



**MIDLAND  
PULLMAN**

*First Class de luxe travel*

ICONIC  
JOURNEYS





# WELCOME ABOARD

ICONIC JOURNEYS

---

The Midland Pullman, Britain's first luxury high speed diesel-electric train, running in the early 1960s between Manchester Central and London St Pancras.

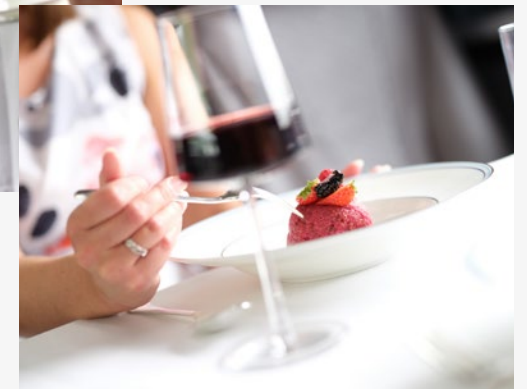
Step aboard the Midland Pullman and prepare to be enchanted. From sumptuously appointed heritage carriages and exquisite fine dining to captivating destinations, every moment is crafted for the extraordinary. Combined with our signature, attentive service, your journey becomes more than a trip — it is an unforgettable adventure to cherish forever.





# ICONIC JOURNEYS

Reminiscent of the bygone days when luxury rail travel was the given norm for some, the Midland Pullman evokes 'de luxe' travel in every way. Whether enjoying the sumptuous cuisine and pampered service of liveried stewards in Pullman Dining or the comfort and quality of First Class, there is no better way to sit back and relax while some of Britain's most glorious views and landscapes majestically drift by.



ULTIMATE

# DINING & HOSPITALITY

---

From either the luxurious glamour of classic Pullman dining or subtle elegance of First Class complemented with the convivial charm of the bar and buffet, we have a railway dining and hospitality experience for all to choose from...

## PULLMAN DINING EXPERIENCE

Relax into your comfortable seat, sipping chilled Champagne while you wait for your smartly liveried steward to take your order. The menu itself is a journey through the best of British produce, filled with seasonal ingredients sourced from the regions on our routes. From the immaculate white tablecloths to the impeccable service, every little detail of the Midland Pullman experience is designed for your comfort and relaxation.

## MENUS & DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Our creative and talented chefs endeavour to create a dining experience that encompasses the needs of all our passengers in as many situations as possible. In addition to our main set menu on each tour we cater for several variants being Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-Free and Pescatarian as standard, we just ask that you request this no later than seven days prior to the date of travel. If you have a requirement other than that, please call our reservation team to discuss before booking. Many requests can sometimes be quite easily accommodated by our experienced on board Chefs. If we can, we will, if we can not we will be honest and tell you before you book.

[VIEW SAMPLE MENU](#)



## FIRST CLASS SERVICE

Our First Class carriages are beautifully appointed, with large picture windows, wide cushioned seats, and plenty of room around our tables for two or four. Your steward will serve you complimentary tea, coffee and light snack items. Many passengers in First Class choose to bring on board their own picnic hampers. Additional light snacks, hot and cold drinks, and a fine selection of wine, beer and spirits can be purchased from your steward. Why not enhance your travel experience with our 'Midland Pullman Traditional Afternoon Tea' that can be purchased in advance when making your online booking.

[VIEW AFTERNOON TEA MENU](#)





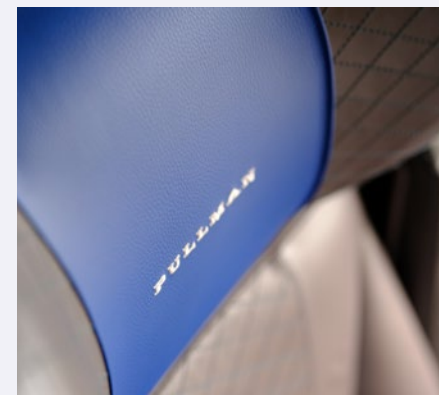
LOVINGLY RESTORED

## CARRIAGES

Our beautifully refurbished carriages hark back to the days when you could truly unwind and enjoy the journey. The comfortable Pullman and First class carriages have leather cushioned seating, generously sized tables, and plenty of room to stretch your legs.

### EVOKING THE GOLDEN AGE OF TRAVEL

Once upon a time, train travel was about luxury and comfort, not just about getting from A to B. Our Pullman style dining cars are more five-star hotel than railway carriage, while first class enjoys levels of comfort you don't experience every day. Prepare to be pampered by our attentive carriage stewards as you make your journey in gracefully vintage style.



### IMMACULATELY RESTORED

A team of expert craftsmen worked on our fleet of railway carriages to fully refurbish them inside and out. The train has been upgraded to the highest standards and decorated with the distinctive Nanking Blue livery. It's also the level of detail that makes a Midland Pullman carriage so special: the leather upholstered seats, our crest on the napkins and crockery, silverware and fine touches that celebrate the Midland Pullman *de luxe* style.



DISCOVER BRITAIN'S MOST

# INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEYS

Where would you like to visit? Have a look at our latest selection of trips and tours, which cover coasts and castles, lakes and cities. With a choice of one day and multi-day journeys on board the 'Blue Pullman' to some of Britain's most picturesque and iconic destinations.

[VIEW OUR JOURNEYS](#)



## JOURNEY TICKETS AND TIMINGS

The departure/arrival times shown on 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. Travel documents and tickets will be sent to you by email usually no later than seven days prior to departure.

For more information and to book online please visit:

[\*\*midlandpullman.com\*\*](https://www.midlandpullman.com)

or for general enquiries call 0800 038 5360



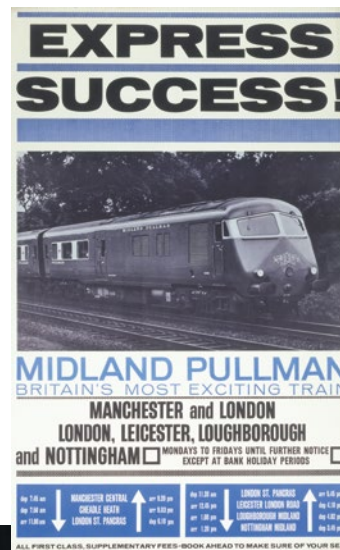
# THE ICONIC BLUE PULLMAN

The Blue Pullman train was conceived as part of the 1955 Modernisation Plan of British Railways. With increased competition from road and air travel, it was recognised by British Railways that there was now a need for a fast and efficient service to attract the business traveller to commercial centres in Bristol, Manchester and Birmingham, Cardiff and Swansea.

The Metropolitan-Cammell Carriage & Wagon Co. was awarded a contract to build several 90-mph diesel-electric units to a high specification as specified by the Pullman Car Company. The two power cars per set were fitted with a North British/MAN 1,000 bhp 12-cylinder diesel engine, with GEC electrical equipment. Additionally, to power the two kitchens and the air conditioning equipment, a 190hp Rolls-Royce diesel unit and generator was fitted. Trials of the new units commenced on the LMR in October 1959. The sets carried a striking 'Nanking blue' livery and they became known as the Blue Pullmans. Initially, the LMR trains were six cars, comprising two power cars, two kitchens and two parlour cars that could seat 152 First Class passengers. The traction motors were fitted to the rear bogies of the power cars and to the leading bogie of the first and last coaches. Riding characteristics were disappointing with rough riding being experienced, resulting in supplementary dampers being fitted to dampen down the ride. This problem continued to blight the trains throughout their thirteen years of revenue-earning service.

On 4th July 1960, the Midland Pullman was launched as a luxury all-First-Class service using two new Blue Pullman six-car diesel-electric units, aimed at covering the high end of the Manchester-London business market during a period when services on the West Coast Main Line were disrupted during electrification. It called only at Cheadle Heath (now closed), and made the journey from London to Manchester in a record 3 hours 15 minutes. The best time between the two cities immediately previously had been 3 hours 50 minutes.

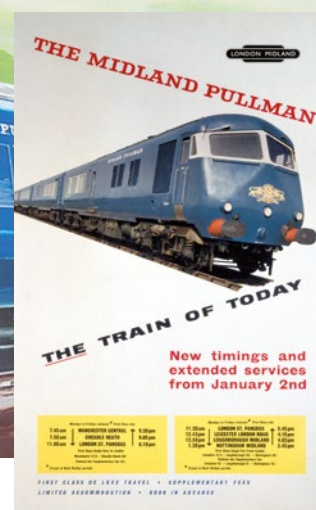
The Midland Pullman ran every weekday, up to London in the morning and down to Manchester in the evening. To fill in between these turns, there was an afternoon return trip from St Pancras to Nottingham. The train had two kitchens and was able to supply a full meal service at every seat.



NRM Pictorial Collection / Science & Society Picture Library



Museum of Science and Industry / Science & Society Picture Library



CREATING UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

ROMANCE  
—  
CELEBRATIONS  
—  
ANNIVERSARIES  
—  
CORPORATE  
—  
TIME TOGETHER  
—



**MIDLAND  
PULLMAN**

First Class *de luxe* travel

FOR FULL INFORMATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS  
AND ONLINE BOOKING

[midlandpullman.com](http://midlandpullman.com)

OR FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES CALL  
0800 038 5360

Midland Pullman, PO Box 83, St Erth, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 9AD