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Festive steam train services in the Lake District

It's full steam ahead as [Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway](#) announces additional special steam trains for November and festive services in December.



Photo caption: Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway's Northern Rock in the evening light. Credit Mark Fielding

Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway in the Western Lake District is releasing the dates for their '**Eskdale Festive Express**' trains which will be running from 26th December until 2nd January. Enjoy the festive charm of the season and spectacular views along one of the most scenic narrow gauge railway routes in the UK. For the ultimate luxury experience passengers can opt to book seats in the 'Joan' Pullman Observation Carriage which offers splendid panoramic views or enjoy enhanced comfort in the 1st Class Saloon carriage.

“There’s something particularly heart-warming about sharing a steam train journey with loved ones during this season” comments **Lisa Braithwaite** Attraction Marketing Manager for the Railway. She goes on to say, *“both our station cafes will be open serving mulled wine, hot drinks and light bites. There’s also the fascinating and free to enter Railway Museum to explore at Ravenglass Station.”*

Across two weekends in November (6th to 7th and 13th to 14th) the Railway plans to operate four **‘Eskdale Valley Explorer’** trains a day. Passengers can enjoy the autumnal splendour of the scenic route running between the coastal village of Ravenglass to Eskdale valley in the heart of the Western Lake District fells. Kids will travel free with a full fare paying adult on these two weekends, limited to one child per adult.

Lisa Braithwaite concludes, *“We are back on track. Two weeks ago, our wonderful railway was impacted by a landslide. After a phenomenal effort by both paid and voluntary staff, the Railway was able to reopen on the 16th October. The repair effort took several days of hard graft with over 100 tonnes of ballast shifted, new drains installed, new sleepers, new rail, new fixings and lots and lots of human effort. It’s now full steam ahead with October half term next week and these extra special services for November and the Christmas holiday period.”*

Train services are running as scheduled for detailed timetabled and fares please see the main [Railway website](#) or for inspiration and updates follow their [Facebook](#).

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- **Photo caption:** *Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway's Northern Rock in the evening light.*
Credit Mark Fielding
- **Photo caption:** *Plush 1st Class Observation Carriage interior at Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway.*
- The Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway is one of the oldest and longest narrow gauge railways in England, known affectionately as La'al Ratty meaning 'little railway' in Cumbrian dialect. The line is seven miles long with a journey time of 40 minutes each way offering spectacular views over the estuaries and countryside with England's highest mountains in the distance. The heritage steam engines transport passengers from Ravenglass, the only coastal village located in two UNESCO World Heritage Sites (the Lake District National Park and Frontiers of the Roman Empire Hadrian's Wall) to Dalegarth for Boot some 210ft above sea level.
- To sign up for alerts as soon as the tickets go on sale visit <https://ravenglass.idcampaigns.co.uk/RER-November-Tickets-Sign-up/sign%20up.html>