

Press Release

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TAKE A TRIP ON THE LOVE TRAIN

CrossCountry is offering a romantic solution for those who have yet to arrange a Valentine's Day treat for their loved one, why not arrange a surprise long mini-break in one of Britain's most romantic cities?

Getting tickets with only days to go is not a problem, when they are purchased online at crosscountrytrains.co.uk tickets can be printed at home or in the office; by Valentine's Day you and your partner could be sipping our award winning wine on the way to one of the most romantic cities in Britain.

Couples can travel in comfort on a CrossCountry train this Valentine's Day and upgrade to First Class from as little as £10.00 each way.

According to CrossCountry research, 85 per cent of all Valentine cards are bought by women whilst nine out of ten women think that their partners lack imagination when choosing their present, so a surprise trip could be just the ticket! On a positive note, 10 per cent of marriage proposals will happen on Valentine's Day.

So, make this Valentine's Day a day to remember with CrossCountry, why not visit:

- Historic York for its fabulous boutique shops, restaurants, bars and tearooms
- Edinburgh's stunning Castle then take a romantic stroll down the Royal Mile
- The dreaming spires of Oxford for a trip to the Botanic Gardens, or the Ashmolean Museum
- Cardiff's historic Castle and then explore the bars and restaurants in Cardiff Bay

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

**CrossCountry has moved offices. Our new address is CrossCountry Communications
Department, 5th Floor, Cannon House, Priory Queensway, Birmingham B4 6BS**

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)