

Train: Britannic Explorer

Journey: The Lake District

Journey Duration: 3 nights, 4 days

Day to Day Itinerary:

<u>Day 1</u>- 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 exquisite 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 feast on 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.

<u>Day 2</u>- 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.

<u>Day 3</u>- 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 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.

<u>Day 4</u>- Breakfast is served as the train departs for the journey back to London. After a scenic journey, gliding through Oxfordshire and the Chilterns, bid adieu to your countryside getaway as we arrive at London Victoria for an early morning arrival.