

A superb 8 Day tour of Britain by Steam Locomotive

6-13th May 2011 - Prices start at £1350 pp
Departing London, Minster, Canterbury, Ashford, Tonbridge, and Bromley

Join us for this trip of a lifetime; enjoy luxurious hotels, stunning scenery, fabulous food and trains from a bygone era

Indulge yourself in this spectacular 8 day tour across England, Scotland and Wales, visiting some of the most glorious destinations including the fabulous 'Road to the Isles' through the highlands of Scotland, plus Windermere, the 'Heart of Wales Line' and the Settle and Carlisle railway. The historic carriages, the sound of the engine's whistle and the steam drifting past the window will evoke memories of a bygone age of steam trains. We look forward to you joining us on a wonderful tour through glorious countryside on this 8 day trip around the British Isles.

Day 1 - York Friday 6th May

From your embarkation station of choice, we go up to York arriving around 19:00 for an evening in York, with dinner at the hotel.

Day 2 - Stirling Saturday 7th May

We depart York around 08:30 and head via Leeds to enjoy the world renowned Settle and Carlisle railway line across the Yorkshire Dales. After a break in Carlisle, we head via the stunning lowland scenery into Scotland, skirting Glasgow and onward to our overnight stop in Stirling around 20:30.

Day 3 - Fort William Sunday 8th May

Enjoy a trip to the castle, or maybe the Wallace Monument, before joining the train at midday to head out into the Highlands of Scotland. Our destination is Fort William and we take the picturesque route through Glen Douglas, passing Crianlarrich and over Rannoch Moor before arriving in Fort William, at the foot of Ben Nevis around 19:30. Two locos are required due to the very difficult and spectacular climbs.

Day 4 - Fort William Monday 9th May

A day of relaxation, with off train excursions for those who want them. We will have a steam train tour covering historically important locations and those more recently seen in the Harry Potter movies. You can also take an optional trip to the Isle of Mull, a local distillery and Loch Ness, or just enjoy the local area.

Day 5 - Windermere Tuesday 10th May

We depart Fort William 08:30 and head along the stunning railway of the Highlands. The scenery changes from the majestic Highlands, to the glory of the Lake District. On this longer than usual day, we arrive at Oxenholme around 21:30 and take the short transfer connection to the hotel where we stay for the next two nights.

Day 6 - Windermere Wednesday 11th May

A day to investigate The Lake District, take a boat trip, climb a mountain, or just relax. We will be organising a number of excursions, but the day is yours to choose the itinerary.

Day 7 - Carmarthen Thursday 12th May

After breakfast we make the short transfer, before we start our southward leg. Now headed by two LMS Black 5 locomotives, we go via Warrington to Chester for a short break before continuing to Gobowen, passing Shrewsbury and heading for Central Wales. We have timed this to enjoy the evening sunset as we go through parts of Wales that really are seen at their best on this wonderful route. We overnight in either Llanelli or Carmarthen arriving around 20:30.

Day 8 - London/Kent Friday 13th May

We leave West Wales around 09:30 with our two engines taking us via Port Talbot, the Vale of Glamorgan and the Severn Tunnel for a short trip to

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Salisbury with its magnificent Cathedral. We then head to London Victoria for 17:30 where you can choose to leave the train or stay with us as we head back to Minster and Canterbury this time via Tonbridge and Dover, with a memorable climb from the foot of the White Cliffs. We then return once again to London Victoria at 22:30 to round off your once in a lifetime tour of the country by steam.

Prices from £1350 to £2495 (see below) per person

Prices per person inc. VAT where applicable and prices are based on two people sharing

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Types of Class of Trains with Prices:-

Standard - £1350.00

Passengers are seated at tables for four in open carriages.

First - £1650.00

First Class passengers are seated in compartments for up to six people or in an open plan carriage on tables of four.

Premier Dining - £1995.00

Tables laid with crisp white tablecloths, gleaming glasses and cutlery and fresh flowers set the scene in Premier Dining. You may be seated with other passengers if you have less than 4 in your group.

Pullman Style Dining - £2495.00

Passengers are seated in wood-panelled carriages and comfortable seats with individual table lamps and curtains at the window. This is how trains used to be.

You may be seated with other passengers if you have less than 4 in your group.

What's included

All hotels are included in all packages as well as all transfers. Passengers will be allocated hotels according to class of trains selected and availability. Pullman Style and Premier Dining will be 4 star, and for Standard and First we will select good quality hotels. We will let you know which hotel you are staying at with your documents.

Pullman Style and Premier Dining includes all breakfasts and dinners as well as luncheon on all days except days 4 and 6. First Class and Standard Class includes all breakfasts and dinner on days 1, 4 and 6. Hot and cold drinks and snacks may be purchased from the licensed buffet car during the trip.

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