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About Us

Matching People…….. With Places…….. With Pleasure.

3Nights
4Days



DAY-1 Arrive at the Airport & Transfer to Hotel. Begin your journey of London with a full day guided city tour. The London tour has a lot to offer as a destination; from museums to live & vibrant night life, from history & heritage to modern technology & culture, both in the city & the outskirts of the city. Also included in your tour is the cruise on the River Thames. The key attractions include Changing of Guards at Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, No. 10 Downing Street, St. Pauls Cathedral, The Tower of London, Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus. You will have the option to include the visit to Madame Tussauds, The London Eye for a complete view of the city or the Tower of London, to see the Crown Jewels including the Kohinoor. Enjoy the famous London nightlife at Leicester Square with choices of cinemas, restaurants, night clubs and more! Overnight at the hotel (B).

DAY-2 Post breakfast you will have a day to relax and enjoy. Late afternoon transfer to Station to board train to Edinburgh. Overnight in Edinburgh (B).

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Exploring England & Scotland Tour

Highlights:

London, Edinburgh

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4Nights
5Days



DAY-1 South Wales & Cardiff Depending on your arrival time in Wales, time free in Cardiff before checking into your hotel in time for dinner.

DAY-2 Brecon Beacons, Whisky Tour and Coalmine Scenic tour of Brecon Beacons to Penderyn. Guided tour of Wales' only whisky distillery with 2 tasting sessions onwards into the Welsh Valleys and to the National Coal Museum, where we travel safely 100m underground to discover what life was really like for coalminers on the Welsh coal face. Time in Cardiff before returning early evening for dinner.

DAY-3 Welsh Coastline, Railway Journey & Barmouth Northwards towards Cardigan Bay & the popular seaside resort of Aberystwyth. Board the Cambrian Coastal Railway on a spectacular journey hugging the Welsh coastline before crossing the bridge to disembark in picturesque Barmouth. Continue along North Wales coast checking into your hotel for the next 2 nights, with welcoming "Barra Brith" and tea on arrival.

DAY-4 Caernarfon Castle, Anglesey, Sealife Cruise Firstly, the short journey to the historical town of Caernarfon, with entrance included into its famous castle. Over the Menai Straights and on to Isle of Anglesey with a tour of the island and its coastal resorts such as Rhosniger before boarding the boat at Beaumaris for a cruise to Puffin Island – home to an abundance of wildlife. The 1 ½ hour cruise takes you right round the island with chance to see the grey seal colony and spot bottle nose dolphins. Back to the hotel for a Welsh themed evening.

DAY-5 Friday Depart hotel Depending on your departure times and itinerary, we recommend a day in the walled city of Chester, or a visit to Liverpool, home of the Beatles.



3 **Magnificent Wales**

Highlights: Tour down a coalmine, Welsh Whisky Tour and Tasting, Coastal Railway Journey, Sealife Cruise, Caernarfon Castle, Cardiff, Welsh Evening.

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Amazing England & Scotland

Highlights: London, Edinburgh and Glasgow

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DAY-3 Post breakfast transfer to Glasgow for a city tour. Explore an exciting Scottish city of Glasgow with museums, art galleries and beautiful parks. In addition, the friendly pubs, Welcoming cafes and bars, and lively nightclubs make Glasgow one of the preferred destinations. Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum showcasing exhibitions in 22 themed modern galleries, is one of the largest museums in the UK. Be amazed as you explore the last remaining Clyde built sailing ship, located at Glasgow Harbour. The Tall Ship provides you with a fascinating history and represents an impressive independent museum dedicated to the preservation of the Glenlee. Overnight in Glasgow (B).

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DAY-1 Arrive UK, Leeds Castle & Gardens Depending on your arrival time recommend visiting the "loveliest castle in the world" Leeds Castle, complete with 900 years of history and 500 acres of gardens and parkland.

DAY-2 Sissinghurst, Steam Rail & Great Dixter Regarded as one of the most famous of English gardens, Sissinghurst Castle & Gardens dates back to the 16th century with lovingly created and colourful gardens, divided into distinctive areas. At Tenterden board the steam train for the 45 minute nostalgic journey through glorious countryside, passing Bodiam Castle. Then, blossoming Great Dixter, an historic house and garden, a place of pilgrimage for horticulturists from across the world.

DAY-3 Hever Castle & Sheffield Park Gardens More than 700 years old Hever Castle is full of treasures waiting to be explored. The castle was once the home of Ann Boleyn, the 2nd wife of Henry V111. The gardens are amongst the best in England – 125 acres including the Italian garden, water features, walled rose garden and over 4000 plants. Then to Sheffield Park Gardens, where Capability Brown landscaped a dramatic &colourful garden set in 90 acres.

DAY-4 South Coast, Brighton & Nymans Garden The South Downs on the scenic south coast and the Victorian seaside resort of Eastbourne with its long promenades, cobbled lanes and fashionable shops. Next, Brighton, a place overflowing with places to visit, from the heritage of the Royal Pavilion and Gardens to indulging in seaside fun. Nynams Gardens – a horticulturists dream set in splendid countryside in the grounds of the ruins of a romantic Gothic mansion.

DAY-5 Canterbury & Home Before you depart the UK and if time permits, we recommend exploring Canterbury with its rich history, ancient timber framed buildings and cathedral - A UNESCO world heritage site.



Historical Castles & Gardens of South England

Highlights: Sissinghurst Gardens, Great Dixter, Hever Castle & Gardens, Nynams Garden, Steam Railway Journey, Brighton & South Coast.

5Nights 6Days





DAY-1 Travel to Bournemouth Arrival in Dover, recommend the coastal journey to Bournemouth, with fine coastal views passing many famous English resorts such as Eastbourne and the vibrant resort of Brighton.

DAY-2 New Forest & Isle of Wight Enter the New Forest via Christchurch and to Lymington with it's narrow streets, pretty period cottages and busy quay and marina. Board the ferry to the Isle of Wight. We spend most of the day on the island seeing the island's beaches, coves and seaside villages. Entry into the opulence of Osbourne House & Gardens, the former home of Britain's longest reigning monarch Queen Victoria.

DAY-3 Free Time in Bournemouth Each hotel is within easy walking distance of the golden sandy beaches & clear blue sea. Bournemouth is a cosmopolitan resort with an incredible variety of shops, restaurants, buzzing nightlife, events, theatres, shows, and endless countryside with beautiful walks along the romenades, gardens, parks and piers.

DAY-4 Poole & Jurassic Coast Cruise To Poole, via Sandbanks, the homes of the rich and famous. Poole has the 2nd largest natural harbour in the world. Catch the cruise (1030hrs) taking you to the Jurassic Heritage Coast passing Old Harry Rocks, with commentary provided about the 200 million years of coastal geology – being England's only natural UNESCO site. 1 ½ hours later the boat docks at the quaint fishing village of Swanage, with its lovely beach and cafes. Time free in this popular seaside resort, before returning passing 11th century Corfe Castle.

DAY-5 Dorchester, Weymouth & Isle of Portland Dorchester, the capital market town of Dorset and once the home of famous English novelist Thomas Hardy. Then, the seaside resort of Weymouth, with its sandy beach. Later, over the bridge to the Isle of Portland, part of the World Heritage Coast. A stark yet striking tilted table of limestone some 200m high, 6 kms long and 1 km wide, looking out for the famous Portland Bill lighthouse.

DAY-6 Depart hotel If time permits visit the historical city of Salisbury, with half timbered houses & a charming Gothic featured Cathedral. Nearby is 5000 year old stone circle of Stonehenge. The construction is estimated to have required more than 30 million hours of labour.



Southern Coastal Regions of England

Highlights: Isle of Wight, Osbourne House & Gardens, Bournemouth, Brighton, New Forest, Jurassic Coastline, Dorchester, Stonehenge.

3Nights
4Days





DAY-1 Arrive at your chosen hotel Depending on your arrival time, spend the afternoon exploring the sights of Edinburgh, including its castle, famous shopping areas, Holyrood Palace, Scottish Museum and the Royal Mile. Dinner in the hotel.

DAY-2 Scottish Borderlands heading south through rolling countryside, we make our way to probably one of the most famous chapels in the world. 15th century Roslyn Chapel was immortalised in Dan Browns film "Da Vinci Code". It is a stunning place to explore the myths and legends surrounding the wherabouts of the "Holy Grail". We then proceed to Peebles where lunch is arranged at Barony Castle. Afterwards we take the short drive to Traquair House dating back to 1107. A refuge for Catholic priests during centuries of terror and a hunting lodge for Kings and Queens. Traquair is a unique piece of living history. Returning to your hotel via the Border town of Melrose, the Abbey was destroyed by Richard II in 1385, is one of Scotland's most famous ruins. Back to your hotel, dinner own arrangements.

DAY-3 Scottish Highlands One of the last unspoilt landscapes within Europe, attracting millions of visitors each year to marvel at some of the most beautiful & dramatic scenery in Britain, as well as being immersed in the traditions and culture of this sparsely populated area. We head north passing Stirling and into the Highlands, through "weeping"Glencoe, an eerie place and scene of clan massacres in 1692. Onwards to Fort William on the shore of the loch with time free before the scenic drive along the Great Glen to Fort Augustus in time for lunch, own arrangements. Here you can take a boat trip or a stroll along the shoreline of the famous Loch Ness. From here we return via "Monarch of the Glen" country, stopping off in the spa town of Pitlochry where we have arranged a tour and tasting at Edradour, one of Scotland's oldest distilleries. Back in time for your farewell dinner.

DAY-4 Head for Home Depending on your departure times, you can either spend time exploring Edinburgh or surrounding area. Or, we can arrange a visit to board the Royal Yacht Britannia.



Scottish Highlands & Borders

Highlights: Edinburgh Traquair House, Rosslyn Chapel, Lunch in a castle, Distillery Tour, Loch Ness Fort, William Glencoe Scottish Highlands.

7Nights
8Days



DAY-1 Edinburgh Depending on your arrival time an early hotel check in can be arranged, with time to explore Edinburgh. Or, if your point of entry is Hull or Newcastle, recommend a visit to Alnwick Castle and Gardens.

DAY-2 Guided Tour & Royal Yacht Edinburgh is voted as one of the top city destinations in the world. Your local speaking guide will take you on a 2 hour guided tour, using your coach, seeing all the main attractions. Afterwards, board the Royal Yacht Britannia, home to the Queen and the Royal Family for over 40 years.

DAY-3 Free Day Edinburgh Voted as one of the top ten city destinations in the world, Edinburgh has so much to offer from world class shopping, to it's unique culture and heritage. A city of breathtaking beauty, tradition and mystery.

DAY-4 Pitlochry & Blair Atholl Castle & Gardens Entry into Blair Atholl Castle, enjoying one of the finest of Scottish settings. Enjoy touring the 30 rooms and the fascinating collections they contain. Onwards into the Highlands and Aviemore, board the steam train for a wonderful journey through glorious Highland scenery.

DAY-5 Whisky Trail We travel the most famous whisky trail in the world, stopping off at Glenfiddich, for a guided tour and tasting. Then Elgin, the Moray Coast and Nairn. Dinner is Scottish themed with haggis, piper and dancers.

DAY-6 Inverness, Loch Ness & The Great Glen Time free in Inverness then a cruise into the "murky" waters of Loch Ness, with entry into Urquhart Castle. It is here that most of the sightings of legendary Loch Ness Monster have been made. Onwards to Fort William, checking in to your Oban waterfront hotel.

DAY-7 Isles of Mull and Iona 45 minute sea crossing to the wonderful Isle of Mull. On Mull, take in the island scenery before the short crossing to Iona, the resting place of over 100 Scottish Kings and considered to be the birthplace of Christianity in the British Isles. Returning to Oban late afternoon.

DAY-8 Depart UK Journey through beautiful Highland scenery to your departure point. If time permits stop off at Lomond Shores on Loch Lomond or Glasgow or Stirling.



The Grand Tour of Scotland

Highlights: Edinburgh Guided Tour, Royal Yacht Britannia, Blair Atholl Castle, Glenfiddich Whisky, Loch Ness Cruise, Steam Train Ride, Cruise to Mull & Iona.

7Nights
8Days





DAY-1 Travel to Edinburgh or area depending on your choice. Free time to explore the city before dinner. If staying outside Edinburgh, then your coach can take you into the city with time for sightseeing.

DAY-2 Edinburgh Morning free in Edinburgh. Afterwards to Leith and its docks with a visit arranged to board the Royal Yacht Britannia. Returning to your hotel in time for dinner.

DAY-3 Isle of Skye Past Stirling and into the Highlands. Time free in Tyndrum for a coffee then we climb the road into Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Where wonderful scenery unfolds, with high mountain tops and sweeping moorland. Stopping off in Fort William, in the shadow of mighty Ben Nevis. Heading north through the Great Glen and past impressive lochs with a stop off at EileanDonan Castle, of Highlander film fame and the 2nd most photographed castle in Scotland.

DAY-4 The UistsCommencing with a magnificent drive across Skye to catch the sailing to North Uist, with lunch on board (own arrangements). A scenic coastal tour of the Uists passing numerous tiny lochs and beaches, before checking into the Dark Island Hotel. Benbecula.piper and dancers.

DAY-5 Isle of Harris After a leisurely breakfast, head north and the sailing to the largest of the Hebridean Islands, the Isle of Harris. A rugged landscape of moorland, deep-sea lochs, and mountains. Against this backdrop is a proud history dating back to prehistoric times. We travel to the north end of Lewis and to the capital Stornoway for the next 2 nights.



Edinburgh City & The Scottish Isles

Highlights: Edinburgh, Royal Yacht Britannia, Isle of Skye, Lewis & Harris, Loch Ness, Inverness,,Castle Tour, Whisky tasting, Farewell Scottish Night.

7Nights
8Days





DAY-6 Lewis and Harris Guided Tour Full day tour of Lewis and Harris, with an experienced local island guide, including the impressive 5,000 year old standing stones of Callanish(Scotland's Stonehenge, but older). Ancient thatched "blackhouses", typical of crofting settlements, with entrance included; the imposing Carloway Broch, a fortified tower dating back over 2,000 years and finishing a wonderful day with a visit to a Tweed Mill, explaining the history of the famous Harris Tweed. Drivers day off option.

DAY-7 Inverness & Spey Valley This morning we depart the Hebrides on the crossing to Ullapool and head on to Inverness, the "Capital of the Highlands". Near here we visit mysterious Loch Ness, the largest Loch (lake) in the UK, some 27 miles long and home of the Loch Ness monster. We continue into glorious Speyside or Perthshire and your overnight hotel with a farewell Scottish evening.

DAY-8 Head for Home Depending on your departure point and times, it is recommended for time free in Perth, with a visit to Glamis Castle and Gardens.



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8Days





DAY-1 Lincoln, Nottingham or Oxford and Stratford Disembark your ferry from either Hull or Harwich. On your journey to Studley Castle Hotel, From Hull a visit to the historical city of Lincoln, and from Harwich time free in the university town of Oxford, then through the Cotswolds to Studley Castle Hotel, near Redditch.(This tour can also be arranged for arrival in Harwich and departure from Hull)

DAY-2 Lake District & Scottish Borders Heading north we stop off in the English Lake District, a most beautiful area of the UK, seeing Grasmere, Lake Winderemere, Keswick before arriving at your hotel in Carlisle/Gretna area.hotel via the Border town of Melrose, the Abbey was destroyed by Richard II in 1385, is one of Scotland's most famous ruins. Back to your hotel, dinner own arrangements.

DAY-3 Western Highlands Bypassing Glasgow and into the Highlands along the shoreline of Loch Lomond to Inveraray. Entrance into the Castle & Gardens is included together with a special invitation for lunch in the Castle. Afterwards a scenic journey to Oban/ Fort William.

DAY-4 Loch Ness, Inverness From Fort William we pass Ben Nevis, UK's highest mountain and into the Great Glen. We stop on Loch Ness side for a cruise on Scotland's most well known loch. Time free in Inverness, before heading through glorious mountain scenery and your Speyside hotel.

DAY-5 Whisky Trail First we jump on board the steam train from Aviemore for the short journey to Boat of Garten. Then we join the Whisky Trail. There are more distilleries in this area than anywhere else in the world. We stop off at the Cooperage before a guided tour and tasting at Glenfiddich. Time free in Elgin and Forres, with a stop at Baxters Fine Foods before returning to hotel for dinner.



British Highlights & The Highlands of Scotland

Highlights: Oxford Lake, District Castle lunch, Fort William, Inverness Loch Ness Cruise, Steam Train Ride, Whisky Tasting Edinburgh York.

7Nights
8Days





DAY-6 Pitlochry and Edinburgh Spectacular scenery unfolds as we pass rugged mountain terrain, before stopping off in picturesque Pitlochry. Onwards over the Forth Road Bridge, with early check into your Edinburgh hotel, with the remainder of the day free to explore Edinburgh.

DAY-7 Northumberland and York Crossing into England, the journey hugs the unspoilt coastline with sweeping sandy beaches and soaring cliffs. We pass Lindisfarne, the cradle of Christianity and imposing Bamburgh Castle. Passing through Newcastle, time free in one of England's most precious cities, York, with its 900 year old Minster. Overnight in Harrogate/Leeds area.

DAY-8 Catch your ferry home Depending on your option, you either set off for Harwich, visiting Lincoln. From Hull, time free in Harrogate with a visit to "Yorkshire's Jewel" Harewood House and Gardens recommended.



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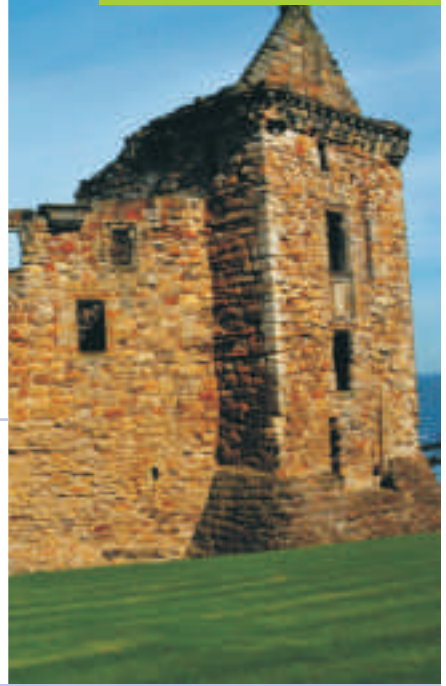


DAY-1 Starting in Ayrshire, Culzean Castle's exteriors are Lord Summerisle's grand home in the cult film The Wicker Man though this is just one of many locations associated with the film. Head south and east via the Galloway Forest Park for a whole range of other settings, including the gardens at Logan Botanic Garden and Castle Kennedy, as well as the colourful houses and closes (alleyways) of Kirkcudbright. The fearsome wicker figure burned in the sacrifice scene at the end of the film was set up at Burrows Head in the Machars, with St Ninian's Cave nearby.

DAY-2 Turn north east to Rosslyn Chapel, the location featured in Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code movie and book. Continue to Edinburgh, where the gritty portrayal of Leith in Trainspotting is already history, as the old seaport has had a far ranging facelift and now offers a fine range of eating and drinking venues as well as quality shopping. Walking tours of Leithare on offer for a real insight into the character of the place.

DAY-3 From Edinburgh, cross the Forth Bridge and follow signs east for St Andrews. This handsome east coast town features in Chariots of Fire – golf fans will recognise St Andrews' famous Royal and Ancient Golf Clubhouse in the background of a running sequence. For that matter, real film buffs will observe the camouflage netting covering parked cars in one shot here! Continue north via the Tay Bridge and Dundee and pick up the A93 to drive through the Spittal of Glenshee to reach Balmoral Castle in Crathie, near Braemar. Balmoral Castle and Estate has been the highland home of the Royal Family since 1852 and featured in the Oscar winning film The Queen, a 2006 portrayal of Elizabeth II.

DAY-4 FromCrathie head north through Huntly and Banff to another Scottish film icon: the phonebox which featured in Local Hero in the scene whenMacIntyre (Peter Riegert) describes the Northern Lights to his bossHapper (Burt Lancaster). Pennan's much-photographed phonebox is still there, although in the movie it appears DAY 4 on



Scotland: The Movies Locations

Highlights: St Ninian's Cave, Rosslyn Chapel, St.Andrews, Balmoral, Pennan, Loch Ness, Glenfinnan Viaduct, Glen Nevis, Falls of Dochart, Doune Castle.

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the quayside, not its actual location today! From Pennan head westwards along the A98 towards Inverness and to the top of the Great Glen and Loch Ness, the setting of the film The Water Horse – Legend of the Deep, an enchanting story about its most mysterious inhabitant, the Loch Ness Monster.Ardkinglas House in Argyll was used as the main exterior location in the film.

DAY-5 Follow Loch Ness down through the Great Glen to Fort William.Glen Nevis is easily accessible from Fort William, in the shadow of Ben Nevis. Other locations nearby include the famousGlenfinnan Viaduct, which featured in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. The spectacular train chase scene features the Hogwarts Express and a flying Ford Anglia car, crossing the Glenfinnan Viaduct, on the Glenfinnan estate in the west Highlands. Experience your own magical train journey by taking a trip on the Jacobite Steam Train between Fort William and Mallaig.

DAY-6 From Fort William head along the A82, through Glencoe and across Rannoch Moor, one of the most atmospheric landscapes in Scotland. Continue east for Killin and the picturesqueFalls of Dochart, a backdrop in Casino Royale with its galaxy of (vintage) stars including Peter Sellers, Ursula Andress, David Niven and Orson Welles. Turn south viaCallander to reach Doune Castle, where the Monty Python team once filmed a memorable scene in Monty Python and the Holy Grail involving a giant wooden rabbit!



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DAY-1 Begin your journey in Glasgow, UNESCO City of Music and the fashion capital of Scotland. Spend the morning at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum casting your eyes at world-famous artworks. In the afternoon, head to Glasgow's Style Mile for some retail therapy. Follow the Mackintosh Trail to buildings designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, including the Glasgow School of Art and the Willow Tea Rooms.

DAY-2 Head south along the M77 and A77 to Alloway, the home of Robert Burns - Scotland's National Bard. Pay a visit to the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum and see the humble cottage where the life of one of the world's great literary icons began. Afterwards, follow the A77 and A78 north to Ardrossanharbour to catch the ferry to the Isle of Arran. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the attractive coastal town of Brodick and make your way to the Arran Art Gallery for a fantastic range of arts and crafts.

DAY-3 Having spent the night in Dundee & Angus, head north towards Aviemore, a town based in the Cairngorms National Park. Bring your binoculars and camera and explore Britain's largest National Park, home to captivating flora and fauna and some of the best hillwalking in the country. At the Glenmore Lodge Outdoor Training Centre you can test your outdoor skills, and in the winter, ski down the snow-capped Cairngorm Mountain, Scotland's most popular snowsports destination.

DAY-4 Follow the A82 through Loch Lomond &TheTrossachs National Park, pausing along the way to take in the breathtaking scenery, before joining the A85 and heading east towards Oban. Catch the 45 minute ferry service to Craignure on the enchanting Isle of Mull. Head to the island's colourful capital, Tobermory, with its brightly painted waterfront houses, and pay a visit to An Tobar, a buzzing multidisciplinary arts centre which showcases the island's thriving arts and craft scene.

DAY-5 Take the 10 mins ferry service to the serene wilderness of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. Spend the morning visiting Iona Gallery and Pottery where original paintings of the island are displayed alongside distinctive ceramics



Celebrating Scotland's Culture & Creativity

Highlights: Glasgow, Alloway, Arran, Oban, Mull-Iona, South Uist, Skye, Inverness, Edinburgh.

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inspired by the surrounding seascape. Before catching the ferry back to Oban, make your way to Aosdana Gallery & Studio, a former steading which houses a marvellous collection of unique tapestries and Celticinspired jewellery. From Oban, take the afternoon ferry service to Lochboisdale on South Uist, which lasts just over five hours.

DAY-6 Begin your day on South Uist with a visit to the Eriskay Jersey Community Shop on the small Isle of Eriskay which is connected to Uist by a causeway. Next drive up to Lochmaddy in North Uist, located just over an hour away by car. Walk to the Hut of the Shadows, a camera obscura that resembles a stone cairn, before visiting the Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum & Arts Centre, an award-winning museum and gallery. From Lochmaddy you can catch a ferry to Uig on the Isle of Skye which takes around 1 hour and 45 minutes.

DAY-7 The Isle of Skye has long been a rich source of inspiration for local artists. See how its enchanting landscape has inspired art at the Aros Centre near Portree which offers a diverse range of traditional and contemporary Scottish art and photography. Further south is Ragamuffin, a quirky clothing shop that sells a unique range of

DAY-8 In the morning, drive from Skye to Inverness, arriving in the creative and cultural capital of the Highlands in just under three hours. Take in striking architectural landmarks like St Andrews Cathedral and Inverness Castle before visiting the charming Victorian Market where you can browse an array of unique shops.

DAY-9 Follow the A9 and the M90 south, crossing the iconic Forth Road Bridge over the Firth of Forth, and arrive in Scotland's beautiful capital in under four hours. A UNESCO City of Literature, visit the Writers' Museum or the Scottish Storytelling Centre and view stunning artworks at the National Galleries of Scotland. Visit in August to experience the Edinburgh Festivals, the largest celebration of the arts in the world.

EXTEND YOUR TRIP Why not extend your itinerary to include the Scottish Borders and Dumfries & Galloway? Located about an hour's drive from Edinburgh, the recently refurbished Abbotsford House in Selkirk is the former home of Sir Walter Scott. Afterwards head to the nearby Lochcarron of Scotland Visitor Centre and choose from an extensive collection of luxury tartan and cashmere clothing and accessories.



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DAY-1 Enjoy the views over Loch Lomond after departing Glasgow on your drive to the west by the A83. Turn west from the loch shores for the climb to the Pass called the Rest and Be Thankful. Then it's a downhill journey to Loch Fyne – a long fjord-like sea-loch that you follow all the way to Tarbert in Kintyre for overnight.

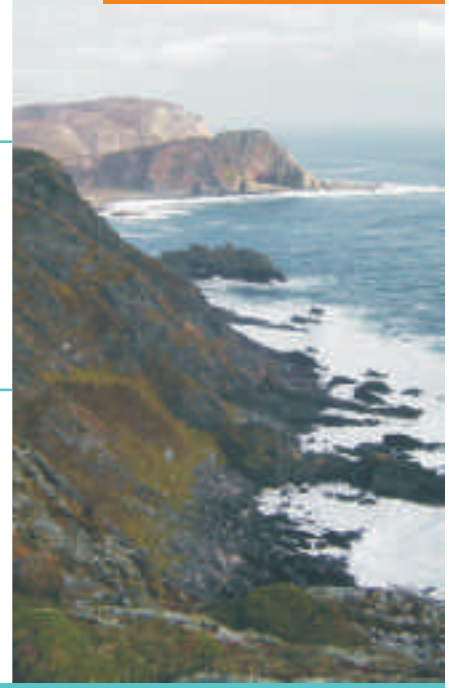
DAY-2 The Islay ferry leaves from Kennacraig, a few minutes' drive south of Tarbert. There are many ways to explore the island. The south end has Laphroaig, Lagavulin andArdbeg. (The extraordinary carving of the early Christian monument, the Kildalton Cross is also nearby.) Bowmore and Bruichladdich are near the centre, with some wild beaches within easy reach.

DAY-3 Continue your discovery of Islay by way of Kilchoman Distillery, a farm distillery opened only in 2005, towards the western side of the island. Distilleries such as Caollla and Bunnahabhain lie to the northeast, on the Sound of Jura, with a visitor centre at Finlaggan on the way that tells the story of Clan Donald, the Lords of the Isles. With so much to see, make sure you're on time for the ferry and return to Kennacraig/Tarbert! (Overnight).

DAY-4 Drive north, enjoying the seaboard views all the way to Oban, with its own distillery. Continue north, crossing the Connel Bridge and the Ballachulish Bridge for overnight in Fort William. The town's Ben Nevis Distillery features The Legend of the Dew of Ben Nevis Visitor Centre.

DAY-5 Take the main road north through the Great Glen, admiring the views of Ben Nevis just beyond Fort William. At Invergarry swing west for the journey among the magnificent mountains of Glen Shiel. Look out for the famous views of Eilean Donan Castle before reaching Kyle of Lochalsh and the Skye Bridge. Overnight on Skye at Broadford or Portree.

DAY-6 The Talisker Distillery on the shore of Loch Harport is close by the little road that leads to Glenbrittle and offers some of Scotland's best mountain views. After the distillery visit retrace the route back to the Skye Bridge and head eastwards for Inverness. There is a choice of routes here – either back through Glen Shiel then north by Loch Ness, or take the A890 north-east through Glen Carron to Achnasheen. Both routes have superb scenery. Overnight Inverness.



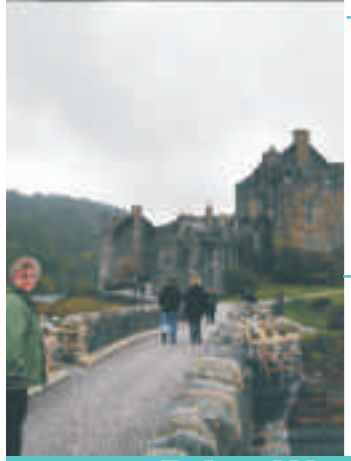
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8Nights
9Days



DAY-7 From Inverness go east for Forres and the nearby Dallas Dhupreserved distillery. Then follow minor roads south-eastwards to reach the River Spey at Craigellachie, in the heart of 'Scotland's Malt Whisky Trail' to see theSpeyside Cooperage. From there it is a short drive north to Elgin, noted not just for its handsome ruined cathedral but also its whisky shop, Gordon and MacPhail, in the town centre. Overnight Elgin.



DAY-8 Go south-east to Keith and the Strathisla Distillery. Then follow the River Spey upstream by the main road (A95) for Aviemore. Nearby, the A9 'the Highland Road' is joined for an easy southward journey to Pitlochry. This popular little Highland resort town features two distilleries: Edradourand Blair Athol. Overnight Pitlochry.

DAY-9 Return to Edinburgh by the A9. The Scotch Whisky Experience features tutored tastings, guided tours and also has a restaurant featuring whisky (where possible!) in its fine dining menus.



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Distillary Tour -The Spirits of Scotland

Highlights: Islay, Oban, Fort William Skye, Glenbrittle, Inverness, Forres, Elgin, Keith, Fitlochy.

13Nights
14Days





DAY-1 & 2 From Prestwick Airport, travel north to Ardrossan to take the ferry to Arran, a holiday-island for generations of Scots. Enjoy the gardens and the fine collections at Brodick Castle. Discover the island's story at the Arran Heritage Museum. The coastal roads right round the island will also take you to theLochranza Distillery in the north.

DAY-3 & 4 Returning to the mainland, go north east to Glasgow to sample its shopping and nightlife in particular. You should be able to track down an authenticceilidhas well, as just one aspect of the city's great nightlife! A UNESCO City of Music, Glasgow's legendary music scene covers the whole spectrum from contemporary and classical to Celtic and country. Scotland's largest shopping choice, plus a huge range of cultural attractions, including the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, the Gallery of Modern Art and the Burrell Collection, should also be on every visitor's list.

DAY-5 Go north from the city, on the A81 and A821, going through the heart of the Trossachs at the Duke's Pass above Aberfoyle, now part of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, and the very byword for Scottish Highland scenery. From the Trossachs area, go east to join the M9 and the easy journey to Edinburgh.

DAY-6 Explore Edinburgh, with the Old Town – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – at its historic heart. An unrivalled cultural choice is offered in one of Europe's great capitals.

DAY-7 Cross the Firth of Forth northbound to reach St Andrews in Fife, via the picturesque East Neuk of Fife fishing villages. Though St Andrews is known as the 'Home of Golf', the journey round the coast roads of Fife reveals a big choice of other classic links golf courses.

DAY-8 Continue north via the Tay Road Bridge for Dundee, to reach the Moray Firth coast via Aberdeen. On this north-facing coast are a good number of wildlife watching places, not just for seabirds but also to spot the local dolphins, often seen from the shore, though boat trips are available from the fishing port of Macduff and many other places to the west.



Essential Scotland

Highlights: Arran, Glasgow, Edinburgh, St Andrews, Dundee, Stromness, Orkney, Skye, Fort William, Loch Lomond , Glasgow.

13Nights
14Days





DAY-9 & 10 Continue coast-wise via Inverness, turning north to reach Scrabster and the ferry for Stromness, Orkney. These islands have an outstanding range of prehistoric sites. Just two of the 'must sees' are the extraordinary Neolithic settlement ofSkara Brae and also Maes Howe. This prehistoric chambered cairn was already thousands of years old when plundering Vikings left their fascinating graffiti, still seen today! Both sites are easily visited from Stromness and well signposted, while the main town of Kirkwall lies to the east by the A966.

DAY-11 Return to the mainland, retracing your journey down the A9 for Dingwall, from where you can go west (A834/A835) for Garve, then Achnasheen (A832) and Kyle of Lochalsh (A890) for Skye. Running broadly parallel with the road, the rail line from Inverness, 'The Kyle Line', to the terminus at Kyle of Lochalsh represents one of Scotland's most scenic train journeys.

DAY-12 & 13 Take the bridge for the Isle of Skye at Kyle of Lochalsh to enjoy views of the Cuillin Hills from Sligachan. From there, the A863 goes west for the Talisker Distillery, as well as the little road to Glen Brittle, with superb mountain vistas. If time permits, also visitElgol (signed from Broadford), where some rate the mountain views across Loch Scavaig as the finest in all of Scotland.

DAY-14 From Skye return to the mainland, turning south on the A87 to pass the iconic EileanDonan Castle on Loch Duich. Head east to reach the Great Glen for Fort William, from where take the A82 through Glencoe and across Rannoch Moor, simply one of the most atmospheric scenic areas in Scotland. Continue via Loch Lomond to return to Glasgow.



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Highlights: Arran, Glasgow, Edinburgh, St Andrews, Dundee, Stromness, Orkney, Skye, Fort William, Loch Lomond , Glasgow.

6Nights 7Days





DAY-1 Begin your ancestral trip through Scotland in the capital city, Edinburgh, which is home to the country's biggest archive store, the ScotlandsPeople Centre. This is a great place to start your search for your ancestors or to delve further into their background with birth, death and marriage records and much more. You can also visit the National Library of Scotland, the world's leading centre for the study of Scotland and the Scots. While in Edinburgh, learn about the history of the country in popular attractions such as Edinburgh Castle, the National Museum of Scotland, and St Giles Cathedral.

DAY-2 Head north from Edinburgh until you reach Perth, which sits by the banks of the River Tay. Visit the turretedBalhousie Castle, where you can learn more about the world's oldest and most elite military regiments at the Black Watch Museum. Leave Perthshire on the A9, heading north towards Inverness, and visit the Highland Folk Museum in Newtonmore en route, a free mile-long 'living' history site, reflecting social and rural life in the Highlands. Travel north up the road to Inverness and spend a night in one of the city's many hotels or guest houses.

DAY-3 Start your day in Scotland's most northern city, Inverness, with a visit to the fantastic Highland Archive Centre which has historical records that date back to the 14th century. Continue to the awardwinning visitor centre at Culloden Battlefield, where you can discover whether your clan took part in the last battle to be fought on British soil. Before the day is over, head to Kyle of Lochalsh and cross the Skye Bridge to spend a night on the breathtaking Isle of Skye.

DAY-4 On Skye, Scotland's second largest island, take the road north west to reachDunvegan Castle, the seat of Clan MacLeod for over 800 years. You will find another fascinating castle in the far south, sometimes known as the 'garden of Skye'. Clan Donald Skye is a 20,000 acre Highland estate which is home to a variety of nature trails and the partially restored Armadale Castle. Amongst the Armadale Castle Gardens is the Museum of the Isles, dedicated to the history of Clan Donald.

DAY-5 Take the ferry over to Mallaig, follow the Road to the Isles, and continue east to Fort William. Drive half an hour south to



Walk in the footsteps of your ancestors

Highlights: Edinburgh, Perth, Inverness, Isle of Skye, Fort William, Glen Coe, Stirling, Gretna Green, Scottish Borders, Edinburgh.

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Glen Coe, one of the most scenic landscapes in the country. Explore the visitor centre to learn more about the infamous massacre which took place here. Head south east next, through Loch Lomond &TheTrossachs National Park, to Stirling. Just outside of the city, lies the battlefield of Bannockburn, the site of one of the greatest and most important battles to take place in Britain.

DAY-6 Still in Stirling, visit the National Wallace Monument and climb up the steps to learn the story of national hero Sir William Wallace. In the heart of the city, visit Stirling Castle, once the home of Mary Queen of Scots. In the afternoon, take the M80 and A74 (M) south fromStirling to the southern border of Scotland, and Gretna Green. One of Scotland's border villages, Gretna Green is known worldwide for the weddings that have taken place there. Visit the Gretna Green Famous Blacksmiths Shop to find out more.

DAY-7 Travel north east to the Scottish Borders town of Hawick. Uncover your Scottish Borders ancestry by consulting the archives in the Heritage Hub in the Heart of Hawick, one of the most advanced facilities of its kind in the UK. With archives that date back 750 years, you can trace your family tree and learn about the evolution of the Scottish Borders communities, industries and people. Travel back to Edinburgh where you can visit some more of the city's top attractions including the National Galleries, Royal Yacht Britannia, and Palace of Holyroodhouse.

EXTEND YOUR TRIP If you've got time to explore more of your ancestry, visit the North Highlands after you arrive in Inverness on day two. Visit the Struie Viewpoint, over the Dornoch Firth, Croick Church in Strathcarron, which offers a sad reminder of the Highlands' turbulent past, and Dunrobin Castle at Golspie, associated with the Sutherland clearances in the area. Before travelling to Fort William on day four, you can visit the Glenfinnan Monument, an iconic memorial to the Jacobites that sits at the head of Loch Shiel. In the visitor centre, you can view displays and an audio programme which tell of Bonnie Prince Charlie's campaign fromGlenfinnan to Derby and back to the final defeat at Culloden in 1746.



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DAY-1 Head over the Forth Bridge for Fife and the hallowed links of St Andrews, the game's spiritual home. Overnight in the town.

DAY-2 Time for another serious course: the challenges of Carnoustie. Overnight St Andrews.

DAY-3 An early start, heading west for Gleneagles on the edge of the hills. Then it's north for Perth and overnight Aberdeen.

DAY-4 Explore the valley of the Dee, with courses such as Aboyne or Ballater set amid the pine and birchwoods. Take care with your tee shots at Ballater – the river is a hazard! Overnight Aberdeen.

DAY-5 Just time to fit in a round at Royal Aberdeen before taking the A96, north-west for Elgin, gateway to Speyside. Gordon and MacPhail is a famous whisky shop in the town.

DAY-6 Off down the valley for a round at the superb Boat of Garten, with the Cairngorms as a backdrop, then it's a leisurely drive back to Elgin.

DAY-7 Head west a short way for the joys ofNairn, a golfing resort on the inner Moray Firth, with a course that has been a Walker Cup venue and is associated with the famous Old Tom Morris as well as James Braid. Return to Elgin for overnight.

DAY-8 Join the A9 via a southward route to Grantown-on-Spey for a journey over the Pass of Drumochter for Perth then Stirling. Just time for a round at one of the Stirling courses before overnight Stirling.

DAY-9 Fit in a visit to Stirling Castle or the Wallace Monument – super views – before heading west via Callander and Crianlarich for Oban and overnight. Enjoy a waterfront stroll in the evening in Oban – there's a good choice of restaurants nearby.



Scotland-The Home of Golf

Highlights: St Andrews, Aberdeen, Elgin, Sterling, Oban, Tobermory, Ayrshire, Edinburgh.

13Nights
14Days





DAY-10 From Oban a short ferry journey takes you to the island of Mull, where you can sample the gentle undulations of the Craignure course. A visit to Torosay or Duart Castles could also be an option. Overnight Tobermory.

DAY-11 Tobermory Golf Club is simply one of the most beautifully situated in all of Scotland and overlooks the Sound of Mull. (It's also a nine-hole test that has never been played to par.) But don't spend too long admiring the view – there's a ferry to catch back to Oban and overnight.

DAY-12 Your destination is the classic links of Ayrshire – so it's east and south toInveraray, then stay with Loch Fyne a little longer to follow the road through the Argyll Forest Park down to Dunoon. Take the ferry to Gourock, continuing south along the Clyde coast down to Ayrshire. Overnight Ayr.

DAY-13 They say the inward half of Royal Troon is the most challenging of any championship course – but there are a host of other demanding and rewarding courses to choose from within easy reach of Ayr. Overnight Ayr.

DAY-14 Take a cross country route back eastwards towards Edinburgh (though there are plenty of gems in Galloway as an alternative). And from Edinburgh, it's an easy journey eastwards to the coastal classics of East Lothian.



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Scotland-The Home of Golf

Highlights: St Andrews, Aberdeen, Elgin, Sterling, Oban, Tobermory, Ayrshire, Edinburgh.

6Nights
7Days





DAY-1 Start off in Edinburgh which has more restaurants per head than any other city in the UK. The city itself boasts five Michelin-star restaurants - the second highest outside of London. Sample the delicious menus at The Kitchin, Restaurant Martin Wishart, Castle Terrace, 21212 and Number One, which have all been awarded the sought-after star. As well as having a buzzing restaurant scene, Edinburgh is renowned for its café culture and there are hundreds of pubs and bars to choose from.

DAY-2 Head to Anstruther in Fife and try out the award-winning fish and chips from Anstruther Fish Bar which overlooks the busy harbour. Afterwards, head north towards Arbroath and discover the famous ArbroathSmokies. This worldfamous delicacy is made by smokecuring haddock over hot oak chips and has protected status from the European Union.

DAY-3 From Arbroath, head north along the coast towards Aberdeen and look out for the unforgettable Dunnottar Castle just south of Stonehaven. This is an area bursting with flavour and make sure you try some of the local delicacies including Aberdeen Angus beef, skirlies, rowies and a huge selection of freshly caught North Sea seafood in the restaurants, cafés and bars. You can also purchase some delicious local ingredients from farmers' markets in Aberdeen, Banchory, Ellon, Stonehaven and many other towns throughout the region.

DAY-4 Leaving Aberdeen, take the A96 to Elgin and follow the worldfamous Malt Whisky Trail, the only trail of its kind. Discover the secrets behind whisky creation with behind-the-scenes tours through seven working distilleries and the spectacular Speyside Cooperage - the only working cooperage in the UK. Continue to travel north towards Fochabers and head to Baxter's Food Village, which boasts a variety of specialist shops.

DAY-5 From Elgin, head south towards Perthshire, a region boasting a wide variety of delicious local produce which you can sample in the local restaurants, cafés and bars. In the Blairgowrie area throughout the



Foody Flavours of Scotland

Highlights: Edinburgh, Fife, Arbroath, Aberdeenshire, Perthshire, Argyll, Loch Lomond, Glasgow.

6Nights
7Days





summer months you can 'pick your own' strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, redcurrants and the unique Tayberry. Pitlochry has two distilleries: the Blair Athol Distillery andEdradour Distillery (Scotland's smallest distillery), while the very popular House of Bruar is just off the A9 and has a wonderful food hall.

DAY-6 Having spent the night in Perthshire, head west towards Argyll which produces some of Britain's tastiest seafood and is part of Scotland's Seafood Trail. Try the delicious local delicacy of fresh oysters from Loch Fyne. From here, head south towards Loch Lomond and stop for a coffee and a quick browse of the shops at the wonderful Loch Lomond Shores at Balloch. This brilliant destination is also home to a SEA LIFE Aquarium and location for one of Scotland's most popular farmers' markets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.

DAY-7 On your final day head south to the cosmopolitan city of Glasgow, Scotland's largest city and fourtime winner of Curry Capital of Britain. Indulge in a real foodie experience at the many restaurants from the trendy West End to the charming Ashton Lane and the stylish Merchant City. You'll also find hundreds of bars, pubs and delightful tea rooms across the city. The Willow Tea Rooms and Art Lovers' Café were both designed by internationally acclaimed Scottish architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh and are well worth a visit.

EXTEND YOUR TRIP Once you get to Ullapool, take the ferry to Stornoway in the Outer Hebrides, where you can experience the exceptional Outer Hebrides Food Trail which incorporates 20 different foodie sites across the islands of Lewis, North Uist, South Uist, Benbecula and Barra. Specialities like awardwinning fish and Stornoway black pudding are essential, as well as luxurious toffee and fresh shellfish. Afterwards, take a ferry from Lochmaddy on North Uist to the busy town of Oban, also known as the 'seafood capital of Scotland'. Oban Chocolate make a wonderful range of innovative handmade chocolates and Oban Distillery is one of Scotland's oldest producers of single malt Scotch whisky. Add another day on to the end of your trip, by heading further south from Glasgow to Scotland's only designated food town, Castle Douglas. Explore over 50 independent retailers which source only the best local food and drink from distinctive cheeses to luxury chocolates. There are farmers' markets held almost every weekend in the region and the ice cream at nearby Cream o' Galloway's Visitor Centre is not to be missed.



Foody Flavours of Scotland

Highlights: Edinburgh, Fife, Arbroath, Aberdeenshire, Perthshire, Argyll, Loch Lomond, Glasgow.

9Nights
10Days





DAY-1 Visit Rosslyn Chapel, just south of Edinburgh, then explore Scotland's capital. There are many legends associated with Edinburgh, especially the Old Town. For example, Major Weir was a warlock who lived near the Grassmarket. He used to send his walking stick out on errands! Take an organised 'ghost tour' of the Old Town, or visit Mary King's Close, where hauntings, apparently, still happen. Edinburgh Castle is also the setting for many ghostly tales.

DAY-2 Follow signs for Perth, then the A94 for Glamis Castle, sometimes described as the most haunted castle in Scotland. Continue north for the White and Brown Caterthuns, lonely, ruinous hill-forts north of the main A90. The White Caterthun has a magic stone, by the north rampart. Touch it by moonlight and you will come into money! Edzell Castle is also nearby, haunted by a White Lady. Continue over the Cairn o Mount road (the B974) for Royal Deeside.

DAY-3 Make your way west up the valley of the River Dee. Ben Macdui lies in the Cairngorms to the west and is associated with the Grey Man of Ben Macdui. A giant figure, witnessed by many around the summit, walks in the mist and snow. Take the A939 via Tomintoul for Grantown-on-Spey.

DAY-4 Staying on the A939, continue north via Dava Moor. The moorland here is associated with the Scottish king Macbeth and his encounter with three witches in Shakespeare's play. Follow signs for Inverness to reach Culloden, setting for the last battle fought in Britain, when the government army defeated the Jacobite forces under Bonnie Prince Charlie.

DAY-5 From Inverness go north through the Black Isle. The A832 leads to Fortrose, where there is a memorial to the Brahan Seer, one of the most famous seers in Scotland. (He foretold, for example, the coming of the railways to the Highlands.) Unhappily, he came to a gruesome end here: burned in a tar barrel for making an indiscreet prediction! Continue to Cromarty, associated with a mermaid legend. Return to Inverness.



Scotland's Mysteries & Legends

Highlights: Edinburgh, Royal Deeside, Grantown-on-Spey, Inverness, Skye, Fort William, Glencoe.

9Nights
10Days





DAY-6 Go south for Loch Ness, where the exhibitions at Drumnadrochit let you explore the Loch Ness phenomenon. Take the A87 west atInvermoriston, continuing to Skye via the Skye Bridge at Kyle of Lochalsh. Follow signs for Portree. The main road near Sligachan has in the past been haunted by a phantom motor car – a 1934 Austin! – which approaches from behind, overtakes, then disappears!

DAY-7 From Portree, circle west for Dunvegan Castle, ancient seat of the Clan MacLeod, associated with the legend of the Fairy Flag of Dunvegan.

DAY-8 Leave the island by the Armadale toMallaig ferry. From Mallaig, a short way south on the A830 brings you to Loch Morar, also associated with a Loch Ness-type phenomenon of unexplained sightings. Continue to Fort William. Discover the heritage of Fort William and Lochaber at the town's West Highland Museum, said to have its own ghost – a former curator who can be heard typing!

DAY-9 Go south and west for Glencoe then continue via Crianlarich and Lochearnhead for Callander and the Rob Roy and Trossachs Visitor Centre. Rob Roy was a real-life Highlander but attracted many local tales and legends to him.

DAY-10 Explore 'Rob Roy Country' by heading west on the A821 via Loch Katrine and Aberfoyle. The Rev Robert Kirk, the local minister there, was an authority on fairies and often conversed with them. He was found dead on the nearby Doon Hill one night in 1692. Afterwards, he appeared in ethereal form, looking for help in escaping from the fairy world. It is said he has now been turned into the tall pine which grows on the hilltop. (A waymarked walk guides you to the top.) Turn east for Stirling Castle, with easy motorway connections nearby for Edinburgh or Glasgow.



Scotland's Mysteries & Legends

Highlights: Edinburgh, Royal Deeside, Grantown-on-Spey, Inverness, Skye, Fort William, Glencoe.

6Nights 7Days



DAY-1 Edinburgh Make your way to Edinburgh with time free before dinner.

DAY-2 Edinburgh After breakfast visit the famous castle that overshadows the city. Board your coach for a morning guided tour where you can see all the many wonderful places Edinburgh has to offer. Finishing at the famous Edinburgh castle, which stands proudly above the city.

DAY-3 Perthshire, St Andrews & The Highlands Today travel north towards the capital of the Highlands, Inverness. Over the Forth Road Bridge, running parallel to the engineering marvel of rail bridge. Continuing to St Andrews, the home of Golf and the "Prince's playground" with time free before passing Dundee and Perth with a short stop in Pitlochry. Onwards to the edge of the Whisky Trail for a guided our and "wee dram" at Tomatin Distillery, arriving Inverness & your hotel in time for dinner.

DAY-4 Inverness, Castle visit & Loch Ness History and legends are plentiful around Inverness. Firstly Cawdor Castle and Gardens, then on to eerie Culloden Moor, where the last battle was fought on British soil in 1746. Lunch can be taken in the Visitor Centre. Afterwards to Loch Ness where a cruise is arranged on Scotland's most famous loch with its legendary monster "Nessie". Back late afternoon with time to take in the sights of Inverness.

DAY-5 Isle of Skye & the West Highlands Your journey crosses over to the west coast of Scotland, through the glens to the Isle of Skye. Time free in the islands capital Portree, before catching the ferry back on to the mainland at Mallaig, travelling along one of the UK's most glorious scenic drives to Fort William and your hotel.

DAY-6 Glencoe, Loch Lomond & Glasgow After your last Highland breakfast, the tour heads towards Glasgow, travelling through magnificent Glencoe, with high mountain peaks. Continuing south along the "bonnie banks" of Loch Lomond, with free time for lunch and shopping at Lomond Shores on the shoreline of this famous loch. Arriving in your Glasgow hotel for your final nights stay.

DAY-6 Travel Home Depending on your flight or ferry times, then recommend any spare time be spent in Glasgow. A city rich and proud of its heritage and architecture and reported to have the best shopping outside London.



Scottish Adventures

Highlights: Edinburgh, St Andrews P Whisky tour, Culloden, Loch Ness, Castle & Gardens Visit, Isle of Skye, Fort William, Loch Lomond, Glasgow.

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