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Britannic Explorer: The Wonders of Wales

3 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

From deepest Snowdonia to the magnificent Pembrokeshire coast, we celebrate the best of Wales on this luxury train journey.

Alongside the beautiful scenery of West England and the Cotswolds, this getaway celebrates the unique and varied Welsh terrain. On this storied voyage through the heart of Wales, a retreat to The Land of the Red Dragon has never been so tantalizing.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

WALES

Your luxury Wales holiday begins at the iconic London Victoria Station, where you board the Britannic Explorer. Your bags have been checked in, final touches made to your luxurious suite, and the departure whistle begins to blow. After exploring your private quarters, it's time to relax in one of the botanically inspired dining carriages. We commence our journey with a thoughtfully curated afternoon tea, expertly crafted by Chef Simon Rogan, featuring delightful Welsh teacakes and traditional bara brith fruit cake. As you savour these exquisite treats, golden hour bathes the patchwork tapestry of the Cotswolds in a warm, enchanting glow, transforming the countryside into a breathtaking panorama of rich hues.

As the evening unfolds, you may choose to indulge in the serenity of the Wellness Suite, sample the diverse selection of gins in the bar, or engage in a friendly board game with newfound companions. After relishing a masterfully curated dinner by Chef Rogan, retreat to your suite, where you can drift into a peaceful slumber, cradled by the gentle rhythm of this extraordinary journey.

DAY 2

WALES

As the sun rises, illuminating the breathtaking Pembrokeshire coastline, embrace the promise of a day filled with exploration amidst Wales's scenic vistas and verdant valleys. After a leisurely breakfast, disembark at Llandrindod Wells, where a guided hike through the tranquil valleys of the remote Welsh heartland awaits. Along the way, indulge in a quintessentially British picnic amidst fragrant lavender fields, complete with a beautifully curated hamper that celebrates the best of local produce. For those desiring a more relaxed pace, our attentive Guest Experience team is on hand to recommend a selection of thoughtfully crafted activities tailored to your preferences.

After your invigorating excursion, rejoin the train and continue your journey along the enchanting Heart of Wales Line, which gracefully winds through the rural uplands of Carmarthenshire and Powys. As you travel northward into Snowdonia National Park – known as Eryri to the locals – prepare to be mesmerised by the dramatic transformation of landscapes, where lush valleys rise to meet soaring peaks and cascading waterfalls. This evening's dining experience promises another celebration of seasonal British fine dining, perfectly paired with an enchanting entertainment lineup. Our overnight stabling point for the evening is the charming town of Porthmadog near north Wales, nestled within the majestic embrace of Snowdonia National Park.

DAY 3

WALES

Spend a leisurely morning aboard the train, indulging in a wellness ritual or enjoying a blissful lie-in, followed by a sumptuous brunch. With a freshly made mimosa in hand, take in the passing scenery from the expansive windows of the Observation Car. Our next destination is the vibrant town of Machynlleth, nestled at the southern edge of Snowdonia National Park. Renowned for its Museum of Modern Art, Machynlleth is a hub of creativity, sustainability, and exceptional cuisine. Our Concierge's curated black book of excursions offers a range of active pursuits, complemented by a glass or two of exquisite natural Welsh wine.

As we journey back on board, the time has come for the grand finale of our Welsh adventure: a celebration of the very best of British terroir. A lavish five-course black-tie lunch is served as we glide towards the Cotswolds, traversing the lush greenery of Mid Wales and Montgomeryshire, passing through Welshpool before crossing into Shropshire. We wind down through the West Midlands to Oxfordshire, arriving at Moreton-in-Marsh, an idyllic market town celebrated for its charming 'chocolate box' cottages. Here, we disembark for an exclusive after-party in a quintessential Cotswolds pub, where you can immerse yourself in local culture. Savour an array of English delights, from homemade scotch eggs to delectable sausage rolls, and for those feeling adventurous, the bar awaits as you learn the art of pouring the perfect pint.

After a night filled with laughter, dancing, and sampling a variety of local ales, wines, and handcrafted liqueurs, retreat to your suite for your final restful night on board.

DAY 4

WALES

Savour a farewell breakfast as we journey through the picturesque landscapes of Oxfordshire and the enchanting Chilterns. As you reflect on the unforgettable memories from your breathtaking Wales holiday, we gracefully arrive at London Victoria in the soft light of early morning.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Nov 9, 2026	Grand Suite	**£30,600**	**£15,300**
	Suite - Twin	**£17,000**	**£8,500**
	Suite - Double	**£17,000**	**£8,500**
May 17, 2027	Grand Suite	**£25,000**	**£12,500**
	Suite - Twin	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
	Suite - Double	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
Jul 26, 2027	Grand Suite	**£34,900**	**£17,450**
	Suite - Twin	**£14,900**	**£7,450**
	Suite - Double	**£14,900**	**£7,450**
Nov 1, 2027	Grand Suite	**£36,600**	**£18,300**
	Suite - Twin	**£15,600**	**£7,800**
	Suite - Double	**£15,600**	**£7,800**

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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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 do I wear onboard Britannic Explorer?

For daytime excursions, consider appropriate footwear and seasonal layers. For relaxing moments on board, we recommend casual, comfortable clothing. For dinners, smart casual is appropriate and for the final night gala dinner, formal black-tie attire is encouraged.

Can you help arrange transportation before or after my journey?

On the final night of your luxury train journey, our crew can reserve taxis/limousines for onward transfers, for example to the airport from London Victoria Station. For more details, please speak to the Train Manager. In advance of travel, our Reservations team can pre-book transfers from your place of stay to the station for departure. Kindly note that guests staying in a Grand Suite can enjoy complimentary transportation before and after their journey.

Are children allowed onboard?

Children are welcome to join us aboard Britannic Explorer. Infants under the age of two at the time of departure travel free. Parents must provide their own food and a bassinet for sleeping. Given the space constraints of the onboard accommodation, we always recommend booking a Grand Suite for the comfort of those travelling with an infant. The atmosphere aboard Britannic Explorer is geared towards our adult guests. Therefore, it is at the Train Manager's discretion that children may accompany their parents in the bar and restaurant cars. Please contact our reservations team to discuss full details and train journey suitability.

How long is the Britannic Explorer Wonders of Wales journey?

It is a 4-day, 3-night round trip from London Victoria. You board on day 1, spend days 2 and 3 exploring Wales, and arrive back at London Victoria in the early morning of day 4 after a farewell breakfast through Oxfordshire and the Chilterns.

What route does the Wonders of Wales journey follow?

The train leaves London through the Cotswolds at golden hour and heads into Wales, waking on day 2 along the Pembrokeshire coast before a stop at Llandrindod Wells. Day 3 brings the train to Machynlleth on the southern edge of Snowdonia National Park before returning to London.

What happens at Llandrindod Wells?

On day 2 you disembark at Llandrindod Wells for a guided hike through the quiet valleys of the Welsh heartland, with a picnic hamper of local produce among lavender fields. For a gentler day, the Guest Experience team can suggest relaxed alternatives.

What can I do in Machynlleth?

> Machynlleth sits at the southern edge of Snowdonia National Park and is known for its Museum of Modern Art, creativity and food. The on-board concierge offers a curated list of excursions, including a range of active pursuits in the surrounding countryside.

What is the Welsh afternoon tea on the Britannic Explorer?

> The journey begins with an afternoon tea in the dining carriage featuring Welsh teacakes and traditional bara brith fruit cake, served as the Cotswolds pass by outside the window.

Do I need to be fit for the Wonders of Wales journey?

> No. The valley hike and the active excursions in Machynlleth are optional, and gentler choices are available. Many guests also spend time in the Wellness Suite or the Observation Car taking in the scenery.

How big are the cabins on the Britannic Explorer?

> Double and Twin Suites each have about 7.8 sq m. The Double has a sofa-bed that your steward makes up at night, plus a chair, fold-out marquetry table, wardrobes, marble vanity and en-suite shower. In the Twin, two armchairs become beds in the evening. The Grand Suite is the most spacious choice.

Can I book a Britannic Explorer cabin for sole use?

> Yes. Twin Suites, Double Suites and the Grand Suite can all be booked for sole use. Single occupancy starts from about USD 18,984, and the exact fare for your date is shown on this page.

How much does the Wonders of Wales journey cost?

> Fares start from about USD 9,492 per person sharing a Suite. Rates vary by date and cabin, and the exact fare for each departure is shown on this page.

What is included in the Wonders of Wales fare?

> The fare includes three nights aboard with 24-hour steward service, all table d'hote meals including breakfasts, brunches, lunches, afternoon teas and dinners with a selection of beverages, and a tailor-made programme of off-board tours and experiences such as the valley hike and picnic.

What are the dining carriages like?

> Meals are served in botanically inspired dining carriages. Each day follows a table d'hote menu, and mornings can start with a leisurely brunch after a lie-in, so the pace on board is relaxed.

What is there to do on board between excursions?

> You can book a treatment in the Wellness Suite, relax in your private cabin, or watch the Welsh coast and valleys from the expansive windows of the Observation Car. A steward is on call 24 hours a day.

What deposit is required and when is the balance due?

> A 25% deposit confirms your cabin and the balance is due 125 days before departure. Bookings within 125 days of departure are paid in full at booking.

Can I combine the Wales journey with another Britannic Explorer itinerary?

> Yes. The Welsh leg also forms the second half of the 6-night Cornwall and Wales and Lake District and Wales itineraries, which add three nights in the South-West or the Lake District first. Ask us to compare dates and fares.

Can I stay in London before or after the Wales journey?

> Yes. The train leaves London Victoria in the afternoon and returns early in the morning, so a London stay fits easily either side. Hotel nights are not included in the fare, but our team can help you plan them.

How do I ask a question or book the Britannic Explorer Wonders of Wales journey?

> Every departure listed on this page can be booked directly online. For questions about cabins or dates, email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will answer.

Which Wonders of Wales departures are on sale?

> Departures on sale run from 28 September 2026 to 1 November 2027, so you can choose between seasons. Each date is listed on this page with live availability by cabin type.

Ready to Book Your Journey?

Contact Palace Tours for personalized rates and departure dates

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