









#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

# BRITANNIC EXPLORER: THE LAKE DISTRICT (2025) (TOUR CODE: 14889)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in London Victoria Station	11 Jul 25 - 21 Nov 25	Luxury	Rail Journeys
		Cultural	
		Rail	

Discover the Lake District's enchanting beauty – with its serene, reflective lakes, rolling hills, and striking peaks – often regarded as one of the UK's most stunning natural wonders.

#### Highlights

- Embark on a luxury chauffeured ride to the Grade II listed Victorian mansion of Lingholm Estate, a place where Beatrix Potter spent her cherished summers. This private sanctuary, open exclusively to guests of the Britannic Explorer, promises a memorable escape into history and nature.
- Delight in a sumptuous gala dinner at the exclusive Le Belle Époque dining room, offering spectacular views over the 15th-century manor. Experience a night of refined Provençal-inspired cuisine in an atmosphere meticulously designed for celebration.

This luxurious train journey effortlessly combines history and adventure, offering everything from thrilling outdoor activities to the sophistication of magnificent country estates. The experience concludes in Oxfordshire with a gala dinner at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons – a tribute to timeless elegance and Michelin-starred cuisine. For those captivated by literary landscapes, this region has long inspired the likes of Shakespeare, Beatrix Potter and Wordsworth, all deeply moved by its beauty and depth.



### **INCLUSIONS**

- Three nights aboard the Britannic Explorer luxury train, with 24-hour steward service
- 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 a gala dinner at the two Michelin star Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxfordshire
- · A tailor-made itinerary of exciting and varied off-board tours and experiences

#### **ITINERARY**

## 1 Depart London Victoria Station

Prepare to traverse the glorious English countryside and immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of the Lake District as you step aboard the Britannic Explorer at London Victoria Station. Settle into your exquisite private quarters, where the elegant ambience reflects the illustrious landscape through which the train passes. Life on board is an indulgent affair, beginning with a sumptuous Cumbrian Afternoon Tea, curated by Chef Simon Rogan, with his own Cumbrian heritage reflected in the menu. Perhaps you'll feast on a slice of Kendal mint cake, or some sumptuous Grasmere gingerbread. As the afternoon unfolds, unwind with a restorative treatment in the Wellness Suite, or perhaps 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, once again crafted by Michelin-starred chef Simon Rogan, a true pioneer of the farm-to-fork movement. Anticipate culinary masterpieces that celebrate local, seasonal ingredients and innovative flavours, elevating your dining experience to new heights. After dinner, join fellow guests in the Observation Car,

where you can dance the night away to music while sipping a small-batch gin and tonic, surrounded by cherished new friends. Finally, retreat to your tranquil suite for a restful night's sleep.

Dinner



#### Workington - Gateway to the Lake District

Awaken to the scenic views of the Forest of Bowland and the enchanting Yorkshire Dales National Park rushing past your window. As you travel along Cumbria's southern coast, let your gaze drift to the stunning panorama of the Irish Sea shimmering in the distance. By early afternoon, we'll arrive in Workington – your gateway to the Lake District. Here, we take a chauffeured journey to the Lingholm Estate, a Grade II listed Victorian mansion where the beloved Beatrix Potter once spent her idyllic summers. Within this exclusive sanctuary, with private quarters open solely to guests of the Britannic Explorer, choose your adventure: immerse yourself in guided open-water swimming, meet the delightful local alpacas, or embark on a scenic hike around the breathtaking nearby fells. For those wishing to explore a little further afield, the onboard concierge is ready to curate your ideal outing.

Reboard the train, now awaiting you at Penrith, just as dinner is being prepared. Tonight's meal is yet another celebration of seasonal British fine dining, followed by lively onboard entertainment with your fellow bon vivants. As the evening draws to a close, the train will rest overnight on the scenic Settle & Carlisle line, nestled in the charming rural market town of Appleby.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



#### Peak District & Gala dinner

Awaken to an elegant morning as a leisurely brunch awaits you in the dining car, alongside a freshly crafted Bellini. Savour this gentle time, perhaps with a spirited game of cards among newfound friends as the train glides over the iconic Ribblehead Viaduct on the famed Settle & Carlisle line. Today's journey winds gracefully through the breathtaking landscapes of the Peak District, drawing us toward Oxfordshire and the timeless splendour of Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons. Awaiting guests here is an exquisite gala dinner in the exclusive Le Belle Époque dining room, with views over the 15th-century manor – a night of refined Provençal-inspired indulgence in a setting crafted for celebration.

Return to the train afterward to spend your final night aboard, as you settle amidst the Cotswolds' patchwork tapestry, resting overnight just beyond the lights of London.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Breakfast is served as the train departs for the journey back to London. After a scenic journey, gliding through Oxfordshire and the Chilterns, bid adjeu to your countryside getaway as the train arrives at London Victoria for an early morning arrival.

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



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### 2025 departure dates:

- 21 & 25 July
- 04, 18, 25 August
- 01 & 29 September
- 20 October
- 10 November

#### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included or mentioned in our holiday package