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NEW  
YEAR  
UPDATE



## 2018

**FLIP OVER** for  
the UK by Rail

# Touring Europe by Rail





# Welcome

Back in the deepest days of my youth I made my first ever trip abroad by train. I was going to Germany to live and work for a year, so looking back it was the beginning of a great adventure. London to Dover, then a ferry to Ostend, where the ship sailed along the beach into the port and virtually onto the tracks that transported us to Cologne, arriving in darkness beneath the illuminated masterpiece of Cologne cathedral.

Travelling to Europe by train is, of course, much easier these days. Our tours begin with a welcome brew and a pastry at St Pancras, before your Eurostar whisks you to the beginning of your adventure. The tours themselves are very personal to Dave and myself. They are the result of our own travels, interests and passions. That's why we include experiences not found elsewhere.

We hope you'll find plenty of interest in this brochure, not least the couple of brand new tours. And don't forget that all bookings taken in January accrue **DOUBLE LOYALTY POINTS**.

Happy New Year and hopefully see you at St Pancras.

**Rob Carroll**

General Manager, Railtrail Tours Ltd



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# WORLD WAR I CENTENARY & FLANDERS STEAM GALA

**NEW  
TOUR**



The Maldegem Steam Centre's festival in 2018 will be themed around World War I, so it seemed fitting to commemorate the centenary of the end of the war with a special one-off tour, featuring a day exploring the poignant battlefields of Ypres and Paschendaele. As well as Maldegem's gala, we also enjoy a private steam charter on Belgium's Puurs-Dendermonde heritage line, a visit to gorgeous Gent to cruise its waterways and we also get a taste of Belgian beer at local brewery.



**Fares  
From  
£699**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Rail travel from London to Belgium and return
- ★ Dinner every evening in Belgium

- ★ Full day at Maldegem's World War I themed Steam Festival
- ★ Tour and tasting at a local brewery
- ★ Get to know Gent from the water on our included canal cruise

## DEPARTS

Thursday 3 May 2018

**5  
DAYS**

- ★ Private steam charter on the Puurs-Dendermonde Steam Railway
- ★ Spend a day exploring the World War I battlefields with an expert guide
- ★ Visit Talbot House, the 'Everyman's Club' in Poperinge
- ★ Experience the Hooze Crater Museum and nearby trenches
- ★ Pay your respects at Tyne Cot Cemetery & the Last Post Ceremony



## HOTEL

### Ibis Hotel St Niklaas

The Ibis Hotel is situated in the historic heart of St Niklaas within walking distance of all the Market Square and station. Its facilities include a popular and welcoming bar. The modern rooms are equipped with television, telephone and hairdryer.



Call **01538 382323** – to book or to request a detailed tour itinerary



# THE FAB FOUR RHINE VALLEY RAIL ROAMER

Experience four of the Rhine Valley's rail highlights on one fabulous tour! Including Germany's oldest rack railway, the Drachenfelsbahn, the heritage railbuses of the Kasbachtalbahn, the scenic branch line through the red wine vineyards of the Ahr Valley and, not forgetting, heritage steam and diesel on the Vulkan Express!



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class travel from London to Germany and return
- ★ 4 nights at the family-run Hotel Pinger in Remagen
- ★ Return journey on the Kasbachtalbahn Railway
- ★ Excursion to Königswinter and the Drachenfelsbahn rack railway
- ★ Return journey on the Vulkan Express by steam and diesel
- ★ Exploring the Ahr Valley branch line, with vineyard visit and winetasting

## DEPARTS

Fridays 27 April, 22 June, 27 July & 24 August 2018

5  
DAYS



## HOTEL

### Hotel Pinger, Remagen

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

# AMSTERDAM, BRUSSELS, BULBFIELDS & STEAM



Springtime is the very best time of the year to visit the bulbfields. This tour features Keukenhof Gardens, the Floralia flower show at a Belgian château, steam adventures on the 'Three Valleys Line' and the historic steam train from Hoorn to Medemblik in North Holland. Not forgetting a day in Amsterdam with canal trip and we also stay in Gouda to coincide with their cheese market!



Fares  
From  
£899

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ World famous Keukenhof Gardens at its finest with tulips in bloom
- ★ Floralia at the Château de Grand Bigard near Brussels with over a million bulbs
- ★ Explore the Three Valleys Steam Railway
- ★ Enjoy a round trip in North Holland on the Hoorn to Medemblik Steam train and by boat on the IJsselmeer
- ★ Take a relaxing cruise amidst Amsterdam's canals
- ★ Experience Gouda's cheese market day

## DEPARTS

Saturday 14 April 2018

6  
DAYS



## 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.

### Best Western Hotel Gouda

This new 4\* hotel is situated in Gouda's historic centre next to one of the town's prettiest canals. Also featuring a restaurant and bar, the modern rooms are equipped with free wifi, air-conditioning, safe, refrigerator, and tea and coffee making facilities.

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# THE RHINE & MOSELLE RAIL & WINE TRAIL

Stay in a wine village at the heart of the Rhine Gorge, exploring the romantic Rhine and Moselle Valleys by rail and riverboat, and visiting a wide variety of winemakers to discover the region's wealth of wine culture.



Fares  
From  
£749

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Standard Class rail travel to Germany and return
- ★ Stay in the heart of the Rhine Gorge UNESCO World Heritage site
- ★ Visit Rudesheim, with winetasting at a local wine cellar
- ★ Cruise the Loreley Valley, partly by steamer, visiting St Goar and Bacharach
- ★ Discover Assmannshausen's wines with a winetasting at your hotel
- ★ Visit wine town of Eltville, also known as 'Town of Roses'
- ★ Enjoy a tasting of 'Sekt' sparkling wine at the Weingut Barth
- ★ Take the scenic rail journey along the Moselle Valley to Cochem
- ★ Cruise the Moselle and taste Moselle wines with a winetasting

## DEPARTS

Sundays 3 June & 2 September 2018

6  
DAYS



## HOTEL

### Rheinhotel Lamm or Alte Bauernschänke, Assmannshausen

The two hoteliers are great friends. Having known Rob for many years, they have used their contacts to help design this unique tour. The June date will stay at the Alte Bauernschänke, whereas the September date will feature the Rheinhotel Lamm. Both hotels have a long tradition of welcoming guests from the UK and for each tour one evening meal will take place at the other hotel to add a little variety.

# THE GREAT GERMAN RAIL ALE TRAIL

**NEW  
TOUR**



In 2018 the German National Tourist Office is celebrating 'Culinary Germany'. Rob studied German and lived there in his youth, whereas Dave lost his heart to the beautiful Harz. So here is their love letter to Germany, on the face of it a tour of German beers, from Düsseldorf's Altbier to Cologne's rival Kölsch, with Gose, Bockbier, Rotbier and even smoked ale. Yet delve deeper to discover a country with colourful regional differences of taste, language, culture and lifestyle. Prost!



**Fares  
From  
£1295**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Begin with an Altbier tour of Düsseldorf
- ★ Steam to the top of the Brocken Mountain
- ★ Enjoy UNESCO World Heritage Goslar's half-timbered centre
- ★ Tour & Tasting of Gose beer at Goslar's Brauhaus
- ★ Visit the home of Bock beer in Einbeck
- ★ Guided tour of Nuremberg's historic centre
- ★ Tour, tasting and dinner at Nuremberg's labyrinthine Alstadthof brewery

## DEPARTS

Sunday 29 April 2018

**9  
DAYS**

- ★ Tour the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage city of Bamberg
- ★ Experience Schlenkerla smoked beer with lunch at the brewery restaurant
- ★ Uncover Munich's brewing heritage at the Oktoberfest Museum
- ★ Enjoy lunch at the world-famous Hofbräuhaus
- ★ Final evening 'Kölsch – Beer, Language & Lifestyle' tour
- ★ Farewell dinner at a Cologne Brewery Tavern



## HOTEL

### **HKK Hotel, Wernigerode**

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

### **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.

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# SWISS GLACIER EXPRESS & THE BERNINA

Two of the world's greatest railway journeys on one tour! Enjoy the classic Glacier Express journey across the Swiss Alps, followed by the Bernina Express in its full glory. Not forgetting Lausanne, Montreux and St Moritz, plus stays on Lake Geneva and in the Engadine Valley.



Fares  
From  
**£1399**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Discover the 'Olympic City' of Lausanne
- ★ Stay in a lakeside hotel by Lake Geneva
- ★ Cruise along Lake Geneva to visit Château Chillon
- ★ Enjoy free time in lakeside Montreux
- ★ Admire the scenery from the world famous Swiss Glacier Express with lunch provided
- ★ Stay in Celerina in the beautiful Upper Engadin Valley close to the Bernina Pass
- ★ Marvel at the equally spectacular Bernina Express train journey
- ★ Take in great views of the Upper Engadin Valley from the Muottas Muragl funicular
- ★ Visit stylish St Moritz
- ★ Witness two of the world's great railway journeys on one tour

## DEPARTS

Fridays 22 June & 7 September 2018

**6**  
DAYS



## HOTEL

### Hotel Au Lac, Lausanne

A 3\* hotel with an enviable location, the belle epoque style and era Hotel Au Lac is situated beside Lake Geneva, just a short ride away from the train station and city centre using your Lausanne Transport Card. The hotel boasts a restaurant, and rooms are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities.

### Hotel Chesa Rosatsch, Celerina

Situated just a short walk from the railway station beside the Inn River, the 4\* Hotel Chesa Rosatsch has a beautiful position in the centre of the alpine village of Celerina against the dramatic backdrop of the Upper Engadin mountains. The oldest part of the hotel is housed in a 400 year old building and behind these ancient walls is a combination of traditional Swiss mountain hospitality and modern flair.



# HARZ MOUNTAINS STEAM - THE JEWEL OF GERMANY



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

Fares  
From  
**£1025**



## DEPARTS

Saturdays 16 June, 14 July &  
15 September 2018

**7**  
DAYS



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## HOTELS

### InterCity Hotel, Wuppertal

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

### Hotel HKK, Wernigerode

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

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# ST TROPEZ, MONTE CARLO & THE TRAIN DES PIGNES

**NEW  
ITINERARY**

We have rejigged our French Riviera tour a little this time in order to bring in one of France's best-known heritage railways. We still visit St Tropez by boat and take the scenic coastal train to Monte Carlo and Nice, but this time we also feature steam on the Train des Pignes!

**Fares  
From  
£1425**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## DEPARTS

Thursdays 7 June & 13 September 2018

**8  
DAYS**



## HOTEL

### Hotel Continental, St Raphael

Situated in a heart of the town the hotel benefits from its superb location, right on the Mediterranean marina waterfront, a short stroll from the city centre and railway station. Each well-appointed room features cable satellite TV, internet access, air-conditioning, safe, minibar and hairdryer.

# BARCELONA, CARCASSONNE & THE CATALAN COAST



Travel in First Class style to the South of France. Relax in a beachside hotel, explore the rocky coves of the Catalan Coast, tasting local specialities, visit colourful Barcelona, the Pyrenees and the perfect medieval walled city of Carcassonne.

**Fares**  
From  
**£1425**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First Class rail travel to/from Perpignan, including Standard Premier Eurostar
- ★ Visit enchanting Collioure
- ★ Explore the coves of the Catalan Coast by rail and road train
- ★ Winetasting of local wines in Banyuls
- ★ Relax in the Mediterranean resort of Argelès-sur-Mer
- ★ Travel into the Pyrenees aboard the spectacular 'Petit Train Jaune'
- ★ Enjoy a traditional French market day
- ★ Visit exciting Barcelona, the proud capital of Catalonia
- ★ Visit the perfect medieval walled city of Carcassonne
- ★ Enjoy a home-made Cassoulet, the regional speciality

## DEPARTS

Fridays 8 June & 14 September 2018

**8**  
DAYS



## HOTEL

### Hotel du Lido, Argelès-sur-Mer

Argelès enjoys a vast expanse of sandy beach, with the Albères Mountains in the distance, before the coastline develops into a series of charming rocky coves. The Hotel du Lido has a fabulous beachside location, with its own private beach, surrounded by a shady park. The hotel boasts a restaurant, bar and heated outdoor pool. We have deliberately chosen arrival dates to enjoy pleasant weather, yet away from the hordes of high summer.



# THE BIG FIVE MOUNTAIN RAILROAD ADVENTURE

Experience five completely unique mountain railroad excursions – the Pilatus Railway, the Rigi Railway, the Stanserhorn, the Titlis cable car and the Hammetschwand Lift – all from our base at the 4\* Seehotel Pilatus beside lovely Lake Lucerne.



Fares  
From  
**£1425**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Your choice of First or Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ 4\* hotel beside Lake Lucerne with leisure facilities and fabulous views
- ★ Excursion on the Rigi Railway, Europe's first mountain railway
- ★ Breathtaking ride on the Titlis Rotair Cable Car, the world's first revolving gondola
- ★ Drama and Thrills on the Pilatus Railway, Europe's steepest cog railway

## DEPARTS

Saturdays 2 June, 21 July &  
22 September 2018

**8**  
DAYS

- ★ Experience traditional and modern technology at the Stanserhorn
- ★ Enjoy incredible views at the Hammetschwand Lift, the world's highest outdoor rock lift
- ★ Local Transport Pass – offering freedom of the region on your free day



## HOTEL

### Seehotel Pilatus, Hergiswil

A 4-star hotel on the shores of lovely Lake Lucerne surrounded by majestic mountain views. This family owned hotel provides a great location for all our excursions and also features a host of leisure facilities, including a large indoor pool, jacuzzi, saunas, sun deck and lakeside terrace.



# SWISS MOUNTAIN STEAM



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

Fares  
From  
**£1699**



## DEPARTS

Saturday 30 June, Wednesdays 4 July, 8 August  
& 19 September 2018

**8**  
DAYS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Your choice of First or Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ Shimmering blue lakes, past alpine meadows, up to heavenly skies, by steam train
- ★ Ride the extended Furka Steam Railway – original route of the Glacier Express
- ★ The amazing Brienz Rothorn steam mountain railway
- ★ Return rail journey up the spectacular Schynige Platte
- ★ Lunch at the Schilthorn summit – James Bond 007 mountain
- ★ Lake Thun cruise & funicular up Harder Kulm
- ★ Coffee & cake at the Panorama Restaurant at Harder Kulm
- ★ Stay in beautiful car-free alpine spa town of Wengen
- ★ Bernese Oberland Pass – offering freedom of the region on your free day



mountain air invites sheer relaxation. Enjoy delicious evening meals with choice of main dishes in the lovely restaurant. Leisure facilities include bar, indoor pool, steam bath, sauna and sunbathing lawn. Bedrooms are en-suite, with TV, radio, telephone, safe, hairdryer and free mini-bar (mineral water, soft drinks, fruit juices and beer).

## HOTEL

### Sunstar Hotel, Wengen

This 4-star hotel is noted for its caring reputation and beautiful setting with panoramic views. It is located in the centre of Wengen - just 200m from the station - a small, car-free spa town situated on a sheltered terrace at over 1300m above sea level, the majestic peaks of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau as a backdrop. Pure





# THE SAXONY SEVEN STEAM & RAIL EXPLORER

We have been taking steam enthusiasts to Saxony for many years to discover some of Germany's best narrow-gauge railways, but here is a tour with broader appeal, featuring funicular railways, steam lines, trams and river steam boats, plus Meissen porcelain, castles, gardens, the beautiful city of Dresden and the enthralling landscape of Saxon Switzerland.

Introducing the Magnificent Seven!

Fares  
From  
**£1525**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Return rail to Germany in the class of your choice
- ★ Soar up to Augustusburg Castle on the Augustusburg Cable Railway
- ★ Steam through the Ore Mountains on the Fichtelbergbahn
- ★ Visit Oberwiesenthal, Germany's highest town
- ★ Guided sightseeing tour of Dresden
- ★ Spend a day exploring the Saxon Switzerland National Park
- ★ Kirmitschtal tramway ride from Bad Schandau to the Lichtenhainer Waterfall

## DEPARTS

Mondays 4 June & 10 September 2018

9  
DAYS

- ★ Stroll through the gardens of Pillnitz Palace
- ★ Steam boat trip on the River Elbe with coffee and cake
- ★ Löbnitzdackel steam journey to Moritzburg
- ★ Guided tour of the royal hunting lodge of Moritzburg
- ★ Visit to Meissen Porcelain
- ★ Day ticket on the Zittau narrow-gauge steam railway



## HOTELS

### Mercure Hotel Chemnitz

A modern 3 star superior hotel, and a short walk to the shopping area, featuring bar, restaurant and gym with sauna; all bedrooms en-suite, satellite TV, direct dial telephone, wi-fi and hairdryer.

### Pullman Hotel Dresden Newa

This modern and stylish 4\* hotel is conveniently situated beside Dresden's main station. All rooms are air-conditioned and feature floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows and satellite TV.

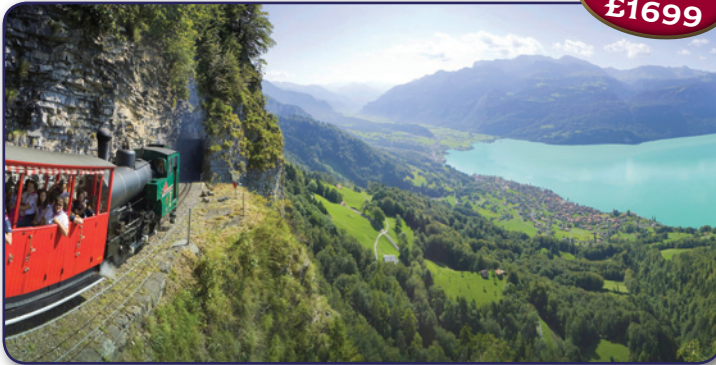
# SWITZERLAND'S STEAM-POWERED SIX

**NEW  
TOUR**



Cruise across three Swiss lakes the nostalgic way by paddle-steamer and experience three exhilarating steam train excursions in the Swiss mountains all on one tour based in Lake Lucerne's lovely Hergiswil. Also featuring the Pilatus Cogwheel Railway and a family-run 4\* hotel by the lake.

**Fares**  
From  
**£1699**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Your choice of First or Standard Class rail travel to Switzerland and return
- ★ 4\* hotel beside Lake Lucerne with leisure facilities and fabulous views
- ★ Excursion on the Rigi Railway on one of its rare days of steam
- ★ Steamboat ride across Lake Zurich from Rapperswil to Zurich with free time in Zurich
- ★ Drama and Thrills on the Pilatus Railway, Europe's steepest cog railway

## DEPARTS

Saturday 14 July 2018

**8  
DAYS**

- ★ Travel across the stunning Brünig Pass by train to Brienz
- ★ Steam up the famous Brienz Rothornbahn
- ★ Enjoy another steam excursion on the Furka Steam Railway
- ★ Cruise gently around Lake Lucerne by paddle-steamer



## HOTEL

### Seehotel Pilatus, Hergiswil

This 4-star hotel stands directly at the lakeshore on lovely Lake Lucerne in the village of Hergiswil, just a short train journey from Lucerne itself, surrounded by majestic mountain views. The hotel was bought as a humble guest house in 1911 by ancestors of the Fuchs family, who still own and run the Seehotel. There have been many changes since 1911 and, whilst providing a relaxing base in a great location for all our excursions, the hotel also features a host of leisure facilities, including a large indoor pool, jacuzzi, saunas, sun deck and lakeside terrace.



## THE HUNGARIA

Our new tour through central Europe celebrates one of the longest-running international express train services, the Hungaria, which has served the route from Berlin to Budapest since 1960. Comfortable and nostalgic, we have split the journey into bite-sized pieces to enjoy Berlin, Prague and Budapest, all intriguing cities, whilst our route covers great scenery too, plus a stay in historic Nuremberg.



Fares  
From  
**£1795**



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Experience Wuppertal's 'dingle-dangle railway'
- ★ Tour Berlin, a city with a unique history
- ★ Nostalgic journeys on the 'Hungaria' express train
- ★ Relax in your seat through Saxon Switzerland
- ★ Uncover beautiful Prague on a guided tour
- ★ Enjoy dinner at a traditional Prague brewery tavern
- ★ Discover Budapest on our guided tour
- ★ Experience Budapest's charming Children's Railway
- ★ Cruise the Danube whilst enjoying dinner
- ★ Stay in historic Nuremberg
- ★ Visit the German Railway Museum
- ★ Farewell Dinner & Tour at the Altstadtthof



**NEW  
TOUR**



## DEPARTS

Thursday 11 October 2018

**11  
DAYS**



## HOTELS

### InterCity Hotels

Whilst in Germany we stay in InterCity Hotels. Historically this hotel chain was part of the German railways, which explains not only their close proximity to train stations, but also the unique policy of including a local transport ticket for the duration of your stay.

### NH Hotel Prague City

On the face of it this is a regular 4\* hotel in the Andels district of Prague. Yet walk through the door and you realise that the

hotel is on two levels, connected by funicular railway. We couldn't resist it; we are Railtrail after all!

### Three Corners, Budapest

A brand new 4\* hotel in a convenient yet quiet part of Budapest, the Three Corners Hotel features modern, air-conditioned rooms with minibar, safe and tea/coffee making facilities. During our stay in Budapest we dine in local restaurants, one of which is a Danube river Budapest cruiser.



# GRAND TOUR BY RAIL – VIVE LA DIFFÉRENCE!

France is blessed with high-speed routes, but here is a tour with a difference, taking the traditional route to the Massif Central. Our triangular tour takes in Clermont Ferrand, Nimes and Béziers, with vibrant viaducts, vineyards and valley scenery on the Cévenol Railway and the Ligne des Causses, plus a plethora of heritage railways on another unique Railtrail tour. Vive la différence!

Fares  
From  
**£2095**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Arrive in handsome Clermont Ferrand on the Ligne Bourbonnais
- ★ Visit Mont Dore in the Massif Central
- ★ Soar up the Funiculaire du Capucin
- ★ Explore Auvergne on the Gentiane Express tourist train
- ★ Heritage diesel on Agrivap and the Chemin de Fer du Haut Forez
- ★ Take the stunning Cévenol Line to Nimes
- ★ Tour historic Roman Nimes
- ★ Steam between Anduze and St Jean du Gard on the Train Vapeur des Cevennes
- ★ Stay in central Béziers
- ★ Visit the Canal du Midi and enjoy a local winetasting
- ★ Experience the Train Rouge from Rivesaltes to Axat in the Pyrenees foothills
- ★ Marvel at medieval Carcassonne
- ★ Return to Clermont Ferrand on the scenic Ligne des Causses

# NEW TOUR



## DEPARTS

Saturday 21 July 2018

12  
DAYS



## HOTELS

### **Mercure Hotel, Clermont Ferrand**

A new 4 star hotel right at the centre of Clermont Ferrand, with good transport connections, panoramic bar area and fitness centre.

### **Novotel Nimes**

Discover 'French Rome' from this central 4 star hotel with well-equipped modern rooms, restaurant and bar.

### **Mercure Béziers**

Situated just a short walk from the main Allée Paul Riquet avenue and cathedral of St Nazaire, the 4 star Mercure is a welcoming, modern hotel right at the heart of Béziers.



# GRAND TOURS BY RAIL – SWEDISH STEAM &

We often ask our customers where they would like to go next and Sweden is a popular response. So here it is, a tour spending a week in Sweden, visiting Stockholm and Linköping, three heritage railways and with two gentle cruises along idyllic waterways on board historic vessels. But that's not all, as our overland adventure uncovers three proud German Hanseatic cities and three more heritage railways.

Fares  
From  
**£2895**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Stay in Stockholm, Scandinavia's most attractive capital city
- ★ Steam on the 23 mile long Lennakatten Railway
- ★ Cruise Lake Mälaren on board historic steamship SS Mariefred
- ★ Steam on the Östra Södermansland railway
- ★ Experience Scandinavia's longest narrow-gauge railway
- ★ Heritage railbus from Västervik to Hultsfred
- ★ Cruise part of the Göta Canal
- ★ Visit handsome Hanseatic Bremen
- ★ Ride the Moor Express from Bremen to Worpswede artist colony
- ★ Stay in maritime Rostock
- ★ Steam through the streets to the coast on board 'Molli'
- ★ Explore attractive Stralsund
- ★ Steam across Rügen island on the 'Racing Roland'

# HANSEATIC HERITAGE

**NEW  
TOUR**



## HOTELS

### Maritim Hotel Bremen

A convenient and comfortable 4 star hotel situated close to Bremen Main Station and the green oasis of the City Park, yet within easy walking distance of the Old Town.

### InterCity Hotels

InterCity was once part of the German railways, which explains not only their close proximity to train stations, but also their unique policy of including a local transport ticket with your room key. Now part of the Steigenberger group, InterCity Hotels provide comfortable 3-4 star accommodation across Germany.

### Radisson Blu Royal Viking, Stockholm

Located opposite Stockholm Central Station, the Radisson Blu Royal Viking is well situated for transport and the city's cultural attractions. The hotel also features an indoor pool, fitness room and a 9th floor Sky Bar, affording great views.

### Scandic Hotel Linköping City

Equally well located for the station and centre, the Scandic Hotel has an award-winning restaurant, bar, gymnasium and sauna.



## DEPARTS

Saturday 21 July 2018

**15  
DAYS**



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# GRAND TOURS BY RAIL – NORWAY'S MAJESTIC

By popular demand, here is our grand tour of Norway! Experience the enthralling Flåm Railway and the coast-to-coast Bergen Railway across the roof of Norway. Visit regal Oslo and beautiful maritime Bergen, soaring up the Fløibanen funicular. Cruise the majestic fjords through idyllic nature, climb Mount Hoven by cable car, and visit three great heritage railways.



Fares  
From  
£3895

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Return rail to Norway in the class of your choice (Standard Class only in Norway)
- ★ Discover Bremen on board a heritage tram tour
- ★ Experience the Bergen Railway across 'the roof of Norway'
- ★ Enjoy Bergen from our hotel on the historic Bryggen waterfront
- ★ Soar up Mount Fløyen on the Fløibanen Funicular
- ★ Step back in time on the Gamle Vossebanen Steam Railway
- ★ Cruise through the fjords to Balestrand
- ★ The thrills and spills of the Flåm Railway
- ★ Soar up Mount Hoven on the Hoven Cable Car
- ★ Stay beside tranquil Loenfjord at a historic hotel
- ★ Cruise on UNESCO World Heritage Geiranger Fjord
- ★ Enjoy free time in Oslo's compact centre



- ★ Ride the Tertitten Steam Railway
- ★ Marvel at Norway's longest heritage line, the Krøderbanen Steam Railway



## DEPARTS

Monday 25 June 2018

18  
DAYS

## HOTELS

### Maritim Hotels

Convenient and comfortable 4 star accommodation across Germany with good locations for city and stations.

### Thon Hotels

Modern and comfortable 3 or 4\* hotels chosen particularly for their convenient locations for sightseeing and rail travel.

### Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand

What started as a grocer's shop in 1752 is now Norway's largest fjord hotel. Ole Kvikne bought the general store and guest house in 1877 and the hotel that resulted is still in the hands of the Kvikne family.

### Color Line Ferries

Comfortable overnight accommodation in inside cabins with dinner and breakfast provided.



### Alexandra Hotel, Loen

A fifth generation family-run hotel opened in 1884. Situated in a sheltered location in the inner reaches of Nordfjord between towering mountains and deep fjords, the Alexandra is a perfect place to relax.



# GRAND TOUR BY RAIL – GRAND TOUR OF EUROPE

Following in the footsteps of the TEE Trans Europ Express network, EuroCity trains connect important European cities with speed, comfort and more than a hint of nostalgia. This tour pays homage to the network of cross-border trains and international co-operation on a grand tour of Europe, featuring its most celebrated routes.



Fares  
From  
£2995

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Tour Berlin, a city with a unique history
- ★ Nostalgic journeys on the 'Hungaria' EuroCity express train

- ★ Relax in your seat through Saxon Switzerland
- ★ Uncover beautiful Prague on a guided tour
- ★ Enjoy dinner at a traditional Prague brewery tavern
- ★ Discover Budapest on our guided tour



- ★ Experience Budapest's charming Children's Railway
- ★ Cruise the Danube whilst enjoying dinner
- ★ Travel across the UNESCO Semmering Viaduct on board the 'Zagreb' EuroCity
- ★ Stay in charming Graz & visit the Lippizaner horses
- ★ Take the 'Transalpin' EuroCity through the Alps to the Tyrol
- ★ Steam on the Achensee cog railway
- ★ Take the Zillertalbahn to Mayrhofen
- ★ Visit Innsbruck, capital of the Tyrol
- ★ Continue through the Tyrol into Switzerland on the 'Transalpin'
- ★ Return to Germany along the Rhine Gorge on the 'Rätia' EuroCity
- ★ Final evening in Cologne at a Brewery Tavern







**DEPARTS**

Thursday 24 May 2018

**16  
DAYS**

**HOTELS**

**InterCity Hotel Berlin**

A modern hotel, built just a few years ago, situated just a short walk from Berlin's Hauptbahnhof station, which provides a local transport ticket for the duration of your stay.

**NH Hotel Prague City**

On the face of it this is a regular 4\* hotel in the Andels district of Prague. Yet walk through the door and you realise that the hotel is on two levels, connected by funicular railway. We couldn't resist it; we are Railtrail after all!

**Hotel Kohlerhof, Fügen**

Set on the outskirts of the Zillertal village of Fügen right next to the Spieljochbahn cable car, the 4\* Hotel Kohlerhof boasts leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, amidst stunning alpine scenery.



**Hotel Europa Graz**

A modern 4\* hotel situated close to Graz main station, boasting a restaurant and bar.

**Three Corners Hotel, Budapest**

A brand new 4\* hotel in a convenient yet quiet part of Budapest, the Three Corners Hotel features modern, air-conditioned rooms with minibar, safe and tea/coffee making facilities. During our stay in Budapest we dine in local restaurants, one of which is a Danube river cruiser.