

TRAIN : The Royal Scotsman

JOURNEY : Heritage Home & Gardens

Journey Duration : Up to 5 days

Day to Day Itinerary

Dive into Scotland's finest estates with untold stories and guided tours. Departing from Edinburgh, head towards Montrose and past the Torridon mountains, Achnashellach forest, Loch Carron and the Rothiemurchus estate. Breathtakingly beautiful sites await.

Day 1 EDINBURGH

Embark Royal Scotsman in the early afternoon and revel in the luxurious atmosphere as the train heads north, crossing the splendid Forth Railway Bridge. Disembark at Montrose to visit Pitmuies Garden, one of the finest private parks in Scotland.

Day 2 KYLE OF LOCHALSH

During a leisurely breakfast, the train makes its way to Inverness and north to Invergordon, where guests alight for a visit to the 18th-century Foulis Castle, the seat of the Clan Munro. Mrs Munro of Foulis and her son, Hector, the Clan Chief, welcome you, after which you can explore the grounds and courtyard garden. Alternatively, join Hector in the drawing room for a whisky tasting.

Return to the train for lunch as you travel towards Kyle of Lochalsh past the Torridon mountains, Achnashellach forest and Loch Carron. Disembark at Plockton for a visit to Attadale on the west coast, this magnificent estate boasts a Water Garden, Japanese Garden and Sunken Garden among other treasures. Spend the night in Kyle of Lochalsh, where an informal dinner is served followed by coffee and liqueurs in the Observation Car.

Day 3 KYLE OF LOCHALSH

Disembark after breakfast to drive across to the mystical Isle of Skye and the 2,000-acre Clan Donald estate. Return to the train in Kyle of Lochalsh and enjoy a leisurely lunch as you retrace part of yesterday's route as far as Dingwall. This evening, disembark to visit Ballindalloch Castle, one of Scotland's most romantic castles, with its wonderful walled gardens. Rejoin the train at Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway.

Day 4 ROTHIEMURCHUS

A coach takes you to the Rothiemurchus Estate, where you can tour the parkland

or enjoy some of the many outdoor activities on this breathtakingly beautiful site beneath the Cairngorm Mountains.

Lunch is served on return to the train in Kingussie. The journey then proceeds south onto Dunblane where you disembark for a late afternoon visit to your final garden on the itinerary, Kilbryde Castle and Gardens. Return to the train in Dundee for a gala dinner and a final night on board.