

Harz steam

In winter

departs 22 february 2008
for 5 days

Always a popular tour with lots of steam activity at this spectacular time of year. This maximum value tour features the whole of the Harz metre gauge system, much of it behind the powerful 2-10-2T's and the charming vintage Mallets, through wonderful snow covered landscapes. A Harz railpass is used for maximum flexibility. This year we are also offering a "rail all the way" option

Friday 22 February:

Lunchtime Easyjet flight from Luton Airport to Berlin Schoenefeld Airport (Liverpool option available), private coach transfer to Nordhausen for four nights stay at the comfortable Hotel Handelshof by the station. The old town centre of Nordhausen with its restaurants is a stroll or short tram ride from the hotel.

Rail option (unescorted): Morning departure from London St. Pancras by Eurostar to Paris, connecting onwards via Frankfurt to arrive Nordhausen around 21.00

Saturday 23 February:

Buffet breakfast before departing Nordhausen behind steam through to Drei Annen Hohne (46kms). The train conveys a buffet car for snacks and drinks. On arrival at Drei Annen Hohne there will be three steam trains in the station. You have the option of riding onwards to the summit of the Broken or to the historic and attractive town of Wernigerode before returning to Nordhausen (around 130kms behind steam today).

Sunday 24 February:

Depart Nordhausen by road to Quedlingburg to explore the whole of the Selketalbahn part of the system. Depart Quedlingburg behind a classic Mallet or the 2-6-2 all the way through Gernrode, Alexisbad and onwards to Hasslefelde before returning with the steam train

as far as Alexisbad – a total of 73kms. After a short break ride diesel up the steeply graded Harzgerode branch and to Steige before taking the railcar connection to Nordhausen.

Monday 25 February:

A full day on your railpass to ride at will. Re-visit the Brocken or take the early railcar to Wernigerode allowing three hours in this lovely town for lunch, shopping, or visit the castle of the steam depot by the station, retruning behind steam to Nordhausen. Alternatively ride the morning railcar to re-visit the Selketal lines.

Tuesday 26 February:

Depart Nordhausen after breakfast by local train to Halle, then fast ICE train to Berlin. Time for a quick look around or lunch before riding the local S-bahn to Schoenefeld Airport for the afternoon Easyjet flights to Luton and Liverpool.

Rail option: depart Nordhausen after breakfast to Frankfurt connecting onwards via Paris and Eurostar to St. Pancras arriving late afternoon

The Tour Cost Includes:

- fights from Luton to Berlin Schoenefeld and return
- 4 nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Buffet breakfasts
- 3-day Harz system pass
- Private coach transfers from Berlin and to Quedlingburg
- Rail travel Nordhausen to Berlin Schoenefeld
- Services of a Railtours tour escort throughout from Luton
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Tour Cost: £445.00
Liverpool departure supplement: £75.00
Rail option supplement: £120.00

Single room supplement: £75.00
Insurance: £
Deposit: £150.00 per person