

Christmas 2017



DEC 2nd 2017 - JAN 2nd 2018

Santa Sleigh Express **NEW FOR 2017**

PLUS Santa Services • Christmas Dining
Gift Ideas • Carol Trains • Festive Timetable



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Santa Sleigh Express

ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Get Christmas off to a magical start as you travel with Father Christmas on our premium evening Santa Sleigh Express, new for 2017.

As the Christmas lights begin to twinkle, join the steam train at Kidderminster for an enchanting journey to Highley and back.

On board you'll be joined by Father Christmas who is looking forward to meeting every child as he hands out presents and takes time to pose with you for photos at your own table or in your private compartment.

Important Information:

Please arrive 45 minutes before your journey – parking at DY10 1QR and DY10 1QX. Train seating is available in tables of 4 or compartments of 6. There are no nappy changing facilities on the train. Buggies and pushchairs to be folded and stowed in guard's van. Kidderminster Station has a restaurant, toilets and pub available to use before or after your train ride.

December 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd

Trains depart from **Kidderminster** at 4.00pm.

Your ticket includes:

- Meet and greet Santa at your reserved seats
- **FREE** photo with Santa
- An age-suitable present for all children
- **PLUS** a special gift for your Christmas tree
- Complimentary hot drink and gingerbread treat

Ticket prices

2-hour non-stop round trip to Highley

Reserved table (up to 4 people) £100

Private compartment (up to 6 people) £150

TICKETS
ON-SALE
AUGUST

Book online at svr.co.uk or call **01562 757 900** using your debit or credit card.



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for details.

Santa

Steam Specials

Get into the Christmas spirit by joining one of our Santa Steam Specials to meet Father Christmas in his grotto.

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Travel by steam train in your reserved seats from Kidderminster to Santa's own grotto at Arley where he'll be waiting to meet all the boys and girls - and grown-ups too!

Pick-up an early Christmas present for every child before travelling back to Kidderminster on a train of your choice.

December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th

Trains depart from **Kidderminster** at 9.45am, 10.15am, 10.45am, 11.15am, 11.45am, 12.15pm, 12.45pm, 1.15pm*, 2.00pm, 2.30pm, 3.00pm, 3.30pm* & 4.00pm*.

*On December 24th train departs at 1.30pm

*Does not operate on December 24th



Your ticket includes:

- Guaranteed seats on your journey to Arley
- Meet and greet with Santa in his Arley grotto
- A present for all children
- Return travel from Arley to Kidderminster

Ticket prices

Adults, seniors and children (1-15 years)

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| December 2, 3 | £14.50 |
| December 9, 10 | £16.00 |
| December 16, 17 | £17.00 |
| December 23, 24 | £18.00 |

Babies under 12 months, £7.00 on all dates

(includes a present) Booking fee of £1.75 also applies

IMPORTANT: Please arrive at the station 45 mins before departure. Parking at DY10 1QR (SVR), DY10 1QX (mainline station), DY10 1NB (Kidderminster Harriers FC). Journey time 30 mins in each direction, please allow 3 hours for your round trip. Train seating is available in tables of 4 or compartments of 8. Buggies and pushchairs to be folded down and stowed in the guard's van. There are no nappy changing facilities on the train. Toilet and restaurant facilities at Arley are limited. A refreshment trolley service operates on most trains.

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Santa Heralds

Enjoy a return steam train journey from Kidderminster to Highley with Father Christmas who will visit everyone on the train, handing out gifts to all children.

DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA



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Christmas Cracker Express

Exclusively for schools, nurseries and playgroups.

(As per Santa Heralds, see above for details.)

December 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th and 14th
Kidderminster departure at 10.30am and 1.30pm.

Ticket prices

Morning train (10.30am) £12.50
Afternoon train (1.30pm)..... £11.50

To make your booking

Call our Education Service on **01746 862387**
Mon-Fri, 9.00am – 4.30pm

December 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd

Trains depart from **Kidderminster** at 10.30am* and 1.15pm

*Does not operate Dec 19

Your ticket includes:

- Return travel in a guaranteed seat
- Meet Santa in your seats
- A present for every child

Ticket prices

Adult, seniors and children (aged 1 – 15) £17.00
Babies under 12 months £7.00

IMPORTANT: Please arrive at the station 45 mins before departure. Parking is at DY10 1QR and DY10 1QX. This train journey lasts c90 mins. Kidderminster station has toilets, a restaurant and a pub. Train seating is available in tables of 4 or compartments of 8. There are no nappy changing facilities on the train. Buggies and pushchairs to be folded down and stowed in the guard's van. A refreshment trolley service operates on most trains.



Christmas Carol trains

Our ever-popular, evening-time musical return journey by diesel to The Engine House, in the company of the choir or ukulele band with singers. Tickets include return travel from Kidderminster, admission to The Engine House, a mince pie and glass of festive punch.

December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

Trains depart **Kidderminster** at 7.45pm arriving back approx. 10.45pm.

Ticket prices

Adults and seniors..... £17.00
Children £12.00

IMPORTANT: Please arrive at the station 45 mins before departure. Parking is at DY10 1QR and DY10 1QX. Passengers will be required to get on and off the train on a number of occasions and walk 150 metres from Highley to The Engine House, therefore wheelchair users and those with mobility issues **MUST** seek advice before booking. Buggies and pushchairs to be folded down and stowed in the guard's van. A refreshment trolley service operates on most trains.

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Christmas

Dining Trains

Celebrate the start of the festive season in style with family and friends on board one of our steam-hauled dining trains.

Travel from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth and back, choosing between our popular Christmas Luncheon or Evening trains and enjoy a four-course meal.

Advance booking is essential.

Luncheon Trains

December 8th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd

Departs **Kidderminster** at 12.45pm.

| | Meal | Train fare | Total cost |
|--------|--------|------------|------------|
| Adult | £36.50 | £18.80 | £55.30 |
| Senior | £36.50 | £17.30 | £53.80 |

Evening Trains

December 16th and 23rd

Departs **Kidderminster** at 7.15pm.

| | Meal | Train fare | Total cost |
|--------|--------|------------|------------|
| Adult | £42.20 | £18.80 | £61.00 |
| Senior | £42.20 | £17.30 | £59.50 |

Murder Mystery Trains

December 2nd and 9th

Departs **Kidderminster** at 7.15pm.

| | Meal | Train fare | Total cost |
|--------|--------|------------|------------|
| Adult | £46.20 | £18.80 | £65.00 |
| Senior | £46.20 | £17.30 | £63.50 |

Your train arrives back at Kidderminster at 3.45pm or 10.15pm.

Members [fare £12] must present membership cards on the day. Those with free travel passes/tickets **valid on date of travel** [e.g. Shareholders] must present these on the day.

Christmas Menu

Starters

Homemade cauliflower & cheddar soup, served with seasoned croutons

Chicken & redcurrant pâté, dressed leaves and toasted mini loaf

Red berry timbale with fresh melon slices

Main Course

Turkey breast parcel wrapped in bacon

Salmon fillet, tarragon and parsley hollandaise gratin

Leek fondue tart with mustard seeds (v)

All mains are served with seasoned roast and baby potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables.

Dessert

Traditional Christmas pudding and brandy sauce

Malted-chocolate truffle bar served with clotted cream

Coffee or tea

Please notify the Railway of any dietary allergies you have at the time of booking.

- Wine List -

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| SVR House Sauvignon | £16.00 |
| SVR House Cabernet Sauvignon | £16.00 |
| Chardonnay (Australia) | £17.00 |
| Pinot Grigio (white, Italy) | £17.00 |
| Pinot Grigio (rosé, Italy) | £17.00 |
| Shiraz (Australia) | £17.50 |
| Merlot (Chile) | £18.50 |
| Malbec (Argentina) | £18.50 |
| Rioja (Spain) | £18.50 |
| Prosecco (Italy) | £19.00 |
| Sparkling Pinot Grigio (rosé, Italy) | £19.00 |
| Monmarthe Champagne (France) | £37.00 |

Pre-order your wine

Why not pre-order your wines at the time of booking? There is also a full bar service on all of our trains.

Festive Afternoon Tea

See page 9 for more details.

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Wheelchair users: please refer to back page for specific information.



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for details.

Festive Season Luncheon trains

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Put your feet up and let someone else do the cooking!

Our Festive Season Luncheon Trains give Christmas cooks a well-earned rest and are a great way to say thank you for all their hard work. Enjoy a three-course meal and train travel.

December 30th and 31st

Departs **Kidderminster** at 12.50pm,
returns approx. 4.00pm.

| | Meal | Train fare | Total cost |
|--------|--------|------------|------------|
| Adult | £36.50 | £18.80 | £55.30 |
| Senior | £36.50 | £17.30 | £53.80 |

Members [fare £12] must present membership cards on the day. Those with free travel passes/tickets **valid on date of travel** [e.g. Shareholders] must present these on the day.

Luncheon Menu

Starters

Lightly-spiced sweet potato soup
and seasoned rustic croutons

Mini blinis, smoked salmon, rocket,
chives and crème fraiche

Red berry timbale with fresh melon slices

Main Course

Locally-sourced roast beef and Yorkshire pudding

Turkey breast parcel wrapped in bacon

Lightly-poached salmon fillet, watercress hollandaise

Leek fondue tart with mustard seeds (v)

Dessert

Prosecco & lemon cheesecake,
coulis and whipped cream

Grand Marnier bread & butter pudding
served with crème anglaise

Coffee or tea

*Please notify the Railway of any dietary
allergies you have at the time of booking.*

Pre-order your wine

See page 9 for our full wine list.

Festive Afternoon Tea

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Join us for a festive, steam-hauled afternoon tea. Enjoy a sherry reception as you board our newly-restored 1930 teak dining car and take a leisurely trip to Highley and back.

Sample our homemade soup, indulge in a selection of sandwiches and savour a delicious assortment of sweet delights, accompanied by your choice from our selection of fine teas.

December 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th and 14th

Departs **Kidderminster** at 1.15pm.

Ticket prices

Festive Afternoon Tea £25.50 per person

NOTE a valid return rail ticket for Kidderminster to Highley is also required (Adults £16.50, Seniors £15.50.)

Allow 1hr 15 minutes for your return journey.

Shrewsbury Saloon

For an extra-special festive celebration or gift, why not hire the Shrewsbury Saloon, our beautifully-refurbished private carriage?



Steam in style between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth and choose between a sumptuous cold buffet for up to 23 people or a winter-warming, four-course hot menu for up to 10 people. A full bar service is also available

Ticket prices

Cold Buffet for up to 23 people £1,300

Hot menu for up to 10 people £1,000

Prices include

Hire of the saloon, train travel and seasonal menus. Available on the same dates as other dining trains.

Menus available to view at svr.co.uk/privatehire
Bookings must be made by telephone on
01562 757900.



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Christmas Carvery at The Engine House

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Savour stunning views of a winter wonderland from a reserved carriage on a heritage steam train as you travel from Kidderminster to Highley.

Once there, enjoy our exhibitions and displays in The Engine House Visitor Centre before taking your seat for a Christmas carvery lunch. After your leisurely lunch, your train will be waiting to take you back to Kidderminster, with a short stop at Bewdley on the way.

December 12th, 13th and 14th

Departs **Kidderminster** at 10.30am. Lunch served at midday. Arrive back at 2.40pm.

Ticket prices

Adults and seniors..... £34.95

Includes return travel from Kidderminster to Highley, admission to The Engine House and carvery lunch at the Flag & Whistle restaurant.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Please arrive 30 minutes before departure. Note passengers will be required to walk 150 metres from Highley to The Engine House. Wheelchair users and those with mobility issues must seek advice before booking.

Carvery Menu

Main Course

Traditional roast turkey, pigs-in-blankets, stuffing and cranberry sauce

Succulent cod loin wrapped in smoked bacon

Festive cabbage & apple roulade with brie & red onion marmalade **(v, gf)**

All served with roast potatoes, honey-roast parsnips and carrots, red cabbage cooked in apple, button sprouts and gravy.

Dessert

Truffle torte with a gold, shimmering profiterole

Baked winter cheesecake **(gf)**

Traditional Christmas pudding with custard **(gf)**

Christmas pudding & brandy ice-cream and chocolate wafer

Tea and coffee with a warm mince pie.

Pre-order your drinks

Drinks menu available for you to pre-order for your meal.

Christmas Gifts with a difference

Midweek or Sunday Luncheon

Treat a loved one to an unforgettable dining experience on board a heritage steam train.

Murder Mystery Evening Dining Trains

An evening of mystery and suspense, whilst enjoying a delicious three-course meal, as the plot unfolds.

Footplate Experiences

A fantastic opportunity to drive a train on a journey of adventure that you will never forget!

All year round Experiences to suit both steam and diesel enthusiasts are available from **£150 per person**, so whether it's to realise a lifelong ambition, or as that very special gift, driving a railway locomotive is an amazing adventure. Gift vouchers available. Conditions apply.



Annual Family Pass

Why not treat the family to an Annual Family Pass? Ideal for regular visitors to the SVR. **£175.00 – 2 adults & 4 children** (conditions apply).

Severn Valley Railway Membership

Treat that special person to membership of the Severn Valley Railway. Members receive a quarterly magazine and discounts on fares.

Presents for everyone in our Gift Shops

Our gift shops at Kidderminster, The Engine House at Highley and Bridgnorth stock a wide range of souvenirs, gifts, books, DVDs and model railway items.

Call **01562 757900** or visit **svr.co.uk** for further information and prices where not shown.

The prices listed include VAT and are guaranteed until November 30th 2017.



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Eat, drink refresh

On Train

Most of our trains, excluding dining services, operate a trolley service offering a selection of hot and cold drinks and snacks.

Kidderminster

The King & Castle is popular with our 'locals', which tells you something! Sit back with a pint of one of a range of cask ales on offer and soak up the atmosphere.

The Valley Suite is our comfortable licensed restaurant on the station concourse serving great food to eat in or take away. Arrive early as it's a great place for breakfast at the start of your day.



Bewdley

The Station Refreshment Room serves hot and cold meals, snacks and beverages to eat in or take away.

Arley

The Station Kiosk offers a limited range of sandwiches, soups and snacks. Hot and cold drinks may also be purchased. Open when Santa Steam Specials are in operation.



Highley – The Engine House

150 metres' walk from the station, the Flag & Whistle Restaurant is a great place for a light bite or a full meal. Chef's specials available daily from 12 noon. Great views across the Severn Valley. Fully licensed.

Bridgnorth

The Railwayman's Arms. Right on the platform and full of atmosphere, a good place to meet with friends for a glass or two from a selection of real ales. Also serves a range of pub snacks.

The Station Refreshment Room serves hot and cold meals, snacks and drinks to eat in or take away.



Festive Season Train Service

Let the Christmas festivities continue with a leisurely steam train journey along the beautiful Severn Valley.

Trains operate between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth from Boxing Day to January 2nd 2017 inclusive. The Engine House, our visitor centre at Highley, is also open throughout this period and makes an ideal point to break your journey.

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|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Kidderminster | 10.10 | 10.45 | 11.20 | 12.10 | - | 2.15 | 2.55 | 4.30 |
| Bewdley | 10.24 | 10.59 | 11.34 | 12.24 | - | 2.29 | 3.14 | 4.44 |
| Arley | 10.42 | 11.15 | 11.50 | 12.42 | - | 2.47 | 3.35 | 5.02 |
| Highley | 10.55 | 11.28 | 12.03 | 12.55 | 2.08 | 3.00 | 3.48 | 5.15 |
| Hampton Loade | 11.06 | 11.39 | 12.18 | 1.06 | 2.23 | 3.11 | 3.59 | 5.26 |
| Bridgnorth | 11.21 | 11.54 | 12.33 | 1.21 | 2.38 | 3.26 | 4.14 | 5.41 |

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| Bridgnorth | 10.00 | 12.00 | 12.45 | 1.27 | 2.05 | 3.37 | 4.20 | 5.05 |
| Hampton Loade | 10.18 | 12.18 | 1.06 | 1.49 | 2.23 | 3.59 | 4.38 | 5.26 |
| Highley | 10.31 | 12.31 | 1.19 | 1.57 | 2.36 | 4.12 | 4.51 | 5.39 |
| Arley | 10.42 | 12.42 | 1.30 | - | 2.47 | 4.23 | 5.02 | 5.50 |
| Bewdley | 10.58 | 1.02 | 1.46 | - | 3.07 | 4.42 | 5.18 | 6.06 |
| Kidderminster | 11.09 | 1.13 | 1.57 | - | 3.18 | 4.53 | 5.29 | 6.17 |

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A dining service also operates on December 30th and 31st. Please see page 10 for details. Advance booking is essential for dining. Normal train fares apply.

'Freedom of the Line'

Return tickets

| (Kidderminster - Bridgnorth) | On the day | Pre-booked |
|---|------------|------------|
| Adult | £19.80 | £18.80 |
| Senior (60+) | £18.80 | £17.30 |
| Children (4-15 years) | £13.00 | £12.00 |
| Family (2 adults and 2,3 or 4 children) | £55.00 | £52.00 |

These fares include **FREE** admission to The Engine House, our visitor centre at Highley, opening hours: 10.30am - 5.30pm.

No need to book

However, advance bookings can be made at discount prices, online at svr.co.uk or call **01562 757900** using your debit or credit card at least ten working days in advance to allow for Christmas postal delay.



How to find us

Getting to the railway is easy, by rail or car. Take the train to Kidderminster mainline station or hop in the car and use our sat-nav-friendly postcodes:

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Kidderminster Station | DY10 1QX |
| Bewdley Station | DY12 1BG |
| Bridgnorth Station | WV16 5DT |



Access for the less able

We are pleased to welcome visitors with limited mobility. Some of our trains have specially adapted carriages. Ramps, which permit access for wheelchairs to our trains, are available at all stations mentioned in this brochure. Please note, however, that due to the age and design of our dining carriages it is NOT possible for wheelchair users to remain in their wheelchairs whilst dining. On dining services wheelchairs may be stored in the Guard's Van.

Reserve your space for a wheelchair at the point of booking either online or by calling us.



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