Belmond Royal Scotsman: The Highlands, 3 Nights

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Overview

The Highlights

- Private tour of Rothiemurchus Estate with several activities, such as fishing, clay pigeon shooting, and open water swimming

- Visit to Attadale Gardens, a 30,000-acre estate that includes the Water Garden, Japanese Garden and Sunken Garden

- Tour of historic Tomatin Distillery & whiskey tasting

- Tour of Speyside Distillery & whiskey tasting

- Highest levels of dining and service on-board

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

- Intimate setting with just 40 passengers total

- Inspiring musical events, blending sweet, slow Gaelic songs with lively folk melodies

- Before-dinner drinks in the cozy lounge car, all included

The Tour

The Highlands, 3 Nights tour aboard the *Belmond Royal Scotsman* takes you on an exploration of Scotland's rugged landscapes, historical towns, and picturesque villages. Experience the tranquility of Boat of Garten and the mystical allure of the Isle of Skye. Discover the secrets of Tomatin Distillery and Attadale Gardens, and explore the Rothiemurchus Estate.

Relish in the charm of Aviemore and Dundee before concluding your journey in Edinburgh.

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-Boat of Garten

The *Belmond Royal Scotsman* departs Edinburgh in the early afternoon, traveling north to the 'Fair City' of Perth while guests indulge in afternoon tea.

The train continues north through Dunkeld, Pitlochry and Blair Atholl before arriving in the village of Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway.

An informal dinner is served on board, after which you are invited to the Observation Car to enjoy entertainment with a Scottish flavor.

Day 2: Boat of Garten-Kyle of Lochalsh

Departing Boat of Garten this morning, the train travels north towards Inverness, capital of the Highlands. Lunch is served on the way to Kyle of Lochalsh, on what is arguably the most scenic route in Britain.

The line passes Loch Luichart and the Torridon Mountains, then commences the climb to the Luib summit and Achnashellach Forest, before descending to Strathcarron. Here, guests will disembark for a visit of Attadale Gardens, a 30,000-acre estate that includes a Water Garden, Japaenese Garden and Sunken Garden. Enjoy some light refreshments with your hosts as they welcome you into their home.

Alternatively, stay on the train until the picturesque village of Plockton, where you can take a boat trip to see a colony of wild seals and enjoy magnificent views across the bay to the Applecross Mountains. Opt for a woodland walk, followed by a traditional Highland welcome and a dram or two in the seafront Plockton Hotel.

Or you may choose to stride out on a guided afternoon hike close to Kyle of Lochalsh. Meander through glorious woodland, look out over ancient castles and rolling hills, and spot the Scottish wildlife as you approach the beautiful waters of the freshwater loch.

Return to the train in Kyle of Lochalsh, gateway to the mystical Isle of Skye, for overnight stabling. After dinner, make your way to the Observation Car, where local musicians are waiting to entertain you.

Day 3: Kyle of Lochalsh-Perth

Leave Kyle early in the morning and retrace part of yesterday's route. Enjoy breakfast as your journey towards Iverness.

Continue through the Scottish countryside and disembark in Aviemore for a chose of country pursuits at the Rothiemurchus Estate.

Choose to enjoy activities such as fishing, clay pigeon shooting, and an estate tour. Open water swimming is available for those who have pre-booked. Or opt for a nature immersion experience, a guided sensory walk where you can practice mindfulness surrounded by wonderful primeval woodland.

Afterwards, your host awaits you for refreshments in the hunting lodge.

Return to the train for lunch, then disembark for an afternoon visit to the renowned Speyside distillery. Enjoy a private tour and tasting of their exquisite whiskey.

Alternatively, you may prefer to venture off on a leisurely bike ride from the village to discover the magnificent River Spey or beautiful nearby lochs.

Rejoin the train in Boat of Garten early evening and, as it makes its way to Perth, prepare for a final Gala dinner to toast your last night on board.

After your celebratory feast, you may feel inspired to take part in some lively Scottish country dancing on the station platform, a fitting finale to your tour.

Day 4: Perth-Edinburgh

Breakfast is served as the train leaves Perth and crosses the Tay Bridge into the former Kingdom of Fife on to Edinburgh, where your journey ends.

Dates & Prices

2027 Dates

April 2 - April 5
April 12 - April 15
April 23 - April 26
April 30 - May 3
May 28 - May 31
June 25 - June 28
July 16 - July 19
July 30 - August 2
August 6 - August 9
August 27 - August 30
September 17 - September 20
October 1 - October 4
October 8 - October 11
October 15 - October 18
October 22 - October 25
October 29 - November 1

Accommodations	Double	Single	Deposit
Twin/Double	From £8,950	From £17,900	25%
Suite	From £10,500	From £21,000	25%
Grand Suite	From £19,900	From £39,800	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 21 - April 24
April 28 - May 1
May 19 - May 22
May 26 - May 29
June 9 - June 12
June 30 - July 3

July 21 - July 24
July 28 - July 31
August 4 - August 7
August 18 - August 21
August 25 - August 28
September 15 - September 18
September 29 - October 2
October 6 - October 9
October 13 - October 16
October 20 - October 23
October 27 - October 30

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Twin/Double	From £9,400	From £18,800	25%
Suite	From £10,700	From £21,400	25%
Grand Suite	From £20,500	From £41,000	25%

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