



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

Celebrating 40 years of preservation in 2009

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STAY AND DINE

Great Central launches new tie up deal with local hotel

In conjunction with the 4 star Burleigh Court Hotel, Loughborough, the Great Central Railway are now able to offer weekend breaks to include fine dining on their trains.

Initially two packages are available as follows: Two nights stay including bed and breakfast with one dinner at the hotel and one dinner on the train - from £126 per person sharing a double/twin. One night stay including lunch on the train and dinner, bed and breakfast at the hotel - from £77.50 per person sharing a double/twin.

All prices include a day's runabout ticket on the railway, which is valid for the day of the train meal. Packages are only valid Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Telephone 01509 230726 to make your reservation.

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Voted number 12 on the list of the 50 greatest railway journeys in the world the Great Central Railway is the UK's only double track, main line heritage railway. It's the only place in the world where full size steam engines can be seen passing each other – just as it was when steam ruled the rails. The preserved railway has been operating for over 36 years, and is manned by around 700 volunteers and a small team of permanent staff. Preservation of this section of the Great Central Railway began in 1969. The route was originally part of a main line from Sheffield to London. The 8 mile preserved section between Loughborough and Leicester is fully operational and the 4 stations reflect a different period of the railways 110 year history.

Trains run every weekend of the year, bank holidays and daily in the summer. In addition, First Class Restaurant Car Services provide 4 or 6 course meals, whilst travelling between Loughborough and Leicester or childhood dreams can come true with a Drive a Train Experience. We also run a number of family events, including “Days Out with Thomas the Tank Engine”, Bonfire Night and Santa Specials. The railway has won a number of awards including “independent railway of the year”, and a gold award for the East Midlands best visitor experience and is a quality assured visitor attraction as designated by Enjoy England.

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