

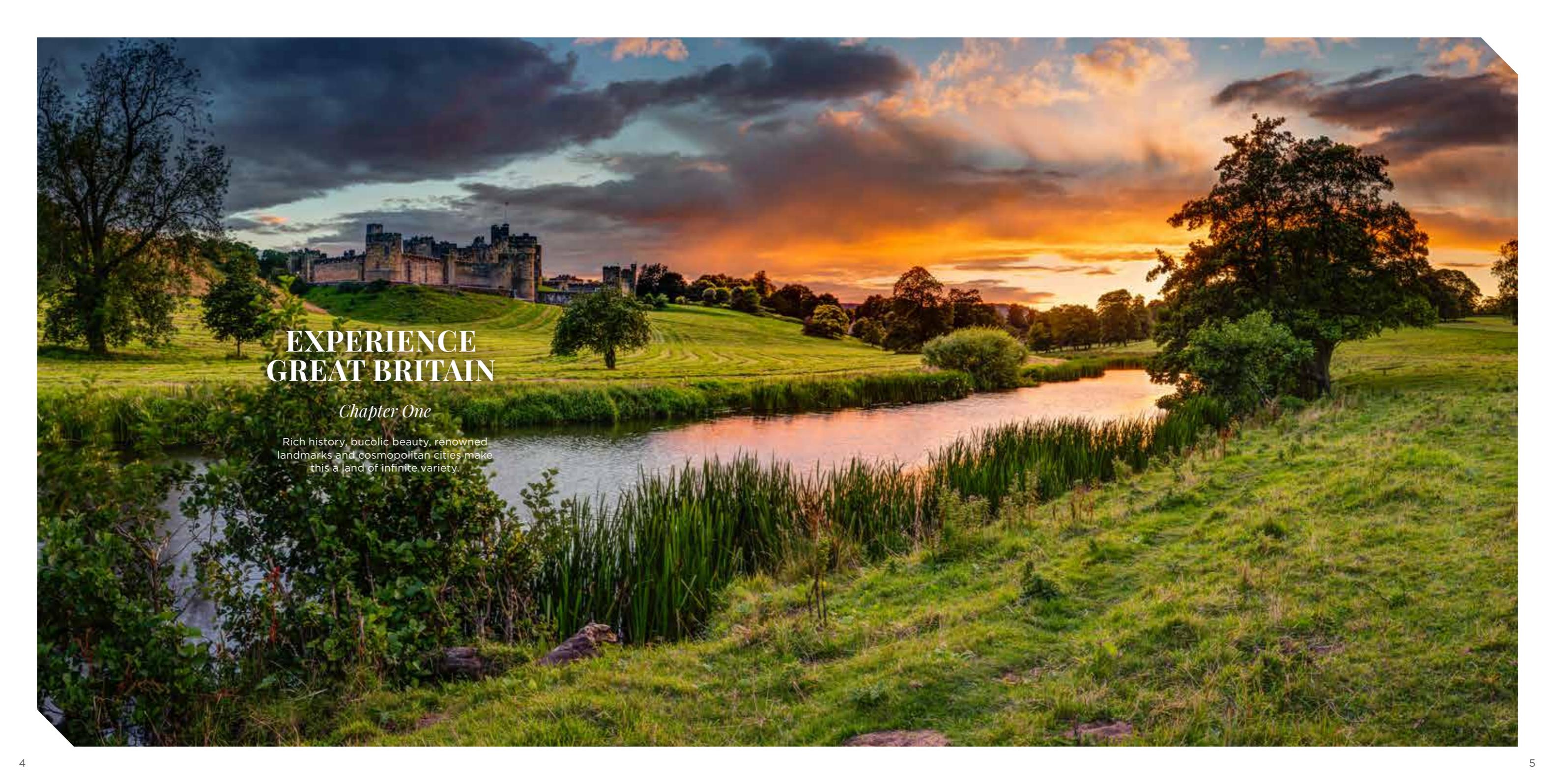


  
**NORTHERN BELLE**  
LUXURY TRAIN  
GREAT BRITAIN

**THE MARQUE OF LUXURY**

The experience that comes to life on the Northern Belle is like no other. With exquisitely decorated carriages, sumptuous cuisine and liveried stewards each journey is as exciting as its destination. As well as conjuring up the past, our exciting trips are a celebration of the present.

We have welcomed more than 350,000 guests and the journey continues with the launch of our 2019 programme, our most exciting yet. Departing from a wide variety of regional stations, the train offers day trips and weekend escapes to Britain's best-loved destinations.



# EXPERIENCE GREAT BRITAIN

## *Chapter One*

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



# GREEN & PLEASANT LAND

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

Few countries can match Great Britain's variety of attractions. A rich history stretching back through kings and queens and a civil war to the Industrial Revolution and the British Empire has made it the cosmopolitan nation it is today. The UK leads the world in art, music and culture, as well as boasting world-famous landmarks, museums, festivals and sporting events.

And what better way to appreciate the country's rich tapestry than by relaxing on a luxury rail journey... sitting back in a comfy armchair and gazing out the window as the train thunders across spectacular viaducts stretching over scenic valleys, swoops into tunnels carved deep through moorland hillsides, and then potters gently along a picturesque, meandering route hugging the rugged coastline.

Enjoy the Lowlands and Highlands of Scotland. Step back in time to visit historic Edinburgh Castle. Marvel at the Royal Yacht Britannia's stately glamour, once so loved by our Queen. Or enjoy the buzz of the city's world-famous Fringe Festival.

Then cross over the border to Berwick and follow in the footsteps of monks to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, where St Aidan founded his monastery in 635AD before restoring Christianity to the North East. A little further along the coast

sits proud Alnwick Castle with its lavish Italianate Staterooms, where you can relax in the beautiful gardens or dine in one of the world's largest tree houses.

Heading west, traverse the wilds of Northumberland before crossing the brooding Pennines, often called the backbone of England. Take a leisurely boat ride on Lake Windermere, enjoy a thrilling bird of prey display, or even indulge in a romantic Brief Encounter at Carnforth, where the classic 1945 movie starring Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson was filmed.

Travel on to the lovely walled Roman city of Chester, and perhaps kick start the Festive Season by picking up some special presents at the magical Christmas Market.

Meanwhile, nearby across the border, a warm Welsh welcome awaits. Conwy Castle, Bodnant Gardens and the Victorian seaside splendour of Llandudno are just some of our destinations.

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

For a closer look, please visit: [northernbelle.co.uk](http://northernbelle.co.uk) or call 0844 840 4525





## 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.

Many years ago in the Golden Age of Travel, beautifully-appointed "Belle" trains criss-crossed Britain, transporting passengers in unrivalled luxury, comfort and style.

Now we are bringing that experience to life again aboard The Northern Belle. With its exquisitely-decorated carriages, sumptuous cuisine and liveried stewards to pander to your every need. As well as conjuring up the past, our trips are also a celebration of the present.

So as you relax back in your comfortable armchair, prepare to glide through stunning scenery while dining on delicious contemporary dishes prepared with the finest ingredients and sipping some outstanding wines.

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

So, let the journey begin...

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# 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.

Artisans from Essex-based A Dunn & Son originally created, and then restored the famed marquetry on the British Pullman train. Their designs for the Northern Belle still employ traditional methods dating back to the early 18th century.

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

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

We all know how important it is to take time out from our day-to-day lives to spend with those close to us. So why not bring all the generations of the family together and spoil your loved ones on one of our luxurious day trips or short breaks? Get 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 an entire carriage or even the whole train.

What better way to host a party or corporate event?

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# 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.



# THE JOURNEYS – CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Our journeys take you through scenic countryside to historic destinations and cultural, sporting and horticultural events. And you enjoy on-board dining as you travel.

Our Best of British journeys visit the famous destinations that put the “Great” in Great Britain, from elegant cities such as Bath, Edinburgh and Bristol – where Brunel’s magnificent iron ship SS Great Britain is moored – to the scenic splendour of the Yorkshire Dales.

Then there are the blooming lovely delights of the Royal Horticultural Society’s world-famous Chelsea Flower Show, regularly attended by the Queen, the RHS Cardiff Flower Show in the Castle’s Bude Park grounds, and the early blooms of the Harrogate Spring Flower Show.

For those who love the drama, skill and excitement of world-class sporting events, we can take you to the finest horse racing events, amongst others, Ladies Day at Royal Ascot and the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Our signature journeys are a chance to enjoy a circular tour through the British countryside as you tuck into a delicious meal. The Spirit of Travel lunch or dinner trip, accompanied by champagne, whisks you back to a more gracious age with entertainment from strolling musicians and even a conjuror while you dine. Yes, it really is that magical!

Sunday is a rare occasion for the family to come together and relax and enjoy each other’s company, and our Sunday Lunch provides a traditional feast with a modern twist, including a glass of champagne, with on board entertainment this is a day out that the entire family will love.

In November, enjoy a themed Fireworks Dinner and watch a spectacular pyrotechnic display as you enjoy your dinner, while in December, a glass of bubbly, fine wine and table magicians add to the festive mood during our seven-course Christmas lunch, with all guests receiving a special gift.

If we can’t tempt you to dinner, then join us for the Champagne Laurent-Perrier Afternoon Tea and enjoy four glasses of the finest vintages with a sumptuous plate of traditional sandwiches, pastries and cakes, again with musical entertainment.

And keep an eye on our website for celebrity events hosted by Britain’s leading chefs. In the past, such culinary stars as Raymond Blanc have conjured up wonderful tasting menus specially for our guests.

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All Northern Belle journeys are perfect for special occasions – but let us know in advance and we can also organise a surprise birthday cake, flowers or “just because” champagne.

Perhaps treat your mum to an unforgettable day out with a delicious lunch and a special Mother's Day gift while she is serenaded by musicians.

Or why not say “I love you” with a lavish Valentine's Day lunch, accompanied by champagne and fine wine? It's hard to imagine a more memorable and intimate setting for the most romantic day of the year.

The Northern Belle could even be the perfect place to pop the question, with our expert team on hand to ensure everything goes smoothly.

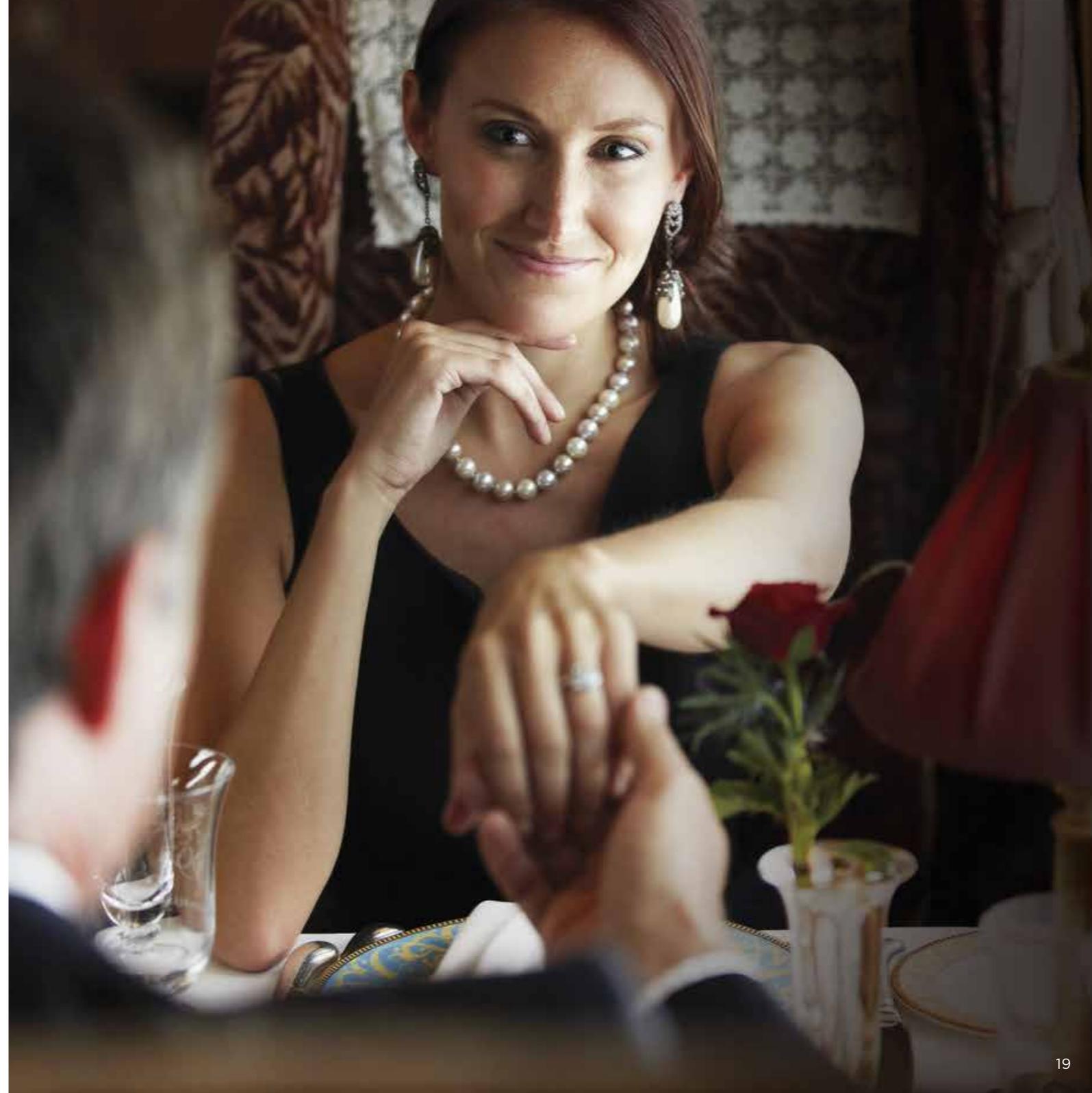
Our chefs are adept at slipping a ring among the petit fours while your steward stands poised with a bottle of chilled champagne.

Afternoon Teas also make a very special date. Enjoy tasty treats and sparkling wine as the train glides through the British countryside. What better way to spend quality time together?

And, of course, our vintage carriages make the perfect venue for wedding receptions or engagement parties, with our dedicated planners able to help organise everything: flowers, menus, music, cakes and cars.

Whichever you choose, each of these themed journeys on the Northern Belle will create magical memories guaranteed that will linger in the memory for years to come.

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# CELEBRATIONS AND FINE DINING

Some restaurants claim great views - but ours boasts 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 like Valentine's Day or Mother's Day with a celebration trip. Or enjoy one of our Festive Christmas Feasts.

Whatever your choice, you are sure to have a delightful day, creating magical memories that will last a lifetime.



# CASTLES & GARDENS

Enchanting, majestic, imposing, and dramatic ... castles are an integral part of the Great British landscape and history.

From Glamis in Scotland to Conwy in Wales and Dover in England, these awe-inspiring fortifications give us a peek into days of old when knights were bold.

Their spectacular exteriors are matched by their equally grand interiors.

There are beautiful, colourful gardens, ornate statues and cascading waterfalls - all waiting to be discovered and enjoyed.

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## 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 beautiful Lake District National Park.

Let our expert and knowledgeable guides help you explore and discover these worldly treasures right here on our doorstep.



## COAST & LAKES

Escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and instead enjoy the tranquillity of the coast and lakes.

Amble at leisure around a picturesque Cornish harbour, sail on serene Lake Windermere or take a gentle stroll along Llandudno's ornate Victorian Pier, the longest in Wales.

Breathe in the fresh sea air and enjoy the great outdoors.

For extra serenity, leave mainland Britain behind and hop over the water to the Isle of Arran or the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.





## SPORTING & SPECIAL EVENTS

Make a date in your diary for these special events are not to be missed.

Enjoy the glamour and excitement of one of our Race Days, the colourful displays and innovative design at the RHS Flower Shows, or the performing arts and comedy at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

But then make the journey as exciting as the destination by arriving in style aboard 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 ancient Canterbury, with its spectacular cathedral in the South, to elegant Edinburgh in the North and everywhere in between, we certainly have a very special collection for you to enjoy.



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## AT LEISURE COLLECTION

Immerse yourself in new surroundings at your own pace. Don't just see the sights but connect, soak up and feel the culture of our specially-selected destinations.

If dashing from one sightseeing attraction to another isn't really for you, then our "At Leisure" options provide the perfect way to escape the frantic pace of modern day life.

Whether you want to set up an easel and while away the afternoon painting stunning mountain landscapes in the Western Lakes, stroll hand in hand around Chester's Roman city walls, or simply sit on the harbour-side in Weymouth and idly watch the waves rolling in, this is your time.

So spend it your way.

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# THOSE SPECIAL TOUCHES

Surprise your travelling companion or treat yourself with a gift or memento. We can arrange for any item from the list 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, lady's 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 6x4inch frame.

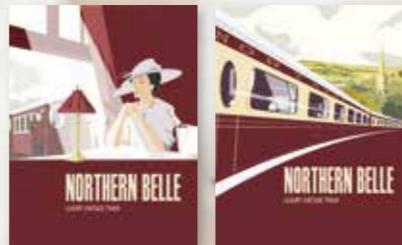
**Cake**  
Mark the occasion with a celebratory 4inch cake for birthdays, anniversaries or any other event.

**Specially Commissioned Art**  
Many items are available from our Gift Boutique, such as these fabulous prints by artist Dave Thompson.



The perfect gift or just a special treat. Give someone the freedom to choose their own luxury Northern Belle experience from our iconic collection of journeys across our green and pleasant land.

A gift that's guaranteed to create lasting memories, and for you to choose when and where you would like to travel.



# OUR MISSION

## Chapter Four

*"I am a man of simple tastes;  
I am easily satisfied with the best"*

Winston Churchill

Our mission is simple; to exceed our guests' expectations. We are constantly striving to improve the experience, make special memories for our passengers and operate the most luxurious train on the network.

Your time with us should be perfect in every way - from the moment you pick up the phone to book until the second you step back on to the platform at the end of your journey.

However, it doesn't end there. We also want you to be part of the Northern Belle family and enjoy regular rewards and surprise reminders of your special day with us.

This year, we have an exciting program of restoration work underway. So far our entire rake of carriages have been repainted, our vestibule areas have been refreshed and French polishers have been lovingly restoring our beautiful marquetry.

But that's only the start!

Our Head Chef has also been busy devising new menus using the freshest and finest ingredients.

Our Tour Team has been searching for special destinations and unique experiences.

And our Boutique Manager has been commissioning exclusive gifts to commemorate your special day, with a new and complimentary gift-wrapping service.

All members of our team are proud of Britain's great railway heritage and we view ourselves as custodians of a little piece of that history.

If you have any suggestions - from new destinations to additions to our wine list - then we would love to hear from you at: [ideas@northernbelle.co.uk](mailto:ideas@northernbelle.co.uk).

Help us write the next Northern Belle chapter!

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# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

For more information,  
ideas and prices, please visit:  
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## 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 may incur if you cancel your reservation. 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 is recommended, and a jacket and tie is the usual choice. Please wear practical clothing for outdoor events. Formal or semi-formal wear is customary for all dinner journeys.