**Over 80,000\* bargain Virgin Trains tickets available for May half term**

* *Tickets on sale for under £30*
* *Cheap last minute family trips just a click away*

Families on the hunt for a good deal need look no further as Virgin Trains announces tens of thousands of cheap tickets on the west coast. The inexpensive fares are being sold for under £30 over May half term (from Saturday 27th May – Sunday 4th June inclusive\*\*).

With tickets still available for as little as £8 between Birmingham and London, an eleventh hour half-term break on a budget is just a click away.

Families looking to pack their trip with events can take in the Beatles museum in Liverpool, get creative at the bank holiday nature scavenger hunt in Birmingham or eat their way through the King Street Festival in Manchester.

What’s more, with free TV and film streaming APP, Beam, there’s something to keep children and adults entertained for the whole trip.

Customers are also reminded that they can make savings up to the evening before travel with the Virgin Trains Family ticket. With this fare, a family of up to six will pay the unbeatable fare of £99 London to Manchester.

Bargain fares include:\*\*\*

* London-Birmingham: 52,000 tickets available at £18.00 and below
* London-Manchester: 23,000 tickets available at £27.00 and below
* London-Liverpool: 8,000 tickets available at £28.00 and below

Sarah Copley, Executive Director Commercial, for Virgin Trains on the west coast route said:

 “While other travel operators are hiking up their prices over the half term break, we’re bucking the trend with these bargain tickets. We hope that families will take advantage of these last-minute deals and travel in speed and comfort to some of the fantastic places along our route. We’re excited to provide our great travel experience for less and expect these tickets to be snapped up quickly.”

If organised families have their May half term plans wrapped up, tickets are available for purchase up to 6months in advance allowing them to book their next half term break.

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Notes to Editors

\*83,000 tickets are available

\*\*We’re aware of the regional differences of Half Term dates across the UK but for our west coast customers, the dates of Saturday 27th May – Sunday 4th June capture the best representation of a May half term week

\*\*\*Quantity of tickets available are accurate at point of publishing

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* Tickets are non-refundable, change of travel date and/or time is available up to the departure on payment of a £10 admin fee plus the difference of the new applicable fare
* Other discounts including Railcards and Group discounts apply
* Child discounts apply
* Engineering works apply on the 27th/28th/29th of May with no direct rail routes to Scotland during this period and limited services on certain days from London to Holyhead/Chester/Liverpool/Birmingham/Manchester. For full details, please check [www.virgintrains.co.uk](http://www.virgintrains.co.uk) before booking

**About Virgin Trains**

Stagecoach and Virgin are working in partnership to operate the East Coast and West Coast inter-city routes under the Virgin Trains brand. Together, they are on track to revolutionise rail travel across the UK.

The combined network connects some of the nation’s most iconic destinations including Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Leeds, York and London.

Virgin Trains is committed to delivering a high speed, high frequency service, offering shorter journey times, more comfortable travel and excellent customer service. Customers consistently rate Virgin Trains as one of the top long-distance rail franchise operators in the National Rail Passenger Survey (NRPS) commissioned by industry watchdog, Transport Focus.

On the East Coast route, £140m is being invested to create a more personalised travel experience. This includes a major fleet revamp, smarter stations and exciting new routes. From May 2016, there will be 42 additional services (22,000 extra seats) per week between Edinburgh and London. 2018 will see the introduction of completely new Azuma trains being built in the UK by Hitachi.

The West Coast route has a proud record of challenging the status quo - from introducing tilting Pendolino trains, to a pioneering automated delay repay scheme and becoming the first franchised rail operator to offer m-Tickets for all ticket types.

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