

# Taste of the Highlands Tour

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## Overview

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### The Highlights

- Three days aboard the *Belmond Royal Scotsman*, with only 38 passengers on board
- A guided tour of Rothiemurchus Estate with a park ranger (or opt for clay pigeon shooting or fishing)
- Visit Strathisla Distillery, the oldest operating distillery in the Highlands, producing Chivas Regal
- Exquisite meals on board the *Belmond Royal Scotsman*, paired with fine wines
- Evening entertainment in the train's lounge car

# 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.

There is simply no better way to experience the drama and wild beauty of Scotland than aboard the [Belmond Royal Scotsman](#) luxury train.

This short introduction to the Scottish Highlands is ideal for those who like outdoor activity. At Rothiemurchus Estate, for example, there will be the opportunity to try your hand at clay pigeon shooting, venturing out with the Estate's rangers on a Highland safari or just enjoying a Highland walk. We love this train for all of its great dining, service, beauty within the train -- and without. The scenery is spectacular, of course. And one great thing about this train: there are 4 cabins for solo use with no single supplement. Great for a family of couple and solo travelers. Call early to book!

## Itinerary

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### Day 1: Edinburgh – Boat of Garten

The *Belmond Royal Scotsman* departs Edinburgh early afternoon and travels north through the former Kingdom of Fife, then up into the dramatic scenery of the Highlands.

In the evening, indulge in a convivial dinner followed by entertainment in the Observation Car. *The Royal Scotsman* reaches the village of Boat of Garten, its stabling point for the night.

### Day 2: Boat of Garten — Dundee

After breakfast, travel by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park where broadcaster and food anthropologist Ghillie Basan teams with her son Zeki to teach everything you need to know about Scottish wildlife and Highland survival skills.

Enjoy a barbecue lunch served while Ghillie shares the story about how she came to live in the Cairngorms and was elected a Food Ambassador for Scotland. Join her by the fire for an insightful food and kombucha pairing as she showcases the succulent seasonal produce of the Highlands.

Return to the train in Carrbridge for a relaxing afternoon as the train travels through Inverness and Keith. One option is to visit Strathisla Distillery, the oldest and one of the most picturesque working distilleries in the Highlands, and home to the malt which is incorporated into one of Scotland's most famous blends, Chivas Regal.

Along the coast, soak up the spectacular panoramas on the way south through Aberdeenshire

and Angus. Enjoy a splendid gala dinner and some lively jazz music before returning to your cabin.

## Day 3: Return to Edinburgh

After breakfast, the train leaves Dundee towards Edinburgh's Waverley Station where your journey ends.

## Dates & Prices

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### 2026 Dates

July 11 - July 13

July 24 - July 26

August 5 - August 7

September 30 - October 2

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Twin/Double	From £6,400	From £12,800	25%
Grand Suite	From £13,000	From £26,000	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.

### 2027 Dates

April 21 - April 23

May 3 - May 5

May 5 - May 7

July 19 - July 21

July 21 - July 23

August 23 - August 25

August 25 - August 27

September 8 - September 10

Accommodations	Double	Single	Deposit
Twin/Double	From £5,850	From £11,700	25%
Grand Suite	From £14,700	From £29,400	25%

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Tour includes all table d'hôte meals, all alcoholic and other beverages, all sightseeing excursions as shown in the itinerary and accommodation on board.