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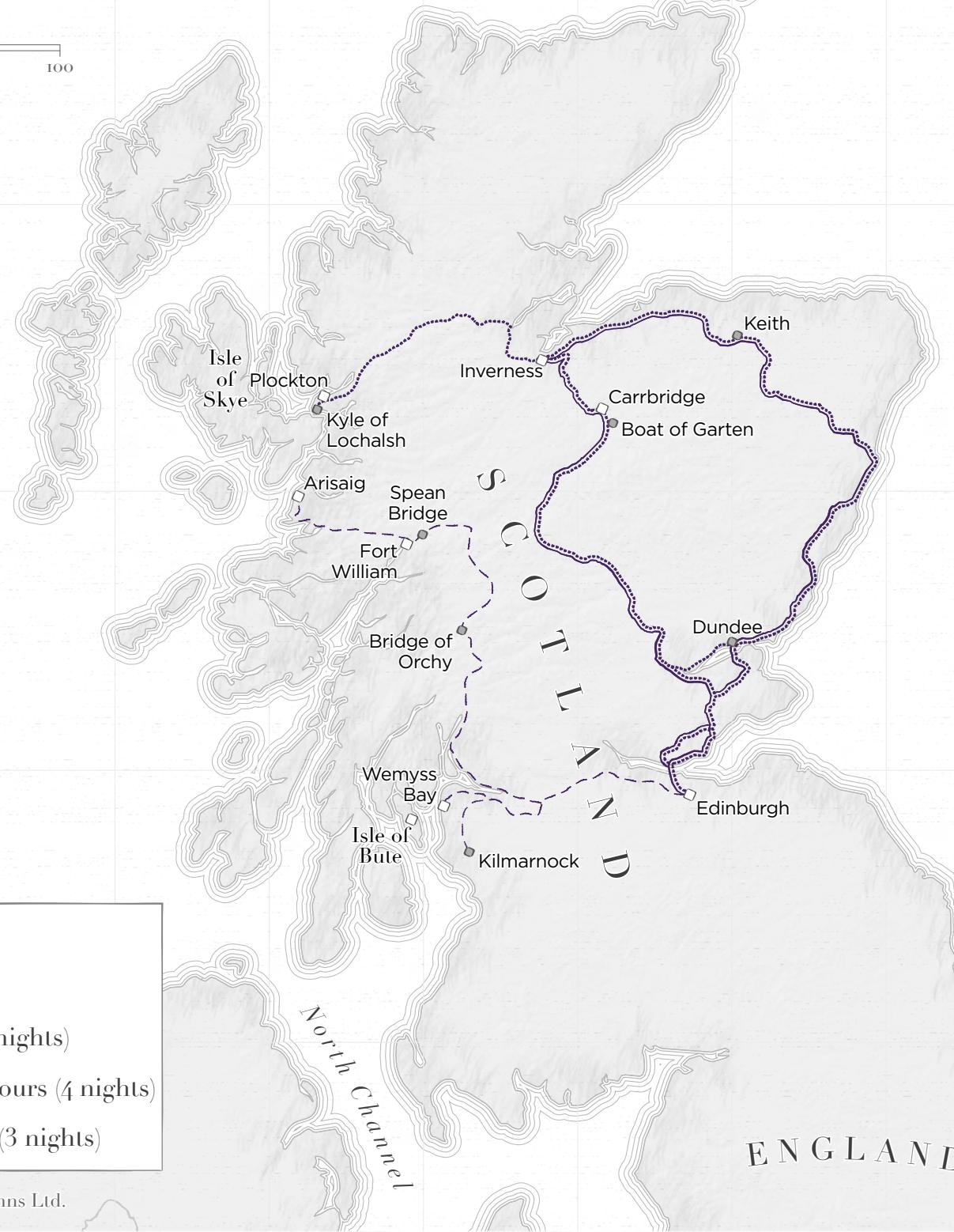
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- Taste of the Highlands (2 nights)
- Scotland's Classic Splendours (4 nights)
- Western Scenic Wonders (3 nights)

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WELCOME TO BELMOND ROYAL SCOTSMAN

Browse this guide to discover an array of activities you can incorporate into your train journey through the Scottish Highlands to make it even more unforgettable. From river tubing in the Cairngorms and dolphin spotting in the Moray Firth to making truffles in Newtonmore and visiting the gleaming new V&A Dundee, there's plenty to appeal to all interests. Please speak to our team for prices and any further information about the experiences.

Please note, some activities may only be available on select journeys due to the train's location and all are subject to availability.

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Edinburgh
and the
Lothians



Edinburgh and the Lothians

The cosmopolitan Scottish capital sits at the heart of miles of lush countryside and attractive coastline. Its unparalleled heritage and lively attractions captivate all ages. These activities are best experienced before or after your train journey.

EDINBURGH BIKE TOUR

Pedal through Edinburgh's historic centre, enjoying sweeping views across the city's dramatic skyline. This gentle cycle along cobbled streets and through leafy parks includes frequent stops to hear about the history, culture and people of Scotland's capital city.



Guests start and finish in Leith, with return transfers. This is a 2-3 hour guided bicycle tour (12-18km). Bicycles, helmets and a packed lunch with soft drinks will be provided. Please book 1 week in advance.

COASTEERING

Explore the Scottish coastline during this exhilarating excursion. See impressive rock formations, delve inside natural caves and spot beautiful Scottish wildlife. Beginners will travel to Shell Bay, just over an hour away from Edinburgh, where the right amount of swell, jumps and caves provides the ideal introduction to the sport. More advanced classes will travel 1 hour 45 minutes to Arbroath, one of the most impressive coasteering locations in the UK.



This is a full-day activity for all levels as described above. Starts and finishes in Leith. Packed lunch and soft drinks are provided. Average level of fitness required. Coasteering is 3 hours in the water accompanied by a guide. Equipment is provided. Guests required to bring towels, swimwear (to be worn under wetsuit) and warm clothing for after activity. Private bookings available. Suitable for families, minimum child age is 9 years old. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

CANYONING

Embrace your spirit of adventure in Dollar Canyon. The deep, green canyon provides great jumps, waterslides and abseiling opportunities.



This full-day activity, for all levels, starts and finishes in Leith. Packed lunch and soft drinks are provided. Average level of fitness required. Canyoning is 3 hours in the water with a guide. Equipment is provided. Guests required to bring towels, swimwear (to be worn under wetsuit) and warm clothing for after activity. Private bookings available. Suitable for families, minimum child age is 9 years old. Please book 4 weeks in advance.



COOKERY COURSES

Fancy learning a new recipe or broadening your culinary skills? Join a day of cookery classes led by professional tutors. Master new techniques and flavour combinations and look forward to eating the results of your endeavours for lunch. Courses can cater to all levels of expertise, from enthusiastic beginner to accomplished home cook.



A private car will take guests from Edinburgh Waverley Station to the cooking school in the city centre. Full-day or half-day options available. Create Scottish-inspired and world cuisine recipes. Please book 12 weeks in advance.

GIN TOUR & TASTING AT THE SECRET HERB GARDEN

At the foot of the Pentland Hills, unearth the wonders of the Secret Herb Garden, learning about hand-harvested botanicals and the natural alchemy of colour-changing gins. Breathe in the scents of over 600 herb varieties in a peaceful haven surrounded by nature. At the end of your private tour, enjoy a tasting of handcrafted Old Curiosity gins.



A private car will take guests from Edinburgh Waverley Station on a 30-minute journey into the Pentlands for your guided tour and gin tasting. Tea, coffee, light lunch and soft drinks are provided as part of your experience at the garden. Please book 1 week in advance.



Keith



In and around Keith

Straddling the River Isla, in north-east Scotland, Keith's claims to fame include being home to the only kiltmaking school in the world and to four acclaimed whisky distilleries.

SCOTTISH DOLPHIN CENTRE

Visit the WDC Scottish Dolphin Centre for a chance to see the amazing bottlenose dolphins wild and free in the Moray Firth. Stride out along the River Spey to spot grey and common seals, ospreys and occasional otters. Discover Spey Bay's fishing heritage during a tour of the UK's largest surviving icehouse.



This experience is ideal for bespoke groups and charters. The centre is 30 minutes from Keith train station. Includes a guided tour of the centre. Guests will be escorted by private car and a packed lunch and soft drinks will be provided by Belmond Royal Scotsman. Please book 1 week in advance.

FALCONRY

Be dazzled by the birds of prey at Huntly Falconry Centre. Flying demonstrations take place throughout the season, with owls, hawks, falcons and eagles displaying their avian skills every day.



This is a half-day experience, 20 minutes from Keith. A private car will take guests to the centre, and Belmond Royal Scotsman will provide a packed lunch and soft drinks. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

SPEYSIDE WHISKY REGION

Follow the scenic Malt Whisky Trail to discover some of Scotland's most celebrated distilleries, including Strathisla and Glenfiddich, while at Speyside Cooperage gain an insight into the crafting of casks. For true fans, a visit to the legendary Quaich whisky bar in the Craigellachie Hotel presents you with a dizzying choice of over 900 malts.



A scenic landscape photograph capturing a misty mountain range at either sunrise or sunset. The sky is a warm, orange-pink hue, transitioning into a darker blue. In the foreground, silhouettes of evergreen trees frame a calm body of water. A small bridge spans the water across the bottom center. The middle ground is dominated by a vast, misty valley, with layers of mountains receding into the distance. The overall atmosphere is serene and ethereal.

Inverness



Let us arrange a private tour taking in the distilleries of your choice in this fascinating region. Please book 2 weeks in advance.

In and around Inverness

The UK's most northerly city and the capital of the Highlands, Inverness is famously known for its proximity to Loch Ness, the Culloden battlefield and the fact that its imposing castle featured in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

CANOEING

Paddle out into the clear waters of Loch Ness in a canoe or kayak. Stretching 22 miles long and about a mile across, the celebrated loch boasts the largest volume of water in the British Isles – plenty of room for Nessie to hide. It's connected to the scenic Loch Dochfour at the northern end and the Caledonian Canal in the south, and fringed all round by lush green hills.

Activity suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Depart from Inverness in a private car to Fort Augustus. This is a guided tour. Towels, life vests, packed lunch and soft drinks are included. After the activity, the private car will bring guests back to Kyle of Lochalsh. Please book 3 weeks in advance.

LOCH NESS CRUISE

Embark on an escorted cruise around Loch Ness, soaking up the breathtaking scenery on one of the world's most legendary lochs. Depart from Fort Augustus at the southern end for a one-hour voyage. Learn about the facts and fables behind the deep freshwater loch and spot Urquhart Castle in the distance. Who knows, you may even spot the Loch Ness Monster!

One-hour voyage. Private car will collect guests in Inverness. Guests will be taken to Fort Augustus and returned to Kyle of Lochalsh. Belmond Royal Scotsman will provide a packed lunch and soft drinks. Please book 2 weeks in advance.



Kyle of
Lochalsh



In and around Kyle of Lochalsh

Formerly the ferry port for the Isle of Skye – now reached by the Skye Bridge – Kyle of Lochalsh is a sleepy cluster of whitewashed buildings immersed in pure Highland magic: castles, glens and lochs, heather-clad hills and ceilidhs, and a friendly Gaelic welcome.

ATTADALE HOUSE AND GARDEN

This 30,000-acre estate has been home to the Macpherson family since the 1950s. During your tour you'll explore Attadale's renowned Water, Japanese and Sunken Garden. Enjoy a light lunch or afternoon tea with your hosts as they welcome you into their home, built over 250 years ago by the Mathesons and later bought by the Schroder banking family, who collected rhododendrons and laid out the garden paths.



Tours last around 2 hours. Guests disembark from the train at Strathcarron and are driven the short distance to Attadale in a private car. Afterwards, guests rejoin the train in Kyle of Lochalsh. An optional visit to the local pottery (see below) is also possible. Please book 12 weeks in advance.

POTTERY

Browse a tempting range of hand-thrown stoneware, including tableware and commissioned pieces, at this family-run pottery, craft shop and gallery on the shores of Loch Carron. Watch the artist at work creating new pieces or visit the gallery to admire local Scottish art.



Guests disembark from the train at Strathcarron and are driven by private car to the pottery. A light lunch is served at Attadale House before guests return to the train in Kyle of Lochalsh. We recommend a combined visit with Attadale (above). Please book 2 days in advance for the pottery alone.

MOUNTAINEERING

From single day excursions to full weeks of climbing, challenge yourself in the safe and secure company of qualified instructors and guides. Begin with an introductory rock-climbing day, a scramble on the Torridon ridges, an ascent of the In Pinn, or even scale the Old Man of Storr, a 137m sandstone sea stack. For the Cuillin Ridge Traverse we recommend a minimum three-day guiding package, allowing one day for preparation and two days for the traverse.



Ideal for groups and charters for bespoke itineraries only. A private car will take you to the Strathcarron base. Food and accommodation are provided throughout the climbs. Potential overnight stay(s) off train. Please book 12 weeks in advance.



Boat of Garten
and Aviemore



Boat of Garten and Aviemore

Part of the Cairngorms National Park, home to five of the UK's highest mountains, this wild and majestic region offers thrilling activities and a true escape from it all. Aviemore is popular for its après-ski vibe, while Boat of Garten is known as the 'osprey village'.

GORGE WALKING

Walk, wade, swim, scramble and clamber up small waterfalls, gullies and chutes until you reach the plunge pool at the top of the gorge. This is an unforgettable way to explore the dramatic canyon in Speyside, where towering native forests, wonderfully clean rivers and iconic wildlife all come together.



Beginners welcome. The excursion usually lasts half a day. A private car will collect guests from Aviemore or Boat of Garten for a 20-minute journey to the location. Towels and a packed lunch with soft drinks will be provided by Belmond Royal Scotsman. Child-friendly, minimum age 5. Guests advised to bring warm clothing, appropriate footwear for hiking and another pair for water activities. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

PONY TREKKING

Saddle up and explore the beautiful open moorlands of the Cairngorms on horseback. The treks are suitable for beginners and experienced riders alike.



This is a 2-hour guided circular trek through moor and woodland scenery. A private car will take guests on a 15-minute journey from Aviemore to Grantown-on-Spey. A packed lunch with soft drinks will be provided by Belmond Royal Scotsman. No riding experience required. Minimum child age is 12. Helmets are provided. Guests need to wear long trousers and enclosed shoes, preferably with a small heel. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

RIVER TUBING

Float along a clear mountain stream, comfortably lounging on a specially designed river tube, for an amazing Highland adventure. A padded seat and all the safety gear you need ensure fun for all, including absolute beginners. Drift through ancient Rothiemurchus pine forests, surrounded by wildlife and stunning Cairngorm views, before running exciting natural water shoots and rapids.



A private car or coach will collect guests, depending on group size, at Boat of Garten and take you to the starting point. This is a guided activity. Lunch is served on the train on return from the activity or guests may choose to enjoy a picnic lunch in the grounds of Rothiemurchus Estate. Age and height restrictions may apply. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

COUNTRY PURSUITS

Spend a day at Rothiemurchus Estate, located near Aviemore in the Cairngorms National Park. Indulge in a wide variety of outdoor pursuits, such as wild swimming, clay pigeon shooting, archery, horse riding, fly fishing or quad bike trekking.



A private car or coach will collect guests, depending on group size, at Boat of Garten. Lunch will be served at the estate in between activities. Some activities are child-friendly. Minimum child age applies. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP

Get creative making deliciously ethical chocolate bars in a two-hour hands-on class, or learn the secrets of crafting truffles in a three-hour workshop. Led by an experienced chocolate maker, and using Fairtrade chocolate, you'll discover sumptuous flavours and enticing toppings. Package up your bars or truffles to take them away as indulgent gifts.



The workshops are located in Newtonmore, 30 minutes from Aviemore. A private car will take you there and back. Lunch will be served on the train on your return. Maximum 6 guests. Please book 4 weeks in advance.





Perth



In and around Perth

The former Scottish capital, once home to kings and queens, is chock-full of beautiful architecture surrounded by awesome scenery which is perfect for adventure sports.

HOT AIR BALLOONING

Soar into the sky for a golden eagle's-eye view of the stunning Perthshire scenery. We'll provide a picnic basket with a delicious lunch and champagne for you to savour on the one-hour balloon flight from Cupar to Auchterarder.



A private car will collect guests from Dundee early in the morning for the short drive to Cupar. Guests return to Edinburgh by private car. This activity is weather dependent. Please book 12 weeks in advance.

COUNTRY PURSUITS

Spend a day at the beautiful Gleneagles resort, located in the heart of Perthshire overlooking the Glen Devon hills. Choose from a wide variety of outdoor activities, such as clay pigeon shooting, archery, horse riding, quad bike trekking, tree climbing, fishing and golf. Indulge in your favourite pastime or have a go at something new.



Gleneagles is a 30-minute drive from Perth. Guests will be transferred in a private car accompanied by a guide. Lunch options are available at Gleneagles Hotel. A wide variety of experiences are on offer – please speak to our team for advice. Please book 12 weeks in advance.

V&A DUNDEE

Explore the recently opened V&A Dundee, Scotland's first dedicated design museum. Inside the striking waterfront building, designed by Kengo Kuma to evoke the country's dramatic cliffs, discover galleries devoted to Scottish design, with exhibits ranging from medieval illuminated manuscripts to contemporary fashions by Scottish-born designer Holly Fulton. At the heart of the museum is Charles Rennie Mackintosh's magnificent Oak Room, painstakingly reassembled.



A private car will collect guests from Dunkeld for an hour-long drive to Dundee. This is a self-guided tour. Light snacks and beverages will be available at the Tatha Restaurant. After the visit, a private car will bring you back to the train in Perth for dinner aboard the train. Please book 2 days in advance.



Fort William



In and around Fort William

It's all about adventure at Fort William, on the shore of Loch Linnhe. This is where the Great Glen Way starts and the West Highland Way ends. Ben Nevis, the UK's highest peak, is close by, as is spectacular Steall Falls. Ski runs and forest trails abound.

PARAGLIDING

Experience the thrill of soaring off a mountain safely strapped to a professional instructor. No prior experience or training is needed apart from a short pre-flight briefing, and once in the air your pilot can offer you the chance to steer the glider yourself. Feel like a bird as you absorb breathtaking views across the Ben Nevis range.



This is a full-day guided experience. A private car will take guests from Spean Bridge to Drumnadrochit, a 30-minute journey, and back to the train at Fort William. Lunch and soft drinks will be provided by Belmond Royal Scotsman. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

MOUNTAIN GONDOLA

The UK's only mountain gondola takes you from 100m to 650m up the mountain of Aonach Mor. A journey of approximately 12-15 minutes each way gives you ample time to drink in the panoramic vistas, which embrace the Great Glen and Ben Nevis. On the mountaintop are clearly signposted walks to viewpoints, or you can hire a mountain bike and explore. There's also a discovery centre and café bar.



This is a self-guided tour. The gondola station is 15 minutes' drive from Fort William. A private car will escort guests there and back. Please book 2 days in advance.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Explore the hills around Fort William with an expert cycling guide. Choose from a wide range of routes, from beginner level to the Mountain Bike World Cup track. This half-day activity can cater to all experience levels.



This is a guided activity. The bike hire office is located in the centre of Fort William, a short walk from the train. A packed lunch and soft drinks will be provided by Belmond Royal Scotsman. After the experience, a private car will take guests to Bridge of Orchy, an hour away, to rejoin the train for dinner. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

WHITE WATER RAFTING

Get your adrenaline pumping as you tackle the wild, raging waters of dam-released rivers such as River Garry, Orchy and Moriston on a full- or half-day excursion. Exhilarating fun for lovers of the great outdoors.



This is a guided tour. All levels welcome, including beginners. Towels will be provided. After the experience, a private car will take guests to Bridge of Orchy, an hour away, to rejoin the train for dinner. Guests are required to bring swimwear and a change of clothing for after the activity. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

SEA KAYAKING

Enjoy a kayaking adventure in the sheltered, yet wild and beautiful waters around Fort William. Choose from Glencoe and Loch Leven or Glenugie Bay. Glimpse stunning wildlife and soak up the majestic coastal scenery.



This is a guided tour. Half- and full-day trips are available. Towels and a packed lunch with soft drinks will be provided. After the experience, a private car will take guests to Bridge of Orchy, an hour away, to rejoin the train for dinner. Guests are required to bring towels, swimwear and a change of clothing for after the activity. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

GORGE WALKING

Embark on a family-friendly, half-day activity with lots of natural slides and fun jumps. Scramble up and down small waterfalls, wade through crystal-clear pools and prepare to get drenched in the canyon's watery wonderland.



This is a guided tour. Half-day activity. Towels and a packed lunch with soft drinks will be provided. After your experience, a private car will take you to Bridge of Orchy, an hour away, where you rejoin the train for dinner. Guests are required to bring towels, swimwear and a change of clothing for after the activity. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

ACHNACARRY SPORTING AND COUNTRY PURSUITS

Enjoy activities to suit all interests and abilities on this lush, 75,000-acre estate. Try wildlife, sightseeing or photography tours, hill walks, stalking, fishing and more.



This is a guided tour. You'll be escorted by private car from Spean Bridge to Achnacarry, a 15-minute journey. After your activities, return to the train in Fort William. Lunch will be served on the estate. Please book 12 weeks in advance.





Wemyss Bay
and Kilmarnock



In and around Wemyss Bay and Kilmarnock

Wemyss Bay, on the Firth of Clyde, serves as the ferry port for crossings to the Isle of Bute. Its train station is considered among the most magnificent in the UK. Kilmarnock, in the heart of Ayrshire, proudly boasts the largest Robert Burns monument in Scotland.

INVERARAY CASTLE

Discover this iconic Scottish castle and ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll, Chief of the Clan Campbell. Explore the fairytale façade and enchanting interiors; see the grand piano where songwriters Lerner and Loewe composed songs for *My Fair Lady*. The gardens are captivating, with vibrant rhododendrons and azaleas, and trees planted by distinguished past visitors including Queen Victoria and William Gladstone.



This is a full-day guided excursion. A private car and packed lunch with soft drinks are provided. Guests are collected from Tyndrum for the hour-long journey to the castle and return afterwards to Wemyss Bay, 2 hours away, to rejoin the train for dinner. Please book 4 weeks in advance.

BURNS MUSEUM

Explore the birthplace of Scotland's favourite son, poet Robert 'Rabbie' Burns, in the picturesque village of Alloway. Enter the 'auld cley biggin', the humble cottage where he was born in 1759, listen to his words, examine manuscripts and rare treasures and enjoy interactive games and quizzes for all ages.



Located 1 hour 15 minutes from Wemyss Bay. Guests are escorted by private car to the museum for a self-guided tour. Enjoy tea, coffee, soft drinks and lunch at the museum before returning to the train in Wemyss Bay. Please book 1 week in advance.

DUMFRIES HOUSE

This stunning, Palladian stately home, set in over 2,000 acres of land near Cumnock, is noted for its unrivalled collection of Chippendale furniture. Explore the house and grounds at your leisure, visiting highlights such as the Tapestry Room, the Pewter Corridor, the Chinese Bridge, Maze and Queen Elizabeth Walled Gardens.



The house is located 1 hour 15 minutes from Wemyss Bay. A private car will take guests on the one-hour drive. A guided tour is available or guests can explore the grounds independently. Lunch is served at the house. Return to the train for dinner. Please book 1 week in advance.



St Andrews



IN AND AROUND ST ANDREWS

Set on Fife's east coast, St Andrews is celebrated as the home of golf. However, its treasures extend beyond the greens, including medieval buildings, spectacular beaches and a vibrant arts scene. St Andrews is ideal to explore before or after your train journey and is perfect for bespoke groups and charters.

MUSEUM OF GOLF

Visit the British Golf Museum in St Andrews and be inspired by the extraordinary history of the game, from its humble beginnings to the global sport it is today.



Self-guided experience. An hour in the museum.
Please book 1 week in advance.

INDOOR GOLF

Fine-tune your swing at the first and only indoor golf facility in St Andrews, a state-of-the-art centre that uses high-tech simulators to help you hone your game.



Equipment provided. Includes an hour-long session with soft drinks. Appropriate for more experienced golfers. Staffed by PGA professionals. Suitable for families.
Please book 1 week in advance.

LAND YACHTING AND PADDLEBOARDING

Land yachting combines the grace of sailing with the adrenaline buzz of motor racing. No previous sailing experience is necessary and you can expect to master the basic skills within 15-20 minutes. Paddleboarding requires you to stand up (or kneel) on a board and propel yourself through the water. Again, no experience is necessary – but once you've got the hang of it, you're sure to be gripped.



For ages 12 and up. (For children aged 5-12, twin land yachts can be provided so a child may ride alongside an adult.) Each activity lasts 2 hours and includes an instructor. Safety gear, ie helmet, gloves and goggles, provided, as well as a wetsuit and buoyancy aid for paddleboarding. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring a towel. Activity subject to winds and tides. A packed lunch and soft drinks will be provided.
Please book 12 weeks in advance.



Golf in
Scotland



Golf

No country in the world can claim as close an affinity with golf as Scotland. It gave the game to the world and is where visitors come to experience golf in its truest form, playing on courses where the sense of history and tradition is as impressive as the majestic scenery.

We've handpicked a selection of courses we're sure our guests will love, both for the vistas and the challenge. Why not enjoy a round either during or after your journey on board Belmond Royal Scotsman.

BOAT OF GARTEN GOLF CLUB

When it comes to golf in the Scottish Highlands, Boat of Garten should be first on every visitor's itinerary. Designed by one of the grand masters of golf course architecture, James Braid (1870-1950), 'The Boat' is set alongside the mighty River Spey in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, only 10 minutes' drive from the bustling village of Aviemore. The course is not only renowned as a demanding test of sporting skill but also as a magnificent setting for the game. Braid's design features 18 completely individual holes, cleverly and sensitively-shaped fairways lined by birch trees, heather and broom, maximising the natural landscape and producing a beautiful and challenging course.

CARNOUSTIE GOLF LINKS

Whilst Carnoustie is generally regarded as the toughest of all The Open Championship venues, with its formidable bunkers and the Barry Burn that snakes its way over the course, it is also regarded by many as being the fairest. It is known also for having the most challenging closing stretch of holes anywhere, and those finishing the final four holes with no more than a bogey should be suitably content with their play. Carnoustie has hosted The Open Championship on 8 occasions, most recently in 2018. In addition, Carnoustie has hosted the Women's British Open and the Senior Open Championship and annually co-hosts the European Tour's Dunhill Links Championship.

CASTLE STUART GOLF LINKS

Host venue for the European Tour's Scottish Open in 2011-2013 and again in 2016, Castle Stuart Golf Links lies at the heart of the Highlands, offering contemporary links golf that is perfectly complemented by spectacular views across the Moray Firth towards the Black Isle. Opened in 2009 and designed by Mark Parsinen and Gil Hanse, who also designed the world-famous Kingsbarns, Castle Stuart is the epitome of contemporary links course architecture, featuring a magnificent layout with wide fairways, huge undulations and extraordinary greens, all bordered by thin fescue, broom, gorse and heather.

GLENNEAGLES

With a winning blend of natural beauty and golfing adventure, the three championship golf courses at Gleneagles are regarded among the very best in the world. The inspiration of two of the greatest names in the game, five-times Open Championship winner James Braid and the Golden Bear himself, Jack Nicklaus, the courses offer tantalising challenges for all levels of player. Over the years, Gleneagles has hosted a number of significant golf tournaments, the most notable being the 2014 Ryder Cup, played on the Nicklaus PGA Centenary Course.

KINGSBARN'S GOLF LINKS

Perched on the dramatic east coast, just beyond historic St Andrews, Kingsbarns Golf Links was host to the the 2017 Women's British Ladies Open and annually stages the European Tour's Alfred Dunhill Links Championship. The layout appears so natural that you would think it had been there for years – an outstanding achievement. The terrain is perfect for golf with its rippling fairways, humps and hollows and the Cambo Burn that snakes its way through the course. Having opened in 2000 to rapturous applause, it well deserves its status as one of the top-ranked links courses in the country.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB

Prestwick holds a special place in the golfing history books, having been the venue for the first ever Open Championship in 1860. Situated on a stretch of golfing terrain unrivalled in the world, Prestwick's testing links attract discerning golfers from all over the world. The first tee sits beside Prestwick Station and the railway line runs all the way down the right-hand side of the opening hole. There are plenty of other holes where a score can come off the tracks though, the huge Cardinal Bunker providing potential trouble at the third and the Himalayas having to be negotiated at the 206-yard par-3 fifth.

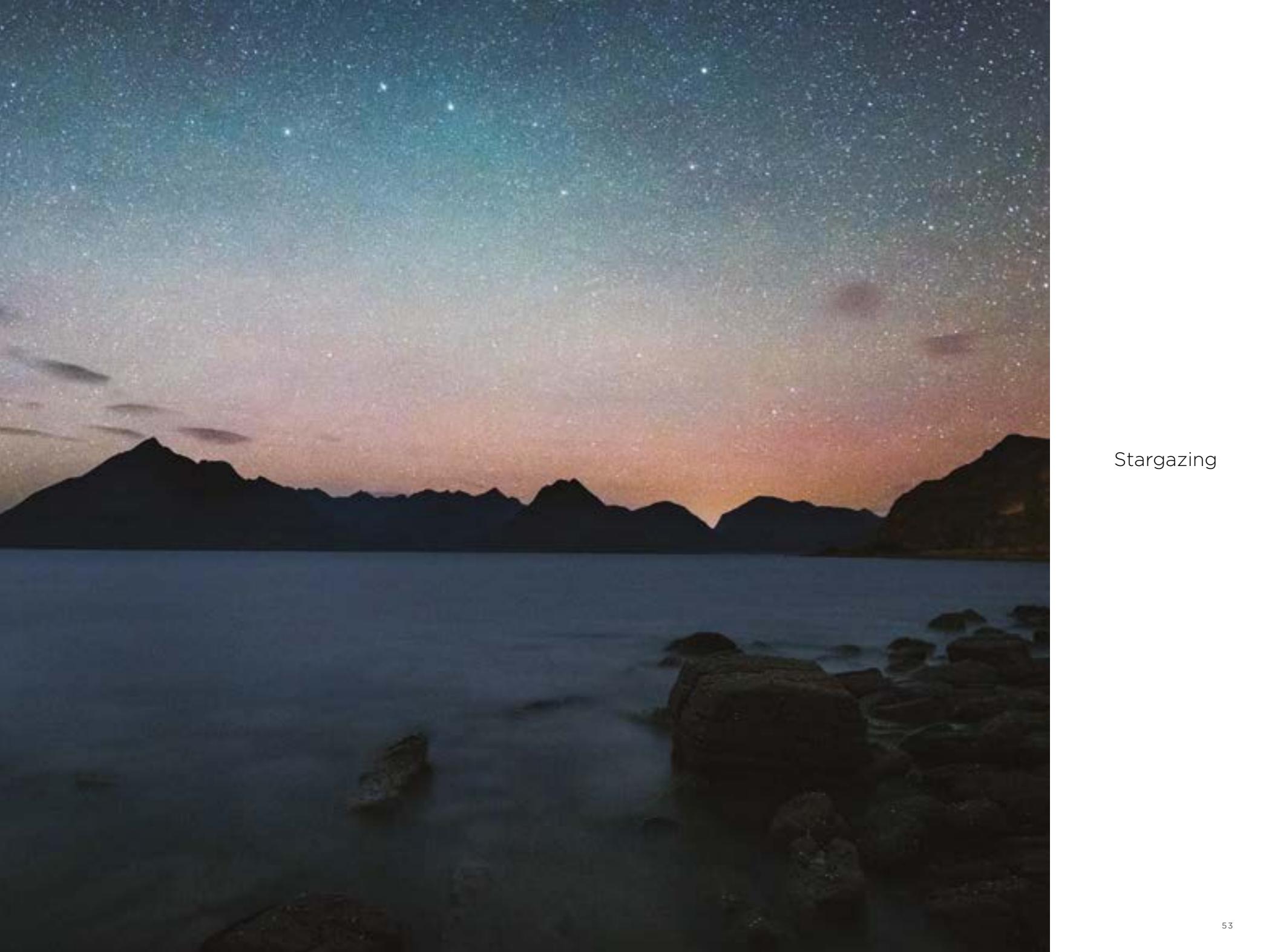
ROYAL DORNOCH GOLF CLUB

The most northerly of the UK's championship courses and consistently rated in the world's top 10, Royal Dornoch offers a spellbinding setting and sublime natural links which attract golfers from all over the world. It is wild, isolated and, at the same time, absolutely beautiful; there's the blaze of colour in early summer when the gorse is in flower. The pure white sandy beach divides the links from the Dornoch Firth and it all feels very humbling. Tom Watson (an honorary member of the club) came here in 1981, the year after winning the third of five Open Championships at Muirfield. He arrived to play 18 holes, but had three rounds and 'the most fun I've ever had on a golf course'.

ROYAL TROON GOLF CLUB

Founded in 1878 as a 5-hole course following a meeting in the local pub of a few golfing enthusiasts, Royal Troon Golf Club has outgrown its purely local reputation and is now known as one of the finest championship courses in the world. As host to the Open Championship it is on the wish list of many visiting golfers. The Old Course today represents a stern golfing examination and in particular the inward half of Royal Troon is widely accepted as one of the most demanding of any course on the Open Championship rota. With the wind to contend with, and deep rough interspersed with gorse and broom, accurate shot making is essential.

*Please note, courses are subject to availability and incur an additional cost.
Golf equipment can be provided but is chargeable. Please book 12 weeks in advance
for all golf courses, except Boat of Garten which requires 2 days' advance notice.*

A photograph of a night sky over a coastal landscape. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted rocks on a beach. In the middle ground, a body of water reflects the light from the horizon. The horizon itself is a vibrant orange and yellow glow, likely from a sunset or moonrise. Above this, the sky is a deep blue, filled with numerous stars of varying brightness. A few larger, fainter stars are visible in the upper left corner.

Stargazing



Reach for the stars

Stargazing in Scotland is magnificent. Boasting some of the largest expanses of dark sky in Europe, the Highlands are perfect for marvelling at the inky firmament peppered with bright stars, distinctive constellations and streaking meteors.

DARK SKY PARK

Join expert astronomer Steve Owens for an exhilarating planetary exploration in the Cairngorms, home to the most northerly Dark Sky Park in the world. During your journey you'll be travelling under some of the darkest night skies anywhere in Europe, with the Milky Way arching overhead, thousands of stars twinkling above you, and shooting stars and satellites flashing across the sky.

After dinner, you'll head by private car to a remote location in the Scottish wilderness, miles away from any light pollution, where the celestial showcase is at its most dazzling. With binoculars and star maps to help guide you, along with hats, gloves, hot chocolate, and maybe a whisky or two to keep you warm, learn about clusters, planets and distant galaxies. After this fun and fascinating experience, you'll never look at the sky in the same way again!



No prior knowledge of astronomy is necessary. Ideal for all – individuals, couples, families, small charter groups. The optimum stargazing months are May, September and October, when the skies are darkest. While we'll do everything we can to ensure an incredible view of the night sky, the weather may not always conspire in our favour. In the event that we are not able to head out stargazing, Steve Owens will talk guests through some incredible images of the cosmos from the comfort of the train. Activity subject to availability. Please enquire 12 weeks in advance.



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