

# Scotch Malt Whisky Trail Tour

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# Overview

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## 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

**NEW for 2025!** The train will introduce two new Grand Suites (bringing the total of Grand Suites to four) and will no longer have dedicated single cabins. Single travelers will still be able to book a cabin for sole occupancy.

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 service on board the *Belmond Royal Scotsman* for an exceptional overall 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

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## 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 Beaulieu 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.

Alternatively, visit Glamis Castle and its beautiful gardens. Glamis is seat of the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, and childhood home of the late HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. Since then the castle has been visited and lived in by many members of the Scottish and British royal families.

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

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### 2026 Dates

August 10 - August 14

October 5 - October 9

November 2 - November 6

Accommodations	Double	Single	Deposit
Twin/Double	From £14,650	From £29,300	25%
Grand Suite	From £24,800	From £49,600	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.

## 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%
Grand Suite	From £24,850	From £49,700	25%

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## More

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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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