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# The Belmond Royal Scotsman: Western Scenic Wonders

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# Overview

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Journey through western Scotland on the luxurious Belmond Royal Scotsman. Journey past beautiful and historical sights including Loch Lomond and Ben Nevis and visit the Isle of Bute and stunning Gothic-Revival Mount Stuart House on this breathtaking adventure. Belmond Royal Scotsman is sure to make your stay comfortable, with its private cabins with en-suite bathrooms, Observation Car, and fine cuisine made with local produce and game. This journey gives you a unique look into Scottish culture and history and is sure to be an unforgettable trip.

# Your Itinerary

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## DAY 1

### EDINBURGH / SPEAN BRIDGE

The train departs Edinburgh in the early afternoon and heads west through Falkirk, reaching Craigmend, the starting point for the West Highland Line. Enjoy an indulgent afternoon tea and look out for 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 a splendid informal dinner and entertainment in the Observation Car.



## DAY 2

### ARISAIG / BRIDGE OF ORCHY / FORT WILLIAM

Today continue west, passing through Fort William. Here you will get a view of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest peak. Stop at Arisaig to walk along the Morar Sands (famously known as the "Silver Sands of Morar") and admire the Isle of Skye's Cuillin Mountains. Return to Belmond Royal Scotsman for lunch as it travels back towards Fort William, followed by a trip to Glenfinnan Monument. Here, a Highlander will explain the area's history before you enjoy tea at Inverlochy Castle. Alternatively, you can walk to the beautiful Steall Waterfall in Glen Nevis. In the evening, return to the train in Fort William and enjoy informal dinner as you travel towards Bridge of Orchy, a small town in Argyll.

After dinner, enjoy entertainment in the Observation Car, nightcap in hand.

## DAY 3

# THE ISLE OF BUTE

Today, you will journey to the charming Isle of Bute, a small island known for its geology, history, wildlife, and landscape. Visit the Victorian Gothic house of Mount Stuart, home to a wonderful collection of family portraits. In April 2016, a Shakespeare First Folio (a large collection of Shakespeare's plays published in 1623) was newly discovered at the Mount Stuart House.

Return to the train for a formal dinner on your last night as you travel from Gourock to Kilmarnock where you stay for the evening.



## DAY 4

# EDINBURGH

Enjoy a hearty Scottish breakfast as Edinburgh's historic skyline comes into view. Bid farewell at Edinburgh Waverley Station.



# Tips & Travel Guide

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## 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.

# Departure Dates & Rates

| DEPARTURE DATE | CLASS / CABIN | SINGLE  | DOUBLE (PP) |
|----------------|---------------|---------|-------------|
| Apr 9, 2027    | Grand Suite   | £43,000 | £21,500     |
| Apr 16, 2027   | Double Cabin  | £21,700 | £10,850     |
|                | Grand Suite   | £43,000 | £21,500     |
| Jun 4, 2027    | Twin Cabin    | £21,700 | £10,850     |
|                | Double Cabin  | £21,700 | £10,850     |
|                | Grand Suite   | £45,200 | £22,600     |
| Jul 2, 2027    | Double Cabin  | £21,700 | £10,850     |
|                | Grand Suite   | £43,000 | £21,500     |
| Jul 23, 2027   | Double Cabin  | £21,700 | £10,850     |
|                | Grand Suite   | £43,000 | £21,500     |
| Aug 13, 2027   | Double Cabin  | £18,800 | £9,400      |
|                | Grand Suite   | £43,000 | £21,500     |
| Aug 20, 2027   | Double Cabin  | £21,700 | £10,850     |
|                | Grand Suite   | £43,000 | £21,500     |
| Sep 24, 2027   | Double Cabin  | £21,700 | £10,850     |

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.

 Look for Coupons and Special Rates on our website.

Visit <https://www.palacetours.com/tour/Belmond-Royal-Scotsman-Western-Scenic-Wonders> for the latest information.

# Terms & Conditions

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## 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.

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## Is travel insurance required?

Contact Palace Tours if you need to purchase travel insurance. When traveling on Belmond Royal Scotsman luxury train we recommend insurance cover for personal belongings and your luggage. Insurance will often times also cover any charges associated with the cancellation/interruption of tours and any medical bills. Details of cancellation policies can be found in our booking conditions.

## Will I require a passport and visa to go on this trip?

In case you are not a citizen of the United Kingdom you will need a valid passport for the duration of the tour on the train. Also according to the country that issued your passport, you might require a visa when you enter into the UK. We recommend that you check with your travel agent or government before you make your plans to travel to the UK.

## Are children allowed on the train?

Children under the age of 12 are permitted onboard so contact reservations if you need further details.

## Can wheelchairs be used on board?

If you use a wheelchair or have restricted mobility, please contact us directly, to discuss whether you can proceed with the trip on the Belmond Royal Scotsman luxury train.

## Can the needs of a special diet be accommodated?

Please contact us in advance if you have any special dietary requirements or any food allergies and these will be accommodated by the chef.

## What is the history of Belmond Royal Scotsman?

A “country house on wheels,” Belmond Royal Scotsman is Belmond’s unique luxury train in Scotland and has been in service since 1985. There are 9 carriages total, fitted with luxurious modern comforts, that will whisk you away on this Scottish adventure. Traveling through remote areas of Scotland by train, you will view landscapes and incredible wilderness that cannot be seen any other way.

## Describe the cabin accommodations on the Belmond Royal Scotsman.

Belmond Royal Scotsman has 22 luxurious en-suite cabins for its 40 passengers designed in Edwardian style. There are 15 twin cabins (with two twin beds), four single cabins (one twin bed), and four double cabins (one double bed). In addition to an en-suite shower room, each cabin has a desk, wardrobe, controllable central heating, and a large window to view the passing scenery. Rich mahogany siding and gorgeous tartan fabrics create a warm and elegant Scottish haven.

## Does the train move at night?

No, Belmond Royal Scotsman is stationary at night in a quiet siding or station, providing greater comfort for a better night's sleep. The train stops around 7pm at night and will resume service around 7am. Once the train is stabled for the night, you are able to step off for fresh air and to stretch your legs.

## How many passengers does Belmond Royal Scotsman accommodate?

Belmond Royal Scotsman carries 40 passengers in 22 cabins. This small number creates a truly personal and intimate experience. As you travel through remote areas of Scotland, you will find yourself getting to know your fellow passengers and staff rather well over the course of the journey.

## What is the staff to guest ratio on Belmond Royal Scotsman?

Currently, Belmond Royal Scotsman has 18 staff members to the 40 passengers on board. There is a cabin steward available to you during all hours.

## Describe the decor of Belmond Royal Scotsman.

The Belmond Royal Scotsman is deliberately designed to immerse its passengers in Scottish culture from the moment they board. Fitted with rich mahogany paneling, colorful tartan fabrics, and large windows, the train becomes your new Scottish home.

## Describe my dining options on board Belmond Royal Scotsman?

Lunch and dinner are held in two distinct dining cars: Raven and Swift, which accommodated all passengers at a time in more intimate, family-style seating arrangements.

Throughout your journey on board Belmond Royal Scotsman, authentic Scottish cuisine is sourced regionally using the freshest produce. In the dining carriage, an extensive range of wines and local spirits will pair nicely with your meals, as you enjoy the rich mahogany panels surrounding you. The dishes you enjoy are kept in tune with the areas of Scotland you traverse, and are sure to delight. For instance, steamed mussels may be served for lunch as the Scotsman passes harbors overlooking the ocean. The following link takes you to a sample menu where you may get a better sense of the Scottish cuisine: [http://4c6c364fdf1082a37bcf-54493dc0d9255706a1b8a801c97a6044.r8.cf2.rackcdn.com/rs\\_dining\\_menu.pdf](http://4c6c364fdf1082a37bcf-54493dc0d9255706a1b8a801c97a6044.r8.cf2.rackcdn.com/rs_dining_menu.pdf)

## How much time on average is each meal on Belmond Royal Scotsman?

Meals will typically take place during a two hour window. Meal times may vary day to day according to the itinerary, but generally, lunch is served from 12-2pm, and dinner is served from 7-9pm.

## What other carriages are part of Belmond Royal Scotsman?

In addition to the Sleeping Cars and two Restaurant Cars, there is an Observation Car which is the social hub of Belmond Royal Scotsman. This car doubles as a bar car and boasts an open-air veranda where you can step out for fresh air and to watch the scenery pass by. The Observation Car comfortably seats 40 passengers, and the veranda can hold between 2-3 people at once. Sit in the upholstered sofas, mingle with the other passengers, and try some of the 50 local whisky options available from the bar. After dinner each night, there will be local Scottish entertainment for your enjoyment, ranging from lively music to a Highlander's dramatic storytelling.

## **Are drinks included in the fare price?**

Yes, all drinks are included in the overall price.

## **Are there any TVs, or WIFI on board?**

No, there are no TVs and no WIFI connection on board. The reasons are partly deliberate and partly logistical. Travelers are encouraged to get to know each other, converse, and take in the rich scenery around them.

## **What types of attire are acceptable on Belmond Royal Scotsman?**

Attire is smart casual on board the train, however, formal wear is advised for a special farewell dinner that concludes each journey. This may be black tie or for a truly special experience, consider hiring a traditional Highlander dress outfit. For informal dinners, a shirt and tie is recommended for gentlemen. Also, dress appropriately for outdoor excursions with comfortable footwear and practical clothing. Kilts may also be worn in a formal capacity.

## **What languages are spoken on board?**

Most Western European languages will be available. If a translator is needed, please contact Palace Tours to request at the time of booking.

## **Describe the demographics of the typical passenger on board Royal Scotsman.**

Belmond trains are particularly popular among tourists over the age of 40. In recent years, younger clientele are becoming increasingly represented on the train as well. The majority of the clientele is American, while there are also English, Australian, and Western European travelers as well.

## **What are some of the sights I will see along the way?**

As you tour the beautiful scenery of Scotland, you will find old castles and modern whiskey distilleries sprinkled into the green landscape. You will also find mountains and other geographical features you didn't know existed in Scotland, populated by Highland Cattle with thick brown coats. You may also extend or customize your journey through Scotland to see more of whichever sights interest you the most.

## **What currency do I need on board?**

It is recommended that passengers have a small number of Euros for on board purchases. However, most major currencies are accepted, as well as travelers' cheques, Eurocheques and major credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Diners Club and JCB). The exchange rate on board is displayed in the Bar Car.

## **Describe tipping on Belmond Royal Scotsman, as well as on the excursions.**

Tipping is not required on the tour, regardless of the cities visited. You may feel free to do so as your tipping culture suggests, but it is ultimately discretionary.

## **Can I smoke on board?**

No. To comply with European regulations, Belmond Royal Scotsman operates a no smoking policy on board the train.

### **Is it possible to customize my tour?**

Yes, you may choose to arrive a few days early or leave later to extend your trip. Simply contact Palace Tours to discuss what you would like to add, and we will hammer out the details for you.

### **Does Belmond Royal Scotsman have any special offers for its trips?**

Yes, contact Palace Tours for more information.

### **Are there any special rates for children?**

Special rates are possible for children under 12 years old. Contact Palace Tours for information on these rates.

### **I'd like to contact Palace Tours directly, what is their phone number?**

Phone: (609)-683-5018; email: [travel@palacetours.com](mailto:travel@palacetours.com)



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