

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

in Edinburgh

TRAVEL PERIODS

Apr, Aug & Oct 2025

EXPERIENCELuxury
Rail**TRAVEL STYLE**

Rail Journeys

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

- Seven nights onboard the Royal Scotsman, including all meals and beverages
- An excursion to Ballindalloch Castle
- Rothiemurchus estate and Glamis castle followed by a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia in Edinburgh
- A guided tour of Mount Stuart in the Isle of Bute

Departing from Edinburgh, head west and marvel at the breathtaking landscapes. Near the mouth of the Clyde estuary lies Craigendoran, the starting point for the majestic West Highland Line. As your train continues, keep watching for stunning views of Ben Nevis and soak up the dramatic scenery while Royal Scotsman journeys south towards Glasgow. Later, enjoy the views as you approach Inverness, the capital of the Highlands.

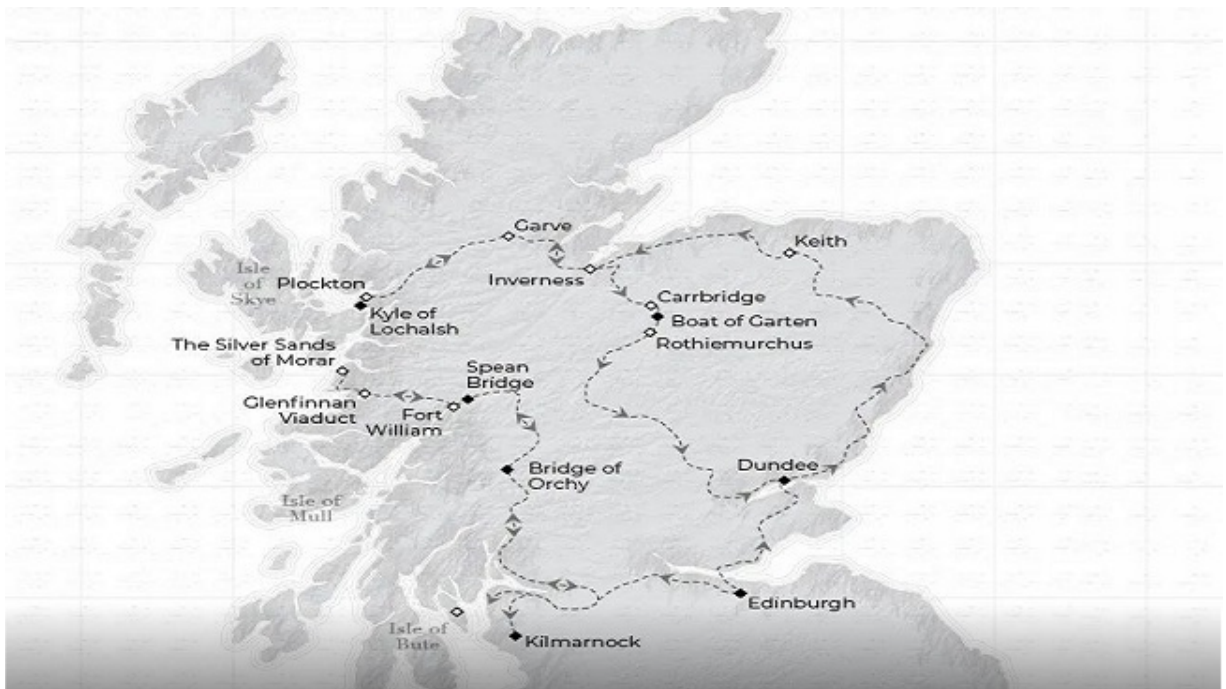
INCLUSIONS

- Seven nights aboard the Royal Scotsman luxury train with 24-hour steward service
- All meals aboard the train: full Scottish breakfast, two-course lunch, three-course dinner including cheeseboard, coffee, tea and petit fours
- All beverages including alcoholic drinks
- An excursion to Ballindalloch Castle, the Rothiemurchus estate and Glamis castle followed by a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia in Edinburgh
- Stroll along the beach at the Silver Sands of Morar
- Choose between a visit to Glenfinnan Monument or a walk through Nevis Gorge to the cascading Steall Waterfall, finishing your tour with a guided tour of Mount Stuart in the Isle of Bute
- Traditional ceilidhs, informal dinners, evening entertainments in the Observation Car and a formal dining experience

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Royal Scotsman - Grand Western Scenic Wonders



Day **1**

Depart Edinburgh

Enjoy an indulgent afternoon tea while the Royal Scotsman departs from Edinburgh and heads west to reach Craigmiles, the starting point for the West Highland Line. Spot the distinctive peak of Ben Arthur — 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, its stabling point for the night. Enjoy an informal dinner followed by entertainment in the Observation Car.

Overnight onboard *Royal Scotsman*.

Lunch, Dinner



Day **2**

Glenfinnan

As the train continues west, passing through Fort William — the largest town in the West Highlands — don't miss the views of Ben Nevis. Travelling by the side of Loch Eil, you then pass the impressive curved viaduct of Glenfinnan, and Lochailort, before turning north along this dramatic coastline to Arisaig. Lunch is served as the train retraces its route back to Fort William.

Disembark in Glenfinnan, where your local guide brings to life the stories of Scottish heroes before your group enjoys drinks and some light bites in the traditional cosy bar of The Old Station Restaurant located at Spean Bridge Railway Station.

Feeling rather energetic? 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. After an informal dinner in our luxury dining car, enjoy a nightcap whilst listening to the evening entertainment in the Observation Car.

Overnight onboard *Royal Scotsman*.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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. Visit Mount Stuart, a Victorian Gothic house with arguably the finest privately held collection of family portraits in Scotland, before returning to the town of Wemyss Bay. There, a formal dinner is served while on the move to Kilmarnock, our stabling location this evening.

Overnight onboard *Royal Scotsman*.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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.

In the early afternoon, the train pulls out of the station and travels north, crossing the Firth of Forth via the Forth Railway Bridge. Once the estuary traversed, the Royal Scotsman 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, join an informal dinner followed by entertainment in the now-familiar Observation Car.

Overnight onboard *Royal Scotsman*.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



FORTH RAILWAY BRIDGE

Day **5**

Kyle of Lochalsh

As the train leaves Keith, enjoy breakfast and head west along Moray Firth towards Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. Lunch is served aboard as the train heads towards Kyle of Lochalsh on the most scenic railway route in the United Kingdom.

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. Join fellow guests for a formal dinner and perhaps a nightcap in the Observation Car offering majestic views over Loch Alsh to the Isle of Skye.

Overnight onboard *Royal Scotsman*.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



PLOCKTON HOTEL

Day **6**

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.

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After breakfast, the train heads back towards Dingwall, skirting the Beaully 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. At Balindalloch, opt for a private castle tour or an exclusive look at Scotland's only single-estate distillery.

Spend the night 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.

Overnight onboard *Royal Scotsman*.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7

Rothiemurchus

Travel by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, where outdoor 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, disembark for a visit to Glamis Castle, the childhood home of the late HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. Return to the train, as formal dinner and entertainment await.

Overnight onboard *Royal Scotsman*.

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
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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.

2025 departure dates:

- 18 April
- May - July (no departures)
- 29 August
- September (no departures)
- 03 October
- November - December (no departures)

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