

# “THE NORTH MORAVIAN”

(A FIVE DAY, CHARTER TRAIN)

Monday 7th to Saturday 12th May 2012

**ALL INCLUSIVE FARE – Only £688.00**  
**Hotel Single Room Supplement - £130.00. (Optional)**

Please book by 24 February, with a Minimum Deposit of £160  
The balance must be paid by 23 March.

## **Included in this Outstanding package:**

- **Five action packed days travelling in our Heritage Class 820 diesel Railcar, on main, branch, and freight only lines.**
- **Countless Lineside Photo opportunities.**
- **Guaranteed access to all advertised Depots, Yards and Stations. No walking to and from. We ride in on the Railcar.**
- **Exclusive access to the Industrial sites around Ostrava..**
- **Five night’s accommodation (with breakfast) in good quality hotels. Single rooms are available on payment of a supplement.**
- **Taxes, Admin; Incidental & Depot Admission Charges.**
- **The unique STARS camaraderie.**

*And finally, the element that always goes down so well..... literally!*

- **An unlimited supply of hot and cold food and drink (including beer) available, and free, throughout each day.**

## **Not Included in the package are:**

- **Costs of travelling to and from the Czech Republic ie Air & Rail Fares. We regret we are unable to arrange Air Fares for you.**
- **Evening meals.**
- **Costs of Public Transport and Taxis between hotels and stations, when joining the Railcar in the morning, and leaving it at the end of the day.**

We began our Czech Charter trains in 2009 firstly running local tours around the Brno area before venturing into last years megatour covering virtually all the major depots in the west of the Czech Republic and the powers station complex around Kadan with its private fleet of locomotives. This year we offer an equally unparalleled tour and where else but to the Czech’s other great industrial area, Ostrava. At the time of writing we are in negotiations to visit the massive steel complexes to the south west of Ostrava of Vitkovice and Accelor Mittal each with its own fleet of locomotives. If that wasn’t enough we are also negotiating a visit to the extensive Karvina mining complex where we are sure to see plenty of private AWT (formerly OKD) locomotives at work and on shed. During our two days in Ostrava we will be taking a leisurely tour of the area with plenty of unique photo opportunities and industrial locations thrown in. Add to this, visits, to all the main depots in the area and the generous hospitality of our hosts and I’m sure you’ll agree this makes for an outstanding tour.

### Day 1 - Monday 7th May

If you have been on the adjoining Western Slovak tour then you will be joining us on our afternoon journey from Bratislava to Brno. Otherwise you will be making your own way to our hotel in Brno in readiness for the start of the tour the next morning

### Day 2 - Tuesday 8th May

After a hearty breakfast we will make our way down to **Dolni Depot** and board our private charter train we will have to think of a name for our beloved DMU which has performed so well for us on tour! A quick look around the depot at Dolni and then we will begin our journey towards Ostrava. First stop in order to get into the swing of things quickly is **Veseli nad Moravou Depot**, perhaps not quite as busy as it once was but plenty to see here and stabled in the station. Will the stored class 181 electrics still be here? We continue, passing the minor depot of **Otrokovice** and onto the first of our private depot visits at **TSS Hulín Depot** where we can expect to see a number of class 740 and 742 locomotives. We then continue to **Valasske Mezirici depot** with its busy freight yard. Following on from this we continue to **Frydek Mistek Depot**. We then continue into Ostrava where we are based for the next three nights.

### Day 3 - Wednesday 9th May

The next two days will see us visit the main CD depots in the area at Ostrava and hopefully many industrial lines and complexes. As this is such a busy area and the various private lines are both extensive and also busy, there are likely to be many pathing difficulties to overcome. The itinerary is therefore **provisional** as negotiations are ongoing but will give you a flavour of what we hope to deliver.

Today we begin our exploration of industrial Ostrava but before we get into the grime of the steelworks and coal fields we begin with a visit to **Ostrava Depot**. We then head for steel works territory through Ostrava Svinov to Vitkovice. Here we traverse into the Steel works complex and head towards the head shunt at Feron and Strelnice the complex picking up working loco's before arriving at **Vitkovice Depot**. Following our visit we continue through the steelworks and back onto the mainline where we entered, and taking the curve for line 323 towards Kuncice. Prior to Kuncice station we take the freight only line into the massive Arcelor Mittal steel works complex where we circumnavigate the whole area picking up locomotives on route. Once again we visit the **Depot** here. On completion we head towards Ostrava again on line 323 and then reverse eastwards through Ostrava station to arrive at the **AWT stabling point** opposite the **Svoboda coking plant**. Once we have cleared up the locomotives here we then manoeuvre across the main line and into the coke works itself taking the train to the head shunt. We then return to the main station concluding the first day in industrial Ostrava.

### Day 4 - Thursday 10th May

Today we are travelling south east towards **Cesky Tesin** where we enter the transfer yard usually good for some Class 131 Slovak double loks. We then reverse towards **Albrechtice** and the entrance to the Karvina mines complex. Loco's are likely to be found all over the basin and we will need to spend some considerable time in the complex covering the many lines. There are many mines where locomotives may be found including **Darkov**, **Barbosa**, **Frantisek** with its marshalling yard, **Jindrichuv Dvur**, **Lazy** mine and **Michalka** mine and we hope to see as many as possible. We then rejoin the main line and head north towards **Petrovice** the border station which should be good for a few Polish loco's. Continuing on we head to **Detmarovice** visiting the **power station** formerly home of the unique class 106 electric shunter E406.0501 now at Chomutov.. We then move onto **Bohumín Depot** where

we visit the loco depot and **Emu Depot**. We then head back to Ostrava after a very busy day. At the time of writing we are also hoping to include a number of other freight only lines in the area where private locomotives may be seen.

### Day 5 - Friday 11th May

Time to head towards home (for the DMU that is) but for us this simply means Brno. Leaving Ostrava its back to the mainline stopping on route to visit **Suchdol Depot** We take the Prerov avoider to **Olomouc** visiting both the **locomotive Depot and unit Depot** which seems to be used as a museum store these days. We then head back to **Prerov** visiting the station and **depot**. We then make our way south to **Vyskov** and visit the small railway museum. We continue to **Blazovice** and take the freight only line to **Cementarna Mokra**; yes it does serve a cement factory! Reversing we then continue the journey to **Slatina** where we visit the **Lokotrans depot** and finally we visit **Malomerice Depot** before heading for Dolni.

### Day 6 - Saturday 12th May

Our final day and one that includes a little nostalgia and possibly some history in the making. We return to **Dolni** depot and hopefully take the mainline by steam to **Horni Herspice depot**. We continue onto Zastavka where we go by bus to the **Zbysov narrow gauge museum**, home to over 100 vehicles and have the opportunity to ride the line steam hauled. We then continue on to **Strellice** where there is a private loco depot before returning to **Dolni** bringing another great tour to a close.

We expect to finish at Dolni at 5pm so we can arrange an extra night in the Hotel for all those who so require.

Following from our recent press update we are now able to confirm a comprehensive programme of exclusive visits to industrial locations within and around the Ostrava industrial basin. All CD depot visits have been confirmed and on the journey to and from Ostrava we will be taking the train onto the depots at Olomouc, Suchdol, Valasske Mezirici, Veseli nad Moravou, Bohumin including the EMU depot, Horni Herspice and of course Malomerice and Dolni in Brno. DPOV at Prerov have also confirmed our visit as has Cargo Ostrava. During our two days based in Ostrava we have confirmed access to the Detmarovice Powers Station line and the industrial line through the heart of the coal field which runs between Albrechnice and Bohumin or alternatively Ostrava Hrusov. This also includes a visit to the Depot at Darkov the principal location in the Karvina mines complex. We will also be taking the train to the Paskov mine and its depot and Zarubek mine. We have also secured a visit to Vitkovice steel works and its depot

Around the Frydek Mistek area we will visit the Moravia steel complex at Trinec although we will not be able to take the train in together with the depot at Jan Sverma.

Back in Brno we have a confirmed visit to the Lokotrans depot at Slatina and the industrial railway Museum at Zybysov, together with steam haulage on the line.

We are still in negotiations over the following visits;

- The industrial line and Cement factory at Mokra
- The TSS Depot at Hulin
- The Lokotrans Depot at Stelice

Unfortunately we have unable to secure a visit to Accelor Mittal at this time but are grateful to AWT for their support in enabling us access to the lines they operate.

This tour promises some unique and memorable visits and photo opportunities no matter what your interest, around the very busy Ostrava area. We are now working on the detailed itinerary and timings and will make these available in due course.

If you would like to take part on only one or two of the days instead of the whole tour we are offering a pay on the day fare of **£105** per day or **£95** if pre booked. Note this does not include accommodation.

**Remember - Do Not Book Your Flight  
Until We have Confirmed The Tour As Running**