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Britain's most celebrated train

Time to

EXPLORE

2025 TOURS DIRECTORY

WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome to the 2025 edition of our Directory offering a brief overview of tours on board 'The Statesman' - Britain's most celebrated train. For further information and full details of each tour please refer to our website www.statesmanrail.com



UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

Heritage, luxury and incredible destinations combine to create an unforgettable experience. From the moment you step aboard the Statesman, you can feel yourself relax, as you are transported in comfort to your favourite destinations.

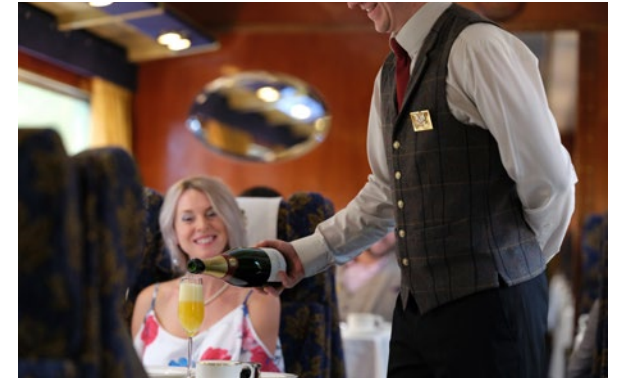
We all love a touch of fine dining – but in a Pullman carriage?

That's a whole new experience.

ULTIMATE

DINING & HOSPITALITY

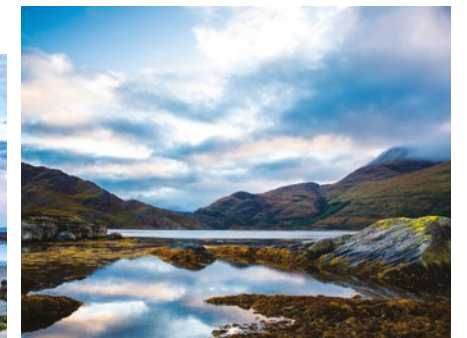
On the Statesman, you have time. Time to relax over your food, to chat with your companion as you travel through the beautiful landscape. With this in mind, we have created a sumptuous menu that you can truly take your time over. Our Executive Chef Nick Allen has crafted this extraordinary feast from his favourite British ingredients, and it's complimented with drinks from our sommelier.



SENSATIONAL

DESTINATIONS

Where would you like to go? The Statesman travels the length and breadth of Britain, taking in her heritage cities, her beautiful coastal resorts and her wonderfully varied countryside. Our destinations stretch from Penzance to Loch Lomond, and we offer both delightful day trips and unforgettable weekends away.



ONBOARD

PULLMAN DINING

Seating is arranged at tables of 4 or 2 laid with crisp linen and fully dressed in fine crockery, fresh flowers, and glassware. 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 a sightseeing break, you will be welcomed aboard by your attentive liveried steward and offered a refreshing glass of chilled champagne and selection of canapes as you relax in anticipation of the gastronomic journey ahead. A sumptuous five 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.

FIRST CLASS

Seating is at tables of 4 or 2 with wide seats and panoramic windows and includes complimentary tea/coffee and light snacks, accompanied with a morning glass of Bucks Fizz and afternoon glass of sparkling wine. You may bring on board your own picnic hamper and drinks for consumption during the journey.

STANDARD CLASS

Seating is at shared tables of four and includes complimentary tea and coffee served throughout the journey whilst items including light snacks, wines, beers, spirits and soft drinks may be purchased from the buffet bar.

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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SNOWDONIA STATESMAN

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

CARDIFF CENTRAL (05.30/23.25) / NEWPORT (05.45/22.50) / SEVERN TUNNEL JUNCTION (06.00/22.30)
CHEPSTOW (06.10/22.15) / LYDNEY (06.20/22.00) / GLOUCESTER (06.50/21.40)
CHELTENHAM SPA (07.00/21.30) / WORCESTERSHIRE PARKWAY (07.20/21.05) / BARNT GREEN (08.00/20.35)
BIRMINGHAM NEW STREE (08.50/20.10)

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER - DEPARTING FROM

DURHAM (05.10/23.40) / DARLINGTON (05.40/23.15) / NORTHALLERTON (06.05/22.55)
THIRSK (06.15/22.45) / YORK (06.45/22.20) / WAKEFIELD KIRKGATE (07.45/21.20) / MIRFIELD (08.05/21.00)
HEBDEN BRIDGE (08.35/20.30) / TODMORDEN (08.45/20.15) / ROCHDALE (09.00/20.00)

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‘The Statesman’ celebrated train heads to North Wales for a journey along the spectacular coast with sweeping sea views and then climbs high into the Snowdonia National Park and up the stunningly beautiful Conwy Valley. There is the option of spending time at either the popular tourist centre of Betws-y-Coed or continue to Blaenau Ffestiniog where we have an optional steam excursion on the famous Ffestiniog Railway.

Travelling across the Cheshire plain to Chester and passing the Roman Walls we enter Wales running alongside the Irish Sea on a coastline famed for its beaches and views. At Llandudno Junction the train reverses for the spectacular journey up the beautiful Conwy Valley where a breath-taking range of scenery unfolds, from historic castles through estuary rich in wildlife, to majestic crags with views of tumbling waterfalls. The high peaks of Snowdonia are on view before our train enters the imposing slate landscape of Blaenau Ffestiniog. It is here you may join our optional tour. The train returns in the late afternoon retracing our journey over the same enchanting route.

MOBILITY

This tour is not suitable for guests with wheelchairs or serious mobility issues as the platforms at some stations are only accessible by a footbridge. It is not possible to transfer between our train and the Ffestiniog Railway in a wheelchair.

FFESTINIOG RAILWAY

Blaenau Ffestiniog is the terminus of one of the Great Little Trains of Wales - the narrow gauge Ffestiniog Railway, built in 1836 to carry slate down to the coast. Our privately chartered steam train will be waiting to take you on a return journey to Tan-y-Bwlch as it twists and turns around the mountainside offering spectacular views. Seating is limited to 150 passengers so early booking is essential.

Supplement: £35 per person



DORSET COAST STATESMAN

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

NOTTINGHAM (06.10/22.50) / ATTENBOROUGH (06.20/22.40) / EAST MIDLANDS PARKWAY (06.30/22.30)
LOUGHBOROUGH (06.50/23.15) / MELTON MOWBRAY (07.15/21.55) / OAKHAM (07.25/21.45)
CORBY (07.45/21.25) / KETTERING (08.00/21.10) / WELLINGBOROUGH (08.10/21.00)
BEDFORD (08.30/20.40)

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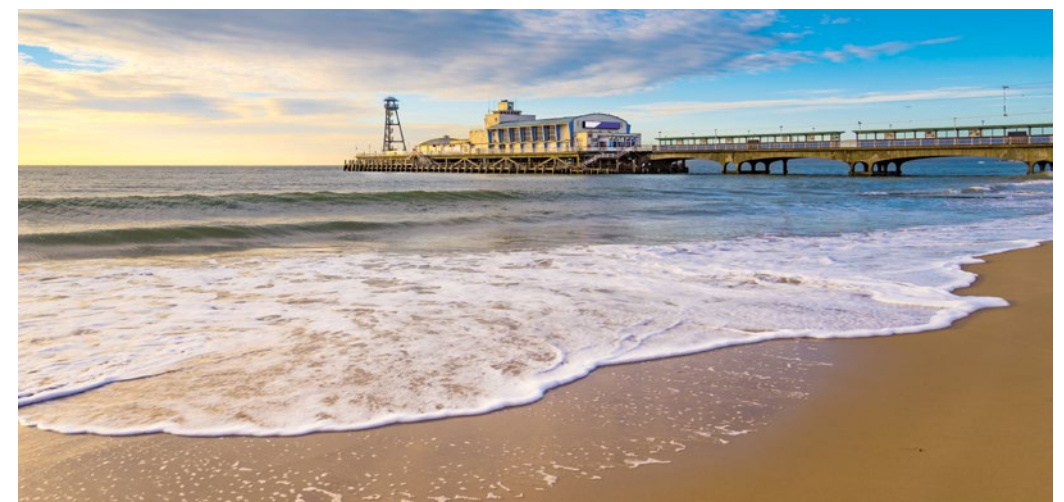
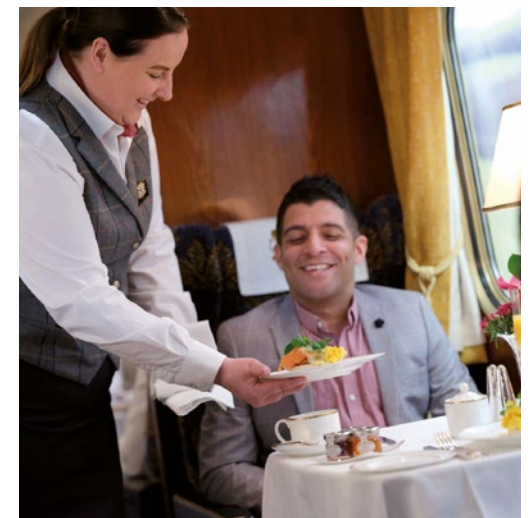
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The celebrated 'Statesman' land cruise train travels to the south coast for a memorable journey through the beautiful New Forest with the opportunity to visit either Bournemouth, Poole, or Weymouth.

We travel through maritime Southampton and across the beautiful New Forest to our first optional stop at Bournemouth where around four hours will be available to enjoy the elegant seaside resort with seven miles of golden sands, a vast variety of shops and beautiful award-winning gardens.

Alternatively, alight at Poole where we offer a break of around three hours - with its bustling Quay and stunning natural harbour there are beautiful views across to the Isle of Purbeck. Perhaps take a boat trip to Brownsea Island, rich in wildlife and history or take a Jurassic coastal cruise. There are a multitude of eateries along the harbour where the local seafood is a speciality.

The last destination of our train for a break of around two hours is the ancient seaside town of Weymouth and was a favourite haunt of King George III with historical buildings and Georgian seafront, a modern town centre complemented by quaint side streets, all of which is connected by over three miles of level promenade. The picturesque leisure harbour boasts fishing boats, yachts, and catamarans.



CORNISH RIVIERA STATESMAN

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER - DEPARTING FROM

DORRIDGE (06.00/23.55) / WARWICK PARKWAY (06.20/23.25) / LEAMINGTON SPA (06.30/23.15)
BANBURY (07.00/22.55) / OXFORD (07.25/22.25) / SWINDON (08.25/21.50) / CHIPPENHAM (08.40/21.30)
MELKSHAM (08.55/21.10) / WESTBURY (09.15/20.40)



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We present a day tour to Cornwall the land of myths and legends on board “The Statesman” train - with rugged coastlines and quaint fishing villages you will savour some of the most unspoilt countryside in Britain and the opportunity to visit either the county town of Truro, or maritime Falmouth, pretty St Ives, or historic Penzance.

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The highlights of this tour include the twisting scenic line around the breathtaking sea wall at Dawlish - views of the Dartmoor National Park - and the crossing of the iconic Royal Albert Bridge spanning the River Tamar designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel to historic Truro with its magnificent Cathedral and bustling shopping centre or perhaps take the local branch line service for a visit to maritime Falmouth (payable locally) with its deep-water harbour, curio shops, castles and perhaps a memorable boat trip.

Our next stop is St Erth where you may join the regular local service train (payable locally) on the beautiful journey around the Hayle Estuary with magnificent views of Godrevy Lighthouse to visit the ancient fishing town of St Ives - considered to be the

prettiest holiday resort in Britain with beaches, quaint cobbled streets, Tate Gallery, sub-tropical gardens, and historic harbour.

The final stop for ‘The Statesman’ is Penzance with spectacular views of St Michaels Mount as we arrive at the most westerly station in England. With around two hours at your leisure there is time to discover the charms of this famous Cornish port and perhaps enjoy a stroll along the promenade or coastal path towards Marazion.



THE YORK CHRISTMAS STATESMAN

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

DUNDEE (06.00/21.10) / LEUCHARS (06.20/20.45) / MARKINCH (06.35/20.30)
KIRKCALDY (06.45/20.15) / INVERKEITHING (07.00/20.00) / EDINBURGH GATEWAY (07.15/19.45)
EDINBURGH WAVERLEY (07.30/19.30)

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

PERTH (06.50/23.00) / GLENEAGLES (07.05/22.45) / DUNBLANE (07.20/22.35)
STIRLING (07.30/22.25) / LARBERT (07.45/22.15) / CUMBERNAULD (08.00/22.00)
MOTHERWELL (08.20/21.20) / CARLUKE (08.30/21.10) / CARSTAIRS (08.40/21.00)
LOCKERBIE (09.10/20.30)



This very special tour includes a journey along the majestic Settle to Carlisle railway, with great limestone peaks and deep valleys we travel over no fewer than 19 viaducts and through 12 tunnels on this masterpiece of Victorian engineering, including the famous Ribbleshead Viaduct.

Our train heads into the Yorkshire Dales for a spectacular journey over the magnificent high Pennines and the sheer scale of the scenery is apparent as we pass such famous landmarks as Wild Boar Fell and Mallerstang Edge, with stunning views of the three peaks. One magnificent sight follows another before we gradually descend into the Aire Valley and past the market town of Skipton, then on to the historic city of York for a sightseeing break of around three hours.

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.

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ULVERSTON (06.40/22.00) / GRANGE OVER SANDS (06.55/21.45) / ARNSIDE (07.05/21.35)
CARNFORTH (07.20/21.25) / LANCASTER (07.30/21.05) / PRESTON (08.00/20.45)
WIGAN NORTH WESTERN (08.25/20.30) / WARRINGTON BANK QUAY (08.35/20.10)
CREWE (09.05/19.50) / STAFFORD (09.30/19.25)

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

CHESTERFIELD (06.00/23.15) / ALFRETON (06.20/22.55) / ILKESTON (06.35/22.40)
EAST MIDLANDS PARKWAY (07.05/22.10) / LOUGHBOROUGH (07.20/22.00)
MELTON MOWBRAY (07.40/21.40) / OAKHAM (07.50/21.25) / CORBY (08.10/21.00)
KETTERING (08.20/20.45) / WELLINGBOROUGH (08.35/20.30)

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER - DEPARTING FROM

HULL (05.10/23.55) / BROUGH (05.20/23.35) / GILBERDYKE (05.30/23.25) / GOOLE (05.40/23.15)
DONCASTER (06.10/22.55) / RETFORD (06.35/22.25) / NEWARK (07.00/22.00)
GRANTHAM (07.35/21.35) / PETERBOROUGH (08.35/21.00) / HUNTINGDON (08.55/20.40)



This is a unique day tour departing from your local station offering a journey through the heart of England and rolling hills and gentle scenery of beautiful Wiltshire, then along the glorious countryside of the Avon Valley to visit the elegant Georgian city of Bath for an afternoon break of around three-hours at this festive time of year with the famous Christmas Market in full swing.

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.

If Christmas shopping is not your thing there is always the elegant and unforgettable city to discover which has attracted visitors since Roman times the highlights include the Pump Rooms, Carriage Museum and Royal Crescent along with the opportunity to take an open top bus tour.



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