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Britannic Explorer: The Lake District

3 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

This luxury train journey seamlessly blends history and adventure, from invigorating outdoor pursuits to the elegance of grand country estates. The experience culminates in Oxfordshire with a black-tie gala at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons – a celebration of timeless refinement and Michelin star dining. For those drawn to literary landscapes, this region has long inspired Shakespeare, Beatrix Potter and Wordsworth, moved by its beauty and depth.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

LAKE DISTRICT

Prepare to traverse the glorious English countryside and immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of the Lake District as you step aboard the Britannic Explorer at London Victoria Station. Settle into your exquisite private quarters, where the elegant ambience reflects the illustrious landscape through which the train passes. Life on board is an indulgent affair, beginning with a sumptuous Cumbrian Afternoon Tea, curated by Chef Simon Rogan, with his own Cumbrian heritage reflected in the menu. Perhaps you'll feast on a slice of Kendal mint cake, or some sumptuous Grasmere gingerbread. As the afternoon unfolds, unwind with a restorative treatment in our Wellness Suite, or perhaps enjoy a cocktail or two from the Bar. Our route to the Lake District takes you through the heart of England, winding through the picturesque landscapes of Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, and South Yorkshire.

As night descends, take your seat for an exquisite dinner, once again crafted by Michelin-starred chef Simon Rogan, a true pioneer of the farm-to-fork movement. Anticipate culinary masterpieces that celebrate local, seasonal ingredients and innovative flavours, elevating your dining experience to new heights. After dinner, join us in the Observation Car, where you can dance the night away to music while sipping a small-batch gin and tonic, surrounded by cherished new friends. Finally, retreat to your tranquil suite for a restful night’s sleep.

DAY 2

LAKE DISTRICT

Awaken to the scenic views of the Forest of Bowland and the enchanting Yorkshire Dales National Park rushing past your window. As you travel along Cumbria's southern coast, let your gaze drift to the stunning panorama of the Irish Sea shimmering in the distance. By early afternoon, we'll arrive in Workington – your gateway to the Lake District. Here, we take a chauffeured journey to the Lingholm Estate, a Grade II listed Victorian mansion where the beloved Beatrix Potter once spent her idyllic summers. Within this exclusive sanctuary, with private quarters open solely to guests of the Britannic Explorer, choose your adventure: immerse yourself in guided open-water swimming, meet the delightful local alpacas, or embark on a scenic hike around the breathtaking nearby fells. For those wishing to explore a little further afield, our onboard concierge is ready to curate your ideal outing.

Reboard the train, now awaiting you at Penrith, just as dinner is being prepared. Tonight's meal is yet another celebration of seasonal British fine dining, followed by lively onboard entertainment with your fellow bon vivants. As the evening draws to a close, the train will rest overnight on the scenic Settle & Carlisle line, nestled in the charming rural market town of Appleby.

DAY 3

LAKE DISTRICT

Awaken to an elegant morning as a leisurely brunch awaits you in the dining car, alongside a freshly crafted Bellini. Savour this gentle time, perhaps with a spirited game of cards among newfound friends as we glide over the iconic Ribblehead Viaduct on the famed Settle & Carlisle line. Today's journey winds gracefully through the breathtaking landscapes of the Peak District, drawing us toward Oxfordshire and the timeless splendour of Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons. Awaiting us here is an exquisite black-tie gala dinner in the exclusive Le Belle Époque dining room, with views over the 15th-century manor – a night of refined Provençal-inspired indulgence in a setting crafted for celebration.

Return to the train afterward to spend your final night aboard, as we settle amidst the Cotswolds' patchwork tapestry, resting overnight just beyond the lights of London.

DAY 4

LAKE DISTRICT

Breakfast is served as the train departs for the journey back to London. After a scenic journey, gliding through Oxfordshire and the Chilterns, bid adieu to your countryside getaway as we arrive at London Victoria for an early morning arrival.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Oct 30, 2026	Suite - Double	**£15,400**	**£7,700**
	Suite - Twin	**£15,400**	**£7,700**
	Grand Suite	**£25,000**	**£12,500**
Nov 20, 2026	Suite - Double	**£15,400**	**£7,700**
	Suite - Twin	**£15,400**	**£7,700**
	Grand Suite	**£25,000**	**£12,500**
Apr 9, 2027	Grand Suite	**£25,000**	**£12,500**
Apr 23, 2027	Suite - Double	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
	Suite - Twin	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
	Grand Suite	**£25,000**	**£12,500**
May 7, 2027	Suite - Double	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
	Suite - Twin	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
	Grand Suite	**£25,000**	**£12,500**
May 21, 2027	Suite - Double	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
May 28, 2027	Suite - Double	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
	Suite - Twin	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
Jun 25, 2027	Suite - Double	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
	Suite - Twin	**£14,200**	**£7,100**
	Grand Suite	**£25,000**	**£12,500**
Jul 2, 2027	Suite - Double	**£14,900**	**£7,450**

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Grand Suite	£25,000	£12,500
Jul 30, 2027	Suite - Double	£14,900	£7,450
	Suite - Twin	£14,900	£7,450
	Grand Suite	£25,000	£12,500
Aug 13, 2027	Suite - Double	£14,900	£7,450
	Suite - Twin	£14,900	£7,450
	Grand Suite	£25,000	£12,500
Aug 27, 2027	Suite - Double	£14,900	£7,450
	Suite - Twin	£14,900	£7,450
	Grand Suite	£25,000	£12,500
Sep 24, 2027	Suite - Double	£14,900	£7,450
	Suite - Twin	£14,900	£7,450
	Grand Suite	£25,000	£12,500
Oct 8, 2027	Suite - Double	£14,200	£7,100
	Suite - Twin	£14,200	£7,100
	Grand Suite	£25,000	£12,500
Oct 22, 2027	Suite - Double	£14,200	£7,100
	Suite - Twin	£14,200	£7,100
	Grand Suite	£25,000	£12,500
Nov 5, 2027	Suite - Double	£14,200	£7,100
	Suite - Twin	£14,200	£7,100
	Grand Suite	£33,200	£16,600
Nov 12, 2027	Suite - Double	£14,200	£7,100
	Suite - Twin	£14,200	£7,100
	Grand Suite	£33,200	£16,600

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/Britannic_Explorer_Lake_District_UK_Train_Tour 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 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 Lake District journey?

It is a 4-day, 3-night round trip from London Victoria. The train departs London on day 1, spends day 2 in the Lake District, hosts a gala evening in Oxfordshire on day 3, and arrives back at London Victoria in the early morning of day 4.

What route does the Britannic Explorer Lake District journey take?

From London the train travels north, passing the Forest of Bowland and the Yorkshire Dales and running along Cumbria's southern coast with views of the Irish Sea to Workington. It returns south over the Ribblehead Viaduct on the Settle and Carlisle line and through the Peak District to Oxfordshire, then back to London.

What is the Lingholm Estate visit?

On day 2 you are driven from Workington to the Lingholm Estate on Derwentwater, a Grade II listed Victorian mansion where Beatrix Potter spent her summers. Private quarters are reserved for Britannic Explorer guests, and you can choose from activities such as guided open-water swimming.

What is the gala dinner in Oxfordshire?

> The journey culminates on day 3 with a black-tie gala dinner at a two-Michelin-star country house restaurant in Oxfordshire, in a private dining room overlooking a 15th-century manor. It is included in the fare, so bring formal evening wear.

Why is the Lake District known for its literary connections?

> The landscapes on this route have inspired writers for centuries, including Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter, whose summer home at Lingholm you visit on day 2. The journey is a good choice for travellers who enjoy literary and country-house history as well as scenery.

Is the Ribblehead Viaduct part of this journey?

> Yes. On day 3, over a leisurely brunch in the dining car, the train crosses the Ribblehead Viaduct on the Settle and Carlisle line, one of the most famous railway views in England, before continuing through the Peak District.

Do I need to be active to enjoy the Lake District journey?

> No. Activities at Lingholm, such as open-water swimming, are optional and there are gentler choices on the estate. Much of the journey can be enjoyed from the train, with the Wellness Suite and Observation Car on hand.

Which cabins can I choose on the Britannic Explorer?

> Choose from a Suite with a double bed, a Suite with twin beds, or the Grand Suite. Double and Twin Suites have about 7.8 sq m and an en-suite shower, with the steward converting seating into beds each evening. The Grand Suite offers the most space.

Can I travel solo on the Lake District journey?

> Yes, any cabin can be booked for sole use. Single occupancy starts from about USD 18,934, and the exact sole-use fare for your date is shown on this page or can be confirmed by our team.

What does the Lake District journey fare include?

> 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, the gala dinner in Oxfordshire, and a tailor-made programme of off-board tours and experiences.

What is the Cumbrian afternoon tea?

> As the train leaves London on day 1 you are served a Cumbrian afternoon tea with a menu rooted in the region's food traditions, including treats such as Kendal mint cake and Grasmere gingerbread.

What facilities are on board?

> The train has elegant dining carriages, a Wellness Suite for restorative treatments, and an Observation Car with expansive windows, as well as your private cabin with 24-hour steward service.

What deposit is required and when is the balance due?

> A 25% deposit secures your cabin, with the balance due 125 days before departure. If you book within 125 days of departure, the full fare is payable at booking.

Is there a longer version of this Lake District journey?

> Yes. The 6-night Lake District and Wales itinerary follows the same first three nights, then continues from London into Wales for the Pembrokeshire coast, a valley hike and Machynlleth. Ask us if you would like to compare the two.

How do I ask a question or book the Britannic Explorer Lake District 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.

How much does the Britannic Explorer Lake District journey cost?

> Fares start from about USD 9,467 per person sharing a Suite, including the gala dinner and excursions. The exact fare for each departure and cabin type is shown on this page.

Which Lake District departures are on sale?

> Departures on sale run from 25 September 2026 to 12 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?

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