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# **THE KINGSTOWN SPECIAL 2009**

Celebrating 175 years of the Dublin to Dun Laoghaire railway line

## **What is the Kingstown Special?**

The Kingstown Special is a special steam train event, which Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council are running in association with the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland and Iarnród Éireann.

## **Why is this event happening?**

In 1834 the first train in Ireland ran along the Dublin to Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) line. This event marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event.

## **Where do I get the train?**

All trains depart from Dun Laoghaire DART station.

## **Where do the trains go?**

Trains will travel from Dun Laoghaire to Bray return and Dun Laoghaire to Connolly Station return.

## **Why Bray and Connolly?**

These stations allow for the steam train to turn! Unlike modern trains steam trains do not have an engine at both ends so when they need to turn the engine must uncouple from the train and move to the other end of the carriages. Bray and Connolly have the space to do this.

## **What times are the trains at?**

Train 1:

12.10 Depart Dun Laoghaire  
12.35 Arrive Bray  
13.05 Depart Bray  
13.24 Arrive Dun Laoghaire

Train 2:

13.34 Depart Dun Laoghaire  
13.57 Arrive Connolly  
14.55 Depart Connolly  
15.18 Arrive Dun Laoghaire

Train 3:

15.28 Depart Dun Laoghaire  
15.48 Arrive Bray  
16.25 Depart Bray  
16.44 Arrive Dun Laoghaire

Train 4:

16.54 Depart Dun Laoghaire  
17.20 Arrive Connolly  
17.55 Depart Connolly  
18.18 Arrive Dun Laoghaire

Train 5:

18.28 Depart Dun Laoghaire  
18.47 Arrive Bray  
19.17 Depart Bray  
19.36 Arrive Dun Laoghaire

## **Do I need a ticket to travel on the train?**

Absolutely – there will be no entry to the train without a ticket. Attempting to travel without a ticket at the main departure station OR without a ticket and at a different station on the route causes the RPSI major problems. We sell tickets for the seats on the train, therefore you are very likely to be refused a seat on the train or be asked to leave if you do not have a ticket.

**Does the train stop between Dun Laoghaire and Bray/Connolly?**

The trains are non-stop to Bray/Connolly.

**Is the turn around time longer in one station than the other?**

The turn around time in Connolly is longer than in Bray as the engine will take on water and coal in Connolly as well as change direction.

**Can I get off the train during the turnaround?**

If there is time you may be able to get off the train in Bray/Connolly – listen carefully to the announcements on the train and check with the stewards.

**Can I get off one train at the turn around and take a later one back?**

No. Your ticket is only valid for the train number stated on the ticket.

If you disembark the train during the turnaround you must take the same train back to Dun Laoghaire otherwise you will be responsible for making your own way back.

**How much are tickets?**

Adults	€4
Under 16s	€1

**Is there a student/OAP ticket?**

Not for this event, the tickets are already heavily discounted and subsidised at €4

**How many under 16 tickets can I buy?**

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. You can buy up to 3 under 16 tickets with every adult ticket purchased.

**Where can I buy a ticket?**

Tickets will be available from the cash office in the County Council Offices, County Hall, Marine Rd, Dun Laoghaire as well as the Dalkey Heritage Centre, Dalkey

Tickets will only be available on the day if there are any remaining – we highly recommend you buy your tickets in advance.

**What date are tickets available from?**

Tickets will be on sale in the above locations from Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of July

**Can I buy tickets online or over the phone?**

Tickets can only be purchased in person at the locations listed above.

**Can I pay by Credit Card?**

Tickets transactions are cash only

**What if I loose my ticket?**

Lost tickets cannot be replaced. It is your responsibility to keep your ticket safe after purchase. There will be no access to the train without a ticket.

**What if I miss my train? Are tickets transferable?**

Tickets are not transferable and are only valid for the train number they are issued for. This is for health and safety reasons.

**Is the train wheelchair friendly?**

The train is an original steam train and was unfortunately not designed to take wheelchairs. Wheelchair users can only be accommodated if they can walk onto the train and the wheel chair can be folded up to go through the doors.

**Can I bring a buggy on the train?**

Preferably not. Again the train is an original steam train and not designed for the larger modern buggies. If you do need to bring a buggy we ask that is a small one so that it will fit in the overhead shelf.

**Are refreshments available on the train?**

There will be tea, coffee, refreshments and souvenirs available for purchase on the train as well as a fully licensed bar. Passengers are not permitted to bring their own refreshments or alcohol on board.

**Can I take photos of the train?**

If you are going to watch, photograph or travel on an RPSI steam train, please remember that the trains are operated on the national rail networks along with scheduled passenger services. Trespassing to watch or photograph a steam train endangers your safety, the safety of others and disrupts the operation of all trains on the network - please act responsibly. Iarnród Éireann has severe penalties for trespassers.