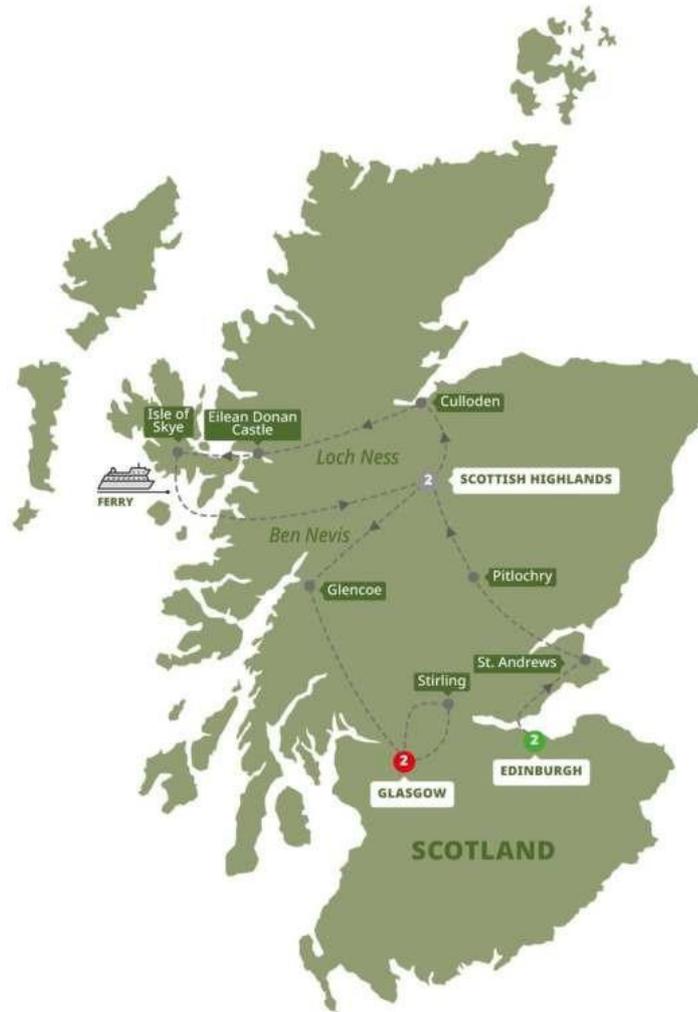


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● Start Location

✈ Plane

🚢 Cruise

① Over night

● Visited Location

● End Location

🚆 Train

🚢 Ferry

## Day 1 | Welcome to Edinburgh



Get lost in the narrow lanes of Edinburgh - the Scottish capital with a mystical air that combines ancient heritage with the verve of a modern city. Spend your day at leisure delving into its rich history and embracing the warm culture of the Scots, before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for dinner.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Novotel Edinburgh Centre/Delta Hotels by Marriott Edinburgh

## Day 2 | Discover Enchanting Edinburgh



Join your Local Specialist this morning for an intriguing sightseeing tour of the city. Ascend Castle Rock and visit Edinburgh Castle, which watches over the surrounding city from its elevated vantage point. Stroll through the Old Town before enjoying time at leisure to soak up the city's festive atmosphere. Tickets to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that align with performance dates.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Novotel Edinburgh Centre/Delta Hotels by Marriott Edinburgh

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Rosslyn Chapel** - We'll drive out of Edinburgh to the tiny village of Rosslyn, where we'll hear the inside story of the famous Rosslyn Chapel from a Local Warden. One of Scotland's most unusual 15th-century buildings, Rosslyn is famed for its associations with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and now 'The Da Vinci Code'.

Adult: 30.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

**Ceilidh Evening and Dinner at Ghillie Dhu** - Experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu, where we'll be welcomed by a Scottish piper and enjoy a welcome drink before settling in for a delicious three-course meal and live Ceilidh music. And you can't miss the iconic Piping in the Haggis ceremony, a true highlight of the Scottish experience.\*

Adult: 88.00 GBP

*\*This experience is subject to seasonal availability and will only be offered during the summer months April - October.*

**Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen** - Enjoy a scenic drive to the ancient village of Torphichen, associated with Scottish kings and Knights Templar. At the Torphichen Inn, your arrival will be toasted by your gracious host before enjoying a dinner of local specialties and entertainment.

Adult: 73.00 GBP

## Day 3 | Venture into the Scottish Highlands



Tread in the footsteps of the world's golfing greats and head to St. Andrews en route to the glorious Scottish Highlands. A scenic drive takes us north and across the Firth of Tay, past the city of Dundee to Pitlochry. After lunch, explore Pitlochry's vibrant High Street at your leisure or join an Optional Experience to Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Murray. Your day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cosy dinner at your hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Laggan/Craiglynnne

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Highland Farm Experience** - Visit a real Highland sheep farm and meet Neil the Shepherd and his border collies. He'll show you how he uses different whistles to command each dog to carry out different tasks. You'll also have the opportunity to try your hand at feeding the lambs and discover his training techniques. Weather permitting.

Adult: 25.00 GBP

**Visit of Blair Castle** - Set in its own grounds against a backdrop of glorious scenery, we'll discover the ancient home of the Dukes of Atholl, home to Europe's last remaining private army. Unique amongst Scottish castles, Blair has hosted royalty from Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Victoria.

Adult: 31.00 GBP

## Day 4 | Explore Culloden, Loch Ness and the Isle of Skye



Continue your journey to the tragic battlefield of Culloden. Pay tribute to the brave people who lost their lives in the Jacobite Uprising, then travel past Scotland's infamous Loch Ness. The solitary beauty of Eilean Donan Castle will leave you speechless before you continue to the coast and cross to the Isle of Skye. Heather-clad peaks provide a stunning backdrop for your scenic drive across the Sleat Peninsula. Board your ferry in Armadale and cross to Mallaig, back on the mainland.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Laggan/Craiglynnne

## Day 5 | Journey to Thriving Glasgow



Your first stop today is to commemorate World War II history at the Commando Memorial near Fort William, from which you admire spectacular views of Britain's highest peak - Ben Nevis. Journey through the volcanic ruins and precipitous mountains that lie just beyond Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. Here you remember the MacDonald clansmen who were massacred in 1692. Join a ranger for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learn about the protection of this rare ecosystem and the important work reintroducing lost indigenous species to its flora and fauna. Continuing towards the River Clyde, arriving at your final stop for the day - Glasgow.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Loch Lomond Boat Trip*** - Discover the wild beauty of the 'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond'. As we cruise across the loch, the skipper will share stories of the area and point out Rob Roy's cave as you relax and savour the stunning scenery.

Adult: 23.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***Glasgow City Evening*** - You'll enjoy a chance to experience a night out in the city of Glasgow. Your Travel Director will take you for an evening of good food, drinks, and undoubtedly interesting conversation.

Adult: 64.00 GBP

***Bagpipes at the Corinthian*** - Have you ever wondered what it's like to play the bagpipes? Now is your chance! Join us at one of Glasgow's magnificent and historical restaurants for dinner, entertained by our very own piper who will instruct you on playing. A Highland dancer will also be present to demonstrate the meanings behind Highland Dance.

Adult: 74.00 GBP

## Day 6 | Walk the Walls of Stirling Castle



Madainn mhath! While your Gaelic may be a little rusty, your orientation tour around this edgy city will be anything but. Begin your day seeing Glasgow's iconic sights. Enjoy views of the Necropolis, the regal George Square and River Clyde, for over 200 years the centre of shipbuilding. Continue to Stirling, to see its hilltop fortress, which stands as a symbol of national pride. Stirling Castle was once the seat of Scottish kings and queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots. View the Wallace Monument from the castle walls, paying tribute to the Scottish hero who fought for Scotland's independence. Later, Dive Into Culture at a whisky distillery and enjoy a wee dram. Tonight, join a Be My Guest experience.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza

## Day 7 | Farewell Glasgow



The rugged beauty and warmth of Scotland's people forever in your memory, enjoy one last hearty breakfast with your travel companions before wishing them and your Travel Director a fond farewell.

**Meals:** Breakfast