

SHROPSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY
SCOTLAND SUMMER 2025
THURSDAY 14 AUGUST – TUESDAY 19 AUGUST

Join us on our summer tour for 2025, a journey to Central Scotland to visit sites of railway or transport interest in and around Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Trossachs, which should be a varied and interesting holiday break.

Locations which our itinerary will cover include the Riverside Museum in Glasgow with its many rail and transport exhibits, the Museum of Scottish Industrial Life at Coatbridge, which has a most interesting transport collection, and the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway near Falkirk, together with two locations of historic shipping interest north of Glasgow; we also plan to take in a main line steam run out of Edinburgh, and there will also be some time for topics of wider transport interest, such as the Glasgow underground, the only one in the UK outside London, and the modern tram route in Edinburgh.

The trip will cover six days, with five nights away, probably staying in the Falkirk area, and a detailed itinerary is presently in preparation.

Travel to and from Scotland will be via Avanti West Coast train services, and we hope to take advantage of very competitive advance train fares for those journeys.

Travel within Scotland will be mainly by public transport, although it is planned to hire a minibus to visit the locations of shipping interest near Glasgow.

The group arrangements will include the Avanti train fares, the hotel on a bed and breakfast basis, the minibus charter, the fare or entry charges where we intend to visit as a group, and possibly some of the local train fares within Scotland.

Although we do not yet have a precise cost, the cost of those elements is likely to be in the region of £900.

We are now inviting expressions of interest, together with a £100 deposit to enable detailed arrangements to be made and the exact costs to be finalised; deposits can be paid by cheque payable to the Shropshire Railway Society, or by bank transfer for which purpose the relevant A/C details can be provided.

It should also be mentioned at this stage that the number of places available will be limited to the number of seats in the minibus we use as mentioned above, so the maximum group size will probably be around 15 people.

Please e-mail Lionel Price at outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk or call 01691 654488 or 07786 165101 (message may be left), if you wish to join the tour; it would be appreciated if that could be done by mid to late March please. The detailed itinerary and precise costs will be circulated as soon as possible after that time, and a further payment to cover the balance of the various fares is likely to be payable later in the Spring, with the balance of the tour cost (in particular in respect of the hotel) due several weeks before departure.

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