

ROYAL SCOTSMAN

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ULTIMATE WHISKY ODYSSEY - 22 OCTOBER 2023

Join us aboard Royal Scotsman for an evocative exploration of the 'water of life' in collaboration with two iconic whisky distilleries - Glenmorangie and Ardbeg.

Discover hallowed distilleries and time-honoured heritage in the company of two revered whisky experts – Charles MacLean, awarded an MBE for services to Scotch Whisky in 2021, and Dr Bill Lumsden, a pioneer in the malt industry and the genius behind the creations at both Ardbeg and Glenmorangie.

Journey across this spellbinding land in complete luxury, the Royal Scotsman your moving sanctuary of Edwardian elegance. Along the way, be immersed in rugged Highland beauty, age-old fables and modern Scottish culture as you jet to islands for private tours, revel in exclusive tastings and taste some of the world's best whisky.

To book contact Luxury Trains on 0333 405 0192

Inclusions

3 nights on board Royal Scotsman luxury train

Clay pigeon shooting, fishing or a guided tour of Rothiemurchus Estate

Special nosing and tasting with whisky expert Charles MacLean

Visit to Glenmorangie distillery and private tasting in the 17th-century Glenmorangie House with Dr Bill Lumsden

Private jet across to the island of Islay to visit Ardbeg

Private tour and special masterclass, tasting rare single cask whiskies and distillery only bottlings at Ardbeg Distillery

Prices from:

£8,500 (Twin Cabin)

£9,400 (Double Cabin)

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Day One: Edinburgh – Boat of Garten

As you depart Edinburgh Waverley Station, your voyage through the Highlands begins. Prepare to embrace dramatic landscapes and vivid elements in all their glory. On board, elegant Edwardian interiors wrap you in the warmth of cashmere and tartan, allowing you to explore the land of the brave surrounded by the finest modern comforts.

Your journey begins in the early afternoon as you travel north to the 'Fair City' of Perth. Enjoy afternoon tea as the train continues on the Highland line through Dunkeld, Pitlochry and Blair Atholl with its imposing castle.

Make your way to the Observation Car for an exclusive nosing and tasting with whisky expert and prolific author, Charles MacLean. Whether novice or aficionado, you will be in good hands with Charlie as he guides you through the mysteries of the 'water of life'. An old-school bon viveur, and author of 18 books on the subject, Charlie's grasp of the history and heritage of the whisky industry is second to none. He is also a great raconteur, so you will be richly entertained as you travel north into the dramatic hills and valleys of the Cairngorms National Park.

Your destination this evening is the peaceful Highland village of Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway, where an informal dinner is served. Our Chef's inventive menus use the finest local ingredients, such as day-caught wild salmon, hand-dived scallops and Aberdeen Angus beef. Chanterelles, wild garlic and bitter cress are foraged straight from Scotland's wild larder. After dinner, you are invited to enjoy lively entertainment in the

Observation Car. Musicians and performers join the train, blending sweet, slow Gaelic songs with lively folk melodies.

Day Two: Boat of Garten – Tain – Perth/Dundee

After breakfast, travel the short distance by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms. Rothiemurchus Forest is one of the largest and most important remnants of the native Caledonian pine forest which used to cover most of Scotland. Choose from a number of activities including clay pigeon-shooting, fishing or a guided tour of the estate with one of the rangers. Afterwards, enjoy a warm welcome from your hosts as refreshments are served in their hunting lodge and you discover some of the rich history of this family-run estate.

Return to the train in Carrbridge for lunch as the train travels north towards Inverness.

Late afternoon, visit Glenmorangie, the distillery that produces one of the whisky fraternity's favourite drams across all corners of the globe. The gleaming swan-necked copper stills are the tallest in Scotland and play a vital role in allowing only the lightest and purest spirit to make it into the final malt. You will be met by Dr Bill Lumsden, a legend in the whisky world and the genius behind the creations at both Ardbeg and Glenmorangie. Regarded as the pioneer of wood management, he has crafted whiskies that have truly changed the single malt world. Famed for his forward-looking innovation and creativity, he offers you a rare experience to learn about the compelling new developments at Glenmorangie.

Your tour concludes with a private tasting in the 17th-century Glenmorangie House with Dr Lumsden.

Re-join the train in time for pre-dinner drinks. Dinner will be served as the train travels south, retracing the route through Inverness and Aviemore. Afterwards, indulge in a nightcap while enjoying the evening entertainment in the Observation Car.

Day Three: Perth/Dundee – Islay – Paisley – Kilmarnock

This morning, after an early breakfast, leave the train and travel to nearby Dundee airfield to take a private jet to Islay. Here, you will enjoy a private tour and tasting at Ardbeg Distillery, sister distillery to Glenmorangie. Located in the south of the island, it is famous for producing a heavily peated whisky that is coveted worldwide. Abundant soft water, fertile soil and acres of precious peat make the island a place of pilgrimage for whisky enthusiasts. The distillery prides itself on having used entirely traditional methods of production for the past 200 years. Once more, you are in the expert hands of Dr Lumsden, who will guide you through a masterclass and a tasting of rare, single-cask whiskies and distillery-only bottlings.

Lunch will be served at the distillery, followed by a chance to sample oysters on Ardbeg's own private pier, breathing in the fresh sea air and Ardbeg's peaty aroma.

Transfer to Islay airfield late afternoon to take your private plane back to the mainland and re-join the train on the outskirts of Glasgow for your final night on board.

A Gala dinner is served as you journey south towards Kilmarnock for overnight stabling, followed by evening entertainment in the Observation Carriage.

Day Four: Kilmarnock – Edinburgh

After an early departure from Kilmarnock this morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast as you travel east towards Edinburgh Waverley Station and your journey's end.

Please note: Royal Scotsman operates within the constraints of the railway network. As such timings, routes and associated itineraries are subject to change.