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Britannic Explorer: Cornwall & Wales

6 Nights • Luxury Experience

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Overview

A CELEBRATION OF THE SOUTH-WEST

From deepest Snowdonia to the sparkling sea of south-west England, we celebrate the best of Wales and Cornwall on this luxury train journey.

This itinerary invites you to explore and fall in love with sandy Cornwall and bucolic Wales over six luxurious nights. First, we voyage into Cornwall, exploring this fabled county's hotspots including Penzance and Lostwithiel. Then, look forward to the quaint villages, lush valleys and kaleidoscopic greens of Wales, known as The Land of the Red Dragon. This is train travel at its finest.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

CORNWALL

Step aboard the Britannic Explorer at London Victoria, where the promise of an extraordinary journey awaits. Departing in the soft afternoon light, explore the train's elegant carriages, including the sanctuary of your private cabin. As London recedes, England's enchanting western countryside unfurls beyond your window. Settle into the dining carriage and savour Chef Simon Rogan's Cornish Afternoon Tea, crafted with the finest ingredients from Cornwall's larder – a true taste of British tradition, down to the spirited debate of jam or cream first.

Perhaps the Wellness Suite invites you to unwind, or the Bar tempts you with cocktails inspired by native botanicals as the train glides through the North Wessex Downs and Somerset's storied market towns. By twilight, you'll arrive at the West Somerset Railway, a heritage track offering spectacular countryside and coastal vistas. Enjoy a masterfully curated dinner by Chef Rogan, and then, in the Observation Car, savour music and the warmth of newfound friends over small-batch gin. As the evening concludes, retreat to your suite and drift into a peaceful slumber, embraced by the gentle rhythm of this remarkable journey.

DAY 2

CORNWALL

Mornings aboard the Britannic Explorer are yours to savour. Start the day at your own pace – a tranquil first-light experience on the platform, a luxurious lie-in followed by brunch in the dining car, or a revitalising visit to the serene Wellness Suite. As the train glides along Devon's stunning southern coast, you'll journey along the famed Riviera Line, where sweeping ocean vistas unfold past charming towns like Teignmouth. Skirting the rugged beauty of Dartmoor en-route to Plymouth, the train then enters Cornwall – Kernow in the local tongue. The journey towards Penzance is equally captivating, with the luminous Cornish seas glistening as you pass through St Austell and Truro.

By early afternoon, we arrive in southern Cornwall, where a wealth of unforgettable experiences awaits. Disembark at St Erth to explore the artistic haven of St Ives, with bespoke recommendations from our concierge's curated black book, or continue to Penzance for a guided tour of the Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens, culminating in a private Cornish wine tasting overlooking St Michael's Mount. In the evening, rejoining the train for tonight's dinner on board celebrates Britain's seasonal bounty, followed by an evening of curated entertainment – a perfect close to a day immersed in the enchanting landscapes and culture of Britain's southern coast.

DAY 3

CORNWALL

After a delightful breakfast, immerse yourself in the timeless allure of Cornwall's Lostwithiel area, where thoughtfully curated excursions reveal the region's historic charm. Explore the picturesque seaside town of Fowey, where our Guest Experience team can craft a bespoke adventure tailored to your desires. Choose from a coastal hike along the famed "Hall Walk," a private boat tour along the shore, or other excursions into the local area that invite you to discover its hidden gems.

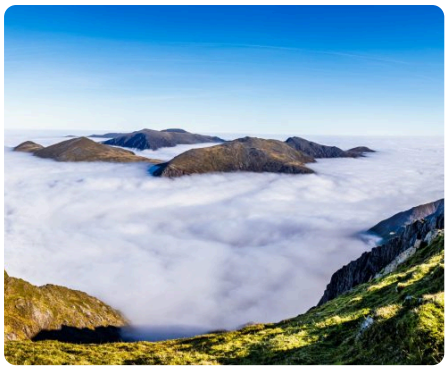
As evening descends, re-board the train for a picturesque journey to Somerset, arriving in the enchanting town of Bruton. Here, an after-hours private tour of the esteemed Hauser & Wirth gallery awaits, complete with a champagne reception in the gallery's idyllic gardens. The day culminates in a private black-tie gala dinner at Da Costa, Hauser & Wirth's celebrated Italian restaurant – a true celebration of fine dining. As the evening draws to a close, the train rests peacefully on the serene East Somerset Railway, promising a night of undisturbed tranquillity.

DAY 4

WALES

Savour breakfast as we depart the tranquil East Somerset Railway, your heart filled with cherished memories of the stunning Southwest. 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, commencing our journey to Wales 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 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, 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)
Apr 16, 2027	Grand Suite	**£73,200**	**£36,600**
	Suite - Double	**£31,200**	**£15,600**
	Suite - Twin	**£31,200**	**£15,600**
May 14, 2027	Grand Suite	**£50,000**	**£25,000**
	Suite - Double	**£28,400**	**£14,200**
	Suite - Twin	**£28,400**	**£14,200**
Jul 23, 2027	Grand Suite	**£69,800**	**£34,900**
	Suite - Double	**£29,800**	**£14,900**
	Suite - Twin	**£29,800**	**£14,900**
Oct 29, 2027	Grand Suite	**£73,200**	**£36,600**
	Suite - Double	**£31,200**	**£15,600**
	Suite - Twin	**£31,200**	**£15,600**

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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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 Cornwall and Wales journey and where does it start?

> It is a 7-day, 6-night round trip from London Victoria. The train departs in the afternoon on 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 Britannic Explorer take through Cornwall and Wales?

> From London the train heads west along the Riviera Line past Teignmouth, skirts Dartmoor to Plymouth and enters Cornwall towards Penzance. It then visits the Lostwithiel and Fowey area, continues to Bruton in Somerset, returns briefly to London, and heads into Wales for the Pembrokeshire coast, Llandrindod Wells and Machynlleth before returning to London.

Why does the train stop in London in the middle of the journey?

> On day 4 the train arrives at London Victoria in the early morning to collect more passengers before the Welsh leg. You have free time to stretch your legs and explore nearby before the train departs again in the afternoon for Wales.

What excursions are offered in Cornwall on the Britannic Explorer?

> On day 3 in the Lostwithiel area you can explore the seaside town of Fowey, with choices such as a coastal hike along

What happens during the evening in Bruton, Somerset?

> On the evening of day 3 the train arrives in Bruton, where guests enjoy an after-hours private tour of a celebrated contemporary art gallery. The evening continues with a gala dinner at the gallery's Italian restaurant, which is included in the fare.

What will I do in Wales on this Britannic Explorer journey?

> On day 5 you disembark at Llandrindod 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, known for its Museum of Modern Art and a range of active excursions.

Do I need to be fit for the hikes on the Cornwall and Wales itinerary?

> No. The walks, such as the Hall Walk in Fowey and the valley hike from Llandrindod Wells, are optional. For those who prefer a gentler pace, the Guest Experience team recommends relaxed alternatives, and you can always stay aboard to enjoy the scenery and the Wellness Suite.

Which cabins are available on the Britannic Explorer?

> You can choose a Grand Suite or a Suite, with Suites offered in either a double or twin bed layout. Every cabin is private with 24-hour steward service, and the Grand Suite is the most spacious option on board.

How much does the Britannic Explorer Cornwall 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 can vary by date and cabin.

Is there a single fare on the Britannic Explorer Cornwall and Wales journey?

> Yes. Single occupancy of a Suite starts from about USD 37,968, as the cabin is priced for sole use. The exact single fare for your chosen date is shown on this page or can be confirmed by our team.

What does the Britannic Explorer fare include?

> 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 Bruton, and a tailor-made programme of off-board tours and experiences.

What is afternoon tea like on the Britannic Explorer?

> Afternoon tea is a highlight of both legs. Leaving London on day 1 you are served a Cornish afternoon tea made with ingredients from Cornwall, while on day 4, heading into Wales, the tea features Welsh teacakes and traditional bara brith fruit cake.

What facilities are on board the Britannic Explorer?

> Besides your private cabin, the train has an elegant dining carriage, a Wellness Suite for treatments and relaxation, and an Observation Car with expansive windows for watching the countryside and coast roll past.

What is a typical morning like on board?

> Mornings are unhurried. You can rise early for a first-light moment on the platform, enjoy a lie-in followed by brunch

Which Britannic Explorer Cornwall and Wales departures are on sale?

> Departures on sale run from 16 October 2026 to 29 October 2027. Each date is listed on this page with live availability by cabin type, so you can compare seasons and pick the date that suits you.

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 Cornwall 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.

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