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Easter travel on Virgin Trains

Customers wishing to travel on Virgin Trains West Coast and CrossCountry services in the run up to and during the Easter holiday are urged to reserve their seats in advance where possible to enjoy a comfortable journey at this busy time. Most trains have been opened for reservations and the remainder will be as soon as any necessary re-timing to take account of engineering work is confirmed.

In the run up to and during the Easter holiday, Virgin Trains' popular Kidz Bags containing activity books, games and colouring pencils will be available for children aged between five and seven and eight and 12. These will be on West Coast and CrossCountry trains subject to availability and Crème Eggs will be on sale in the on board Shops.

Complimentary seat reservations when buying tickets for the majority of Virgin Trains West Coast services are now available for weekday travel until 20 May (excluding the Bank Holiday from 29 April until 2 May), Saturday travel until 9 April and Sunday travel until 10 April. On CrossCountry the majority of weekday services are open for reservations until 6 May (excluding the Bank Holiday from 29 April until 2 May), and on Saturdays until 26 March and Sundays until 27 March.

Virgin Value Advance First and Standard tickets are available on the generally less busy services. The Virgin Weekend Upgrade for First Class travel will be available from Good Friday 25 March through to Easter Monday 28 March and use of Saver tickets will be unrestricted during this period.

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Very busy trains resulting from the England v Northern Ireland football match on Saturday 26 March will prevent Virgin Value tickets being sold for West Coast and CrossCountry services to Manchester before 15:00 and from Manchester after 17:00. Reservations on affected trains are now closed and strict boarding controls at London Euston and Manchester Piccadilly will be in place to prevent overcrowding.

Also to prevent overcrowding, guaranteed travel on West Coast services leaving London Euston from 10:00 on Thursday 24 March will be restricted to passengers holding seat reservations. Availability of Virgin Value tickets will be very limited and normal ticket restrictions will apply.

To ensure a comfortable journey, customers are advised to buy Virgin Value Advance tickets and Virgin Weekend Upgrades as early as possible and to take advantage of the complimentary seat reservations.

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