CLASSIC SCOTLAND
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DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN EDINBURGH
Make your way into Edinburgh city centre where your hotel will be located. Many travellers opt to take a taxi or use public transport, but for a more direct and comfortable ride, we will be happy to organise a private airport transfer for you. For those arriving early in the day, we recommend spending the afternoon walking through the city, strolling along the Royal Mile and exploring the Old and New Towns, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are also plenty of museums and landmarks to visit within the city centre, including the majestic Edinburgh Castle.

Spend the night in Edinburgh.

Included: Entrance to Edinburgh Castle


DAY 2: SCOTLAND’S DRAMATIC EAST COAST
Today, start your road trip driving up to Fife. Your first stop will be the quaint village of Falkland, where you can explore its Renaissance palace. From there, drive east to the town of St Andrews, famous for being the home of golf and of the oldest university in Scotland. As you continue north, pass by Dundee, a UNESCO City of Design. You can then take the direct route to Aberdeen, or take the coastal scenic route, which will take you past the St. Cyrus National Nature Reserve and the spectacular Dunnottar Castle, near Stonehaven.

Spend the night in the Aberdeen area.

Included: Entrances to St Andrews Castle & St Andrews Cathedral

Driving distance: 235 km / 135 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Aberdeen - Dundee & Angus - Dunnottar Castle - Falkland - St Andrews - St Cyrus National Nature Reserve

DAY 3: ROYAL DEESIDE, CASTLES & WHISKY
Today will take you into the Scottish Highlands. First drive along the “Deeside Tourist Route”, an enchanting route through the Cairngorms National Park. On the way, there is a plethora of castles you could visit, including 16th-century Crathes Castles, and of course, the Scottish residence of the Royal Family, Balmoral Castle, which you can visit from April to July. You will then continue to Speyside, which is famous for its whiskies. You may want to visit one of the many distilleries (there are over 40 to choose from!), such as Glenfiddich or Aberlour.

Spend the night in the Inverness area.

Driving distance: 240 km / 150 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Balmoral Castle - Cairngorms National Park - Royal Deeside - Speyside & Whisky
DAY 4: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NORTHWEST HIGHLANDS

Today you get the choice between spending the day exploring Inverness surroundings or getting a taste of the North Coast 500, one of Scotland's most scenic driving routes. Around Inverness, you can visit the famous Battlefield of Culloden Moor and roam the Bronze-age cemetery Clava Cairns. You can also visit Cawdor Castle or take a walk at one of the golden sand beaches.

If you journey to the North Coast, we recommend visiting the breathtaking Corrieshalloch Gorge and the Falls of Measach. Explore the Inverewe Garden, a botanical garden which boasts over 2500 exotic plants and flowers. You can also drive through the imperious landscape of the Torridon Hills before returning to Inverness.

Spend another night in the Inverness area.

Driving distance along the west coast: 255 km / 160 miles
Driving distance around Inverness: 105 km / 65 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Black Isle & Moray Firth - Clava Cairns - Corrieshalloch Gorge - Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre - Inverewe Garden - Torridon Hills

DAY 5: LOCH NESS & CASTLES

Drive along the shores of Loch Ness where you can visit the Loch Ness Centre and Exhibition. You might also wish to take a boat tour to admire the views of the loch and try to catch a glimpse of Nessie, the Loch Ness monster, or go explore the nearby Urquhart Castle ruins. From there, continue your drive west toward the breathtaking Isle of Skye. On the way, you may want to stop at the iconic Eilean Donan Castle, a sight you will surely recognise from many films and TV shows.

Spend the night on the Isle of Skye or nearby.

Included: Entrance to Urquhart Castle

Driving distance: 185 km / 115 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Eilean Donan Castle - Isle of Skye - Loch Ness - Portree - Urquhart Castle

DAY 6: THE ISLE OF SKYE

Today take full advantage of your day on Skye, a haven for nature lovers. You can visit the village of Portree, with its colourful buildings and boutiques before going on a drive around the northern part of the island via the breathtaking Trotternish Peninsula. There you can enjoy a walk up to "The Old Man of Storr" rock pinnacle and see the beautiful Kilt Rock Waterfall. Other highlights include the Quiraing, the An Corran Beach at Staffin, where you may spot ancient dinosaur footprints, and the mystical Fairy Glen.

Spend another night on the Isle of Skye or nearby.

Driving distance: 70 km / 45 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Fairy Glen - Kilt Rock & Mealt Falls - Old Man of Storr - Quiraing - Staffin & An Corran Beach

DAY 7: SLEAT PENINSULA & GLENFINNAN

Head south to the Sleat Peninsula, admiring the beautiful beaches, lochs, and glens of the region. You may wish to stop on the way to enjoy a walk to the crystal-clear Fairy Pools at the foot of the Black Cuillin Hills or to sample Single Malt Whisky at the Talisker Distillery. In the afternoon, catch a ferry from Armadale to Mallaig on the mainland. On your journey, we recommend a stop at Camusdarach Beach. At Glenfinnan, you can admire the Glenfinnan Monument and Viaduct, the latter of which features in the Harry Potter film series.
Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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