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The Belmond Royal Scotsman: Scotland's Classic Splendours

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Overview

Rove through the countryside of Scotland and visit its cities and castles on this exceptional tour of the country's highlands and scenery. Here, history is everywhere and adds to the romance and adventure that you will experience on board the luxury Belmond Royal Scotsman train. Stepping aboard this iconic train, you will start your journey in the city of Edinburgh and pass over the Forth Railway Bridge. Then after traveling through Arbroath, Montrose and Aberdeen, you will find yourself in the city of Keith. The scenic portion of the trip will take you through Inverness and the Kyle of Lochalsh. Visiting the wild seals near Plockton will give you a good feel for the nature in the region, or alternatively, you can delve into the history of Eilean Donan Castle. You can also experience what it is like to live in Ballindalloch Castle, indulge in an optional golf outing, or visit the Single Estate Distillery in the area. You will tour estates in the region and visit the Cairngorms National Park, finishing this spectacular trip with a visit to Glamis Castle before returning to Edinburgh. As your tour on the luxury Belmond Royal Scotsman train draws to an end you will have experienced one of the best ways to see Scotland, walked through its lush forests, and tasted the finest cuisine and whiskey to be had.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

EDINBURGH / KEITH

Today the Belmond Royal Scotsman embarks from Edinburgh, traveling north and crossing the Firth of Forth via the renowned Forth Railway Bridge. Enjoy afternoon tea as your train travels through Arbroath, Montrose, and Aberdeen. Arrive in Keith, where the train will stay overnight. Enjoy an informal dinner and entertainment in the Observation Car.



DAY 2

KEITH / KYLE OF LOCHALSH / PLOCKTON

Leave Keith this morning as the train travels west along the Moray Firth towards Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands.

Enjoy lunch as you journey towards Kyle of Lochalsh along a beautiful scenic route, arguably the most scenic railway route in the UK. Disembark at Plockton, a picturesque town where you can take a boat trip on the bay to see wild seals or enjoy a dram of whiskey and a traditional Highland welcome at the Plockton Hotel. Another option is to visit Eilean Bonan Castle and learn about the rich history (including its restoration) behind this iconic site.

Night is spent on the train in Kyle of Lochalsh, with a formal dinner. Afterwards, coffee and liqueurs will be available in the Observation Car.

** Please note that some dates there will be an alternative itinerary for the afternoon. Full itinerary will be available upon booking.*

BOAT OF GARTEN / KYLE OF LOCHALSH

Depart Kyle as breakfast is served and retrace part of yesterday's route as far as Dingwall. Have your cameras ready for the views of Plockton across the bay to the left, where you can see white-washed cottages with fishing boats and yachts riding at anchor.

Disembark in Garve to visit Glen Ord Distillery, which is one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland, founded in 1838. Situated on the edge of the Black Isle, west of Inverness, Glen Ord continues to malt its own barley and to use the long fermentation and slow distillation methods followed there for generations. During your visit, enjoy a tour of the distillery as well as a private tasting and nosing session.

Travel south to Carrbridge where you disembark to explore romantic Ballindalloch Castle on beautiful Speyside.

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 an

**Please note: Some departure dates may have an alternative itinerary. Early-risers will have opportunity to join a short, scenic trip to photograph the famous Eilean Donan Castle before the train heads south to Carrbridge for a tour of Glenlivet Distillery.*



BOAT OF GARTEN / DUNDEE

Travel by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, where fishing, clay pigeon shooting or a tour of the estate can be enjoyed.

Re-joining the train at Kingussie, lunch is served during the journey south to Dunkeld, where you disembark for a visit to Glamis Castle, childhood home of the late HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Return to the train in Perth for a formal dinner and entertainment. Overnight stay on board in Dundee.

DAY 5

DUNDEE / EDINBURGH

After breakfast, the train heads south to Edinburgh, where your journey ends.



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.

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Oct 19, 2026	Twin Cabin	£26,600	£13,300
Oct 26, 2026	Double Cabin	£29,300	£14,650
	Twin Cabin	£26,600	£13,300
	Grand Suite	£49,600	£24,800
Apr 5, 2027	Double Cabin	£24,400	£12,200
	Grand Suite	£52,200	£26,100
Apr 12, 2027	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
Apr 26, 2027	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
May 24, 2027	Double Cabin	£28,200	£14,100
	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
Jun 7, 2027	Double Cabin	£28,200	£14,100
	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
Jun 21, 2027	Double Cabin	£26,900	£13,450
	Twin Cabin	£26,900	£13,450
	Grand Suite	£52,200	£26,100
Jun 28, 2027	Double Cabin	£28,200	£14,100
	Grand Suite	£54,800	£27,400
Jul 12, 2027	Double Cabin	£24,400	£12,200
	Twin Cabin	£23,200	£11,600
	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Grand Suite	£52,200	£26,100
Aug 9, 2027	Double Cabin	£26,900	£13,450
Aug 16, 2027	Double Cabin	£28,200	£14,100
	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
Aug 30, 2027	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
Sep 20, 2027	Grand Suite	£52,200	£26,100
Sep 27, 2027	Double Cabin	£28,200	£14,100
	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
Oct 4, 2027	Double Cabin	£23,200	£11,600
	Twin Cabin	£22,100	£11,050
	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
Oct 11, 2027	Double Cabin	£28,200	£14,100
	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
Oct 18, 2027	Double Cabin	£23,200	£11,600
	Twin Cabin	£23,200	£11,600
	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850
Nov 1, 2027	Double Cabin	£21,000	£10,500
	Twin Cabin	£21,000	£10,500
	Grand Suite	£49,700	£24,850

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.



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Visit <https://www.palacetours.com/tour/belmond-royal-scotsman-classic-tour> for the latest 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is travel insurance required?

Contact Palace Tours if you need to purchase travel insurance. When traveling on the 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 onboard?

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.

Are there any doctors or medical facilities on board the Royal Scotsman luxury train?

There are no professional medical facilities available onboard the Royal Scotsman luxury train.

What is the procedure for checking into the Belmond Royal Scotsman Luxury train?

The Belmond Royal Scotsman Luxury train starts its journey from Edinburgh Waverley Station. However, you are required to check-in at least 40 minutes before departure at The Balmoral Hotel. After the check-in the Host and Crewmembers will ensure that you and your luggage are escorted onto the train.

How much of electricity is discharged from outlets onboard the train?

On board the train electrical outlets discharge 220/240 volts.

What kind of transportation is provided once the journey on the Belmond Royal Scotsman is completed?

After your journey on the Belmond Royal Scotsman luxury train the crew can reserve taxis/limousines in case you require on wards transfers, to take you to the airport or your hotel. In case you need to take advantage of this facility please contact the Train Manager in advance or arrange at the time of booking.

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 Belmond Royal Scotsman.

The 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.

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 accommodate all passengers at a time in more intimate, family-style seating arrangements.

Throughout your journey on board the 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

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 the 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 Belmond 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 the 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 Grand Hibernian 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?

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