

THE CLASSIC STEAM EXPERIENCE 2022



WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome to the 2022 edition of our Directory offering a brief overview of classic steam experience tours operated by Saphos Trains. For full information and further details please refer to our website www.saphostrains.com



EXPERIENCES

We are delighted to present an exclusive programme of steam hauled excursions to transport the discerning traveller to interesting and varied destinations in luxurious comfort and style. Being the custodians of numerous immaculately restored world-famous steam engines we are pleased to provide an exciting series of trains offering trips in fabulous vintage carriages, refurbished to an exacting standard and reminiscent of the great golden days of railway travel.

DINING & HOSPITALITY

Whether you opt for our exceptional Pullman Dining with the balance of the finest regional food and drink. First Class with that edge of luxury, comfort and style or Standard Class where simplicity, convenience, the journey and destination all carry equal importance. We guarantee you will be served by our solicitous stewards, while the most stunning British scenery gently passes by.





DESTINATIONS

Our excursions take you to some of Britain's most fascinating places and travel through spectacular scenery. Choose from trips to heritage cities like Bath, York and Cardiff, or head for the country's beautiful fells, moors and coasts. Wherever you go, you; Il arrive in style.





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ONBOARD

All tours will be hauled by one of our immaculately restored world-famous steam locomotives including:

LMS 46100 'ROYAL SCOT'
SOUTHERN 34046 'BRAUNTON'
BR 70000 'BRITANNIA'
LNER 60007 'SIR NIGEL GRESLEY'
LNER 60532 'BLUE PETER'

STANDARD CLASS

Reserved seating is arranged around a table of four with bookings for two persons seated side by side with one window and one aisle seat whilst bookings for one person are normally allocated an aisle seat. A buffet bar is available for the purchase of light refreshments.

FIRST CLASS (NON DINING)

Reserved seating is arranged at tables of 4 or 2. Complimentary tea/coffee, pastries and biscuits are included, and a buffet bar is available for the purchase of light refreshments, but customers may bring on board their own picnic hamper for consumption during the journey.



PULLMAN DINING

Travel in our beautifully restored wood panelled vintage carriages with seating in armchair comfort at tables of four or two laid with crisp linen and fully dressed in fine crockery, fresh flowers, and glassware. On a typical one day tour the day starts as you settle into your seat with a glass of chilled bucks' fizz, followed by a full English breakfast and late morning tea/coffee service with pastries prior to the arrival at our destination. Following an afternoon sightseeing break you will be welcomed aboard by your attentive liveried steward and offered a refreshing glass of chilled champagne and selection of canapés as you relax in anticipation of the gastronomic journey ahead. A sumptuous four course seasonal dinner, created by our Executive Chef, will be served including the Great British cheese board, biscuits, and chutneys - all accompanied by our Sommelier's choice of a half-bottle of wine per person. The memorable journey concludes with a service of coffee and homemade petits fours.

TICKETS & TIMINGS

The departure/arrival times shown in this publication and our website are approximate, based on the best information available when the tour was first planned so they should be treated as a rough guide only. However, please be aware that these timings can vary considerably when the confirmed timings are received from Network Rail and we are unable to consider a cancellation, refund or transfer due to the confirmed timings being different to the approximate ones previously advised. The tickets, seating information and itinerary for all tours are normally posted first class 7 days prior to the date of travel.

For more information and to book online please visit: www.saphostrains.com or call 0800 038 5320

OUR IMMACULATELY RESTORED WORLD-FAMOUS STEAM LOCOMOTIVES



46100 'ROYAL SCOT'

Built in 1927, 'Royal Scot' was the flagship engine of the LMS and in 1933 was selected to travel to the USA for the Century of Progress Exposition. Complete with a set of carriages she was displayed in Chicago, travelled throughout the country, and even crossed the Rocky Mountains.



70000 'BRITANNIA'

The first of its class of 55 Pacific locomotives built by British Railways, 'Britannia' entered service in 1951 and worked crack express trains from London to East Anglia. In 1952 she had the honour of hauling the funeral train of King George VI from Kings Lynn to London and in 2012 the Royal train with HRH Prince Charles on board.



5029 'NUNNEY CASTLE'

Nunney Castle was completed at Swindon Works in May 1934 as No. 5029. It is one of a class of 171 locomotives built between 1923 and 1950. The design of the 'Castle' was based on a previous GWR locomotive the 'Star'. She is currently being overhauled and is scheduled to start service in 2021.



34046 'BRAUNTON'

Built by the Southern Railway in 1946, 'Braunton', a member of the West Country class, was designed to work some of the fastest and most celebrated trains on the South coast including the Bournemouth Belle and Atlantic Coast Express.



60007 'SIR NIGEL GRESLEY'

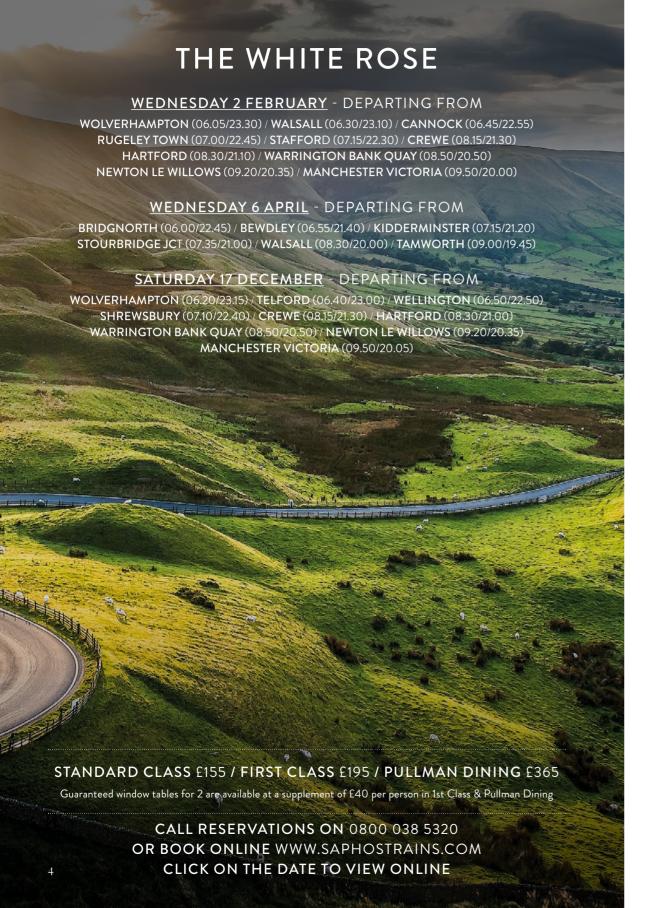
Built at Doncaster in 1937 to haul the crack express trains operating between London and Edinburgh, 60007 was named after her designer and is now one of only six A4 Pacific's in existence. She had the honour of hauling the Royal Train in 1956 and in 1959 gained the post-war speed record for steam having attained 112mph.



60532 'BLUE PETER'

Blue Peter is the last remaining L.N.E.R. Class A2 Pacific and was one of the most powerful express passenger locomotives in the UK. She was one of 15 of the class designed by Arthur H Peppercorn and entered service in 1948 just weeks after the amalgamation of the Big Four railway companies into the newly nationalised British Railways.

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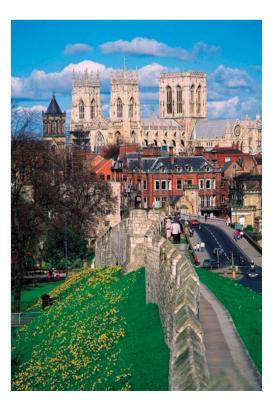




Enjoy a fabulous day tour on our vintage steam train travelling through Derbyshire to historic York for a sightseeing afternoon break in the historic medieval city.

Passing Sheffield we head northwards through Meadowhall, adjacent to the famous Shopping Centre, and onwards towards Swinton and Pontefract following the East Coast Main Line to York.

Nowhere in England says 'medieval' quite like York. A magnificent circuit of 13th-century walls encloses a medieval spider's web of narrow streets and at the heart of the city lies the immense, awe-inspiring Minster, one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in the world. York's long history and rich heritage is woven into the modern, tourist-oriented city – with fabulous attractions including the Jorvik Centre and superb National Railway Museum – Perhaps visit the iconic Bettys Tearoom and indulge in a fabulous Afternoon Tea before our train returns homeward in the late afternoon.



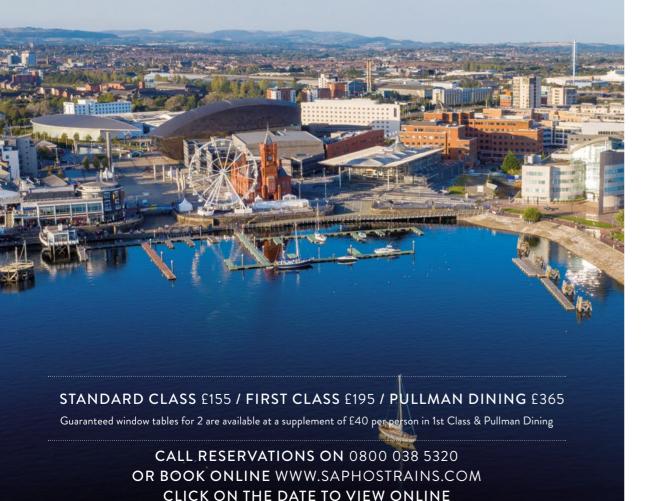
WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS

MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY - DEPARTING FROM

NOTTINGHAM (06.00/22.30) / LONG EATON (06.30/21.55) / DERBY (06.55/21.35)
TUTBURY & HATTON (07.15/21.20) / UTTOXETER (07.25/21.05 / STOKE ON TRENT (07.55/20.35)
KIDSGROVE (08.10/20.20) / ALSAGER (08.20/20.30) / CREWE (08.40/19.50)

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY - DEPARTING FROM

EAST MIDLANDS PARKWAY (06.00/22.35) / LOUGHBOROUGH (06.10/22.25) LEICESTER (06.25/22.05) / NARBOROUGH (06.45/21.45) / HINCKLEY (06.55/21.35) NUNEATON (07.05/21.25) / TAMWORTH (07.20/21.10) / LICHFIELD TRENT VALLEY (07.30/21.00) STAFFORD (08.00/20.30) / CREWE (08.40/19.50)





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The capital city of Wales offers spectacular shopping, museums, dining, and entertainment. Easy to explore on foot and close to the station you can visit the free Welsh National Museum and spectacular Cardiff Castle all within the city centre. Top class entertainment is on offer at Cardiff Bay with its restaurants, waterside views and Wales Millenium Centre and there is plenty to see and do in the three hours whilst our train is prepared for the return journey.









THE WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

SATURDAY 19 MARCH - DEPARTING FROM

YORK (06.00/23.00) / CHURCH FENTON (06.10/22.50) / LEEDS (06.30/22.30)
WAKEFIELD KIRKGATE (06.55/22.05) / BRIGHOUSE (07.15/21.45) / HEBDEN BRIDGE (07.35/21.25)
TODMORDEN (07.45/21.15) / ROCHDALE (08.00/21.00) / MANCHESTER VICTORIA (08.20/20.40)
NEWTON LE WILLOWS (08.40/20.20) / WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (09.00/20.00)
CREWE (09.55/19.10)

- DEPARTING FROM

CARNFORTH (07.20/22.00) / LANCASTER (07.40/21.50) / PRESTON (08.00/21.30) WIGAN NORTH WESTERN (08.20/21.10) / WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (08.30/20.50) HARTFORD (09.00/20.35) / CREWE (09.40/19.50)

Travel in style on our steam hauled train to enjoy a wonderful day out to Stratford-upon-Avon, one of England's most historic and vibrant towns. Situated in the heart of the Midlands on the River Avon Stratford is today most famous as the home of Elizabethan playwright William Shakespeare.

The train is diesel hauled by a heritage locomotive to Crewe where one of our famous steam locomotives takes over for a fast run down the West Coast main line passing Stafford and Walsall and then through the beautiful Warwickshire countryside for a lunchtime arrival at historic Stratford-upon-Avon.

Dating from Tudor times, Stratford still looks like a small half-timbered market town and there are many fantastic areas to explore, all within easy walking distance of the station which is why visitors flock back year after year. From quaint side streets with unique curio shops to open parkland along the river, there is something for everyone including open top bus tours.

STANDARD CLASS £155 / FIRST CLASS £195 / PULLMAN DINING £365

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SEVERN VALLEY ENTERPRISE

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL - DEPARTING FROM

LLANDUDNO JUNCTION (05.45/23.15) / COLWYN BAY (05.55/23.05) / RHYL (06.05/22.50)
PRESTATYN (06.10/22.45) / FLINT (06.30/22.25) / CHESTER (07.00/21.45)
CREWE (07.40-08.10/20.50-21.10) / ALSAGER (08.00/20.30) / KIDSGROVE (08.20/20.10)
STOKE ON TRENT (08.45/19.45)

This is an amazing and unique spring tour offering a very unusual journey from Landudno and through the Midlands to Kidderminster for a trip over the full length of the beautifully preserved Severn Valley Railway to Bridgnorth for a three-hour afternoon break.

We return in the late afternoon and re-trace the outward journey but this time with the taxing and impressive 1 in 45 climb of Old Hill Bank as the locomotive works hard to haul our heavy train to the summit at Rowley Regis.

BRIDGNORTH

Comprising of two towns: The high town and the low town are connected by the steepest inland funicular railway in Britain. The low town was once a thriving port along the banks of the River Severn, while the high town held the castle, the churches, and many fine 16th and 17th century mansions. The more energetic may amble up one of the seven sets of steps, or the

steep old Cartway, where goods were once hauled to the market above. The carts are gone, but the markets remain. Antiques and local produce are specialities. What is left of the castle leans at an alarming angle. There is an iron footbridge connecting to the Severn Valley Railway Station.



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THE LAKELANDER

SATURDAY 9 APRIL- DEPARTING FROM

RUGBY (05.50/23.25) / COVENTRY (06.05/23.15) / BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL (06.30/22.50)
TAME BRIDGE PARKWAY (07.00/22.20) / WOLVERHAMPTON (07.15/22.05)
STAFFORD (07.35/21.45) / CREWE (08.35/21.15) / WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (09.05/20.45)
WIGAN NORTH WESTERN (09.15/20.30) / PRESTON (10.00/20.00)



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Enjoy a fabulous steam hauled day tour offering spectacular views of the Cumbrian mountains and high Pennines as we climb over the Lakeland fells to the historic border city of Carlisle for a lunchtime sightseeing break and return around the longest coastal line in Britain with splendid views across the Irish Sea and Morecambe Bay.

Travelling through the county town of Lancaster our steam locomotive works hard to climb up the first severe gradient to Grayrigg with splendid views over Kendal and then travel through the beautiful Lune Gorge to Tebay, gaining speed for the ascent to Shap. This well-known section of the west coast main line has a steep gradient and, in former steam days the banking engines from Tebay were often used to assist trains. After crossing the Cumbrian Fells, we descend to Penrith, and head for Carlisle. There will be around two hours available to explore this ancient border city with its castle, cathedral, Tullie House Museum, and shopping centre.

Our return journey takes the scenic coastal route around the Cumbrian Coast running along the shoreline through Workington once a centre to produce iron and steel. There are spectacular cliff edge views as we journey south through to Whitehaven, with the Isle of Man visible on a clear day across the Irish Sea. We run close to the shoreline for several miles prior to St Bees, famous for its priory and school. Passing Sellafield, where the British

Nuclear Fuels works dominates the landscape and at Ravenglass, we meet up with the narrow gauge Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway.

After Ulverston, we cross Leven Viaduct and curve along the edge of Morecambe Bay through Grange-over-Sands. There are more views across the bay as we cross the lengthy Kent Viaduct at Arnside and approach Carnforth and a fast run homeward along the west coast main line.



YORKSHIRE COAST EXPRESS

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY - DEPARTING FROM

CREWE (06.30/23.25) / HARTFORD (06.50/23.05) / RUNCORN (07.10/22.45)
LIVERPOOL SOUTH PARKWAY (07.20/22.35) / LIVERPOOL LIME STREET (07.40/22.15)
NEWTON LE WILLOWS (08.20/21.25) / MANCHESTER VICTORIA (09.00/20.55)



Enjoy a fabulous day tour travelling through the impressive Pennines over two very different routes with the outward journey taking the spectacular Vale of Edale through the Peak District National Park to either historic York, or the seaside resort of Scarborough for a sightseeing afternoon break. We return through Wakefield and the rugged Calder Valley.

Travelling through Manchester our train leaves Victoria Station with the taxing climb up Miles Platting bank and threads its way through the suburbs to join the former Midland Railway line across the Peak District. This route is spectacularly scenic and encompasses several long tunnels, before passing through Sheffield. We then head northwards past the famous Meadowhall Shopping Centre, and onwards towards Swinton and Pontefract following the East Coast Main Line to York and then onward to the popular resort of Scarborough.

We return in the late afternoon through Wakefield and the true Pennine scenery of the Calder Valley as we pass the preserved Lancashire & Yorkshire railway station at Hebden Bridge thence through Todmorden and Rochdale.

YORK (5-hour break)

Nowhere in England says 'medieval' quite like York. A magnificent circuit of 13th-century walls encloses a medieval spider's web of narrow streets. At its heart lies the immense, awe-inspiring York Minster, one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in the world. This modern, tourist-oriented city has a multitude of attractions including the Jorvik Centre and superb National Railway Museum.

SCARBOROUGH (3-hour break)

Regarded as Britain's first resort and has been welcoming visitors for 360 years with two long curved sandy bays, ancient Castle, beautiful gardens, Victorian Cliff Railway, and historic harbour surrounded with numerous fresh seafood stalls there is plenty to see and do – don't forget to sample the legendary Yorkshire fish n chips regarded as the best in Britain.







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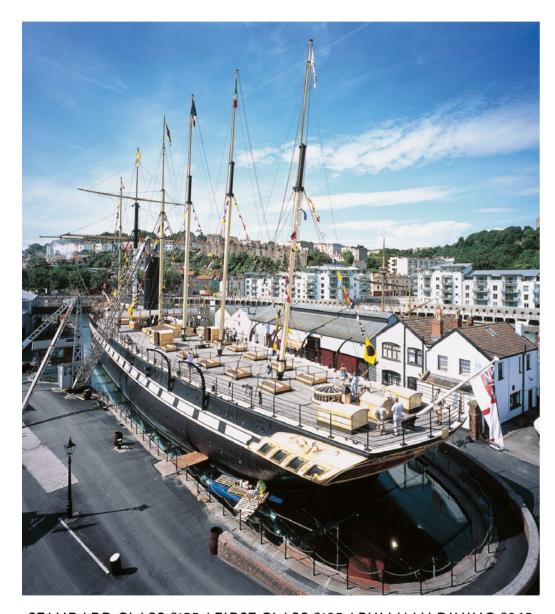
WELSH MARCHES WHISTLER

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE - DEPARTING FROM

PRESTON (05.30/22.25) / CHORLEY (05.50/22.05) / BOLTON (06.15/21.45)

MANCHESTER VICTORIA (06.35/21.25) / STOCKPORT (07.05/20.55) / WILMSLOW (07.15/20.45)

CREWE (08.15/20.15) / SHREWSBURY (09.05/19.30)



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We cross the Cheshire Plain and through historic Shrewsbury to join the Welsh Marches line and at Church Stretton there are outstanding views of the Long Mynd, known in Victorian times as 'Little Switzerland' – continuing along the Marches we pass magnificent Stokesay Castle and the historic towns of Ludlow and Hereford. Entering South Wales and the county of Monmouthshire there are superb views of the Brecon Beacons as the black mountains tower over the train. At Newport we join the Great Western main line and travel through the Severn Tunnel to Bristol for an afternoon break.



The famous seafaring town with its ancient Dockyard and home to S.S Great Britain launched by Isambard Kingdom Brunel in 1843 and now restored as a proud memorial to its great designer. Perhaps take a walk over the Clifton Suspension Bridge or wander through the antique shops on the quaintly named Christmas steps.





SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN

WEDNESDAY 18 MAY
WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE
WEDNESDAY 20 JULY
WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST

DEPARTING FROM

CREWE (07.00/22.00 / CHESTER (07.40/21.20) / FRODSHAM (08.00/21.00)
WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (08.20/20.45) / WIGAN NORTH WESTERN (09.00/20.25)
EUXTON BALSHAW LANE (09.20/20.05) / BAMBER BRIDGE (09.25/20.00) / BLACKBURN (09.55/19.25)
CLITHEROE (10.15/18.55) / HELLIFIELD (11.05/17.45)



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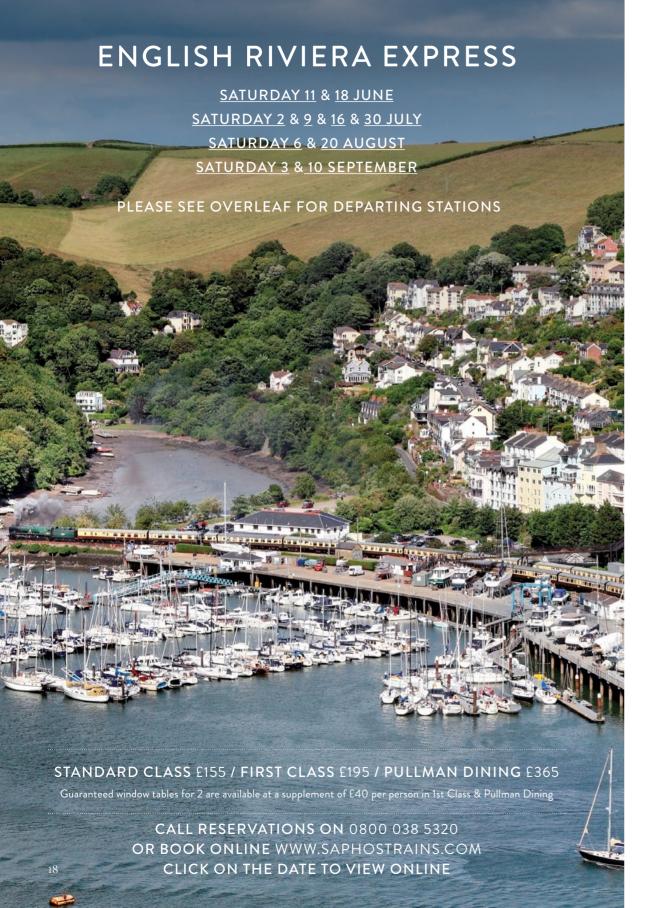


The popular 'Fellsman' runs again in summer 2022 for its 14th season offering a steam hauled journey on the spectacular 'Settle to Carlisle Railway' as we travel through the Yorkshire Dales and climb high towards the roof of England. With great limestone peaks and deep valleys, the legendary 'Settle to Carlisle' line is a masterpiece of Victorian engineering including the magnificent 24 arch viaduct at Ribblehead. Time will be available for sightseeing in the historic border city of Carlisle.

The Settle & Carlisle line is known for its magnificent scenery and steep gradient, so our engine will be working hard as we climb to the magnificent Ribblehead Viaduct with stunning views of the three peaks. Passengers get a marvellous view down Dent Dale as the train emerges from Blea Moor tunnel and approaching Garsdale you will see sweeping views of Wensleydale - with our engine in full flight we climb at 1 in 100 towards the summit of the line at Ais Gill. Travelling on through the lush Eden Valley to the historic border city of Carlisle where we arrive about 13.10. You may choose to stroll between the castle and cathedral or perhaps visit the famous Tullie House Museum - all surrounded by great places to shop, eat, or be entertained so creating the perfect way to spend an afternoon.

Returning from Carlisle about 15.45 we travel over the same spectacular route giving another opportunity to experience the beauty of the high Pennines and pretty Ribble Valley as our locomotive works hard up the steep and taxing climb of Wilpshire Bank being a fitting end to a perfect day.







We recreate one of the great holiday trains of the golden age of railway travel for a steam hauled journey through Somerset and around the beautiful Devon coast with time available to discover the many charms of the pretty 'English Riviera' resort of Dartmouth.

The train is diesel hauled to Taunton where one of our famous steam locomotives takes over for the journey through the remote Blackdown hills and down the Exe Valley to Exeter, before heading along the estuary with its pretty fishing boats and stunning views across to Exmouth and the Jurassic coast. Continuing past Powderham Castle and along the famous sea wall line we race through tunnels and cuttings of red rock and beside beaches and coves with the sea keeping company with the train.



At Paignton we join the steeply graded heritage line and travel through the woodland estate once owned by Agatha Christie, then alongside the beautiful River Dart with views of HMS Britannia – not a ship but the college that has trained generations of naval officers. We soon arrive at the riverside terminus at Kingswear, where it is a short crossing on the ferry (price included) to the historic and romantic port of Dartmouth – there are antique shops, galleries, and cafes to explore – why not take a leisurely cruise on the River Dart or explore Dartmouth Castle before perhaps indulging in a delicious Devon cream tea. There should be around four hours at leisure before we return in the late afternoon.



SATURDAY 11 JUNE - DEPARTING FROM

SOLIHULL (07.10/22.15) / DORRIDGE (07.20/22.05) / WARWICK PARKWAY (07.30/21.55) LEAMINGTON SPA (07.40/21.45) / BANBURY (08.00/21.25) / OXFORD (08.20/21.05) SWINDON (09.00/20.25) / CHIPPENHAM (09.30/19.55) / MELKSHAM (09.40/19.45) WESTBURY (09.55/19.30) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)

SATURDAY 18 JUNE - DEPARTING FROM

SLOUGH (08.25/20.55) / MAIDENHEAD (08.35/20.45) / READING (08.50/20.30) / NEWBURY (09.15/20.10) HUNGERFORD (09.25/20.00) / WESTBURY (09.55/19.30) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)

SATURDAY 2 JULY - DEPARTING FROM

POOLE (07.20/21.55) / BOURNEMOUTH (07.35/21.40) / BROCKENHURST (08.00/21.20)
SOUTHAMPTON (08.20/21.00) / EASTLEIGH (08.35/20.45) / ROMSEY (08.50/20.30) / SALISBURY (09.10/20.10)
WARMINSTER (09.30/19.50) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)

SATURDAY 9 JULY - DEPARTING FROM

HIGH WYCOMBE (07.25/22.00) / PRINCES RISBOROUGH (07.35/21.50)
HADDENHAM & THAME (07.45/21.40) / BICESTER VILLAGE (08.00/21.25) / OXFORD PARKWAY (08.10/21.15)
OXFORD (08.20/21.05) / SWINDON (09.00/20.25) / CHIPPENHAM (09.30/19.55) / MELKSHAM (09.40/19.45)
WESTBURY (09.55/19.30) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)

SATURDAY 16 JULY - DEPARTING FROM

CARDIFF (08.05/21.20) / NEWPORT (08.25/21.00) / SEVERN TUNNEL JUNCTION (08.35/20.50) PATCHWAY (08.50/20.35) / BATH SPA (09.30/19.55) / BRADFORD-ON-AVON (09.40/19.45) WESTBURY (09.55/19.30) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)

SATURDAY 30 JULY - DEPARTING FROM

KETTERING (06.25/22.50) / WELLINGBOROUGH (06.35/22.40) / BEDFORD (06.50/22.25) LUTON (07.10/22.05) / ST ALBANS (07.25/21.55) / SLOUGH (08.25/20.55) / MAIDENHEAD (08.30/20.55) READING (08.45/20.40) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST - DEPARTING FROM

WOLVERHAMPTON (06.40/22.50) / TAME BRIDGE PARKWAY (07.00/22.30) STOURBRIDGE JUNCTION (07.40/21.45) / KIDDERMINSTER (08.00/21.25) DROITWICH SPA (08.15/21.10) / WORCESTER SHRUB HILL (08.30/20.55) CHELTENHAM SPA (09.00/20.25) / BRISTOL PARKWAY (09.30/19.55) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST - DEPARTING FROM

ELY (06.00/23.30) / CAMBRIDGE (06.20/23.10) / ROYSTON (06.35/22.50) LETCHWORTH (06.50/22.35) STEVENAGE (07.00/22.25) / WELWYN GARDEN CITY (07.15/22.10) POTTERS BAR (07.25/22.00) READING (08.50/20.40) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

CREWE (06.20/23.00) / STAFFORD (06.50/22.30) / WOLVERHAMPTON (07.10/22.10)
BIRMINGHAM NEW STREET (07.40/21.40) / BARNT GREEN (08.10/21.10)
WORCESTERSHIRE PARKWAY (08.30/20.50) / CHELTENHAM SPA (08.50/20.30) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

SHREWSBURY (07.15/22.10) / CHURCH STRETTON (07.30/21.50) / CRAVEN ARMS (07.40/21.40) LUDLOW (07.50/21.30) / LEOMINSTER (08.00/21.20) / HEREFORD (08.20/21.00) ABERGAVENNY (08.45/20.35) / CWMBRAN (09.00/20.20) / BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.45/19.40) TAUNTON (10.50/18.30)









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WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS

SATURDAY 22 JUNE - DEPARTING FROM

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL (06.00/23.45) / HAMPTON IN ARDEN (06.15/23.30) COVENTRY (06.25/23.15) / LEAMINGTON SPA (06.40/23.00) / BANBURY (06.50/22.50) OXFORD (07.10/22.30) / SWINDON (07.40/22.00) / BATH SPA (08.10/21.30) BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.10/20.30)

WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST - DEPARTING FROM

SLOUGH (06.30/23.10) / MAIDENHEAD (06.45/22.55) / READING (07.00/22.40)
DIDCOT PARKWAY (07.20/22.20) / SWINDON (07.40/22.00) / CHIPPENHAM (08.00/21.40)
BATH SPA (08.15/21.25) / BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.10/20.30)

WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

POOLE (05.50/23.50) / BOURNEMOUTH (06.00/23.40) / BROCKENHURST (06.20/23.20) SOUTHAMPTON (06.35/23.05) / EASTLEIGH (06.50/22.50) / ROMSEY (07.10/22.30) SALISBURY (07.30/22.10) / WARMINSTER (07.50/21.50) / WESTBURY (08.00/21.40) BRADFORD-ON-AVON (08.10/21.30) / BATH SPA (08.20/21.20) BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.10/20.30)



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Traversing the breath-taking beauty of the Welsh Marches route our steam hauled train offers a totally unique day out as we travel through the rolling hills of the pretty Shropshire countryside dividing England and Wales for a visit to historic Shrewsbury.

Passing through the Severn Tunnel we take the fast line to Maindee Junction where we turn north and crossing the River Usk there are superb views of the Brecon Beacons as the black mountains tower above the train. Continuing through the historic towns of Hereford and Ludlow we pass magnificent Stokesay Castle and through Church Stretton with outstanding views of the Long Mynd it was known in Victorian times as 'Little Switzerland' – we then soon arrive at Shrewsbury for an afternoon break.

SHREWSBURY

Founded by the Saxons and most extensively developed by the Tudors Shrewsbury lies within a giant loop of the River Severn, and is famed for its castle, spires, abbey, parklands, and half-timbered medieval houses. There are gorgeous black & white buildings, remaining just the way they have always been. Shrewsbury is stunning historic town with over 660 listed buildings and some very strange street names - Dogpole and Mardol, Gullet Passage and Grope Lane. There are beautiful walks beside the river and perhaps take a boat trip or just unwind in the stunning parks and gardens.







THE GOLDEN HIND

WEDNESDAY 13 JULY - DEPARTING FROM

SLOUGH (07.25/21.30) / MAIDENHEAD (07.40/21.10) / READING (07.50/21.00) DIDCOT PARKWAY (08.15/20.35) / SWINDON (08.35/20.15) / CHIPPENHAM (08.55/20.00) BATH SPA (09.10/19.45) / BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.30/19.25) / TAUNTON (10.50/18.10)

We recreate one of the classic holiday trains of the golden age of railway travel for a steam hauled journey around the beautiful Devon coast and over the taxing Devon Banks with time available to discover the many charms of maritime Plymouth.

Our journey takes us through the remote Blackdown hills and Exe Valley before heading alongside the estuary with stunning views across to the Jurassic coast. Continuing past Powderham Castle we take the famous sea wall line at Dawlish and race through tunnels and cuttings of red rock and beside beaches and coves with the sea keeping company with the train. At Newton Abbot we join the steeply graded main line over the Devon banks where our engines work hard to haul the heavy train and there are spectacular views of Dartmoor as we descend through Ivybridge to Plymouth for an afternoon break.

With its rich maritime heritage Plymouth is one of the most dynamic and fascinating places to visit. Perhaps take a walk to the Hoe where Sir Francis Drake played bowls before defeating the Spanish navy and there are incredible views of one of the world's most beautiful natural harbours and visit the Barbican, a bustling array of specialist shops, restaurants, cafes, and National Marine Aquarium – not forgetting the historic Mayflower steps where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for the New World in 1620.

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THE BRISTOL FORTY

TUE 13 SEPTEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

LANCASTER (06.10/21.40) / PRESTON (06.40/21.15) / WIGAN NORTH WESTERN (06.55/20.55) WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (07.10/20.40) / CREWE (07.45/20.15) / STAFFORD (08.15/18.55)

Travel in style to enjoy a wonderful day out to maritime Bristol, one of England's most vibrant and exciting towns for a three-hour afternoon break. We travel along the West Coast main line through Stafford, and at Walsall we take the leisurely secondary route through the beautiful Warwickshire countryside.

Passing Bromsgrove and Cheltenham we arrive in Bristol the famous seafaring town with its ancient Dockyard including the S.S Great Britain launched by Isambard Kingdom Brunel in 1843 and now restored as a proud memorial to its great designer. Perhaps take a walk over the Clifton Suspension Bridge or wander through the antique shops on the quaintly named Christmas steps.

Our train is hauled from Lancaster to Bristol by a preserved Class 40 diesel and following an afternoon break two of our immaculately restored steam engines take over to double head the train through Cheltenham and up the 1 in 37 dramatic assault of the Lickey incline, around the Birmingham suburbs and through Walsall to Crewe where a Class 40 diesel takes charge for the return to Lancaster.



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The Coronation Scot was a premier train of the LMS and was inaugurated in 1937 for the coronation of King George VI. We are proud to present this recreation of the historic train with our matching rake of beautifully restored carriages for an incredibly unique steam hauled return journey all the way from Crewe to Glasgow by LMS Princess Coronation 46233 'Duchess of Sutherland'.

Our train is diesel hauled to Crewe and following a change of locomotive we continue steam hauled all the way to Glasgow along the West Coast Main line and over the impressive climb to Tebay and Shap Summit with spectacular views of the Lakeland Fells. At Carlisle there will be a short break before we continue over the border and the long climb to Beattock Summit with our locomotive working hard to haul the heavy train. The arrival into Glasgow will be around 19.00 and following a two-night break we return over Beattock but at Carlisle we divert onto the scenic and spectacular 'Settle & Carlisle' line for the taxing climb to Ais Gill Summit and the crossing of Ribblehead Viaduct, followed by the climb to Wilpshire in the pretty Ribble Valley.

On Sunday the day is available at leisure for exploration of Glasgow's numerous cultural attractions including the Transport Museum and Kelvingrove Gallery, or perhaps take a local train journey to Scotland's capital Edinburgh or enjoy a ride to Loch Lomond on the spectacular West Highland line.

ON TRAIN MEALS: (PULLMAN DINING ONLY)

Saturday: Mid-morning Brunch and

five course Luncheon

Monday: Seven course 'Taste of Scotland'

Luncheon

HOTELS

No overnight accommodation is included on this tour allowing you the flexibility to arrange your own hotels in Glasgow. For further advise and a list of recommended hotels please contact our reservation team.









GREAT WESTERN CHRISTMAS ENVOY

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

CREWE (07.00/22.00) / STAFFORD (07.30/21.30) / TAME BRIDGE PARKWAY (08.10/20.50) BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL (08.40/20.20) / COVENTRY (09.00/20.00) LEAMINGTON SPA (09.20/19.40)

This is a unique steam hauled tour offering a journey through the heart of England and past Oxford, the city of dreaming spires. Continuing through the rolling hills and gentle scenery of beautiful Wiltshire with a choice of destinations for an afternoon break. You may choose to spend around four hours in the elegant Georgian city of Bath Spa, or around three hours to discover the unique charms of maritime Bristol.

BATH SPA

The beautiful Somerset city of Georgian elegance comes alive with its famous and incredibly unique outdoor Christmas market where over 150 chalet style stalls offer quality products and brilliant gift ideas. The famous Abbey and Roman Baths provide an amazing backdrop to the city's festive event and the Minster provides regular carol concerts throughout the day.

BRISTOL

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PENNINE MOORS CHRISTMAS CRACKER

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

LEICESTER (09.00/20.05) / NARBOROUGH (09.10/19.55) / HINCKLEY (09.30/19.35) NUNEATON (09.45/19.20) / TAMWORTH (10.05/19.00) / LICHFIELD TRENT VALLEY (10.15/18.45) STAFFORD (10.45/18.15) / CREWE (11.45/17.15) / WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (12.30/16.35)

We are pleased to present a truly memorable circular tour through deep valleys and over wild moors of the Pennines offering outstanding views and taxing climbs to make the steam engine work hard.

Travelling up the West Coast Main Line and at Wigan there is the first of two steep inclines as the engine opens to climb to Boars Head, this is then followed with the long assault to Hoghton Summit. Continuing through Blackburn and Burnley we enter true Pennine scenery with the moors and hills towering over the line and the possibility of the snow-covered beauty basking in winter sunshine. We commence the 1 in 65 climb with our engine working hard to haul the heavy train to the summit at Copy Pit, some 749 feet above sea level.

After crossing viaducts and passing former Victorian textile Mills, we travel through the scenic Calder Valley beside the Rochdale Canal, passing Todmorden and through the 1.6-mile Summit Tunnel we travel to Manchester and continue west with a fast run over Chat Moss and at Earlestown re-join the West Coast railway to Crewe where our trusty steam locomotive is exchanged for a slightly more modern form of traction.

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THE CHRISTMAS WHITE ROSE

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

WOLVERHAMPTON (06.20/23.15) / TELFORD (06.40/23.00) / WELLINGTON (06.50/22.50)
SHREWSBURY (07.10/22.40) / CREWE (08.15/21.30) / HARTFORD (08.30/21.00)
WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (08.50/20.50) / NEWTON LE WILLOWS (09.20/20.35)
MANCHESTER VICTORIA (09.50/20.05)





Enjoy a fabulous day tour travelling through the impressive Pennines over two very different routes with the outward journey taking the spectacular Vale of Edale through the Peak District National Park to historic York for a sightseeing afternoon break. We return through Wakefield and the rugged Calder Valley.

Travelling through Manchester our train leaves Victoria Station with the taxing climb up Miles Platting bank and threads its way through the suburbs to join the former Midland Railway line across the Peak District. This route is spectacularly scenic and encompasses several long tunnels, before passing through Sheffield. We then head northwards through Meadowhall, adjacent to the famous Shopping Centre, and onwards towards Swinton and Pontefract following the East Coast Main Line to York.

Nowhere in England says 'medieval' quite like York especially in the festive season with the famous St Nicholas Market in full swing. A magnificent circuit of 13th-century walls encloses a medieval spider's web of narrow streets and at the heart of the city lies the immense, awe-inspiring Minster, one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in the world. York's long history and rich heritage is woven into the modern, tourist-oriented city – with attractions including the Jorvik Centre and superb National Railway Museum.

We return in the late afternoon through Wakefield and the true Pennine scenery of the Calder Valley passing the preserved Lancashire & Yorkshire railway station at Hebden Bridge thence through Todmorden and Rochdale.



2022 TOURS

For your convenience, please find a list of 2022 tours in date order.

For further information and full details of each tour please refer to

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WED 2 FEB	THE WHITE ROSE
MON 14 FEB	WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS
SAT 19 MARCH	THE WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
WED 6 APRIL	THE WHITE ROSE
SAT 9 APRIL	THE LAKELANDER
WED 27 APRIL	SEVERN VALLEY ENTERPRISE
WED 4 MAY	WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS
WED 11 MAY	YORKSHIRE COAST EXPRESS
WED 18 MAY	SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN
WED 8 JUNE	WELSH MARCHES WHISTLER
SAT 11 JUNE	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
WED 15 JUNE	SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN
SAT 18 JUNE	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
WED 22 JUNE	WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS
SAT 2 JULY	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
SAT 9 JULY	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
WED 13 JULY	THE GOLDEN HIND
SAT 16 JULY	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
WED 20 JULY	SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN
SAT 30 JULY	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
WED 3 AUGUST	THE WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
SAT 6 AUGUST	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
WED 17 AUGUST	WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS
SAT 20 AUGUST	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
WED 24 AUGUST	SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN



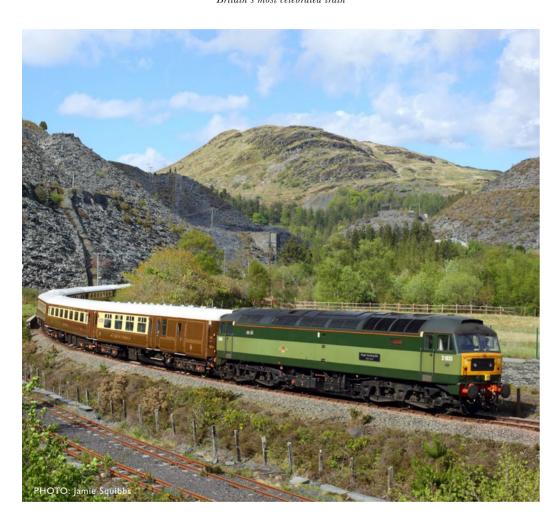
SAT 3 SEPTEMBER	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
WED 7 SEPTEMBER	WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS
SAT 10 SEPTEMBER	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
TUE 13 SEPTEMBER	THE BRISTOL FORTY
SAT 24 SEPTEMBER	CORONATION SCOT
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