

Press Release

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THE BANKS MAY NOT BE OPEN BUT THE BEACHES ARE

The BBC website reports that the weather will be sunny this August Bank Holiday weekend so why not book a last minute trip with CrossCountry? We still have plenty of reduced priced 'book in advance' tickets available right up until 6pm the day before travel. The easiest way to buy tickets in time for the Bank Holiday is online at www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk, and tickets can be printed at home.

The CrossCountry network covers more of the country than any other train company and we can take you to the beaches of Bournemouth, Newquay and the South-West to Manchester, Scotland and Wales. All our long-distance routes are open as usual throughout the Bank Holiday weekend.

If you are looking for inspiration then visit crosscountrytrains.co.uk for destination guides giving the low-down on where to go for the best shopping, family days out, festivals and food.

Visit www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk to make the most of the summer.

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Notes to editors

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CrossCountry started operating on 11 November 2007. The franchise, which is the most extensive in the UK, will run until 31 March 2016. For further information on CrossCountry services and future franchise plans log on to www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk

Arriva is one of the largest private sector providers of passenger transport in Europe, employing more than 43,500 people (including share of associate companies) and providing more than one billion passenger journeys every year.

Arriva provides transport services including buses, trains, commuter coaches and water buses, and operates in 12 European countries: Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

CrossCountry facts and figures:

STATIONS SERVED: 118

ROUTE MILES: 1,654

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 293

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,700

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: 08.20 Aberdeen to Penzance (774 miles)

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