



# Heritage Mainline Train Journeys 2026



# Welcome Aboard

## The Experience

We recreate a time when travel itself was part of the pleasure. Our trains run to memorable destinations across Britain behind historic steam or heritage diesel locomotives, and whether you are heading to the seaside, a cathedral city, or over the Settle and Carlisle line, the journey matters as much as the destination. Open the window and feel these remarkable machines at work.

## The Locomotives

Our superbly restored express steam locomotives are some of the last working examples of their type, maintained at our historic Tyseley locomotive works and run on Britain's main line, not as museum pieces but as living machines. Selected journeys are hauled by heritage diesel locomotives through some of Britain's most rewarding scenery.

## The Hospitality

Our coaches range from comfortable standard class to authentic vintage Pullman Cars and First Class carriages, all with generous picture windows. Pullman passengers enjoy a full English breakfast, Sunday lunch, afternoon tea or 4-Course Dinner, while First Class features coffee & croissants and afternoon tea or on selected journeys a 2-Course evening meal on the return. Standard class passengers are welcome to bring a picnic, with beers, soft drinks and other refreshments also available from our buffet.

## The People & The Routes

Our stewards, footplate crew and support team are largely long standing volunteers, and their professionalism and quiet enthusiasm create an atmosphere that is both relaxed and distinctive.

We run to York, Llandudno, Scarborough, Plymouth and Portsmouth, and operate the popular *Shakespeare Express* to, and *Shakespeare Pullman* from, Stratford-upon-Avon. New this year are routes through Central Wales and over the Cambrian mountains to the Talylyn Railway, founded by pioneers closely connected to our own history.

For full information and to book please visit [vintagetrains.co.uk](http://vintagetrains.co.uk).

We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

“Been on Vintage Trains numerous times and they never disappoint! The staff are always lovely and enthusiastic not to mention the lovely, comfy coaches and brilliant tours that are planned.”



# Pullman Restaurant Car Service

## Dining in Style

Pullman dining offers passengers a full restaurant car service in one of our authentic 1960s Pullman Cars, with at table service as the Great British countryside gently passes by your window.



You will be seated at tables of 2 or 4, laid with crisp white linen, fresh flowers and fully dressed with crockery and glassware. As you relax in the comfort of your seat, a Full English Breakfast will be served alongside tea, coffee, water or orange juice.

After several hours sightseeing at your destination, you will be welcomed back onboard with a drinks service, followed by your 4-Course evening dinner.

Our food is freshly prepared onboard by our chefs and served at your seat, while you relax and watch the British countryside passes by your picture windows, accompanied by the sound of the locomotive working hard.

We offer seasonal menus, including festive menus on our Christmas trains, so if you travel several times through the year you will be sure to enjoy food crafted from the finest British ingredients, celebrating unique flavours of the season.

Seating at a guaranteed table for 2 people is available in Pullman, subject to availability and payment of a supplement.

# Seating to Suit Every Traveller

## First & Standard Class

First Class passengers will travel in one of our British Railways Mk1 carriages at tables for 2, tables for 4 or up to 6 people in a private compartment. Reservations at tables for two and for private compartments may be made on payment of a supplement.

Upon boarding, you will be served a light breakfast of croissants and pastries, with tea and coffee. On the return journey, an afternoon tea will be waiting at your table for you to enjoy as the countryside and townscapes pass by your window.

On some journeys, there will be the option of dining or non-dining First Class seats. The dining option will feature the light breakfast, as well as a 2-Course evening meal.

In Standard Class, seating is arranged around tables for four people. You can pre-order bacon rolls for the morning or an afternoon tea, for an additional charge, each delivered to your seat, with a cup of tea or coffee. A buffet car is also available onboard offering light refreshments including snacks, tea and coffee, soft drinks, wines and beers.

For more information and to book online please visit: [vintagetrains.co.uk](http://vintagetrains.co.uk) or for general enquiries call 0121 708 4960.



Photo by Martyn Osborne

# Travel Back in Time

## Our Historic Locomotives



Photo by Robert Green

### 7029 'Clun Castle'

BR (W) 4073 'Castle' Class Locomotive  
Built in 1950 by British Railways to Charles Collett's 1923 Great Western Railway design. Hauled the final steam service out of Paddinginton in 1965.



Photo by John P Robinson

### 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe'

GWR 4073 'Castle' Class Locomotive  
Built in 1936 and so is an authentic Great Western Railway locomotive. Beat Clun Castle's record for shortest timed journey between Plymouth and Bristol.



Photo by Paul Jameson

### 60163 'Tornado'

LNER Peppercorn Class A1  
The first main line steam locomotive built in the UK since 1960. Famed for reaching 100mph in secret night time tests in 2017.



Photo by DTG

### D1015 'Western Champion'

Class 52 'Western' Diesel Hydraulic  
Entering traffic in 1963, a working career of 13 years has been followed by a preservation career of 46 years, including 24 years back out on the mainline!



Photo by Martyn Osborne

### 37 240

English Electric Type 3, Class 37  
Built in 1964, the 37 is the newest member of the Vintage Trains fleet. Returned to the mainline in 2025 and has been a popular addition to our trains.

**For further information on each locomotive, please visit [vintagetrains.co.uk](http://vintagetrains.co.uk).**



# The Shakespeare Express

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May\*, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
30<sup>th</sup> August & 8<sup>th</sup> November\*

**Departing from:** Birmingham Snow Hill, Birmingham Moor Street, Tyseley  
\*These dates only call at Birmingham Snow Hill

**Morning Departure** Pullman - Full English Breakfast & Afternoon Tea  
**Afternoon Departure** First Class - Afternoon Tea



Pullman from £125 | First Class from £85 | Standard from £25

Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
A 6% booking fee is applied when booking online.

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## Finalist for 'Experience of the Year' at the West Midlands Tourism Awards 2026

Join us this summer aboard *The Shakespeare Express* for an unforgettable family day out.

Journey from the heart of Birmingham through beautiful Warwickshire countryside to the historic market town of Stratford-upon-Avon. Your vintage steam train travels at express speeds along the Shakespeare Line or Chiltern mainline, passing stations with their original Great Western Railway features. You will have approximately 4.5 hours in Stratford-upon-Avon to explore at your leisure. Enjoy lunch by the river, browse the shops, or discover the history of William Shakespeare's birthplace.

**Make it extra special** with Pullman Class travel. Enjoy a full English breakfast on your outward journey and delicious afternoon tea on your return, all served at your seat. Tea and coffee are included throughout, with additional drinks available to purchase.

Alternatively, join the afternoon departure from Birmingham Snow Hill and sample a delightful Afternoon Tea in one of our original 1960s First Class carriages.

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# The Shakespeare Pullman

17<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
& 30<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> October & 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Departing from:** Henley-in-Arden (Select Dates), Stratford-upon-Avon

**Pullman** 3-Course Sunday Lunch  
**New for 2026 - First Class** Afternoon Tea



Pullman from £125 | First Class from £85 | Standard from £25

Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman.

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Photo by Martyn Osborne



## New for 2026 - Join from Henley-in-Arden & First Class Afternoon Tea

Experience vintage steam travel at its finest this summer.

*The Shakespeare Pullman* departs from Henley-in-Arden and historic Stratford-upon-Avon, travelling at express speeds through Warwickshire's beautiful countryside. Your journey follows either the Shakespeare Line, with its original Great Western Railway heritage, or the Chiltern mainline.

At Birmingham, there is time to watch the steam locomotive run around the train and capture photos of this magnificent sight before your return to Henley or Stratford.

**Make it extra special** with Pullman Class travel. Enjoy a classic British 3-Course Sunday Lunch, all served at your seat. Tea and coffee are included throughout, with additional drinks available to purchase.

Introduced for 2026 is First Class travel. Relax in your First Class seat as you are served a quintessentially British Afternoon Tea to your table, a perfect accompaniment to watching the countryside from your window to the sound of a steam locomotive working hard.

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# The Derby Shakespeare Express

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Departing from:** Derby, Burton-on-Trent, Tamworth, Coleshill Parkway



Pullman from £150 | First Class from £99 | Standard from £50

Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
A 6% booking fee is applied when booking online.

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Photo by Steve Donald



Join us this October aboard The Derby Shakespeare Express to enjoy a timeless railway journey and unforgettable family day out.

Hauled by one of our historic steam locomotives, this journey captures the golden age of train travel with vintage carriages and the unmistakable sights, sounds and smells of steam in full flight.

Our route takes you through the English countryside as you relax in the comfort of your seats, savouring the atmosphere as your train steams towards the historic market town of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Upon arrival, you will have approximately 4.5 hours to explore the town at your leisure. Enjoy lunch by the river, browse the shops, or discover the history of William Shakespeare's birthplace.

**New for 2026** is the addition of First Class (non-dining) travel, if you're looking to add a bit of extra comfort and style to your journey.

**Make it extra special** with Pullman Class travel. Enjoy a full English breakfast on your outward journey and delicious afternoon tea on your return, all served to your seat. Tea and coffee are included throughout, with additional drinks available to purchase.

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# The Worcester Shakespeare Express

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Departing from:** Worcester Shrub Hill, Droitwich Spa, Stourbridge Junction



Pullman from £150 | Standard from £50

Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
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Photo by Robert Green



Transport yourself back to the golden age of train travel by taking a steam hauled journey from Worcester to historic Stratford-upon-Avon.

Savour the atmosphere as you watch the rolling countryside of Worcestershire and Warwickshire pass by your picture window as you relax in the comfort of your seat in one of our heritage carriages.

As you travel at express speeds, you will feel the atmosphere and experience the nostalgic sights, sounds and smells of steam in full flight as you are whisked towards your destination.

Upon arrival, you will have approximately 4.5 hours to explore the town at your leisure. Enjoy lunch by the river, browse the shops, or discover the history of William Shakespeare's birthplace.

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# Add-Ons for your Day Out

Vintage Bus Tours and Shakespeare's Birthplace



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In partnership and with thanks to Transport Museum Wythall, we offer an exclusive new option to the Shakespeare Express and Shakespeare Pullman experience with a vintage bus tour of Stratford-upon-Avon.

On arrival in Stratford, you will transfer from the train to board an original Stratford Blue Motor Services Leyland double decker bus, to take a one-hour tour of Stratford. On route you will pass several of the town's highlights including Anne Hathaway's Cottage, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Shakespeare's Birthplace, the River Avon and more!

This exclusive tour is restricted to just 50 seats and is only available to Shakespeare Express and Shakespeare Pullman ticket holders on the following dates; **17<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. Tickets are available for **£25 per person**.

Whether travelling on The Shakespeare Express or Shakespeare Pullman, all passengers will have access to an exclusive discount when visiting Shakespeare's Birthplace. Just book in advance using our exclusive booking link and you can save 20% on your entry tickets.

Book online [vintagetrains.co.uk](http://vintagetrains.co.uk). For general enquiries call **0121 708 4960**

# Class 37 to the SVR Diesel Festival

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Departing from:** Birmingham Snow Hill



Standard tickets £25 per person

A 6% booking fee is applied when booking online.

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Photo by Martyn Osborne



Heading to the Severn Valley Railway's Spring Diesel Festival on Sunday 17th May? Why not add a bit of excitement to your journey to Kidderminster and travel behind a Class 37 on board Mk2 carriages instead!

Each ticket offers a return journey behind 37240, from Birmingham Snow Hill to Kidderminster and back, in one of the first 3 carriages directly behind the locomotive, all with opening windows.

**Please note these tickets do not include entry to the Severn Valley Railway's Spring Diesel Festival. Tickets for that event must be purchased separately.**

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# The Golden Hind

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Departing from:** Birmingham Snow Hill, Widney Manor, Warwick Parkway,  
Banbury, Oxford, London Paddington, Plymouth



Pullman from £420 | First Class from £250 | Standard from £94

Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
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50 years ago D1015 Western Champion operated the final trains in its British Railways career, following 13 years of working across the Western Region from depots such as Old Oak Common and Laira.

To celebrate this anniversary, we have created The Golden Hind a train that will take you across former Western Region routes in the Midlands, the Great Western Mainline and climbing the Dainton and Rattery banks in the South West and running along the famous Teignmouth estuary and Dawlish sea wall, recreating the heyday of the Westerns from the 60s and 70s when you could see these iconic diesel hydraulics locomotives at the head of expresses across the Western Region.

Departing Birmingham in the morning, the train follows the former Western Region route down to Paddington, turning at Greenford Triangle. From Paddington to Plymouth and return, Western Champion hauls the train unassisted via Westbury. Featuring fast running from London Paddington over a route described as “Brunel’s Billiard Table”, over the challenging gradients in South Devon, this journey has everything you could want, to see the diesel hydraulic at its best over the routes it once ruled.

One-way tickets are now available from both Paddington and Plymouth.

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# The Whistling Ghost

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Departing from:** Birmingham Snow Hill, Stourbridge Junction, Droitwich Spa, Worcester Shrub Hill, Cheltenham Spa



Pullman from £385 | First Class from £270 | Standard from £155

Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
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Photo by Laura Standerwick

In late Spring, we journey south to Somerset, combining the best of mainline and heritage railway steam hauled train travel. It is planned that a pair of Manors, two of 7802 'Bradley Manor', 7812 'Erlestoke Manor' or 7828 'Odney Manor', will be double-heading the train over the West Somerset Railway, subject to availability.

Our route offers a wonderfully varied journey, blending main line running with classic rural scenery as our train makes its way toward Minehead, gateway to Exmoor and one of Somerset's most charming seaside towns. The sight and sound of steam in motion create a powerful sense of nostalgia, making the journey every bit as memorable as the destination.

Included with your ticket is the trip along the West Somerset Railway, offering passengers a relaxing journey through the Somerset countryside before alighting at Minehead.

On arrival, there is time to enjoy Minehead's seafront, harbour, and relaxed coastal atmosphere. Combining timeless appeal, coastal charm, and the unmistakable drama of steam, *The Whistling Ghost* to Minehead promises a memorable day out for enthusiasts, families, and lovers of classic train travel alike.

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# The Cathedrals Express to Newcastle

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Departing from:** Birmingham New Street, Coleshill Parkway, Tamworth, Burton-on-Trent, Derby, York



Pullman from £355 | First Class from £240 | Standard from £125  
Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
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This train was postponed from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

*The Cathedrals Express* heads to the North East and the Cathedral city of Newcastle for the first time, since 7029 *Clun Castle* departed the city in 1967.

The train will journey from Birmingham, through the East Midlands, before steaming into Yorkshire and stopping at the historic city of York. Here passengers can choose to alight to stroll down the famous 'Shambles', marvelling at York Minster or visiting the admission-free National Railway Museum. Passengers can also join at York for steam hauled trip to Newcastle and return.

On arrival in Newcastle, there is time to explore this vibrant city, from its historic quayside and iconic bridges to its rich cultural and architectural heritage - made all the more special by the presence of a *Castle Class* locomotive in the city once again.

The *Cathedrals Express* to Newcastle is more than just a day out, it is an incredibly rare opportunity to travel behind *Clun Castle* to a city that the locomotive hasn't been to in 58 years!

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# The White Rose to York & Scarborough

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Departing from:** Birmingham New Street, Coleshill Parkway, Tamworth, Burton-on-Trent, Derby, York



Pullman from £355 | First Class from £240 | Standard from £125  
Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
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One of our most popular journeys, The White Rose, returns this Summer to transport passengers from the Midlands to the heart of Yorkshire and onwards to Britain's first seaside resort at Scarborough.

Travelling from West to East across the Midlands, our train turns northwards arriving at the historic city of York in the early afternoon. Here passengers can choose to alight and explore the history, majestic Minster and the rich railway heritage at the National Railway Museum. We will also pick up those passengers joining at York for the return trip to Scarborough.

We arrive into Scarborough station, home to the world's longest platform seat, and passengers can head into the town to enjoy an afternoon by the sea, explore the castle or take a journey on the North Bay Railway, Britain's biggest miniature railway.

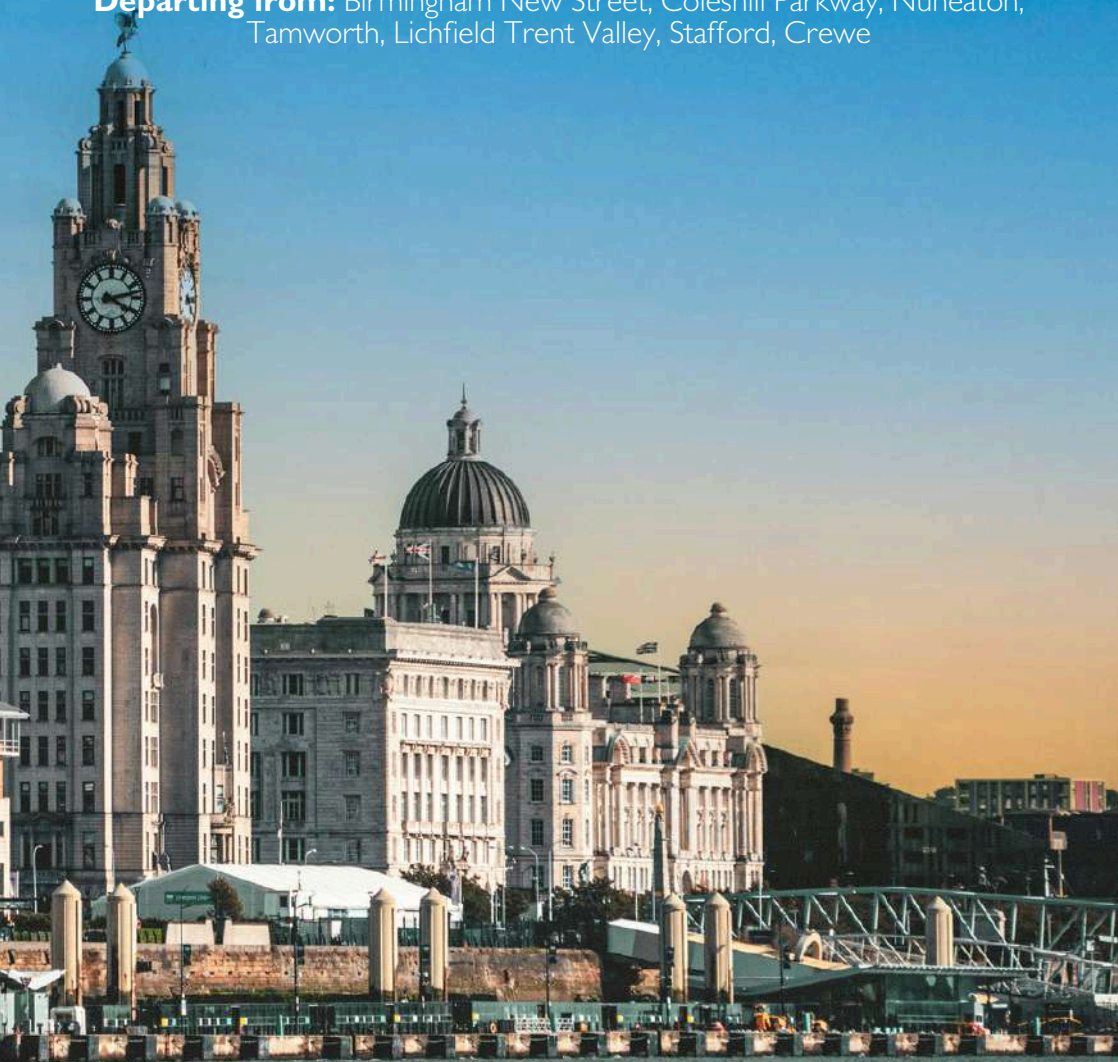
Later in the day we welcome our passengers back onboard as we first return to York and then onward to the Midlands after an unforgettable day out by steam train to Yorkshire.

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# The Cathedrals Express to Liverpool

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

**Departing from:** Birmingham New Street, Coleshill Parkway, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield Trent Valley, Stafford, Crewe



Pullman from £355 | First Class from £240 | Standard from £65

Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
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This Summer, we will be taking one of our Castles from the industrial heartlands of the Midlands to the great port city of Liverpool.

The Cathedrals Express departs Birmingham, where the train makes its way out to Nuneaton. Here it joins the West Coast Mainline and ventures to the North West via the famous railway town of Crewe.

On arrival in Liverpool, a city steeped in maritime, musical, and railway history, there is time to explore the revitalised docks, museums, and city centre before the return journey south.

The journey will be diesel hauled between Birmingham and Nuneaton in both directions, with steam leading the way from Nuneaton to Liverpool and return.

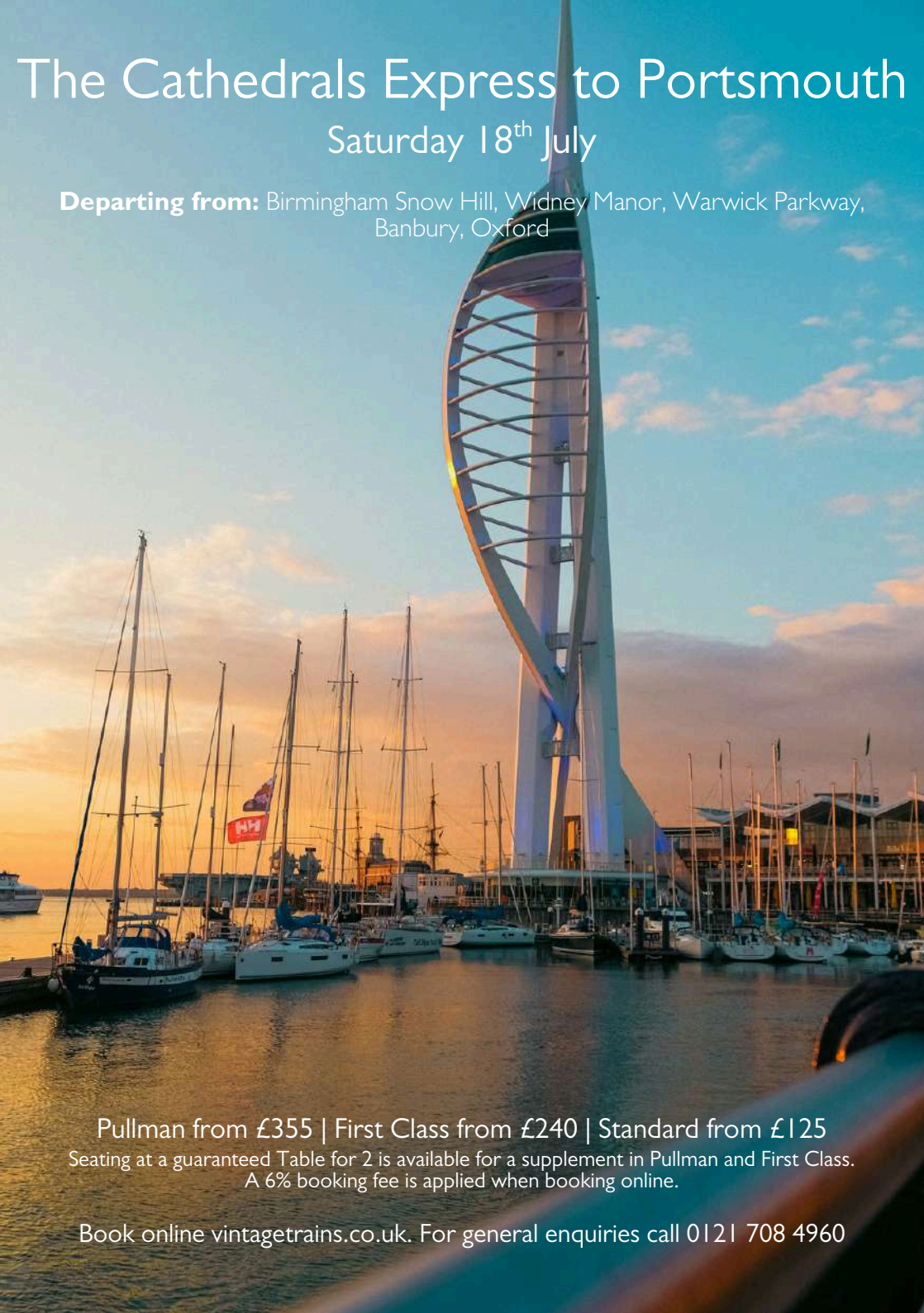
In partnership with Mersey Ferries, we pleased to be able to offer our passengers a special discounted rate of £11 per person on Liverpool's ultimate sightseeing experience on a 50-minute River Explorer Cruise. All you need to do to get this price is show your Vintage Trains ticket at the Pier Head ticket desk.

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# The Cathedrals Express to Portsmouth

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Departing from:** Birmingham Snow Hill, Widney Manor, Warwick Parkway,  
Banbury, Oxford



Pullman from £355 | First Class from £240 | Standard from £125

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This Summer we venture to the south coast once again, taking *The Cathedrals Express* to the historic Cathedral and naval city of Portsmouth. Located in the Solent, the city has a rich history dating back to the Romans and has for centuries contained a significant Royal Naval dockyard.

Departing from the Midlands, the train led by our Class 37, heads south through the English countryside, picking up at another cathedral city, Oxford, one of several cities that give the train its evocative name.

The destination is Portsmouth, long associated with the Royal Navy and Britain's maritime heritage. On arrival, there is time to explore the historic dockyard, home to famous ships such as HMS Victory and Mary Rose, stroll along the waterfront, or enjoy views across the Solent to the Isle of Wight.

Whether you are looking for a day out by the sea or wanting to visit somewhere new, our train offers something for everyone.

It has been over a decade since we last visited Portsmouth, so we are excited to bring this wonderful city back to our list of exciting and historic destinations.

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# The Cambrian Coast Express

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Departing from:** Dorridge, Widney Manor, Birmingham New Street,  
Tame Bridge Parkway, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury



Pullman from £355 | First Class from £240 | Standard from £125

Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
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Join us as we journey through central Wales to the Cambrian Coast town of Aberystwyth. This train will be hauled by our resident Class 37, 37240, and from Shrewsbury, the train will be double-headed by 37240 and a Class 97 to Aberystwyth and return.

At Aberystwyth, there is plenty to see and do for the whole family, whether that is the Vale of Rheidol Railway and their museum, the Cliff Railway, a walk along the promenade, Aberystwyth Castle and much more!

We will also be chartering a special double-headed train on the Vale of Rheidol for a return journey to Devil's Bridge and back to Aberystwyth. Tickets for this add-on are available for £30 per person.

# The Mayflower

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

**Departing from:** Birmingham Snow Hill, Stourbridge Junction, Droitwich Spa, Worcester Shrub Hill, Cheltenham, Bristol Parkway, Bristol Temple Meads



Pullman from £420 | First Class from £250 | Standard from £180

Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
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Photo by Karl Heath



On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, we will once again storm over the metals of South West England, with a double-headed express from Bristol to Plymouth and return, over the South Devon banks in both directions unassisted by diesel traction – offering the ultimate dream for enthusiasts of steam.

*The Mayflower*, named after a short-lived British Railways Western Region Express at the end of steam, presents an authentic and exciting mainline steam experience that is not often seen, re-creating scenes from the golden age of steam.

Leaving Birmingham Snow Hill in the early morning, hauled by diesel traction, our train will pick up at Stourbridge Junction, Droitwich Spa, Worcester Shrub Hill, Cheltenham Spa, Bristol Parkway and finally Bristol Temple Meads. The return from Bristol will also be diesel hauled.

Bristol is where the train really comes alive, as both of our Castle Class locomotives, Clun Castle and Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, will haul the Bristol to Plymouth, and return, leg of the journey. This will see the locomotives working hard, unassisted by diesel locomotive, over the challenging gradients of South Devon as well as thundering along the sea wall at Dawlish and estuary at Teignmouth.

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# The Christmas White Rose

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Departing from:** Birmingham New Street, Coleshill Parkway, Tamworth,  
Burton-on-Trent, Derby



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Pullman from £355 | First Class from £240 | Standard from £125  
Seating at a guaranteed Table for 2 is available for a supplement in Pullman and First Class.  
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This Christmas join us aboard our festive *White Rose* to the historic city of York for their award-winning Christmas Markets.

Our train heads from West to East across the Midlands, before turning northwards, arriving at the historic city of York in the early afternoon.

At our destination, you will have several hours with which to explore the Christmas markets and cobbled streets. Alternatively, why not explore the incredible and varied history of York, marvel at the majestic minster or if railways are more your thing, the National Railway Museum has plenty of exhibits and history for you to delve into from across the world, having recently been refurbished.

Our Pullman or First Class passengers can expect festively themed menus, with every carriage on the train suitably decorated to get you in the Christmas spirit.

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# Keep *Clun Castle* Steaming



7029 *Clun Castle* is currently in our workshop being worked on by our skilled team to allow a return to steam, and the mainline, this Summer. So far, thanks to your generous donations we have been able to complete the following work;

- Washed out the boiler - this is a necessary step prior to removing the boiler tubes
- Remove the valves and begun the process of boring these so that new rings can be fitted
- Removed the boiler tubes so that work can commence on retubing
- Checks on the large boiler tubes and superheater elements to assess their condition

## Sponsor a Boiler Tube

Firstly, a big thank you for being on today's train. After we have covered our costs, we can allocate funds to return *Clun Castle* to the mainline this Summer.

We are now at the stage where the 138 new small boiler tubes can be ordered and fitted to the locomotive and to ensure we can achieve our Summer target, we need your help!

Each small boiler tube costs £45 and by sponsoring a boiler tube you can help get *Clun Castle* back hauling trains on the mainline for everyone to enjoy.

In addition to sponsoring a boiler tube, we also have a cash raffle on our steam hauled journeys, with funds raised from those going to support 7029s return to steam.

### **If you sponsor a boiler tube, you will receive;**

- A thank you letter from us
- A numbered certificate showing which tube(s) in the boiler you have sponsored
- Pre-sale access to our 2027 train programme

# Sponsor a Boiler Tube

You can donate by:

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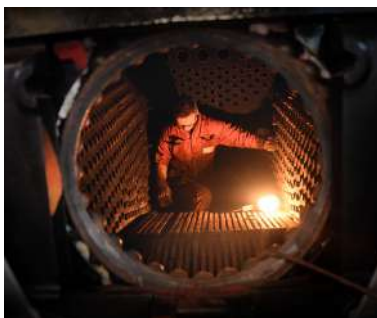
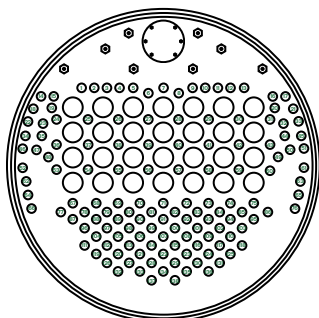
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