



# Family tour of Scotland

## 7 night driver-guided tour



Customisable itinerary  
Luxury vehicles  
Private driver-guide



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We start in the Capital, Edinburgh, see the Scottish Crown Jewels located in Edinburgh Castle and wander the streets of the old town and discover the stories of this ancient capital city. Walk the vibrant Royal Mile to the official Edinburgh home of Her Majesty the Queen, Holyrood House. See its treasures, art collection and historic rooms.

Explore the magical mountains and take the iconic Jacobite Express steam train, hike the hills and learn about Scotland's magnificent castles. Take a boat trip and explore the emerald western isles and look for Whales, Sea Eagles and Grey Seals. Your family will love the Land Rover 4X4 challenge too. A superb family trip with variety, excitement and culture.

This seven-night suggested tour will be customised to your interests, the pace of travel and your 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 family 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 and the Trossachs National Park

Stop for a photo stop of Stirling Castle. Perched high and proud on impressive cliffs, Stirling Castle has played a crucial role in Scottish history; the battles of Stirling Bridge and the Battle of Bannockburn fought within its shadow, and Mary Queen of Scots lived here as a child – go inside time permitting.

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. Take a short hike from the main road to the romantic ruins of Kilchurn Castle, built in the 15th century by the Campbell family. Stop in Inveraray and see the hereditary seat of the Dukes of Argyll. The Gothic stone castle of Inveraray (go inside time permitting) sits alone, surrounded by 16 acres of greenery. 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: The Highlands.









Day 4

## Sea-Safari boat trip and Jacobite Express train

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.

Evening: Railway Journey from Mallaig to Fort William on the Jacobite Express.

The Jacobite steam train is an 84-mile journey and one of the greatest railway journeys in the world! The vintage railway route 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.

Overnight: The Highlands.





Day 5

## Gondola to Ben Nevis, Lochness and Highland hike

Time permitting and subject to weather take a ride on Britain's only Mountain Gondola up **Ben Nevis** range to enjoy some of Britain's most spectacular scenery. We head west back to the heart of the Highlands, seeing beautiful Glen Coe and the meeting of three bodies of water before we enter the spectacular Great Glen.

**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.

Take a hike, a short but exhilarating walk in the mountains and lochs before we arrive at the Gleneagles estate.

Overnight: Gleneagles hotel.









Day 6

## Land Rover 4X4 experience and activities on the Gleneagles estate

There are several different 4X4 experiences, and we can tailor the morning or afternoon to suit your ability and driving ambition. Take on steep inclines, avoid obstacles and use the vehicle features to overcome almost anything. You will be amazed at what a Land Rover can do and where it can go.

The list of options is varied and plentiful from golf to cycling to archery.

Here are some ideas: Fishing, Gun dogs experience, archery, golf, cycling, falconry, horse riding, tennis, shooting, ferret school, zip wires, jogging trails and Canadian canoeing.

Overnight: Gleneagles Hotel.









Day 7

## Transfer to Glasgow via St Andrews

Glorious **Glasgow**, the shipbuilding, second City of the British Empire. It is also the greenest city in the UK with numerous parks. Scotland's 'culture capital' and most significant city! With its splendid Victorian architecture and industrial heritage, Glasgow is a vibrant city, with galleries, museums, retail, fantastic food, and a great music scene.

The home of golf and real-life Royal love stories! Golf was invented here, and they have been playing it here since around the 12th-century! It was particularly popular with Mary, Queen of Scots, who was chastised in 1568 when she chose to 'tee-off' straight after her husband murder! These stories and more are shared and displayed at the **British Golf Museum**, which documents the game from the middle ages to the modern-day. The seven courses make St Andrews the largest golf complex in Europe. There is more to see and do than just golf; the town is a fine one.

The university here is the place where Kate Middleton stole Prince William's heart, now the Duchess of Cambridge! The university is the oldest in Scotland with over six centuries of teaching, and the surrounding milieu includes medieval cobbled streets, a 13th-century castle, and the haunting gothic ruin of **St Andrews Cathedral**.

Overnight: Glasgow.





Day 8

## Chauffeur-driven transfer to Edinburgh or Glasgow 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!