

10 Days | A Scottish Journey | 2025

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Spend days touring the breathtaking Isle of Skye and Isle of Mull

Uncover the intricacies behind Scottish whisky culture with a tasting experience

Immerse yourself in the captivating history of Culloden Battlefield

Savour time exploring the magnificent Cairngorms National Park

Low deposit option

Description



Embark on an unforgettable expedition through the heart of Scotland with Back Roads Touring, where every twist and turn of the rugged landscape reveals a new story, a new vista, and a new adventure waiting to unfold.

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Over the course of ten immersive days, you'll traverse the length and breadth of this enchanting land, from the bustling streets of coastal cities to the tranquil shores of remote Hebridean islands.

As you journey through the mist-shrouded Highlands, you'll be captivated by the sight of towering mountains piercing the sky, their craggy peaks cloaked in heather and bracken. Alongside, tranquil lochs mirror the surrounding splendor, their glassy surfaces reflecting the ever-changing hues of the Scottish sky. Each loch whispers its own secrets, steeped in centuries of folklore and legend, inviting you to delve deeper into the mystique of the land.

But it's not just the natural wonders that will leave you spellbound. Scotland's rich tapestry of history is woven into every stone of its dramatic castles and fortified strongholds. From the haunting ruins of ancient keeps to the majestic splendor of well-preserved fortresses, each castle tells a tale of

intrigue, betrayal, and heroism, transporting you back through the annals of time to witness the unfolding drama of Scotland's past.

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Amidst the timeless beauty of quaint villages and picturesque hamlets, you'll discover the true essence of Scottish charm. Here, the pace of life slows to a leisurely rhythm, and the warmth of the local hospitality envelops you like a cozy embrace. Whether you're sampling traditional delicacies in a centuries-old tavern or browsing the wares of local artisans in a bustling market square, each encounter offers a glimpse into the heart and soul of Scotland's vibrant culture.

Of course, no journey through Scotland would be complete without delving into its turbulent history, marked by infamous battles and legendary figures. From the stirring tales of William Wallace and Robert the Bruce to the tragic saga of the Jacobite uprisings, you'll trace the footsteps of heroes and rebels across the landscape where their fates were sealed.

And then, there are the Hebridean islands, a realm unto themselves, where time seems to stand still amidst the rugged beauty of windswept cliffs and pristine beaches. Here, the ancient rhythms of island life continue unabated, as you explore hidden coves, ancient ruins, and thriving communities that cling defiantly to the edge of the world.

So come, join us on this Scottish odyssey, where every twist of the road reveals a new wonder, and every moment is imbued with the spirit of adventure. From towering mountains to enchanting lochs, from dramatic castles to quaint villages, let us uncover the secrets of this ancient land together, forging memories that will last a lifetime.



Itinerary

Day 1

Edinburgh (Scotland)

Majestic landscapes, rich cultural heritage and imagination-firing stories: Scotland delivers on every level. After meeting the group at our hotel, we'll get to know each other over a delicious welcome meal.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Malmaison Edinburgh City (or similar)

Day 2

Edinburgh St Andrews Cairngorms National Park Cairngorms Region

After breakfast, it's time to board the mini-coach and take to the scenic route. Now the journey begins! We'll admire the historic fishing villages speckled along the east coast before our first port of call: St Andrews. This small town has a big reputation for world-class golf, as well as a prestigious university – the third oldest in the English-speaking world. Following a spot of lunch, we'll catch our first glimpse of the otherworldly Cairngorms National Park before settling into our accommodation for the evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: The Lodge on the Loch (or similar)

Day 3

Cairngorms Region

Prepare to travel back to the 16th century this morning as we stop in at stately Crathes Castle. Soaring turrets, intricately painted ceilings and enchanting manicured gardens await at this characteristically Scottish tower house. After an included lunch, we'll follow in the footsteps of Queen Victoria as we explore the Royal Deeside area – said to have captivated the queen during her 1848 visit. Later, we'll have the evening at our leisure.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: The Lodge on the Loch (or similar)

Day 4

Cairngorms Region 🚌 **Cairngorms National Park** 🚌 **Inverness**

Our day will begin in dramatic fashion this morning as we explore the stunning surrounds of Cairngorms National Park – heading to viewpoints specially chosen by our in-the-know Tour Leader. Then, truly authentic Scottish experiences await. We'll stop at the open-air Highland Folk Museum, used as the filming location for the TV series Outlander. Following that, we'll traverse to Inverness, the welcoming capital of the Highlands. And tonight, we'll come together to share stories of the day's adventures over an included meal.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: The Kingsmills Hotel (or similar)

Day 5

Inverness

After this morning's orientation tour, a lesson in Scotch whisky awaits. We'll uncover the centuries-old legends and complex processes behind turning malted barley into 'liquid gold' – sampling a dram or two while we're at it. Later, the city is your oyster. Visit Inverness Cathedral, explore the charming Victorian Market or simply hunt down a good pub to relax in. What you do this afternoon is completely up to you! For dinner tonight, why not take advantage of the array of local eateries filled with character and delicious Scottish fare.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: The Kingsmills Hotel (or similar)

Day 6

Inverness 🚌 **Culloden, Loch Ness and Plockton** 🚌 **Isle of Skye**

Our path will lead us eastwards this morning as we make our way to the atmospheric Culloden Battlefield. Here we'll immerse ourselves in the fascinating history of the Highlands and gain a unique insight into the battle that took place on this vast moorland. Next, there's a chance to spot the elusive Nessie in mysterious Loch Ness – binoculars recommended! Following our monster hunt, we'll pay a visit to the quaint village of Plockton, where painted cottages cluster around a picturesque bay. After strolling the harbour and observing the passing yachts, we'll continue on to our final destination of the day: the breathtaking Isle of Skye. At our hotel, we'll share the excitement for tomorrow's adventures over an included dinner.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Duisdale House Hotel (or similar)

Day 7

Isle of Skye

Sensational landscapes, rare wildlife and imagination-firing history – the Isle of Skye delivers on every level. This is North Highland scenery on a grand scale! We'll spend the day taking in the island's unique geology and jaw-dropping scenery – including the extraordinary Quiraing, Kilt Rock and Old Man of Storr. After a full day of exploring, we'll have the evening free to dine at our leisure or relax in our idyllic surrounds.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Duisdale House Hotel (or similar)

Day 8

Isle of Skye Isle of Mull

Today we'll continue our journey through soul-stirring Scottish scenery before taking a short ferry ride over to the breathtaking Isle of Mull. Here, the evening will be yours to spend as you please.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Isle of Mull Hotel & Spa (or similar)

Day 9

Isle of Mull Isle of Iona Isle of Mull

The best way to explore the bewitching Hebrides is by island hopping – so today, we'll do just that. From Mull's little village of Fionnphort, we'll set sail to Iona: where a medieval abbey and revered pilgrimage site await us. After returning to our hotel on Mull, we'll toast to our Scottish journey with a final dinner together.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Isle of Mull Hotel & Spa (or similar)

Day 10

Isle of Mull Stirling Edinburgh

Back to the mainland we go. It's been a tour that's delved deep into Scotland's heritage, so it's only right that we finish with a stop in historic Stirling. A drive through the Old Town will bring us to the magnificent hilltop castle, one of Scotland's most impressive and significant monuments. Here, we'll spend some time exploring the castle's many rooms and soaking up the sweeping views from atop the castle walls. What better way to round off our tour before returning to Edinburgh?

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- 9 nights in hand-picked accommodation
- Experienced Tour Leader and Driver
- Premium mini-coach transportation
- 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch and 4 Dinners

Guaranteed Departures: Not all tour dates listed have met minimum numbers to operate. Please contact Traveldream to check if your preferred departure is guaranteed.

Insurance: You will need to take out full travel insurance before travelling with Back-Roads Touring. Please ensure that you have adequate medical, personal effects and cancellation cover.

Group Size: Maximum of 18 passengers.

Exclusions

- Visas (where required)
- International flights
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Meals & drinks not mentioned
- Transfers where not mentioned
- Any additional requests
- Tipping

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