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Britannic Explorer: The Lake District & Wales

6 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Experience the breathtaking allure of the Lake District and Wales, renowned as the most spectacular destinations for natural beauty in the United Kingdom. Embark on a luxurious train journey that takes you through shimmering lakes, rolling hills, and dramatic mountains.

From the serene shores of Derwentwater to invigorating hikes in the heart of Wales, we celebrate the finest treasures of Britain on this remarkable voyage. Feel the literary inspiration of Yorkshire, indulge in culinary delights in the Cotswolds, and immerse yourself in the stunning vistas that unfold just outside your private cabin window.

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 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 try 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, ready for yet another day of indulgent exploration.

DAY 3

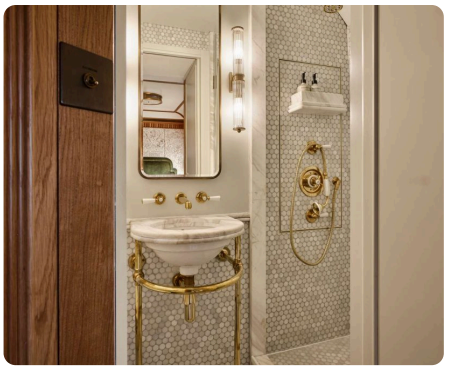
LAKE DISTRICT

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

WALES



After a scenic journey, gliding through Oxfordshire and the Chilterns, we arrive at London Victoria for an early morning arrival. You have free time here as we collect more passengers, so disembark and stretch your legs to explore the local area – perhaps making the short 15-minute stroll to our sister hotel, The Cadogan, for a spot of lunch or a glass of English sparkling wine on their terrace.

We depart London once more in the afternoon, our journey to Wales commencing with another thoughtfully curated afternoon tea, featuring delightful Welsh teacakes and traditional bara brith fruit cake. As you savour these exquisite treats, the 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 5

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 Llanwrtyd 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, nestled within the majestic embrace of Snowdonia National Park.

DAY 6

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 reflects the town's ethos, offering 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 7

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 exploration of the United Kingdom, 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)
Oct 8, 2027	Grand Suite	**£66,400**	**£33,200**
	Suite - Double	**£28,400**	**£14,200**
	Suite - Twin	**£28,400**	**£14,200**

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 Lake District and Wales journey?

It is a 7-day, 6-night round trip from London Victoria. The train leaves London on the afternoon of day 1 and returns to London Victoria in the early morning of day 7, after a farewell breakfast through Oxfordshire and the Chilterns.

What route does the Lake District and Wales itinerary follow?

The first leg runs north past the Forest of Bowland and Yorkshire Dales to Workington for the Lake District, then crosses the Ribblehead Viaduct on the Settle and Carlisle line and the Peak District to Oxfordshire. After a morning stop in London, the second leg goes into Wales for the Pembrokeshire coast, Llanwrtyd Wells and Machynlleth.

What happens at the Lingholm Estate in the Lake District?

From Workington you take a chauffeured drive to the Lingholm Estate near Derwentwater, a Grade II listed Victorian mansion where Beatrix Potter spent her summers. Private quarters are reserved for Britannic Explorer guests, and you choose from activities such as guided open-water swimming.

What is the black-tie gala dinner on this journey?

On day 3 the train brings you to Oxfordshire for a black-tie gala dinner at a two-Michelin-star country house

Why does the train return to London on day 4?

> The train arrives at London Victoria early on day 4 to collect guests joining for the Welsh leg. You have free time to stretch your legs nearby before departing again in the afternoon for Wales with a Welsh-themed afternoon tea.

What will I do in Wales on this itinerary?

> On day 5 you disembark at Llanwrtyd Wells for a guided hike through remote Welsh valleys with a picnic hamper among lavender fields. On day 6 the train reaches Machynlleth, on the southern edge of Snowdonia National Park and known for its Museum of Modern Art, with a choice of curated active excursions.

Which famous railway sights does this journey include?

> Highlights include the crossing of the Ribblehead Viaduct on the Settle and Carlisle line, views of the Yorkshire Dales and the Irish Sea along Cumbria's southern coast, the Peak District, and the Pembrokeshire coastline at sunrise on the Welsh leg.

Do I need to be fit for the Lake District and Wales excursions?

> No. The Welsh valley hike and activities such as open-water swimming at Lingholm are optional. The Guest Experience team recommends gentler alternatives for those who prefer a relaxed pace, and you can always stay aboard to enjoy the scenery.

Which cabins are available on the Britannic Explorer?

> You can choose a Grand Suite or a Suite with a double or twin bed layout. Double and Twin Suites offer about 7.8 sq m with an en-suite shower, and your steward turns the daytime seating into beds each evening. The Grand Suite is the most spacious cabin on board.

How much does the Lake District and Wales journey cost?

> Fares start from about USD 18,984 per person sharing a Suite. The exact fare for each departure and cabin type is shown on this page, as rates vary by date.

Is there a single fare on the Lake District and Wales journey?

> Yes. Cabins can be booked for sole use, starting from about USD 37,968. The exact sole-use fare for your chosen date is shown on this page or can be confirmed by our team.

What is included in the Britannic Explorer Lake District and Wales fare?

> The fare includes six 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 served at afternoon tea on this journey?

> There are two themed teas. Leaving London on day 1 you enjoy a Cumbrian afternoon tea, with treats such as Kendal mint cake and Grasmere gingerbread. Heading into Wales on day 4, the tea features Welsh teacakes and traditional bara brith fruit cake.

What facilities are on board the Britannic Explorer?

> Alongside your private cabin, the train has elegant dining carriages, a Wellness Suite for treatments, and an Observation Car with expansive windows. Mornings are unhurried, with the option of a lie-in and brunch on most days.

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 made within 125 days of departure are paid in full at the time of booking.

How do I ask a question or book the Britannic Explorer Lake District and Wales journey?

> Every departure listed on this page can be booked directly online. For questions about cabins, dates or hotels in London, 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 Lake District and Wales departures are on sale?

> Departures on sale run from 25 September 2026 to 8 October 2027, covering autumn, spring and summer. Each date is listed on this page with live availability by cabin type.

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