



## Yellow & orange timetable with **Afternoon Tea\*** itinerary idea

We want you to make the most of your time with us and hope you find this itinerary useful. \*It is best to pre-book your **Afternoon Tea** tickets in advance by calling our office on 01506 825855 Monday-Friday.

**10.30am** Collect Afternoon Tea and all day train & Museum ticket from **Booking Office** at Bo'ness Station.

**10.35am** Watch the engine being coupled up to the coaches then take your seat on the **steam train**.

The **Guard** will be with you shortly so make yourself comfortable.



**10.45am** **Steam train** leaves Bo'ness, enjoy the views of the scenery & use On Either Side map and stay on train to Birkhill.

We have three different types of coaches which are normally found on the 'branch set' which are the coaches of the train you are sat on today. All built around the 1960s, there is the Tourist Standard Open coach (TSO) which has seating bays of four around a table, much like those of the most modern standard class coaches of today but with more comfortable springy seats! How about the Buffet Coach or Restaurant Miniature Buffet (RMB), make sure you enjoy a refreshment while you are there! Or you might like to sit in a compartment in our corridor coach which has its own sliding door. Which one is your favourite?



**11.02am** Alight at **Birkhill Station** and have a look around the station buildings and maybe take a quick stroll up to see the water of the ancient Avon Gorge behind the station past the outer buildings of the former fireclay mine. There are no toilets at Birkhill so do use the on train toilets before alighting. You need to be back on the platform at Birkhill at **11.31am** to re-join the train back to Bo'ness. Why not try a **different coach** this time?

**11.49am** arrive back in Bo'ness, some of our **locomotives need to take water** so look out for the water column at the East end of the platform.

Visit the **Model Railway** (open weekends & bank holidays) and **Museum of Scottish Railways** accessed via our new **Visitor Trail** which takes in a lot of the railway yards and will give you a great insight in to what goes on behind the scenes. The Museum is full of historic locos & other railway items, memories of holidays by steam train will come flooding back and you can see Scotland's only Royal Saloon coach, see inside the Guard's van and much more.

**1.45pm** Head back to the platform at Bo'ness via the **footbridge**, you can get some great photos from there. Why not treat yourself to a souvenir from the Gift Shop?



Please see over ...

**1.50pm** Board the train, your table will be set up in the On Train Buffet, enjoy a delicious afternoon tea on the way to Manuel. Alight at **Manuel** & be amongst the first to step on to the new platform. See us move the locomotive from the front to the back of the train for the return journey & **meet the driver** on the footplate to get that all important photo memory. There's a great view of the Edinburgh to Glasgow mainline to **wave to the driver and passengers** of the trains as they speed past whilst you get ready for your relaxing, nostalgic return journey, train travel the way it used to be!



**3.35pm** if you still have some energy and want some fresh air and exercise after your delicious afternoon tea board this train, which type of **coach** will you travel in this time; an open coach, a buffet coach or a compartment coach? (see over).

**3.42 pm** Alight at **Kinneil Halt** and enjoy a stroll along the scenic foreshore on the banks of the Firth of Forth through the local Nature Reserve, it should take no more than 15 minutes.

**4pm** Arrive back at Bo'ness and head for home after a **great day out!**



**3.14pm** Your train arrives back at Bo'ness where you can enjoy a chance to see the steam engine being **uncoupled** from the train and if you are visiting on an orange timetable day get some great photos as it is **coupled** onto the front of the train for the next journey.

If it is a yellow timetable see our **vintage diesel locomotive** being put in place to haul the next train.



## Your checklist, have you experienced everything?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> travelled on steam trains and</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> heritage diesels</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> seen the Model Railway</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> walked the Visitor Trail</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> been to Birkhill Station</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> found the Booking Office</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> used free car park</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Enjoyed Afternoon Tea on a steam train</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> set foot on the new Manuel Platform</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> explored Kinneil Halt &amp; nature reserve</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> seen a loco taking water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> taken in the Museum</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> noticed the Guard blowing his whistle and waving his flag</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> met the train driver</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> waved to the passengers on the mainline</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> travelled in more than one type of coach</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> got a souvenir in the Gift Shop</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> crossed the metal footbridge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> watched the loco being coupled and uncoupled to its coaches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> had your ticket clipped by the Guard</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> enjoyed a great day out</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> brought back some lovely old memories and created some wonderful new ones</li> </ul> |
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