

# SPEYSIDE WHISKY JOURNEY

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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. You could also take in the largest private collection of whisky in the world at the Scotch Whisky Experience or taste some unique drams at the Scotch Malt Whisky Society on Queen Street.

Spend the night in Edinburgh.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Edinburgh - Edinburgh Castle - Edinburgh New Town - Edinburgh Old Town - Scotch Malt Whisky Society - Scotch Whisky Experience - The Royal Mile & St Giles Cathedral

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### DAY 2: THE HISTORY OF WHISKY AND THE HIGHLANDS

Your private guide will pick you up from your hotel to start your journey into the Scottish Highlands. We'll cross the Firth of Forth, giving you scenic views of the UNESCO **Forth Railway Bridge**. On the way north, there are various distilleries you may wish to visit. We recommend Lindores Distillery, where, it is said, distilling has been taking place since at least 1494. We'll continue into **Highland Perthshire**, where you could stop at some great whisky shops for tasting, or even tour the **Edradour Distillery**. As you continue your drive, there is also **Dalwhinnie Distillery**, where they pair their whisky with locally made chocolates.

Spend the night in Speyside.

*Average Driving Distance: 261 km / 162 mi.*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8 - 9 Hours*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Cairngorms National Park - Forth Railway Bridge - Highland Perthshire - Highland Whisky Distilleries - Speyside & Whisky

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### DAY 3: EXPLORE SPEYSIDE

Today we'll delve into the **Speyside Whisky** region. Home to over half of Scotland's Distilleries, there are many different options for tours and tastings depending on your preferences. You may wish to have a post-breakfast tasting at the independently-owned Benromach Distillery before heading to the famous The Macallan Distillery. You will have time to wander along the banks of the **River Spey** and admire Thomas Telford's iron bridge at **Craigellachie**. In the afternoon, we recommend taking an intimate tour at Balvenie Distillery, visiting the Speyside Cooperage or going for a tasting at Aberlour Distillery

Spend another night in Speyside.

*Average Driving Distance: 97 km / 60 mi.*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8 - 9 Hours*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Craigellachie Bridge - River Spey - Speyside & Whisky

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## DAY 4: EAST CAIRNGORMS, ROYAL DEESIDE AND ANGUS

Today's drive will take you back to Edinburgh (you can choose to end your trip in Glasgow in the optional activities below). Why not start the day by visiting one of Scotland's largest distilleries, the magnificent The Glenlivet Distillery? We'll then pass through Tomintoul where you can visit a great wee whisky shop before passing through the **Cairngorm** Mountains all the way to **Royal Deeside**. Here you can make a stop at Royal Lochnagar Distillery before making your way down through the county of Angus.

Back in Edinburgh, your driver-guide will drop you off at your accommodation. Tonight you can enjoy dinner at one of Edinburgh's many gourmet restaurants and spend the evening at your leisure.

Spend the night in Edinburgh.

*Average Driving Distance: 238 km / 148 mi.*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 9 - 10 Hours*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Cairngorms National Park - Dundee & Angus - Royal Deeside

## DAY 5: DEPARTURE FROM SCOTLAND

On your day of departure, a private driver will pick you up from your hotel to take you directly to the 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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