

## PLATINUM STEAM DRIVER EXPERIENCE

### Welcome to the Mornington Railway's Steam Driver Experience

Imagine standing on the footplate of a classic steam locomotive in front of the controls and valves and feeling the heat radiating from the firebox. Well this dream can now come true. Releasing the brakes and easing the steam regulator back, the sound of escaping steam adds to the sensation of your train beginning to move ahead.

No previous experience is required as long as you are at least 18 years of age and reasonably fit and healthy.

Your experience starts at 9 o'clock in the morning at Moorooduc Railway Station, the main depot for the Mornington Railway. In the meantime, your fireman for the day is preparing the locomotive for the day's operation. The fire has been lit to build up steam and a thorough check of the locomotive's motion gear and lubricating systems have been completed.



After being introduced to your driving instructor and support staff, your briefing starts with safety, which is always our primary concern. The briefing continues with an outline of the day's activities and the various aspects of locomotive's operation.

It is now time to climb up onto the footplate for the continued expert guidance by your driving instructor. After the guard has completed his "Safeworking" duties, your train will be ready to depart.

**Along the line** Your journey along the Mornington Branch Line from Moorooduc to the new Mornington Station takes your train over two level crossings, Balcombe Creek, through Tanti Station (previously Racecourse), negotiating curves and the different grades.

**Family and friends** You are welcome to invite family members and friends. As an optional extra, we need to know the numbers in advance for catering purposes.

**A shared experience - Two for nearly the price of one?** For a small extra fee, the driving experience may be shared with a friend. You may even have an opportunity to shovel coal into the firebox.

#### The day's experience includes:

- Safety briefing and driver instruction
- Optional second guest driver
- Driving the steam locomotive "light engine" to Mornington and return
- Assembling carriages (shunting) to build a train
- Lunch for one or two drivers. Lunch for driver's guests is an optional extra.
- Driving train to Mornington with family and friends travelling in the carriages
- Running the locomotive around the train in preparation for the return to Moorooduc
- A one year individual membership to the Mornington Railway
- Presentation of Certificate of Achievement to guest driver/s

**One person - \$1,400. Second person – Add \$150**

Lunch is included for one or two guest drivers. Additional guests – Price on application.

**Bookings: 1300 767 274 Email: [secretary@morningtonrailway.org](mailto:secretary@morningtonrailway.org)**

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