

EXPRESS 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

HIGHLIGHTS: Calton Hill - Edinburgh - Edinburgh Castle - Edinburgh New Town - Edinburgh Old Town - The Grassmarket - The Royal Mile & St Giles Cathedral

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DAY 2: INTO THE HIGHLANDS

Start your road trip driving into the **Highlands**. On the way you'll have many possible stops, such as the picturesque village of Dunkeld and the 13th-century **Blair Castle**. Driving through the **Cairngorms National Park** you could also stop at the Highland Folk Museum. Arriving near **Inverness**, you can drive to the **Battlefield of Culloden Moor**, to see where the last battle on British soil occurred in 1746, marking "the beginning of the end for the Highlands." Nearby you can visit **Clava Cairns**, a series of tombs and standing stones dating back roughly 4,000 years.

Spend the night in the Inverness area.

Included: Entrance to Battlefield of Culloden Moor

Driving distance: 251 km / 156 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Blair Castle - Cairngorms National Park - Clava Cairns - Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre - Dunkeld - Highland Folk Museum - Inverness

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DAY 3: LOCH NESS, CASTLES & ISLE OF SKYE

Today's journey will take you from Inverness to the famous **Isle of Skye**. Drive along the shores of **Loch Ness** and, if you have time, take a boat tour in search of its notorious and elusive monster, or go explore the nearby **Urquhart Castle** ruins. Further along the drive, make a stop at the iconic **Eilean Donan Castle**. When you arrive on Skye, your first stop will be at the scenic village of **Portree**, where you can explore and admire its colourful buildings and dine at a local restaurant.

Spend the night on the Isle of Skye or nearby.

Included: Entrance to Urquhart Castle

Driving distance: 182 km / 113 miles

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

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DAY 4: TROTTERNISH PENINSULA & GLENFINNAN

Start the day early to explore Skye, a haven for nature lovers. Drive around the northern part of the island via the breathtaking **Trotternish Peninsula**, passing "**The Old Man of Storr**," one of Skye's most famous landmarks. On the way you can see the beautiful **Kilt Rock Waterfall** and enjoy the scenery of the **Quiraing**. Later, head to the Sleat Peninsula and catch the ferry to the mainland. On your drive to **Fort William** stop at **Glenfinnan** where you can visit the Glenfinnan Monument, overlooking Loch Shiel, and admire the **Glenfinnan Viaduct**, featured in Harry Potter.

Spend the night in the Fort William area.

Ferry from Armadale to Mallaig: 30 minutes

Driving distance: 254 km / 157 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Fort William - Glenfinnan - Glenfinnan Viaduct - Kilt Rock & Mealt Falls - Old Man of Storr - Quiraing - Staffin & An Corran Beach

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DAY 5: TRAVEL ALONG DRAMATIC GLENS

Today, drive across the **Trossachs National Park** and **Loch Lomond** area and back to Edinburgh (you can choose to end your trip in Glasgow in the optional activities). This journey takes you past the magnificent Glen Coe, Scotland's most famous and scenic valley. For a fun photo opportunity, don't miss the **Doune Castle**, featured in Monty Python & the Holy Grail and Outlander. If time allows, you could also stop by **Stirling Castle**, one of Scotland's top attractions, or at the impressive **Kelpies**, two giant horse-head sculptures.

Spend the night in Edinburgh.

Included: Entrances to Doune Castle and Stirling Castle

Driving distance: 261 km / 162 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Doune Castle - Glencoe - Stirling & Stirling Castle - Trossachs National Park

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DAY 6: DEPARTURE FROM SCOTLAND

On your day of departure, we recommend taking the Airlink bus or a taxi directly from your hotel to reach the airport. If you would like to add any additional nights to your trip or to arrange a private transfer, you can do so during the booking process. If your flight is in the afternoon, you may have time for some last-minute shopping, to visit one of Edinburgh's museums, or take one last stroll through the charming city centre.

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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