

# THE 2026 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

NORTHERN BELLE LUXURY FINE DINING TRAIN TO  
GOLD CUP DAY OF THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 13th MARCH 2026





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There is no better way to experience a day at the races than on board the Northern Belle luxury fine dining train. The glamour, thrill and excitement begins the second you see the train stationed at London Paddington where you will start your incredible journey to Cheltenham Racecourse for Gold Cup Day. Liveried stewards await with a red carpet welcome and show you to your plush armchair seats. Intricate marquetry, hand sewn fabrics and mosaic floors make this beautiful train a moving piece of art. From the comfort of your exquisitely decorated Pullman carriage you will glide across country, enjoying the finest food, wines and Champagne. Enjoy a Bellini Brunch, study the form, get some racing advice from our onboard tipster and enjoy the views from your picture window as we journey to the market town of Evesham, located in the heart of the Cotswolds.

On arrival, coaches await for a short journey to Toddington GWSR Heritage Railway Station where you will board a magnificent steam train which will embark on a 45 minute journey through the beautiful Cotswolds, Malverns and Vale of Evesham and transport you and your guests directly to the back of the main Grandstand at Cheltenham Racecourse. You will pull into Cheltenham Racecourse Steam Railway Station located just a furlong from the Paddock in unique and nostalgic fashion.

Your package includes a Club Enclosure admission ticket which is the premium entry ticket at Cheltenham giving you access to the prime viewing lawns located by the winning post, Parade Ring and various bar facilities. After an action packed day's racing and witnessing the 2026 Cheltenham Gold Cup, you will re-join the steam train which will take you on a stress free journey out of the racecourse — you will miss all of the traffic and congestion in and around the racecourse. Once back, our coach transfers will be on hand to return you to Evesham where you will re-join the majestic Northern Belle luxury vintage train for a very special journey home. A delicious five course meal paired with specially selected wine awaits. With Champagne in hand, sit back, relax and raise a glass to a very memorable day at the races.

## FULL PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Round trip travel aboard the Northern Belle luxury fine dining train to Gold Cup Day of the 2026 Cheltenham Festival (departing London Paddington)
- Red carpet welcome at London Paddington and a sparkling Mimosa cocktail welcome drink
- Delicious Bellini three course brunch on the outward journey followed by morning tea and coffee
- Coach transfers to/from Evesham Station to Toddington GWSR Steam Railway Station
- Return steam train transfer to/from the back of the main Grandstand at Cheltenham Racecourse (cash bar & reserved seating on board)
- Club Enclosure admission badge to Cheltenham Racecourse, giving you access to the main Viewing Lawns, Parade Ring, Shopping village and bar areas
- Champagne reception back onboard the Northern Belle in the evening with canapés & caviar blinis
- Sumptuous five course dinner followed by Fortnum & Mason tea, coffee and petit fours
- Sommelier's choice bottle of wine per couple with cash bar service throughout the journey for all other drinks
- Strolling musicians & tipsters onboard
- Reserved main Grandstand seat upgrades available (additional cost)

### DATE

DATE Friday 13th March 2026 (Gold Cup Day) - £ 879 PER PERSON

No VAT applicable. Minimum number is 4.



Northern Belle carriages





## SEATING

The Northern Belle reflects the style of Britain's famous 'Belle' & Pullman trains of the 1920's & 30's. The individually designed carriages have been lovingly restored by some of the country's top craftsman, including marquetry experts, muralists and mosaic artists. Every carriage is named after a Great British stately home or Castle and the designs inside reflect the famous names. You will find specially commissioned upholstery, mosaic floors and fine furnishing that provide a country house atmosphere. We have seven dining carriages and seats are arranged in bays of six seats with tables of four down one side of the train and tables of two opposite with an aisle in between.

## DRESS CODE

This is your time to look fabulous! Come dressed in smart casual attire and remember, you can never be overdressed when travelling on the Northern Belle Luxury Train. There is no formal dress code for Cheltenham Racecourse although we advise to make note of the weather on the day as sometimes in March it can be quite cold, therefore, warm coats are advisable. We politely request that you do not wear jeans or trainers.

## OPTIONAL GRANDSTAND SEATS + LOUNGE ACCESS

A reserved seat in the Main Grandstand can be added to the Northern Belle package providing you with the best seats in the house for the racing, directly overlooking the winning post. The seats are reserved for you for the whole day and are allocated in blocks meaning that your group will be all sat together. Not only do the seats provide you with the ultimate view of the racing and put you in the thick of the action and atmosphere, they also provide direct access to an adjoining lounge which can be used as a base for the day away from the crowds plus give you easy access to betting facilities and a cash bar for any food and drink.



## PROVISIONAL ITINERARY

8.40am	Northern Belle departs London Paddington
11.10am	Northern Belle arrives Evesham Mainline Station
11.15am	Coach departs Evesham to GWSR Heritage Steam Railway Station
	Steam train departs to Cheltenham Racecourse
12.35pm	Steam train arrives at Cheltenham Racecourse
1.30pm	First race
5.30pm	Last race
6.40pm	Steam train departs Cheltenham Racecourse
7.30pm	Steam train arrives back to GWSR station for coach transfer back to Evesham
8.46pm	Northern Belle departs Evesham
11.24pm	Northern Belle arrives London Paddington

**Please note:** All timings are provisional and are subject to change. Final timings will be confirmed closer to the event date.



## GOLD CUP DAY OF THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

The Cheltenham Festival is probably the greatest race meeting of the year in the UK. It attracts genuine enthusiasts as well as corporate clients to see the greatest steeplechase racing of the calendar. One of the reasons for its great success is that it is for the champions at all National Hunt distances of between 2m and 3¼m, culminating in arguably the best day's racing of the year - Gold Cup Day on Friday. Cheltenham is renowned for its amazing atmosphere and Gold Cup Day always delivers as owners, trainers, jockeys and their counterpart equines compete for one of the most sought after titles in racing. Visitors show their appreciation for every winner, whether they have backed it or not – they admire the bravery and stamina of these wonderful horses. In addition to the Gold Cup race itself, you will also witness 6 other incredible races including the Triumph Hurdle & Foxhunters Steeplechase. Join us in 2026 for this momentous occasion!

Your Northern Belle package includes a Club Badge admission ticket to Cheltenham Racecourse which is the premium entrance ticket to the course. Your Club badge will give you access to all areas of the racecourse including the main viewing lawns by the winning post, the main Grandstand Champagne bars and viewing steps, Parade Ring, shopping village and the many on course betting facilities. Reserved seats in the main Grandstand overlooking the winning post can be added at an additional cost.

