Scotch Malt Whisky Trail Tour on the Royal Scotsman

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THE ROYAL SCOTSMAN

Overview

The Highlights

- VIP tour of Lindores Abbey Distillery with nosing straight from the cask, warehouse tour and extensive tasting

- Tutored tasting of three Tomatin single malts after Tomatin Distillery tour

- Exclusive visit to Glenmorangie House with a tour of Glenmorangie Distillery

- Morning at the Rothiemurchus Estate, where you may choose from fishing, clay pigeon shooting, a guided walk or relaxing by the fire with a drink

- Specialist single cask whisky tasting in the Observation Car

- Tasting at the Scotch Malt Whisky Society headquarters in Edinburgh

- Fabulous five-star dining and service in the two dining cars

- All-inclusive alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, meals, sightseeing

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

The Tour

As the world's foremost malt whisky club, the Scotch Malt Whisky Society — specialists in single cask, single malt whiskies — is the perfect partner for this special Scotch Malt Whisky Trail Tour on the *Belmond Royal Scotsman.* Guests will enjoy the company of a Society Whisky Ambassador on board throughout the journey, along with the Society's exclusive and rare malts for sampling and discussion.

Pair this with the beautiful scenery of the Scottish Highlands and the exceptional servicer on board the *Belmond Royal Scotsman* for an exceptional overall journey.

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.

IRT Insights: read about IRT's most recent experience aboard the *Belmond Royal Scotsman*.

IRT Exclusive: see our video of Society President Eleanor Hardy's trip on *the Royal Scotsman*.

Itinerary

Day 1: Edinburgh – Keith

Meet your whisky ambassador at Edinburgh's Balmoral Hotel and enjoy a dram before boarding the *Belmond Royal Scotsman.*

The train departs Edinburgh Waverley Station and travels north across the Firth of Forth over the magnificent Forth Railway Bridge. Afternoon tea is served as you journey through the former Kingdom of Fife.

A dram of whisky and a fascinating introduction into the world of Scotch will set the mood for the journey. The train continues east along the coast, passing through Carnoustie, Arbroath and Aberdeen before arriving in the market town of Keith in the heart of the Speyside whisky region.

After dinner, relax over a nightcap in the Observation Car, and enjoy traditional Scottish entertainment by local musicians.

Day 2: Tain

After a full Scottish breakfast, disembark the train in Tain for a visit to Glenmorangie House and Glenmorangie Distillery. Learn about the traditional whisky production methods before enjoying a tutored tasting. This is followed by a light lunch before you rejoin the train in the late afternoon.

Relax on board this afternoon as your journey takes you on one of the most scenic railway routes in the UK. The line passes Loch Luichart and the Torridon mountains, which geologists believe were formed before any life began. Travel onwards through Achnasheen, then commence the climb to Luib summit and Achnashellach Forest before descending to Strathcarron.

The train then follows the edge of Loch Carron through Attadale, Stromeferry and Duncraig before skirting the picture-postcard fishing village of Plockton en route to Kyle of Lochalsh, gateway to the mystical Isle of Skye. A formal dinner is served this evening, followed by coffee and liqueurs in the Observation Car.

Day 3: Tomatin Distillery

Enjoy breakfast as we depart Kyle and retrace part of yesterday's route as far as Dingwall.

Arriving in Garve mid-morning, disembark to visit the charming, family-run Campbell’s of Beauly retail emporium, specialising in tweeds, cashmere knitwear and stylish accessories and homeware. Alternatively, stretch your legs on a guided walk with a historic storyteller — wander through peaceful woodland and along a stretch of the Black Water as you retrace the steps of drovers who used to herd their cattle along this route.

Rejoin the train in Inverness and have lunch as you travel south to Carrbridge where you disembark in the afternoon. Visit Tomatin Distillery and uncover the secrets behind its celebrated Highland single malt, or visit Ballindalloch castle and gardens, one of Scotland's most romantic castles.

Return to the train at Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway.

Day 4: Rothiemurchus Estate; Lindores Abbey Distillery

After breakfast, travel by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. Choose from a number of country pursuits including fishing, clay pigeon-shooting and an estate tour.

Return to the train in Kingussie for a leisurely lunch. After, you may wish to disembark for a private tour of Lindores Abbey distillery in the Lowlands whisky region. Whisky distilling took place on this site as early as 1494 and owes its origins to the Tironensian monks that lived at Lindores Abbey, or the 'Church by the Water', over half a millennium ago.

Rejoin the train in Perth and prepare for a special gala dinner en route to Dundee and your final night on board.

Day 5: Dundee – Edinburgh

Breakfast is served as the train leaves Dundee and crosses the Tay Bridge into the former Kingdom of Fife. Disembark in Edinburgh.

Dates & Prices

2027 Dates

April 12 - April 16
June 28 - July 2
August 16 - August 20
September 20 - September 24
October 11 - October 15

Accommodations	Double	Single	Deposit
Twin/Double	From £12,200	From £24,400	25%
Suite	From £13,350	From £26,700	25%
Grand Suite	From £23,000	From £46,000	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

April 10 - April 14
September 18 - September 22
October 9 - October 13

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Twin/Double	From £12,600	From £25,200	25%
Suite	From £14,350	From £28,700	25%
Grand Suite	From £24,825	From £49,650	25%

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More

Are you a whisky lover traveling with a non-whisky lover? This tour offers options of general interest for those not wishing to visit distilleries and/or participate in tastings. See the Scotland's Classic Splendors itinerary for the non-whisky itinerary.

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