



Whisky, golf and culture

7 night driver-guided tour



Customisable itinerary
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Tour Scotland with a driver-guide and see the palaces, castles, play golf and drink the finest whisky. We customize the tour to match your pace and preferred hotel style. Enjoy private guided tours of Edinburgh, the whisky trail, St Andrews and more.

You will have the chance to sample Scotland's best whisky; we will refine the itinerary to include whisky tastings and tours at the distillery of your choice. We will design the golfing days around your preferences and handicap. Apart from golf, the Gleneagles estate has a vast number of activities to partake; we will tailor each day for you. You will not miss out on seeing Scotland's great places of historical interest, such as castles, gardens and small towns - the suggested itinerary has excellent variety options. v

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 and Scotch whisky experience

Scotland's capital is bursting with character and charm. Edinburgh is a tale of two cities, the hilltop settlement with alleys, snickets, and old churches and The Castle, and the NEW City, of 18th-century origin. They 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 **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.

Explore the official Scottish residence of Her Majesty the Queen! The **Palace of Holyroodhouse** situated at the end of the Royal Mile and visible from Arthur's Seat. Tapestries, paintings and elaborate plasterwork adorn the staterooms. Discover the Throne Room, the Great Gallery and of course – Mary, Queen of Scots' private apartments. It was the outer chamber of the Queen's bed-chamber where David Rizzio met his unfortunate end.

Stop at the **Scotch Whisky Experience**. The whisky collection is vast at 3,384 plus bottles of Scotch Whisky, and therefore highly valuable. This incredible collection is kept secure behind a marble and glass vault. We can arrange several tasting options, along with learning about the history of whiskies from different regions.

Fancy a hike and a great place to watch the sunrise? Climb Calton Hill, it's not too tiring we promise and it's so worth the walk. With its classical monuments and hilltop position, it has an almost Athenian feel, and the views over the City are the best from this spot! A sunset picnic would be splendid too!

Overnight: Edinburgh.





Day 3

Stirling Castle and Drummond Castle (gardens)

Our culture 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.

In the afternoon, explore **Drummond Castle**, one of the 'most impressive and important' gardens in Europe! This Renaissance terraced garden is alive with rubies, emeralds and amethysts colours. Eleven miles of box hedges weave through the landscape, creating shapes, elaborate patterns, symmetry, and harmony. Statutory and ornament further embellish this theatrical space.

Overnight: Gleneagles.





Day 4

Golf and activity day at Gleneagles

Gleneagles is one of Britain's most fabulous hotels, top of the range country hotel offering every possible activity and for all levels of ability. The estate contains 4 Golf Courses. Created by Jack Nicklaus, the PGA Centenary Course was the venue for the 2014 Ryder Cup. The King's course dates from 1919 and is a true masterpiece of golf course design. The Queens Course and the PGA National Golf Academy Course are available too.

Other activities on this magnificent estate include: archery, shooting, time with gun dogs, off-road-driving, tennis, fishing, falconry, cycling, snooker, pitch and put, jogging trails, and wildlife photography. There is something for everyone at Gleneagles.

The dining experiences at Gleneagles range from all-day brasserie, classic silver services to Michelin starred restaurants. Again, something for everyone and every mood. The American Bar, as you would expect, has a considerable array of Scotch Whiskies.

Overnight: Gleneagles.



Day 5

Golf and whisky

Start the morning with a final game of golf at **Gleneagles** before heading off to the **Malt Whisky Trail**, along the banks of the River Spey. We would suggest the nine-hole course giving you time to enjoy the Whisky trail at leisure.

Here is the highest concentration of distilleries in the world. Discover how the national drink is made and how you can appreciate it more. The Whisky trail sits on the edge of the **Cairngorms National Park**, an area of outstanding natural beauty. Drive around, and through lochs, rivers, and mountain scenery will delight you, especially after a few Whisky tastings!

Overnight: St Andrews.





Day 6

St Andrews golf day

Please contact us for Golfing choices. There are ten authentic links courses in and around St Andrew's, including the world-famous **Old Course**. St Andrews, the home of golf and real-life royal love stories! The sport invented here, and the Scots 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 seaside and university town 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: St Andrews.





Day 7

Dundee and Perth

‘One City, Many Discoveries’ **Dundee**, is a city on the rise, after the industrial decline the City needed to and has re-invented itself as high tech and cultural centre. Two universities and two football clubs and recognized as UNESCO’s first City of design, due to its contribution to video gaming, medical research, and app development. See the famous ship RRS Discovery, built in Dundee, Robert Falcon Scott’s Antarctic exploration vessel, berthed at Discovery Point.

This day will take you through **Dunkeld**, a charming village in Perthshire, Scotland! In 1689 it was all but destroyed during a significant defeat for the Jacobite cause. In the dappled shade by the river, Tay is the romantic ruin of the 14th-century cathedral. Your guide will point out the leper’s squint, in the north walls. The hole in the wall created to help infected lepers could see the alter during mass! Look out for salmon a-leaping in the River Tay and wander through the beautifully restored streets.

Overnight: Edinburgh.



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!