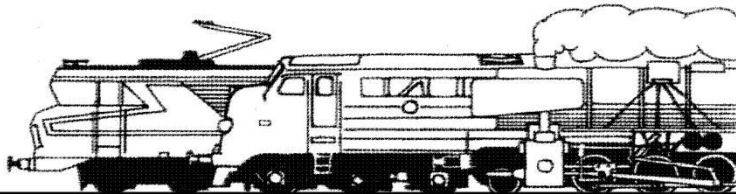


# LCGB

THE LOCOMOTIVE CLUB  
OF GREAT BRITAIN  
OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS



## OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS NEWS – 10/2019

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.**

We welcome Geoff Warren who has joined the Overseas Tours Committee.

<b>Tour 04/19</b>	<b>Ethiopia and Djibouti</b>	<b>October 2019</b>
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Tour ran successfully. Reports in future Bulletins.

(Colin Miell)

<b>Tour 05/19</b>	<b>Mexico for the Copper Canyon Railway</b>	<b>November 2019</b>
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Tour runs as advertised. Bookings closed.

(Colin Miell)

<b>Tour 06/19</b>	<b>Austria</b>	<b>2 Groups split August and September 2019</b>
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Tour successfully completed. Report in a future Bulletin.

(John Cramp)

<b>Tour 01/20</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>February 2020</b>
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The tour to India requires more numbers and if you are interested please inform Chris Lewis and he will let you know the current position. Because of the low numbers the individual cost for steam charters is high. However, even with these numbers the tour cost works out much cheaper than offers by other organisations because of the low overheads of LCGB. Amit Chopra who organises the LCGB India tours with Chris is visiting the UK and discussions will have been held on the current situation. There is now correspondence with Indian Railways regarding using the broad gauge Garratt on the main line. A price is being obtained. We hope this will lead to a satisfactory conclusion.

Please book through Chris Lewis, 15, Nursery Close, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 3HB 01514231302  
chrislewiscl@aol.com

<b>Tour 02/20 IGE/Eisenbahn Romantik &amp; 03/20 Dresden Festival</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>
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See separate insert.

**Japan First half May 2020** – Still working on details hopefully available shortly.

(Adrian Palmer)

**Angola 1<sup>st</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020** - Negotiation is in progress to visit all three operating railways with workshops visits requested. Travel will be by service passenger train over the majority of the Benguela railway in Angola. On the CF Moçamedes, we travel the highly scenic line between Lubango and Namibe. We plan to see the majority of known plinthed and dumped steam locos. Please register your interest with Geoff Warren.

Email: gpwarren@btinternet.com. Address: 40A Elsley Road, Tilehurst, READING, RG31 6RP (Geoff Warren)

**Dordt in Stoom Tour xx/20    Dordrecht/Dordt in Stoom    Friday 5th to Sunday 7th June 2020 -**

Next year sees yet another Dordrecht Steam Festival in the Netherlands. Note that for 2020, the dates have been moved to the first weekend in June. If you have still not experienced this wonderful event, I urge you to do so! It is simply the largest festival of all things steam to be held anywhere in Europe - steamboats and steam-tugs, a mainline steam shuttle (using two SSN locos.), traction engines, road rollers, stationary steam engines, vintage buses, lorries and cars (including several Stanley Steamers), miniature steam of all types, and model railway layouts. You name it, it's there - add in good food and drink, Dutch Shanty Choirs, and all set in the oldest city in the Netherlands, and there really is something for everyone. You also have a high-speed waterbus link to nearby Rotterdam, which serves the UNESCO World Heritage site that is the windmills of Kinderdijk. You can fly direct to Amsterdam Schiphol, or to the much nearer Rotterdam/ Den Haag Airport, or you may choose the relatively new Eurostar service direct from St Pancras to either Amsterdam Centraal, or Rotterdam Centraal. Hotel accommodation is already on hold at the nearby Bastion Hotel in Dordrecht, and we will assist with flight and/or Eurostar reservations if requested.

For 2020, we are also offering a pre-Dordrecht visit to the 'Stoomtram Hoorn Medemblik' in Noord Holland, some 40 minutes north of Amsterdam by train. A superb heritage steam operation that is twinned with our own Bluebell Railway, and which also runs in conjunction with the classic ship 'MS Friesland' out of Medemblik, across the IJsselmeer to Enkhuizen. This also serves the excellent open air 'Zuiderzee Museum'. Again, hotel accommodation will be arranged in Hoorn for either 3 or 4 nights.

All we need at this time are expressions of interest asap for either Dordrecht alone, or for Dordrecht preceded by Hoorn.  
**(Colin Miell)**

**Overseas Reunion 2020** – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January Details enclosed with this Bulletin.

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