	Sun 30	Welsh Mountains Steam & Coast Rail Voyager	4
Wed 20	Florence, Tuscany, Lake Garda & Venice	11	September		
Thu 21	Guernsey & Sark Explore & Relaxation	6	Tue 1	Florence, Tuscany, Lake Garda & Venice	11
Thu 21	Beethoven's Bonn & Railways of the Rhine	5	Wed 2	Canals, Steam & Historic Chester	5
Mon 25	Romantic Highlander	6	Thu 3	Beethoven's Bonn & Railways of the Rhine	5
Tue 26	The Italian Lakes - Maggiore, Como & Lugano	10	Fri 4	Devon Riviera by Steam	4
Sun 31	Swiss More Inclusive	8	Sun 6	Langley Castle, Beamish & Hadrian's Wall Country	5
June			Mon 7	Queen of Scots	8
Wed 3	Canals, Steam & Historic Chester	5	Mon 7	Wonderful Wales	6
Fri 5	Devon Riviera by Steam	4	Wed 9	Cornwall Classic	6
			Wed 9	Swiss Mountain Steam	8

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