



GLAMOUR,  
STYLE  
AND  
BRITAIN  
AT ITS  
BEST



NORTHERN BELLE

LUXURY TRAIN  
GREAT BRITAIN

THE MARQUE OF LUXURY

“WE TRAVEL NOT TO ESCAPE LIFE,  
BUT FOR LIFE NOT TO ESCAPE US”





DUGALD STEWART

BORN NOVEMBER 1713  
DIED JULY 1785



EXPERIENCE  
GREAT BRITAIN

*Chapter One*

*Rich history, bucolic beauty, renowned landmarks  
and cosmopolitan cities make this a land of infinite variety*







## GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND

*From grand castles, stately homes and natural wonders to famous city landmarks, discover the highlights of Great Britain*

Few countries can match the variety of Great Britain's attractions. Its rich history stretches through its kings and queens to the Industrial Revolution, the British Empire and the cosmopolitan nation it is today. It leads the world in art, music and culture, as well as boasting renowned landmarks, museums, festivals and sporting events.

Embrace the philosophy of slow travel; unhurried, relaxed with time to appreciate the rich tapestry of the country. Viaducts that stretch across valleys, tunnels that carve through hillsides and train tracks that hug the coast epitomise all that is special about travel by rail. Alight and explore three of the countries that make up the Kingdom. Enjoy the lowlands and highlands of Scotland. Step back in time with a visit to Edinburgh Castle, uncover the history of the Royal Yacht Britannia or cross the water to the tranquillity of the Isle of Arran. Cross back over the border to Berwick and follow in the footsteps of Monks on the

Holy Island of Lindisfarne alive with flora and fauna. Further along the coast proudly sits Alnwick Castle - visit the lavish Italianate Staterooms, relax in the beautiful gardens or dine in one of the world's largest treehouses.

Heading West, traverse the wilds of Northumberland, journey over the Pennines - the backbone of England. Here you can sail on Lake Windermere, enjoy a birds of prey display or enjoy a brief encounter at Carnforth.

Travel onwards to Chester, the walled Roman City and kick start the Festive season at the Christmas Markets. Across the border a warm Welsh welcome awaits. Conwy Castle, Bodnant Gardens and the Victorian splendour of Llandudno are some of our destinations.

Whatever you choose to do there is no finer way to enjoy this green and pleasant land than aboard the vintage carriages of the Northern Belle.



## PLAN AN UNFORGETTABLE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

*Northern Belle recaptures the era of rail travel at its most glamorous. Expect pure unadulterated grandeur in Britain's finest, luxury train.*

In the Golden Age of travel, beautifully appointed 'Belle' trains traversed the country, offering unrivalled comfort and style. That experience comes to life aboard The Northern Belle. With exquisitely decorated carriages, sumptuous cuisine and liveried stewards, each journey is as exciting as the destination. As well as conjuring up the past, our exciting trips are a celebration of the present.

As you sit back in your armchair, prepare to glide through stunning

scenery, indulging in contemporary dishes and outstanding wines.

Departing from a variety of regional stations, the train offers a collection of fine dining experiences and memorable journeys for the discerning traveller.

Relive the era of luxury rail travel in supreme style as you travel through spectacular countryside to compelling and best-loved destinations.

Let the journey begin....







HIGHLEY GENTLEMEN

WAY OUT





WELCOME  
ON BOARD

*Chapter Two*

*It is the warmth and dedication of the on board team that makes our journeys  
an extra special adventure.*





## HANDCRAFTED SPLENDOUR, THE MARQUE OF LUXURY

*Luxuriously adorned carriages, gastronomic gems, fun excursions and a welcoming ambience ensure an unforgettable experience*

From the hand painted exterior to the opulent interiors, created by a local designer using handmade fabrics, no detail on the Northern Belle has been overlooked. The veneered marquetry interiors have been inspired by the great British castles and stately homes after which the carriages are named - Alnwick, Belvoir, Chatsworth, Warwick, Glamis, Harlech and Duart.

Essex based A Dunn & Son originally created, and then restored the famed marquetry on the British Pullman train. It's designs for the Northern Belle still employ traditional methods dating back to the early 1700's.

Complementing the beautiful interiors is excellent cuisine featuring seasonal delicacies that are skilfully woven into classic and innovative dishes by our Executive Head Chef and his team.

The best local produce is sourced along the route, including succulent meats from remote Welsh farms, apple juice from Cheshire orchards and a cheeseboard full of delicious varieties that spans the entire width of the carriage isle.

We know how important it is to take time out from our day to day lives to spend with those closest to us, so why not bring all the generations of the family together and spoil your loved ones with one of our luxurious day trips or short breaks? Bring together all the generations of the family for an extraordinary day out and create memories to last a lifetime.

*Larger parties can make a group reservation and enjoy exclusive use of the whole train or an entire carriage. This is an ideal way to host parties or corporate events.*





# YOUR JOURNEY

## *Chapter Three*

*Choose a journey that inspires you, whether you choose a train-only experience or combine it with a visit to a historic site, stately home, fascinating city or a sporting day out*



## CELEBRATIONS AND FINE DINING

Some restaurants have great views; ours has ever changing views. Dine in style as we wend our way around this green and pleasant land. Choose from our signature journey “The Spirit of Travel Lunch,” a Classic Afternoon Tea or our twist on the Traditional Sunday Lunch. Mark a special occasion with a Celebration trip including Valentines, Mothers Day and our Festive Christmas Feasts. Whichever you choose you are sure to have a delightful day, creating memories to last a lifetime.



## CASTLES & GARDENS

Enchanting, majestic, imposing, and dramatic; castles are a part of the Great British landscape. From Glamis in Scotland to Conwy in Wales and Dover in England these awe-inspiring fortifications give us a peak into the past. The Grand Interiors are matched by equally spectacular exteriors with colourful gardens, ornate statues and cascading waterfalls all waiting to be discovered and enjoyed.



## UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Visit some of Britain's most spectacular destinations that have been awarded World Heritage Status. The latest addition to this elite list is the Lake District National Park. Let our knowledgeable guides help you explore and discover these worldly treasures right here in Great Britain.







## COAST & LAKES

Escape the hustle and bustle and enjoy the tranquillity of the coast and lakes. Take an amble around a Cornish Harbour, a sail on Lake Windermere or a stroll along Llandudno's Victorian Pier. Breathe in the fresh sea air and enjoy the great outdoors. For extra serenity, leave the mainland behind and hop over the water to the Isle of Arran or the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.



## SPORTING & SPECIAL EVENTS

Put a date in your diary, these special events are not to be missed. Enjoy the glamour and excitement of Ladies Day at Ascot; the colourful displays and innovative design at the RHS Flower Shows and performing arts and comedy at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Make the journey as exciting as the destination by arriving in style on the Northern Belle luxury vintage train.



## HISTORIC TOWNS & CITIES

Combine a luxury train journey with an afternoon of exploration. Arrive at your destination refreshed and replete, ready to discover the delights of these Great British Towns and Cities. From the Ancient City of Canterbury in the South to the Highland's Capital, Inverness in the North and everywhere in between, we certainly have a very special collection for you to enjoy.





## THE JOURNEYS - CELEBRATE IN STYLE

*Departing from a variety of stations, our journeys take you through scenic countryside to historic destinations and cultural, sporting and horticultural events, enjoying on-board dining as you travel.*

Our Best of British journeys visit the destinations that put the great in Great Britain, from elegant cities such as Bath and Edinburgh to Brunel's SS Great Britain and the scenic splendour of the Yorkshire countryside. You may also like the colourful delights of England's horticultural shows, including the famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show, regularly attended by Her Majesty the Queen, the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show held within the palace grounds and the early blooms at the Harrogate Spring Flower Show. For those who love the drama, skill and excitement of a world class sporting event, let us take you to such highlights of the sporting calendar as Royal Ascot.

On our signature journeys, you board the train for a circular tour through the British countryside and a delicious lunch. The Spirit of Travel lunch or dinner trip, accompanied by champagne, whisks you back to a more gracious age as strolling musicians provide a soothing soundtrack to your dining experience and a magician entertains you at your table.

Sunday is a rare occasion for the family to come together and relax and enjoy each

other's company and our journey, Sunday Lunch, provides a traditional feast with a modern twist, including a glass of champagne. With strolling musicians and a table magician, it's a day out that the entire family will love.

For those who enjoy fine dining, our lavish seven-course dinners to effervescent afternoon teas promise heaven for foodies.

Enjoy a themed Fireworks Dinner and at Christmas, a glass of bubbly, fine wines and table magicians add to the festive mood during our seven-course Christmas lunch where all guests receive a special gift.

Keep an eye on our website for celebrity events hosted by Britain's leading chefs. In the past, culinary stars such as Raymond Blanc have conjured up special tasting menus for our guests. Or join us for the Champagne Laurent-Perrier Afternoon Tea and enjoy four glasses of the finest vintages with an afternoon tea of traditional sandwiches, pastries and cakes with musical entertainment.







## ROMANCE ON THE RAILS

*Looking for that perfect place to pop the question? Or maybe just want to share how much you care?*

For the young at heart, or those who just want to let their hair down, the Mad Hatter's afternoon tea adventure includes surprises that will ignite your curiosity as to what's going to happen next.

All our journeys are perfect for special occasions - let us know and we can organise a surprise birthday cake, flowers or "just because" champagne. Treat your mother to an unforgettable day out with a delicious lunch, strolling musicians and a special Mother's Day gift. Or why not say "I love you" with a lavish Valentine's Day lunch accompanied by champagne and fine wines - a memorable

and intimate occasion for the most romantic day of the year. Each of these themed journeys aboard the Northern Belle will create magical memories that will stay with you for many years to come.

Our chefs are adept at slipping a ring among the petit fours while your steward stands poised with a bottle of chilled champagne. Our vintage carriages make the perfect venue for wedding receptions or engagement parties and our dedicated planners can help organise everything; flowers, menus, music, cakes and cars.





## THOSE SPECIAL TOUCHES

*Surprise your travelling companion, or treat yourself, with a gift or memento. We can arrange for any item from the listing below to be presented on board, together with a gift card containing a personal message. Simply pre-book your gift of choice.*

### **Champagne and Champagne glasses**

Celebrate in style with a bottle of Laurent-Perrier Brut Reserve and a set of two elegant Northern Belle Champagne flutes

### **Flowers**

Give a loved one a fresh full-stem orchid, presented in a gift box. Alternatively, choose a single stem rose, ladies' wrist corsage, seasonal flower bouquet or bouquet of 12 roses.

### **Teddy bear**

An adorable teddy dressed in the uniform of your train steward is an ideal gift for children.

### **Walnut veneer frame**

Showcase photos to perfection in a 6 x 4 inch frame.

### **Cake**

Mark the occasion with a celebratory 4 inch cake for birthdays, anniversaries or any other event.

### **Specially Commissioned Art**

Many items are available from our Gift Boutique such as these fabulous prints by artist Dave Thompson.

### **Gift card**

Treat a loved one to a special trip on one of our trains. Choose how much you would like to spend and the recipient can pick their own journey, or you select a journey for them.

### **Gift Boutique**

Many more items are available to order online or from our Gift Boutique on board the train.

*If you are interested in any of the special gifts featured on this page, please call our travel consultants and request your desired item(s) at the time of booking or up to a week prior to departure.*





## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### **Reservations**

For more information, ideas and prices, please visit:  
[www.northernbelle.co.uk](http://www.northernbelle.co.uk)

### **Routes and Timings**

Your travel documentation will be sent to you five to seven days prior to departure. Please note, routes and timings are subject to the constraints of the rail network and may alter. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to departure.

### **Dining**

Your fare includes set meals as described in the journey. Let us know special dietary requirements when booking. We are unable to prepare meals requiring strict religious observance in their preparation.

### **Mobile phones**

Please switch your phone or hand held device to 'silent' while in your carriage.

### **Smoking**

We operate a no smoking policy on board; this also applies to e-cigarettes.

### **Insurance**

We recommend you purchase adequate travel insurance for your trip. We cannot be held responsible

for loss of deposits and/or other costs you might incur if you cancel your reservation. Please see Booking Conditions for details.

### **Wheelchair Users**

We regret that our carriages cannot be boarded in wheelchairs. However, our staff are available to assist passengers to their seats and folding wheelchairs can be stored in the vestibules.

### **Seating**

There are seven passenger carriages, each with the same layout of tables for two and four. Tables for two are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please note that you may be seated sharing a table.

### **Gratuities**

These are entirely at the discretion of the passenger and are not included in your fare. Tips are usually shared by all members of the on-board crew.

### **Attire**

Smart casual attire (no jeans or trainers) is recommended, a jacket and tie is often required. Please wear practical clothing for outdoor events. For all dinner journeys formal wear is customary.



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# BOOKING CONDITIONS

Our booking conditions apply to the trips described in this brochure. The full booking terms and conditions of travel are available as below:

By phone: 0845 805 . 0810.

Online: [www.northernbelle.co.uk/northern-belle-train/terms-and-conditions-nbl](http://www.northernbelle.co.uk/northern-belle-train/terms-and-conditions-nbl)

Our booking conditions contain important limitations and exclusions of liability. Please read them before we confirm your booking. Please ensure you have adequate travel insurance in place.

## 1. Booking and Paying For Your Arrangements

Subject to availability, a booking will be made with us when (1) you tell us that you would like to accept our written or verbal quotation and (2) you pay us the applicable deposit being 15% of the cost of your arrangements unless we notify you otherwise in writing (or if booking within 56 days of departure full payment) and (3) we issue a confirmation invoice. A binding contract will come into existence as soon as we have issued a confirmation invoice confirming the details of your booking (and the due payment dates for any applicable balance to be paid) which will be sent to you or your travel agent. If you believe that any details on it (or any other travel document issued by us) are wrong you must advise us immediately as changes cannot be made later and it may harm your rights if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any travel

document within 10 days of our sending it out. If there are less than 12 passengers in your party and if you have made your booking more than 56 days before departure and have paid a deposit to secure your booking, the balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any applicable surcharge) is due not less than 56 days prior to scheduled departure. If there are 12 or more passengers in your party, payments must be made as follows: 15% of the cost of your arrangements is payable on booking, a further 35% of such cost (including any applicable surcharge) is due 90 days before departure (if your booking is made between 90 and 56 days from departure, you will be required to pay 50% of the cost of your arrangements on booking) and the balance is due 56 days before departure (if your booking is made less than 56 days before departure, you will be required to pay the entire cost of your arrangements at the time of your booking). If we do not receive (in cleared funds) the balance in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in clause 2 below will become payable.

2. If you (or a member of your party) cancel your trip If you or any other member of your party decides to cancel a booking (in respect of which we have issued a confirmation invoice): a. that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you) and in respect

of whom the Lead Passenger will need to give the confirmations and representations set out in clause 1 provided we are notified not less than 14 days before departure and you pay an amendment fee in accordance with the table below and meet all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. b. if you are unable to find a replacement, the Lead Passenger must notify us in writing of the cancellation of that person. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when (1) in the case of post, the notice is received in writing by us at our offices at Northern Belle Limited, 2/3b Chapel Court, Hospital Street, Nantwich, CW5 5RP. We recommend that you use recorded delivery or (2) in the case of e-mail, you receive a reply from us acknowledging receipt of your e-mail sent to: [reservations@northern-belle.co.uk](mailto:reservations@northern-belle.co.uk).

We reserve the right to request notification of consent from each member of the party in respect of whom the cancellation is made. Cancellations attract the following charges (in order to cover our estimated costs). The cancellation charges detailed are calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling, excluding amendment charges which are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply: Written notice (cancelling a Cancellation Fee (expressed as Amendment Fee for each confirmed booking) received before

scheduled departure date a % of total cost payable for the trip by the person(s) cancelling) change (% of total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling) 56 days or more 15% One free, then 10% 55-21 days 30% 20% 20-3 days 70% 60% 2 days or less prior to departure 100% 100%.

We will apply any monies you have already paid to us towards settling any cancellation charge(s) (and to the extent your payments exceed the sum due, we will refund the balance). No refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services. We regret we are unable to offer you any assistance if you are delayed at the outward or homeward points of departure.

We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold trips at any time. Northern Belle Limited.

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