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British luxury train Belmond British Pullman serves afternoon tea journey for Disney's Mary Poppins Returns

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Emily Blunt is Mary Poppins. Image credit: Walt Disney Studios

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Private luxury train Belmond British Pullman will celebrate the Dec. 19 release of Disney's Mary Poppins Returns movie with an afternoon tea journey on board its vintage 1920s and 1930s carriages.

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The journey on Feb. 16 will treat parents and children to Mr. Dawe's selection of sandwiches, Ellen's warm goat's cheese tartlets and a "practically perfect" selection of cakes and pastries.

Balloon artists, face painters and magicians along with *Mary Poppins Returns* activity packs will entertain as the train rolls through the British countryside.



Afternoon tea and pastries to be served aboard the Feb. 16 ride on the Belmond British Pullman as the journey celebrates Disney's new Mary Poppins Returns movie. Image credit: Belmond British Pullman

The announcement comes less than a week after luxury conglomerate LVMH Mot Hennessy Louis Vuitton said it will expand its hospitality portfolio with the \$2.6 billion acquisition of London-based hotel group Belmond ([see story](#)).

Belmond British Pullman is known for year-round train journeys London's Victoria Station to some of the United Kingdom's most famous cities, country houses and sporting and social events.

New song and dance

Made on a budget of \$130 million, the new original musical and sequel starring Emily Blunt, Ben Whishaw and Dick Van Dyk takes place in 1930s London 24 years after the first film was set.

Now-grown Michael and Jane Banks, Mr. Dawes Jr., housekeeper Ellen and Mary Poppins herself are joined by new characters including Mary's friend, street lamplighter Jack (played by Lin-Manuel Miranda) and her eccentric cousin, Topsy (Meryl Streep).

An adult with three children, bank teller Michael Banks learns that his house will be repossessed in five days unless he can pay back a loan. His only hope is to find a missing certificate that shows proof of valuable shares that his father left him years earlier.

Just as all seems lost, Michael and his sister receive the surprise of a lifetime when Mary Poppins the beloved nanny from their childhood arrives to save the day and take the Banks family on a magical, fun-filled adventure, per the review.

As Mary Poppins returns to 17 Cherry Tree Lane to help the next generation of the Banks family, guests back at London's Victoria Station will be greeted by a live musical performance with tunes from the new movie before boarding Belmond British Pullman's steam-hauled journey for tea.



Disney is pulling out all stops for Mary Poppins Returns. Image credit: Walt Disney Studios

Nanny states

Clearly, the joint promo is a tug of nostalgia.

This London experience is designed to be a magical day out for both youngsters new to Mary Poppins and parents who remember the nanny from their childhood.

Prices start from roughly \$360 per adults and \$180 per child under 12 years.



The Belmond British Pullman hearkens back to the golden years of sophisticated train travel. Image credit: Belmond British Pullman

Belmond British Pullman is part of the 40-year-old Belmond hospitality chain that comprises 46 hotel, rail and cruise properties such as the Belmond Grand Hotel Europe, St. Petersburg; Belmond Copacabana Palace, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Belmond Maroma Resort & Spa, Riviera Maya; and Belmond El Encanto, Santa Barbara in California.

Belmond also boasts safaris, six luxury tourist trains including the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, three river cruises and New York's storied "21" restaurant.

Official trailer of Disney's Mary Poppins Returns

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