



National Trust for Historic Preservation

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## **FABLED RAIL JOURNEYS OF WALES, ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND**

### **With Two Nights aboard *Belmond Royal Scotsman***

**October 7–18, 2021  
(12 days)**

A deluxe itinerary for rail aficionados, combining day trips by historic train in Wales and Yorkshire with the grand finale of a two-night Scottish Highlands journey aboard *Belmond Royal Scotsman*, one of the most luxurious trains in the world. Discover the castles and mountains of North Wales, the romantic abbey ruins and scenic allure of Yorkshire, the cultural highlights of York and Edinburgh, and the Scottish Highlands' remote glens and islands, with views of craggy coastlines and towering mountains reflected in mirror-still lochs. Classic, historic hotels reflect the best of Great Britain's culture and character, and provide an exquisite home base throughout: Bodysgallen Hall & Spa, a historic National Trust country house just outside of Llandudno, surrounded by award-winning gardens; the Grand Hotel & Spa in York, housed in former railway headquarters and evocative of the golden age of travel; and The Balmoral in Edinburgh, a five-star 1902 landmark which fittingly enough began life as a grand railway hotel.

*Belmond Royal Scotsman* boasts 22 deluxe sleeping compartments, all with lower berths and ensuite toilet and shower, as well as elegant dining cars featuring five-star gastronomic cuisine, an observation car with open veranda and a new spa carriage offering massage and other treatments.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Savor a three-day journey aboard *Belmond Royal Scotsman*, a beautiful moving country house on rails. The train stables at night to ensure peaceful sleep.
- Experience day trips by train on two private lines that specialize in preservation – descend from the mountains of Snowdonia to the coast aboard the nearly 200-year-old Ffestiniog Railway, the world's oldest narrow-gauge railway; and traverse the moors aboard a vintage steam train of the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, with period carriages decked out in polished brass.
- Meet the owners of Gwydir Castle, one of the finest Tudor houses in Wales, take a private tour of the rail conservation workshops at Porthmadog, visit a Yorkshire village, and savor a private lunch hosted by the owners at a Yorkshire country estate.
- Enjoy an early entrance to Edinburgh Castle and a private demonstration of Scottish tartans; try your hand at clay-pigeon shooting or fly-fishing at Rothiemurchus Estate in the Cairngorms; and sample Scotch whiskies at the historic Strathisla distillery.



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**ITINERARY OUTLINE**

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	ACTIVITIES
Oct 7	Depart U.S.		Overnight flight to Manchester, England
Oct 8	Llandudno, Wales	Bodysgallen Hall and Spa	Arrive Manchester and transfer to Llandudno, Wales; Welcome Reception and Dinner RD
Oct 9	Llandudno	Bodysgallen Hall and Spa	Walled town and medieval castle of Conwy, with visit to historic Victorian house, Plas Mawr; Snowdonian mountain village of Betws-y-Coed; private visit to Gwydir Castle, hosted by owners BLD
Oct 10	Llandudno	Bodysgallen Hall and Spa	Llechweidd Slate Caverns & scenic journey aboard historic Ffestiniog Railway from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Porthmadog; private visit to railway engineering sheds BL
Oct 11	York, England	The Grand Hotel & Spa	AM scenic drive from Llandudno to York; PM city tour of York with Minster, Shambles & walk on city walls BLD
Oct 12	York	The Grand Hotel & Spa	AM visit National Railway Museum; PM scenic drive through Yorkshire Dales and lunch at private country estate; visit Fountains Abbey BL
Oct 13	York	The Grand Hotel & Spa	Yorkshire village of Kirkbymoorside; North Yorkshire Moors Railway to picturesque seaside fishing village of Whitby; visit Whitby Abbey; return to York BLD
Oct 14	Edinburgh, Scotland	The Balmoral	AM train York to Edinburgh; PM walk along Royal Mile; private tartan weaving demonstration BL
Oct 15	Boat of Garten	<i>Belmond Royal Scotsman</i>	AM Early entry to Edinburgh Castle for private tour, including Scottish Crown Jewels; PM embark aboard <i>Belmond Royal Scotsman</i> and journey north through rolling hills of Perthshire, then the dramatic peaks & valleys of the Highlands BLD
Oct 16	Dundee	<i>Belmond Royal Scotsman</i>	AM Rothiemurchus Estate in Cairngorms National Park for choice of clay-pigeon shooting, fishing, or tour of the estate; PM Culloden Battlefield; evening Strathisla Distillery; formal farewell dinner on board BLD
Oct 17	Edinburgh	The Balmoral	Travel south through former Kingdom of Fife, crossing the Forth Railway Bridge and arriving mid-morning back in Edinburgh; visit Palace of Holyroodhouse or Hopetoun House on the River Forth; lunch at local pub; afternoon at leisure; special farewell dinner BLD
Oct 18	Return to U.S.		Transfer to Edinburgh airport for return flights to the U.S. B



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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Program Fees:**

Per person, sharing accommodations ..... \$12,990  
Single Supplement ..... \$3,000

**Fees Include:**

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • All train travel as specified in the itinerary, including first-class tickets from York to Edinburgh • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to *Belmond Royal Scotsman* crew • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell receptions

• House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • All alcohol and beverages on board *Belmond Royal Scotsman* • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Criterion Tour Manager

**Fees Do Not Include:**

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature