

# **Episode 151 – Essential UK Train Travel Tips and Q&A for First-Time Travellers**

**This week Doug dives into your most asked questions about UK train travel**

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Tracy: Welcome to episode 151 of the UK Travel Planning Podcast. This week Doug joins me as we dive into your most asked questions about UK train travel, including some great ones from members of, our UK Travel Planning, London Travel Planning and UK Train Travel Tips Facebook groups. If you're planning to travel by train in the uk, this episode's for you.

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**Doug answers common train travel questions in our Facebook group**

Tracy: Hello and welcome to episode 151. So, as I said in the introduction, this week

Doug is joining me to answer some of the most common questions that are asked in our Facebook group. So, ah, huge, thank you to Catherine, our moderator, for putting down the most commonly asked questions that ah, she's noted in the group. And for those of you who ask specific questions is great. So Doug can actually answer some of those questions a bit more directly now. I also want to say before Doug says hello, is that Doug has also got an ebook guide to UK train travel. So I would recommend having a look at that for even more information from Doug about train travel in the uk. And we also have lots of different, other podcast episodes about train travel. Doug's also working on YouTube videos, so do pop along and join our YouTube. So I know there's a lot of things I've just mentioned there, but there is a lot to help you with train travel. And of course there is Doug's UK Train Travel tips, ah, Facebook group as well, which is growing massively at the moment.

## **Doug is working on a series of YouTube videos about train travel**

So anyway, I'll hand over Doug so you can kind of talk a little bit about that, and what, what sort of things we're going to cover in this episode.

Tracy: Hello everybody. Yeah, and thank you everybody for submitting your questions, about your experiences and the, the things you look at, to be answered by my, myself. yeah, lots of things going on at the moment. So very exciting times for us with all the train development of the videos and everything else we're doing.

Tracy: Yeah, absolutely. I'm very excited and hopefully we'll be able to get, at least the first three videos on, by hopefully the middle of June. We're nearly finished we're putting those together. YouTube videos do take a little bit more time to do, but we have got a lot

of footage. And what are those, those first videos that you've got ready, what are they about?

Tracy: The first one's the Caledonian sleeper, the Lowlander sleeper. the second one is me taking all the available operators on the east coast main line from London Kings Cross to Edinburgh. I split the journey up. So we've got a taste of all the three main operators on that route.

Tracy: Oh, that'll be really useful for, especially if you're considering travelling from London to Edinburgh. We know that's an extremely popular route. That'll be a really useful video for you to watch for sure.

Tracy: That's it. I'm also doing one about the Edinburgh Tram in Scotland. so I take the tram to and from the city centre to Edinburgh Airport and, and just showing how easy that is.

Tracy: And have you got any other videos that you plan to put together?

Tracy: Yes, I've got a lot a longer video. I'm putting together me journey from Edinburgh to Inverness via the east coast. So that's via Aberdeen. And then I come back through the, the Highland line via Perth back to Edinburgh and everything that entailed. Yeah, I always say. Because that was yeah, that was an interesting experience.

Tracy: Well you can, you actually can listen to that because we talked about that on the podcast not that weeks ago.

## **This episode is basically completely focused on UK train travel**

Anyway, so this episode is basically completely focused on UK train travel. We know that this is a huge source of anxiety for many of you, especially if you're not used to travelling by train.

Tracy: Yeah, the questions posed are really about the reality, the nuts and bolts of actually taking the train in the uk.

Tracy: Okay, so do we want to, can you want to give a kind of overview of the sort of, sort of questions you're going to be answering or do you want to go straight into it?

Tracy: I'll just say all the questions posed by everyone. There's sort of generic topics, but I have tried to break them down into the specific, topics. So the first one for example is about stations and platforms, so we'll focus on those. To start with, I've grouped the questions together so where the questions differ slightly, I will elaborate.

Tracy: Okay, perfect. If there's a particular question or particular topic, that you want to listen to, obviously you can check the show notes out as well, so you may be able to head straight to that section. But otherwise I'd recommend listening to the entire podcast to give yourself a good preparation for uk, Train travel. Also, I, will just sneak in here as well and say that, Doug is going to be developing a workshop as well about how to plan a trip, a, train trip around the uk. We are also offering itinerary consults and we are going to be offering some itinerary planning as well. So if you want some help,

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Tracy: planning a train travel itinerary around the uk, that will be coming soon. So that's a bit of a surprise announcement that I've just put out there. But anyway, do you want to go straight into an ME asking the first question? So I'm going to be asking the questions and Doug will be answering the questions.

Tracy: I think that works. Yeah.

Tracy: Okay. Okay.

## **Any tips to avoid getting on the wrong train at UK stations**

So our first question is from Denise H. I'm not going to say, surnames, Denise H. L in our Facebook group. So, for those unfamiliar with UK trains, how do you know which platform to go to and what should travellers expect when it's not posted and until just before departure? Any tips to avoid getting on the wrong train? So thanks very much for that,

Tracy: Question, Denise, and that's a very, very good question. That's probably why I put this one first, is the fact that it's a very real concern for people, about getting on the wrong train. The main tip I can offer is to arrive at the station in good time. So if you're catching a train in the morning, pays to know exactly how you get in there, how long it's going to take you to get there and how big the station is. Some stations, particularly London One, are big stations. So, yes, it's unusual for a train that's running on time to not have the platform already on the screen when you get there. But if it isn't, you know, there's little tips you can find out. So in the main entrance hall, most of the most stations, if not all, there's departure screens, departure boards. Have a look at those

and it should say the platform, if it's not yet on there, usually, means the train's running late or the platform has not yet been allocated, which is not unusual on a big station. But don't worry if you're there well before that time, the platform is not yet displayed. The train won't be going without you. Talk to the station staff. I mean, another little tip is to look at, apps like the National Rail inquiries, the live trains, because it wouldn't be unusual. I've seen platform numbers arrive on there before it's actually on the screen. So, yes, get there in plenty of time, use the apps available, talk to station staff. That is the best tips you can give for that one. But get there in plenty of time. Well before. So you go from the main foyer entrance hall that might be. You might be directed to a platform because it's most likely to be on there but is not yet displayed. So.

Tracy: Okay, okay, okay. Hopefully that's answered the question. Denise, and anybody else that's so concerned about that.

## **If you've booked first class, how do you know where to stand on platform**

so our next question. So obviously we're talking about at the moment we're talking about stations and platforms. So next question is from, ah, Rose F. if you've booked first class, how do you know where to stand on the platform to board the correct carriage, especially with long trains?

Tracy: That again is a very good question. And it's not just first class, it's standard class or the standard Premier if you're travelling on the west coast is look for station markings, look for platform markings. You know, depend. These can vary on different operators, particularly on the long trains. Might say first class at the A end of the

platform or the B end of the platform. look at the departure screen, some of the screens might have first class at the front. And then just talk to one of the station staff and say, yeah, the train's coming in that way, going that way sort of thing. But look for boards, look for platform markings, there will be some indication. And the occasions where you can't find anything, try and stay in the middle of the platform. That is the best thing you can. It's not fail safe. And different operators and different stations work in slightly different ways. As with the first question you just asked is get to the station in plenty of time. Do not arrive seconds minutes before, particularly if you've got luggage or mobility is an issue for you. Do not leave it till the last minute, get there in plenty of time.

Tracy: And usually the staff can help as well. They'll be able to direct you.

Tracy: Yeah, the station staff out. You know, we've also been there in that same position. You're thinking, well we have a reservation for coach F. Now whereabouts is that going to be? We can't say anything. Talk to station and occasionally I'll talk to all the passengers as well because the likelihood is if you've got that query and that you've got that question, others will have the same question.

Tracy: Okay, perfect.

## **Do platforms ever change last minute like in other Parts of Europe**

So, next question from Anna G. How easy is it to find your platform and board in time? So basically a similar sort of question. Do platforms ever change last minute like in other Parts of Europe.

Tracy: Yes, the answer to that question is particularly around late running trains on some stations where there's only one or two, three or four platforms, it can change because in this modern world of, you know, the, the margins that they call them, the time between trains is pretty tight in the uk, particularly as you get towards you know, big cities, you, Birmingham, Manchester, London, Liverpool, Edinburgh

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Tracy: for example. And so what happens is if a train's running late, a platform may not yet be allocated because the last thing, if you're running the railways in the uk, I know from experiences you don't want to be delaying other trains because somebody has to pay for delay minutes. So again, arriving plenty of time and keep your eye on the departure boards because if the departure board is on there for platform, you know, platform three going to Manchester, you get on, you head all the way over from the, the foyer, the entrance hall to the platform and, and it's happened to us more than once, hasn't it? You got there and there's been a platform change and you've had to go back again. So again make sure you allow plenty of time to arrive at that station.

Tracy: But also, I mean there can be some last minute changes and I've had that before. But you'll find that A, there'll be usually generally will be an announcement, B, it will show on the board and see everybody else will be moving quickly.

Tracy: To change and that's it, you suddenly get a great influx of people moving, heading towards the escalators, the steps and whatever. Yeah, yeah. And to be honest, once there is platform changes, there's quite often station staff around for that as well.

Tracy: Yeah, for sure. Okay. Is that cover that? Okay, so Melanie SB My tickets from



Kings Cross to Edinburgh don't show a platform. Is that normal?

Tracy: You see, you see the underlying theme here about platforms as well. But again it's not unusual and can be for the same reason as the previous question. If the arriving train is running late and no platform has yet been allocated, they might just not physically know in the control as to which platform they can get allocated because they don't want to be delaying all the services as well. and also sometimes it's for scheduling reasons, staffing reasons, they might not know until shortly before departure.

Tracy: Okay, perfect.

## **How much time should travellers allow when changing trains on multi leg journeys**

So next Laura, on how much time should travellers allow when changing trains on multi leg journeys?

Tracy: That's a good question as well. All very good questions, aren't they? That is dependent on you really around your level of speed, and mobility and whether you need Any assistance to move between platforms. Also amount of luggage you've got really as well. And your ability to move up steps or escalators. Even if lifts are available, they can be busy as well. So when you do your journey planning, your itinerary planning and you're looking at trains, you, you can modify the time between, how to allocate between train changes, so short, medium or long term. And if even then it's not enough for you, what you can do is split your journey up into one journey and then, plan your next journey. But allow as much time as you want in between.

Tracy: Yeah, yeah, that's a good way of doing it.

Tracy: So the thing is not to rush. You know that from experience, it's best not to rush between platforms.

Tracy: I won't rush because I actually fell over a few years ago and ever since that time, I think we were running up steps. I can't remember now, but Birmingham street, it was Birmingham street and I fell. And, since then I have refused point blank to run, for a train because I don't want to get hurt. I can't remember what the issue was at that particular time. If what. I don't know why I was running. But, I won't do that. So, yeah, just. I would say you need to decide how much time you think you will need. And as I said, Doug says, just book separate. So then you can choose how much time you want to go.

Tracy: You're in charge.

Tracy: Yeah. Because if there's ever a delay in, say, the amount of time that you've got chain trains is reduced, then I find that, I, personally found that quite stressful.

Tracy: Yeah. And you board the train hot and sweaty.

Tracy: Yeah, yeah, it just, it's just more stressful. I try to do, try to find the easiest way of making things as less stressful as possible.

**How far in advance should you expect to arrive before train departure**

and you know, we're used to a lot of train travel, so I know there's a general question, because you've talked a lot in these previous questions about arriving in advance. So how far in advance would you recommend to arrive before train departure? Ah, you know, especially from some of those stations other than, principal London stations, how long would you, would you give yourself?

Tracy: It's best to give yourself as much time as possible, plain and simple. If you're catching a train at 9:00, and your, your journeys take taking a big distance to get there, you know, there's going to be train delays, the road delays. You know, if you're waiting for a taxi that could be delayed. You know it's give yourself as much possible time to get there to make that train. Because something I'll add to that as well. Some of the larger stations can be very confusing and disorientating.

Tracy: That's true.

Tracy: You know they've got a main entrance hall but there could be multiple entrances to that. Just mentioned Birmingham New Street. That to me is a perfect example. You know Edinburgh where we spend a lot of time early in the year, you know, that's got several entrances too.

Tracy: yeah, I think that's true. I think it's kind of making yourself if you can familiar with the train station before you're actually going to take a train from there. If you can.

Tracy: There is maps available of station layouts. but that, that

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Tracy: won't tell you how much time to allow to get there because to some stations as well as if you're coming in by car, you've got quite a walk then to the entrance hall. So it's best to give yourself as much time as possible from arriving, boarding the train.

Tracy: Yeah. And I think if you want to become. I've just talked about kind of the main stations in London. We actually have got a podcast all about the different main stations in London and we also have got an article which covers those train stations and I think that's something probably would be a good YouTube video at some point just to give some sort of orientation particularly around some of the bigger ones like St. Pancras International, King's Cross, Victoria, Waterloo. I mean there's, you know, there's plenty of them but I think that that is worth. So now I, a rule of thumb for me because I can, I was. This is how I can operate. It's like what do I do? And I 30 minutes before is ideal. I don't care if I'm, I've got, you know, if I'm there I can go and do a little bit of get some food, get some magazines, make sure on the platform. and. And so that would be in London. I would tend to be looking or if I was doing a major, a major trip, I'd probably be there 30 minutes before.

Tracy: Yeah. And point to add to that, to this as well. If you've got quite a bit of luggage or for personal reasons you need to be taking the lifts. You know there can be a queue for the lift. We've seen that in several times. So again you've got to allow that extra time when you actually get to the station arrival before boarding your train. Before your train's expected departure time. I mean I arrive plenty of time anyway so I can look at the trains. So that's just me.

**How do you figure out which London station to use when travelling from elsewhere**

Tracy: Okay, next question from Nancy M. If you're taking a train from London to somewhere like Morton and Marsh for example, which is in the Cotswolds, how do you figure out which London station to use and how do you get there?

Tracy: This, yeah, this could be a very long answer to this question, but if you're familiar with which station you need to depart from, not just London as other towns and cities in the UK can have multiple stations. But you're right, it's not 100% clear at times as to which station you need to go from. So that's why you need to be looking at a recommended journey planner app. And that's the national rail inquiries for me. I never deviate from that for journey planning because as to me it's the most accurate and up to date information. And also say for Morton in Marsh, we, we both know, you should be departing from London M. Paddington. But if you're travelling to London Paddington from other stations, it might be other alternatives that can get you there in the quickest possible time to start your journey from Paddington. So it's best to look at the apps available to you and plan that journey which will give you all options.

## **What are your top must have apps for train travel in the uk**

Tracy: Okay, good. So in fact that takes us nicely on the next topic which is useful apps and navigation. So I've got Lorianne M. What are your top must have apps for train travel in the uk?

Tracy: Okay so I've been always looking at great websites, a bit like ours.

Tracy: Yep.

Tracy: a transport for London, for all London services as well. The TFL Go app is excellent as well. And I've already mentioned the national rail inquiries I always use for journey planning and their live trains part, their app as well because I've already mentioned it's a good place to look at for potential platform numbers. But also it's also very, very useful if you're on one train and you've got a connection to make. everything we've already said about allowing yourself plenty of time but I use it quite often is if I'm on train from, I don't know, for example from London to Manchester and I'm going from Manchester to Liverpool for example and I want to have a look around Manchester first. I can always plan it in advance. I can always look what the expected live trains platform numbers are showing at this moment in time.

Tracy: Okay.

Tracy: So that, that's what the ones I use mostly. And if you're actually travelling around London itself, the city planner is really good because it gives you all modes of transport as well. But they're the best ones I use.

Tracy: Okay, cool.

## **When changing trains in Europe or the uk, do you get clear directions**

Now, next question from Laura sd. When changing trains in Europe or the uk, do you get clear directions? How much time do you typically have?

Tracy: So I think you mean by that station information as to where to go for your next departure platform. Occasionally on boarding trains, they'll give announcements.

usually if the train's running late, they'll say, passengers, looking for trains to X, Y and Z. the next train will depart in 15 minutes from platform three, for example. So listen out for announcements on trains. Listen up for station, announcements as well. But if you push your time on arrival at a station, what we always do is as soon as you get off the train, look for the nearest screen because there's nearly always a departure board departure screen on the platform you're arriving in. So

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Tracy: that's the best thing to do. Also talk to station staff as well, because there's, there's always dispatch staff on, particularly for the longer trains, on this, on the platform and they'll just give you some guide and say, you know, which platform for the next train to, for example.

## **How much time should travellers allow when transferring between railway stations**

Tracy: Okay. So one general question, which, which Catherine brought up that, comes up in our Facebook groups very quite often is actually how much time should travellers allow when transferring between St Pancras International and King Kings Cross railway stations?

Tracy: Okay, so if you don't know, you will not know that they are right next door to each other. What they basically do, there's two line stations, but they head off in different directions. So yes, they're right next to each other, but they're both big stations. So on one hand you say it's minutes, but you know, if you get off one train, I would allow

myself still 20 minutes, half an hour between those stations because you've got across the road as well, which could be very busy. Again, both have got multiple entrances and exits, so you've got to find your way into there. And if you're going to Pancras, for example, if you're going on the middle of May night or you're going on the Eurostar across the continent, you're in different parts of the, the, station. And and also, to be honest, St Pancras and Kings Cross, they're both nice stations. There's plenty to see at both stations as well.

Tracy: Yeah, they'll play stations every now. Yeah, well, Kings Cross is now. It didn't used to be. It's funny, we're just looking at. We were talking about this the other day about how it used to be absolutely dire, but it's. They've really improved it.

Tracy: Good place for train spotting.

### **If train station is far from destination, should you book transport ahead or stay flexible**

Tracy: So, next question from Carol H. If the train station is far from your final destination, how easy is it to navigate the local bus system and should you book transport or ahead or stay flexible? Actually, I'm just going to answer a little bit with this one, Carol H. Is that often we will check the hotels, especially if got luggage are not too far from the train station. It makes life a lot easier. So that's just one tip that I would say. you know, if, if the. We've stayed so close to train stations in most of the cities in the uk, it just makes it a lot easier because there's nothing worse than having to drag your suitcases too long a distance. So I guess that's why you're asking about buses. But. Yeah. Well, Doug, what do you recommend?



Tracy: I think. I think the main answer to that is do your research in advance. So there's many factors when you chose your accommodation away from a train station and you know, that could depends how long you're staying for as well, how much luggage you've got, how easy is it to get there, what public transport is open to you. So you do, you do best to do your research. I mean things like, hotels, bed and breakfast. Most of them have a website these days and most of them have how to get to them.

Tracy: Yeah.

Tracy: as to, you know. But it depends how long you're there.

Tracy: For, to be honest. My advice is don't. My advice is not top on a boss. My advice is to, to get a taxi from outside the train station or get yourself an Uber to your transport to your accommodation.

Tracy: If that's open to you. If that's an option you can pursue. Yeah. And so about buses. Buses. There's multiple companies up and down the country and there's no one answer to that. I view, you know, I travel around Wales and I use public transport. But again, it's about doing that advanced research as to which bus companies are open to you, towns and cities. I probably wouldn't use a, bus because it'll take too long to get there. Not the easiest with amounts of luggage. And also if you, if we're not talking big cities and towns to rely on, a rural bus service wouldn't do it. Yeah, I don't think they are, regular enough and frequent enough service to be able to do that. Sometimes you can, particularly in summer months. But, but it's also good to be aware of your onward journey, so how you get back and how enough time to get back to the station as well after your stay.

Tracy: Yeah, no, I definitely agree.

## **Sandy S has asked us about the Night Riviera sleeper service**

next topic. We are covering our train companies seat reservations and booking tips and we get lots and lots of questions about train tickets. So this is from Karen T. Any specific tips or insights for the. Oh, this is a very specific one for the Paddington to Penzance route or the train company operating it.

Tracy: Again. Yeah, we have been talking about this recently and we're going to do the Night Riviera soon. So this is a regular Great Western Railway service from London Paddington. It takes around five hours for the fastest service, a beautiful journey. and it departs roughly every hour during the weekdays. and obviously, yeah, the Night Riviera, which takes around eight hours, runs six nights a week, not on a Saturday.

Tracy: Which we will be doing shortly. So there will be a, video and a podcast about that, hopefully by the end of the year.

Tracy: Good. And I should point out that standard class only for Night Riviera, which.

Tracy: Again then, Sandy S has asked us, what's your take on the Night Riviera? sleeper is worth doing. Well, we'll be able to give you a little bit more information about that.

Tracy: Yeah, we'll give. Yeah, we'll give you more information when we're doing that. I've travelled the, the, route, the direction from London to Penzance quite a few times. Yeah,

not in recent years, but I have done it quite a few times. But,

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Tracy: yeah, we're going to do that later this year. it's the same as the Caledonian sleeper service, that, you get from Scotland to London, Houston on the West Coast Main Line. So the similarities. It's very popular and can get booked up fast, so book as soon as you can after finalising your itinerary. The Caledonian sleep is. We booked up to 12 months in advance and the Night Riviera, is around 12 weeks prior to TR.

Tracy: Yeah, so looking forward to doing that one because we've done the Caledonia Se, but I don't know how many times and I have never done the Night Riviera, so that'll be good.

### **Karen asks when should I book tickets for Bletchley Park**

So, next one from Karen. Mm. I want to go from London to Leamington Spa with a stop at Bletchley Park. Oh, good choice. when should I.

Tracy: We.

Tracy: Actually, I've got a podcast, I think, which we we talk about Bletchley park, when should I book tickets and what are my options if I want flexibility on the timings.

Tracy: So yeah, they, these are on different lines from London, one's on the Marylebone, Chiltern line. So the easiest will be to travel from London Euston to

Bletchley and then travel onwards to Rugby and then Coventry and back to Leamington. Alternatively, you know, return to Euston after Bletchley and head across to Marylebone for the Chiltern Line to Leamington. You do have choice and you have options but it depends on your ticket time. So look at the cost of those tickets and when you travel and look for the best deals.

Tracy: Perfect.

## **Doug Road: When and how to book ahead for UK train tickets**

So got a general question when and how to book ahead and if it's worth purchasing tickets on the travel day or is that risky to do that. And I'm just going to mention at this point because we hear this so often and see this so often in the Facebook group, that there seems to be an assumption that train tickets sell out. So would you like to kind of.

Tracy: Yeah, as of all, as of all that's not possible. There's certain services, particularly on the east and west coast main line which are predominantly reservation only. But in my experience I have never once in my many, many, many years of catching the trains around the uk, I've never come across a train that's entirely seat reservations only. nice theory that they'll stop selling tickets once the seats are filled but I'm sorry, that's not the way you run a rail business. So journey planning is best with in my opinion and others may vary but I, I know when I talk to lots of other rail experts as well that the national rail inquiries is the most accurate for travel information. Journey planning tickets for any journey. This is what confuses people as well. Tickets. Train tickets for UK trains can be purchased on any of the train operators websites. They sell them for other lines even though they don't operate on. But to me you're going to get the. The best deal is if you

look around, compare prices. Some have admin charges, some do not. Some say they have no admin charges but they'll charge a little bit more for the ticket is to do your homework and look at the tickets available. The train line we recommend as well because or if you don't know which operator to look at, you don't know which companies to look at, the train line is a good starting place to have a look and see what tickets they have. available for you. For the longer journeys I would always recommend not purchasing on the day. Look for these best advanced ticket sales. I won't elaborate too much on it because I could talk on this topic for the next hour itself but, but not all ticket types are sold at the same time. So they might sell some tickets in a little batch to see how they sell. So it's best to look in advance. But some of the shorter journeys there's no difference with purchasing on the day because the ticket prices are not going to vary much for today or for three months time.

Tracy: You do go into a lot more detail in the trade book about the different types of tickets as well. So I think it's worth saying if you want to know more about that really would recommend, recommend ah, booking, buying, buying the train book, that Doug Road because it's excellent and you know reading that will prepare you hugely.

Tracy: That's true. And as well another reason for the longer journeys is you most likely will be looking for a seat reservation as well. You can't have a seat reservation unless you have a valid ticket.

Tracy: Yeah. What about shorter commuter train journeys?

Tracy: There's little, no benefit for advanced sales because those prices are pretty much fixed.

## **Do you have any money saving tips for train travel**

Tracy: Okay. Okay. Do you have any money saving tips for train travel? So again the general question and I know we've just updated. Yeah a couple of articles.

Tracy: Look at our website. Have I said that before? Yeah.

Tracy: Have a look at our website [travelplanning.com](http://travelplanning.com) and we have the London [travelplanner.com](http://travelplanner.com) and I am just going to throw in there as well because we have a third website if you're not aware of it and we actually have a, a second podcast which is [global travelplanning.com](http://globaltravelplanning.com) and this podcast of the same there where Doug is talking about train travel and other destinations around the world including tips for train travel in Europe. which again Doug's

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Tracy: pretty knowledgeable about very experience.

Tracy: Yeah. So yeah. So on our website we have a whole section given over to UK trains. UK train travel. You mentioned it at the start of the of this was we have our ebook as well.

Tracy: Yeah.

Tracy: a guide to UK train travel which is very popular. We know that. but on the website in a book book in more detail we have links to the tickets, national rail cars and also the Brit rail pass. Lots of information about those.

Tracy: And we have a specific article 13 Ways 13 Tips to Save Money on on UK Trench. Maybe we should turn that into a podcast. Maybe turn that into a YouTube video. Let us know if you'd like to see or, hear that, YouTube or podcast. What would you like?

## **Is it possible to travel to and around the Cotswolds by train**

So then, another general question. this is about the Cotswolds because we do get asked this a lot and I will actually say that we have got an article about how to get around the Cotswolds. But this quick question specifically, and I know is about train, travel. So is it possible to travel to and around the Cotswolds from London by train?

Tracy: Not in any great depth, no. That's the truth of it. You've got the Cotswold Line, which will take you from Oxford to Worcester and that's coming out of London Paddington. and it's very, very easy to get to M. But once you arrive in, say, Morton, in Marsh, you're going to need all the means to transport to get around.

Tracy: Yeah, absolutely. So I recommend, if you want to do, there's some other options as well, which I'm going to throw in there. If you're thinking about going by train. If you go by train at Morton and Marsh, I recommend, going out on a tour with Go Cotswolds. You can listen to Lisa on the podcast talk about their excellent tour around the, Cotswolds. If you don't want to take a train and you only want to go for, from London itself, then we recommend the, English bus for a small group tour. Or if you want a private tour, there is a Victoria, of Cotswold teacup tour. So you can take you around the Cotswolds, which gets very, very booked up. But so there are options. There are different options whether if you want to get the training or if you prefer get the training and they have a private tour or if you want to, say, take a group tour instead. So we do

have other options and there are options on the website to look at.

Tracy: But it is a nice train journey from London Paddington to Oxford and then Oxford.

Tracy: Absolutely, absolutely. But don't limit yourself, in the Cotswolds really, because train travel is not. Cotswold's a huge area anyway. But you can't get around by train. you need a car or you need a tour, to be honest.

### **If travelling solo, is it better to reserve a seat at a table**

Now, another general question. When should I reserve a seat? And if I'm travelling solo, is it better to reserve a seat at a table?

Tracy: That's a very good question, actually, but there's no right or wrong answer. It depends on your, preference of what sort of person you are. I can relay some of our own experiences Solo travel could be good in either. you know, being confident and sociable could be, make a journey so much more fun if you engage with, you know, with other passengers. We've done that before, haven't we? You know, you sit at a table and you know, you could be with two or three other with strangers and you know, we've got our trainers, firm friends with people, haven't we? You know, it just depends what sort of person you are. But there's no right or wrong, wrong.

Tracy: Answer in that I have to say. Because I do travel solo on the trains quite often I don't tend to book a table. I try to book the airline, seat and I, I will either do a bit of work or have my headphones on, listen to some music, switch off for a bit, and just enjoy the countryside as it goes past me. I think it's a very personal preference.



Tracy: I think so. I mean a table can make it, make it easier to you know, make a whole enjoy journey more enjoyable. But yeah, with earphones I suppose you make your decision if you're wearing earphones as to whether you want peace and quiet and do your own thing or potentially chat.

Tracy: Yeah.

### **On longer journeys there may not be many non reserved seats available**

Okay, next question from Sybil D. If I don't reserve a seat, can I just hop on and sit anywhere?

Tracy: Generally yes, with a valid ticket or pass you can sit in any non reserved seat. on the longer journeys, especially at peak times, there may not be many non reserved seats available. And as alluded to before, some of the peak time trains from King's Cross, Euston for example, you know, there could be a few, few unreserved.

Tracy: Would there be like a carriage that has unreserved?

Tracy: Yeah, there's generally at least one carriage that's unreserved.

Tracy: Yeah, usually they'll say that. I mean there have been times when I've caught trains and I know I took, caught a train earlier this year from Edinburgh down to Birmingham and I decided to take an earlier train and I actually had a reservation for the later train and I didn't have a reservation. So it was, it was a bit, it was a bit hectic

and I did end up getting a seat that hadn't been reserved. But for some of the busier trains I think it's free to make reservations.

Tracy: If you know what train you catching. There's no reason not to book yourself a seat. But you know, before now we've booked a seat and you know, for whatever reason decided the seat reserved is going backwards and

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Tracy: I've seen a seat unreserved nearby going forwards. I think I'll sit in that one.

Tracy: Yeah.

Tracy: You know there's no harm in doing that, you know.

Tracy: But anything I was going to say, I would say if you sit in a seat that is reserved then expect to potentially moved.

Tracy: That's what I'd say. That's right, yes.

## **What is the best way to store your luggage when travelling on short trips**

Tracy: the next topic is luggage and logistics. So question from suvr. Ah, now we get so many questions about luggage. if you want to hop off for a few hours in places like York or Birmingham, what is the best way to store your luggage?

Tracy: Again that's a very, very good question. Birmingham, New street and several other mainline bigger stations have left luggage options available at the station. York doesn't unfortunately though there is one just outside the station if you turn right. it's good to check left luggage option. Other options as well because they can be a bit, bit cheaper actually. Bus stations, if there's any bus stations near train stations they quite often have left luggage options available. So look at all the options too. Like in our London Travel article we have one for Stasher and Nanny Bay.

Tracy: Yeah, there's quite a few different, quite.

Tracy: A few there options.

Tracy: Now it's just a case of check in and we do have an article on the London [travelplanning.com](https://www.travelplanning.com) website about where to leave luggage in London which still would apply those, those different companies available throughout the uk.

Tracy: True. And also what we found more, it's increasing really is particularly the more modern train stations or redeveloped stations if there's a shopping centre nearby. I've seen more and more luggage left luggage popping up there as well for daily or for hourly rates and they are quite often cheaper than the ones actually at the main stations.

Tracy: Yeah, I would just check. That's something you're going to have to plan ahead for. Yeah, really I would do that.

Tracy: Bus stations is a good option as well.

Tracy: Okay, I didn't know that.

Tracy: Yeah.

Tracy: Okay.

## **Any tips for getting to stations and managing suitcases on train journeys**

David R. Any tips for getting to stations and managing suitcases? Also what are your best tips for finding the cheapest fares? Again I guess we're talking about train fares but I think managing suitcases.

Tracy: I, I think if it's open to you I would look at private transfers or take taxis to the main stations. Again what you said at the offset is to give yourself plenty of time there. You don't know how long these things are going to take you to get there. But if you've got quite a bit of luggage and you've got a longest train journey. Last thing you need to be doing is arriving late, hassled, you know, and rushed. It's, it doesn't make for the best train experience. So if it's possible for you, book yourself a private transfer or a taxi. I mean if you've booked accommodation right near a train station. Yeah, you can actually just walk it. but you've got the underground, black cabs etc in London as well. We tend to shy away from buses to the stations because, you know, it can be a bit tricky.

Tracy: Yeah, that's what my idea of a nightmare trying to take suitcases on, on buses, I have to say.

Tracy: But the, you know, the best tip really is it was record before is allow yourself enough time if you're unfamiliar with the station or if you need any help with luggage.

Tracy: Yeah. And also just think about how much you're packing. And I know that can be a difficult one, but honestly really, if, if you're going to be doing a lot of train travel, one option, for example, if you're starting a trip in London and say you're doing a train trip around and then ended up back in London is you could just leave some of your luggage at the hotel if you're going to stay at the same hotel accommodation. We've done that recently. Yeah, we've just done that actually in Malaysia. We did that, we did that in Sri Lanka. We've done that in the UK before because then you don't have to think about dragging luggage around with you. So do think about that. you know, dragging huge suitcases on and off trains is not fun.

Tracy: It isn't.

Tracy: It really isn't. So yeah, we tend to get private transfer. We try to ah, book a taxi. everything very carefully about the luggage that we of managing around the station. Often there's lifts, but sometimes you get to train stations and the lifts aren't working. and you've got to try and manage that up and down escalators. There's no. Not fun.

Tracy: We found that in Spain, didn't we?

Tracy: Yeah, it's just not fun. So really got to think about that. So we've just had these experiences going around Europe. So, you know, actually, yeah, yeah. We had this problem in Spain where the escalator wasn't working and Doug had to drag our 25 kilogramme suitcase up and down large escalators. This was in Spain. It was a nightmare which was not working because the escalators weren't working. There's no

lift. So again, you need to just prepare that. So I think.

Tracy: Well, there was. It was a power corporate.

Tracy: Yeah, that's. Oh, it was terrible. Absolutely. It was really, really bad.

**So the second part to you, your question, about cheapest fares which we've covered**

Tracy: So the second part to you, your question, David, about cheapest fares which we've covered. And I could talk on cheapest fares and ticket prices and ticket types for the next hour or two.

Tracy: Yeah.

Tracy: Have a look at our website. We have an article, the top tips to save money on UK trains. That is by far your best starting point. Or book an itinerary consult.

Tracy: I was going to say, or book a. Book an itinerary console or a planner with Doug because honestly that. That's going to be a great way to look at how best to save.

Tracy: Some money on which save people, some people a lot of money.

Tracy: Yeah. A lot of time and a lot of money.

Tracy: Yeah.

## **Next question, general question, luggage facilities on board trains**

Tracy: So, next question, general question, luggage facilities on board trains. Oh, we get asked this so often and I know we've been taking photographs of as many trains as we can of the boards as well.

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Tracy: and for example, the Southampton train, somebody's asked before after cruises. and also longer distance trains. For example, some of Scottish trains departing from Kings Cross. So those are. I mean, I would say this is probably one after tickets and the train stations itself arrive at. This is our probably most popular question.

Tracy: There is. It certainly is. But there's certain rules of thumb which are very good. Basic advice to give as regards luggage is if you're taking luggage on board a train, make sure you can safely carry and lift it yourself if need be or unless if you can't specifically bought assistance. Okay. So that's very, very important. and secondly also depends on the train operating, the train type, or what. What's scheduled to be running, as to how much left luggage there is or how much luggage facilities are on board. You've got left luggage. where you leave your luggage, I mean actually at the end of the saloons or overhead or between seats. Yeah, I mentioned between seats because that often gets missed. You've got people trying to stack luggage at the end of the saloon and overhead and you find a big gaps in between seats whether the sea backs come together. M. You've usually got a. Nice. Yeah, yeah.

Tracy: And also keep an eye on your luggage. I will just say that we've just done that podcast about staying safe in London, but just we should probably do some stuff about

kind of safety on. On train travel as well. But I think that's worth reminding people. Keep an eye on luggage.

Tracy: Most Definitely. And if possible you know, sit and face your luggage. Not easy. And if you've got seats reserved and you know you face in the opposite direction but you know, if you're sitting facing one direction, that's where the, you need to restore any logs if you possibly can. You've got to go where the gaps are of course. But it goes without saying that do not leave valuables in your main luggage. Keep your luggage with your valuables right next to you.

Tracy: Yeah, okay, perfect.

## **Doug will help you plan your train itinerary to get the best out of trip**

And another general question. How, how to plan itinerary for train travel including how long to allow above platform changes especially if you're travelling with luggage. All that kind of.

Tracy: You can answer the first part of that one.

Tracy: Well, we can help with that. you know, if you, if you want help planning a train itinerary, if you want us to just go over what you've put together yourself, you can have a consult. We've got, we've got. At the moment we have two different options. One is we have a video consult where you can send us your questions and your itinerary and we can reply via video. Or you can have a one to one consult where we sit and we go through your itinerary with you and answer all your questions. So there you have



access to us for an hour to ask all the questions that you want. So that is very popular. We've actually just opened up sessions so you can book for June, working at July and August as well to be able to offer that. we tend to offer the video one more when we're travelling and it's a bit more difficult to have the time to do the one to one and we are going to start offering, offering itinerary planning. So this is first announcement I've made of this but you know if you want Doug to help you plan your train itinerary to get the best out of trip. He's a test.

Tracy: I've done every line, I've done every main line there is in the uk.

Tracy: Yeah. And I think yeah, I mean I'm branchline fantastic offer to help with that itinerary. But at the moment we're putting that together so hopefully that'll be coming out in the next couple of months.

Tracy: I will, we'll have the, the one to one consoles. We do. You will enjoy it. We always end up having a bit of a laugh with people, don't we? And yeah, yeah, don't be shy. We're actually nice normal people.

Tracy: Yeah. And we'd love to meet You? Yeah, it's just, it's such a privilege for us to be able to meet you guys.

Tracy: Yeah.

## **How to travel by train with luggage from Heathrow to Central London**

Tracy: so then the general question, how to travel, by train with luggage from Heathrow

into Central London. So now I'm just gonna throw in there. I personally I am a person that likes to be picked up at an airport, especially an airport. I don't know when I'm arriving with my luggage. So I'm going to, they're going to put in Riz from X FA Cars. He was our partner who does private transfer. So that is my preferred way of being picking up. Picked up from Heathrow Airport when I arrive with luggage after a long flight.

Tracy: Yeah.

Tracy: And I'm just going to throw in there as well because Riz is becoming a bit of a celebrity.

Tracy: He is some membership cards.

Tracy: I think he's been on the podcast numerous times and if you are in any of our Facebook groups you will know how much Riz is loved and appreciated by everybody he has picked up. And I actually feel sorry for people who don't have Riz because he's just amazing. so that's an option.

Tracy: It's a stress free.

Tracy: Yeah, it's just if you can afford that. That is a, honestly a stress be brilliant option. Ah. So that was, that would be the way I'd say it.

**Best thing to do is consider all options when travelling from Heathrow**

But go on then. Train travel.

Tracy: We have a website to cover this by the way. We do have a very good article that covers this, all the different means by train from Heathrow into Central London. So best thing to do is consider all options. Yes, private transfer as well, but train options. But how far your destination is from when you get off the train, if you're taking the train. So if you're going Elizabeth Line, Heathrow Express or the Piccadilly Line, which is the London Underground that runs to Heathrow. It's just consider if you've got a couple of bags and you're tired, how far you've got to walk when you get off that train. Because it could be

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Tracy: quite a distance. I mean the, the underground does have mass coverage but you know, there is little gaps where there's not, you know, still got quite a walk to accommodation. Yeah.

Tracy: So I think it's just point again, thinking really carefully about where you book your accommodation, if you take the train.

Tracy: And the time of your arrival as well. How your flight lands is to, you know, you've got to stay safe as well. But the Elizabeth Line and Heathrow Express both, I both got good luggage, ah, storage on board. Less so the older Piccadilly, tube trains, but they're going to be replaced at some point.

Tracy: Yeah. So you've got options.

Tracy: Yeah.

Tracy: one.

**Next topic, uh, is scenic journeys from Mandy W. We'll be driving for most of our trip in September**

Next topic, is scenic journeys from, Mandy W. We'll be driving for most of our trip in September, but would love to include some scenic day, train trips. Any recommendations? Oh, gosh, we could make loads.

Tracy: Oh, yeah.

Tracy: actually, you know what, Mandy? I think that's a kind of whole episode in itself.

Tracy: Yeah.

Tracy: And, it depends where you're gonna go because there are some really beautiful scenic, train trips that you can take. And I think maybe we should concentrate on that one as a. Yeah, a.

Tracy: Lot depends on the time of year as well. and daylight hours as well, and how far you're going to go from, from your starting station, and what your interests are as well. If you want a beach place or a museum, you know, there is options.

Tracy: I guess it depends where you're going because I'm just thinking if you're in Cornwall, for example, like, I wouldn't drive to Saint Ives. I'd park at Saint Earth and take that gorgeous train journey, something long from Saint. It's. I didn't have to worry

about parking as well. So sometimes it might be worth looking. Not only the scenic one, but it actually might be, like a nice, A nice way just park and then avoid having to park at the destination.

Tracy: But we do cover that sort of thing when we do the itinerary consoles as well, because we need, we need some engagements as to what your interests are and where you're gonna be, I guess. Yeah, yeah. You know, what sort of things you want to see and for how long. Yeah.

Tracy: Okay.

## **Jennifer DL discusses Brit rail passes and flexibility**

So let's go on the next topic, which is Brit rail passes and flexibility. So from Jennifer DL Once a Brit Rail Pass is activated, how do you actually get on a specific train or reserve seats?

Tracy: Brittle Pass comes up so often and it just seems to cause, some confusion. I will start by saying when you have a Brit Rail Pass, you do not have to buy further train tickets, which some people seem to get a little bit.

Tracy: We get that a lot.

Tracy: So when you have your, Brit Rail Pass, every person travelling needs a copy of that pass. So whether it's we'll call an M pass or a paper version. So you show your pass, there's a cute little QR code on it and ah, you have passed through the ticket

barrier and you exit through onto a departure, main hall or a platform. Okay. So your pass must be activated on your day of travel for all passengers, that is okay. Brivo comes with one free seat reservation and then they'll charge you for subsequent ones. Point out these are all free in the UK so you don't really need to book. So what we tend to advise people with a bit rail is use your one free. If you're using the train straight away, it's either if you've got a short journey not activated for that day because it's cheap, it's not worth it because you could travel by train the whole 24 hours. But if you only got a short journey, don't bother for that day. But might be a good idea to use your one free seat reservation for that first journey if necessary or on the following day.

Tracy: And then you suggest, listen to what trains you're potentially going to take and get.

Tracy: Yeah, you. That's what you work. Yeah. That's why the advice from consultants, as well, you know, it's really you, you want to get the best value for your Brit rail day.

Tracy: Yeah. Work out actually if a brick wall pass is worth it because your travel card might actually be worth it. I guess the advantage of brick wall passes, it does give you a flexibility which is we do talk about.

Tracy: That's right. And you know, if you've got one of the earlier questions, how much time to allow between train changes.

Tracy: Yeah.

Tracy: You don't have to worry. You don't have. If you've got a bit of. You don't have to worry about that. You can jump on the next train next time you get to the platform. Yeah,

just backtracking slightly. It's worth noting to make the sea reservations, the Brit rail does not yet have to be activated but you will need to show it as proof of purchase if you're making a seat reservation at a train station.

Tracy: Okay. Yeah. Okay.

## **GC will be travelling by train for nine days and need seat reservations**

So going back. Sorry, Tammy, GC will be travelling by train for nine days. Would you recommend the Brit rail or Eurail passenger and do we need seat reservations? Yeah, I get, you know, these, I, I do wonder sometimes with these, these sort of questions. This. So, it's best to actually talk to you individually and help you with this because there's lots of questions that would need answering.

Tracy: There's lots of variables. That's right.

## **How many train journeys you plan to take depends on how many people**

So you know, reading your question again, we'll be travelling by training for nine days. Depends where.

Tracy: Yeah, exactly how long. How many train journeys you plan to take or how long are the distances because. And how many people and how many of you are there. Is it

worth then getting a travel card rather than looking at Brickwell Pass because it actually might be cheaper. Unless you say you want that. That level of flexibility.

Tracy: Yeah.

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Tracy: and again, the seat reservation question comes up against. And you don't need seat reservations quite often, but it's useful to have. I don't know if you want to add more.

Tracy: Yeah, it depends where you're travelling into the UK from. You know, you might be travelling from Europe in, you know, it depends, you know, how many hours you actually plan on travelling that day as well and the length of journeys involved for some sea reservations are definitely going to be recommended. So. Yeah, there's just lots of variables.

Tracy: Yeah, I think it's a question answer without knowing your specifics.

Tracy: Yeah.

## **Brit will pass offers good value for extensive UK travel, Heather says**

Tracy: Heather M. Can you explain whether Brit will pass offers good value for extensive UK travel, including London, Cotswolds, York and Scotland. And how does the sleep endomethane? Again, getting into quite technical questions.



Tracy: Yeah, very specific. Again, it depends on how many daily journeys you are planning for a single journey from, London to Morton in Marsh, to Cotswold only for one day, I would say. No, it's not, it's not worth it.

Tracy: No, you can't travel around the Cotswolds anywhere by train, so.

Tracy: No, exactly. So the Caledonian sleep in the night Riviera. You would need to pay a supplement so you can use your bit of L. But you. Then if you want a sleeping berth, you have to pay.

Tracy: Yeah. Because it just covers a seat. Is that right?

Tracy: Yeah, yeah. And both to be booked well in advance, which I've already mentioned. Yeah.

Tracy: Yeah. Okay.

## **Next section, timetables and booking ahead**

And next section, timetables and booking ahead. Trisha G. Do UK train timetables change seasoning? Good question, this. I'm planning for October and want to know how far ahead I can check or book.

Tracy: So the answer to that question. The UK rail timetable changes twice a year in December and May. And that's one to add some adjustments and one to remove them. That's basically it really. Some all train tickets, the best deal, should we say between

sort of six to nine weeks prior to travel. That can vary for different ticket times. I've already mentioned it's not all tickets six to nine weeks. No. Some tickets might be sooner, some might be later. Depends on the days of the week you travel for. Weekends, which I've covered so many times in posts about, Sunday travel and public holiday travel. and there's some exceptions because train operators as well. It's not, it's not one policy fits all. so it's best to Test the waters regards tickets, to see how the prices are when they're available. And if you, if you see a price that you're happy with, it's best to book it plain and simple and then not check again just in case they have gone down. So variations exist for the same operator on the same route and on the same day. So that's why it's again best to talk to the experts.

## **Have you ever received a fine for the wrong train ticket**

Tracy: Okay, so next, question actually is about fines and mistakes. So from Emily C. Have you ever received a fine for the wrong train ticket? And if so, what's the process for resolving it? Is it through magistrates, the court?

Tracy: I haven't personally, but I do appreciate that sometimes in terms of ticket protocol, errors can be made. I can only suggest liaising with your ticket outlet or train company for support and advice. and on the receipt of the fine there's usually a phone number you can call to discuss. but my understanding is, is if, if you have so many days to pay a final magistrate court will be involved. if the fine is not resolved or contested.

Tracy: Well, I have to say I've never had a fine ever in the entire time I've ever been travelling on, the UK train. I think if you explain if you've made a mistake and you've got a ticket, I don't know, talk to them.

Tracy: Talk to whoever you got the ticket from.

Tracy: Yeah, explain the issue. So, I guess we're going to wrap it up because we've been talking for nearly an hour. Would you believe it? and thank you if you're still hanging in there listening to this episode because I know it's long but I know there's a lot of valuable information being shared. So always I ended the podcast with the same question. I'm going to ask the same question to Doug.

## **What is your top tip for travelling by train in the uk**

What is your top tip for travelling by train in the uk?

Tracy: I'll say talk to the experts. Like us. Stroke me.

Tracy: Yeah. Yes.

Tracy: yeah, consults, whether it's a one to one or the video, we'll answer your. Well endeavour to answer all your questions and queries. and experience has told us from the feedback we have saved people a lot of time and money.

Tracy: Yeah. And yeah, talk to us if you have any issues you're not sure about. Talk to us. If you've just got a one off question, just go into the train Join Drugs UK Trin Travel Tips Facebook group. and obviously we've got the UK rail travel ebook as well. We've got lots of resources. I've got the book, we've got the Facebook group and we've got lots of posts on the website and we have got some affiliate links as well. So if you want to support us, and I do want to say this, if you want to support us, if you enjoy our

podcast, we'd love it if you would become a sponsor of the podcast. And that's from as little as US\$3 a month. So less than a cup of coffee, would help us. But also you can, Doug's case. Yeah, buy Doug a cup of tea. it would really help if, you know, if you want to do that, to say thank you as well. And we do have affiliate links to. If you're going to buy a brick Rail pass, Global Euro

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Tracy: Pass or any train tickets across the uk, because we do work with the train line as well, you can buy through our links. We would really appreciate that. So they will be in the show notes and on the website. is there anything else that you want to mention?

Tracy: No, thank you everybody who provide went to the trouble of providing some questions just to cover. That's very good of you. Thank you also Catherine, for grouping the questions together.

Tracy: Yeah, that's really helpful.

## **This is the end of episode 151 of the UK Travel Planning Podcast**

So I think that's, that's end of episode 151, would you believe it? 151. Again, lots of links in the show notes which will be on the website [UK travelplanner.com](http://UKtravelplanner.com) forward/episode151. So do go and check that out. Do go and join Doug's train group which is heading towards the things at.

Tracy: 3,000, close to 3,000.

Tracy: 3,000 members, which is amazing. Do also go and join the YouTube channel cuz there's going to be some great videos coming out as well which Doug's working very hard on getting.

Tracy: I am, yeah.

Tracy: but yeah. So thanks very much for joining us this week on the podcast. Thank you and thanks so much for you for listening. And as always, we end the episode with the usual Happy UK Travel Planning. Thank you for tuning in to this week's episode of the UK Travel Planning Podcast. As always, show notes can be found@uktravelplanning.com if you've enjoyed the show, why not leave us feedback via text or a review on your favourite podcast app. We love to hear from you. And you never know, you may receive a shout out in a future episode. But as always, that just leaves me to say, until next week, Happy UK Travel Planning.

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