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- 🌐 Loch Ness
- 🌐 Outlander



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OVER 96% OF OUR TRAVELLERS
RECOMMEND US ON TRIPADVISOR



Image: Loch Leven and Loch Linhe



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.



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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 a Loch Ness boat cruise; 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 | 10% when two day tours are booked together.

AUDIO GUIDES

We offer free foreign language audio guides on all day tours, see page 4 for more information.

HIGHLAND DAY TOURS

TOUR ROUTE

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS & LOCH NESS

TOUR ROUTE

WEST HIGHLANDS, GLEN COE & THE JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN

TOUR ROUTE

OUTLANDER CASTLES & THE SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE

Please note: white dots on all maps don't necessarily mean the tour stops there, we may just pass by. Please check with our reservations team to avoid disappointment.

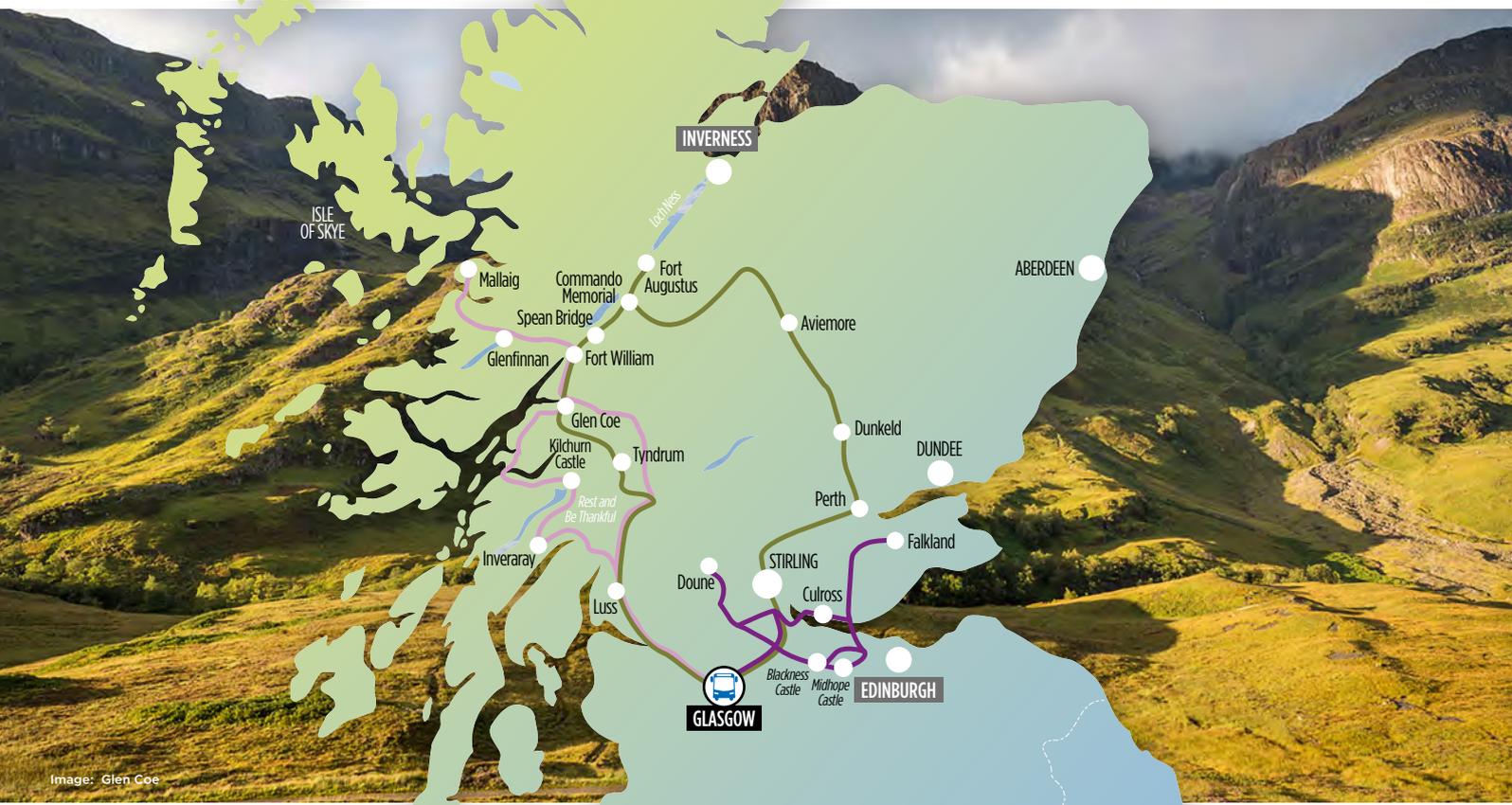


Image: Glen Coe



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.

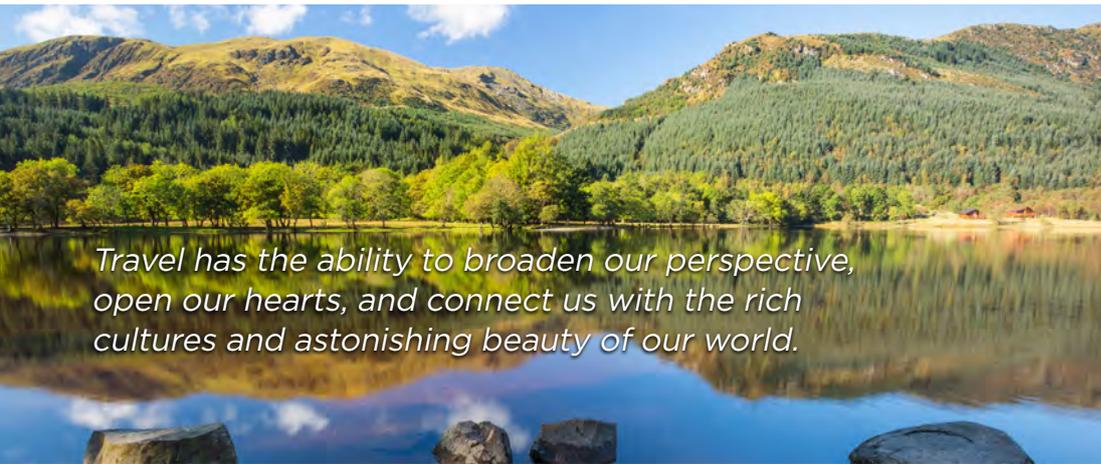
热衷于发现之旅...

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这美丽无比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。

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/were-going-net-zero



OUR GREEN STORY



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



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. Find out more: highlandexplorertours.com/about-us/sustainability/make-travel-matter



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 Forest in the Highlands of Scotland. [Trees for Life](#)

5 DAY TOUR



ISLE OF SKYE VOLUNTEER ADVENTURE

DEPARTS FROM INVERNESS

27 October 2025

We are constantly seeking new opportunities to involve conscious travel experiences in our itineraries that make a positive environmental and social impact on Scotland's unique landscapes and communities.

If you've always wanted to mingle with the locals in Scotland and love being active in the outdoors, then the 5-day Isle of Skye Volunteer Adventure ticks all the boxes.

Check out our [website for more information](#)

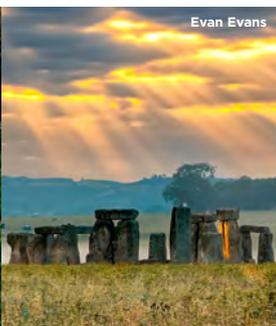


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We at The Travel Corporation (TTC), Highland Explorer Tours' parent company, have been creating an enriching travel experience for 100 years. We provide a rich tradition of expertise, delivering exceptional hospitality, outstanding quality and superb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



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1 DAY TOUR

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS & LOCH NESS

HIGHLIGHTS ★

BOAT CRUISE ON MYSTERIOUS LOCH NESS
 FORT AUGUSTUS, HIGHLAND VILLAGE
 DRAMATIC GLEN COE
 LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK
 CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK



INCLUSIONS

PASSIONATE LOCAL GUIDE
 AUDIO GUIDE



Images: Loch Ness Cruise | Glen Coe (right)

APRIL

Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
 Saturday & Sunday

MAY - OCTOBER

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
 Friday & Sunday

Departs 7:30am
 Returns 7:00pm

Full refund if cancelled more than 24 hours in advance.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Loch Ness Cruise R

Join our Loch Ness tour from Glasgow for an unforgettable full-day adventure, starting with a visit to the breathtaking Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. Then, head deep into the Highlands to discover legendary Loch Ness, where you can try your luck at spotting Nessie from the shore or on a boat cruise. Along the way, uncover the stories of Scotland's dramatic past while taking in iconic sights like Glen Coe, the Great Glen, and, if you're lucky, a glimpse of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis.

Start your day with a scenic drive through Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, where you'll soak up views of Scotland's first national park and the legendary landscapes that inspired tales of Rob Roy.

Next, venture into the dramatic Highlands, with a stop at the hauntingly beautiful Glen Coe, known for its towering peaks and tragic history.

As we travel further north, enjoy stunning views of the Commando Monument and the Nevis Range, home to Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis.

Arriving in the charming village of Fort Augustus, you'll have time to explore the banks of Loch Ness. Keep an eye out for Nessie on an optional boat cruise, or simply unwind along the Caledonian Canal.

Your journey continues through the rugged beauty of Cairngorms National Park, before heading back south, returning to Glasgow in the evening.

LOCH NESS CRUISE

Get the chance to explore the depths of the mysterious Loch Ness and search for the legendary monster that is Nessie. The boat uses the very latest high-tech colour sonar and underwater imaging systems to enhance the search for the monster. Sit back and marvel at the bonnie banks of the loch while enjoying a hot drink or a dram of whisky in the onboard bar. Reserve your cruise at the time of booking to guarantee your seat. Cruise duration is approximately 50 minutes.

BOOK NOW





We had the most fabulous tour guide in Louise. She was a fountain of knowledge and told the most amazing stories. Scotland is a beautiful country and I can't wait to come back and see it again.

LEON | AUGUST 2024

SCOTTISH
HIGHLANDS &
LOCH NESS



1 DAY TOUR

WEST HIGHLANDS, GLEN COE & THE JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN

HIGHLIGHTS ★

JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN - AKA HOGWARTS EXPRESS
GLENFINNAN VIADUCT
STUNNING GLEN COE
LOCHSIDE TOWN INVERARAY

INCLUSIONS

PASSIONATE LOCAL GUIDE
2-HOUR RIDE ON
THE JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN
RETURN COACH
FROM GLASGOW
AUDIO GUIDE



Images: Jacobite Steam Train | Loch Shiel (right)
Glen Coe (below)



MAY

Monday, Wednesday & Saturday

JUNE - SEPTEMBER

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday

Departs 6:30am
Returns 7:30pm

Full refund if cancelled more than 48 hours in advance.

Prepare for a day packed with some of Scotland's most famous highlights! Travel by the shores of our most magical lochs, explore towns bursting with history and character, visit Glen Coe, and top it all off with a once-in-a-lifetime ride on the Jacobite Steam Train - the real Hogwarts Express from the Harry Potter films.

Leaving Glasgow in the morning, we traverse through Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park and the wilderness of Rannoch Moor, before stopping at iconic Glen Coe.

Then, get excited for the famous Jacobite Steam Train! Departing from Fort William, the train winds its way along Scotland's

rugged west coast, crossing the legendary Glenfinnan Viaduct, known from the Harry Potter films. Disembark the train in Mallaig, with time to explore the town and find a local lunch spot.

After lunch, we continue along the scenic Appin coast, passing by Kilchurn Castle, nestled on the shores of Loch Awe. Next, we visit Inveraray for a brief exploration and a stroll along the peaceful waters of Loch Fyne.

As we make our way back to Glasgow, enjoy stunning views of the Arrochar Alps as we pass by the renowned Rest and Be Thankful viewpoint, arriving back in the city in the evening.

BOOK NOW



WEST HIGHLANDS,
GLEN COE &
THE JACOBITE
STEAM TRAIN

“ *The Potterhead in me was absolutely thrilled with the Jacobite train ride, and the explorer in me was amazed to learn so many stories about the highlands and Scotland in general.*

KATHUARIA | SEPTEMBER 2024



1 DAY TOUR

OUTLANDER CASTLES & THE SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE

HIGHLIGHTS ★

DOUNE CASTLE, PORTRAYED AS CASTLE LEOCH
 CULROSS, THE FICTIONAL VILLAGE OF CRANESMUIR
 BLACKNESS CASTLE, FEATURED AS FORT WILLIAM
 MIDHOPE CASTLE, THE REAL-LIFE LALLYBROCH
 ROYAL BURGH OF FALKLAND, SETTING FOR 1940'S INVERNESS



INCLUSIONS

PASSIONATE LOCAL GUIDE
 AUDIO GUIDE



Images: Falkland | Blackness Castle (right)



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APRIL

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

MAY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

JUNE - OCTOBER

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Departs 8:30am
 Returns 6:00pm

Full refund if cancelled more than 24 hours in advance.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Doone Castle* R
- Blackness Castle R
- Midhope Castle* R

Step into the world of Jamie and Claire from *Outlander* with a local guide who brings to life the dramatic history and stories that inspired Diana Gabaldon. Departing from Glasgow, this adventure takes you to iconic *Outlander* filming locations, including Midhope Castle, the real-life Lallybroch; Doune Castle, the seat of Clan MacKenzie; and the striking Blackness Castle, which served as Fort William. With fascinating insights into the history and tales behind each site, this tour is perfect for those seeking an immersive *Outlander* experience in a day.

We leave Glasgow and head to Doune Castle, known to *Outlander* fans as Castle Leoch, the home of Clan MacKenzie. Explore this impressive 14th-century fortress and imagine life in the Highlands as it was in the series.

Next, visit Culross, the setting for the fictional Cranesmuir. Wander the cobbled streets and see Claire's herb garden. This picturesque village is a highlight for fans of both history and *Outlander*.

In Falkland, explore the town that doubled as 1940s Inverness. Enjoy a leisurely lunch and explore iconic landmarks like the Bruce Fountain.

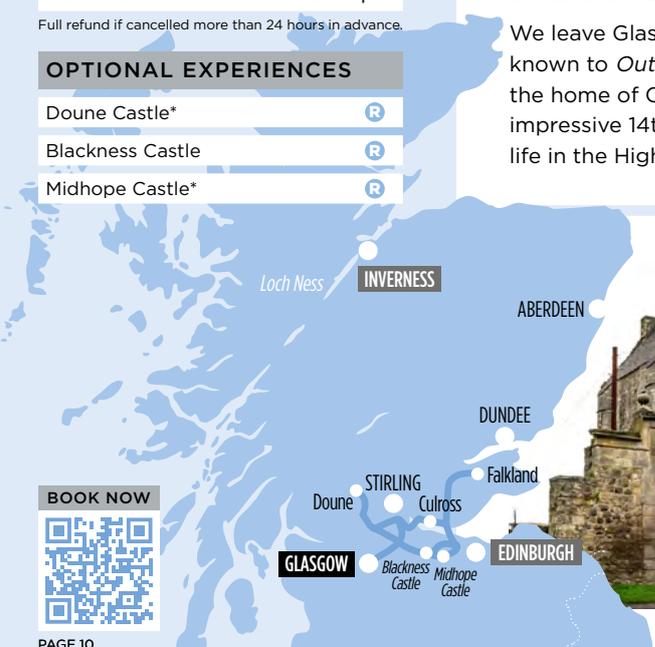
Our next stop is Midhope Castle, known as Lallybroch, Jamie's ancestral home.

Finally, take in striking Blackness Castle, which served as Fort William. Enjoy stunning views over the Firth of Forth, then we'll return to Glasgow, arriving in time for dinner.

MIDHOPE CASTLE

Dating back to the 15th century and nestled amidst the lush green landscapes of the Hopetoun Estate, Midhope Castle is bound to captivate *Outlander* fans' hearts. Used as the *Outlander* filming location for Lallybroch, Jamie Fraser's ancestral home, its enchanting setting lets you relive your favourite moments from the show.

*Please note that there are dates throughout the year where Midhope Castle and Doune Castle are closed for estate activity and filming. Order of attractions may be subject to change.



BOOK NOW



1 DAY TOUR

OUTLANDER
CASTLES &
THE SCOTTISH
COUNTRYSIDE



What an experience! Thanks to LOVELY Tiegan for guiding us through the day! Even though we didn't find Jamie, Tiegan keeps us entertained between the tour-stops with history and fascinating curiosity. This Outlander tour will be a memory for life!

YIVA | APRIL 2024



TOURS AT A GLANCE

Please arrive 15 minutes before departure for check-in

DAY	TOURS	DEPARTS	RETURNS
MONDAY	1 Day Scottish Highlands & Loch Ness (April)	7:30am	7:00pm
	1 Day West Highlands, Glen Coe & The Jacobite Steam Train (May - September)	6:30am	7:30pm
	1 Day Outlander Castles & The Scottish Countryside (April - October)	8:30am	6:00pm
TUESDAY	1 Day Scottish Highlands & Loch Ness (May - October)	7:30am	7:00pm
	1 Day Outlander Castles & The Scottish Countryside (May - October)	8:30am	6:00pm
WEDNESDAY	1 Day Scottish Highlands & Loch Ness (April - October)	7:30am	7:00pm
	1 Day West Highlands, Glen Coe & The Jacobite Steam Train (May - September)	6:30am	7:30pm
	1 Day Outlander Castles & The Scottish Countryside (April)	8:30am	6:00pm
THURSDAY	1 Day Scottish Highlands & Loch Ness (May - October)	7:30am	7:00pm
	1 Day Outlander Castles & The Scottish Countryside (April - October)	8:30am	6:00pm
FRIDAY	1 Day Scottish Highlands & Loch Ness (April - October)	7:30am	7:00pm
	1 Day West Highlands, Glen Coe & The Jacobite Steam Train (June - September)	6:30am	7:30pm
	1 Day Outlander Castles & The Scottish Countryside (April - May)	8:30am	6:00pm
SATURDAY	1 Day Scottish Highlands & Loch Ness (April)	7:30am	7:00pm
	1 Day West Highlands, Glen Coe & The Jacobite Steam Train (May - September)	6:30am	7:30pm
	1 Day Outlander Castles & The Scottish Countryside (April - October)	8:30am	6:00pm
SUNDAY	1 Day Scottish Highlands & Loch Ness (April - October)	7:30am	7:00pm

Due to vehicle availability, for the small group experience there may be instances where small group tours operate on a larger bus.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION | HOW TO BOOK

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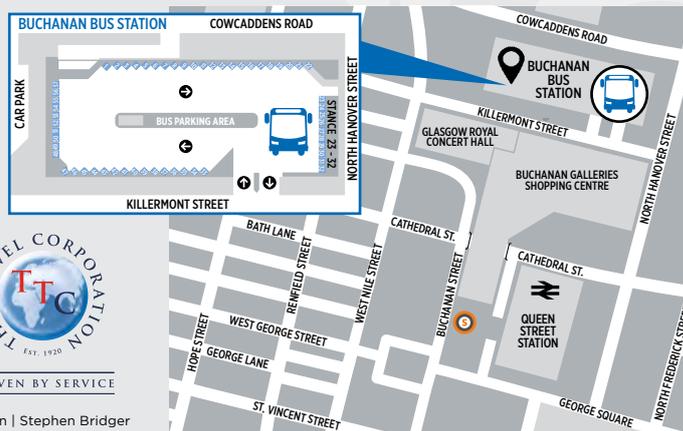
ALL TOURS DEPART FROM:

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Buchanan Bus Station
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Glasgow G2 3NW

Please arrive 15 minutes
before departure time.

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