



Great Scottish Rail Journeys

Scotland as we all know has some of the finest scenery to be found anywhere and one of the best ways to see this is by rail. This year highlights include the famous Jacobite Train from Fort William and Mallaig, Scotland's West Highland Line has been voted the Top Rail Journey in the world by the readers of an Independent Travel Magazine. We will also travel the Strathspey Railway as we relieve the age of steam between Broomhill and the ski resort of Aviemore. Our final journey takes us through the Grampian Mountains as we travel from the capital of the north, Inverness to our final night in Scotland at Pitlochry.



6 DAYS

Tour No 3007 7th - 12th September £ 527

Single Supplement £92.00 Insurance £ 17.00

OVERNIGHT HOTELS ★★★

Our overnight Hotels are the Balachulish Hotel near Fort William and Best Western Queens Hotel, Perth. Both are an excellent standard, the Balachulish Hotel does not have a Lift, the Queens Hotel does. All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Colour Television, Telephone, Hairdryer, Iron/Board and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.

ITINERARY

Tuesday We travel north to Scotland past the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond, through spectacular scenery to our Hotel near Fort William for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday A full day tour with steam train as well ferry over the sea to Skye. First we take the Jacobite line to Mallaig (P/I), then by ferry over to Armadale on the Isle of Skye for a day trip on the island. We return by the Skye Bridge and travel to Strathpeffer for the next three nights.

Thursday Today we head east and take the coastal road to Elgin with its historic Cathedral, before heading into the heart of the Speyside Valley and Whisky Country. We stop in the village of Keith then continue to one of the famous distilleries with

the opportunity to sample some of this world famous malt! Later we join the Strathspey Steam Railway (P/I) from Broomhill to the busy resort of Aviemore and arrive back at our Hotel after a memorable day.

Friday A quieter day today as we cross the Moray Firth to explore the beautiful Black Isle, we continue north to the Dornoch before returning to Strathpeffer for the rest of the day.

Saturday We travel to Inverness with some time to visit the town then we catch the train for the scenic journey to Pitlochry (P/I), we rejoin our coach and transfer to Perth for overnight and dinner.

Sunday We say a farewell to Scotland and return to Shropshire, arriving home early evening.

BEN WYVIS HOTEL ★★★ 0844 950 6282

A Victorian Hotel that stands in its own grounds, it has handsome public rooms with high ceilings and open fires. In the Jacobite Restaurant you will savour the freshest produce, beef, fish and game and after dinner, the Strathview Bar and Lounge is the perfect place to unwind.

The Hotel Has a Lift to All Floors and All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Colour Television, Telephone, Hairdryer and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.

Look What's Included!

- 3 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal at Ben Wyvis Hotel.
- 2 Overnight Hotels, Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.
- Ferry Crossing with Caledonian MacBrayne Mallaig to Armadale.
- Journeys on the Jacobite and Strathspey Railways.
- One way on the scheduled train, Inverness to Pitlochry.
- Included Excursions to Skye, Elgin, Spey Valley and the Black Isle.



Rail Journeys of the North

Once again we are pleased to be providing a holiday that encompasses the wonderful scenery of the north of Scotland with the leisurely travel over one of England's most attractive regions. Our rail journeys include the West Highland Line from Crianlarich to Fort William, part of the line appears in the Harry Potter film as 'Hogwarts Express' as it passes over the Glenfinnan viaduct. Our other journeys are on the The Kyle line from Kyle of Lochalsh to Achnasheen and the Carlisle to Settle Railway. These are some of the most scenic of all rail journeys to be found anywhere in Scotland and England at a welcome pace that makes a welcome difference to rushing around motorways or sitting in traffic jams.



6 DAYS

Tour No 3008 4th - 9th July £ 459

Single Supplement £68.00 Insurance £ 17.00

OVERNIGHT HOTELS ★★★

Our Overnight Hotels are the Dunblane Hydro, the Dundonnel Hotel and the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle. All are of a varying Three Star Standard some Have Lifts other do not. The Bedrooms in All Hotels have Private Facilities, Colour Television Telephone and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.

ITINERARY

Sunday After a morning departure we join the motorways and head north to Scotland arriving at our overnight Hotel in Dunblane late afternoon.

Monday Today we leave Dunblane and follow the Doune Valley through Callander to Lochearnhead, we ascend Glen Ogle to Crianlarich and join the West Highland Line (P/I), as it crosses Rannoch Moor and descends through Glen Spean to Fort William and our next Hotel.

Tuesday Today will be spent in and around Fort William, maybe take a boat trip to Seal Island, enjoy the views of Ben Nevis or just relax in and around the town itself.

Wednesday We drive along the shores of Loch Lochy and turn

west towards Skye following the Shiel Valley to Kyle of Lochalsh. Here we embark our next train that takes us along Strathcarron to Achnasheen (P/I), where we rejoin our coach for the journey to our next Hotel in Dundonnel.

Thursday Leaving after breakfast we drive through Strathpeffer to Inverness where we join the main route south to Glasgow and on over the border at Gretna to Carlisle and our last night's Hotel.

Friday Our rail journeys are not over however, as leaving the Hotel we join the Carlisle to Settle Railway (P/I) passing some of the most attractive scenery in England. We rejoin our coach at Settle and return to Shropshire, arriving back home late in the afternoon.

THE WEST END HOTEL ★★★ 01397 702614

The West End Hotel is a well appointed, family run Hotel with a tastefully furnished restaurant, lounge bar and delightful patio. The Hotel offers the best of Highland hospitality and personal service to make sure your stay is relaxed and carefree. The Hotel Has a Lift to Most Floors and All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Colour Television Telephone and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.

Look What's Included!

- 2 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal in Fort William.
- 3 Overnight Hotels, Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.
- Single Rail Journeys on the West Highland Line, Kyle Line and Carlisle to Settle Railway.
- Included Excursions as per Itinerary Programme.