

# Austrian Narrow Gauge

Departs 21 July 2016 for 12 days

## TOUR COST

From London  
Heathrow £1780.00

Single  
Supplement: £350.00

Deposit: £250.00

Manchester  
Supplement: £60.00

*This comprehensive tour visits no less than 15 narrow gauge lines - 8 steam, 2 diesel, 5 electric including a special charter on a freight only line, plus three tram systems and rides on a variety of OBB and private lines.*

### Friday 21 July:

Morning flight from London Heathrow/Manchester to Munich, then by rail taking the scenic route via Garmisch-Partenkirchen to Innsbruck for a three night stay.

### Saturday 22 July:

A full day visit to the steam worked, 32km long Zillertalbahn from Jenbach to Mayrhofen and the rack Aachenseebahn. Evening tram journey through the woods to the village of Inngls and return.

### Sunday 23 July:

Morning Inter City train from Innsbruck to Zell-am-See, for the Summer steam working over the 53km, 760mm gauge Pinzgauerbahn to Krimml line - two and a half hours behind an Engerth 0-8-0. After visiting the waterfall, return to Innsbruck via the bus service to Zell-am-Ziller, and narrow gauge Zillertalbahn diesel train to Jenbach.

### Monday 24 July:

Most of the morning at leisure with the option of riding the 21km, narrow gauge, electric inter-urban line to Fulpmes. Depart Innsbruck late morning, travelling through the Brenner pass to Fortezza in Italy, then via San Candido and Leinz back into Austria, arriving Villach late afternoon for a 2 night stay.

### Tuesday 25 July:

By rail to Unzmarkt for the diesel service on the narrow gauge Murtalbahn to Murau line, then on to Tamsweg. Return to Unzmarkt later in the day - 130km on the narrow gauge, 40km behind steam.

### Wednesday 26 July:

Travel to Graz, break for lunch then by rail to to Mixnitz for a special charter train on the freight only, 760mm gauge line to St Erhard, operated by two 1913 vintage, centre cab electrics. Time on the return leg to stop off at the short, standard gauge STL line from Peggau to Ubelbach operated by 1955-built rail cars. Evening tram ride in Graz.

### Thursday 27 July:

Branch line train to Gleisdorf, for the STL diesel route to Weiz. Here ride the steam working over the scenic 23km, 760mm gauge route to Birkfeld (the Festriztalbahn) featuring several tunnels and viaducts. On the return journey to Graz via Weiz, collect our luggage and take the late afternoon Inter-City direct service via Selzthal to Linz for a five night stay.

### Friday 28 July:

By rail to Lambach for the Stern & Hafferl standard gauge line to Vorchdorf-Eggenberg, connecting to the 1metre gauge, 15km electric line to the lakeside town of Gmunden. Stroll through the town to the 2.3km tramway to the station running over grades as steep as 1 in 10. The afternoon is spent on the Stern & Hafferl, 14km long, 1metre gauge line from Vocklamarkt to Attersee, where we have requested one of the older vehicles to be in use, instead of the usual ex-Swiss railcars.

### Saturday 29 July:

The morning is spent on the 3-route, 900mm gauge, Linz tram system plus the unusually isolated, and very steeply graded Postlingbergbahn. In the afternoon travel by rail to Steyr for the 760mm gauge steam, working on the 17km Steyrtalbahn to Grunburg.

## TOUR INCLUDES

- \* Return Flights from London Heathrow or Manchester
- \* Eleven nights' accommodation in rooms with private facilities, breakfast daily
- \* All rail travel in Standard Class
- \* Local rail travel on private railways
- \* Bus service Krimml - Zell am Ziller
- \* Special freight charter train on Mixnitz - St Erhard line
- \* Services of a Railtours Manager

### Sunday 30 July:

By fast train to St Polten for the once a month steam service over the 85km narrow gauge Mariazellerbahn using Mh6 'Engerth' 0-8-0 (a 3 hour run). Return later in the day on one of the regular narrow gauge electric loco hauled trains.

### Monday 31 July:

By rail via Amstetten to Waidhofen for the morning narrow gauge OBB diesel hauled train to Lunz (54km) returning later that day.

### Tuesday 01 August:

Travel by way of Salzburg to Prien in Germany, for a ride over the short, metre gauge Chiemseebahn to the lakefront at Stock, behind a Krauss 1887 steam tram loco. Later in the day continue by rail to Munich for the afternoon flights to London Heathrow/Manchester.

*A minimum 10 persons is required for the tour to operate*

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