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The Harry Potter Train

Did you know you can make a reservation on the Hogwarts Express? You don't have to be a friend of Harry Potter or wait for a letter to be delivered by an owl. It is the actual steam engine used in the films and, once aboard, you will cross the bridge

that leads to Hogwarts. Attracting Potter fans and tourists from around the world, the route of this train, known as the Jacobite, is to be found in a beautiful part of Scotland.



A Landcape of Extremes

The route of the locomotive called the Jacobite is considered by many people to be the most awe-inspiring there is. It is a journey of extremes, beginning in Fort William, the largest town in the Highlands, near the highest mountain in Britain: Ben Nevis. The route takes you through some spectacular scenery, passing the UK's deepest freshwater lake, Loch Morar, and the shortest river, River Morar.

One breathtaking highlight is crossing the Glenfinnan Viaduct – a bridge with twenty-one arches, famously shown in many films, including Harry Potter. The journey terminates at the fishing village of Mallaig. When you travel to this part of the world, you have access to silvery beaches, clear blue seas and the chance to spot wildlife: soaring golden eagles, secretive red deer and adorable grey seals. You will also have access to boat trips to some of the small islands off the mainland. If you're less adventurous, there is always the availability of delicious fish and chips.

Reviews

My son booked this holiday for me, even though I'm not really a Harry Potter fan. I think he is, however. We had booked tea and cakes on the Jacobite, but I'd eaten so much fish and chips in Mallaig, my son had to finish off all the cakes.

Mrs H, Bristol

This was a dream-come-true for me, being Harry's hugest fan ever. Lots of selfies – me in front of the train, me in front of mountains, me in front of the lochs, me running away from a stag! Potterheads! Go for it!

DD, Aberdeen