



Classic tour of Scotland

7 night driver-guided tour



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The Classic tour of Scotland is perfect for the first visit to Scotland, and you want to see the top places and get-off-the-tourist-trail with the benefit of a personal driver-guide. You will see a vast variety of landscapes, experience the culture of the capital, Edinburgh and the stunning Scottish Highlands. See wildlife, sea-lochs, exciting weather and mountains are features of this trip. The tour also includes one of the great railway journeys of the world, the Jacobite Express.

Enjoy a walking tour of Edinburgh's Old and New towns with your guide – cobbled streets, hear the mysteries and the stories of Scotland's significant figures of literature. A wildlife boat trip on the west coast of Scotland provides escapism and chance to see giant sea-eagles in action, grey seals, and whales. Must-do for a first visit is to tour whisky distillery, how about Scotland's smallest distillery, Edradour which only produces 18 casks per week, truly artisan. End your trip with a visit to Scone Palace, the crowning place of Macbeth and Robert The Bruce. The waterfalls of Glen Nevis and the rugged views of Glen Coe are a must-see when visiting the Highlands for the first time.

You will be looked after from the very start to the last moment you leave our shores. This seven-night suggested tour can be customized to match personal interests, the pace of travel, and hotel-style.

Day 1

Arrival at Edinburgh airport and transfer to your hotel

You chauffeur will meet you inside the arrivals hall, assist with luggage and escort you to the vehicle. Your journey time will take approximately 45 minutes.

Overnight: Edinburgh.





Day 2

Classic tour of Edinburgh

Scotland's capital is bursting with character and charm. Edinburgh is a tale of two cities, the hilltop settlement with alleys, snickets, old churches and The Castle, and the NEW City, of 18th-century origin. Speculators constructed a new town on the back of new money and investment following the Union with England in 1707. There are the cashmere and kilts for sale, but our guide will help you authentically navigate Edinburgh.

Tour the official residence of **Her Majesty The Queen**, the **Palace of Holyrood** House. The Palace was once home to Mary, Queen of Scots and the setting for many dramatic episodes in her short life. Enjoy a walking tour up the famous Royal Mile with your guide – cobbled streets, tiny shops, mysteries and the stories of Scotland's significant figures of literature.

Tour **Edinburgh Castle**, dominating Edinburgh's skyline and giving stunning views across the city and countryside. Home to the Scottish Crown Jewels, the legendary Stone of Destiny and Mons Meg – a giant cannon. Tour the New Town and visit the Georgian house, built in the late 18th century and furnished as it would have been in 1796, presenting a fascinating insight into the past. Get-off-the-beaten path with your guide and see a side of Edinburgh not typically seen.

Overnight: Edinburgh.





Day 3

Stirling castle, Trossachs National Park and Inveraray Castle

Our day begins with the military key to Scotland, **Stirling Castle**! The strategically located fortification is at the junction of the River Forth and Teith, perfect for launching attacks into the Highlands and surrounding settlements.

Stop for a photo stop of Stirling Castle or go inside. Perched high and proud on impressive cliffs, Stirling Castle has played a crucial role in Scottish history; namely the Battles of Stirling Bridge and Bannockburn took place within its shadow. The controversial Mary Queen of Scots lived here as a child. The Queen was the focus of a Roman Catholic succession to the English, and Scottish thrones, encouraged by the great Catholic powers of Europe Queen Mary plotted the assassination of Queen Elizabeth I, ultimately she lost her head.

Made up of mountains, forests, rivers and lochs, the **Trossachs National Park** is a miniature version of the Highlands with historical connections to rob Roy. The Corbetts mountains are between 2,500 and 3,000 feet, erratically break the horizon.

Inveraray Castle featured in an episode of Downton Abbey, which will interest Downton fans. Within the town is Inveraray Jail, a 19th-century prison with 3 foot thick walls. The jail holds 4345 former prisoner records, so there are many tales to be told by the costumed characters walking around the prison.

Overnight: Western Highlands.





Day 4

Rugged west coast drive and wildlife boat trip

The western coast of Scotland is genuinely wonderful; the best way to explore is by car and boat.

Enjoy a boat trip and see some of Scotland's treasured wildlife. Expect to see dolphins, basking sharks and porpoise not to mention sea eagles, puffins and otters. The boat will circle the rocks allowing you to see the heart-warming seals lazing around. The **Corryvreckan** natural whirlpool is one of the most impressive in the world and feeling its pull on the vessel is a strange but enjoyable experience. Stop for a light lunch on the coast and enjoy afternoon tea at the hotel.

Overnight: North west coast - near Oban.



Day 5

Loch castles, Jacobite Express train and Glen Coe

When you visit the Highlands, this is the sort of dramatic and wild scenery on your wish list, and it doesn't disappoint. The waterfalls of Glen Nevis and the rugged views of **Glen Coe** are a must-see. Glen Coe featured in James Bond's Skyfall and also appeared in the opening credits of **Outlander** Season 1. From the road, you can see the legendary rocky ridge of the Devil's Staircase.

Railway Journey from Mallaig to Fort William on the **Jacobite Express**. The 84-mile journey is one of the greatest railway journeys in the world! A vintage railway route that boasts views of the mighty Ben Nevis, the King of Britain's mountains. For the Harry Potter fan and muggles among us, crossing 21-arched **Glenfinnan viaduct** is simply the closest you can get to travelling on the Hogwarts Express back to school.

You certainly do not need to be a Harry Potter fan to enjoy this railway journey. The Jacobite Express has always been a much loved piece of Scottish heritage and cherished by enthusiasts since the re-introduction of the steam-hauled service in 1984.

Overnight: The Highlands.





Day 6

The Highlands, Loch Ness and whisky

Drive along the **Great Glen Fault**, a colossal geological valley from the North-east to the south-west Highlands and beyond skimming Ireland and into the Atlantic ocean.

Loch Ness is a massive body of water covering 22sq miles with depths of almost 800 ft. The Loch is famous for its monster mysteries, reported sightings of giant aquatic lizard gained international interest in the 1930s. Is the creature of Scottish folk law real? Or a strange sea-serpent species? Now it is your chance to see the beast of the deep.

Visit **Edradour Distillery**. The surviving farmhouse distillery opened in 1825 and is the smallest distillery in Scotland. With everything made by hand, the distillery only produces eighteen casks a week.

Overnight: Pitlochry.





Day 7

Scone Palace and Glamis Castle

Visit **Scone Palace**, which historically the seat of parliament and the crowning place of Kings of Scotland, including Macbeth and Robert The Bruce. Walk around the rooms and see the incredible collection of antiques and paintings. Sit on the famous and ancient Scottish throne (replica – actual stone in Edinburgh castle), which is in the form of a stone seat. This legendary seat of Scottish Kings has three names, The Stone of Destiny, The Stone of Scone, and The Coronation Stone. In the palace itself, there is a fantastic collection of artistic treasures. Discover the story of Belle and her fascinating portrait! Every item has an extraordinary tale associated with it.

The childhood home of The Queen Mother and birthplace of Princess Margaret, it can be seen why **Glamis Castle** draws so many to its gates. The famous grounds are listed on the Inventory of Gardens, making it a 'must-see' on your visit to Scotland. Legends and fables are bountiful here, so whatever the weather, why not tour the scenes of these traditional myths.

Overnight: Pitlochry.



Day 8

Chauffeur-driven transfer to Edinburgh airport

Your chauffeur will be with you 15 minutes before you need to depart. He or she will assist with luggage and listen for any final requests.



"I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for all your help in making our trip to London a "once in a lifetime" trip. The itinerary was superb and the accommodations were perfect. I would not change a single thing."

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Hotels, restaurants and
travel information



Guest Houses and historic places



Guesthouses and B&B's have come a long way in the past 20 years. High-end bedding, luxurious surroundings, and refined touches are now much more common.

You get a massive bang for your buck with this category of accommodation. Stay in a private castle, gatehouse, folly, fort, lighthouse or historic country cottage is the way the British enjoy Britain. Be surrounded by glorious countryside, walking distance to a genuine village pub, and be intrigued by living if but for a short time somewhere special.

Castles & Manor House Hotels



There's nothing quite like arriving at an authentic medieval castle or manor house and knowing you are staying the night. Every portrait, grand staircase and corridor has a tale to tell.

Each chamber will be unique, have quirks and exciting features. This style of hotel will have historic landscaped grounds, gardens, and produce grown onsite. Some have golf courses and other leisure facilities such as spas.

Town House & Boutique Hotels



Location, location, location, your traditional townhouse hotel will be centrally situated right in town. Walk out the door and be surrounded by shops, cafes, restaurants and historical landmarks.

The boutique versions of these town centre locations will have a contemporary feel with designer bars and lounges. There is a choice of out of town boutique hotels too.

Contemporary & Designer Hotels



Cutting edge design with elegance, setting new standards of luxury. Contemporary British hotels embody comfort, style and tech. Britain's designer hotels are just that.

Every last detail created for that place to stay and that place only. Door handles, keyholes, wine glasses and spa have seamless themes and motifs, generating the feeling of being inside a work of art.

Classic & Britain's finest Hotels



Start and end your day in a refined and grand hotel with the best service. Known as Britain's finest Hotels, enjoy the grandeur, history, architecture along with high-end facilities.

The Classic British, five-star hotel, has world-class restaurants, up to date spas, and beautifully designed golf courses. These hotels will have manicured gardens and extensive grounds to explore. Rooms tend to have antiques and valuable works of art.



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We look forward to seeing you soon!