

New Prizes added to Railway Benefit Fund's Auction of Rail Experiences

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The Railway Benefit Fund's Auction of Rail Experiences, organised for their Railway Family Week fundraising event, draws to a close on **Thursday, 5 May**. This year's Auction features 50 unique and extraordinary experiences that money can't buy, with all money raised going towards supporting railway workers and their families going through difficult times.

Several new experiences have been added to the online Auction, including:

- **VIP Hovercraft Experience in the Solent**- this VIP visit for a group of up to 6 people, includes a behind the scenes look at the world's longest operational hovercraft service. A chance to meet the Pilots and Crew and learn how these wonderful machines work as you fly across the Solent on your trip.
- **Northern Belle Luxury Day Trip for Two**- this day trip at leisure for two includes: sparkling Bellini, three course brunch, morning tea and coffee, afternoon at leisure at your chosen destination, champagne reception, canapes, sumptuous four course dinner, coffee and petit fours and bottle of wine per couple.
- **Arterio Simulator for Two**- a chance to test-drive South Western Railway's innovative new Arterio train. Two people can visit the Arterio simulator in Basingstoke for a money can't buy experience driving the virtual train in all conditions.



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There are plenty more adventures up for grabs, including a day with Pete Waterman to play trains on his vast model railway; Behind the Scenes VIP access to various ROCs; make an announcement at Euston Station; ride ScotRail's famous helicopter; visit the British Transport Police Dog School; and even drive a London Routemaster Bus!

Claire Houghton, CEO of RBF said, "Last year we were blown away by the success of our Auction of Experiences, and the money raised allowed us to help so many families. This year, we are working hard to support our beneficiaries with the rising cost of energy via our Emergency Fuel Fund, as well as continuing

our usual grant programmes, meaning we need the industry's support more than ever."

To take a look at the full range experiences and place your bid, visit:

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/railwayfamilyweekauction/Campaign/Details>