

# SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS EXPRESS

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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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>-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 Inverness or nearby.

*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: TRAVEL ALONG LOCH NESS AND GLEN COE

Drive south along the shores of the mysterious **Loch Ness**. We recommend stopping to visit the Loch Ness Centre and Exhibition or to try to spot the notorious and elusive monster, Nessie. You can also explore the nearby **Urquhart Castle** ruins on the shores of the loch. Make your way south past **Fort William** and Scotland's highest mountain, **Ben Nevis**, before making the worthwhile detour past Scotland's most famous valley, **Glen Coe**, which offers breathtaking scenery. Continue to Oban, known as the "The Gateway to the Isles" and "The Seafood Capital of Scotland".

Spend the night in **Oban**.

*Included: Entrance to Urquhart Castle*

*Driving distance: 180 km / 110 miles*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Fort Augustus - Fort William - Glencoe - Loch Ness - Oban - Urquhart Castle

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## DAY 4: WEST COAST THROUGH TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK

Today drive through the **Loch Lomond** and **Trossachs National Park** and to Edinburgh. On the way, you can visit **Kilchurn Castle** at Loch Awe, one of the most picturesque castles in Scotland. We recommend a walk in the ancient village of Luss, with its characteristic stone cottages overlooking the shores of Loch Lomond. Later on, for a fun photo opportunity, don't miss **Doone 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 **Kelpies**, two impressive horse-head sculptures.

Spend the night in Edinburgh.

*Included: Entrances to Doone and Stirling Castle*

*Driving distance: 240 km / 150 miles*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Doone Castle - Kilchurn Castle - Loch Lomond - Stirling & Stirling Castle - The Kelpies - Trossachs National Park

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## DAY 5: 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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