

THE BRITANNIC EXPLORER TRAIN & REMOTE BRITISH ISLES

Roll across the English countryside in style aboard Belmond's brand-new train, Britannic Explorer. Then transfer from tracks to tide, for an extensive cruise aboard Silversea's Silver Wind. In each destination, from remote British Isles to the Faroe Islands, we encounter rich history, stunning landscapes, and extraordinary wildlife. This rare journey is reserved for just 28 guests.



A JOURNEY OVERVIEW

London – Edinburgh – Farne Islands
– Shetland Islands – Faroe Islands –
St Kilda – Isle of Lunga – Isle of Iona
– Belfast – Dublin

18 Days Expedition Voyage
& Rail Journey
Departing 16 May 2027

Day 1 London (United Kingdom)

Arrive in London today and check into Flemings Mayfair. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the hotel's facilities or explore as you please. Get to know your fellow guests during this evening's Welcome Dinner at our hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant, Ormer Mayfair.

Day 2 Board Belmond Britannic Explorer, Keighley

After our hotel breakfast, we enjoy a leisurely morning before transferring to Victoria Station. Here we join our home for the next two nights, the Britannic Explorer, which is exclusively chartered by our group. The train's stylish cabins evoke Britain's stately homes, while a botanical theme embellishes their interior design. Departing the station, we begin our journey north, bound for the Lake District. Settle in and enjoy lunch, followed by a Cumbrian afternoon tea, curated by award-winning British chef, Simon Rogan. Perhaps adjourn to the sophisticated setting of the train's bar for a cocktail or gin.

The Britannic Explorer winds its way through Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire, as we absorb their charming, bucolic landscapes. Before long, we take our seats in one of the train's two ornate restaurant cars. The culinary creations of Simon Rogan and Head Chef, Alexander Wyn Lewis, honour local ingredients, infused with inventive flavours. After dinner, relax with a nightcap in the Observation Car. Our train reaches the town of Keighley, in West Yorkshire, late this evening, and stables at the station overnight.

Day 3 Grange-over-Sands, Lake Windermere, Bo'Ness

The train resumes its journey early this morning, reaching into the striking Yorkshire Dales. Cross Morecambe Bay along the Arnside Viaduct and observe the rise and fall of the distant Lakeside Fells. Enjoy the à la carte offerings of the restaurant car while overlooking the seaside resort town of Grange-over-Sands. Shortly after, we alight the train and transfer to Graythwaite Estate. After enjoying morning tea, we wander the grounds of the lakeside manor, which has been continuously owned by the Sandys family for more than 500 years. While here, take the opportunity to navigate the property's off-road course aboard a Land Rover. Test your aim during a clay pigeon shooting experience. Or embark a high-performance watercraft for a cruise of Lake Windermere. You may prefer to join a guided walk along the shores of the lake or adjourn to the property's secluded lakeside sauna.

Upon returning to the train, we make the short journey to the farm owned by our culinary director, Simon Rogan. Learn more about Simon's farm-to-table philosophy before sitting down to a seasonal late lunch. The next leg of our rail journey begins from Grange-over-Sands. Relax as we further traverse the English countryside on our way to Scotland. Enjoy the conviviality, dining and entertainment aboard the Britannic Explorer as we reach the town of Bo'Ness. Our train remains stabled here overnight, offering us another restful night's sleep on board.

Day 4 Edinburgh, Disembark Britannic Explorer

We arrive this morning in Scotland's beautiful capital, Edinburgh, and check into our historic and luxurious hotel, The Caledonian. Explore the charms of Edinburgh's Old Town during a walking tour. This evening, a regal treat awaits as we enjoy a special dinner in the palatial Queen Anne Room within iconic Edinburgh Castle. A private tour of the Scottish Crown Jewels is also on the menu.

Day 5 Embark Silver Wind

After a morning at leisure, we enjoy lunch at a local cafe. Then transfer to the port to meet the small ship, Silver Wind. Settle into your comfortable suite before arriving for dinner, as we set sail for the Isle of May.

Day 6 Isle of May

Just off the coast of Scotland, we find the Isle of May, a National Nature Reserve home to thousands of breeding seabirds. In addition to being one of the best places in the UK to see puffins, the site also regularly sees kittiwakes, eiders, and Arctic terns, among other migratory species, gracing its shores. Choose to join a Zodiac cruise and get closer to the island's rocky shores, as well as Scotland's oldest lighthouse.

Day 7 Farne Islands, Lindisfarne Island

We soon arrive to the Farne Islands. Choose to join an optional Zodiac cruise with our Expedition Team to survey the islands' coastlines. Keep an eye out for the various birdlife here, including the instantly recognisable puffin.

The island of Lindisfarne, otherwise known as Holy Island, was a destination for religious pilgrims, and is considered among the holiest sites in Anglo-Saxon England. The island has an intertidal boat harbour, a castle, a ruined priory, and a village of less than 200 people. The stone ruins of Lindisfarne Priory can be observed near the island's village. Lindisfarne Castle is small compared to other castles, but you can see how it dominates the island from all directions during our visit. It was built in 1550 using some of the stones of the priory and remains in good condition today. We make our return to the ship aboard Zodiacs.

Day 8 Fair Isle

Our vessel traverses the waters of the North Sea to arrive at Fair Isle, between Orkney and Shetland. At least 345 species of bird have been recorded here, more than anywhere else in Britain. This includes breeding colonies of arctic skua and great skua, which we are a chance to see during our visit. Just 60 people reside on this tiny island, and we have the pleasure of being welcomed to join them for tea in the community hall. While here, we also visit the George Waterston Memorial Centre & Museum, which has displays on the area's birdlife, as well as its fishing and social history. The museum also features many of the knitting traditions and patterns that the island is known for.

Day 9 Shetland Islands

The Shetland Islands comprise the northernmost point of the British Isles. The archipelago spans 100 islands, with some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery. Sitting on the small Isle of Mousa, the Broch of Mousa is considered the region's best-preserved Iron Age building, believed to have been constructed around 100 BCE. We arrive on the shores of neighbouring Mainland, the archipelago's main island. Shetland ponies roam the hills here, having become icons of the region.

A choice of experience awaits you here:

- Join your expert Expedition Team for a walk and explore the island.
- Enjoy a half-day excursion to the captivating archaeological site of Jarlshof and the small village of Hoswick.
- Discover Lerwick, Mainland's largest town, during a walking tour and visit the Shetland Museum for more historical insights of the area.

Day 10 Faroe Islands (Denmark)

Reaching the Faroe Islands, its capital, Tórshavn, welcomes us.

Enjoy a choice of experience during our time along these seldom-visited shores:

- A short drive from Tórshavn takes you along the Kaldbak fjord. Catch sight of roaming sheep and cascading waterfalls, before continuing through a tunnel to Kollafjørður and the geological formations of Streymoy. From here, you are able to look across to the neighbouring island of Vágar.
- You may prefer to explore Vágar itself. From the village of Gásadalur, walk along a trail to the viewpoint of the enchanting waterfall, Múlafossur. Continue to the coastal village of Bøur, whose tiny homes are distinguished by their turf roofs. From here, witness nature's exquisite artistry, with views of the astonishing Tindhólmur and Drangarnir rock formations rising dramatically from the sea. Rounding the coast, admire the charming landmark of Sandavágur's red-roofed church.

Day 11 Faroe Islands

Our Faroe Island adventures continue as we head to the village of Vestmanna. Renowned for its bird cliffs reaching 700 metres skyward, the area is thriving with puffins, guillemots, kittiwakes, and razorbills.

Two quite distinct experiences are yours to choose from:

- Embark a boat for a thrilling cruise along the Vestmanna bird cliffs. Hear the various calls of thousands of seabirds and gaze toward the towering cliffs overhead. Your vessel then navigates a narrow gorge between sheer rock walls to enter a concealed grotto. In sudden darkness, the cool air and steady dripping of water create an uncanny atmosphere, before you promptly emerge from the cave into open waters once more.
- A brief stroll brings you to the Faer Isles Distillery. During this behind-the-scenes experience, meet the distiller and hear about the production methods of their local spirits, as well as the formation of this enterprising business, and enjoy a tasting.

Day 12 Shiant Islands (United Kingdom)

Reaching the Shiant Islands, we are soon captivated by their cliff faces of hexagonal basalt columns. These ancient rock formations are the result of volcanic magma that has cooled and eroded over millions of years. The islands are also home to a range of seabirds, among them black-legged kittiwakes and puffins.

While here, take the opportunity to join one of the following experiences:

- Join the Expedition Team and discover the rugged geology and seabird colonies from aboard a Zodiac.
- Perhaps you'd prefer the more relaxed pace of a kayak to take in more of the spectacular coastline and wildlife, including white-tailed eagles, Atlantic puffins and grey seals.

Day 13 St Kilda

We wake this morning to the spectacular sight of the St Kilda archipelago, which holds the distinction of dual World Heritage status, in recognition of its Natural Heritage and Cultural Significance. It also boasts the UK's largest Atlantic puffin colony.

Take the opportunity to join one of the following experiences:

- Join your Expedition Team aboard a Zodiac for a cruise of St Kilda's rugged coastlines. Admire the two distinctive sea stacks, which also accompany the remote archipelago.
- Step ashore and set out on a hike to absorb further striking panoramic views across St Kilda.
- Our ship's onboard kayaks are also available for a different perspective. Guided by your Expedition Team, enjoy close-up views of St Kilda's soaring cliffs and grey seal population.

Day 14 Isle of Lunga, Isle of Iona

Having cruised south, we reach Lunga, the largest island in the Treshnish archipelago. The main attraction here is the Atlantic puffin, which breeds in profusion along the island's plateau. Elsewhere, we may also spy seals along the rocky shores, or birds of prey soaring overhead.

Explore further, joining your preferred activity:

- Cruise the shoreline aboard a Zodiac, watching for puffins and shags.
- You may otherwise choose to step ashore and join a hike with the Expedition Team to get a closer look at the resident puffins.
- You may prefer to set out in a kayak to see the puffins and shags from the water.

Our voyage continues to the island of Iona. Explore Iona Abbey, one of Scotland's most treasured historical sites, during a short, guided tour. The abbey was founded by Saint Columba and is considered the cradle of Christianity in Scotland. The museum here houses the country's finest collection of early medieval carved stones and crosses.

Day 15 Belfast

Silver Wind docks in Northern Ireland today for our discoveries of the capital, Belfast. Explore the Titanic Quarter, where we find Titanic Belfast, a museum dedicated to the fateful cruise liner. A range of exhibits and interactive galleries recalls the story of the famous ship, her crew and guests, and those who built her. Elsewhere we see some of the 32 kilometres of dividing walls

known as the 'peace line', built to keep Catholic and Protestant communities separated during 'The Troubles'. The Cathedral Quarter, meanwhile, sees a wealth of pubs, live comedy and music venues, supporting a thriving creative community.

Dublin also presents many other fascinating sites, should you like to choose from the following experiences:

- Join a half-day excursion to further explore the city of Belfast. Enjoy a drive through the city and admire its many Victorian and Edwardian buildings. Then take a guided tour of the notorious Crumlin Road Gaol, which ceased operations as a working prison in 1996.
- A northerly drive takes you along the scenic Antrim Coast to Giant's Causeway. Before arriving at this geological wonder, first stop to explore the ruins of Dunluce Castle, perched upon a windswept coastal cliff. Nearby, the 40,000 stone columns of Giant's Causeway intrigue with their consistent, interlocking hexagonal appearance. Please note this experience involves a full day with lots of walking.

Day 16 Dublin (Ireland), Disembark Silver Wind

Docking in the city of Dublin today, we farewell Silver Wind. At Trinity College, enter the Old Library Building and look upon pages from the 1,200-year-old manuscript of the Book of Kells. In the college's Long Room, wander the halls of one of the world's most impressive libraries, which also features a large, illuminated model of the Earth, suspended from the ceiling and featuring NASA imagery. We then head to EPIC, the Irish Emigration Museum, which recounts many individual stories of the extensive Irish diaspora via its interactive, digital exhibits. Then delve further into modern Irish history at the GPO Museum, housed within one of the country's most iconic buildings. Following lunch at an Irish pub, the rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure. For the next two nights, we stay at The Westbury.

Day 17 Dublin

During our final day in Dublin, create more indelible memories of your journey with the following Your World experiences:

- ★ Travel south to Wicklow Mountains National Park. Admire the rugged scenery that spans more than 50,000 acres of mountainous landscapes and glacial lakes. Continue to Powerscourt House & Gardens, named by National Geographic as the world's third best garden. The magnificent estate features further striking views of the Wicklow Mountains, while its own grounds are meticulously maintained.
- ★ Take the opportunity to play a round on one of the world's finest courses at Portmarnock Golf Club. The Championship Links occupy a peninsula running beside the Irish Sea, making for spectacular scenery.

Celebrate our grand journey during a gala Farewell Dinner this evening.

Day 18 Dublin

Farewell your fellow guests and Tour Host Team today as you join your airport transfer.