

# ISLAY 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 Castle - Edinburgh New Town - Edinburgh Old Town - Scotch Malt Whisky Society - Scotch Whisky Experience - Scottish Whisky - The Royal Mile & St Giles Cathedral

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### DAY 2: HEADING TO THE WEST COAST

Your private guide will pick you up from your hotel to start your journey to the west coast. We will pass through Stirlingshire and the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, stopping on the way at the charming whitewashed village of Inveraray. Here you'll have some time to visit Inveraray Castle, home to the Duke of Argyll, or even the local Fyne Whisky Shop. Making our way along Loch Fyne, the longest sea loch in Scotland, we'll board a ferry to the Isle of Islay. The ferry journey is a highlight with beautiful views of the Isles of Gigha and Jura.

Spend the night on the Isle of Islay.

*Average Driving Distance: 305 km / 190 mi. (Incl. Ferry Crossing)*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 9 - 10 Hours (Incl. 2 hours Ferry Crossing)*

*Ferry Duration: 2 Hours*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Inveraray & Inveraray Castle - Isle of Islay - Loch Fyne - Loch Lomond - Trossachs National Park

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### DAY 3: ISLAY'S SOUTH COAST AND KILDALTON DISTILLERIES

Today you will explore the best that the south of Islay has to offer. It is home to three of the smokiest and most complex distilleries on the island, Lagavulin, Laphroaig and Ardbeg. We'll start the day with a stop on the peat bogs, a vital part of Islay's peaty and smoky whisky flavours. We then recommend a mixture of tours and tastings for the rest of the day, such as the fantastic Warehouse Tasting at Lagavulin, the Distillers Wares at Laphroaig or the tasting at Ardbeg. We'll also visit the Kildalton Cross and take a walk on Port Ellen beach with views to the Carraig Fhadda lighthouse, and Port Ellen Distillery.

Spend another night on Islay.

*Average Driving Distance: 64 km / 40mi.*

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

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Islay Distilleries - Isle of Islay - Kildalton Celtic Cross - Peat Bogs - Port Ellen Beach

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## DAY 4: NORTH ISLAY AND OTHER FLAVOURS

After yesterday's peaty hits, we'll spend today exploring the other island's distilleries where the coastal notes are more influential. We again recommend a mixture of tours, and you'll be able to choose from six distilleries, such as a warehouse tasting at Bunnahabhain or Bruichladdich Distillery and a visit to Ardnahoe, Islay's newest distillery. We will also see and discover more of Islay on the way. Take a walk along the beautiful Machir Beach and learn more about weaving at the Islay Woollen Mill.

Spend another night on Islay.

*Average Driving Distance: 80 km / 50 mi.*

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

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Islay Distilleries - Islay Woollen Mill - Isle of Islay - Loch Indaal - Machir Beach - Rhinns of Islay

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## DAY 5: RETURN TO EDINBURGH

Today we will catch the morning ferry back to the mainland. We'll then retrace our steps through the Trossachs National Park all the way back to Edinburgh. You have the option to end your trip in Glasgow if you wish to.

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: 310 km / 195 mi. (Incl. Ferry Crossing)*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 9 - 10 Hours (Incl. 2 hours Ferry Crossing)*

*Ferry Duration: 2 Hours*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Edinburgh - Glasgow - Loch Fyne - Loch Lomond - 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 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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