



Christmas railway magic for families

Tickets go on sale this week [Thursday 2 September] for the much-loved Santa Express specials at [Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway in](http://www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk) the Lake District Cumbria.

Running from **Saturday 27 November to Thursday 23 December** the experience includes a visit to **Santa's Grotto** and the return train ride from Ravenglass to Dalegarth, a delightful 40 minute journey each way, taking in panoramic views of the Cumbrian coast and dramatic mountain scenery.

Top rated by families as a Christmas treat, with last year's visitors commenting, *"we had an amazing time"* and *"a truly wonderful experience, the girls found it magical"*. Even regular attendees were impressed, *"what a wonderful time we had on the Santa express. We have visited every year for the last seven years and have always thoroughly enjoyed it, but honestly, this year was the best by far."*



At Dalegarth Station each family group will be allocated their own table, with colouring pencils and activities for the children and the festive refreshments will be delivered to the table. There will also be puppets and magic tricks from entertainer Stu – Di – Doo. The festive menu is available on the railway website. For more details go to the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway website. www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk

"Last year, we made changes to the format to improve the experience and the feedback we've received from customers has been overwhelmingly positive. It's heart-warming to be able to combine the appeal of steam trains and magic of Christmas for the families who visit us." says Lisa Braithwaite, the Attraction Marketing Manager at Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway.

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Photos included with release are:

1. Santa Express in the snow at Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway
2. Waving to Santa at Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway
3. Santa's Grotto at Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway

Dates

27th - 28th November

4th - 5th December

11th -12th December

18th - 19th December

20th - 23rd December

Trains will leave Ravenglass at the following times: 10:00, 11:40, 13:20, 15:00, (16:20#)

All trains will spend one hour at Dalegarth before returning to Ravenglass.

The 16:20 train will only run on the following dates. 4-5th, 11th – 12th December.

Santa Express Fares

Under One's	Free	No present and on knee
	£13.95	Present and on knee
	£22.50	Present and allocated Seat

1 yr	£22.50	Boy and Girl Gifts
2 yr	£22.50	Boy and Girl Gifts
3 to 5 yrs	£22.50	Boy and Girl Gifts
6 to 9 yrs	£22.50	Boy and Girl Gifts
10 to 13 yrs	£22.50	Boy and Girl Gifts
14 to 17 yrs	£22.50	Boy and Girl Gifts
Adults	£22.50	