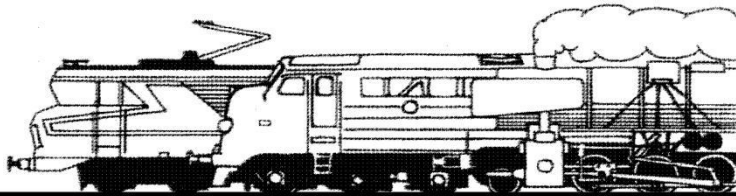


# LCGB

THE LOCOMOTIVE CLUB  
OF GREAT BRITAIN  
OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS



## OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS NEWS – 03/2018

Bookings for tours must be on an overseas tour booking form and may be sent in at any time to the tour organiser whose name follows the tour details. Fuller details and closing dates will be announced in news sheets during the course of the year. During the course of the year various weekend events become known and extra tours will be operated taking in the more interesting events. **LCGB Tours are operated by LCGB solely for its members. Participation in LCGB tours entails compulsory LCGB Membership.**

<b>Tour 01/18</b>	<b>Trier Plandampf</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018</b>
-------------------	------------------------	--

Bookings closed with 37 participants

(John Cramp)

<b>Tour 02/18</b>	<b>Ethiopia/Djibouti</b>	<b>Late October 2018</b>
-------------------	--------------------------	--------------------------

The latest news from our man in Addis Ababa continues to be mainly positive. The service, which seems to be running OK, is now confirmed as a down train and an up train running on alternate days. The down train departs Addis Furi-Lebu at 08.00 on odd numbered days (1, 3, 5 etc. except 31st), due to arrive Dire Dawa at 14.30, and Djibouti at 19.30. The up train departs Djibouti at 08.00 on even numbered days (2, 4, 6 etc.), due to arrive Addis Ababa at 19.17. We have now formally asked our inbound agent to prepare a detailed programme, probably 9 or 10 days overall for the land arrangements. There will be a stopover in one direction at Dire Dawa, and probably a different stopover in the other direction. All being well, the tour will run during the window of the last two weeks in October 2018. The intention is still to use Ethiopian Airlines – details will follow in due course. There are now 31 names on the list, and we are tentatively declaring 'GO' for the tour. Accordingly, we need to concentrate minds, and ask for a deposit of £200 per person to secure a place on this tour. This deposit will, as usual, remain fully refundable until such time as a detailed programme is agreed, along with prices and flight options. Please send cheques, payable to 'LCGB', or pay online by BACS transfer, and please advise accordingly. **NB** – do **NOT** refer to either Ethiopia or Djibouti by name on the reverse of cheques, or on payment references, when sending your deposits!

(Colin Miell)

<b>Tour 03/18</b>	<b>Dordrecht/Dordt in Stoom</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>
-------------------	---------------------------------	--

Tour goes ahead with 10 participants. Bookings closed.

(Colin Miell)

<b>Tour 04/18</b>	<b>Baltic States with IRS</b>	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018</b>
-------------------	-------------------------------	--

**This tour has been confirmed as definitely running.** We currently have 21 bookings and the tour remains open for bookings. It would be useful to get a few more as the GBP rate is still a bit lower than our original costings. We have also requested a steam charter at Gulbene which I am sure most of the group would appreciate but this will cost us a little extra. We also have steam at Panevėžys n.g. with Гр-319, at Ventspils n.g. with steam train (МЛ-611, 631) and Lavassaare n.g. with steam train К4-332. It would be useful if could encourage anyone interested to book so we can ask everyone to book flights and get hotels etc. confirmed. So far, all the group have chosen to fly out on the previous afternoon. This means we can go directly to the first visit after breakfast.

(Adrian Palmer)

<b>Tour 05/18</b>	<b>IGE/Eisenbahn Romantik Winter Steam in Bulgaria</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>
-------------------	--	--

Tour completed. Report in a future Bulletin.

(Brian Garvin)

<b>Tour 06/18</b>	<b>Cuba with PTG</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
-------------------	----------------------	--

Tour completed. Report in a future Bulletin.

(Adrian Palmer)

<b>Tour 07/18</b>	<b>Russia</b>	<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>
-------------------	---------------	---

Remains open for bookings. Details were enclosed with the previous Bulletin.

(Brian Garvin)

### CONTACTS – the Overseas Tours Committee comprises:

**Adrian Palmer**, 46 Heathside, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 9YL  
Email: akpalmer@talktalk.net (Tel: 07774 859871)

**Brian Garvin**, 5/91 Albemarle Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 5JZ  
Email: brian\_garvin@hotmail.com (Tel. No: 0208 658 2340);

**Colin R. Miell**, 2 Manston Avenue, Norwood Green, Southall, Middlesex, UB2 4HE. (Tel No: 0208 893 6092) Email: colinmiell@hotmail.com

**John Cramp**, 8 Lovatt Close, Edgware, Middx. HA8 9XG Email: jmcramp@hotmail.co.uk

(A.Palmer 120318)