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OVER 96% OF OUR
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Image: Eilean Donan Castle



PASSIONATE

ALL SCOTLAND

Subtle flavours and magnificent mountains, friendly locals and frantic battles, beautiful lochs and boisterous traditions. We share all of Scotland's secrets, beauty and history with a passion.

LOCAL GUIDES

Knowledgeable as Celtic Druids and as fiery as Viking Warriors, our local guides reveal all the stories and history with a passion that truly brings Scotland to life. *Should I tip my guide?* Tipping is not compulsory, but if you'd like to recognise great service then please feel free to do so. 100% of tips are retained by our team, not the company.

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Discover and explore places only the locals know. We're proud to show you the treasures that won't be found in a guidebook.

Multi-day tours include accommodation in the cost – see page 16 for more information about accommodation.

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MULTI-AWARD WINNING

With nineteen years' experience, and Tripadvisor's 'Traveller's Choice'; it's no secret that we deliver an exceptional standard of service.

SUSTAINABILITY

We protect the environment we're passionate about. This commitment is recognised by our Gold Green Tourism award and proven by our innovative Eco Scheme where we match every £1 you donate. See page 5 for more details.

OUR GUARANTEE

Our fleet is built for your comfort with USB charging points. We promise a fantastic time, but don't just take our word for it – see our reviews on Tripadvisor.

UNIQUE

EXPLORE MORE

Our trips give you versatility and the choice to see Scotland your way. Saunter around a beautiful town, delve into a historic castle, or jump on the Jacobite Steam Train; it's your trip, and it's your choice.

SAVINGS

Mini Groups | Save 10% when '4 or more' people book any day tour together.

Multi Trip Deals | Save 10% when two day tours are booked together.

AUDIO GUIDES

We offer free foreign language audio guides, see page 4 for more information.

HIGHLAND DAY TOURS

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CAWDOR CASTLE & CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK



Image: Isle of Skye



FREE AUDIO GUIDES

We offer FREE foreign language audio translations in German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, French and Mandarin. We are the only tour company in Scotland to offer this service on most of our scheduled day tours allowing the best customer experience possible for all our travellers.

Audio guides are available for free download once you have purchased your tour.

Entdecker mit Leidenschaft...

Wir sind bestrebt, Ihnen jeden Tag die allerbesten Reiseerlebnisse zu bieten. Unsere Reisetouren sind darauf ausgelegt, das Beste aus Ihrer Zeit in unserem atemberaubenden Land zu machen, damit Sie das authentische Schottland erfahren. Unsere Mission ist es, Ihre Erwartungen zu übertreffen, ein Engagement, das von VisitScotland mit 5 Sternen ausgezeichnet wurde und sich in den gleichbleibend ausgezeichneten Bewertungen unserer Kunden widerspiegelt. Auf all unseren Reisetouren stehen Audioführer zur Verfügung.

Pasión por descubrir...

Trabajamos cada día para ofrecerle las mejores experiencias en viajes. Nuestras visitas guiadas están programadas de modo que pueda sacar el máximo partido de su visita en nuestro impresionante país y vivir una auténtica experiencia escocesa. Nuestra misión es sobrepasar sus expectativas, un compromiso constatado por nuestra acreditación de 5 estrellas por parte de VisitScotland, y las continuas opiniones favorables de nuestros clientes. Existen audio-guías a su disposición en todas nuestras visitas.

Amanti della Scoperta...

Siamo dediti a garantire ogni giorno le migliori esperienze di viaggio. I nostri tour sono strutturati in modo che possiate godervi il tempo che passerete nel nostro stupendo paese e per farvi vivere la vera Scozia. La nostra missione è quella di andare oltre le vostre aspettative, un impegno riconosciuto dal nostro punteggio di 5 stelle nella classifica VisitScotland e dai costanti commenti positivi dei nostri clienti. Le Audio Guide sono disponibili in tutti i nostri tour.

Passionnés de découvertes...

Notre objectif est de vous apporter ce qu'il y a de mieux pour vos voyages. Nous avons donc conçu des circuits qui, à chaque instant, vous feront découvrir notre extraordinaire pays et vous permettront de vous donner un véritable gout de l'Écosse. Nous avons pour mission d'aller au-delà de vos attentes, tel est le sens de l'engagement que nous avons souscrit conformément à notre accréditation 5 étoiles de VisitScotland et aussi en réponse aux commentaires élogieux reçus de notre clientèle. Des guides audio sont à votre disposition pour chacun de nos voyages.

Paixão Pela Descoberta...

Dedicamo-nos a proporcionar as melhores experiências de viagem todos os dias. As nossas visitas guiadas foram concebidas para aproveitar o máximo da sua estadia no nosso maravilhoso país e para lhe proporcionar uma auténtica experiência da Escócia. A nossa missão é exceder as suas expectativas, um compromisso que é reconhecido pela nossa acreditação de 5 estrelas da VisitScotland e pela consistência do excelente retorno por parte dos nossos clientes. Encontram-se disponíveis Guias Audio em todas as nossas visitas guiadas.

热衷于发现之旅...

我们专注于每天提供最优秀的旅游体验。我们的旅游路线地图帮助您最大限度地利用您在我们的国家所度过的旅游时光，并给您一个真正的苏格兰体验。我们的使命是超越您的期待，我们有游览苏格兰5星级认证，也一直得到积极的客户评价反馈。我们所有的旅游路线都提供导游音频设备。

Travel has the ability to broaden our perspective, open our hearts, and connect us with the rich cultures and astonishing beauty of our world.

OUR GREEN STORY



To ensure that the environment and communities we visit remain welcoming and intact in the future, we created How We Tread Right (HWTR), our 5-year sustainability strategy in partnership with the TreadRight Foundation. This strategy focuses on protecting our planet, supporting people, and preserving wildlife. It includes a detailed Climate Action Plan with science-based targets to cut emissions and achieve net zero by 2050.

Find out more: highlandexplorertours.com/about-us/sustainability/were-going-net-zero



Down Under Tours

Evan Evans

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences are conscious travel experiences offered on our tours. They are chosen with great care based on the positive environmental or social impact they have on Scotland's communities and those who experience them. Look out for the MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® logo in this brochure!



RE-WILDING WITH TREES FOR LIFE

We have pioneered an Eco Scheme where you can make an optional £2 donation when booking any tour. We will match every £1 you donate, with proceeds going to a leading Scottish environmental charity, Trees for Life. Trees for Life are an award-winning charity working to restore the Caledonian Forests in the Highlands of Scotland.



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A FAMILY OF BRANDS

We at The Travel Corporation (TTC), Highland Explorer Tour's parent company, have been creating an enriching travel experience for 100 years. We provide a rich tradition of expertise, delivering exceptional hospitality, outstanding quality and superb value no matter which of our companies you choose to travel with.



1 DAY TOUR

ISLE OF SKYE & EILEAN DONAN CASTLE

HIGHLIGHTS ★

MYSTERIOUS LOCH NESS
ROMANTIC EILEAN DONAN CASTLE
OLD MAN OF STORR
ISLAND TOWN PORTREE
THE STRIKING QUIRAING AND KILT ROCK



INCLUSIONS

PASSIONATE LOCAL GUIDE
FOREIGN LANGUAGE
AUDIO GUIDES



Images: Old Man of Storr | Kilt Rock (right)

ALL YEAR

Every day

Departs 7:45am
Returns 7:45pm

Full refund if cancelled more than 24 hours in advance.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Eilean Donan Castle*

* There may be some days where Eilean Donan Castle is closed.

Leave behind the 'Capital of the Highlands' for a full day adventure through the rugged Highlands to the enchanting Isle of Skye. On this trip, it is as much about the journey to get there as it is about the island destination. The ancient mountains, unique rock formations and dramatic coastlines will take your breath away.

We depart the city of Inverness and drive alongside Loch Ness onwards through the mountains towards the West Coast. We stop at the romantic Eilean Donan Castle, where you have the option of doing a tour.*

After crossing the Skye Bridge, your guide will entertain you with stories of local legends and folklore, as well as the true tales of rival clans and a fugitive prince. Enjoy lunch in Portree, where you can visit the colourful harbour.

Marvel at the Old Man of Storr, Kilt Rock and the Quiraing before we return to the mainland. We arrive back into Inverness in the evening.



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EILEAN DONAN CASTLE

Eilean Donan Castle is situated on a sea loch surrounded by magnificent Highland scenery. This magical and idyllic setting is what makes this one of Scotland's most iconic attractions. Take a tour* to find out about the castle's colourful history.

PAY LOCALLY

ISLE OF SKYE
& EILEAN
DONAN
CASTLE



Right off the bat, Amber was a treat from the get go. Funny and jam-packed with interesting information that made this tour not only just breathtaking with how beautiful the sights were but that much more interesting. I was a skeptic for tours in general but this one made me a believer for sure. Scotland with it's history, culture and it's people is beautiful. **SAFWAN | NOVEMBER 2024**



1 DAY TOUR

HARRY POTTER TRAIN & THE SCENIC HIGHLANDS

HIGHLIGHTS ★

- WORLD-FAMOUS JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN
- ICONIC GLENFINNAN VIADUCT
- LEGENDARY LOCH NESS
- COMMANDO MEMORIAL
- SCENIC VIEWS OF BEN NEVIS

INCLUSIONS

- JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN
- RETURN COACH FROM INVERNESS
- PASSIONATE LOCAL GUIDE
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE AUDIO GUIDES



Images: Jacobite Steam Train | Loch Shiel (right)
Fort Augustus (below)



APRIL - OCTOBER

Every day*

Departs	7:30am
Returns	7:30pm

Full refund if cancelled more than 48 hours in advance.
*There are selected dates where this tour departs and returns later or does not run. Please check website availability and e-ticket details when booking.

Enjoy a full day of stunning scenery and fresh Highland air, as we travel all the way around Loch Ness and along the idyllic West Coast. Our journey reveals ancient ruins, a poignant war memorial, and beautiful beaches – with mountain backdrops never far from sight. Hop aboard the Jacobite Steam Train for a magical two hour ride along stunning coastal scenery and over the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct. Made famous by the Harry Potter films, and voted one of the world’s most scenic railways, this is a trip you’ll never forget!

We depart Inverness and begin our journey along the world-famous Loch Ness, stopping for photos above the ruins of Urquhart Castle. We continue south and visit the Commando Memorial which overlooks

the Nevis Range; home to the UK’s highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Next, it’s time to set your sights upon the Jacobite Steam Train and hop aboard at Fort William.**

Your journey through magnificent landscapes will end in the fishing port of Mallaig where you can try fresh seafood for lunch or explore the town.

Watch as awe-inspiring scenery unfolds before you as we take the stunning ‘Road to the Isles’ en route to the charming Highland village of Fort Augustus. Here, we get the chance to explore the Caledonian Canal and take a stroll by the shores of Loch Ness. Finally, we visit Dores Beach on the banks of Loch Ness, arriving back into Inverness in the evening.



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**This tour may operate in a different order.

1 DAY TOUR

HARRY POTTER
TRAIN &
THE SCENIC
HIGHLANDS



Willie was an amazing tour guide! He was very knowledgeable of the area and also hilarious and had us laughing most of the day. I just had a 10 day trip all throughout Europe and this was my favorite part of my whole trip. I'm a big Harry Potter fan, so that's why I initially booked this, but this experience would be amazing for non-fans as well, everything we saw was gorgeous. **ALLISON | JULY 2024**



1 DAY TOUR

LOCH NESS, WHISKY & OUTLANDER

HIGHLIGHTS ★

FAMOUS LOCH NESS ★ ANCIENT URQUHART CASTLE
 WHISKY DISTILLERY VISIT ★ CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD
 BEAUTIFUL BEAULY PRIORY, AS FEATURED IN OUTLANDER
 CLAVA CAIRNS STANDING STONES
 - INSPIRATION FOR CRAIGH NA DUN IN OUTLANDER



INCLUSIONS

- URQUHART CASTLE ENTRY
- BEAULY PRIORY
- LOCH NESS BOAT CRUISE
- PASSIONATE LOCAL GUIDE
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE AUDIO GUIDES



Images: Clava Cairns (left) | Urquhart Castle (right)
 Loch Ness Cruise (below) | Loch Ness (below right)



ALL YEAR

Every day

Departs 8:15am
 Returns 5:00pm

Full refund if cancelled more than 24 hours in advance.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Highland Whisky Distillery Experience
- Culloden Visitor Centre

Join us on a jam-packed journey in the Highlands and enjoy many iconic Scottish experiences in just one day. Our adventure begins at the legendary Loch Ness, where you will take a cruise and visit the ruins of Urquhart Castle for ideal monster spotting opportunities. After lunch in beautiful Beauly we visit a Highland whisky distillery, where the best way to learn about the ‘water of life’ is to taste it! Learn the true story which inspired *Outlander* at Culloden Battlefield and attempt your own journey through the stones at Clava Cairns.

Depart central Inverness and journey to the world-famous Loch Ness, where you will join a cruise to the ruins of the 13th century Urquhart Castle. Then, there’s free time to

enjoy lunch in one of the charming local cafés in beautiful Beauly and walk it off exploring Beauly Priory; featured in the *Outlander* book *Dragonfly in Amber*. Our next stop is a Highland whisky distillery, where you can learn about whisky and sample a wee dram from the bar.

Listen to tales of the Jacobite rebellions and the brutal Battle of Culloden, on our visit to Culloden Battlefield. *Outlander* fans will love the mysterious burial chambers and standing stones at Clava Cairns. When you’ve heard the harrowing history behind the *Outlander* story, you might not want to travel back in time to meet Jamie Fraser after all! We return to Inverness in the early evening.



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LOCH NESS, WHISKY & OUTLANDER



Sonia from Highland Explorer Tours was an exceptional guide on our journey to Urquhart Castle. Her friendliness and expertise made the trip unforgettable. We explored the Culloden Battlefield, visited Singleton Distillery, enjoyed a farm visit, and had a delightful lunch before cruising to Urquhart Castle. Sonia's storytelling, blending history with Outlander film trivia, was both entertaining and informative. She is a fantastic driver and kept us engaged throughout. **BHAHU | NOVEMBER 2024**



LOCH NESS CRUISE & URQUHART CASTLE

Enjoy this fully guided cruise on the mysterious Loch Ness including entry to the ruins of Urquhart Castle situated on the northwest shores of the Loch.



1 DAY TOUR

MORAY COAST, WILDLIFE & SPEYSIDE WHISKY EXPLORER

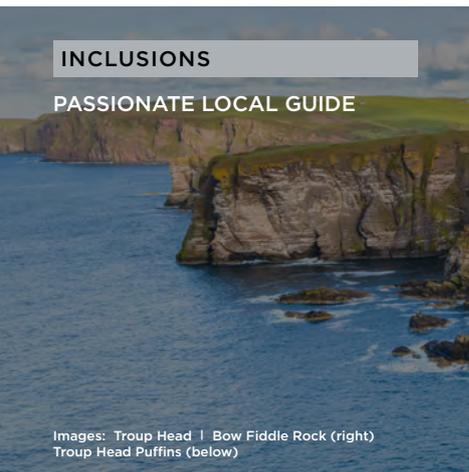
HIGHLIGHTS ★

- PRETTY FINDHORN BAY AND BEACH
- BOW FIDDLE ROCK ★ OLD PACKHORSE BRIDGE
- SEASIDE VILLAGE CULLEN
- SPEYSIDE WHISKY TASTING
- TROUP HEAD RSPB NATURE RESERVE*

SMALL GROUP TOUR

INCLUSIONS

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Images: Troup Head | Bow Fiddle Rock (right)
Troup Head Puffins (below)

APRIL - OCTOBER

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Departs	8:00am
Returns	7:15pm

Full refund if cancelled more than 24 hours in advance.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Speyside Whisky Tasting

Venture east for the day, away from the crowds of tourists, on an adventure along the Moray Firth and into ‘Malt Whisky Country’. Experience the beauty and charm of the coast: sea cliffs, wonderful beaches, picturesque fishing villages, and a famous rock formation. Discover the incredible diversity of the Moray Coast’s birdlife, and with some luck, encounter some sea life along the way. Toast our day of new experiences with our national drink in Scotland’s largest whisky producing region, Speyside. After all the fresh air, whisky and wildlife, you will be truly puffed out and in love with this incredible region.

We depart Inverness and head straight for the historic village of Findhorn, for a walk on the gorgeous beach. We trail the coast to Portknockie, where Bow Fiddle Rock,

a dramatic sea arch, sits just off the shore. Afterwards, we continue our village-hop to picture-perfect Cullen, home of the famous soup, Cullen Skink. Explore, eat lunch and get excited for the next stop. Look out for an incredible variety of seabirds like Gannets, Guillemots, and Razorbills on an invigorating walk at the RSPB’s Troup Head Nature Reserve; you might even be lucky enough to spot marine life too^!

Afterwards, we journey inland on the Malt Whisky Trail to learn all about single malt production at a Speyside whisky distillery, where tasting is the best way to learn! We make one final stop at the oldest stone bridge in the Highlands, in the small village of Carrbridge, before returning to Inverness in the evening.



SCOTLAND’S COASTAL WILDLIFE ^

Scotland’s coasts are a haven for seabirds and wildlife, including puffins, gannets, and otters. The nesting months, from April to August, provide the perfect opportunity to observe these animals as they breed and raise their young in stunning coastal habitats.

* Walk not suitable for people with mobility issues.
^ Please note: wildlife encounters cannot be guaranteed.

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MORAY COAST,
WILDLIFE &
SPEYSIDE WHISKY
EXPLORER



What a wonderful day, lead by the wonderful Willie! Willie is a really knowledgeable guide, he is so enthusiastic about this tour and I can see why. Willie made sure we had time to visit each site, but also personalised it to meet the passengers interests! We were lucky enough to see red squirrels, seals, dolphins, a variety of birds and of course the hairy coos!
CLAIRE | AUGUST 2024



1 DAY TOUR

CAWDOR CASTLE & CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK

HIGHLIGHTS ★

- LEGENDARY CAWDOR CASTLE
- CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK
- ANCIENT SCOTS PINE FOREST
- MYSTERIOUS CLAVA CAIRNS STONES
- MEET A HIGHLAND COW

SMALL GROUP TOUR

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Images: Highland Cow | Cawdor Castle (right)

APRIL

Monday & Wednesday

MAY - OCTOBER

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Departs	8:45am
Returns	5:00pm

Full refund if cancelled more than 24 hours in advance.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Cawdor Castle & Gardens* R

From ancient Bronze Age sites like the Clava Cairns stones to the legendary Cawdor Castle, each place that you'll visit on this trip offers a unique glimpse into Scotland's storied past. Along the journey, you'll encounter local wildlife, meet a highland cow and explore the rare ancient Scots Pine forests. Take a midday lunch stop in the lively town of Aviemore before heading to Cairngorms National Park to soak in its spectacular mountain scenery. A splendid day full of history, nature, and local culture!

Begin your journey at the ancient Clava Cairns, one of Scotland's most well-preserved Bronze Age sites. Explore the legendary Cawdor Castle* as you wander through its historic halls and beautifully landscaped gardens. At our next stop, you'll get to meet one of Scotland's favourite four-legged locals - the iconic hairy coo^ - before taking a stroll through the ancient Scots Pine Forest.

After lunch in Aviemore, we'll venture into Cairngorms National Park, taking in the stunning scenery, and, with luck, maybe even wildlife sightings! Conclude your adventure at Rothiemurchus Farm Shop, where you get the chance to savour delicious local treats.



CAWDOR CASTLE*

Enjoy a discounted entry fee when visiting Cawdor Castle and its gardens on this trip. Wander through enchanting gardens, explore the castle where Shakespeare's Macbeth was set, and discover the legendary thorn tree at the heart of this unique Scottish gem.

* Please note that there are limited alternative activities nearby, so booking the castle entrance in advance is essential to make the most of your time here. Please note the pay locally price is £16.50.

^ The order of stops may vary, so you might see highland cows at a different point in the journey.

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*Amazing day, made even better by our tour guide, Stewart.
He shared so many wonderful facts, stories and music.
Scenery was incredible. A truly memorable day.*
MARGOT | AUGUST 2024

CAWDOR CASTLE & CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK



HIGHLAND HOSPITALITY

Accommodation is included in all our multi-day tours. On the '3 Day Isle of Skye, Loch Ness & West Highlands' and '5 Day Isle of Skye Volunteer Adventure', you'll stay at The Skye Inn, our very own Deluxe B&B in Portree on the Isle of Skye. Experience modern Scottish comforts and warm island hospitality, with cosy ensuite rooms, home-cooked meals, and local beers or drams by the fire.



Image: Portree



Image: The Skye Inn

The Skye Inn is located a short walk from the main square and colourful harbour with an excellent range of restaurants. Your stay includes a traditional Scottish cooked breakfast every morning with gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian options available.

ROOM TYPES*

TWIN ROOM

One room with two separate beds suitable for one adult in each bed.

DOUBLE ROOM

One room with one bed suitable for two adults.

FAMILY 3

One room with two separate beds. One bed suitable for two adults and one bed suitable for one adult/child.

SINGLE

One room with one bed suitable for one adult.

*For the '5 Day Isle of Skye Volunteer Adventure', accommodation is included on a twin-share basis. Single travellers will be allocated a twin room to share with another member of the group.



Image: The Skye Inn, Bedroom | Breakfast (below)



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ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

We are committed to making your tour with us as enjoyable as possible no matter what your individual needs are. Nevertheless, there are certain limitations that may arise due to the local and rural nature of Scotland.

WHEELCHAIRS AND MOBILITY IN THE HIGHLANDS

Our guides are not able to assist with wheelchairs or offer physical assistance when embarking or disembarking from the bus. Passengers should be able to board and disembark the coach themselves using the access stairs or with the assistance of a travelling companion. Due to the rural nature of Highland towns and villages, getting to and from the accommodation establishments may require short to medium-distance walking some of which may involve walking on sloping streets and uneven paths.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Guest houses and B&Bs only provide breakfast whereas hotels have dinner and breakfast options available. There will always be vegetarian options available but in more rural locations, gluten free and dairy free options may be limited. It will not be possible for guests to prepare their own food in guest house, B&B or hotel kitchens.

If you have any accessibility requirements, please contact us before booking. One of our experienced reservations staff will be more than happy to assist with your enquiry.

For our full accessibility statement, go to highlandexplorertours.com/essential-info/accessibility

The West Highland Line has been voted 'Top Rail Journey of the World' in Wanderlust Magazine for several years and you'll understand why as soon as you hop on board.

JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN



Starting in Mallaig or Fort William, the train visits Arisaig, Britain's most westerly railway station, and from the coast you can see the 'Small Isles' of Rum, Eigg, Muck, and the stunning white beaches used in films such as *Local Hero* and *Highlander*.

The Jacobite Steam Train then passes through Glenfinnan where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard to begin his ill-fated claim to the throne in 1745.

The Jacobite Steam Train was featured in a number of Harry Potter movies as the 'Hogwarts Express', crossing

over the 21 arches of the impressive Glenfinnan Viaduct with breathtaking views of Loch Shiel.

The Jacobite Steam Train is an outstanding way to take in the beautiful scenery of the Scottish West Coast and we guarantee it is an experience you will never forget.

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3 DAY TOUR

ORKNEY ISLANDS & THE NORTHERN HIGHLANDS

HIGHLIGHTS ★

JOHN O'GROATS, NORTHERNMOST POINT OF BRITAIN
 DRAMATIC YESNABY CLIFFS ★ NEOLITHIC SKARA BRAE
 STRIKING DUNCANSBY HEAD
 KIRKWALL, CAPITAL OF ORKNEY
 ANCIENT RING OF BRODGAR



INCLUSIONS

- 2 NIGHTS B&B ACCOMMODATION
- SKARA BRAE
- ITALIAN CHAPEL
- FERRY CROSSING TO ORKNEY
- PASSIONATE LOCAL GUIDE

Images: Brodgar | Duncansby (right)
 Yesnaby Cliffs (below)



APRIL - SEPTEMBER

Monday

Departs 7:30am
 Returns 6:00pm

ACCOMMODATION

B&B accommodation is included.
 See page 16 for details.

Per person price based on double / twin share accommodation. Please see T&Cs on website for cancellation policy.

Set off on our 3-day Orkney tour from Inverness and experience the best of Scotland's history and scenery. Marvel at Dunrobin Castle, enjoy fresh coastal air at John O'Groats, and cross the Pentland Firth - who knows, you might spot a whale! Explore Kirkwall's Norse heritage, uncover the ancient wonders of Skara Brae, and stand in awe at the Ring of Brodgar.

DAY ONE | We leave Inverness and head north to admire the iconic Dunrobin Castle, overlooking the stunning Moray Firth. Journeying along the legendary North Coast 500, we reach John O'Groats, the UK mainland's most northerly point. After exploring this famous landmark, we sail to the Orkney Islands, where you might spot grey seals or orcas crossing the Pentland Firth. Enjoy free time in Kirkwall, wandering its charming streets and soaking in local culture, before heading to our accommodation.

(Overnight: Kirkwall)

DAY TWO | Today, we delve into Orkney's rich history and striking landscapes. Visit the Standing Stones of Stennes and the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar. Explore Skara Brae, a perfectly preserved Stone Age village, and take a scenic walk to the Yesnaby Cliffs with dramatic sea stacks. End the day

at Brough of Birsay, a tidal island with archaeological wonders and stunning views. (Overnight: Kirkwall)

DAY THREE | Before leaving Orkney, we visit the charming hairy pigs at a local farm and the moving Italian Chapel, built by Italian WWII prisoners. After a morning of discovery, we sail back to the mainland, stopping at Duncansby Head for sweeping North Sea views. Finally, we explore Lybster on the Caithness coast and the historic town of Dornoch with its beautiful cathedral, returning to Inverness by early evening.



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2 = no. of overnights

ORKNEY
ISLANDS & THE
NORTHERN
HIGHLANDS



I think Duffy did an excellent job giving a tour to my family, who have never been nor know anything about Scotland and its lavish history. Taking us to a plethora of natural scenic sites and towns, Duffy gave our tour an authentic insight as to why Scotland deserves its place on the map by showing us what it has to offer. NAGESH | APRIL 2024



3 DAY TOUR

ISLE OF SKYE, LOCH NESS & THE WEST HIGHLANDS

HIGHLIGHTS ★

- WORLD-FAMOUS JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN
- STUNNING ISLE OF SKYE ★ ENCHANTING FAIRY POOLS
- MYSTERIOUS LOCH NESS ★ CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD
- ICONIC EILEAN DONAN CASTLE ★ CLAVA CAIRNS
- HIGHLAND WHISKY DISTILLERY EXPERIENCE



INCLUSIONS

- 2 NIGHTS B&B ACCOMMODATION AT THE SKYE INN
- FERRY CROSSING TO THE ISLE OF SKYE
- PASSIONATE LOCAL GUIDE

Images: Jacobite Steam Train | Fairy Pools (right) Whisky Distillery Experience (below)



APRIL - OCTOBER

Friday

Departs 7:30am
Returns 5:00pm

Per person price based on double / family / twin share accommodation. Please see T&Cs on website for cancellation policy.

ACCOMMODATION

Deluxe B&B accommodation is included. See page 16 for details.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Jacobite Steam Train (P)
- Whisky Experience (P)

Prepare for a spectacular experience of the Highlands and the enchanting Isle of Skye. Venture through a range of iconic scenery and get the chance to ride the world-famous Jacobite Steam Train. Be inspired by Scottish myths and legends as you take in many local gems: from the legendary Loch Ness and Eilean Donan Castle to cascading waterfalls and the Fairy Pools on the Isle of Skye. Every part of this journey uncovers a little more of Scotland's unique heritage.

DAY ONE | We depart Inverness in the morning and begin our journey along the mysterious Loch Ness before stopping at the Commando Memorial with views of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. We embark the Jacobite Steam Train for a scenic two-hour ride with spectacular views of the Highlands and Scotland's scenic west coast, before taking the ferry over to our island destination, the Isle of Skye. (Overnight: Portree)

DAY TWO | We begin our morning exploring the enchanting Fairy Pools, a series of natural waterfalls with crystal clear water on the River Brittle. We drive to the quaint village of Dunvegan for lunch before taking a fabulous walk through the Quiraing. Our journey continues to the impressive the Kilt Rock and

the iconic Old Man of Storr before arriving back in Portree with free time to explore. (Overnight: Portree)

DAY THREE | We bid farewell to the Isle of Skye and visit the romantic Eilean Donan Castle, said to be Scotland's most photographed castle. We replenish our energy with lunch in the quaint village of Beauly before sampling the 'water of life' at a Highland whisky distillery. Our adventure resumes with a visit to the historic Culloden Battlefield, followed by the standing stones of Clava Cairns, arriving back in Inverness in the early evening.



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ISLE OF SKYE,
LOCH NESS
& THE WEST
HIGHLANDS



Sonia was an absolutely FANTASTIC tour guide! She was a delight as a tour guide and showed us all the best spots along the way. She put thought and care into crafting an itinerary that would get us to all the best spots on the Isle of Skye and was receptive to the interests of people on the tour. She also went out of our way to make the experience memorable and fun. ERICA | SEPTEMBER 2024



5 DAY TOUR

ISLE OF SKYE VOLUNTEER ADVENTURE

HIGHLIGHTS ★

TORMORE FOREST VOLUNTEER PROJECT
 IMMERSIVE GAELIC LANGUAGE WORKSHOP
 FAIRY POOLS ★ TORABHAIG DISTILLERY
 EILEAN DONAN CASTLE ★ KILT ROCK
 OLD MAN OF STORR



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER
 See page 5

INCLUSIONS

4 NIGHTS B&B
 TWIN-SHARE
 ACCOMMODATION
 AT THE SKYE INN*
 GAELIC LANGUAGE WORKSHOP
 PASSIONATE LOCAL GUIDE

Images: Tormore Forest | Eilean Donan Castle (right)
 Five Sisters of Kintail (far right) | Isle of Skye (below right)



27 OCTOBER 2025

Departs 8:30am
 Returns 5:30pm

*Single travellers will be allocated a twin room to share with another member of the group.

ACCOMMODATION

Deluxe B&B accommodation is included.
 See page 16 for details.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Eilean Donan Castle (P)
- Torabhaig Distillery (P)

Immerse yourself in the magic of the Isle of Skye and spend a transformative volunteer holiday on the Sleat Peninsula. This adventure is the perfect balance of sightseeing and volunteering while making a positive impact on Scotland's unique landscapes and local communities.

We have partnered with the Sleat Community Trust to help transform the forest of Tormore through tree planting, path building, and repair. It's not all hard toil; after volunteering on the Isle of Skye each morning, we will spend the afternoons exploring romantic castles, local whisky distilleries, and natural waterfalls. We even get the chance to learn some Scottish Gaelic and hear about all the myths, legends, and tales that form Scotland's rich history.

DAY ONE | We depart Inverness, driving along Loch Ness to the west coast with a chance of spotting its legendary creature 'Nessie'. Journey through Glen Shiel, steeped in historic battles, before visiting Eilean Donan Castle. We head to the Isle of Skye for lunch in the capital island town of Portree, before exploring

iconic landmarks like Kilt Rock, Old Man of Storr, and the Quiraing. We arrive back in Portree to check into The Skye Inn, our warm and cosy home for the next four nights. (Overnight: Portree)

DAY TWO | After a hearty Scottish breakfast, we journey past the rugged Cuillin Mountain Range, delving into captivating stories of clan feuds and warfare. We arrive in Tormore Forest, where we meet the Sleat Community Trust team for tree planting and path repair. After lunch, we explore the enchanting Fairy Pools, nestled against steep-sided mountains. (Overnight: Portree)

DAY THREE | Our journey resumes with another busy morning in the forest - a lovely boost for the soul! In the afternoon we learn more about the founding language of Scotland at the National Centre for Gaelic Language and Culture, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. Our visit includes a tour, lecture, and Gaelic tutoring taster session. (Overnight: Portree)

DAY FOUR | Our physical effort this morning is balanced with a laid-back afternoon exploring Sleat and its hidden beaches and rocky shorelines, art galleries and local shops - the perfect opportunity to pick up a souvenir from your time on Skye. (Overnight: Portree)



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4 = no. of overnights

“ We helped to build new paths for future visitors to come, planted hazelnut trees and build two new bridges which were installed along the path. It was such a great and rewarding experience for us, not only to visit the mesmerizing Isle of Skye but also to give something back to the community. Our tour guide Harrison, the team at Skye Inn and the people of the Sleat Community Trust were very welcoming and made sure everyone had a great time! LAURA | MARCH 2024

DAY FIVE | Our morning volunteering on the Isle of Skye will be well-rewarded after lunch with a visit to the distillery at Torabhaig, the second ever licensed Single Malt Scotch Whisky Distillery on the Isle of Skye. You will have the opportunity to take an optional tour, learn the secrets to the ‘water of life’ and make a toast to all the hard work and positive changes we have made – Slàinte! The perfect way to celebrate our week of hard work and adventure before returning through the stunning Highland scenery to Inverness.



ABOUT THE TORMORE FOREST VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Tormore Forest is a community-owned forest on the beautiful Sleat Peninsula of the Isle of Skye; with spellbinding views to the Scottish mainland and small isles. The forest contains the remains of historical settlements that have great potential to be used by the residents and visitors to the island, but the community needs more helping hands to make the forest more accessible. Through tree planting, trail building, and invasive plant eradication, you will help to create a new fascinating site of interest and support the development of a wonderful local-driven project.



TOURS AT A GLANCE

Please arrive 15 minutes before departure for check-in

DAY	TOURS	DEPARTS	RETURNS
MONDAY	1 Day Harry Potter Train & The Scenic Highlands (April - October)*	7:30am**	7:30pm
	1 Day Loch Ness, Whisky & Outlander (All year)	8:15am	5:00pm
	1 Day Isle of Skye & Eilean Donan Castle (All year)	7:45am	7:45pm
	1 Day Cawdor Castle & Cairngorms National Park (April - October)	8:45am	5:00pm
	3 Day Orkney Islands & The Northern Highlands (April - September)	7:30am	6:00pm
	5 Day Isle of Skye Volunteer Adventure (27 October 2025)	8:30am	5:30pm
TUESDAY	1 Day Harry Potter Train & The Scenic Highlands (April - October)*	7:30am**	7:30pm
	1 Day Loch Ness, Whisky & Outlander (All year)	8:15am	5:00pm
	1 Day Isle of Skye & Eilean Donan Castle (All year)	7:45am	7:45pm
	1 Day Moray Coast, Wildlife & Speyside Whisky Explorer (April - October)	8:00am	7:15pm
WEDNESDAY	1 Day Harry Potter Train & The Scenic Highlands (April - October)*	7:30am**	7:30pm
	1 Day Loch Ness, Whisky & Outlander (All year)	8:15am	5:00pm
	1 Day Isle of Skye & Eilean Donan Castle (All year)	7:45am	7:45pm
	1 Day Cawdor Castle & Cairngorms National Park (April - October)	8:45am	5:00pm
THURSDAY	1 Day Harry Potter Train & The Scenic Highlands (April - October)*	7:30am**	7:30pm
	1 Day Loch Ness, Whisky & Outlander (All year)	8:15am	5:00pm
	1 Day Isle of Skye & Eilean Donan Castle (All year)	7:45am	7:45pm
	1 Day Moray Coast, Wildlife & Speyside Whisky Explorer (April - October)	8:00am	7:15pm
FRIDAY	1 Day Harry Potter Train & The Scenic Highlands (April - October)*	7:30am**	7:30pm
	1 Day Loch Ness, Whisky & Outlander (All year)	8:15am	5:00pm
	1 Day Isle of Skye & Eilean Donan Castle (All year)	7:45am	7:45pm
	1 Day Cawdor Castle & Cairngorms National Park (May - October)	8:45am	5:00pm
	3 Day Isle of Skye, Loch Ness & The West Highlands (April - October)	7:30am	5:00pm
SATURDAY	1 Day Harry Potter Train & The Scenic Highlands (April - October)*	7:30am**	7:30pm
	1 Day Loch Ness, Whisky & Outlander (All year)	8:15am	5:00pm
	1 Day Isle of Skye & Eilean Donan Castle (All year)	7:45am	7:45pm </td
	1 Day Moray Coast, Wildlife & Speyside Whisky Explorer (April - October)	8:00am	7:15pm
SUNDAY	1 Day Harry Potter Train & The Scenic Highlands (April - October)*	7:30am**	7:30pm
	1 Day Loch Ness, Whisky & Outlander (All year)	8:15am	5:00pm
	1 Day Isle of Skye & Eilean Donan Castle (All year)	7:45am	7:45pm

* Selected dates only. ** Some tours will depart at 9:30am and return at 9:00pm. Please check e-ticket for your departure time. Due to vehicle availability, for the small group experience there may be instances where small group tours operate on a larger bus.

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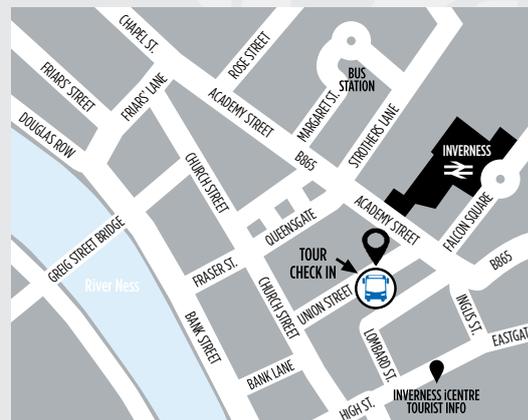
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