



Best Rail Tour Experiences

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Dear Sue,

At GoRailTours, we invite you to explore Europe in the most relaxing and enriching way—by train. Our expertly crafted tours take you through some of the continent’s most iconic and inspiring destinations, including Ireland, Scotland, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and beyond.

From charming old towns and world-famous landmarks to majestic mountains and coastal escapes, every journey is designed to let you soak in the heart of Europe—comfortably, culturally, and completely stress-free. With GRT, travel isn’t just about the destination—it’s about the experience in between.

What’s Included?

Scenic Rail Journeys - Experience the most stunning train routes across Europe, from rolling countryside to dramatic coastlines

Bespoke Packages - We design everything for you—train tickets, accommodations, meals, guides, and activities

Expertly Crafted - Our routes are thoughtfully planned by rail travel specialists to showcase iconic landmarks, hidden gems, and authentic local charm throughout your journey.

Local Experiences - Go beyond the tourist trail with immersive activities—from whisky tastings in the Highlands to castle tours in Ireland, and village visits you won’t find in guidebooks

Solo Friendly - Travelling alone? Our tours are safe, social, and welcoming for solo adventurers, couples, families, and groups alike—with a built-in community feel.

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September 21 - September 28, 2026

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Your Agent - Adam Smith

Day 1 September 21 (Monday) ARRIVAL

Transportation — Premier Executive Travel (Bo)

Pickup Time: TBD Vehicle: Premier Executive Travel (Bo)

Our premier coach service caters to all your transportation needs, ensuring a comfortable and stress-free journey for you and your group. With a fleet of modern coaches and experienced drivers, we guarantee a safe and enjoyable travel experience from start to finish.



Accommodation — Motel One Edinburgh - Princes

Check In: September 21

Room: x17 Twin Rooms

Check Out: September 22

Location: 10-15 Princes St., Edinburgh EH2 2AN, United Kingdom

Motel One Edinburgh-Princes is a contemporary, budget-friendly design hotel situated directly on Princes Street in the heart of Edinburgh's New Town. Opened in 2014, it is highly regarded for its prime location opposite Waverley Station and its stylish, "funky" aesthetic.



Activity — The Grassmarket

Activity Type: This is a recommendation from our team, it's a self guided tour. There is no set time or ticket but we think it's a must!

Nestled in the heart of Edinburgh's historic Old Town, with stunning views of Edinburgh Castle, the Grassmarket is one of the most picturesque and lively areas of the city. A paradise of independent merchants, designers and artisans, the area is home to an array of high-quality gift, clothing and homeware shops. And when hunger strikes, you'll find an assortment of bars, restaurants and cafes to suit all tastes and budgets.



Day 2 September 22 (Tuesday)

Accommodation — Malmaison Aberdeen

Check In: September 22 , 3:00 PM Room: x17 Bed and Breakfast

Check Out: September 24 , 12:00 Location: 49-53 Queen's Rd, Aberdeen AB15 4YP, United Kingdom
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Housed in a granite building, this polished hotel is 1.4 miles from Belmont Filmhouse arts cinema and 1.6 miles from Aberdeen train station. Sophisticated rooms with tartan accents feature free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Suites add free-standing baths, and some offer access to a shared terrace. Room service is available. Amenities include a chic brasserie serving modern British dishes, a sleek cocktail bar, a whisky snug, and a spa. There are also 2 private dining rooms, plus a meeting room and on-site parking.



Activity — Dunnottar Castle

Dunnottar Castle "fort on the shelving slope" is a ruined medieval fortress located upon a rocky headland on the north-east coast of Scotland, about 3 kilometres (1.9 mi) south of Stonehaven. The surviving buildings are largely of the 15th and 16th centuries, but the site is believed to have been fortified in the Early Middle Ages. Dunnottar has played a prominent role in the history of Scotland through to the 18th-century Jacobite risings because of its strategic location and defensive strength. Dunnottar is best known as the place where the Honours of Scotland, the Scottish crown jewels, were hidden from Oliver Cromwell's invading army in the 17th century. The property of the Keiths from the 14th century, and the seat of the Earl Marischal, Dunnottar declined after the last Earl forfeited his titles by taking part in the Jacobite rebellion of 1715. The castle was restored in the 20th century and is now open to the public. The ruins of the castle are spread over 1.4 hectares (3.5 acres), surrounded by steep cliffs that drop to the North Sea, 50 metres (160 ft) below. A narrow strip of land joins the headland to the mainland, along which a steep path leads up to the gatehouse. The various buildings within the castle include the 14th-century tower house as well as the 16th-century palace. Dunnottar Castle is a scheduled monument, and twelve structures on the site are listed buildings.



Activity — Dunnottar Cliffs

Dunnottar Cliffs offer breathtaking, panoramic views of dramatic, almost vertical cliffs plunging into the North Sea, topped by the sprawling, romantic ruins of a medieval castle. Visitors experience a stark, rugged landscape featuring natural rock arches, sea stacks, and, during nesting season, teeming seabird colonies like puffins.



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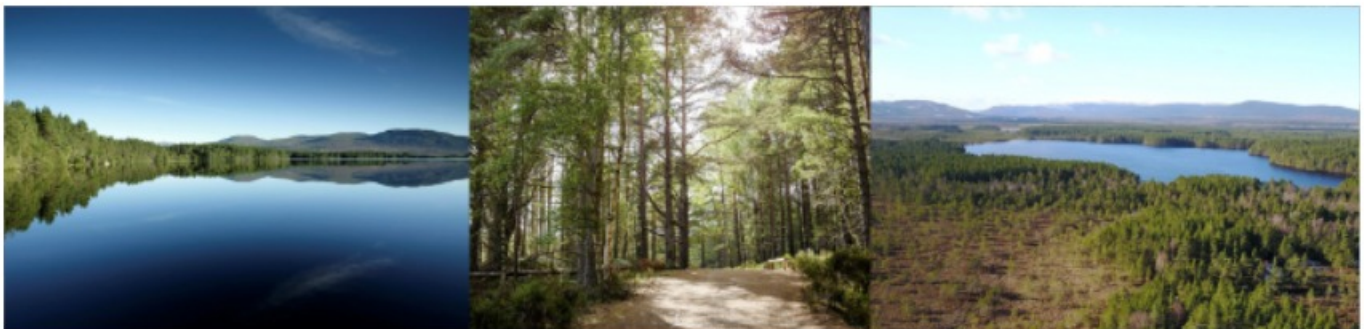


Activity — Cairngorms National Park

Activity Type: This is a recommendation from our team, it's a self guided tour. There is no set time or ticket but we think it's a must!

Cairngorms National Park (Scottish Gaelic Pàirc Nàiseanta a' Mhonaidh Ruaidh) is a national park in north east Scotland, established in 2003. It was the second of two national parks established by the Scottish Parliament, after Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, set up in 2002. The park covers the Cairngorms range of mountains, and surrounding hills. Already the largest national park in the British Isles, in 2010 it expanded into Perth and Kinross.

Entrance Loch Garten Nature Centre, Nethy Bridge PH25 3HA, United Kingdom



Activity — Glen Feshie

Glen Feshie, located in the Cairngorms National Park in Scotland, is a stunning, steep-sided valley renowned for its dramatic scenery, crystal-clear River Feshie, and extensive Caledonian pine forests. As a premier example of Scottish rewilding, it has seen massive natural regeneration, creating a thriving landscape of Scots pines, heather-covered hills, and rich wildlife.

[YouTube](#)



Day 4 September 24 (Thursday)

Accommodation — The Golf View Hotel

Check In: September 24 , 3:00 PM Room: x17 Bed and Breakfast

Check Out: September 26 , 12:00 PM Location: 63 Seabank Rd, Nairn IV12 4HD, United Kingdom

A 6-minute walk from Inverness station, this contemporary hotel is also a 10-minute walk from Eden Court Theatre and Inverness Castle. Sophisticated rooms and suites come with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Upgraded rooms add feature Nespresso machines; suites tack on sitting areas. Some have city or river views. There's a fitness centre, plus 6 meeting/event rooms, and a traditional brasserie with a bar.



Activity — Banff Town

Banff is a historic, charming coastal town in Aberdeenshire, northeast Scotland, featuring a rich maritime heritage, Georgian architecture, and stunning sandy bays. Situated at the mouth of the River Deveron and Banf Bay, it serves as a scenic tourist destination known for Duff House, an 18th-century mansion, and a 1799 bridge connecting to its sister town, Macduff.



Activity — Bullers o' Buchan Cliff Views

The Bullers o' Buchan (or Bullers of Buchan) refers to both a spectacular collapsed sea cave and the adjacent small village located on the Aberdeenshire coast in Scotland, approximately 6 miles south of Peterhead. The site is a famous natural wonder where the sea rushes through a natural archway into a 30-metre (100-foot) deep circular chasm known as "The Pot".



Day 5 September 25 (Friday)

Accommodation — The Golf View Hotel

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Activity — Eilean Donan Castle

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Eilean Donan is a small tidal island where three sea lochs meet, Loch Duich, Loch Long and Loch Alsh, in the western Highlands of Scotland. A picturesque castle that frequently appears in photographs, film and television dominates the island, which lies about 1 kilometre (0.62 mi) from the village of Dornie. Since the castle's restoration in the early 20th century, a footbridge has connected the island to the mainland. Eilean Donan is part of the Kintail National Scenic Area, one of 40 in Scotland. In 2001, the island had a recorded population of just one person, but there were no "usual residents" at the time of the 2011 census. Eilean Donan, which means simply "island of Donnán", is named after Donnán of Eigg, a Celtic saint martyred in 617. Donnán is said to have established a church on the island, though no trace of this remains. The castle was founded in the thirteenth century, and became a stronghold of the Clan Mackenzie and their allies the Clan Macrae. In the early eighteenth century, the Mackenzies' involvement in the Jacobite rebellions led in 1719 to the castle's destruction by government ships. Lieutenant-Colonel John Macrae-Gilstrap's twentieth-century reconstruction of the ruins produced the present buildings.

Admission fee is needed upon arrival on the site.



Activity — Old Man of Storr

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The Trotternish Ridge (highest summit being The Storr at 719m) was created around 60million years ago by a massive landslip. Hot volcanic lava flowed onto the weaker sedimentary Jurassic rock beneath it causing the latter to collapse and form the undulating cliff faces of the eastern coastline of Trotternish. The magnificent pinnacles and weathered basalt rock formations of The Storr dominates the Island's north-eastern landscape and can be seen for miles by travellers heading north as well as from the mainland.

The Storr trail uses the same path there and back, starting and returning at the same point (the car park). It covers a distance of 3.8km, with the average time to complete the walk being 1 hour 15 minutes (with no stops).



Activity — Fairy Pools

Activity Type: This is a recommendation from our team, it's a self guided tour. There is no set time or ticket but we think it's a must!

Free to visit at any time, the spectacular Fairy Pools are located near the village of Carbost in Glenbrittle on the Isle of Skye. As part of the MacLeod Estate, Glenbrittle runs roughly south to north along the River Brittle and is overlooked by the majestic Cuillin mountains. Many tributaries of the River Brittle run down from the Cuillin into the glen including a stream with waterfalls known as the Fairy Pools, a popular place for walkers. The Fairy Pools are beautiful rock pools of translucent mountain spring water fed by a series of waterfalls. Visitors can embark on the stunning 2.4km walk from the car park to the Fairy Pools via the gravel path and bridges bordered with flowering heather up towards the largest waterfall, or walk further up the path and explore some of the smaller pools which lie ahead. The water of the Fairy Pools is crystal-clear, perfect for any adventurous swimmers brave enough to enter the icy waters. It is advisable to bring a wetsuit for this activity as these beautiful rock pools can be bracing. Although peaceful today, the Fairy Pools was the location of the last and bloodiest Battle of Coire na Creiche between the MacLeods of Dunvegan and the MacDonalds of Sleat. The MacDonalds were victorious, but it is said that the battle was so fierce and so many had been killed, that Allt Coir a 'Mhadaidh (the Fairy Pools) ran red with blood. There may be some truth to the legend because the Scottish Crown was sufficiently horrified by the battle to intervene and force a truce between the feuding clans, who never again went to war with each other.



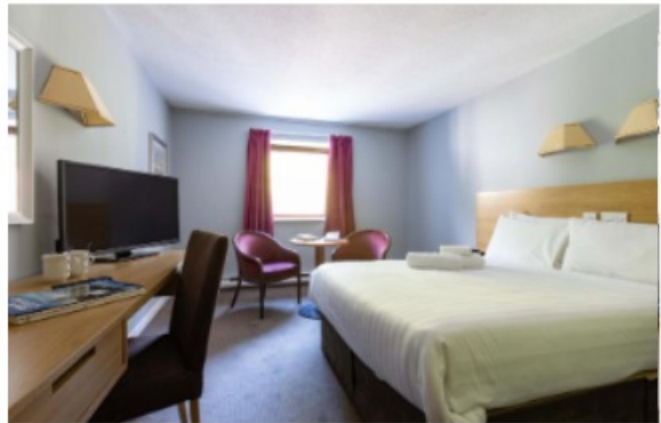
Day 6 September 26 (Saturday)

Accommodation — Caledonian Hotel, Fort William

Check In: September 26 , 3:00 PM Room: x1 Bed and Breakfast

Check Out: September 27 , 12:00 PM Location: Achintore Road, Fort William, Inverness-shire, PH33 6RW, United Kingdom.

The Caledonian Hotel, built in 1969, is a 3-star property ideally situated on Achintore Road, two miles from Fort William's town centre, overlooking the serene Loch Linnhe and with views of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. The hotel features 81 rooms and provides various dining options including a restaurant, a bar/lounge, and a snack bar/deli, serving Continental and Full English/Irish breakfast buffets with special diet menus available upon request. Guests frequently highlight the comfortable rooms, delicious breakfast, and the helpful staff, as well as the convenient location for exploring the Scottish Highlands. Additional amenities include free Wi-Fi in public areas and evening entertainment on select nights.



The Garrison Hotel

Check In: September 26 , 3:00 PM Room: x17 Bed and Breakfast

Check Out: September 27 , 12:00 PM Location: High St, Fort William PH33 6EE, United Kingdom

In the bustling town centre, this hip boutique hotel in a former police station is a 4-minute walk from the West Highland Museum and a 5-minute walk from Fort William Ferry Landing. Quirky, prison cell-inspired rooms feature flat-screen TVs, free Wi-Fi, and tea and coffeemaking equipment. Streamlined upgraded rooms add en suite, shower-only bathrooms. Breakfast is served in a casual restaurant that also has a bar. Parking is available.



Activity — Glencoe

Activity Type: This is a recommendation from our team, it's a self guided tour. There is no set time or ticket but we think it's a must!

Glencoe or Glencoe Village is the main settlement in Glen Coe in the Lochaber area of the Scottish Highlands. It lies at the north-west end of the glen, on the southern bank of the River Coe where it enters Loch Leven (a salt-water loch off Loch Linnhe). The village falls within the Ross, Skye and Lochaber part of the Highland council area for local government purposes. It is part of the registration county of Argyll and the lieutenancy area of Inverness for ceremonial functions. The use of the term 'Glencoe Village' is a modern one, to differentiate the settlement from the glen itself.



Activity — Glenfinnan

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Glenfinnan is a village in Lochaber area of the Highlands of Scotland. In 1745 the Jacobite Rising began here when Prince Charles Edward Stuart ("Bonnie Prince Charlie") raised his standard on the shores of Loch Shiel. Seventy years later, the 18 m (60 ft) Glenfinnan Monument, at the head of the loch, was erected to commemorate the historic event.



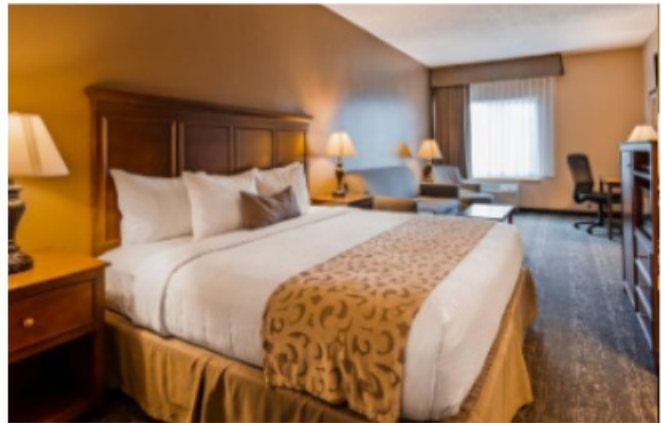
Day 7 September 27 (Sunday)

Accommodation — The Golden Lion Hotel

Check In: September 27 , 3:00 PM Room: x17 Bed and Breakfast

Check Out: September 28 , 12:00 PM Location: 8-10 King Street, Stirling FK8 1BD

The Golden Lion Hotel is a historic 3-star hotel located in the heart of Stirling, Scotland. Established in 1786, it has been a welcoming haven for travelers for over two centuries. The hotel offers 67 stylishly appointed rooms, each featuring en-suite facilities, flat-screen TVs, and complimentary Wi-Fi. Guests can enjoy dining at the Cronies Restaurant, which serves a blend of traditional Scottish and international cuisine, including locally sourced seafood and meats. The Cronies Bar provides a cozy setting with a selection of malt whiskies and light bar meals. The hotel is situated within walking distance of major attractions such as Stirling Castle and the William Wallace Monument, making it an ideal base for exploring the city.



Activity — Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park

Activity Type: This is a recommendation from our team, it's a self guided tour. There is no set time or ticket but we think it's a must!


Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park (in Scottish Gaelic) is a national park in Scotland centred on Loch Lomond, and includes several ranges of hills and the Trossachs. It was the first of the two national parks established by the Scottish Parliament in 2002, the second being the Cairngorms National Park. The park is the fourth largest in the British Isles, with a total area of 1,865 km² (720 sq mi) and a boundary of some 350 km (220 mi) in length. It includes 21 Munros (including Ben Lomond, Ben Lui, Beinn Challuim, Ben More and two peaks called Ben Vorlich), 19 Corbetts, two forest parks (Queen Elizabeth, and Argyll) and 57 designated special nature conservation sites. 15,600 people live in the park, which is customarily split into four sections: Breadalbane, Loch Lomond, The Trossachs, and Argyll Forest Park.



Activity — Stirling Castle

Stirling Castle, located in Stirling, is one of the largest and most important castles in Scotland, both historically and architecturally. The castle sits atop Castle Hill, an intrusive crag, which forms part of the Stirling Sill geological formation. It is surrounded on three sides by steep cliffs, giving it a strong defensive position. Its strategic location, guarding what was, until the 1890s, the farthest downstream crossing of the River Forth, has made it an important fortification from the earliest times. Most of the principal buildings of the castle date from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. A few structures of the fourteenth century remain, while the outer defences fronting the town date from the early eighteenth century. Before the union with England, Stirling Castle was also one of the most used of the many Scottish royal residences, very much a palace as well as a fortress. Several Scottish Kings and Queens have been crowned at Stirling, including Mary, Queen of Scots, in 1542, and others were born or died there. There have been at least eight sieges of Stirling Castle, including several during the Wars of Scottish Independence, with the last being in 1746, when Bonnie Prince Charlie unsuccessfully tried to take the castle. Stirling Castle is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, and is now a tourist attraction managed by Historic Scotland.



 Your Agent - Adam Smith

Hi, my name is Adam and I am a travel consultant with Go Scottish Tours. I specialize in curating unforgettable travel experiences for those looking to explore this magical country. I help travelers uncover Scotland's hidden gems, from its historic castles and rolling highlands to vibrant cities and serene lochs.

Every time I visit Prestwick which is just south of Glasgow, I find it to be such an enchanting town. With its Victorian architecture and old traditions it is truly a beautiful place to visit. I fall back in love with it every time i visit and i hope you get the chance to do that too



Thank you!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

GoRailTours T & C

Explanation of Terms.

In these T&C 'we' and 'us' means GoRailTours

'You' means the person purchasing the vacation who has requested a quote and has agreed to our T&C. You must be aware that on signing the booking form and or ticking the box on the quote request you are signing on behalf of every person travelling. If the booking form is signed on behalf of a limited company 'you' means that company. 'Event' means all aspects of a holiday booking with GoRailTours be it an active, social or relaxation.