

Press Release

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Look forward to a great value Easter break with CrossCountry

CrossCountry is offering a range of great fares to beat the credit crunch this Easter, but customers are advised to book early to avoid disappointment as these tickets sell-out quickly.

Easter is a traditionally busy time for rail travel but CrossCountry customers who book online can have access to the cheapest fares. A single visit to crosscountrytrains.co.uk can provide customers with free seat reservations; a personalised timetable for their journey and, to avoid a separate trip to the railway station, CrossCountry customers can now choose an 'e-ticket' option and print their own tickets at home when buying Advance fares.

For those who want to treat themselves, weekend upgrades to First Class are available on the train from as little as £10. Customers can enjoy larger, reclining seats, more table space, a relaxed environment and complimentary refreshments.

Advance Easter fares are subject to availability and start from just:

£26.00 Advance single fare from Birmingham to Paignton

£25.50 Advance single fare from Cheltenham to York

£13.00 Advance single fare from Leeds to Derby

£20.00 Advance single fare from Cambridge to Birmingham

£16.00 Advance single fare from Oxford to Bournemouth

To book a ticket visit: www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk

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**Please find notes to Editors, CrossCountry facts and figures below.
For more information feel free to contact us on 0121 2006115 or by email to
communications@crosscountrytrains.co.uk**

Notes to editors

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

CrossCountry is part of the Arriva group which operates transport services in twelve European countries, employs more than 40,000 people and provides more than one billion passenger journeys every year. For more information about the Arriva group visit www.arriva.co.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: (SX) 08.20 Aberdeen to Penzance (699 miles)