

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS & ISLE OF SKYE

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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 Town** and **New Town**, 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: 185 km / 115 miles

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

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DAY 4: THE ISLE OF SKYE

Today take full advantage of your day on Skye, a haven for nature lovers. We recommend driving to the northern part of the island and taking your time around all the attractions on 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** rock face, 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: Kilt Rock & Mealt Falls - Old Man of Storr - Quiraing - Staffin & An Corran Beach - Trotternish Peninsula

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DAY 5: 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 drive to **Fort William** we recommend stopping at **Camusdarach Beach** and at **Glenfinnan** where you can visit the Glenfinnan Monument, overlooking Loch Shiel, and admire the viaduct, featured in Harry Potter.

Spend the night in the Fort William area.

Ferry duration: 30 minutes

Included: Entrance to Glenfinnan Monument

Ferry from Armadale to Mallaig: 30 minutes

Driving distance: 135 km / 85 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Camusdarach Beach - Cuillin Mountains - Fairy Pools - Fort William - Glenfinnan - Glenfinnan Viaduct

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DAY 6: TRAVEL ALONG DRAMATIC GLENS

Today's journey takes you past Scotland's most famous valley, **Glen Coe**, which offers world-famous scenery. You could stop at the **grave of Rob Roy** at Balquidder and the beautiful **Falls of Dochart** in the village of Killin. Alternatively, you could travel the longer scenic route via the seaside town of Oban onto the historical valley of **Kilmartin Glen** and past the charming village of **Inveraray**. This region is considered to have one of the most important concentrations of Neolithic and Bronze Age remains in Scotland, including cairns, standing stones, and castles.

Spend the night in the Trossachs National Park area.

Driving distance via Glen Coe: 130 km / 80 miles

Driving distance via Kilmartin Glen/Inveraray: 285 km / 180 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Glencoe - Inveraray & Inveraray Castle - Kilmartin Glen - Loch Lomond

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DAY 7: TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK TO EDINBURGH

Today's drive will bring you back to Edinburgh (you can choose to end your trip in Glasgow in the optional activities below). Drive through the **Loch Lomond** and **Trossachs National Park**, where you could stop to take a walk in nature, enjoy an optional steamship tour on **Loch Katrine**, or visit a local whisky distillery. For a fun photo opportunity, don't miss **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: 130 km / 80 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Doune Castle - Loch Lomond - Stirling & Stirling Castle - The Kelpies - Trossachs National Park

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DAY 8: 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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