

# CLASSIC 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. If you arrive early in the day, we recommend spending the afternoon walking through the city, strolling along the **Royal Mile** and exploring the Old and New Towns, 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: SCOTLAND'S DRAMATIC EAST COAST

Today your guide will pick you up from your hotel in a comfortable vehicle to start your private tour. The first stop will be the quaint village of **Falkland**, where you may like to explore its Renaissance palace. If time allows, you can head east to the town of **St Andrews**, famous for being the home of golf and of the oldest university in Scotland. Then, you'll continue north, passing by **Dundee**, a UNESCO City of Design. You can decide with your guide if you'd like to take the direct route to **Aberdeen**, or if you might take the coastal scenic route, which will take you past the spectacular **Dunnottar Castle**, near Stonehaven.

Spend the night in the Aberdeen area.

*Driving distance: 235 km / 135 miles*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 9 hours*

**Attractions:** Aberdeen, Dundee & Angus, Dunnottar Castle, Falkland, St Andrews

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### DAY 3: ROYAL DEESIDE, CASTLES & WHISKY

From Aberdeen, your guide will take you into the Scottish Highlands. You'll first journey along the "**Deeside Tourist Route**", an enchanting route through the **Cairngorms National Park**. On the way, there are plenty of castles that you could visit, including 16th-century Crathes Castles, or you can ask a recommendation from your guide. You will then continue to **Speyside**, which is famous for its whiskies. There are over 40 distilleries to choose from, such as Glenfiddich or Aberlour, if you would like to visit one of them\*.

Spend the night in the **Inverness** area.

*\*Please contact us if you would like to book a distillery tour in advance. This is highly recommended if you have a specific distillery in mind.*

*Driving distance: 240 km / 150 miles*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 8 hours*

**Attractions:** Cairngorms National Park, Royal Deeside, Speyside & Whisky

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## DAY 4: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NORTHWEST HIGHLANDS

Today your guide will take you to explore Inverness and its stunning surroundings. You will be able to wander around the historic **Battlefield of Culloden Moor** and witness the Bronze-age cemetery **Clava Cairns**. A bit further out, Cawdor Castle and Gardens is a 14th-century castle linked to *Macbeth*, which you might enjoy visiting. You might also choose to hop onto the nearby Black Isle to see the natural landscapes of the Moray Firth.

Spend another night in the Inverness area.

*Driving distance: 105 km / 65 miles*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 7 hours*

**Attractions:** Black Isle & Moray Firth, Clava Cairns, Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre

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## DAY 5: LOCH NESS & CASTLES

Take in some of the most famous sights in Scotland today. Your guide will first drive you to the shores of **Loch Ness** where you can visit the Loch Ness Centre and Exhibition. You could visit the **Urquhart Castle** ruins or take a boat tour onto the loch to admire the views and try to catch a glimpse of the Loch Ness monster. From there, you'll continue west toward the breathtaking **Isle of Skye**. On the way, if you wish, you can ask your guide to stop at the iconic **Eilean Donan Castle** for a good photo opportunity.

Spend the night on the Isle of Skye or nearby.

*Driving distance: 185 km / 115 miles*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 8 hours*

**Attractions:** Eilean Donan Castle, Isle of Skye, Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle

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## DAY 6: THE ISLE OF SKYE

A private driver is the best way to take full advantage of your day on Skye. You will visit the main village of Portree, with its colourful buildings and boutiques, before heading north to the striking Trotternish Peninsula. Here you'll have the option to see highlights such as "**The Old Man of Storr**" rock pinnacle, **Kilt Rock Waterfall**, the **Quiraing** landscape, and the mystical **Fairy Glen**. You can decide with your guide where you would like to spend the most time and if you would like to go for certain walks.

Spend another night on the Isle of Skye or nearby.

*Driving distance: 70 km / 45 miles*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 7 hours*

**Attractions:** Fairy Glen, Kilt Rock & Mealt Falls, Old Man of Storr, Quiraing

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## DAY 7: SLEAT PENINSULA & GLENFINNAN

You will head to Skye's southern Sleat Peninsula, characterised by beautiful beaches, lochs, and glens of the region. Depending on your interests, you may wish to stop for a walk at the crystal-clear **Fairy Pools** at the foot of the Black Cuillin Hills. Or you could go sample the local whisky at the Talisker Distillery (pre-booking is essential). In the afternoon, you will catch the ferry from Armadale to Mallaig to return to the mainland. Your guide will drive you to your accommodation, passing by Glenfinnan along the way. Here you can marvel at the **Glenfinnan Monument** and **Viaduct**, the latter of which features in the *Harry Potter* film series.

Spend the night in the Fort William area.

*Ferry duration: 30 minutes*

*Driving distance: 135km / 85 miles*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 8 hours*

**Attractions:** Fairy Pools, Fort William, Glenfinnan, Glenfinnan Viaduct, Talisker Distillery

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## DAY 8: TRAVEL ALONG DRAMATIC GLENS

Today's journey will be a scenic one, so don't hesitate to let your guide know if you have specific interests. You'll travel past Scotland's most famous valley, **Glen Coe**, which offers world-famous scenery. This is a great location for a panoramic walk. Further, you could stop at the grave of Rob Roy at Balquhidder or to admire the beautiful Falls of Dochart in the village of Killin.

Spend the night in the **Trossachs National Park** area.

*Driving distance: 130 km / 80 miles*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 7 hours*

**Attractions:** Glen Coe, Kilmartin Glen

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## DAY 9: TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK TO EDINBURGH

Today's drive will bring you back to Edinburgh (you can choose to end your trip in Glasgow in the optional activities below). You'll travel through the **Loch Lomond** and **Trossachs National Park**, where you could stop to take a nature walk, visit a distillery or, if time allows, enjoy a boat tour on Loch Katrine. For a fun photo opportunity, don't miss **Doone Castle**, featured in many TV series and films. You could also stop by **Stirling Castle**, one of Scotland's top attractions, or the Kelpies sculptures.

Spend the night in Edinburgh.

*Driving distance: 130 km / 80 miles*

*Average travel & exploring duration: estimated 8 hours*

**Attractions:** Doone Castle, Loch Lomond, Stirling & Stirling Castle, Trossachs National Park

## DAY 10: DEPARTURE FROM SCOTLAND

On your day of departure, a private driver will pick you up from your hotel to take you directly to Edinburgh Airport. If your flight is in the afternoon, you can do some last-minute shopping or sightseeing. You could walk up Castle Hill for one more view over the city, stroll through the Princes Street Gardens or wander down the Royal Mile to the elegant Holyrood Palace.

*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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