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Belmond Royal Scotsman: Wild Spirit of Scotland

3 Nights • Luxury Experience

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Overview

Three nights into the Highlands built around wild landscapes and quiet luxury. Excursions include a private visit to Ballindalloch Castle, Attadale Gardens on the west coast, a Speyside distillery tour and tasting, forest bathing in Caledonian woodland and a guided hike near Kyle of Lochalsh - with the Dior Spa Car on board for treatments in between.

Departure from Edinburgh is around 13:45, returning by about 09:40 on the final morning. All meals, all drinks, excursions and nightly entertainment - including traditional ceilidhs - are included.

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

EDINBURGH

Board at Edinburgh Waverley and depart in the early afternoon. Afternoon tea is served as the train travels north through Perth, Dunkeld, Pitlochry and Blair Atholl, the rolling hills of Perthshire giving way to Highland peaks. Past Aviemore - gateway to the Cairngorms National Park - the train stables at Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway.

After dinner on board, musicians join the train in the Observation Car, mixing Gaelic songs with lively folk melodies.

DAY 2

KYLE OF LOCHALSH

The train travels through Inverness and takes the Kyle line west - arguably Britain's most scenic railway - with lunch served en route, climbing to the Luib summit and through Achnashellach Forest.

Choose your afternoon: Attadale Gardens at Strathcarron, a 30,000-acre estate with Water, Japanese and Sunken Gardens and refreshments with your hosts; the village of Plockton and its wild seal colony, with a dram at the Plockton Hotel; or a guided hike through woodland and moor near Kyle of Lochalsh, watching for red deer and golden eagles.

The train stables overnight at Kyle of Lochalsh, gateway to the Isle of Skye.





DAY 3

AVIEMORE

Retracing the route east, disembark at Aviemore for a morning at Rothiemurchus Estate: fishing, clay-pigeon shooting, wild swimming (pre-booked) or a guided forest-bathing walk through the Caledonian woodland, with refreshments in the hunting lodge.

After lunch on board, visit a renowned Speyside distillery for a private tour and tasting - or take a leisurely cycle ride to the River Spey and nearby lochs. Rejoin the train at Boat of Garten in the early evening.

The farewell dinner is served on the way to Perth, followed by dancing in the Observation Car.

DAY 4

EDINBURGH

Breakfast is served as the train leaves Perth and crosses the Tay Bridge into Fife, arriving at Edinburgh Waverley at around 09:40.



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.

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Oct 30, 2026	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	£15,400	£7,700
Apr 2, 2027	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	£19,700	£9,850
	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500
Apr 23, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£19,700	£9,850
	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500
Apr 30, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£22,800	£11,400
	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500
May 28, 2027	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500
Jun 25, 2027	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500
Jul 16, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£19,700	£9,850
	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500
Jul 30, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£18,800	£9,400
	Grand Suite	£45,200	£22,600
Aug 6, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£18,800	£9,400
	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500
Aug 27, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£18,800	£9,400
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	£18,800	£9,400
	Grand Suite	£45,200	£22,600
Sep 17, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£21,700	£10,850
	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Oct 8, 2027	Grand Suite	£45,200	£22,600
	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£17,900	£8,950
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	£17,900	£8,950
Oct 15, 2027	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500
	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£17,900	£8,950
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	£17,900	£8,950
Oct 22, 2027	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500
	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£17,900	£8,950
	Twin Cabin (2 Twin Beds)	£17,900	£8,950
Oct 29, 2027	Double Cabin (Matrimonial Bed)	£20,700	£10,350
	Grand Suite	£43,000	£21,500

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-wild-spirit-of-scotland> for the latest 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Wild Spirit of Scotland journey and where does it begin and end?

It is a three-night, four-day journey that begins and ends at Edinburgh Waverley station. You board in the early afternoon of day one and step off after breakfast on the morning of day four, so you unpack once and let the Highlands come to you. The route runs north into the Cairngorms, west to Kyle of Lochalsh, and back through Speyside and Perthshire.

What route does the train take through the Highlands?

Day one runs north from Edinburgh through Perth, Dunkeld, Pitlochry and Blair Atholl to Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway. Day two crosses to the west coast on the Kyle line, arguably Britain's most scenic railway, with the night spent at Kyle of Lochalsh opposite the Isle of Skye. Day three retraces east to Aviemore and Speyside before the farewell run to Perth, and day four crosses the Tay Bridge into Edinburgh. Most nights the train stables in a quiet country station, so you sleep to stillness rather than motion.

What time does the train leave Edinburgh and what time does it return?

Departure from Edinburgh Waverley is at about 13:45 on day one, with afternoon tea served soon after the train pulls away. The train is back at Edinburgh Waverley at around 09:40 on the morning of day four, after breakfast on board. Plan to arrive in Edinburgh the night before, and leave onward travel until the afternoon of the final day.

Where do I check in on the day of departure?

Check-in is handled at The Balmoral Hotel, immediately beside Edinburgh Waverley station, rather than on the platform. You leave your luggage there before boarding and it is taken to your cabin for you. That means you can spend the morning in Edinburgh unencumbered and simply walk down to the train at boarding time.

Which cabin types are available on this journey?

Three cabin types are offered: a Double Cabin with a matrimonial bed, a Twin Cabin with two twin beds, and the larger Grand Suite. Each cabin has a private bathroom and dedicated cabin service throughout the journey. Availability differs by date, and the cabin types open for each departure are shown on this page.

What does the fare start at for this journey?

Fares start from about \$10,308 per person for two travellers sharing a cabin, and rise with cabin type and departure date. The exact fare for each departure and cabin is shown on this page, because rates vary through the season. All meals, beverages, excursions and onboard entertainment are already covered in that figure.

Can I travel on my own and have a cabin to myself?

Yes. A cabin taken by one traveller is quoted at twice the per-person sharing rate, from about \$20,616 on this journey, because the whole cabin is held for you. Sole occupancy depends on what is still unsold for the date you want, so it pays to ask early for popular autumn departures. A travel specialist can confirm what is open before you commit.

What is included in the fare?

The fare covers three nights on board with dedicated cabin service, all meals including table d'hôte dinners, breakfasts, lunches and afternoon teas, and beverages throughout the journey. The full programme of off-train excursions and visits is included, as is nightly entertainment in the Observation Car and use of the Dior Spa Car. In practice there is very little left to pay once you step aboard.

What is not included in the fare?

Travel to and from Edinburgh, hotel nights before or after the journey, and travel insurance are not included. Treatments in the Dior Spa Car are booked and paid for separately, and personal items such as shop purchases and gratuities are at your discretion. A few estate activities on the Speyside day need to be reserved in advance, so tell us your preferences when you book.

Which excursions are offered on the Kyle of Lochalsh day?

On day two you choose one of three afternoons. Attadale Gardens at Strathcarron opens its Water, Japanese and Sunken Gardens with refreshments hosted by your hosts on the 30,000-acre estate; the harbour village of Plockton offers its wild seal colony and a stop at the Plockton Hotel; or a guide leads a hike through woodland and moor near Kyle of Lochalsh, watching for red deer and golden eagles. Lunch is served on board as the train climbs to the Luib summit and through Achnashellach Forest.

What is planned for the Aviemore and Speyside day?

On day three you leave the train at Aviemore for a morning on the Rothiemurchus Estate: fishing, clay-pigeon shooting, pre-booked wild swimming, or a guided forest-bathing walk through ancient Caledonian woodland, with refreshments in the hunting lodge. After lunch on board you can join a private guided tour of a renowned Speyside distillery, or take a gentle cycle ride to the River Spey and nearby lochs. You rejoin the train at Boat of Garten in the early evening.

What is the dress code on board?

Days are relaxed, and smart casual is right for breakfast, lunch and excursions. Dinners alternate between informal evenings, where smart casual still works, and formal or gala nights, when a dark suit, tuxedo or kilt is customary for gentlemen and a cocktail dress or tartan for ladies. Pack layers and waterproof shoes for the excursions, because Highland weather changes quickly.

How much walking or physical activity is involved?

The journey suits most levels of fitness, because almost every excursion has a gentler alternative. The guided hike near Kyle of Lochalsh and the Speyside cycle ride are the most active options, while the gardens, the village visit and the forest-bathing walk are slow and level by comparison. Station platforms and estate paths can be uneven, so comfortable footwear matters more than stamina.

Is there a spa on board?

Yes, the train carries the Dior Spa Car, so treatments can be taken between excursions or during scenic stretches of line. Use of the car is part of the journey, with individual treatments booked separately once you are on board. Slots fill quickly over three nights, so it is worth choosing your preferred time on the first afternoon.

What entertainment is there in the evenings?

Evenings centre on the Observation Car at the rear of the train. On the first night musicians come aboard at Boat of Garten with Gaelic songs and lively folk melodies, and traditional ceilidhs feature during the journey. The farewell dinner on day three is followed by dancing as the train runs south towards Perth.

Which departure dates are currently on sale?

Departures run from 2 October 2026 through to 29 October 2027, spanning two operating seasons. Every bookable date, with the cabin types and fares that apply to it, is listed on this page, and the train runs on set days rather than daily. Autumn dates tend to go first, so check the list before fixing your flights.

How much deposit is required and when is the balance due?

A deposit of 25 percent of the total fare confirms your cabin, and the balance falls due 125 days before departure. If you book inside that window, the full amount is payable at the time of booking. We confirm the exact figures for your chosen departure in writing before anything is charged.

Are there reduced fares for children?

Child pricing is based on the traveller's age on the departure date, with one band for children under five and another for children aged five to under twelve. Cabins are compact and the rhythm of the journey is built around adult pacing, so families should talk through cabin arrangements before booking. Email travel@palacetours.com or call 786-408-0610 and a travel specialist will price your party exactly.

How do I get to Edinburgh to join the train?

Edinburgh Airport is about thirty minutes from the city centre by tram or taxi, and Edinburgh Waverley is served by direct trains from London and other British cities. Because boarding is in the early afternoon, most travellers arrive the previous day and stay overnight in the city. We can suggest hotels within walking distance of the station if that helps.

How do I ask a question or book the Royal Scotsman Wild Spirit of Scotland journey?

Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at <https://wa.me/17864080610>, and you will reach a travel specialist or our AI assistant. The departure list on this page is bookable directly, so you can choose your date and cabin and confirm it online. If you would rather talk through cabin types or dates first, just ask.

Ready to Book Your Journey?

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