

**SCOTLAND****SCOTLAND'S CLASSIC SPLENDOURS** (TOUR CODE: 12567)**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Edinburgh

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

10 Apr 2023 - 19 Oct 2024

**EXPERIENCE**

Rail

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Rail Packages

For those seeking unforgettable train holidays, Scotland is sure to ignite your imagination. Discover the wild wonders and picturesque scenery that Scotland has to offer.

**Highlights**

- 4-night onboard the **Royal Scotsman** in Luxury accommodation, including all meals and beverages
- A visit to **Rothiemurchus Estate** with traditional country pursuits
- A guided tour of **Glamis Castle** and gardens

All aboard a living legend! Sit back, relax, and uncover the wonders of Scotland in Peerless Style.

From the moment you step onto Royal Scotsman, you are swept up in a world of myth, legend and timeless luxury.

Delve into a land of soaring peaks and deep valleys, mirror lochs and looming castles. Enjoy a tasting in a world-famous distillery, then enter the forest for an exhilarating clay pigeon shoot. As night falls, mingle with fellow guests over candlelit dinners and live ceilidhs—a fine finale to the day's adventures.

Enjoy the ultimate Royal Scotsman experience with our classic Scottish Highland tour, travelling through some of the country's finest scenery.

# INCLUSIONS

- 4-nights accommodation onboard the Royal Scotsman in a Double, Twin or Single cabin
- All meals aboard the train: full Scottish breakfast, three-course lunch, and four-course dinner including cheeseboard, coffee, tea and petits four
- All beverages including alcoholic drinks
- A seal-watching boat trip
- A visit to Glen Ord Distillery
- A trip to Ballindalloch Castle
- A visit to Rothiemurchus Estate with a choice of country pursuits
- A guided tour of Glamis Castle and gardens
- 24-Hour steward service
- Traditional entertainment on board

# ITINERARY

Day **1**

## Depart Edinburgh

Travel north, crossing the Firth of Forth via the magnificent Forth Railway Bridge.

Enjoy a leisurely afternoon tea as you pass Arbroath, Montrose and Aberdeen before arriving in Keith.

Informal dinner and entertainment in the Observation Car.

Lunch, Dinner



FORTH RAILWAY BRIDGE

Day **2**

## Kyle of Lochalsh

Leave Keith this morning as the train travels west along the Moray Firth towards Inverness, capital of the Highlands.

Lunch is served as the train heads towards Kyle of Lochalsh on what is arguably the most scenic railway route in the UK.

Travel onwards through Achnasheen, then commence the climb to the Luib summit and Achnashellach Forest before

descending to Strathcarron. where you are invited to visit Attadale Gardens.

Alternatively, stay on board the train to the picturesque village of Plockton, which boasts an incomparable location in a sheltered bay of Loch Carron. Take a boat trip to see the colony of wild seals and enjoy magnificent views across the bay to the Applecross Mountains. Set off on a woodland walk, with time afterwards to enjoy a traditional Highland welcome in the Plockton Hotel.

Spend the night on board in Kyle of Lochalsh. Dinner is formal, followed by coffee and liqueurs in the Observation Car.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

3

## Boat of Garten

Join your onboard Host for an invigorating early-morning walk over the bridge that links the mainland with the Isle of Skye. Depart Kyle as breakfast is served and retrace part of yesterday's route as far as Dingwall. Have your cameras ready for the views of Plockton across the bay to the left, where you can see white-washed cottages with fishing boats and yachts riding at anchor.

Disembark in Garve to visit Glen Ord Distillery, founded in 1838 and among the oldest distilleries in Scotland. Situated on the edge of the Black Isle, west of Inverness, Glen Ord continues to malt its own barley and practice centuries-old long fermentation and slow distillation methods. Enjoy a tour of the distillery and a private tasting and nosing session.

Lunch is served as the train passes through Inverness en route to Carrbridge where you disembark for an afternoon visit to Ballindalloch Castle on beautiful Speyside.

Options at Ballindalloch include a private castle tour or an exclusive look at what is Scotland's only single estate distillery.

The night is spent on board at Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway. After an informal dinner, our Highlander regales guests with tales and weaponry displays.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



GLEN ORD DISTILLERY

Day 4

## Rothiemurchus

Travel by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, where fishing, clay pigeon shooting or a tour of the estate can be enjoyed.

Re-joining the train at Kingussie, lunch is served during the journey south to Dunkeld, where you disembark for a visit to Glamis Castle, childhood home of the late HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Return to the train in Perth for a formal dinner and entertainment. Overnight stay on board in Dundee.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



GLAMIS CASTLE

Day 5

## Return to Edinburgh

After breakfast the train heads south to Edinburgh where your journey ends.

Breakfast

# ACCOMMODATION

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## Royal Scotsman

A fine Highland retreat – Luxury cabins provide a welcome sanctuary after a day in the Highlands. Lined with rich marquetry, each one features plus beds fitted with soft Scottish wools and tartans. An elegant dressing table and ensuite add to the indulgence. Let your mind wander as you gaze through the generous picture window – they're made for daydreaming.

Each marquetry-lined double beckons you in with Scottish charm. Plush beds, a drawing table, long wardrobe and window are a warm welcome after the day's outdoor pursuits.



- Lower berth beds
- En suite with shower, washbasin and WC
- Dressing table
- Full-length wardrobe
- Opening windows and ceiling fans
- 220/240 voltage system
- High-quality toiletries
- Fresh white towels
- Foam pillow and hypoallergenic duvet
- Quilted cotton bed cover
- Hairdryer
- Cabin service call button

### TWIN CABIN

Our twin cabins are designed for space and relaxation. Lower beds, a long wardrobe, ceiling fans and controlled heating ensure absolute comfort—no matter how the weather is outside.

### DOUBLE CABIN

Each marquetry-lined double beckons you in with Scottish charm. Plush beds, a drawing table, long wardrobe and window are a warm welcome after the day's outdoor pursuits.

### SINGLE CABIN

Enter your own private retreat lined with rich marquetry and tartan furnishings. Each features a lower bed, wardrobe, writing table and en suite. Splendid Highland views from your window are sure to inspire.

### INTERCONNECTING CABIN

Interconnecting Cabins are perfect for families travelling together. Recline on plush lower beds. one twin and one double or revive in a fully equipped en suite. A writing desk and large open window fuel the imagination.

## GRAND SUITES

For the ultimate indulgence discover the new Grand Suites — Spacious interiors that are rich in references to Scottish culture. Suites measure 12m<sup>2</sup> (including the ensuite) and feature a comfortable double bed, separate lounge/dining area and a bathroom complete with shower, basin and WC.

Signature Suite inclusions:

- Personal butler service
- Indulgent cabin amenities
- In-cabin private dining on request
- One complimentary spa treatment per guest
- Private arrival and departure transfers
- Free-flowing champagne and personalised mini-bar

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The train departs from Edinburgh Waverley Station. Check-in is at least 40 minutes prior to departure at The Balmoral Hotel, after which our Host and Crewmembers will escort you and your luggage onto the train.
- Cabins have limited space; therefore, we recommend each guest travels with one suitcase and one carry-on bag.
- For daytime excursions and relaxing on board, we recommend casual, comfortable clothing, including appropriate footwear. Bring a warm, waterproof jacket and good walking shoes. For formal dinners, a dark suit and tie, tuxedo or national costume (such as a kilt) is advised for men; for women, a cocktail dress or similar is recommended. For informal dinners, a jacket and collared shirt, with or without tie, is acceptable attire for men.
- Special diets can be accommodated with our Chef. Please provide a detailed request of any allergies, food related or not at the time of booking.
- Soak up the spectacular Highland scenery from the Observation car. It's the perfect place for an aperitif or after-dinner drink. Live entertainment each evening is sure to provide countless stories to write home about.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package