



Belmond Train

Royal Scotsman

Grand North Western Journey

7 Nights

June - September 2017



Summary

Belmond Royal Scotsman takes you to the heart of the Highlands, where you travel through landscapes of pine-clad mountains, reflected in mirror-still lochs.

From the moment you step aboard, our welcoming staff will make you feel like part of the family. Dine on world-class cuisine, rich with Scottish specialties, and embark on thrilling excursions each day.

Life on board is relaxed yet indulgent. Unwind in your luxurious private cabin, or trade stories with your fellow travellers in the Observation Car. With just 40 guests, this is top choice for those travelling Scotland in intimate, inimitable style.

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.

Overview

Country:	Scotland
Cities:	Edinburgh, Inverness, Kyle of Lochalsh, Carrbridge, Kingussie, Perth, Dundee, Crianlarich, Crianlarich, Rannoch Moor, Arisaig, Fort William, Glasgow
Duration:	8 days /7 night
Departure:	June - September 2017
Port of departure:	Edinburgh
Starting Price:	£ 8745

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Day 1: Edinburgh

The train departs from Edinburgh in the early afternoon, crossing the Firth of Forth by means of the magnificent Forth Railway Bridge.

Enjoy afternoon tea as you journey through the former Kingdom of Fife. The train follows the east coast, passing through Arbroath, Montrose and Aberdeen before arriving in the market town of Keith.

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

Day 2: Inverness - Kyle of Lochalsh

This morning you'll travel west along the Moray Firth towards Inverness, capital of the Highlands.

Lunch is served on the way to Kyle of Lochalsh, one of the most scenic routes in Britain. The line passes Loch Luichart and the Torridon mountains.

At the picturesque fishing village of Plockton, take a boat trip to meet a colony of wild seals. Set off on a woodland walk, with time afterwards to enjoy a traditional Highland welcome in the Plockton Hotel.

Alternatively visit Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most iconic sites. It's situated on an island at the meeting-point of three great lochs and surrounded by majestic scenery. You can explore nearly every part of the castle, journeying through its dramatic history.

Return to the train in Kyle of Lochalsh. A formal dinner is served this evening, followed by coffee and liqueurs in the Observation Car.

Day 3: Kyle of Lochalsh – Inverness – Carrbridge

Depart from Kyle of Lochalsh as breakfast is served, retracing part of yesterday's route. Travel around the edge of the Beauly Firth, across the northern end of the Caledonian Canal before reaching Inverness.

Relax over a leisurely lunch on the way south to Carrbridge. Here you'll visit Ballindalloch, one of Scotland's most romantic castles. Take a tour of the building and grounds, or take the opportunity to play a round of golf on the castle's 9-hole course. Optionally you can visit the castle's single estate whisky distillery.

Return to the train at Boat of Garten and prepare for an informal dinner. Afterwards our Highlander will paint a colourful picture of Scottish heroes, telling stories that detail the history of the Highlands.

Day 4: Kingussie - Perth - Dundee

After breakfast, transfer to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. Choose from a number of activities including fishing, clay pigeon-shooting or an estate tour. Afterwards refreshments are served in their hunting lodge.

Return to the train in Kingussie and enjoy a leisurely lunch during the journey south. At Dunkeld you'll disembark for a private tour of Glamis Castle and its beautiful gardens.

Re-join the train in Perth and prepare for a formal dinner en route to Dundee. Let the after-dinner musicians inspire you to partake of some lively Scottish country dancing.

Day 5: Dundee – Edinburgh - Crianlarich - Bridge of Orchy - Rannoch Moor

Breakfast is served as the train leaves Dundee and crosses the Tay Bridge.

Disembark in Edinburgh where you will be escorted to the Royal Yacht Britannia for a guided tour followed by a light lunch on board. Alternatively, enjoy some free time to explore Scotland's vibrant capital city.

Re-join the train in the early afternoon and travel west. Near the mouth of the Clyde estuary lies Craigendoran, the starting point of the West Highland Line. Enjoy afternoon tea as you travel along the edge of Gare Loch.

Continuing north, the train passes through Crianlarich and Bridge of Orchy then onto Rannoch Moor, one of the last truly wild parts of Scotland. An informal dinner is served on the way to Spean Bridge followed by lively entertainment by local musicians in the Observation Car.

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Day 6: Arisaig - Fort William

As the train travels west don't miss the views of Ben Nevis, the UK's highest peak. Disembark at Arisaig for an evocative walk along the beautiful Morar Sands, with breathtaking views across the Sound of Sleat.

Lunch is served back on board as the train retraces its route towards Fort William. Disembark here and visit historic Glenfinnan in the company of our storytelling Highlander. Enjoy afternoon tea in the elegant drawing room at Inverlochy Castle Hotel before returning to Fort William. Alternatively go on a guided hike of Nevis Gorge, weather permitting.

Relax on board before an informal dinner is served as you travel south.

Day 7: Bridge of Orchy -

Leaving Bridge of Orchy this morning, savour the dramatic Highland scenery en route to Glasgow.

Board the ferry in Wemyss Bay for the 35-minute crossing to the Isle of Bute, which boasts a mesmerising variety of landscapes.

Visit Mount Stuart, one of Britain's most spectacular Victorian Gothic house and the architectural fantasy of the third Marquess of Bute. Mysterious interiors reflect the Marquess' passion for art, astrology, mythology and religion.

Following afternoon tea in the Drawing Room, explore this magnificent house and gardens.

Back on board, take time to relax and prepare for a formal dinner. Afterwards, head to the Observation Car for entertainment and farewell drinks.

Day 8: Edinburgh

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on the move this morning as you travel east towards Edinburgh, where you'll disembark for your onward travel arrangements.

Prices Include

Seven nights aboard the Belmond Royal Scotsman luxury train
24-hour steward service
All meals aboard the train: full Scottish breakfast, three-course lunch and four-course dinner including cheeseboard, coffee, tea and petits fours
All beverages including alcoholic drinks
An excursion to Morar Sands
A choice between a visit to Glenfinnan Monument or a walk to Steall Waterfall
A visit to Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute
A guided tour of The Royal Yacht Britannia
A choice between a boat trip to see wild seals or a visit to Eilean Donan Castle
A trip to Ballindalloch Castle with a choice of activities

Prices Exclude

Round trip ticket (economy class)

Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – train station
Airport taxes
Travel insurance

Gratuities

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A visit to Rothiemurchus Estate with a choice of country pursuits
A guided tour of Glamis Castle and gardens
Traditional entertainment on board

Cabins Explained

There are 14 twin, two double and four single State Cabins in our Sleeping Cars, each lined with rich marquetry. All have a private bathroom with shower, washbasin and toilet, constant hot water, high-quality toiletries and fresh towels every day.

Rooms have been designed to offer the ultimate in luxury travel. Facilities include lower beds, a dressing table, a full-length wardrobe, individually controlled heating, ceiling fans, opening windows and a cabin service call button.

On each bed are a feather and a foam pillow, a hypoallergenic duvet and quilted cotton bed covers. With the train stabled at night in a quiet siding or station, a good night's sleep is guaranteed.

Starting price per person sharing double compartment in £ Pound

Compartment Classic

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