

**SCOTLAND****GRAND WESTERN SCENIC WONDERS** (TOUR CODE: 12568)**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Edinburgh

TRAVEL PERIODS

14 Apr 2023 - 04 Oct 2024

EXPERIENCE

Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Packages

For those seeking unforgettable train holidays, Scotland is sure to ignite your imagination. Head West and explore the many wonders of the Scottish Highlands at a leisurely pace.

Highlights

- 7-nights onboard the **Royal Scotsman** in Luxury accommodation, including all meals and beverages
- A guided tour of **Mount Stuart**
- A visit to **Rothiemurchus Estate** with traditional country pursuits

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.

Embark on a journey through the ages as you explore Western Scotland on a journey that perfectly blends untamed natural beauty with spellbinding historic sites.

INCLUSIONS

- 7-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
- An excursion to Morar Sands
- A choice between a visit to Glenfinnan Monument or a walk to Steall Waterfall
- Boat Trip to see Wild Seals
- A visit to Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute
- A guided tour of The Royal Yacht Britannia
- A trip to Ballindalloch Castle with a choice of activities
- A sit to Rothiemurchus Estate with a choice of country pursuits
- A guided tour of Glamis Castle and gardens
- Traditional entertainment on board
- 24-Hour Steward Service

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Depart Edinburgh

The train departs from Edinburgh in the early afternoon and heads west through Falkirk, to reach Craigendoran the starting point for the West Highland Line, while guests enjoy an indulgent afternoon tea.

Spot the distinctive peak of Ben Arthur and soon you also catch a first glimpse of Loch Lomond.

After climbing up the waterfall-rich Glen Falloch, the train continues north to the village of Spean Bridge for the night.

Enjoy an informal dinner followed by entertainment in the Observation Car.

Lunch, Dinner



Day **2**

Glenfinnan

As the train travels west, passing through Fort William, don't miss the views of Ben Nevis. Travelling by the side of Loch Eil you then pass Glenfinnan, with its impressive curved viaduct, and Lochailort, before turning north along this dramatic coastline to Arisaig.

Disembark here for a leisurely walk along the beautiful Morar Sands, with breathtaking views across the Sound of Sleat to the Isle of Skye with its distinctive Cuillin Mountains.

Back on board, lunch is served as the train retraces its route towards Fort William.

Disembark here and enjoy a visit to historic Glenfinnan in the company of a local guide who brings to life the stories of Scottish heroes before cream tea at Inverlochry Castle. Alternatively, a guided hike is available (weather permitting). A mountain ranger guides you through the scenic Nevis Gorge to The Steall Waterfall.

Return to the train in Fort William and relax on board before an informal dinner is served as you travel south towards the tiny Argyll village of Bridge of Orchy.

Enjoy an informal dinner on board. Afterwards, enjoy a nightcap whilst listening to the evening entertainment in the Observation Car.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

Mount Stuart

Today's destination is the charming Isle of Bute, reached by ferry.

The island is rich in geology, history and wildlife, with a varied landscape to explore.

Guests enjoy a fascinating visit to Mount Stuart, a Victorian Gothic house with arguably the finest privately held collection of family portraits in Scotland.

Return to the train for a formal dinner and overnight on board.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4

Keith

After an early departure from Gourock this morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast as you travel east towards Edinburgh where this first part of your Grand Western Scenic, Westbound journey draws to an end in Waverley Station.

Spend the morning in Edinburgh by joining a guided tour and enjoying a light lunch before returning to the train for the next part of your journey.

The train pulls out of the station in the early afternoon and travels north, crossing the Firth of Forth via the Forth Railway Bridge.

It then proceeds through Fife towards the city of Perth, during which you are served a leisurely afternoon tea, passing Arbroath, Montrose and Aberdeen before arriving in the market town of Keith.

In the evening enjoy an informal dinner followed by entertainment in the Observation Car.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 5

Kyle of Lochalsh

Enjoy breakfast as the train leaves Keith and heads west along 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.

Disembark in Plockton, take a boat trip to see wild seals or enjoy a dram and a traditional highland welcome in the Plockton Hotel.

Spend the night on board in Kyle of Lochalsh. Enjoy a formal dinner and perhaps a nightcap with your fellow guests in the Observation Car which offers mesmerising views over Loch Alsh to the Isle of Skye.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Boat of Garten

If you're feeling energetic, join your onboard Host for an invigorating early-morning walk over the bridge that links the mainland with the Isle Of Skye. Alternatively, take a short drive before breakfast to marvel at Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most iconic sights. After breakfast the train heads back towards Dingwall, skirting the Beauy Firth and crossing the top of the Caledonian Canal, north of Loch Ness, before reaching Inverness.

The train continues south to Carrbridge where you will disembark to visit the romantic Ballindalloch Castle and its wonderful gardens. Options at Balindalloch 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 dinner, make your way to the Observation Car, where local musicians are waiting to entertain you as you sip a nightcap or two.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7

Rothiemurchus

Travel by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, where pursuits such as fishing, clay pigeon shooting, or a guided walk through the stunning landscape can be enjoyed.

Rejoin the train at Kingussie where lunch will be served as you journey south through Blair Atholl and Pitlochry to Dunkeld. Here you will disembark for your visit to Glamis Castle, childhood home of the late HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Return to the train for a formal dinner and entertainment.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 8

Edinburgh

Breakfast is served as the train leaves Dundee and crosses the Tay Bridge into the former Kingdom of Fife and on to Edinburgh where your seven-night journey ends.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

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 12m² (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

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