



CharityTM Raitours



The Magnificent Severn

(Date to be confirmed)



A day behind D1015 Western Champion, taking in some high-speed sprints along the Great Western Mainline, under & around Britain's greatest river – The River Severn. Our train has been invited to layover at **Lydney Junction**, allowing a visit to the superb **Dean Forest Railway** PLUS hopefully some rare freight-only routes!

PROPOSED ROUTE:
(Locations in **BOLD**
denote station stops)

EALING BROADWAY, SLOUGH, READING, DIDCOT PARKWAY, SWINDON, BRISTOL PARKWAY, Severn Tunnel Jcn, NEWPORT, Machen, Pengam, Severn Tunnel Jcn, LYDNEY JUNCTION, Berkeley Road Jcn, Sharpness, GLOUCESTER, Kemble, SWINDON, DIDCOT PARKWAY, READING, SLOUGH and EALING BROADWAY.

Our day begins at Ealing Broadway when D1015 Western Champion powers us west along the Great Western Mainline for station calls at Slough, Reading, Didcot Parkway, Swindon and Bristol Parkway. Plenty of opportunity to experience the acceleration and sound of what must surely be one of Britain's most iconic locomotives.

PROVISIONAL TIMINGS		
Location	Arr.	Dep.
EALING BROADWAY	--	0647
SLOUGH	0708	0711
READING	0733	0736
DIDCOT PARKWAY	0804	0807
SWINDON	0840	0843
BRISTOL PARKWAY	0928	0931
NEWPORT	1005	1035
Machen	1100	1115
Pengam	1217	1232
LYDNEY JUNCTION	1355	1615
Sharpness	1729	1744
GLOUCESTER	1817	1832
SWINDON	1912	1915
DIDCOT PARKWAY	1952	1955
READING	2023	2026
SLOUGH	2048	2051
EALING BROADWAY	2115	--

Upon departure from Bristol Parkway, we drop down into the **Severn Tunnel** where we "meet" the River Severn for the first time – Britain's greatest river flowing over our heads as D1015 opens up at the bottom of the incline to wind-up those Maybachs for the climb up and out into Wales at **Severn Tunnel Junction** and on to **Newport** for our final stop to pick up passengers.

From Newport we aim to take our train through **Newport Tunnel** to **Gaer Junction, Gaer Tunnel** and on to **Park Junction**, before turning left at **Bassaleg Junction** for a run up the seldom used freight-only branch to **Machen Quarry**.

Our rear loco will then haul us back to **Park Junction** where we then head to **Ebbw Junction** on the South Wales Mainline for a sprint to **Pengam**.

Once we depart Pengam with D1015 leading, it's a race east back through **Newport** to **Severn Tunnel Junction** where this time we turn right and join the Gloucester route, crossing over the Severn Tunnel and pulling in to the Goods Loop at **Lydney**.

The rear loco will then haul us onto The Dean Forest Railway where we shall travel the length of the line to Parkend – the first time a Class 52 has worked this route. We shall have some time on the DFR to stretch our legs and to partake in refreshments at Norchard Road and hopefully an opportunity to acquaint ourselves with two more Diesel-Hydraulics in the form of the line's resident Class 14s – D9555 and D9521.

Later, D1015 will draw us off the DFR at Lydney and we shall north crossing the River Severn at Gloucester before turning south. The final section of freight-only track is hoped to be joined at Berkeley Road Junction where we shall branch right on to the seldom used route to Sharpness.

Until 1960, the line continued on to Wales crossing the river via The Severn Rail Bridge but today it ends at the docks which, although still rail connected, currently do not receive trains. That said, The Vale Of Berkeley Railway have their headquarters here and their hope is to have trains running over a section of the branch in the near future.

Our rear loco will haul us back to the mainline and on to Gloucester and from there it will be time for D1015 to do what she does best. So now you will be able to sit back and enjoy the glorious sound of a Western as "Champion" takes us home via "The Golden Valley" through **Stroud** and **Kemble** to Swindon, Didcot, Reading, Slough and Ealing Broadway.

	Standard Class	Standard Class PLUS	Standard Class PLUS Table-for-Two	First Class	First Class Table-for-Two
EALING BROADWAY	£69	£89	£99	£109	£119
SLOUGH					
READING					
DIDCOT PARKWAY	£65	£85	£95	£105	£115
SWINDON					
BRISTOL PARKWAY*					
NEWPORT*					

***PLEASE NOTE we do not call at Bristol Parkway or Newport to set-down passengers.**

Standard Class PLUS accommodation has slightly wider seats and aisle. There are tables with four seats to one side of the carriage and table with two seats on the other side.

Cheque Payments

If you would like to join us on The Magnificent Severn, please complete the attached order form and return along with your cheque, made payable to "Charity Railtours", to the address below.



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This is our preferred method of payment as this incurs the least fees enabling us to donate as much as possible to the charity. Alternatively, visit our online [Ticket Office](#) where you can purchase tickets using your Debit or Credit card. Secure payments will be handled by Stripe.



Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding "The Magnificent Severn", please feel free to get in touch via [Contact Us](#) on our website. We hope to see you on board for what should be a fascinating and memorable day of rail-touring and all in aid of a wonderful and deserving cause.



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TICKET TYPE	PRICE PER PASSENGER	No. OF PASSENGERS	PLEASE SELECT A BOARDING STATION				TOTAL PRICE
First Class	£109		Ealing Broadway	Slough	Reading	£	
First Class Table-for-Two	£119					£	
Standard Class PLUS	£89					£	
Standard Class PLUS Table-for-Two	£99					£	
Standard Class	£69					£	
First Class	£105		Didcot Parkway	Swindon	Bristol Parkway	Newport	£
First Class Table-for-Two	£115						£
Standard Class PLUS	£85						£
Standard Class PLUS Table-for-Two	£95						£
Standard Class	£65						£
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