

## **TRAIN : The Royal Scotsman**

### **JOURNEY : The Grand West Highland Journey (5 Nights)**

Journey Duration : Upto 7 days

#### **Day to Day Itinerary**

##### **Day One**

The train departs from Edinburgh in the early afternoon and heads west through Falkirk, to reach Craigendoran, the starting point for the West Highland Line, while guests enjoy an indulgent afternoon tea.

Spot the distinctive peak of Ben Arthur and soon you also catch a first glimpse of Loch Lomond.

After climbing up the waterfall-rich Glen Falloch, the train continues north to the village of Spean Bridge for the night.

Enjoy a splendid formal dinner and entertainment in the Observation Car.

##### **Day Two**

As the train continues west, passing through Fort William, soak up the views of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain.

Disembark in Arisaig, for a romantic stroll along the gleaming expanse of Morar Sands, marvelling at the views of the Isle of Skye's majestic Cuillin Mountains.

Lunch is served on board as the train retraces its route back to Fort William, the largest town in the West Highlands.

After lunch, our Highlander, joins your select group to Glenfinnan Monument to explain the history of the area before tea. Energetic guests can choose instead to walk to beautiful Steall Waterfall.

Return to the train for dinner, musical entertainment and overnight stabling at Bridge of Orchy.

##### **Day Three**

Today's destination is the charming Isle of Bute, the island is rich in geology, history and wildlife, with a varied landscape to explore.

Guests enjoy a fascinating visit to Mount Stuart, a Victorian Gothic house with arguably the finest privately held collection of family portraits in Scotland.

Return to the train for a formal dinner and overnight on board.

##### **Day Four**

Soak up the scenery as the train travels back to Edinburgh where the first part of your journey ends.

Take the opportunity to discover the beautiful city of Edinburgh - explore the historic Royal Mile, visit the Castle, take in an art gallery or simply relax with a coffee.

You rejoin the Belmond Royal Scotsman early afternoon and travel North over the impressive Forth Railway Bridge to the Fair city of Perth.

Travelling through Pitlochry and Blair Atholl, whose magnificent castles can be glimpsed once out of the station.

Back on the train, stabled at Boat of Garten, indulge in a sumptuous dinner and a night of musical entertainment in the Observation Car.

##### **Day Five**

After breakfast, you are taken by coach to the historic estate of Rothiemurchus for a taste of wild Scotland.

At the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, Rothiemurchus offers a magical setting in which to try outdoor pursuits such as clay pigeon shooting or guided walk in the estate.

Rejoin the train at Aviemore and enjoy lunch before visiting Culloden Battlefield.

Enjoy an evening visit to Strathisla Distillery, one of the oldest working distilleries and home to one of Scotland's most famous whiskies.

Rejoin the train in Nairn and travel east towards Keith.

Dinner tonight is a formal affair as you travel south towards Dundee.

**Day Six**

A journey south through the former Kingdom of Fife awaits, including the chance to see the magnificent Forth Railway Bridge up close as you return to Edinburgh.