

# EXPRESS SCOTLAND - PRIVATE

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### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN EDINBURGH

Upon your arrival in **Edinburgh**, you will be greeted by a private driver who will take you to your hotel in the city centre. 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*

**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

Today your guide will pick you up from your hotel in a comfortable vehicle to start your private tour. On the way you'll have many possible stops, such as the picturesque village of **Dunkeld**, the 13<sup>th</sup>-century **Blair Castle** and the **Highland Folk Museum** inside the **Cairngorms National Park**. Arriving near **Inverness**, you can visit 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 could also roam around **Clava Cairns**, a series of tombs and standing stones dating back roughly 4,000 years.

Spend the night in Inverness area.

*Driving distance: 251 km / 156 miles*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 8-9 hours*

**Attractions:** 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**. Your guide will drive you 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*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 7-8 hours*

**Attractions:** Eilean Donan Castle, 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. Your guide will take you 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 **Quirang**. Later, head to the Sleat Peninsula and catch the ferry to the mainland. On your drive to **Fort William** stop at **Glennfinnan** 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*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 8-9 hours*

**Attractions:** Fort William, Glenfinnan, Glenfinnan Viaduct, Isle of Skye, 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. This journey takes you past the magnificent **Glen Coe**, Scotland's most famous and scenic valley. For a fun photo opportunity, don't miss **Doune Castle**, featured in Monty Python & the Holy Grail and Outlander. You will also visit the grand **Stirling Castle**, one of Scotland's top attractions and, if time allows, 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*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 8-9 hours*

**Attractions:** Doune Castle, Glen Coe, Stirling & Stirling Castle, Trossachs National Park

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## DAY 6: DEPARTURE FROM SCOTLAND

On your day of departure, a private driver will pick you up from your hotel to take you directly to the Edinburgh airport. If your flight is in the afternoon, you may take your last few hours to do some last-minute shopping, visit one of Edinburgh's many 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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