



**OVERSEAS TOUR 10/2014 – IGE SPECIAL TO CZECH & SLOVAK REPUBLICS**

**KuK Monarchie Dampf Express - Friday 26 September to Sunday 5 October**

At long last we have the details of this interesting IGE/Eisenbahn Romantik special steam hauled train the details are:

**Friday 26/9.** Depart Nürnberg about 09.15 behind 01 533 (4-6-2) to Wien Westbahnhof. B&B in Wien (Luggage transfer to road at Passau direct to hotels in Wien)

**Saturday 27/9.** Wien to Breclav behind 01 533 and 33 132 (4-8-0). At Breclav both locos go into the big exhibition at the depot celebrating 175 years of Czech Railways. Remainder of day visiting the exhibition. Some local steam hauled shuttle trains will be running (extra cost?). Special train is diesel/electric hauled to Brno or go by IGE bus if staying for late night photo session. Overnight B&B in Brno.

**Sunday 28/9.** 475.101 (4-8-2) Brno – Veseli – Hulin. Then double headed with 556.036 (2-10-0) via Valaske Mezeriici to Ostrava. Overnight dinner, bed and Breakfast in Ostrava.

**Monday 29/9.** 556.036 Ostrava – Cadca, 498.104 (4-8-2) Cadca – Zilina – Vrutky. 555.3008 (2-10-0) then double heads and 477.013 (4-8-4T) banks Vrutky – Horna Stubna – Bankska Bystrica then the 477 alone on to Brezno. Transfer by bus (30 mins.) to hotel in the lower Tatras for overnight, dinner bed and breakfast.

**Tuesday 30/9.** All day with the restored ex CFR 2-8-2RT, 40.006, on the rack line from Tisovec to Michalovka. There will be two trips with a photo-bus also provided. The idea is to give everyone a ride over the line and the chance to take some lineside photos. Overnight dinner, bed and breakfast in your allocated hotel.

**Wednesday 1/10.** Bus transfer hotel to Brezno. Then 556.036 and 477.013 double head to Margacany where the 477 is replaced by 475.196 (4-8-2) for the run on to Kosice. Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast in Kosice.

**Thursday 2/10.** 475.196 and 556.036 double head Kosice to Zvolen via Filakovo. Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast in Zvolen.

**Friday 3/10.** 498.104 and 555.3008 double head Zvolen – Kozarovce – Leopoldov – Bratislava. Evening visit to Slovak Railway Museum where barbeque and music provided. Overnight B& B in Bratislava.

**Saturday 4/10.** Bus transfer to Bratislava Petralka station where 01 533 runs via Wien and Linz to Trimmelkam and on to Ampflwang where ÖGEG will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a big Dampflokfest! IGE train then diesel or electric hauled back to Linz. Overnight dinner, bed and breakfast in Linz.

**Sunday 5/10.** Luggage direct Linz to Passau station. IGE train electric or diesel hauled to Attnang Puchheim then double headed by 77.28 (4-6-2T) and 78.618 (4-6-4T) via Ried in Innkreis and Schärding to Passau. Then normal traction on to Nürnberg.

**Costs.** IGE have changed their pricing regime for this excursion the fares being 2<sup>nd</sup> Class €1998, 1<sup>st</sup> Class (6 in a compartment) €2398, 1<sup>st</sup> Class (4 in Compartment) €2798. (At €1.18 to £1 the rates are £1695/2035/2525). Single room supplement €495 (£420). The current rate is 1.22, allowance is made for rate getting worse. If still higher than 1.18 when money transferred to Germany refunds will be given.)

Obviously LCGB will travel to Nürnberg on Thursday 25/9 and return Monday 6/10 at extra cost with Lufthansa Fly-Rail looking best option. IGE decision date is 15 August – 250 passengers needed to run train. Obviously we cannot book flights etc before this date. But when the GO is given we will have to act fast – think of Oktoberfest! With Lufthansa Fly Rail various German cities could be flown to with rail travel to and from Nürnberg being the same price.

**Bookings** are needed **IMMEDIATELY!** £200 deposit, booking form should show which class you will travel and whether single room is needed. Send to: **Brian Garvin, 5/91 Albemarle Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 5JZ**