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Belmond Royal Scotsman - Heritage Homes & Gardens

4 Nights • Luxury Experience

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Overview

Set off on the Belmond Royal Scotsman - Heritage Homes & Gardens tour, a luxury train experience that invites you to explore the breathtaking landscapes of the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales, and South West Scotland. This remarkable journey showcases the vibrant colors of autumn as you travel through captivating gardens and historic estates, all while indulging in the sophisticated comforts of luxury accommodations aboard one of the world's most exquisite trains.

Your adventure begins in Aberdeen and Edinburgh, leading you through the picturesque towns of Kyle of Lochalsh and Plockton, where stunning scenery meets rich culture. Continue your exploration with stops in Dundee, Kingussie, and Rothiemurchus, each offering exclusive access to Scotland's hidden gems and natural beauty. This is not just a luxury travel experience; it’s a chance to immerse yourself in the elegance of Scottish heritage, making the Belmond Royal Scotsman - Heritage Homes & Gardens tour an unforgettable escape for discerning travelers.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

ABERDEEN / EDINBURGH

Depart early afternoon. The train heads north, crossing the splendid Forth Railway Bridge.

Disembark at Montrose to visit Pitmuies Garden near Forfar, one of the finest private gardens in Scotland. You have time to explore the gardens and walks and then enjoy a drink with your hosts, the Ogilvies, in their exquisite drawing room.

Return to the train in Montrose and enjoy pre-dinner drinks in the Observation Car. followed by dinner. as the train travels up the east coast through Aberdeen and into Speyside, Scotland's whisky region, before arriving in the market town of Keith to stable overnight.

DAY 2

KYLE OF LOCHALSH / PLOCKTON



During a leisurely breakfast. the train makes its way to Inverness and north to Invergordon, where guests alight for a visit to the 18th-century Foulis Castle, seat of the Clan Munro. Mrs Munro of Foulis and her son, Hector, the Clan Chief, welcome you, after which you can explore the grounds and courtyard garden. Alternatively, join Hector in the drawing room for a whisky tasting.

Return to the train travel towards Kyle the Torridon

for lunch as you of Lochalsh past mountains.

Achnashellach forest and Loch Carron. Disembark at Plockton for a visit to Attadale on the west coast, this magnificent estate boasts a Water Garden. Japanese Garden and Sunken Garden among other treasures.

The night is spent in Kyle of Lochalsh, where an informal dinner is served followed by coffee and liqueurs in the Observation Car.



DAY 3

KYLE OF LOCHALSH

Disembark after breakfast to drive across to the mystical Isle of Skye and the 2.000-acre Clan Donald estate. Return to the train in Kyle of Lochalsh and enjoy a leisurely lunch as you retrace part of yesterday's route as far as Dingwall.

This evening disembark to visit Ballindalloch Castle, one of Scotland's most romantic castles, with its wonderful walled gardens. Rejoin the train at Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway.

DAY 4

DUNDEE / KINGUSSIE / ROTHIEMURCHUS



A coach takes you to the Rothiemurchus Estate, where you can tour the parkland or enjoy some of the many outdoor activities on this breathtakingly beautiful site beneath the Cairngorm Mountains. Lunch is served on returning to the train in Kingussie. The journey then proceeds south on to Dunblane where you disembark for a late afternoon visit to your final garden on the itinerary, Kilbryde Castle and Gardens. Return to the train in Dundee for dinner and a final night on board.



DAY 5

DUNDEE / EDINBURGH

Depart from Dundee in the morning and return to Edinburgh.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Tips & Travel Guide

A Day Aboard

Days follow an unhurried rhythm: a full Scottish breakfast, a two-course lunch and afternoon tea on scenic runs, then a three-course dinner with cheeseboard, coffee and petits fours. Dinners alternate between informal evenings (smart casual) and formal or gala nights, when a dark suit, tuxedo or kilt is customary for gentlemen and a cocktail dress or tartan for ladies. All meals, all drinks - including an extensive whisky selection - excursions and nightly entertainment in the Observation Car are included in the fare. Most evenings the train stables in a quiet country station, so you sleep to stillness rather than motion.

Know Before You Go

Boarding: journeys depart from Edinburgh Waverley station. Check-in is at The Balmoral Hotel beside the station; deposit your luggage with the concierge between 11:00 and 12:15 and it will be transferred to the train for you.

Luggage: cabins are compact - one suitcase and one carry-on per guest is recommended. Under-bed storage measures roughly 71 x 23 cm; larger cases can be stored at The Balmoral for the duration of the journey.

Packing: bring a warm waterproof jacket and sturdy shoes for Highland excursions, comfortable clothing for the train, and formal wear for gala evenings. UK electricity is 220/240V - pack an adaptor.

Wi-Fi: available in the Observation Car, though coverage drops in the remoter stretches of the Highlands.

Mobility & health: excursions involve coach transfers, uneven ground and some walking; optional guided hikes require a reasonable level of fitness. There are no medical facilities on board. If you or a companion need special assistance, contact us before booking and we will advise on the best-suited departures.

Children & pets: children may travel at the Train Manager's discretion (infants under two travel free); the atmosphere is geared to adults, and families are advised to book interconnecting cabins or a Grand Suite. Pets are not permitted, with the exception of assistance dogs.

Dietary requirements: vegetarian, vegan and allergy-aware menus are available when requested at the time of booking.

Smoking: not permitted anywhere on board, including electronic cigarettes.

Documents & insurance: overseas visitors need a passport valid for at least six months beyond the journey; check UK visa requirements for your nationality. Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended. Fares do not include gratuities or insurance.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
May 31, 2027	Grand Suite	**£64,800**	**£32,400**
	Suite - Double	**£39,600**	**£19,800**
	Suite - Twin	**£39,600**	**£19,800**
	Grand Suite Early Bird	**£64,550**	**£32,150**
	Suite - Double Early Bird	**£39,350**	**£19,550**
	Suite - Twin Early Bird	**£39,350**	**£19,550**
Jun 5, 2028	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£31,600**	**£15,800**
	Grand Suite	**£59,150**	**£29,575**
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	**£31,600**	**£15,800**
	Suite - Double	**£34,200**	**£17,100**
	Suite - Twin	**£34,200**	**£17,100**
	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed) Early Bird	**£31,350**	**£15,550**
	Grand Suite Early Bird	**£58,900**	**£29,325**
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds) Early Bird	**£31,350**	**£15,550**
	Suite - Double Early Bird	**£33,950**	**£16,850**
	Suite - Twin Early Bird	**£33,950**	**£16,850**

Rates shown in British Pound GBP (GBP). Approximate USD equivalents available upon request.

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.

EARLY BIRD FARES

Book early, pay less

Plan ahead and you'll pay less for exactly the same journey. Every cabin on this tour has an Early Bird fare. Look for it in the booking calendar, right next to the regular fare: it is labelled "<cabin> Early Bird".

6 MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save £250

per person

3 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save £150

per person

INSIDE 3 MONTHS

Regular fare

the Early Bird fare closes

CABIN	REGULAR DOUBLE (PP)	EARLY BIRD, 6+ MONTHS AHEAD	EARLY BIRD, 3–6 MONTHS AHEAD
Grand Suite	**from £29,575**	**from £29,325** save £250	**from £29,425** save £150
Suite - Double	**from £17,100**	**from £16,850** save £250	**from £16,950** save £150
Suite - Twin	**from £17,100**	**from £16,850** save £250	**from £16,950** save £150
Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£15,800**	**£15,550** save £250	**£15,650** save £150
Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	**£15,800**	**£15,550** save £250	**£15,650** save £150

Double fares per person, two sharing; "from" is the lowest fare across the departures listed above. The saving depends on the cabin's regular price per person: £250 / £150 on journeys from £8,000, £150 / £100 from £5,000, and £50 on shorter trips. It's the same cabin, the same itinerary and everything included as before. The only difference is the price. Early Bird fares are limited to the cabins on each departure and close automatically. If you already know your dates, now is the time to book.

🏷️ **Look for Coupons and Special Rates on our website.**

Visit https://www.palacetours.com/tour/belmond-royal-scotsman-heritage-homes-gardens-tour for the latest information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

Booking Conditions

Deposit: 25% of the total fare confirms your booking. **Balance:** due 120 days before departure; bookings made within 120 days of departure are payable in full at booking.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be made in writing and take effect when acknowledged. Charges apply as a percentage of the total fare for the person(s) cancelling:

- 120 days or more before departure: 25%
- 119–90 days before departure: 50%
- 89–30 days before departure: 70%
- 29 days or less before departure, or no-show: 100%

Date changes follow the same charge schedule as cancellations. A booking may be transferred to another guest up to 14 days before departure (an amendment fee plus any supplier costs apply); name changes require at least 7 days' written notice. No refunds are made for unused services or no-shows.

Important

Comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation is strongly recommended. Schedule per Belmond's Trains & Cruises booking conditions (world excluding EEA/UK, last updated 11 February 2026). Palace Tours' terms and conditions also apply.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the route of the Royal Scotsman Heritage Homes and Gardens journey?

> This 5-day, 4-night journey runs from Edinburgh across the Forth Railway Bridge to Montrose and Speyside, north to Invergordon, along the Kyle line to Kyle of Lochalsh, then back through Boat of Garten and the Cairngorms to Dunblane and Dundee, returning to Edinburgh on the final morning.

When does the Heritage Homes and Gardens journey depart?

> The departure on sale leaves Edinburgh on 31 May 2027, when Scotland's gardens are coming into their late-spring best. It is a single departure with limited cabins, so early reservation is recommended.

Where do I check in for the Heritage Homes and Gardens journey?

> The journey departs Edinburgh Waverley station in the early afternoon. Check-in is at The Balmoral Hotel beside the station, where you leave your luggage, and the journey ends back in Edinburgh after a farewell breakfast on day 5.

Which cabin types are offered on Heritage Homes and Gardens?

> You can choose a Double Cabin with a matrimonial bed, a Twin Cabin with two twin beds, or the Grand Suite. All cabins have an en suite with shower, washbasin and WC, lower berth beds, opening windows, a full-length wardrobe and a hairdryer.

What is included in the Heritage Homes and Gardens fare?

> The fare includes four nights on board, 24-hour steward service, all meals, all beverages and every garden and castle visit in the itinerary: Pitmuies, Foulis Castle, Attadale, the Clan Donald estate on Skye, Ballindalloch Castle, Rothiemurchus Estate and Kilbryde Castle.

What is not included in the Heritage Homes and Gardens price?

> Travel insurance, domestic or international airfare, transfers before or after the train journey, crew gratuities, and personal items or souvenirs are not included. We can arrange Edinburgh hotel nights before or after the journey on request.

How much does the Heritage Homes and Gardens journey cost?

> Fares use dynamic pricing and depend on cabin type. The exact fare for the departure is shown on this page. You can start your booking online to hold a cabin without a financial commitment, then call us so we can apply any available offers.

What are the deposit and balance terms for Heritage Homes and Gardens?

> A deposit of 25 percent secures your cabin, and the balance is due 125 days before departure. For the 31 May 2027

What makes the garden visits on this journey special?

> Many of the houses are still family homes, and tours are often led by the owners themselves. At Pitmuies Gardens near Forfar, for example, you explore the walks and then join your hosts, the Ogilvie family, in their drawing room.

What happens at Foulis Castle?

> On day 2 the train travels through Inverness to Invergordon for 18th-century Foulis Castle, seat of Clan Munro. Mrs Munro of Foulis and her son Hector, the Clan Chief, welcome guests to explore the grounds and courtyard garden or to join the family in the drawing room.

What is the Kyle line and what is Attadale known for?

> The Kyle line is one of Scotland's most scenic railways, passing the Torridon mountains, Achnashellach Forest and Loch Carron on the way to Kyle of Lochalsh. Near Plockton you visit Attadale, whose gardens include a Water Garden, a Japanese Garden and a Sunken Garden.

Does the Heritage Homes and Gardens journey visit the Isle of Skye?

> Yes. On the morning of day 3 you drive across to the Isle of Skye to tour the 2,000-acre Clan Donald estate, then return to the train at Kyle of Lochalsh for a leisurely lunch as it retraces the line towards Dingwall.

What is the evening at Ballindalloch Castle?

> On day 3 you visit Ballindalloch Castle, one of Scotland's most romantic castles, with a tour of its walled rose garden and an evening reception at the castle. You then rejoin the train at Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway.

What can I do at Rothiemurchus Estate?

> On day 4 a coach takes you to Rothiemurchus Estate beneath the Cairngorm mountains, where you can tour the parkland or try the estate's outdoor country pursuits. Lunch is served when you rejoin the train at Kingussie.

What is the final garden and the gala dinner on this journey?

> The last garden is Kilbryde Castle and Gardens near Dunblane, visited in the late afternoon of day 4. You then rejoin the train at Dundee for the gala dinner and a final night on board before breakfast on the way back to Edinburgh.

Are there guest hosts on the Heritage Homes and Gardens journey?

> The inclusions for this journey list special guest hosts on board, a photographer and a gardening writer, who add expert commentary to the garden visits. Hosts can change from year to year, so ask us to confirm who is joining the 31 May 2027 departure.

Who is the Heritage Homes and Gardens journey best suited for?

> It suits garden lovers and travellers interested in Scotland's great houses and clan history, who enjoy gentle walking through grounds rather than long hikes. Access to private homes hosted by their owners is the key difference from other Royal Scotsman itineraries.

What should I wear on board the Royal Scotsman for this journey?

> Most evenings are smart casual, but the gala dinner on the final night is formal: a dark suit, tuxedo or kilt for gentlemen and a cocktail dress or tartan for ladies. Comfortable shoes for garden walks and a light waterproof layer

Can solo travellers or children join Heritage Homes and Gardens?

> Solo travellers can book a cabin for sole use at a single occupancy fare, higher than the per person sharing price. Child pricing bands exist by age at departure, but the journey is adult-paced, so please contact us to confirm acceptance and fares before booking.

How do I ask a question or book the Royal Scotsman Heritage Homes and Gardens journey?

> The departure on this page is bookable directly, with the fare shown for each cabin type. For questions, email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, answered by a travel specialist or our AI assistant.

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