







INSIGHT VACATIONS

Country Roads of Scotland - Small Group





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Day 1 | Welcome to Edinburgh



Arrive in Edinburgh to meet your Travel Director and small group over dinner at a local restaurant. It's an easy, warm first evening with Scottish flavours and relaxed conversation. On select departures, your first night on tour includes the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, where performers sweep across the esplanade in a powerful mix of movement, music and color — a memorable introduction to Scotland's capital.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Malmaison Edinburgh, Leith

Day 2 | Edinburgh, The Capital of Culture



Join a Local Expert for a guided tour of Edinburgh. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the King. Drive along Princes Street to the Scott Monument, a Victorian Gothic tribute to Sir Walter Scott whose stories helped shape Scotland's global image, then take in the 18th-century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg and Scotland's Crown Jewels. Later, enjoy a Highland bagpiping masterclass before time at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Malmaison Edinburgh, Leith

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Royal Edinburgh - We'll enjoy views of the Queen's Park and take in a spectacular panorama of Scotland's Capital before arriving at Holyrood Palace - the King's official home in Scotland. Our Local Expert will bring its ancient stories to life before a leisurely visit through the official rooms of the palace.

Adult: 48.00 GBP

Edinburgh - The Untold Story - Walk Edinburgh's heart with your Local Expert, to hear about the ultimate loyal dog, grave robbers, executions and other untold stories. Stroll through the Wynds and Closes of the real Edinburgh and enjoy a drink in one of this city's most famous pubs.

Adult: 31.00 GBP

Day 3 | St Andrews and the Highland Capital of Inverness



Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and journey to St Andrews. You'll pass by the Old Course — the home of golf since its creation in the 15th century. With some free time to explore, perhaps stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous Chariots of Fire scene was filmed. For a royal connection, wander to St Andrews University where the current Prince and Princess of Wales first met. Next, you'll travel to Pitlochry and stop at Atholl Palace and Gardens for a delicious Victorian-style afternoon tea. Finally, you'll continue through Blair Atholl and the shadow of the Grampian Mountains before the landscape opens into Spey Valley and the Highland capital of Inverness.

Meals: Breakfast, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

Hotel: Kingsmills, Inverness

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Blair Castle Visit - Set in its own grounds against a backdrop of glorious scenery, we'll discover the ancient home of the Dukes of Atholl, home to Europe's last remaining private army. Unique amongst Scottish castles, Blair has hosted royalty from Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Victoria.
Adult: 33.00 GBP

Day 4 | Culloden, Loch Ness and On to Thurso



Follow the length of Loch Ness, keeping your eyes peeled for the monster, and watching dark water and steep hills roll past as your Travel Director shares the loch's legends. At Culloden Battlefield, the Visitor Centre will bring the final Jacobite uprising in 1746 into clear focus. Next, continue to Wick for a choice of activity — visit Old Pulteney Distillery for a coastal-style whisky tasting, or join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Wick Heritage Museum to explore the stories of this once-thriving fishing port. End the day in Thurso for dinner with your fellow travellers by the northern coast.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: The Pentland, Thurso

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

An Evening of Scots-Gaelic Culture - A rare opportunity to enjoy an introduction to the Gaelic culture that is so unique to the Highlands. Stories, song, music and Highland history await you in the warm atmosphere of a centuries-old Highland hostelry.
Adult: 35.00 GBP

Day 5 | A Day in the Orkney Islands



Start the day by boarding the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands, where open skies and green fields meet a slower rhythm of life. Here the hardy locals say they live 'below the wind and above the water'. With your Travel Director, you'll explore the Italian Chapel, built by WWII prisoners, then continue to Kirkwall for a look at its Norse heritage. Visit Skara Brae, a 5,000-year-old village, and walk among the standing stones of Brodgar. Finally, return to Thurso for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 | Over the Sea to Skye



Travel west along Scotland's northern edge, where pale beaches give way to moorland, deep glens and winding rivers. Cross 'Over the Sea to Skye', where the island opens in a sweep of rugged slopes and quiet lochs. On the way to Broadford, hear the tale of Flora MacDonald and Bonnie Prince Charlie as the Cuillin Hills rise ahead, before settling in for a Highland evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: The Dunollie, Broadford

Day 7 | Through the Scottish Highlands to Glencoe



Start the morning at leisure on Skye before crossing back to the mainland. Pause for photos at Eilean Donan Castle, reflected perfectly in still water when the light is right. Next, you'll continue to the WWII Commando Memorial, where bronze figures gaze towards Ben Nevis. Continue through Fort William to absorb the dramatic scenery of Glencoe, the Glen of the Weeping, where the dreadful massacre of the MacDonald clan took place in 1692. In the evening, get together with your newfound friends for a sumptuous Highland dinner made with market-fresh Scottish ingredients.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Ballachulish, Glencoe

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Isle Of Skye Tour - A wonderful opportunity to experience the spectacular scenery of the Trotternish Peninsula with a Local Expert. Hear about the way of life on this remote inner Hebridean island, steeped in myth and legend. While touring the 'Isle of Mist' see the Old Man of Storr, the red and black Cuillin Mountains and picturesque Portree, the largest town on the Island. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

Adult: 26.00 GBP

Day 8 | Loch Lomond & Glasgow



Spend time around Loch Lomond, 'Queen of Scottish Lochs' according to Sir Walter Scott, where wooded islands and quiet water create one of Scotland's most peaceful scenes. If you choose, take an optional cruise to see the loch from the waterline. Continue to Glasgow for an orientation drive past its grand public buildings, George Square and St Mungo's Cathedral. Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure, exploring the city's creative, confident character.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Loch Lomond Boat Trip - Cruise across Loch Lomond as your skipper shares stories of the area and points out Rob Roy's Cave. Take in the wild beauty of the 'Bonnie Banks', with time to relax and enjoy one of Scotland's best-known landscapes from the water.
Adult: 25.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Glasgow Dinner - In recent years, Glasgow has developed a fearsome culinary reputation. With its elegant and chic atmosphere, tonight's dining experience will feature one of the venues at the forefront of Glasgow's foodie scene. Enjoy an evening of Scottish fayre and experience the city's atmosphere at night.
Adult: 68.00 GBP

Guided Visit and Dinner at The Mackintosh at the Willow - Step inside the stunning surroundings of Mackintosh at the Willow after-hours and relax with a glass of prosecco. Explore the history of the tearoom and Glasgow in a private visit to our onsite interactive exhibition. Let our specialist guide tell you more about the building and immerse yourself in the magic of Mackintosh. Our guide will be on hand to answer any questions. Take a seat in the historic surroundings of the Original Willow Tea Rooms building and enjoy a delicious 3 course menu curated with the best Scottish produce and hand selected wine.
Adult: 79.00 GBP

Day 9 | Depart Glasgow



Today, bid farewell to your journey along the country roads of Scotland as you transfer to the airport.

Meals: Breakfast

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