

Festive fun: All aboard the ScotRail Santa Express

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Join Santa and his elves for a magical journey full of festive cheer that will provide financial support to children facing difficulties around the world. Rail Aid, dubbed ‘the railway’s answer to Children in Need’, has called on the rail industry to fundraise in support of their life-saving work. In a brilliant example of creative corporate engagement, ScotRail has answered that call in style by running their very own Santa Express this December. All proceeds from the Santa Express will be donated to Railway Children, supporting street children across the UK, India, and East Africa.

The Santa Express will be dressed up to the nines in Christmas cheer, and Santa himself will be taking a break from his festive preparations at the North Pole to come on board, handing out presents to all the children.

David Simpson, ScotRail Operations Director, said: “We are delighted to be launching Christmas 2021 with Santa and the Railway Children charity. It’ll be great to see the faces of all the children, and maybe the parents too, when Father Christmas hands out presents to them on the train. These Santa Express trains will be a brilliant addition to the festive fun in the lead up to the big day.”

Railway Children’s CEO Terina Keene said: “Thank you so much to ScotRail for supporting us with this lovely, festive event. It should be a brilliant experience for everyone and a great start to the Christmas season at the same time as raising funds to help us reach vulnerable children and families around the world.”

A perfect start to the festive season, ScotRail has two experiences designed to bring a smile to everyone. The Santa Express will be departing on from Edinburgh on **Saturday 4, 11 and 18 December 2021.**

Experience 1: Edinburgh Waverley to Boat of Garten

The first Santa Express will leave Edinburgh Waverley on Saturday 4 December at 08.58 and refreshments will be served on the way to Aviemore. From there the Santa Express will continue along the Strathspey Railway - a restored section of the original Highland Railway through the stunning Cairngorms scenery to Boat of Garten. Here passengers will disembark and be entertained by a piper playing Christmas music and served festive food and drink, before heading back to Edinburgh.

Experience 2: Fife Circular

On 11 and 18 December, the Santa express will start and finishing at Edinburgh's Waverley station. This festive journey will take in the Fife Circle and cross the famous Forth Bridge. Perfect for families with young children the trip will last approximately 1.5 hours and will feature Father Christmas handing out gifts. There will be a Santa Express in the morning and the afternoon.

Tickets for the Boat of Garten Santa Express are £30 per child, £60 per adult and £160 for a family ticket. Ticket prices for the Fife Circle special start at £12.50 for a child and £25 for an adult, with a family ticket for two adults and two children costing £65.

Tickets for the Santa Express are likely to be as popular as mince pies and mulled wine, so to avoid disappointment [book your tickets now!](#)

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