

# Press Release

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## **EXTRA CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ROOM FOR EDINBURGH TRAIN PASSENGERS**

Edinburgh shoppers travelling by train over the festive season are in for a treat, as CrossCountry is increasing the space for luggage on its trains, making them the perfect choice for Christmas shopping or taking presents to friends and family across Britain.

CrossCountry's refurbished High Speed Trains (HSTs) now have more luggage and storage space as well as 542 seats (that's more than a jumbo jet!), just in time for this year's Christmas shopping trips. The HSTs also feature new seating and tables, carpets, curtains, refurbished toilet facilities, enhanced lighting and power sockets throughout.

The 125mph trains will regularly operate on CrossCountry's North East to South West Route serving key festive destinations, including Edinburgh, Newcastle, Durham, Leeds, York, Sheffield, Derby, Birmingham, Cheltenham, Bristol and Plymouth.

Andy Cooper, managing director at CrossCountry said: "We're delighted to have our HSTs operating in time for the Christmas rush. These trains not only have extra luggage space for those Christmas gifts but also more seats to provide customers with a comfortable and relaxing journey.

"Christmas is a time when people get together with friends and family so we hope that CrossCountry can play a part in bringing people together over the festive period this year whilst making their journeys as comfortable as possible."

Seats on CrossCountry services are available to book now via their website

[www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk](http://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk)

Notes to Editors:

CrossCountry Christmas services:

**Tuesday 23 December, Monday 29 December, Tuesday 30 December, Friday 2 January** - A normal service will run

**Wednesday 24 December** - A normal service will run until approximately 20:00, after which trains may end short of their normal destination or will not run

**Thursday 25 December, Friday 26 December** - No service will run

**Saturday 27 December** - A normal Saturday service will run but will start later at approximately 08:00

**Sunday 28 December** - A normal Sunday service will run

**Wednesday 31 December** - A normal service will run until approximately 20:00, after which trains may end short of their normal destination or will not run

**Thursday 1 January** - A normal service will run but will start later at approximately 08:00. Trains to and from Aberdeen and Dundee will start from and end at Edinburgh. Passengers for Aberdeen should use First Scotrail services to and from Dundee and the replacement bus service between Dundee and Edinburgh