

Train : Britannic Explorer

Journey : Wales

Journey Duration : 3 nights, 4 days

Day to Day Itinerary :

Day 1- Your luxury Wales holiday begins at the iconic London Victoria Station, where you board the Britannic Explorer. Your bags have been checked in, final touches made to your luxurious suite, and the departure whistle begins to blow. After exploring your private quarters, it's time to relax in one of the botanically inspired dining carriages. We commence our journey with a thoughtfully curated afternoon tea, expertly crafted by Chef Simon Rogan, featuring delightful Welsh teacakes and traditional bara brith fruit cake. As you savour these exquisite treats, 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 2- 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. Relax post-hike at the spectacular Farmers' Welsh Lavender, take a dip in the pond, recharge in the sauna or simply relax by the log fire.

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 Eryri National Park (Snowdonia), 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 near the seaside town of Barmouth.

Day 3- 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 Eryri National Park (Snowdonia). 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 offers a range of active pursuits such as clay pigeon shooting.

Back on board, lunch is served as you continue travelling through the greenery of Mid Wales and Montgomeryshire, passing Welshpool before crossing the border into Shropshire. Wind down through the Midlands to reach Moreton-in-Marsh, an idyllic market town celebrated for its charming “chocolate box” cottages.

After dinner on board, disembark for an exclusive party in the quintessential Cotswolds pub, The Fox in Oddington. Recently renovated by Carole Bamford, founder of Daylesford, this honey-coloured, 16th-century pub continues its legacy as a traditional countryside inn for locals and visitors alike. Menus celebrate local producers, and your exuberant evening will include homemade English fare such as Scotch eggs and sausage rolls, local ales and artisan liqueurs, and the chance to learn the art of pouring the perfect pint.

Day 4- 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 Wales holiday, we gracefully arrive at London Victoria in the soft light of early morning.