



TOP SCOTTISH TOURS

TOURS AND ADVENTURES

Your Travel Itinerary

Top Scottish Signature Tour – 2024

8 days/7 nights

This 8 day journey is an incredible introduction to Scotland, and your opportunity to explore and experience all the country has to offer. From the breathtaking scenery of our National Parks and enchanting Glencoe to beautiful Loch Lomond and mysterious Loch Ness, this tour encompasses the charming, traditional communities of Inveraray and Pitlochry, the historic Culloden battlefield, magical Eilean Donan Castle as well as locations made famous by the T.V. series “Outlander”. Add in the ultimate sightseeing experience on The Isle of Skye (not to mention the world class distillery tours and whisky tasting) and this is quite simply the trip of a lifetime for anyone wanting to explore our stunning country.



DAY 1: DOUNE CASTLE, BLAIR ATHOL DISTILLERY & PITLOCHRY

Your adventure begins with a tour of Doune Castle. Few castles can boast the celebrity status of Doune, near Stirling – built in the late 14th century, it achieved fame having been featured in the famous Monty Python film, ‘The Holy Grail’. More recently, it has also featured in T.V.s ‘Game of Thrones’ and ‘Outlander’. We then travel to the quaint Victorian village of Pitlochry in ancient Perthshire for your first Malt Whisky experience as you enjoy a tour and tasting session at the famous Blair Athol Distillery. Finally, enjoy a stroll around Pitlochry’s traditional shops and craft stores before arriving at your hotel.



DAY 2: CAIRNGORM NATIONAL PARKS & CULLODEN

Enjoy the scenic journey through Cairngorms National Park, with its stunning mountains and ancient Caledonian Pine Forests. You’ll visit Culloden Battlefield & visitor centre and learn about Bonnie Prince Charlie who, with his Jacobite Army, fought the last civil war on British soil in 1746. Culloden is also now another “Outlander” location with scenes being filmed at the real battlefield. Our next stop, Clava Cairns and Standing Stones, is a well-preserved Bronze-Age cairn and an incredible example of the historic architecture of the Highlands, dating back about 4,000 years. There will be free time to explore Inverness before heading to your hotel.



DAY 3: EILEAN DONAN & LOCH NESS

Today we head for Skye – “The Misty Isle”, travelling through the village of Fort Augustus on the shores of Loch Ness then beautiful Glenshiel. We’ll visit one of Scotland’s most picturesque castles, Eilean Donan, which sits on its own small island at the head of Loch Duich. With a fascinating history, from raids and sieges to its destruction during the Jacobite rising in 1719, there will be plenty of opportunity for photographs of this breathtaking castle. After lunch, we go over the bridge to Skye and head straight for the Talisker Distillery where you’ll learn how this world class Malt is created and enjoy a dram or two before checking in to your hotel.



DAY 4: ISLE OF SKYE

Wake to the excitement of a day exploring the splendid scenery of the Isle of Skye. Touring the island, we pass through Broadford and the Cuillin Mountains to explore the capital of Portree which has an old-fashioned appeal with colourful houses and a traditional harbour. We’ll then explore the north of the island and the Trotternish Peninsula with its fabulous scenery and seascapes including The Old Man of Storr, Kilt Rock Falls and the spectacularly bizarre scenery of the Quiraing. We’ll finish a memorable day at the famous Fairy Pools (weather permitting).



DAY 5: Skye Ferry, Glenfinnan Viaduct and Monument, Fort William

We'll take the famous Skye boat to the harbour town of Mallaig then head along side Loch Morar, with wonderful views across the Sound of Arisaig to the Small Isles. After lunch, we reach the Glenfinnan monument on the shores of Loch Shiel which marks the spot where the 1745 Jacobite Rising began. This is also a great viewpoint for the Glenfinnan Viaduct, a renowned feat of Victorian engineering and known more recently for being featured as the famous bridge crossed by the Hogwarts Express in the Harry Potter films. The day ends with a visit to Ben Nevis Distillery, situated at the foot of the largest mountain in Scotland.



DAY 6: Fort William, Loch Linnhe & Glencoe

Experience the Glencoe Mountain Range – we'll stop for pictures of the famous 'Three Sisters' and hear stories of the historical significance and violent past of this famous Glen culminating in the massacre of Glencoe in 1692. Returning to Fort William, you'll enjoy lunch and then visit the local museum with its fascinating artefacts. In the afternoon, get close to Lochaber's wild heart on an enthralling boat tour. You'll cruise down Loch Linnhe to see the local seal colony and take in the magnificent views on every side. Heading back, you'll hopefully catch sight of the local dolphin pod. Look out for eagles as we head to the narrows of Loch Eil, and then on to the mouth of the world famous Caledonian Canal.



DAY 7: Fort William, Oban

We start our day with a short trip to Neptunes Staircase a 200 year old feat of engineering designed by the famous Scottish engineer Thomas Telford. It is the longest staircase lock in Britain at over a quarter-mile in length (447m) and takes boats about 90 minutes to navigate. We'll then head to Oban – the seafood capital of Scotland – with time to shop, walk along the promenade and explore McCaigs Tower which overlooks the area – a photographers dream location for memorable vacation snaps. We will then end the day with a guided tour of Oban Malt Whisky Distillery and sampling their "Water of Life" drams before heading to your hotel for dinner and a relaxing final night on tour.



DAY 8: Inveraray Castle and Loch Lomond

This morning we make for Clan Campbell country to visit one of Scotland's finest stately homes, Inveraray Castle & Gardens, a stunning building still owned by the Duke of Argyll and in recent times featured in the TV series Downton Abbey. We then head over the 'Rest and Be Thankful' mountain pass stopping for some photographs at this beautiful and atmospheric landmark before continuing into Scotland's first National Park. We'll stop on the 'bonnie banks' of Loch Lomond and walk the shores at the conservation village of Luss., We may even spot the odd Highland Cow! It's then time to head to your Glasgow City Centre hotel, and the conclusion of your Top Scottish Tour.

Included in your Top Scottish Tour:

- Your personal tour coordinator
- Handpicked accommodation
- All rooms en-suite
- Full Scottish Breakfast each morning
- Reservation service for all other meals as required
- Entry into all named attractions
- Exclusive use of a luxury touring vehicle for your party
- Your personal driver/tour guide

We look forward to welcoming you to Scotland!