

# The Ultimate Guide to Holidays and Day Trips by Train and Ferry



## Explore Scotland by Rail and Sea: the guide to holidays and day trips by train and ferry by Kevin Sinclair

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Whether you're looking for a relaxing beach getaway or an adventurous city break, there are plenty of great holidays and day trips you can take by train and ferry. Here's our guide to some of the best options.

## Holidays by train

Train travel is a great way to see the countryside and relax in style. Here are a few of our favorite holiday destinations that you can reach by train:

- **The Cotswolds, England:** This beautiful region of rolling hills and charming villages is perfect for a relaxing getaway. You can take a train from London Paddington to Moreton-in-Marsh, and then explore the Cotswolds by foot, bike, or car.

- **The Scottish Highlands, Scotland:** The Scottish Highlands are home to stunning scenery, including mountains, lochs, and glens. You can take a train from Glasgow or Edinburgh to Fort William, and then explore the Highlands by train, bus, or car.
- **The Swiss Alps, Switzerland:** The Swiss Alps are a paradise for hikers and skiers. You can take a train from Zurich or Geneva to Interlaken, and then explore the Alps by train, cable car, or on foot.
- **The Italian Riviera, Italy:** The Italian Riviera is known for its beautiful beaches, picturesque towns, and delicious food. You can take a train from Milan or Genoa to Monterosso al Mare, and then explore the Riviera by train, bus, or car.
- **The Amalfi Coast, Italy:** The Amalfi Coast is one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world, with stunning cliffs, colorful villages, and crystal-clear waters. You can take a train from Naples or Salerno to Sorrento, and then explore the Amalfi Coast by train, bus, or boat.

## Day trips by train

Train travel is also a great option for day trips. Here are a few of our favorite day trip destinations that you can reach by train:

- **Bath, England:** Bath is a beautiful city with Roman baths, Georgian architecture, and a vibrant shopping scene. You can take a train from London Paddington to Bath Spa, and then explore the city on foot.
- **Oxford, England:** Oxford is home to one of the world's most famous universities, as well as beautiful colleges, museums, and gardens. You can take a train from London Paddington to Oxford, and then explore the city on foot or by bike.

- **Cambridge, England:** Cambridge is another beautiful university city, with stunning colleges, museums, and punting on the River Cam. You can take a train from London King's Cross to Cambridge, and then explore the city on foot or by bike.
- **York, England:** York is a historic city with a medieval city wall, a magnificent cathedral, and a variety of museums and attractions. You can take a train from London King's Cross to York, and then explore the city on foot.
- **Edinburgh, Scotland:** Edinburgh is a beautiful city with a castle, a palace, and a vibrant arts and culture scene. You can take a train from London King's Cross to Edinburgh Waverley, and then explore the city on foot.

## Holidays by ferry

Ferry travel is a great way to explore islands and coastal regions. Here are a few of our favorite holiday destinations that you can reach by ferry:

- **The Isle of Wight, England:** The Isle of Wight is a beautiful island off the south coast of England. You can take a ferry from Portsmouth or Southampton to Fishbourne, and then explore the island by car, bus, or bike.
- **The Channel Islands:** The Channel Islands are a group of islands located between England and France. You can take a ferry from Portsmouth or Poole to Guernsey or Jersey, and then explore the islands by car, bus, or bike.
- **The Isles of Scilly, England:** The Isles of Scilly are a group of islands located off the southwest coast of England. You can take a ferry from

Penzance to St Mary's, and then explore the islands by boat, bike, or on foot.

- **The Greek Islands:** The Greek Islands are a popular holiday destination, with stunning beaches, ancient ruins, and delicious food. You can take a ferry from Athens or Piraeus to a variety of islands, including Mykonos, Santorini, and Crete.
- **The Croatian Islands:** The Croatian Islands are another popular holiday destination, with beautiful beaches, clear waters, and historic towns. You can take a ferry from Split or Dubrovnik to a variety of islands, including Hvar, Brač, and Korčula.

## Day trips by ferry

Ferry travel is also a great option for day trips. Here are a few of our favorite day trip destinations that you can reach by ferry:

- **The Isle of Wight, England:** You can take a day trip to the Isle of Wight from Portsmouth or Southampton. Once on the island, you can explore the beaches, visit the Needles, or take a walk along the coastal path.
- **The Channel Islands:** You can take a day trip to the Channel Islands from Portsmouth or Poole. Once on the islands, you can visit the beaches, explore the historic towns, or go for a walk along the coastal path.
- **The Isles of Scilly, England:** You can take a day trip to the Isles of Scilly from Penzance. Once on the islands, you can visit the beaches, go for a walk along the coastal path, or take a boat trip to one of the other islands.

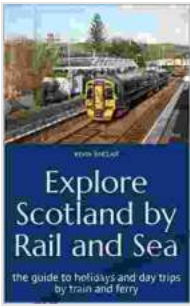
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### **Tips for planning your holiday or day trip**

Here are a few tips to help you plan your holiday or day trip by train or ferry:

- **Book your tickets in advance**, especially if you're traveling during peak season.
- **Check the train or ferry schedules** to make sure you have enough time to get to your destination and back.
- **Pack light**, as you'll be carrying your luggage on and off the train or ferry.
- **Bring snacks and drinks**, as food and beverage options may be limited on the train or ferry.
- **Be prepared for delays**, as train and ferry travel can be subject to weather and other factors.

With a little planning, you can easily enjoy a great holiday or day trip by train or ferry. So what are you waiting for? Start planning your next adventure today!



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