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Royal Scotsman: Grand Tour of Scotland

7 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Embark on a luxury 8-day journey through Scotland’s fabled Highlands, islands, and storied landmarks aboard the exclusive Royal Scotsman, meticulously curated and promoted by Palace Tours.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

BOAT OF GARTEN / EDINBURGH

Begin your adventure in Edinburgh and journey north aboard the Royal Scotsman. Enjoy afternoon tea as you pass scenic Perthshire and dramatic Highland landscapes, reaching the tranquil village of Boat of Garten. Experience a Highland welcome with gourmet dining and lively evening entertainment in the Observation Car.

DAY 2

GEORGEMAS JUNCTION

Awake to Highland vistas as the train travels north to Tain. Visit the legendary Glenmorangie Distillery for a private whisky tasting and lunch at Glenmorangie House. In the evening, tour Dunnet Bay Distillers and savor local gin and vodka beside a beach bonfire before overnighting near Georgemas Junction.





DAY 3

DINGWALL

Board a ferry to the Orkney Islands for an unforgettable day exploring Neolithic heritage at Skara Brae and other ancient sites. After lunch at a local hotel, continue discovering Orkney's treasures before returning to your luxury train, which now heads south to Dingwall.

DAY 4

KYLE OF LOCHALSH

Disembark for a full day on the Isle of Skye. Choose your experience: a guided wilderness adventure or a cultural tour of Skye's legendary sites, including Kilt Rock, Portree, and Dunvegan Castle. Enjoy authentic island dining and evening live folk music as you return to the train at Kyle of Lochalsh.





DAY 5

DUNDEE

Following a leisurely brunch, discover Royal Deeside by coach, with visits to historical Crathes Castle and landscapes beloved by royalty. Relax on board in the evening and dress for an elegant formal dinner as the train stables in Dundee overnight.

DAY 6

WEMYSS BAY

Journey across the iconic Tay Bridge to St Andrews for a private tour of its medieval ruins and scenic coast. In the evening, dine by the seaside at The Ship Inn in Elie and enjoy a beach stroll before rejoining the train for a restful night at Wemyss Bay.





DAY 7

KILMARNOCK

Start your day with a private cruise on legendary Loch Lomond, soaking up the area's natural splendor. Your grand finale unfolds at Drumlanrig Castle with a formal gala dinner in the State Dining Room and a guided exploration of its gardens and estates. Celebrate with farewell festivities as the train makes its way to Kilmarnock.

DAY 8

EDINBURGH

Enjoy a final breakfast aboard the train as you travel east back to Edinburgh, reflecting on eight days of spectacular sights, expert hospitality, and unforgettable moments orchestrated by Palace Tours—your trusted partner in luxury rail journeys.



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)
Jun 11, 2027	Suite - Double	**£62,400**	**£31,200**
	Suite - Twin	**£62,400**	**£31,200**
	Suite - Double Early Bird	**£62,150**	**£30,950**
	Suite - Twin Early Bird	**£62,150**	**£30,950**
Jun 23, 2028	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£52,300**	**£26,150**
	Grand Suite	**£97,900**	**£48,950**
	Suite - Double	**£59,400**	**£29,700**
	Suite - Twin	**£59,400**	**£29,700**
	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed) Early Bird	**£52,050**	**£25,900**
	Grand Suite Early Bird	**£97,650**	**£48,700**
	Suite - Double Early Bird	**£59,150**	**£29,450**
	Suite - Twin Early Bird	**£59,150**	**£29,450**

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
Suite - Double	**from £29,700**	**from £29,450** save £250	**from £29,550** save £150
Suite - Twin	**from £29,700**	**from £29,450** save £250	**from £29,550** save £150
Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£26,150**	**£25,900** save £250	**£26,000** save £150
Grand Suite	**£48,950**	**£48,700** save £250	**£48,800** 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-grand-tour-of-great-britain 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 route does the Royal Scotsman Grand Tour of Scotland follow?

> This 8-day, 7-night journey circles the whole of Scotland from Edinburgh: north through Perthshire to Boat of Garten, up to Tain and the far north coast near Georgemas Junction, across to Orkney, then the Isle of Skye, Royal Deeside, St Andrews and Elie, Loch Lomond and Drumlanrig Castle, before returning to Edinburgh.

When does the Grand Tour of Scotland depart?

> The departure currently on sale leaves Edinburgh on 11 June 2027, a long early-summer day for touring the Highlands and islands. This is a single annual departure, so cabins are limited and we recommend reserving early.

Where do I board the Royal Scotsman for the Grand Tour of Scotland?

> The journey departs from Edinburgh Waverley station. Check-in takes place at The Balmoral Hotel beside the station, where you leave your luggage before boarding, and the journey ends back in Edinburgh on day 8 after a farewell breakfast on board.

Which cabin types can I choose on the Grand Tour of Scotland?

> Three cabin types are offered: the Double Cabin with a matrimonial bed, the Twin Cabin with two twin beds, and the Grand Suite, the most spacious accommodation on the train. The fare for each cabin type is shown on this page.

What are the cabins like on the Royal Scotsman?

> Cabins are lined with rich marquetry and furnished with Scottish wools and tartans. Each has lower berth beds, an en suite with shower, washbasin and WC, a dressing table, full-length wardrobe, opening windows, ceiling fans, a 220/240 volt supply, hairdryer, quality toiletries and a cabin service call button.

What is included in the Grand Tour of Scotland fare?

> The fare includes seven nights on board, 24-hour steward service, all meals (full Scottish breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner with cheeseboard, coffee and petits fours), all beverages, every excursion in the itinerary and nightly entertainment in the Observation Car.

What is not included in the Royal Scotsman Grand Tour price?

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

How much does the Grand Tour of Scotland cost?

> The train uses dynamic pricing, so fares can move with demand. The exact fare for each cabin type is shown on this page. We suggest starting your booking online to hold the space without a financial commitment, then calling us so we can apply any current offers.

What deposit is needed and when is the balance due?

> A deposit of 25 percent secures your cabin, and the balance is due 125 days before departure. For the 11 June 2027 departure that means final payment is due in early February 2027.

What happens on the Orkney day of the Grand Tour?

> On day 3 you cross by ferry to the Orkney Islands to explore their Neolithic monuments, including Skara Brae, a 5,000-year-old settlement. Lunch is at a local hotel, and after more time exploring you rejoin the train, which heads south to Dingwall for the night.

What can I do on the Isle of Skye during this journey?

> Day 4 is a full day on the Isle of Skye with a choice of a guided wilderness day or a cultural tour taking in Kilt Rock, Portree and Dunvegan Castle. Island dining and live folk music round off the day before you return to the train at Kyle of Lochalsh.

What is special about the journey to Scotland's far north coast?

> On day 2 the train travels north to Tain for a private visit and lunch at Glenmorangie House. In the evening you visit Dunnet Bay near the north coast, gathering beside a beach bonfire, before the train stables near Georgemas Junction, close to the top of mainland Britain.

What is included on the Royal Deeside day?

> After a leisurely brunch on day 5, a coach takes you through Royal Deeside to 16th-century Crathes Castle and its celebrated gardens. Back on board you dress for the formal dinner as the train stables overnight at Dundee.

Does the Grand Tour of Scotland visit St Andrews?

> Yes. On day 6 the train crosses the Tay Bridge to St Andrews for a private tour of its medieval ruins and coastline. In the evening you dine at The Ship Inn on the waterfront at Elie, with time for a beach stroll before rejoining the train at Wemyss Bay.

What is the gala dinner at Drumlanrig Castle?

> The grand finale on day 7 follows a private cruise on Loch Lomond. At Drumlanrig Castle you enjoy a guided exploration of the gardens and estate, then a gala dinner in the castle's State Dining Room, before the train stables at Kilmarnock for the last night.

What is the dress code on the Royal Scotsman?

> Dinners alternate between informal evenings, when smart casual is fine, and formal or gala nights. On formal nights a dark suit, tuxedo or kilt is customary for gentlemen and a cocktail dress or tartan for ladies, so pack for both, especially for the Drumlanrig gala dinner.

Does the Royal Scotsman travel overnight?

> Most evenings the train stables at a quiet country station, so you sleep to stillness rather than motion. On this journey overnight stops include Boat of Garten, near Georgemas Junction, Dingwall, Kyle of Lochalsh, Dundee and Kilmarnock.

Can I travel solo on the Grand Tour of Scotland?

> Yes, single travellers can book a cabin for sole use at a single occupancy fare, which is higher than the per person sharing price. Contact us to confirm single availability and the current fare for the 11 June 2027 departure.

Can children travel on the Grand Tour of Scotland?

> Child pricing bands exist by age at departure (under 5, and 5 to 10), but this is an adult-paced journey with long touring days and formal dinners. Please contact us before booking with children so we can confirm acceptance and fares for your departure.

How do I ask a question or book the Royal Scotsman Grand Tour of Scotland?

> The 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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