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UNITED KINGDOM

BRITANNIC EXPLORER: THE LAKE DISTRICT & WALES (TOUR CODE: 14888)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in London Victoria Station	28 May 27 - 24 Sep 27	Luxury Cultural Rail	Rail Journeys

Discover the Lake District's ethereal charm – its mirror-like lakes, undulating hills and dramatic peaks – widely considered among the finest natural wonders in the UK.

Highlights

- Visit historic Graythwaite Estate, where you can explore the grounds or enjoy off-road driving, clay shooting, or a Lake Windermere RIB ride
- Arrive in Bray for an exclusive farewell dinner at Alain Roux's three-Michelin-starred The Waterside Inn beside the banks of the River Thames
- Discover the beauty of Mid Wales with private guided birdwatching at Dyfi Wildlife Trust, or enjoy clay shooting with an instructor in the Dovey Valley, followed by a catered lunch overlooking the hills

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Over six unforgettable nights, explore the breathtaking beauty of the British countryside. From the serene shores of Derwentwater to invigorating hikes in the heart of Wales, celebrate the finest treasures of Britain on this remarkable voyage. Feel the literary inspiration of Yorkshire, indulge in culinary delights in the Cotswolds, and immerse yourself in the stunning vistas that unfold just outside your private cabin window.



INCLUSIONS

- A tailor-made itinerary of exciting and varied off-board tours and experiences
- Daily table d'hôte meals, including breakfasts, brunches, lunches, afternoon teas and dinners, alongside a selection of alcoholic and other beverages
- Off board the train, enjoy enjoy a farm-to-table gala lunch with Simon Rogan's Cartmel Valley farm experience
- Six nights aboard the Britannic Explorer luxury train, with 24-hour steward service

ITINERARY

Day 1

Depart London Victoria Station

Prepare to immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of the Lake District as you step aboard the Britannic Explorer at London Victoria Station. Life on board is an indulgent affair, beginning with a sumptuous Cumbrian Afternoon Tea, curated by Chef Simon Rogan and inspired by his own Cumbrian heritage with treats such as Kendal mint cake. As the afternoon unfolds, perhaps you will unwind with a restorative treatment in the Wellness Suite, or enjoy a cocktail or two from the Bar. The route to the Lake District takes you through the heart of England, winding through the picturesque landscapes of Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire.

As night descends, take your seat for an exquisite dinner, curated by Culinary Curator Simon Rogan and Head Chef Alexander Wyn Lewis. The menu celebrates local, seasonal ingredients with innovative flavours, elevating your dining experience to new heights. After dinner, join fellow travellers in the Observation Car, where you can dance the night away to music while sipping a small-batch gin and tonic. Finally, retreat to your tranquil suite for a restful night’s sleep.

Dinner



TOWN BRIDGE SUNSET, LONDON

Day 2 Workington - Gateway to the Lake District

As the train departs early, enjoy a picturesque journey through the British countryside and the sweeping Yorkshire Dales, with the route's highlight along Morecambe Bay. Crossing the Arnside Viaduct reveals breathtaking coastal views, tidal flats, and distant Lakeland fells before arriving in Grange-over-Sands, where you can finish breakfast overlooking the sea.

Disembark for a morning excursion to Graythwaite Estate, a historic lakeside manor set amid gardens and ancient woodland. After elevenses, explore the grounds or choose from exhilarating activities such as off-road Land Rover driving, clay pigeon shooting or a RIB boat ride on Lake Windermere.

Return to the train to prepare for an exclusive visit to Simon Rogan's farm, gaining insight into his farm-to-table philosophy before enjoying a seasonal late lunch. Rejoin the train at Grange-over-Sands to relax, dine lightly, and enjoy evening entertainment, with an overnight stop on the Settle–Carlisle line.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



THE LAKE DISTRICT

Day 3 England's Scenic Heartlands

This morning, linger over breakfast on board as the train winds along the Settle-Carlisle line, regularly voted England's most scenic rail route. Cross the iconic Ribblehead Viaduct and traverse the breathtaking landscapes of the Peak District.

On arriving in Buckinghamshire, embark on a short journey to Bray, culminating in a sumptuous farewell dinner at Alain Roux's legendary three-Michelin-starred restaurant, The Waterside Inn, a beacon of culinary excellence nestled on the banks of the River Thames. Take your seat in an exclusive riverside room to relish the artistry of the world-renowned kitchen as your palate is taken on an extraordinary journey. Following an evening of refined indulgence, rejoin the Britannic Explorer for a peaceful overnight stay in The Chilterns.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



RIBBLEHEAD VIADUCT

Day 4 London Victoria Station journey to Wales

After a scenic journey, gliding through Oxfordshire and the Chilterns, arrive at London Victoria for an early morning arrival. A transfer will be waiting to take you to The Cadogan, a Belmond hotel in London, where you can enjoy an three-course lunch with wine. Should you prefer, you are free to explore the sights of London independently.

We depart London once more in the afternoon. Your journey to Wales commencing with another thoughtfully curated afternoon tea, featuring delightful Welsh teacakes and traditional bara brith fruit cake. As you savour these exquisite treats, the golden hour bathes the patchwork tapestry of the countryside in a warm, enchanting glow. After a masterfully curated dinner by Chef Rogan, retreat to your suite, where you can drift into a peaceful slumber.

Breakfast, Dinner


COTSWOLDS

Day 5

Wales' scenic vistas

As the sun rises and illuminates the breathtaking Pembrokeshire coastline, look ahead to a day filled with exploration of Wales's scenic vistas and valleys. After a leisurely breakfast, disembark at Llandrindod Wells, where you can choose between two excursions: embark on a guided hike through the tranquil valleys of the remote Welsh heartlands, or enjoy a visit to a spectacular Welsh lavender farm, where you can take a dip in the pond, recharge in the sauna or simply relax by the log fire.

Rejoin the train as it continues the journey along the enchanting Heart of Wales Line, which gracefully winds through the rural uplands of Carmarthenshire and Powys. Travelling northward into Eryri National Park (Snowdonia), prepare to be mesmerised by the dramatic transformation of landscapes. As night falls, disembark once more for a fire ceremony hosted by wellness partners, Wildsmith. The overnight stabling point for the evening is near the seaside town of Barmouth.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


PEMBROKESHIRE COASTLINE

Day 6

Machynlleth & Moreton-in-Marsh

Enjoy breakfast as the train travels south to Machynlleth, at the edge of Eryri National Park. Relax in the Observation Car crossing Barmouth Bridge before choosing your excursion. Visit Dyfi Wildlife Trust for private guided birdwatching, or head to the Dovey Valley for clay shooting with a Team GB instructor at Dovey Shooting Ground, with catered lunch overlooking the hills.

Back on board, journey through Mid Wales and Shropshire before reaching Kingham. After dinner, disembark to enjoy a private party at The Fox in Oddington Inn. Recently restored by Carole Bamford of Daylesford, this 16th-century Inn celebrates local producers with classic English fare, local ales, artisan liqueurs, and lessons in pouring pints.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7

Farewell

Savour a farewell breakfast as your journey through the picturesque landscapes of Oxfordshire and the enchanting Chilterns. As you reflect on the unforgettable memories from your breathtaking exploration of the United Kingdom, the train gracefully arrives at London Victoria in the soft light of early morning.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Britannic Explorer

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

In the comfort of your exclusive private quarters, your mobile sanctuary awaits. This luxury sleeper train, a true reflection of British elegance, is filled with charming touches. From the privacy of your suite, take in the ever-changing shades of the English and Welsh countryside through your window. Inside, the interiors capture the essence of both the landscape and the whimsical spirit of British design – as night falls, your space transforms into a warm and inviting retreat.

SUITES - DOUBLE/TWIN

The Double suites are adorned with a green colour scheme, reflecting the lush British landscapes, while the Twin suites feature a blue palette inspired by the country's rugged coastline.

Each Double suite offers a luxurious double bed and an en-suite bathroom. By day, the space features comfortable banquette seating that transforms into a double bed at night.

The Twin suites come with plush twin beds and an en-suite bathroom. During the day, the banquette seating converts into twin beds by night.

Each room is decorated with artwork by English designer Luke Edward Hall.

- Plush double/twin beds
- En-suite bathroom
- Fold-out table and stool

Room Upgrades

Grand Suites

There are three Grand Suites – Elder, Valerian and Juniper – each are uniquely designed to reflect the bright beauty of an English country garden. As the most luxurious accommodation option onboard the train, they come with a range of features including a full-length mirror and marble dining table, offering coveted space as you traverse Great Britain's railways.

- Personal butler service
- Indulgent cabin amenities
- In-cabin private dining on request
- One complimentary spa treatment per guest
- Private arrival and departure transfers
- Plush double bed
- En-suite bathroom with marble basin and shower cubicle
- Long-hanging wardrobe and sofa with storage drawers



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