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Rheingold Express Celebrates Its Golden Jubilee with a Special Tour

The Rheingold Express has carried passengers for the last 50 years, from the Hook of Holland through Germany and into Switzerland.

To commemorate the first trip of 1928, the original restored coaches will be used for a nostalgic journey on Saturday, 13th May 1978. *All the passengers and railway personnel will wear fashions and uniforms from the late twenties.*

With the close co-operation of the railways of Britain, Holland, Germany and Switzerland, a very exciting programme has been arranged for the 120 passengers who will participate in the Golden Jubilee celebration. The programme includes two days in the Swiss lakeside city of Lucerne which is celebrating its 800th anniversary.

Among the 120 passengers will be a number of invited guests including Mayors of cities within the various countries involved. The Lord Mayor of York and the Mayor of Harwich will represent Britain.

Passengers from the U.K. will travel from London-Liverpool Street on Friday, 12th May via Harwich to the Hook of Holland. The journey to Lucerne includes:

Cologne

2-hour stop.

The Mayor of the City and the present owners of the Vintage Rheingold Coaches will welcome the participants.

Lunch will be served in the station restaurant.

Karlsruhe

40-minute stop.

Festivities.

Basle

25-minute stop.

Official welcome with the Basle Band of Drums and Fifes in Traditional Costume.

Lucerne – Saturday, 13th May

Official welcome to Lucerne on arrival.

Passengers wearing their 1920-style dress will walk from Lucerne station to their hotels (10 minutes), accompanied by the Officials of the City of Lucerne.

Lucerne – Sunday, 14th May

Official reception for the 10 Mayors at the City Hall.

Trip on Lake Lucerne to Vitznau on the 50-year-old paddle steamer "Stadt Luzern" – lunch on board.

Excursion on the Vitznau-Rigi Railway (the first rack and pinion railway). With steam locomotives to Rigi

Kaltbad – Swiss folklore entertainment.

On to Rigi Kulm.

After descent to Arth-Goldau by the companion railway from Rigi Kulm, the return journey to Lucerne will be in vintage coaches of the Swiss Railways.

A Jubilee Gala Dinner themed on the "Twenties" will be held in the Kursaal-Casino, Lucerne. Guests will wear 1920 attire.

Commemorating:

80-Years Lucerne

50 Years Rheingold

50 Years Lake Steamer "Stadt Luzern"

Lucerne – Monday, 15th May

Visit to the Swiss Transport Museum (the largest of its kind in Europe), which houses many interesting items including a permanent railway exhibition.

Special 1978 attraction: "Cosmorama 800 Years Lucerne".

Presentation by the Mayor of York to the Museum of an exhibit from the National Railway Museum York.

At 11.22, the Rheingold Golden Jubilee Express will depart from Lucerne for Cologne from where the journey to the Hook of Holland will be continued by the modern Rheingold Trans-Europe Express.



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