

TRAIN : The Royal Scotsman
JOURNEY : Grand Western Scenic Wonders, Westbound
Journey Duration : Upto 8 Days

DAY 1 EDINBURGH

The train departs from Edinburgh in the early afternoon and heads west through Falkirk, to reach Craigmendoran 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 2 GLENFINNAN

As the train travels west, passing through Fort William, don't miss the views of Ben Nevis. Travelling by the side of Loch Eil you then pass Glenfinnan, with its impressive curved viaduct, and Lochailort, before turning north along this dramatic coastline to Arisaig.

Disembark here for a leisurely walk along the beautiful Morar Sands, with breathtaking views across the Sound of Sleat to the Isle of Skye with its distinctive Cuillin Mountains.

Back on board, lunch is served as the train retraces its route towards Fort William.

Disembark here and enjoy a visit to historic Glenfinnan in the company of our Highlander who brings to life the stories of Scottish heroes before afternoon tea. Alternatively, a guided hike is available (weather permitting). A mountain ranger guides you through the scenic Nevis Gorge to The Steall Waterfall.

Return to the train in Fort William and relax on board before an informal dinner is served as you travel south towards the tiny Argyll village of Bridge of Orchy.

Enjoy an informal dinner on board. Afterwards, enjoy a nightcap whilst listening to the evening entertainment in the Observation Car.

DAY 3 MOUNT STUART

Today's destination is the charming Isle of Bute, reached by ferry from Wemyss Bay.

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 Wemyss Bay for a formal dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 4 KEITH

After an early departure from Wemyss Bay this morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast as you travel east towards Edinburgh where this first part of your Grand North Western journey ends in Waverley Station.

Spend the morning in Edinburgh by joining a guided tour and enjoying a light lunch before returning to the train for the next part of your journey.

The train pulls out of the station in the early afternoon and travels north, crossing the Firth of Forth via the Forth Railway Bridge.

It then proceeds through Fife and across the Tay Bridge – during which you are served a leisurely afternoon tea – passing Arbroath, Montrose and Aberdeen before arriving in the market town of Keith.

In the evening enjoy an informal dinner and perhaps a nightcap with your fellow guests in the Observation Car.

DAY 5 KYLE OF LOCHALSH

Enjoy breakfast as the train leaves Keith and heads west along Moray Firth towards Inverness, capital of the Highlands.

Lunch is served as the train heads towards Kyle of Lochalsh on what is arguably the most scenic railway route in the UK.

Disembark in Plockton, take a boat trip to see wild seals or enjoy a dram and a traditional highland welcome in the Plockton Hotel.

Spend the night on board in Kyle of Lochalsh. Enjoy a formal dinner and perhaps a nightcap with your fellow guests in the Observation Car which offers mesmerising views over Loch Alsh to the Isle of Skye.

*Please note on the following dates you will visit Cawdor Castle. This will be instead of Plockton.

02 Oct 2020, 20 Aug 2021 and 01 Oct 2021.

DAY 6 BOAT OF GARTEN

If you're feeling energetic, join your onboard Host for an invigorating early-morning walk over the bridge that links the mainland with the Isle Of Skye. Alternatively, take a short drive before breakfast to marvel at Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most iconic sights. After breakfast the train heads back towards Dingwall, skirting the Beaully Firth and crossing the top of the Caledonian Canal, north of Loch Ness, before reaching Inverness.

The train continues south to Carrbridge where you will disembark to visit the romantic Ballindalloch Castle and its wonderful gardens. Options at Balindalloch include a private castle tour, 9 holes of golf on the castle's own course or an exclusive look at what is Scotland's only single estate distillery.

The night is spent on board at Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway. After dinner, make your way to the Observation Car, where local musicians are waiting to entertain you as you sip a nightcap or two.

*Please note on the following dates we will not visit the Glen Ord Distillery.

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DAY 7 ROTHIEMURCHUS

Travel by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, where pursuits such as fishing, clay pigeon shooting, or a guided walk through the stunning landscape can be enjoyed.

Rejoin the train at Kingussie where lunch will be served as you journey south through Blair Atholl and Pitlochry to Dunkeld. Here you will disembark for your visit to Glamis Castle, childhood home of the late HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Return to the train for a formal dinner and entertainment.

DAY 8 EDINBURGH

Breakfast is served as the train leaves Dundee and crosses the Tay Bridge into the former Kingdom of Fife and on to Edinburgh where your seven night journey ends.

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