



THE CLASSIC
STEAM EXPERIENCE
2024



WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome to the 2024 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'll arrive in style.



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 and light snacks are included with a morning glass of Buck's Fizz and afternoon glass of sparkling wine. 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. Travel documents and tickets will be sent to you by email usually no later than 7 days prior to departure.

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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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

GOLDEN ARROW

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH - DEPARTING FROM

KIDDERMINSTER (05.45/23.55) / DROITWICH SPA (06.00/23.35)
WORCESTER SHRUB HILL (06.15/23.25) / CHELTENHAM SPA (06.45/22.55)
STROUD (07.15/22.30) / KEMBLE (07.35/22.15) / SWINDON (08.00/21.55)
DIDCOT PARKWAY (08.25/21.35) / TILEHURST (08.40/21.25) / READING (08.50/21.15)

TUESDAY 26 MARCH - DEPARTING FROM

BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (06.10/23.10) / BATH SPA (06.40/22.50)
BRADFORD ON AVON (07.05/22.35) / TROWBRIDGE (07.15/22.25) / PEWSEY (07.30/21.50)
HUNGERFORD (07.50/21.30) / NEWBURY (08.05/21.10) / READING (08.35/20.45)
MAIDENHEAD (08.55/20.30)

SATURDAY 30 MARCH - DEPARTING FROM

POOLE (06.00/23.15) / BOURNEMOUTH (06.10/23.05) / BROCKENHURST (06.40/22.35)
SOUTHAMPTON (07.00/22.15) / EASTLEIGH (07.25/21.55) / WINCHESTER (07.45/21.30)
MICHELDEVER (07.55/21.25) / BASINGSTOKE (08.05/21.15) / READING (08.35/20.45)

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL (05.25/23.25) / COVENTRY (05.40/23.15) / RUGBY (06.00/22.45)
LONG BUCKBY (06.15/22.30) / NORTHAMPTON (06.30/22.15) / MILTON KEYNES (06.50/21.45)
LEIGHTON BUZZARD (07.00/21.30) / HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (07.25/21.15)
WATFORD JUNCTION (07.40/21.00)

WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER - DEPARTING FROM

PETERBOROUGH (05.50/22.45) / MARCH (06.10/22.25) / ELY (06.30/22.05)
CAMBRIDGE (06.50/21.45) / ROYSTON (07.25/21.25) / LETCHWORTH (07.50/21.10)
STEVENAGE (08.00/21.00) / WELWYN GARDEN CITY (08.10/20.50) / POTTERS BAR (08.20/20.40)

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER - DEPARTING FROM

NORWICH (06.00/23.25) / STOWMARKET (06.35/22.50) / IPSWICH (06.40/22.40)
MANNINGTREE (07.00/22.30) / COLCHESTER (07.10/22.20) / CHELMSFORD (07.20/22.00)
SHENFIELD (07.30/21.40)

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This is a train with a real 'wow' factor offering a circular steam tour over the same route as the legendary 'Golden Arrow' boat train. Features include the journey through the picturesque Garden of England and around the beautiful Kent coast with the impressive white cliffs towering above the train – the highlight of the day being an afternoon break for sightseeing in historic Canterbury.

After making our way through the London suburbs we continue into open countryside and through the pretty Garden of England, rich with an abundance of Oast Houses and Hop Fields. Passing Ashford, we soon arrive at historic Canterbury for an afternoon break of about three hours in this city of narrow streets and ancient buildings, the incomparable cathedral, setting for so many dramatic events stand at its heart.

Travelling through the beautiful Kent countryside the engine works hard to haul the train over the stiff gradients along the coastal line through Dover and Folkestone with dramatic white cliffs and spectacular views across the English Channel. Continuing along the high-speed route through Tonbridge recreating the former 'Golden Arrow' from the glory days of rail travel.



THE COTSWOLD EXPLORER

SATURDAY 16 MARCH - DEPARTING FROM

NORTHAMPTON (06.50/23.10) / MILTON KEYNES (07.10/22.50)

LEIGHTON BUZZARD (07.30/22.40) / HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (07.50/22.20)

WATFORD JUNCTION (08.00/22.10) / EALING BROADWAY (09.00/21.10)

SLOUGH (09.20/20.50) / MAIDENHEAD (09.30/20.40)



Our fabulous steam hauled train offers a full day tour to the beautiful Cotswolds and a visit to historic Worcester. Travelling outward through Oxford and Evesham, with a return through the Golden Valley and the challenging climb of Sapperton Bank.

We take the Great Western main line to Didcot and through Oxford, the city of dreaming spires and join the Cotswold line travelling along an area of outstanding Natural Beauty characterised by attractive small towns and villages built of Cotswold stone, which is a delight to behold. We face the five-mile climb of Honeybourne bank, graded at 1 in 100 then onward through Evesham to Worcester for a break of around three hours.



The city of Worcester stands on the River Severn and is best known for its magnificent ornate cathedral but also famous for the world-renowned porcelain, the home of composer Edward Elgar and the piquant Worcestershire sauce. Perhaps visit the historic Guildhall and Tudor House Museum or take a stroll beside the beautiful river. Returning in the late afternoon we take the GWR main line through Cheltenham Spa before taking the Golden Valley line past picturesque Stroud and beside the river Frome. Next is the long twisting climb to Sapperton tunnel as our engine works hard up the severe gradient. We then descend through Kemble to Swindon and travel through the Vale of the white horse to Didcot.



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THE LAKELANDER

SATURDAY 13 APRIL - DEPARTING FROM

LEICESTER (06.35/23.15) / NARBOROUGH (06.45/23.05) / HINCKLEY (06.55/22.55)
NUNEATON (07.05/22.45) / TAMWORTH (07.20/22.30) / LICHFIELD (07.30/22.20)
RUGELEY TRENT VALLEY (07.40/22.10) / CREWE (08.20/21.30) / PRESTON (09.55/20.30)

SATURDAY 18 MAY - DEPARTING FROM

NOTTINGHAM (05.40/23.55) / BEESTON (05.50/23.50) / DERBY (06.10/23.30)
BELPER (06.20/23.15) / CHESTERFIELD (06.40/23.00) / CHINLEY (07.15/22.20)
ROMILEY (07.30/22.10) / MANCHESTER VICTORIA (08.20/21.30) / PRESTON (09.55/20.30)

SATURDAY 8 JUNE - DEPARTING FROM

LEEDS (06.50/22.55) / DEWSBURY (07.10/22.40) / BRIGHOUSE (07.25/22.25)
HEBDEN BRIDGE (07.40/22.10) / TODMORDEN (07.50/22.00) / ROCHDALE (08.05/21.45)
MANCHESTER VICTORIA (08.20/21.30) / BOLTON (08.40/21.10) / CHORLEY (09.00/20.50)
PRESTON (09.55/20.30)

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST - DEPARTING FROM

HEREFORD (06.20/23.30) / LEOMINSTER (06.40/23.10) / LUDLOW (07.00/22.50)
CRAVEN ARMS (07.10/22.40) / CHURCH STRETTON (07.20/22.30) / SHREWSBURY (07.40/22.10)
WHITCHURCH (08.00/21.50) / CREWE (08.20/21.30) / WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (08.50/21.00)
PRESTON (09.55/20.30)



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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 Sellafeld, 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.



THE WHITE ROSE

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL - DEPARTING FROM

HEREFORD (06.00/23.45) / LEOMINSTER (06.25/23.25) / LUDLOW (06.35/23.15)
CRAVEN ARMS (06.45/23.05) / CHURCH STRETTON (06.55/22.55) / SHREWSBURY (07.10/22.40)
CREWE (08.15/21.30) / WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (08.50/20.50)
MANCHESTER VICTORIA (09.50/20.00)



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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 takes the taxing climb up Miles Platting bank and threads its way through the suburbs to join the spectacular line across the Peak District. This route is particularly scenic and encompasses several long tunnels, before passing through Sheffield.

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.



SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST

DEPARTING FROM

BLACKPOOL NORTH (07.40/20.40) / POULTON-LE-FYLDE (08.00/20.20)

KIRKHAM & WESHAM (08.15/20.05) / PRESTON (08.30/19.50) / BLACKBURN (09.10/19.10)

CLITHEROE (09.35/18.40)

THURSDAY 23 MAY

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

DEPARTING FROM

CREWE (07.00/21.35) / CHESTER (07.40/20.45) / FRODSHAM (07.55/20.30)

WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (08.05/20.15) / WIGAN NORTH WESTERN (08.20/20.00)

EUXTON BALSHAW LANE (08.35/19.45) / BLACKBURN (09.10/19.10) / CLITHEROE (09.35/18.40)



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The popular 'Fellsman' runs again in summer 2024 for its 16th 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 Ribbleshead. 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 Ribbleshead 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 Ribbles Valley as our locomotive works hard up the steep and taxing climb of Wilpshire Bank being a fitting end to a perfect day.



ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS

SATURDAY 4 MAY

SATURDAY 1 & 22 JUNE

SATURDAY 6 & 20 JULY

SATURDAY 3 & 10 & 17 & 24 AUGUST

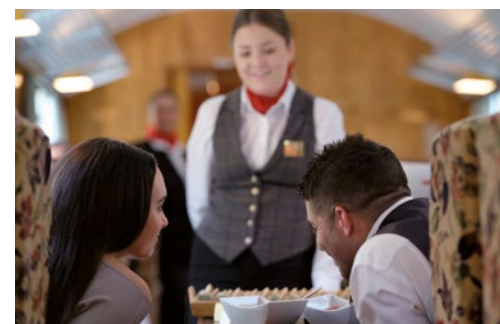
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We recreate one of the great holiday trains of the golden age of railway travel for a steam hauled journey through Somerset and around the beautiful Devon coast with time available to discover the many charms of the pretty 'English Riviera' resort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

Travelling through the remote Blackdown hills and along the Exe Valley to Exeter, before heading beside 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 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 or perhaps take a leisurely cruise on the river Dart. There should be around four hours at leisure before we return in the late afternoon.



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SATURDAY 4 MAY - DEPARTING FROM

SHREWSBURY (05.50/22.50) / CHURCH STRETTON (06.15/22.30) / CRAVEN ARMS (06.30/22.15)
LUDLOW (06.40/22.05) / LEOMINSTER (07.00/21.55) / HEREFORD (07.25/21.40)
ABERGAVENNY (07.50/21.10) / CWMBRAN (08.10/20.55) / SEVERN TUNNEL JUNCTION (08.35/20.35)
FILTON ABBEY WOOD (08.50/20.25) / BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.45/20.05)

SATURDAY 1 JUNE - DEPARTING FROM

CREWE (05.45/23.55) / STAFFORD (06.10/23.30) / PENKRIDGE (06.20/23.15)
WOLVERHAMPTON (06.35/23.15) / SANDWELL & DUDLEY (06.45/22.55)
BIRMINGHAM NEW STREET (06.55/22.45) / BARNT GREEN (07.35/22.10)
WORCESTERSHIRE PARKWAY (08.05/21.45) / CHELTENHAM SPA (08.25/21.25)
BRISTOL PARKWAY (09.20/20.25)

SATURDAY 22 JUNE - DEPARTING FROM

WOKING (06.55/22.25) / GUILDFORD (07.05/22.15) / HASLEMERE (07.25/21.55)
PETERSFIELD (07.40/21.40) / HAVANT (07.55/21.25) / COSHAM (08.05/21.15) / FAREHAM (08.15/21.05)
EASTLEIGH (08.35/20.45) / ROMSEY (08.50/20.30) / SALISBURY (09.10/20.10)

SATURDAY 6 JULY - DEPARTING FROM

NORTHAMPTON (05.40/22.35) / MILTON KEYNES (06.00/22.15)
LEIGHTON BUZZARD (06.15/22.00) / BERKHAMSTED (06.25/21.50)
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (06.35/21.40) / WATFORD JUNCTION (06.45/21.30)

SATURDAY 20 JULY - DEPARTING FROM

BEDFORD (05.35/23.25) / LUTON (06.00/23.00) / ST ALBANS (06.15/22.40)
EALING BROADWAY (07.15/21.40) / SLOUGH (07.30/21.20) / MAIDENHEAD (07.40/21.10)
READING (07.55/20.55)

SATURDAY 3 AUGUST - DEPARTING FROM

WOLVERHAMPTON (06.40/23.35) / TAME BRIDGE PARKWAY (06.55/23.20)
STOURBRIDGE JUNCTION (07.35/22.45) / KIDDERMINSTER (07.45/22.30)
DROITWICH SPA (08.00/22.10) / WORCESTER SHRUB HILL (08.15/21.50)
CHELTENHAM SPA (08.40/21.25) / BRISTOL PARKWAY (09.35/20.25)
BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.45/20.10)

SATURDAY 10 AUGUST - DEPARTING FROM

HIGH WYCOMBE (05.40/23.00) / PRINCES RISBOROUGH (05.55/2.45)
HADDENHAM & THAME (06.05/22.30) / BICESTER VILLAGE (06.20/22.15)
OXFORD PARKWAY (06.35/22.05) / OXFORD (06.45/21.55) / SWINDON (07.45/21.10)
CHIPPENHAM (08.05/20.40) / BATH SPA (09.20/20.25) / BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.35/20.05)

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST - DEPARTING FROM

POOLE (06.35/22.55) / BOURNEMOUTH (06.50/22.40) / BROCKENHURST (07.20/22.20)
SOUTHAMPTON (07.40/22.00) / EASTLEIGH (08.00/21.45) / ROMSEY (08.35/21.25)
SALISBURY (09.00/20.50) / WARMINSTER (09.25/20.30) / WESTBURY (09.40/20.05)

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST - DEPARTING FROM

SLOUGH (07.40/22.15) / MAIDENHEAD (07.50/22.05) / READING (08.10/21.45) / NEWBURY (08.45/21.10)
HUNGERFORD (09.00/20.40) / PEWSEY (09.20/20.20) / WESTBURY (09.35/20.05)



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WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS

TUESDAY 14 MAY - DEPARTING FROM

COVENTRY (06.00/23.40) / LEAMINGTON SPA (06.20/23.20) / BANBURY (06.40/23.00)
OXFORD (07.00/22.40) / SWINDON (07.40/22.00) / CHIPPENHAM (08.00/21.40)
BATH SPA (08.20/21.20) / BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.10/20.30)

THURSDAY 30 MAY - DEPARTING FROM

HIGH WYCOMBE (06.05/23.25) / PRINCES RISBOROUGH (06.15/23.10)
HADDENHAM & THAME (06.25/23.15) / BICESTER VILLAGE (06.40/23.00)
OXFORD PARKWAY (06.50/22.50) / OXFORD (07.00/22.40) / SWINDON (07.40/22.00)
BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (08.40-09.10/20.30-21.00)

TUESDAY 25 JUNE - DEPARTING FROM

PAIGNTON (06.10/23.30) / TORQUAY (06.20/23.20) / NEWTON ABBOT (06.30/23.10)
DAWLISH (06.40/23.00) / EXETER ST DAVID'S (07.10/22.30) / TIVERTON PARKWAY (07.25/22.15)
TAUNTON (07.40/22.00) / BRIDGWATER (07.50/21.50) / YATTON (08.20/21.20)
BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.10/20.30)

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

BOURNEMOUTH (05.20/22.50) / BROCKENHURST (05.45/22.20)
SOUTHAMPTON (06.05/22.05) / EASTLEIGH (06.30/21.50) / ROMSEY (06.50/21.30)
SALISBURY (07.15/21.05) / WARMINSTER (07.35/20.40) / WESTBURY (07.50/20.20)
BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.10/20.30)

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Passing through the Severn Tunnel we take the fast line to Newport where we cross the river Usk with 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 – we then 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

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LUDLOW (07.00/21.45) / LEOMINSTER (07.20/21.25) / HEREFORD (07.40/21.05)
ABERGAVENNY (08.05/20.45) / CWMBRAN (08.25/20.25)
SEVERN TUNNEL JUNCTION (08.45/20.05) / FILTON ABBEY WOOD (09.00/19.50)
BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.30/19.25)

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER - DEPARTING FROM

WORCESTER SHRUB HILL (06.30/22.25) / CHELTENHAM SPA (07.00/21.55)
STONEHOUSE (07.30/21.25) / STROUD (07.40/21.15) / KEMBLE (08.00/20.55)
SWINDON REVERSE (08.30/20.25) / CHIPPENHAM (08.50/20.05) / BATH SPA (09.10/19.45)
BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS (09.30/19.25)



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Our journey takes us through the remote Blackdown hills and Exe Valley before heading alongside the estuary with its pretty fishing boats and stunning views across to Exmouth and the Jurassic coast. Continuing past Powderham Castle and Cockwood Harbour 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 engine works hard to haul the heavy train over Dainton, Rattery and Hemerdon with gradients as steep as 1 in 36. 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. Enjoy 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 from Smeaton's tower. Take a walk down to the Barbican, a bustling array of specialist shops, restaurants, cafes, and National Marine Aquarium.

Returning in the late afternoon we retrace the journey over the taxing and twisting Devon banks and the run along the sea wall through Dawlish with the setting sun casting a golden glow over the Jurassic coast.

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KETTERING (07.30/21.00) / LEICESTER (08.00/20.30) / MELTON MOWBRAY (08.15/20.15)
OAKHAM (08.30/20.00) / STAMFORD (08.45/19.45) / PETERBOROUGH (09.15/19.00)

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

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LICHFIELD TRENT VALLEY (06.50/22.55) / RUGELEY TRENT VALLEY (07.00/22.45)
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SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (06.00/23.15) / DALTON (06.20/23.05) / ULVERSTON (06.40/22.50)
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS (06.50/22.40) / ARNSIDE (07.00/22.30) / CARNFORTH (07.10/22.20)
LANCASTER (07.20/22.10) / PRESTON (07.40/21.50) / WIGAN NORTH WESTERN (08.00/21.30)
WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (08.50/20.50) / MANCHESTER VICTORIA (09.50/20.00)



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BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

NORTHAMPTON (05.40/22.20) / MILTON KEYNES (06.00/22.00) LEIGHTON BUZZARD (06.20/21.40)
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (06.40/21.20) / WATFORD JUNCTION (06.50/21.10)
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WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

DORRIDGE (06.20/22.50) / WARWICK PARKWAY (06.30/22.40) / LEAMINGTON SPA (06.40/22.30)
BANBURY (06.50/22.15) / BICESTER NORTH (07.10/22.00) / HADDENHAM & THAME (07.20/21.50)
PRINCES RISBOROUGH (07.30/21.40) / HIGH WYCOMBE (07.40/21.30) / BEACONSFIELD (07.50/21.20)
GERRARDS CROSS (08.00/21.10)

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

THREE BRIDGES (07.00/21.25) / HAYWARDS HEATH (07.15/21.10) / BURGESS HILL (07.30/20.50)
PRESTON PARK (07.40/20.40) / HOVE (07.50/20.30) / SHOREHAM BY SEA (08.05/20.20)
WORTHING (08.25/20.05) / BARNHAM (08.45/19.45) / CHICHESTER (09.00/19.30)

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

STAINES (06.50/21.40) / CHERTSEY (07.10/21.20) / WOKING (07.30/21.00) GUILDFORD (07.40/20.50)
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BATH SPA

At Christmas the beautiful Somerset city comes alive with its unique 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 offering seasonal shopping, fine foods with stalls showcasing the talents of retailers from Britain and the Continent. Bath Minster also provides regular carol concerts throughout the day.



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SAT 16 MARCH	THE COTSWOLD EXPLORER
TUE 26 MARCH	THE GOLDEN ARROW
SAT 30 MARCH	THE GOLDEN ARROW
SAT 13 APRIL	THE LAKELANDER
WED 17 APRIL	THE WHITE ROSE
WED 1 MAY	SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN
SAT 4 MAY	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
TUE 14 MAY	WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS
SAT 18 MAY	THE LAKELANDER
THU 23 MAY	SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN
THU 30 MAY	WELSH MARCHES EXPRESS
SAT 1 JUNE	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
WED 5 JUNE	SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN
SAT 8 JUNE	THE LAKELANDER
SAT 22 JUNE	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
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WED 3 JULY	SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN
SAT 6 JULY	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
THU 11 JULY	THE GOLDEN HIND
SAT 20 JULY	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
SAT 3 AUGUST	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
SAT 10 AUGUST	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
SAT 17 AUGUST	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS
SAT 24 AUGUST	ENGLISH RIVIERA EXPRESS

WED 28 AUGUST	SETTLE & CARLISLE FELLSMAN
SAT 31 AUGUST	THE LAKELANDER
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