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Steam, Rail & Ale Tours 2017

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Tours



Tours with Tipple in the UK & Europe





Welcome

The campaigns to preserve our heritage railways and our real ale heritage have so much in common. Cast aside by the modern age in the 1960s and 70s, but preserved by people with passion and determination, the steam scene and real ale culture continue to prosper.

The trackside pub is often the best place to share stories, but have you ever fancied combining the thrills, spills, sights and smells of a day at a Steam Gala with visits to the best local breweries? If so, we've designed new tours especially for you combining exciting steam galas with imaginative excursions and excellent real ale breweries. And for those interested in the flavours of Belgium and Germany, we also have a small number of tours with you in mind. What's more, as with all our tours, any bookings made before 28 February accrue Double Loyalty Points.

Railtrail – refreshing the parts other tour operators cannot reach!

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BAVARIAN BEER FESTIVAL & RAIL ALE TRAIL

**NEW
TOUR**



Combine steam trains and railway museums with scenic journeys by train and boat, exploring historic Nuremberg and UNESCO World Heritage Bamberg. Taste Bamberg's smoked beer, tour Nuremberg's labyrinthine Altstadt Brewery and marvel at Maisel's Weissbier Experience whilst enjoying two evenings at Nuremberg's Beer Festival. Prost!

**Fares
From
£875**



DEPARTS

Wednesday 14 June 2017

**6
DAYS**



- ★ Visit the new Maisels Weisse Beer Experience
- ★ Reminiscence at the German steam Train Museum
- ★ Relaxing river cruise with lunch on-board



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Enjoy two evenings at the Nuremberg Beer Festival
- ★ Visit Germany's National Railway Museum
- ★ Heritage Railcar ride on the scenic Mainschleifenbahn line
- ★ Explore the Altstadt Keller Brewery in the labyrinth beneath Nuremberg
- ★ Steam on the Franconian Switzerland Railway
- ★ Taste Bamberg's smoked beer at Schlenkerla
- ★ Enjoy guided tours of Nuremberg & Bamberg

HOTEL

Inter City Hotel, Nuremberg

A modern 3 star hotel situated adjacent to the station and city centre. All rooms are en-suite with individually controlled air-conditioning, fully equipped bathroom, hair dryer, cosmetic mirror, minibar, LCD flatscreen with SAT-TV and SKY, phone with voice mail, WiFi, laptop size safe and work desk.

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GREAT CENTRAL & MORE – STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

A brilliant Steam, Rail and Ale tour timed to coincide with the huge Great Central Model Railway event. This fabulous tour also visits the 150th Anniversary event at the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway with a 'Jinty' guest loco. Steam on Peak Rail at their vintage bus & coach event combining steam in glorious scenery with heritage bus journeys around the region and between the stations. There is ample opportunity to enjoy real ale at the railways, local pubs, and on a tour of Marston's Heritage brewery.

Fares
From
£459



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Great Central Day Rover pass
- ★ Admission to the GCR Model event at Quorn
- ★ Ecclesbourne Valley Steam - 150th anniversary celebrations
- ★ Steam along Peak Rail
- ★ Peak District Vintage Bus rides

DEPARTS

Thursday 15 June 2017

5
DAYS



- ★ Tour of Marston's heritage brewery
- ★ Real Ale on trains and in stations on GCR including the renowned 'tin hut'
- ★ Based in Derby, the Real Ale capital of the world



HOTEL

Hallmark Hotel, Derby

The original Midland Railway hotel has been refurbished to create a luxurious boutique-style hotel whilst still retaining Victorian features and the wonderful grandeur of old. En-suite bedrooms feature flat screen TV with Freeview, free internet access, tea/coffee making facilities and hair-dryer; sleep easy in great beds with sumptuous bedding, chenille throws and luxury cushions.

SPITFIRE, TITANIC & STAFFORDSHIRE BY STEAM

**NEW
TOUR**



Spitfire and Titanic? Okay, we've got your attention! Yes, we see Spitfire RW388 at the Potteries Museum and visit the Titanic Brewery for a tour and tasting, but this tour features so much more – the Amerton, Churnet Valley, Ruyard Lake and Apedale Railways, plus the special Steam Anniversary Gala at Foxfield on a moorlands tour by vintage coach with more than a taste of real ale.



DEPARTS

Thursday 13 July 2017

**5
DAYS**



- ★ See Stoke on Trent's Spitfire
- ★ Stay in a heritage hotel, in the heart of the Potteries
- ★ Great value fare including half-board accommodation



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Foxfield Steam Railway 50th anniversary steam gala
- ★ Steam on the Churnet Valley Railway – The real ale line
- ★ Charming, 10.25" gauge Ruyard Lake Steam Railway
- ★ Apedale private steam photo charter Moseley Trust locos
- ★ Amerton Railway private steam photo charter & shed tour
- ★ Private Titanic brewery tour & tasting
- ★ Real ale pubs galore
- ★ Vintage bus travel

HOTEL

Quality Hotel, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent

Built in 1900 and formerly a grand railway hotel, the Quality Hotel remains iconic to this day. The Leisure Club features an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gym. Guests can also enjoy a sports massage by appointment. The elegant Restaurant 66 serves a varied international menu and wine list. Bennett's Bar serves a selection of bar snacks and features a pool table. Room service is also available. All bedrooms have a private bathroom, tea / coffee making facilities and a television.

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SCOTTISH STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL

Build up a head of steam, uncovering Scotland's heritage from a different angle. Enjoy a day at the Bo'ness & Kinneil Steam Gala, soar above the canals by boat on the remarkable Falkirk Wheel and steam through the Highlands on the Strathspey Railway on a tour that also features the best of Scottish brewing.



Fares
From
£545

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Enjoy a day at the Bo'ness & Kinneil Steam Gala
- ★ Taste the local craft ales of Kinneil Brew
- ★ Soar 35 metres into the air by boat at the engineering masterpiece Falkirk Wheel
- ★ Experience a tour and tasting at Harviestoun Brewery
- ★ Steam on the former Highland Railway with the Strathspey Steam Railway
- ★ Marvel at the vistas as we travel by train to Aviemore
- ★ Enjoy Highland ales at the Cairngorm Brewery
- ★ 4* hotel in historic Stirling with leisure facilities

DEPARTS

Thursday 19 October 2017

5
DAYS



HOTEL

Stirling Highland Hotel

Just a short walk from Stirling Castle, the Highland Hotel is 4* and its restaurant boasts an AA Rosette. Its free car park allows you to drive to your holiday and join at tour base, should you wish, whereas the leisure club, including swimming pool, is a great place to relax. Built in the 19th century as the city's High School, this historic building still houses a working observatory in its roof.

YORKSHIRE DALES STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL



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



DEPARTS

Thursday 5 October 2017

5
DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Discover Harrogate from a hotel just yards from Betty's and other attractions
- ★ Steam to your heart's content at the Keighley & Worth Valley Autumn Gala
- ★ Steam through the Dales on the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway
- ★ Enjoy Haworth in the heart of Brontë Country
- ★ Spend a day in York to visit the National Railway Museum
- ★ Experience a tour and tasting at the York Brewery
- ★ Discover Wensleydale on board the preserved Wensleydale Railway
- ★ Get a taste for Yorkshire at the Black Sheep Brewery



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.

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THE BIG BELGIAN BEER WEEKEND

**NEW
TOUR**

Brand new for 2017 and staying at the upscale Pullman Hotel Brussels Midi, this tour is packed with excitement. Get your bearings with a guided 'Brussels Beer Walk', enjoy ample free time at the 'Belgian Beer Weekend' in the glorious Grand Place, visit the new Train World Museum, steam on a specially chartered train, cruise Gent's canals and visit four very different Belgian breweries.

**Fares
From
£649**



DEPARTS

Thursday 31 August 2017

**5
DAYS**



- ★ Private charter of the Dendermonde-Puurs Steam Railway
- ★ Tour & Tasting at Duvel Brewery
- ★ Tour, Tasting & Lunch at Gruut Brewery

- ★ Beer Boat Trip on Gent's canals
- ★ Train World Brussels
- ★ Tour & Tasting at Cantillon Brewery

HOTEL

Hotel Pullman, Brussels Midi

An upscale 4* hotel situated at Brussels Gare du Midi station, just a short walk from your Eurostar, the Pullman Hotel offers easy access to the centre of the city. The hotel features a restaurant and bar, whilst the spacious rooms come equipped with air-conditioning, minibar, safe, and tea and coffee making facilities.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Includes rail travel from London St Pancras International
- ★ 4* hotel, 2 dinners & 1 lunch
- ★ Introductory Brussels Beer Walk
- ★ Ample free time to visit Brussels Beer Weekend festival
- ★ Tour & Tasting at Malheur Brewery

BELGIAN STEAM, RAIL & ALE TRAIL



An action-packed Belgian tour featuring a day at the Trois Vallées Steam Festival and much more – Train World Brussels, vintage trams, UNESCO World Heritage canal boat lifts and visits to three Belgian breweries!

Fares
From
£699



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Includes rail travel from London St Pancras International
- ★ Tour & Tasting at the Cantillon Brewery
- ★ Tour & Tasting at St Feuillen Brewery
- ★ Tour, tasting and lunch at the Fagnes Brewery

- ★ The “Three Valleys Steam Railway Festival” including Treignes Railway Museum
- ★ Thuin Tram Museum and vintage tram charter
- ★ The ‘Canal du Centre’, including a cruise, heritage boat lift and the largest boat lift in the world
- ★ Visit to Train World Museum in Brussels

DEPARTS

Thursday 21 September 2017

5
DAYS



HOTEL

Ibis Hotel Mons Centre Gare

The Ibis Hotel is situated close to the railway station and boasts a restaurant and bar. Mons has a picturesque old town, complete with Grand Place square, and is the capital of the Hainault province. In 2015 Mons was the European Capital of Culture.

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