

STEAMPUNK NEW YEAR TIMETABLE

Based loosely on Jules Verne's *Around the World in 80 Days*

[This version is correct as at 22/12/24]

Sunday– New Year's Eve-Eve-Eve

London to the Suez Canal

Lunch

If you plan to arrive early you can pre-book lunch at the hotel, including a three course roast dinner which will be served from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Alternatively you can pre-book afternoon tea which will be served from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The booking link is

<https://www.belmonthotel.co.uk/eat-drink/book-a-table>

3:00 pm onwards

Check in to the Hotel.

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Games room open – *Chronicles of Crime* and other games will be available.

6.30- 7.30pm

Meet your MoS hosts and mingle with your fellow guests in the bar at *The Reform Club* before dining at The Belmont (from their All Day Menu – advanced booking not required) or setting off to one of the other nearby restaurants. Dinner tonight is at your own cost.

If you wish to dine at The Belmont you can either pre-book dinner or you can choose from the All Day Dining menu which is available up to 9:00 pm without pre-booking.

9.30pm onwards

You are welcome to re-join the MoS and fellow guests back in the bar area where you may have an opportunity to purchase the last of some of the exclusive MoS medals and badges from previous events or other more recently created merchandise. Back in your cabins, set sail on steamer *The Mongolia* to the *Suez Canal*.

Monday and Tuesday (untimed)

We will have a craft room set up off the main bar where you can come to “Knit, Knatter and Craft” throughout both days; you are welcome to come and join in at any time. Also feel free to bring along painting, or any other craft materials you wish to use over the weekend.

We will also have a games room off the bar where various board games will be available to play throughout both days and you can help Fiona with her 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle ‘Around the World in 80 Days’.

Monday – New Year’s Eve-Eve

Suez to Bombay

08:00 to 10:30 am

Breakfast in the breakfast room.

10.30am

Meet in reception to stroll into town with Elsie to Newark Houses Museum and Leicester Museum and Gallery.

10.30 – 11:30 am

Making eyes from glass cabochons with Nimrod in the Craft Room. Feel free to bring your own nail varnish if you wish...

11.00 – 12:30 pm

Unaccompanied group singing with Sarah in the Ballroom. Come and learn some simple rounds and songs. Open to all abilities.

11.30 – 12:30 am

Miniature painting with Dexter in the Craft Room; come and find out about miniature painting and feel free to bring along some of your own too.

Lunch will be available in the bar until 4pm or you can explore other local eateries.

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Join Elsie in the craft room to learn about pattern making for simple a boned bodice or stays (part I). You can take part, or simply come along and observe.

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Table Top Escape Game with Mark in the Orange Room – first session. You will need to pre-register for this activity as numbers are limited to 6 – 8 players per game

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Waltz dance class with Fiona and Nimrod in the Ballroom. Come and learn to dance the slow waltz; it was great fun last year.

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Part II of Elsie’s boned bodice or stays workshop in the craft room – cutting out and construction.

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Join Richard Venture and Irene for a spot of informal teapot racing in the ballroom, possibly including a blindfolded session if you are brave enough. No previous experience required.

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Table Top Escape Game with Mark in the Orange Room – second session. You will need to pre-register for this activity as numbers are limited to 6 – 8 players per game

7:30 to 8:30

Bombay to Shanghai

Buffet Dinner in the Ballroom, followed by a not very serious quiz.

Afterwards enjoy a drink or two in the bar of the steamer *The Carnatic* as we travel from *Shanghai to Yokohama* before returning to our rooms where we will sail on *The General Grant* overnight from *Yokohama to San Francisco*.

Tuesday – New Year's Eve

San Francisco to New York

08:00 to 10:30 am

Breakfast in the breakfast room.

10.30 – 11:30 am

Waltz Dance practice with Fiona and Nimrod – for those who learned the steps yesterday and want to perfect their moves for the Gala Dinner this evening. If we're feeling brave we might even try the reverse spin turn.

11:00 am

Join Elsie in reception and stroll into town to Leicester Cathedral in time for the...

11:30 am

Leicester Cathedral Richard III Tour. You will need to pre-book to attend the tour through Eventbrite at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leicester-cathedral-richard-iii-tours-tickets-885467385787?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&fbclid=IwY2xjawHOw59leHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHR5LhR2VccVDOT2G9FAC2sANhmu1UG2CxHkgE7kWZ8NZWfZXizkEOEGSVQ_aem_gtx3icNI2NKEa-DoeF2-Sg

12:00 noon – 12:30

Join John for the High noon shoot-out in the Ballroom (but bear in mind that this will be taking place on a moving train).

Lunch will be available in the *Transcontinental Rail Bar* until 4pm or you can explore other local eateries.

1:30 – 2:00 pm

Join Mark in the craft room to learn how to get full value out of your materials when making Steampunk pieces.

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Join Elsie in the Ball Room for a Stroll and Gay Gordons dance class. No partners needed but do watch out for a herd of bison crossing the tracks.

2:30 – 3:30 pm

An introduction to *The Case of Good Fortune*, a steampunk compendium of good luck for the discerning long distance traveller – with Nimrod in the Craft Room.

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Part III of Elsie's boned bodice or stays workshop – finishing off and trying on.

7:00 pm

Champagne and Canapes.

8:00 pm

New Year's Eve Steampunk Gala Dinner in *New York*

Eventually find your way back to your cabins to set sail from *New York* on the steamer *China* during what remains of the night. Then onwards by train in time for...

Wednesday – New Year's Day

09:00 to 12:00 pm

Breakfast in *London*

12:00 pm

Checkout time – Safe travels home everyone!