



# Belmond Train

Royal Scotsman

Grand North Western Journey

7 Nights

June – October 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 - Fort William - Glenfinnan - Lochailort – Arisaig -Isle of Bute - Gourock – Perth – Keith - Inverness – Plockton - Kyle of Lochalsh - Dingwall – Boat of Garten -Kingussie - Dundee
Duration:	8 days /7 night
Departure:	June - October 2017
Port of departure:	Edinburgh
Starting Price:	£ 8745

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### **Day 1: 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.

### **Day 2: Fort William – Glenfinnan – Lochailort - Arisaig**

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 our Highlander who brings to life the stories of Scottish heroes before afternoon tea. 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.

### **Day 3: Isle of Bute**

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.

### **Day 4: Gourock – Edinburgh – Perth - 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 North Western 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.

### **Day 5: Keith – Inverness – Plockton - 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. Alternatively, visit Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most iconic sights, and learn how the castle was painstakingly restored to its former glory.

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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 mesmerizing views over Loch Alsh to the Isle of Skye..

**Day 6: Dingwall – Inverness - Boat of Garten**

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. Options at Ballindalloch include a private castle tour, 9 holes of golf on the castle's own course 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, our Highlander regales guests with stories of local heroes and their derring-dos, even demonstrating some authentic weaponry.

**Day 7: Kingussie - Dundee**

Travel by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, where activities 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.

**Day 8: Dundee – 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.

**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  
A visit to Rothiemurchus Estate with a choice of country pursuits  
A guided tour of Glamis Castle and gardens

**Prices Exclude**

Round trip ticket (economy class)  
  
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – train station  
Airport taxes  
Travel insurance  
  
Gratuities

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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

8745

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