Clans, Castles & Isles of Scotland on the Royal Scotsman

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Overview

The Highlights

- Exclusive visit to Oban Distillery.

- Guided tour of Glenfinnan, or hike through stunning Glen Nevis to the Steall Waterfall.

- Drumlanrig Castle, with its important collections of silver, porcelain, and art.

- Stirling Castle, childhood home of Mary Queen of Scots and James VI.

- All meals aboard the train, including full Scottish breakfast, three-course lunch, and four-course dinner.

- All beverages included.

- Wind-in-your-face viewing from the open-air platform.

- Breathtaking views of the moors, mountains, lakes, and sea.

- Traditional musical entertainment on board.

The Tour

Belmond Royal Scotsman's Clans, Castles & Isles Tour is an exploration of the wild and rugged west coast of Scotland. Travel by luxury train, with exceptional meals and service. Enjoy an exclusive visit to Oban Distillery, and guided tours of Stirling and Drumlanrig Castles. Enjoy a guided tour of Glenfinnan, or hike through stunning Glen Nevis to the Steall Waterfall.

New for 2027! The *Royal Scotsman* is introducing new Suite carriages as of April 2027. The new Suites offer more room to relax, and feature a comfortable sofa or armchairs by day and a double or twin bed by night. Enjoy the large picture window and fully equipped en-suite shower room, with upgraded touches to help you relax throughout your journey.

Itinerary

Day 1: Edinburgh – Spean Bridge

The *Belmond Royal Scotsman* departs Edinburgh in the afternoon, travelling west through Falkirk, Clydebank and Dumbarton to skirt Glasgow before reaching the northern bank of the Clyde. Settle into your luxury cabin and savor the cinematic views as the train makes its way to Spean Bridge where it will stop for the night.

As evening sets in, enjoy a superb informal dinner and entertainment in the Observation Car.

Day 2: Spean Bridge - Fort William - Oban

Your itinerary continues west, sweeping past Britain’s highest mountain — majestic Ben Nevis. Disembark at Arisaig for a morning stroll along the silver sands of Morar and marvel at soft white beaches and breathtaking views of the Cuillin mountain range. Lunch is served as the train travels back to Fort William crossing over the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct.

This afternoon presents two choices. Join our local guide to explore Glenfinnan and discover the lively stories of great Scottish heroes, or accompany our mountain guides for a hike through stunning Glen Nevis to the Steall Waterfall. An informal dinner, followed by an evening of spirited Scottish music in the Observation Car, awaits on the train.

Day 3: Oban - Kilmarnock

This morning, disembark the train in Oban, gateway to the Hebridean Islands. Choose to take a private boat tour around the nearby island of Kerrera, known for its dramatic cliffs, sweeping sea views and sense of stepping back in time. Or explore Oban on a walking tour with a historian who will reveal the clan history surrounding the town and islands, you're also free to explore at your own leisure should you wish.

After lunch at a local pier-front restaurant, visit the Hebridean Baker, Coinneach MacLeod's farmhouse. Spend an afternoon hiking the hills with friendly dogs, taking in the sweeping views of the Hebridean islands and feeding Highland cows as you delve into local myths and folklore. Alternatively, travel to Easdale, a small yet striking island shaped by centuries of slate quarrying. The isle has a unique landscape and deep sense of heritage giving it a memorably atmospheric character. Wherever your afternoon visit takes you, the day concludes at the Hebridean Baker's farmhouse with whisky, award-winning shortbread and island stories.

The train travels to Kilmarnock for stabling tonight.

Day 4: Kilmarnock - Boat of Garten

This morning, travel south to Dumfriesshire and disembark in Sanquhar for a visit to Drumlanrig Castle. Spend an intriguing morning at the home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry. A turreted sandstone mansion with sweeping views over the Nith Valley, Drumlanrig is home to important collections of silver, porcelain, French furniture and art, while its surrounding 90,000-acre estate embraces lavish formal gardens, rambling woodlands and miles of footpaths.

Re-join the train for lunch, and enjoy an afternoon of slow travel onboard, marvelling at the rolling hills of Perthshire as they transform into dramatic peaks and valleys on our journey north into the Highlands. The village of Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway is where the train will stop overnight.

Day 5: Boat of Garten - Dundee

Savour a leisurely breakfast and lunch as you journey south through Blair Atholl and Pitlochry.

For your final visit disembark for Stirling Castle, the childhood home of monarchs such as Mary Queen of Scots and James VI. You're invited to a private champagne and canapé reception, followed by a fascinating tour of the castle.

Rejoin the train in Perth and, as it makes its way to Dundee, prepare for a final gala dinner to mark your last night on board. After the celebratory feast, you may feel inspired by our musicians to partake of some lively Scottish country dancing on the station platform, a fitting finale to your tour.

Day 6: Dundee - Edinburgh

Breakfast is served as the train makes its way back to Edinburgh, where your journey ends.

Dates & Prices

2027 Dates

May 14 - May 19
September 3 - September 8

Accommodations	Double	Single	Deposit
Twin/Double	From £17,250	From £34,500	25%
Suite	From £18,900	From £37,800	25%
Grand Suite	From £38,600	From £77,200	25%

Please note prices are in British pounds. View approximate exchange rates.
Prices are per person.
Pricing varies based on availability and date. Prices are subject to change daily. Contact us to confirm pricing and availability for your desired departure.

2028 Dates

May 12 - May 17
September 1 - September 6

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Twin/Double	From £17,450	From £34,900	25%
Suite	From £19,850	From £39,700	25%
Grand Suite	From £37,875	From £75,750	25%

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Note: Prices include all table d'hôte meals, all alcoholic and other beverages, all sightseeing excursions as shown in the itinerary and accommodation on board based on two people sharing a

twin compartment or one person in a single.