

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.

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 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 Inverness or nearby.

Driving distance: 251 km / 156 miles

Attractions: 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

Attractions: Fort Augustus, Fort William, Glen Coe, 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 **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 **Kelpies**, two impressive horse-head sculptures.

Spend the night in Edinburgh.

Included: Entrances to Doune and Stirling Castle

Driving distance: 240 km / 150 miles

Attractions: Doune 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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