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Belmond Royal Scotsman - Grand Western Scenic Wonders (Westbound)

7 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Discover the breathtaking beauty of western Scotland aboard the Belmond Royal Scotsman - Grand Western Scenic Wonders. This luxury train journey takes you through stunning landscapes, from the enchanting hills around Spean Bridge to the serene shores of the Isle of Bute. With each stop, including the charming towns of Keith and Dundee, travelers are treated to exclusive access to Scotland's rich cultural heritage and historic sites, making this tour a perfect blend of luxury travel and immersive experiences.

As you traverse the scenic routes, revel in the plush accommodations and gourmet dining that the Belmond Royal Scotsman offers. Unwind in elegant cabins and savor exquisite meals crafted from locally sourced ingredients. The captivating vistas of Kyle of Lochalsh and the picturesque towns along the way will leave you in awe, ensuring that this luxury train adventure is not just a journey, but a remarkable exploration of Scotland's grand western wonders.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

EDINBURGH / SPEAN BRIDGE

The train departs from Edinburgh in the early afternoon and heads west through Falkirk, to reach Craigendoran the starting point for the West Highland Line, while guests enjoy an indulgent afternoon tea.

Spot the distinctive peak of Ben Arthur and soon you also catch 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 an informal dinner followed by entertainment in the Observation Car.

DAY 2

BRIDGE OF ORCHY / SPEAN BRIDGE

As the train travels west, passing through Fort William, don't miss the views of Ben Nevis. Travelling by the side of Loch Eil you then pass Glenfinnan, with its impressive curved viaduct, and Lochailort, before turning north along this dramatic coastline to Arisaig.

Disembark here for a leisurely walk along the beautiful Morar Sands, with breathtaking views across the Sound of Sleat to the Isle of Skye with its distinctive Cuillin Mountains.

Back on board, lunch is served as the train retraces its route towards Fort William.

Disembark here and enjoy a visit to historic Glenfinnan in the company of our Highlander who brings to life the stories of Scottish heroes before cream tea at Inverlochy Castle. Alternatively, a guided hike is available (weather permitting). A mountain ranger guides you through the scenic Nevis Gorge to The Steall Waterfall.

Return to the train in Fort William and relax on board before an informal dinner is served as you travel south towards the tiny Argyll village of Bridge of Orchy.

Enjoy an informal dinner on board. Afterwards, enjoy a nightcap whilst listening to the evening entertainment in the Observation Car.

DAY 3

BRIDGE OF ORCHY / THE ISLE OF BUTE

Today's destination is the charming Isle of Bute, reached by ferry.

The island is rich in geology, history and wildlife, with a varied landscape to explore.

Guests enjoy a fascinating visit to Mount Stuart, a Victorian Gothic house with arguably the finest privately held collection of family portraits in Scotland.

Return to the train for a formal dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 4

KEITH / THE ISLE OF BUTE

After an early departure from Gourock this morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast as you travel east towards Edinburgh where this first part of your Grand Western Scenic, Westbound journey draws to an end in Waverley Station.

Spend the morning in Edinburgh by joining a guided tour and enjoying a light lunch before returning to the train for the next part of your journey.

The train pulls out of the station in the early afternoon and travels north, crossing the Firth of Forth via the Forth Railway Bridge.

It then proceeds through Fife towards the city of Perth, during which you are served a leisurely afternoon tea, passing Arbroath, Montrose and Aberdeen before arriving in the market town of Keith.

In the evening enjoy an informal dinner followed by entertainment in the Observation Car.

DAY 5

KEITH / KYLE OF LOCHALSH

Enjoy breakfast as the train leaves Keith and heads west along Moray Firth towards Inverness, capital of the Highlands.

Lunch is served as the train heads towards Kyle of Lochalsh on what is arguably the most scenic railway route in the UK.

Disembark in Plockton, take a boat trip to see wild seals or enjoy a dram and a traditional highland welcome in the Plockton Hotel. Alternatively, visit Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most iconic sights, and learn how the castle was painstakingly restored to its former glory.

Spend the night on board in Kyle of Lochalsh. Enjoy a formal dinner and perhaps a nightcap with your fellow guests in the Observation Car which offers mesmerising views over Loch Alsh to the Isle of Skye.

DAY 6

BOAT OF GARTEN / KYLE OF LOCHALSH

After breakfast the train heads back towards Dingwall, skirting the Beauly Firth and crossing the top of the Caledonian Canal, north of Loch Ness, before reaching Inverness.

The train continues south to Carrbridge where you will disembark to visit the romantic Ballindalloch Castle and its wonderful gardens. Options at Balindallocah 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 dinner, our Highlander regales guests with stories of local heroes and their derring-dos, even demonstrating some authentic weaponry.

DAY 7

DUNDEE / KYLE OF LOCHALSH

Travel by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, where pursuits such as fishing, clay pigeon shooting, or a guided walk through the stunning landscape can be enjoyed.

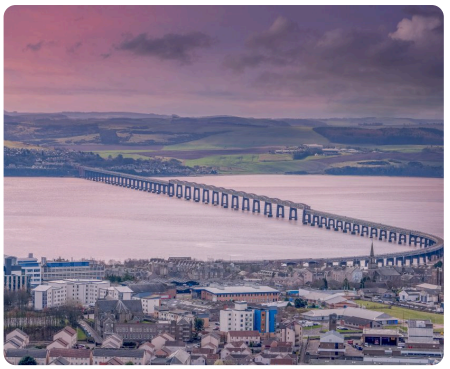
Rejoin the train at Kingussie where lunch will be served as you journey south through Blair Atholl and Pitlochry to Dunkeld. Here you will disembark for your visit to Glamis Castle, childhood home of the late HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Return to the train for a formal dinner and entertainment.

DAY 8

DUNDEE / EDINBURGH

Breakfast is served as the train leaves Dundee and crosses the Tay Bridge into the former Kingdom of Fife and on to Edinburgh were your seven night 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.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Apr 9, 2027	Grand Suite	**£92,700**	**£46,350**
Jun 4, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£49,900**	**£24,950**
	Grand Suite	**£97,400**	**£48,700**
Jul 23, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£49,900**	**£24,950**
	Grand Suite	**£97,400**	**£48,700**
Aug 13, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£49,900**	**£24,950**
	Grand Suite	**£92,700**	**£46,350**
Sep 24, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	**£49,900**	**£24,950**

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-scenic-wonders-westbound 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 Grand Western Scenic Wonders Westbound journey?

This 8-day, 7-night journey starts in Edinburgh and heads first onto the West Highland Line past Loch Lomond and Glen Falloch to Spean Bridge, Morar and Glenfinnan, then to the Isle of Bute. After a morning in Edinburgh it turns north through Speyside to Kyle of Lochalsh, Ballindalloch, Rothiemurchus and Glamis Castle, ending in Edinburgh.

How does the Westbound version differ from the Northbound Grand Western Scenic Wonders?

Both seven-night journeys share the same highlights, but the Westbound running begins with the West Highland Line, Morar, Glenfinnan and the Isle of Bute, then covers the Kyle line, Ballindalloch, Rothiemurchus and Glamis in the second half. The Northbound running does the Highland circuit first and the West Highland Line last.

Which departure dates are available for the Westbound journey?

Departures are on sale from 9 April 2027 through 24 September 2027, covering spring, summer and early autumn in the Highlands. The departure list on this page shows each date with the fare for every cabin type.

Where do I board the Royal Scotsman for Grand Western Scenic Wonders?

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 on day 8 after breakfast on board.

Which cabins can I choose on the Westbound Grand Western Scenic Wonders?

You can choose a Double Cabin with a matrimonial bed, a Twin Cabin with two twin beds, or the Grand Suite. Every cabin has lower berth beds, an en suite with shower, washbasin and WC, a full-length wardrobe, opening windows, ceiling fans, a 220/240 volt supply and a hairdryer.

What is included in the Grand Western Scenic Wonders Westbound fare?

The fare includes seven nights on board, 24-hour steward service, all meals, all beverages and every excursion: Morar Sands, Glenfinnan or the Steall Waterfall walk, Mount Stuart, a guided Edinburgh visit, the Plockton seal trip or Eilean Donan Castle, Ballindalloch Castle, Rothiemurchus Estate and Glamis Castle, plus traditional entertainment.

What is not included in the Westbound journey price?

Travel insurance, domestic or international airfare, transfers before or after the train journey, gratuities for crew members, 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 Grand Western Scenic Wonders Westbound journey cost?

> The train uses dynamic pricing, so fares vary by date and cabin. The exact fare for each departure is shown on this page. Starting your booking online holds a cabin without a financial commitment, and our team can then check for current offers.

What deposit is required and when is the balance due?

> A deposit of 25 percent secures your cabin, and the balance is due 125 days before departure. For an April 2027 departure, that means final payment around early December 2026.

What will I see on the West Highland Line on the first day?

> After leaving Edinburgh the train heads through Falkirk to Craigendoran, start of the West Highland Line, as afternoon tea is served. Look out for the peak of Ben Arthur and a first glimpse of Loch Lomond before the climb up waterfall-lined Glen Falloch to Spean Bridge for the night.

What are the Morar Sands and Glenfinnan options on day 2?

> The train passes Ben Nevis, Loch Eil and the curved Glenfinnan Viaduct to Arisaig for a walk on the Silver Sands of Morar, with views to Skye's Cuillin mountains. In the afternoon, visit Glenfinnan with a Highlander storyteller and cream tea at Inverlochy Castle, or join a ranger-guided hike through Nevis Gorge to the Steall Waterfall, weather permitting.

What is Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute?

> On day 3 you cross by ferry to the Isle of Bute to visit Mount Stuart, a Victorian Gothic mansion holding one of the finest private collections of family portraits in Scotland, with time to explore its remarkable gardens. A formal dinner follows back on board.

Does the Westbound journey include time in Edinburgh?

> Yes. On day 4 the train returns from Gourock to Edinburgh for a guided tour of the capital and a light lunch; the journey inclusions list a guided tour of the Royal Yacht Britannia. The train then crosses the Forth Railway Bridge and heads north via Arbroath, Montrose and Aberdeen to Keith.

What are the choices at Plockton and Eilean Donan Castle?

> On day 5 the train follows the Moray Firth to Inverness and lunch is served on the Kyle line, one of Britain's most scenic railways. At Plockton you can take a boat trip to the wild seal colony and a Highland welcome at the Plockton Hotel, or instead visit Eilean Donan Castle and hear how it was restored.

What can I do at Ballindalloch Castle?

> On day 6 the train skirts the Beauly Firth and crosses the Caledonian Canal north of Loch Ness, then you disembark at Carrbridge for Ballindalloch Castle. Choose a private tour of the castle or nine holes on its own golf course, among the options, before the night at Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway.

What happens at Rothiemurchus Estate and Glamis Castle?

> On day 7 a coach takes you to Rothiemurchus Estate in the Cairngorms National Park for fishing, clay-pigeon shooting or a guided walk. After lunch through Blair Atholl and Pitlochry, you visit Glamis Castle, the childhood

What is the dress code on the Grand Western Scenic Wonders journey?

> Dinners alternate informal and formal throughout, with formal dinners on days 3, 5 and 7. On formal nights a dark suit, tuxedo or kilt is customary for gentlemen and a cocktail dress or tartan for ladies; informal evenings are smart casual.

Where does the train stop overnight on the Westbound journey?

> The train stables at quiet stations so you sleep to stillness rather than motion. Overnight stops include Spean Bridge, Bridge of Orchy, Keith, Kyle of Lochalsh with views over Loch Alsh to Skye, Boat of Garten and Dundee.

Can solo travellers or children book the Westbound journey?

> 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 this is an adult-paced journey with formal dinners, so contact us to confirm acceptance and fares before booking with children.

How do I ask a question or book the Royal Scotsman Grand Western Scenic Wonders Westbound?

> 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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