



GRAND TOUR OF BRITAIN – LONDON TO GLASGOW BY RAIL - 15D/14N

Immerse yourself in the rich history and stunning landscapes of Britain on this exciting rail adventure.

Explore iconic landmarks like the Tower of London and Edinburgh Castle. Discover Welsh charm in Cardiff and delve into the heart of the Scottish Highlands in Inverness.

Take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness and ride the legendary Jacobite Steam Train, made famous in the Harry Potter movies. From bustling cities to breathtaking scenery, this tour offers a taste of everything the UK has to offer, all connected by comfortable train journeys.

Highlights

- Explore iconic landmarks in London: Tower of London, Tower Bridge, and Windsor Castle.
- Immerse yourself in Welsh history and culture in Cardiff: Cardiff Castle, Cardiff Bay, or Principality Stadium.
- Discover the vibrant city of Manchester with its famous canal network.
- Explore Edinburgh, Scotland's capital: Georgian New Town, Gothic Old Town, Edinburgh Castle, Arthur's Seat, or Calton Hill.
- Cruise on Loch Ness and visit the ruins of Urquhart Castle.
- Take a ride on the legendary Jacobite Steam Train, famous from the Harry Potter movies.
- Experience Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, known for its shipbuilding history and innovative spirit.
- Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea at the Willow Tea Rooms in Glasgow.

Inclusions

- 13 nights' accommodation in 4* hotels with breakfast
- Private Arrival & Departure Transfer
- Entrance to: Tower of London, Tower Bridge, Cardiff Castle, Edinburgh Castle (all self guided)
- Shared Group Tour to Windsor Castle with return coach transfers (not available on Tues or Wed)
- Shared Group Tour to Loch Ness with cruise & castle visit
- Shared Group Tour on Jacobite Steam Train
- First Class Rail Tickets: London to Cardiff, Cardiff to Manchester, Manchester to Edinburgh, Edinburgh to Inverness & Inverness to Glasgow
- Afternoon Tea at Willow Tea Rooms - Glasgow
- Station Transfers: London, Inverness & Glasgow

Exclusions

- Expenses of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone / telephone calls, , camera / video camera fee at all monuments, medical expenses, etc.
- Meals other than those specified above.
- Any insurance.
- Tips/gratuities.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.



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Day 1 – Australia departure

Today depart for London, United Kingdom. Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 2 to arrive day 2.

Meals Included: Inflight

Day 2 – Arrive London

Arrival at London Heathrow and enjoy a private transfer to your hotel in the city centre. The remainder of the day is at leisure as you acclimatise after travel. Why not take a trip on the London Eye or enjoy a light afternoon tea.

Accommodation: Clermont Charing Cross Hotel or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 3 – London sightseeing

Today you will make your way to the Tower of London for your self-guided adventure. This tour will admit you to the crown jewel house where you can marvel at these ancient pieces of royal history.

Move on to the nearby Tower Bridge which stands proudly across the river Thames.

Spend the afternoon at leisure

Accommodation: Clermont Charing Cross Hotel or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 4 – Windsor sightseeing

After breakfast at the hotel, spend this morning at leisure.

In the afternoon you will join a shared tour out of the city to nearby Windsor. Visit Windsor Castle, home to King Charles III and the final resting place of Queen Elizabeth II.

Return to London early evening.

Accommodation: Clermont Charing Cross Hotel or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 5 – Cardiff

Breakfast at the hotel, then transfer over to Paddington Station and board your train service to Cardiff.

Upon arrival in the city, check in and enjoy some Welsh hospitality.

Accommodation: Clayton Cardiff or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 6 – Cardiff sightseeing

After breakfast at the hotel, you have the day to spend in Cardiff.

Firstly, pay a visit to Cardiff Castle which stands in the heart of the city.

For the remainder of the day, you may wish to explore Cardiff Bay or for those interested in Rugby: The Principality stadium.

Accommodation: Clayton Cardiff or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 7 – Manchester

Breakfast at the hotel, check out and board your train service to Manchester.

The journey will take up to 4 hours, once you arrive in Manchester, take a stroll along its famous canal network.

Accommodation: Midland Hotel Manchester or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 8 – Edinburgh

After breakfast at the hotel, depart today for Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city.

Check in to your hotel and unwind in this historic city. If you are feeling brave enough, join an evening ghost & ghoulish tour.

Accommodation: Market Street Hotel or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 9 – Edinburgh sightseeing

You will have the full day to explore the city. Contrast the Georgian New Town with the Gothic Old Town and visit Edinburgh Castle which dominates the city skyline.

If you are feeling energetic, take a hike up Arthur's Seat for unparalleled panoramic views of the city. For a more gentle stroll, head to Calton Hill.

Accommodation: Market Street Hotel or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 10 – Inverness

After breakfast, check out and depart by train today for Inverness, the capital of the highlands.

This city serves as a base to explore the wonderful highlands region of Scotland.

Accommodation: BW Palace Hotel Inverness or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 11 – Inverness sightseeing

Join a group excursion to Loch Ness today where you will enjoy a cruise on the water before a visit to the ruin of Urquhart Castle.

Accommodation: BW Palace Hotel Inverness or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 12 – Inverness sightseeing

Today's group excursion will take you to Fort William where you will board the famous Jacobite steam train.

This journey to Mallaig is described as one of the most beautiful in the world, especially as you pass over the Glenfinnan Viaduct, made famous in the Harry Potter movies.

Accommodation: BW Palace Hotel Inverness or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 13 – Glasgow

After breakfast at the hotel, depart Inverness today for Glasgow by Train.

Glasgow is Scotland's largest city and has a rich history in ship-building and innovation.

Accommodation: Dakota Hotel or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 14 – Glasgow sightseeing

Spend the day exploring Glasgow at your pace.

Perhaps you will visit the Tennent's Brewery to find out all about Scotland's national beer. For those interested in transport, visit the wonderful riverside museum to explore days gone by.

Complete the day with a sumptuous afternoon tea at the Charles Rennie Mackintosh inspired Willow Tea Rooms.

Accommodation: Dakota Hotel or similar

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 15 – Glasgow departure

Transfer out to Glasgow airport with your driver, for your onward flight home.

Meals Included: Breakfast

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

AIR CANCELLATION/CHANGE POLICY

Depending on the fare rule, a refund may NOT be allowed, or a refund/change fee may be applied. If the fare is non-refundable, the whole ticket cost including fare, tax, fee, and charge is non-refundable. Contact your Travel Advisor for further details.

LAND CANCELLATION POLICY

We understand that sometimes plans change, and you may need to cancel your land arrangements.

Cancellation fees: The amount of your refund will depend on the specific product associated with your booking. Certain bookings, such as those with non-refundable hotels and services, may not be eligible for any refund at all. In such cases, the full cost of your booking, will be non-refundable.

For specific details about your cancellation policy and any applicable fees, please contact your Travel Advisor. They will be able to provide you with personalized information based on your individual booking.

VISA

A tourist visa might be required to enter the country you are travelling to on an Australian passport.

Please visit <https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/destinations/> for up-to-date information regarding visa requirements. Contact your Travel Advisor for further information.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is highly recommended, please contact your Travel Advisor for insurance options.