

Explore scenic Scotland by rail and bike with free cycle hire

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Adventurists can now explore scenic Scotland by rail and bike, with free cycle hire, thanks to a new partnership between ScotRail and Brompton Bicycle.

The train operator has teamed up with cycle hire firm, Brompton Bicycle, to offer ScotRail customers 24 hours free bike hire in Inverness, Elgin, and Oban.

To take advantage of the offer, all customers have to do is download the Brompton Bike Hire app, register their details with a bank card and valid form of ID, and enter the promotion code 'SCOTRAIL'.

The promotion code is valid for 24 hours and will allow users to hire a fully insured Brompton bike from one of the company's convenient lockers in Inverness, Elgin, or Oban, and return the bike when they're finished.

Bikes can be kept for a further 24 hours, a week or longer, depending on the need, at just £5 a day.

The Brompton Bike Hire app is free to download on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Andrew Marshall-Roberts, ScotRail active travel manager, said: "ScotRail is committed to promoting active travel and developing a more integrated transport network in Scotland.

"We know that journeys don't start and end at the train station, and there are increasing numbers of people taking day trips, long weekends, and short stays across the country.

"Our new partnership with Brompton Bike Hire will allow more people to explore the best that scenic Scotland has to offer while encouraging an active lifestyle with great economic benefits for the tourist industry in these areas."

Julian Scriven, Brompton Bike Hire managing director, said: "We're really pleased to be partnering with ScotRail offering rail users the unique opportunity to explore the beauty that Scotland has to offer on a Brompton.

"More than 90 per cent of our bike hires are part of a multi-modal journey so this partnership makes a lot of sense.

"By offering free bike hire, it means we can open new places and experiences to customers who may not have considered combining cycling with their rail journey before."