

# WONDERS OF SCOTLAND

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### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN SCOTLAND

When you arrive in Scotland, 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 Town** and **New Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are also plenty of museums and landmarks to visit in the city centre, including the majestic **Edinburgh Castle**. For a spectacular view over the city we recommend going up **Calton Hill**. Tonight you can enjoy dinner at one of Edinburgh's many gourmet restaurants and spend the evening at your leisure.

Spend the night at **Nira Caledonia** or similar.

**Attractions:** 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 SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

Today, your guide will pick you up to start your epic trip around Scotland. The tour will start with a drive across the Firth of Forth, taking in the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage **Forth Rail Bridge**, before heading north to Inverness.

On the way, we'll have the opportunity to go for a forest walk at the picturesque **Hermitage**, followed by a visit of the nearby **Dunkeld**. From there we will continue through the **Cairngorms National Park** where we will stop at the **Highland Folk Museum**.

Arriving near Inverness, we will stop to visit the **Battlefield of Culloden Moor**, where the last battle on British soil occurred in 1746. Nearby we will also visit the mysterious **Clava Cairns**, a series of tombs and standing stones dating back roughly 4,000 years. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hotel together.

Spend the night at **The Palace Hotel & Spa\*** or similar.

#### Included:

- Entrance to Highland Folk Museum
- Entrance to the Battlefield of Culloden
- Breakfast at your hotel
- Dinner at the hotel restaurant

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8 Hours*

*\* Please note that for arrivals in July, the accommodation will be at the beautiful Lochardil House Hotel on Day 2.*

**Attractions:** Cairngorms National Park, Clava Cairns, Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre, Dunkeld, Forth Railway Bridge, Highland Folk Museum, The Hermitage

## DAY 3: LOCH NESS, CASTLES & THE ISLE OF SKYE

Today we will experience some of Scotland's most famous attractions. Our guide will drive us along the shores of the mysterious **Loch Ness**, where we will have a chance to take photos and see if we can catch a glimpse of Nessie. Next up the guide will make a stop at the iconic **Eilean Donan Castle**, a sight you will surely recognise from films.

This afternoon we will make our way over to **the Isle of Skye** and set sail on a Misty Isle boat tour on **Loch Coruisk** in the heart of the **Cuillin Hills**. This will be a great photography and sightseeing opportunity for bird watchers and marine lovers, as we may spot marine wildlife such as minke whales, seals and dolphins as well as giant sea eagles which soar above these parts. Tonight, you can spend the evening and enjoy dinner at your leisure.

Spend the night at **Hame on Skye\*** or similar.

### Included:

- Misty Isle boat tour
- Breakfast at your hotel
- Meal at the hotel tonight

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8 Hours (including a 1h45min boat tour)*

*\*Please note for arrivals on the 30 September, the accommodation will be at the Cuillin Hills Hotel on Day 3 and 4.*

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**Attractions:** Cuillin Mountains, Eilean Donan Castle, Isle of Skye, Loch Coruisk, Loch Ness

## DAY 4: THE WONDERS OF THE ISLE OF SKYE

Today we will have a full day to take in the magic of Skye, a haven for nature lovers. Our guide will take us to the northern part of the island, to the breathtaking **Trotternish Peninsula**. This is where so many of the island's mythical and spectacular landscapes lie.

Driving over the **Quiraing**, we will be able to admire some of the jaw-dropping natural sights. We'll also take a walk to the gorge overlooking **Lealt Falls**, see waterfalls plunging over the 90-meter **Kilt Rock** sea cliffs, pass by the iconic "**The Old Man of Storr**" rock pinnacle, and we'll even be able to go looking for dinosaur footprints at the **An Corran Beach** at Staffin. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hotel together.

Spend another night at the **Hame on Skye\*** or similar.

### Included:

- Guided walk at Lealt Falls (20mins)
- Breakfast at your hotel
- Meal at the hotel tonight

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8 hours*

*\*Please note for arrivals on the 30 September, the accommodation will be at the Cuillin Hills Hotel on Day 3 and 4.*

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**Attractions:** Kilt Rock & Mealt Falls, Old Man of Storr, Quiraing, Staffin & An Corran Beach

## DAY 5: SCOTTISH WILDLIFE & GLENFINNAN

Today we take the ferry from Armadale to Mallaig on mainland Scotland. On the drive down to **Loch Lomond**, we'll stop by the stunning **Camusdarach Beach** where we'll have some time to admire its white sand and crystal-clear water. We will then drive to **Glennfinnan** where you can visit the Glenfinnan Monument, overlooking the beautiful Loch Shiel, and admire the **Glenfinnan Viaduct** high above, which you may recognise from the Harry Potter film series. Later, we will travel through **Glen Coe**, Scotland's most famous valley. Here, we will go on a guided 20-minute walk, a perfect chance to take photos. Tonight, we will enjoy a farewell dinner together at the hotel.

Spend the night at **Knockderry House** or similar.

### Included:

- Guided walk at Glen Coe (20mins)
- Ferry from Armadale to Mallaig
- Breakfast at your hotel
- Farewell dinner

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8 hours (including 30-minute ferry crossing)*

**Attractions:** Camusdarach Beach, Glen Coe, Glenfinnan, Glenfinnan Viaduct

## DAY 6: THE TROSSACHS, WHISKY AND DOUNE CASTLE

Today we will explore the impressive Loch Lomond and **Trossachs National Park**. In the village of Doune we will enjoy a tour and tasting at **Deanston Whisky Distillery**. While in the village, we'll also visit **Doune Castle**, which is now iconic after being featured in popular films and television series such as Monty Python & the Holy Grail, Game of Thrones and Outlander. We will also pass by the beautiful city of **Stirling**, which can't be missed because of its imposing castle sitting atop a hill. Our last stop on this tour will be the **Kelpies**, two impressive horse-head statues that will capture your attention.

Your guide will then drop you off at your accommodation in **Glasgow**. You can enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure in Scotland's largest city.

Spend the night at **Grand Central Hotel** or similar.

### Included:

- Tour and tasting at Deanston Whisky Distillery
- Entrance to Doune Castle
- Breakfast at your hotel

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8 hours*

**Attractions:** Deanston Whisky Distillery, Doune Castle, Glasgow, Stirling & Stirling Castle, The Kelpies, Trossachs National Park

## DAY 7: DEPARTURE FROM SCOTLAND

On your day of departure, make your way back to the airport. If you would like to add any additional nights to your trip or to arrange a private transfer, you can add the option below. If your flight is in the afternoon, you may have time for some last-minute shopping on Buchanan Street, a visit to one of Glasgow's museums, or one last stroll through the charming West End.

**Included:**

- Breakfast at your hotel

*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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