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Belmond Royal Scotsman: Clans, Castles and Isles

5 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Embark on a five-night journey exploring the wild and rugged west coast of Scotland, including Oban and the Isles of Mull and Bute.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

EDINBURGH / SPEAN BRIDGE



The train departs Edinburgh in the afternoon, heading west past Loch Lomond and the great wilderness of Rannoch Moor.
Take time to settle into your cabin and savour the views as we make our way to Spean Bridge for the night.
As evening sets in, enjoy a splendid informal dinner and entertainment in the Observation Car.



DAY 2

FORT WILLIAM / SPEAN BRIDGE

This morning the train continues west, sweeping past Britain's highest mountain en-route. Look out for majestic Ben Nevis from the Observation Car.
Disembark the train at Arisaig for a morning stroll along the silver sands of Morar. Marvel at soft white beaches and breathtaking views of the Cuillin mountain range.
Lunch is served as the train travels back to Fort William crossing over the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct.
This afternoon presents two choices. Join our Highlander to explore Glenfinnan and discover the history of Bonnie Prince Charlie's rebellion. Alternatively accompany our mountain guides for a hike through stunning Glen Nevis to the Steall Waterfall.
Indulge in an informal dinner followed by an evening of spirited Scottish music in the Observation Car.

DAY 3

FORT WILLIAM / ISLE OF MULL



Today you'll arrive in Oban, the gateway to the Western Isles.
Breakfast will be followed by an exclusive visit to the Oban Distillery, producer of one of the world's finest single malts.
Afterwards, we cross to the Isle of Mull to visit the iconic 13th century Duart Castle, historic seat of the Clan Maclean.
Return to Belmond Royal Scotsman, and prepare for tonight's fabulous formal dinner as the train heads back east towards Kilmarnock.

DAY 4

ISLE OF MULL / THE ISLE OF BUTE



Savour a leisurely breakfast this morning as the train journeys to Wemyss Bay.
From here you'll venture to the Isle of Bute for a visit to Mount Stuart House. This imposing gothic mansion is surrounded by expansive landscaped gardens and wild woodlands.
Back on board, indulge in an informal dinner followed by traditional entertainment.



DAY 5

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY / THE ISLE OF BUTE

This morning we make our way to Drumlanrig Castle, the home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry. Discover sweeping views across the Nith Valley and the turreted sandstone of the ‘Pink Palace’.
Here you have a choice of tours. Explore the imposing architecture, roam the lavish formal gardens, or discover the incredible Buccleuch collection of fine art.
Return to the train for your final dinner aboard, a formal affair and gastronomic treat. Then make your way to the Observation Car for a musical farewell.

DAY 6

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY / EDINBURGH

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as the train makes its way back 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 14, 2027	Grand Suite	**£77,200**	**£38,600**
	Suite - Double	**£37,800**	**£18,900**
	Suite - Twin	**£37,800**	**£18,900**
	Grand Suite Early Bird	**£77,050**	**£38,450**
	Suite - Double Early Bird	**£37,650**	**£18,750**
	Suite - Twin Early Bird	**£37,650**	**£18,750**
Sep 3, 2027	Grand Suite	**£73,500**	**£36,750**
	Suite - Double	**£41,700**	**£20,850**
	Suite - Twin	**£41,700**	**£20,850**
	Grand Suite Early Bird	**£73,250**	**£36,500**
	Suite - Double Early Bird	**£41,450**	**£20,600**
	Suite - Twin Early Bird	**£41,450**	**£20,600**
May 12, 2028	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£34,900**	**£17,450**
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	**£34,900**	**£17,450**
	Grand Suite	**£75,750**	**£37,875**
	Suite - Double	**£39,700**	**£19,850**
	Suite - Twin	**£39,700**	**£19,850**
	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed) Early Bird	**£34,650**	**£17,200**
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds) Early Bird	**£34,650**	**£17,200**
	Grand Suite Early Bird	**£75,500**	**£37,625**

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Suite - Twin Early Bird	**£39,450**	**£19,600**
Sep 1, 2028	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£34,900**	**£17,450**
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	**£34,900**	**£17,450**
	Grand Suite	**£75,750**	**£37,875**
	Suite - Double	**£39,700**	**£19,850**
	Suite - Twin	**£39,700**	**£19,850**
	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed) Early Bird	**£34,650**	**£17,200**
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds) Early Bird	**£34,650**	**£17,200**
	Grand Suite Early Bird	**£75,500**	**£37,625**
	Suite - Double Early Bird	**£39,450**	**£19,600**
	Suite - Twin Early Bird	**£39,450**	**£19,600**

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 £36,750**	**from £36,500** save £250	**from £36,600** save £150
Suite - Double	**from £18,900**	**from £18,650** save £250	**from £18,750** save £150
Suite - Twin	**from £18,900**	**from £18,650** save £250	**from £18,750** save £150
Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£17,450**	**£17,200** save £250	**£17,300** save £150
Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	**£17,450**	**£17,200** save £250	**£17,300** 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-tour-clans-castles-isles 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 Clans, Castles and Isles journey?

> This 6-day, 5-night journey explores Scotland's wild west coast. From Edinburgh it runs past Loch Lomond and Rannoch Moor to Spean Bridge and Fort William, then on to Oban and the Isle of Mull, across to the Isle of Bute, and finally to Drumlanrig Castle in Dumfries and Galloway before returning to Edinburgh.

Which departure dates are available for Clans, Castles and Isles?

> Departures are on sale from 25 September 2026 through 3 September 2027. The departure list on this page shows every available date and the fare for each cabin type, so you can compare dates before booking.

Where does the Clans, Castles and Isles journey start and finish?

> The journey starts and ends at Edinburgh Waverley station. Check-in is at The Balmoral Hotel beside the station, where you leave your luggage, and the train departs in the afternoon. On the last morning a leisurely breakfast is served as the train returns to Edinburgh.

Which cabins are available on Clans, Castles and Isles, including for solo travellers?

> You can choose a Single Cabin, a Double Cabin with a matrimonial bed, a Twin Cabin with two twin beds, or the Grand Suite. The Single Cabin makes this journey a good choice for solo travellers, and the fare for each cabin type is shown on this page.

What is included in the fare for Clans, Castles and Isles?

> All meals, all beverages and every excursion in the itinerary are included, along with evening entertainment in the Observation Car. Days follow an unhurried rhythm of a full Scottish breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea on scenic runs, and dinner with cheeseboard, coffee and petits fours.

How much does the Clans, Castles and Isles journey cost?

> Fares are set by dynamic pricing and vary by departure and cabin. The exact fare for each departure is shown on this page. Starting your booking online holds the space without a financial commitment, and our team can then check for any current offers.

How much deposit do I pay and when is the balance due?

> A 25 percent deposit secures your cabin on Clans, Castles and Isles. The balance is due 125 days before your departure date, so plan final payment roughly four months ahead of travel.

What scenery will I see on the first day from Edinburgh?

> The train leaves Edinburgh in the afternoon and heads west past Loch Lomond, then crosses the vast wilderness of Rannoch Moor on the way to Spean Bridge, where it stables for the night. An informal dinner and entertainment in the Observation Car follow.

Does the Clans, Castles and Isles journey cross the Glenfinnan Viaduct?

> Yes. On day 2 the train continues west past Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, to Arisaig for a morning walk on the Silver Sands of Morar with views to the Cuillin range. Lunch is served as the train crosses the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct on the way back to Fort William.

What are the afternoon options at Glenfinnan and Glen Nevis?

> On the afternoon of day 2 you choose between exploring Glenfinnan and the story of Bonnie Prince Charlie's rebellion with a Highlander guide, or a guided hike with mountain guides through Glen Nevis to the Steall Waterfall. The hike suits guests comfortable walking on uneven mountain paths.

What happens in Oban and on the Isle of Mull?

> On day 3 you arrive in Oban, gateway to the Western Isles, for an exclusive visit to one of the town's most famous local producers. You then cross to the Isle of Mull to visit 13th-century Duart Castle, the historic seat of Clan Maclean, before a formal dinner back on board.

What is Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute?

> Mount Stuart is an imposing Victorian Gothic mansion set in landscaped gardens and wild woodland on the Isle of Bute. On day 4, after a leisurely breakfast on the way to Wemyss Bay, you take the ferry across to Bute to explore the house and grounds.

Why is Drumlanrig Castle a highlight of this journey?

> Drumlanrig, known as the Pink Palace, is the home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry above the Nith Valley. On day 5 you choose a tour of the architecture, the formal gardens, or the Buccleuch collection, one of the finest private art collections in Britain.

How many formal dinners are there and what should I wear?

> There are two formal evenings: after the Oban and Mull day, and the farewell gastronomic dinner after Drumlanrig. On formal nights a dark suit, tuxedo or kilt is customary for gentlemen and a cocktail dress or tartan for ladies; other evenings are smart casual.

What entertainment is there on board in the evenings?

> After dinner guests gather in the Observation Car for live entertainment, from spirited Scottish music on the Fort William night to traditional entertainment after the Isle of Bute day and a musical send-off on the final evening.

How do the island visits to Mull and Bute work?

> Both islands are reached by ferry as part of the day's included excursion: from Oban to the Isle of Mull on day 3 and from Wemyss Bay to the Isle of Bute on day 4. Guests then rejoin the train on the mainland in time for dinner.

Where does the train stop overnight on Clans, Castles and Isles?

> The train stables at quiet stations so you sleep to stillness rather than motion. The first night is at Spean Bridge and the second at Fort William, before the train heads south towards the Clyde coast and Dumfries and Galloway for the remaining nights.

Is Clans, Castles and Isles suitable for children?

> Child pricing bands are set by age at departure (under 5, and 5 to 10), but the journey is designed around adult touring days and formal dinners. Please contact us before booking with children so we can confirm acceptance and the fare for your date.

What is the best way to reach Edinburgh for the start of the journey?

> Most guests fly into Edinburgh or arrive by train at Waverley station, where check-in takes place at The Balmoral Hotel next door. We recommend arriving the day before departure; we can arrange a pre-journey hotel night in Edinburgh on request.

How do I ask a question or book the Royal Scotsman Clans, Castles and Isles journey?

> Every departure listed 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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