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Welcome to Scotland

2027 10 - Day Heart of Scotland Small Group Coach Tour – (ITFY)

10 days

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OUTLINE

DAY 1

9:00 AM | Mercedes Sprinter or similar luxury vehicle
Coach charter

Day 1 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Edinburgh Castle
Tour • Edinburgh EH1 2NG, United Kingdom

6:00 PM | Dinner
Meal

2:30 PM | Accommodation (1 night)
Edinburgh EH1 2HJ, United Kingdom

DAY 2

9:00 AM | Mercedes Sprinter or similar luxury vehicle
Coach charter

Day 2 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Loch Lomond
Loch Lomond

Glencoe
Glencoe

Ballachulish
Ballachulish

Fort William
Fort William

3:00 PM | Accommodation (1 night)
Fort William PH33 6RQ, United Kingdom

6:00 PM | Dinner
Meal

DAY 3

Day 3 & 4 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Accommodation (2 nights)
Portree IV51 9EH, United Kingdom

6:00 PM | Dinner
Meal

DAY 4

Skye
Isle of Skye

Eilean Donan Castle
Activity • Dornie IV40 8DX, United Kingdom

6:00 PM | Dinner
Meal

DAY 5

Day 5 & 6 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre
Activity • Inverness IV2 5EU, United Kingdom

Inverness
Inverness

6:00 PM | Dinner
Meal

Accommodation (2 nights)
Inverness IV2 3LP, United Kingdom

DAY 6

Loch Ness
Loch Ness

Cruise Loch Ness
Activity • Fort Augustus PH32 4BD, United Kingdom

6:00 PM | Dinner
Meal

DAY 7

Day 7 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Cairngorms National Park
Activity • Grantown on Spey PH26 3HG, United Kingdom

Pitlochry
Pitlochry

6:00 PM | Dinner
Meal

Accommodation (1 night)
Aberdeen AB15 4YN, United Kingdom

DAY 8

Day 8 & 9 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

St. Andrews

Edinburgh
Edinburgh

6:00 PM | Dinner
Meal

2:30 PM | Accommodation (2 nights)
Edinburgh EH1 2HJ, United Kingdom

DAY 9

Gwen Edinburgh Private Walking Tour
Tour

6:00 PM | Dinner
Meal

DAY 10

9:00 AM | Mercedes Sprinter or similar luxury vehicle
Coach charter

Day 1

Mercedes Sprinter or similar luxury vehicle

Coach charter

These luxury mini coaches seat **13–16 passengers** in comfort, with generous luggage space to accommodate **up to 20 suitcases**. With plenty of head and legroom, it's an ideal way to travel as a small group, combining ease, comfort, and great sightseeing flow.

Coach features include: reclining seats, cup holders, and multi-zone air conditioning.

Your **Driver-Guide** is included for up to **8 hours per day**. Most days begin around **9:00 AM** and finish between **5:00–6:00 PM**, allowing time for a relaxed pace with typically **2–3 planned stops or attractions** along the route.

Date and time

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End: Day 1 at 6:00 PM

Details

Mercedes Sprinter or similar luxury vehicle (per transfer) x 1

Check-in instructions

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Day 1 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Day 1: Arrive Edinburgh – Castle Visit & Group Dinner

Arrive into **Edinburgh** today and get your first taste of Scotland's capital, where historic streets, elegant architecture, and a lively atmosphere set the scene for the journey ahead. Once everyone is gathered, head out to visit the iconic **Edinburgh Castle**, perched high above the city on an ancient volcanic rock—an unforgettable introduction to Edinburgh's history and panoramic views across the rooftops.
This evening, enjoy a relaxed **group dinner**, a lovely chance to settle in, get to know your fellow travellers, and toast the start of the trip. Afterwards, return to your **Edinburgh hotel** for a comfortable overnight stay.

Edinburgh Castle

Tour • Edinburgh EH1 2NG, United Kingdom

Perched dramatically on top of Castle Rock, **Edinburgh Castle** has been keeping watch over the city for centuries. One of Europe's oldest fortified sites, it has played many roles over the years, from royal residence and military stronghold to prison and power base, and it has stories for days.
Climb Castle Hill and follow in the footsteps of kings, queens, soldiers, and the occasional troublemaker from Scotland's past. Inside the castle walls, you will discover the Crown Jewels of Scotland, the legendary Stone of Destiny, and some of the best panoramic views over Edinburgh's Old Town and beyond.
Fun facts to know before you go:

- Castle Rock is the plug of an extinct volcano that last erupted around 350 million years ago. Talk about a solid foundation.
- The One O'Clock Gun has been fired almost every day since 1861 to help ships in the Firth of Forth set their clocks. Locals still jump when it goes off.
- Edinburgh Castle has been besieged more times than almost any other place in Britain, earning its

reputation as one of the most attacked castles in the world.
- The Stone of Destiny was once stolen by Scottish students from Westminster Abbey and secretly returned to Scotland in 1950.
- On a clear day, the views from the battlements stretch all the way to the Firth of Forth.

Although parts of the castle are still in military use today, the rest is yours to explore. Now a world-famous landmark and UNESCO World Heritage Site, Edinburgh Castle is where history, drama, and unforgettable views come together.

Date and time
Day 1

Location
Edinburgh EH1 2NG, United Kingdom

Details
Edinburgh Castle (Adult) x 12

Dinner
Meal

Date and time
Start: Day 1 at 6:00 PM

End: Day 1

Details
Dinner (Dinner - 2 course) x 12

Accommodation (1 night)
Edinburgh EH1 2HJ, United Kingdom

Cosy, convenient but most of all chic, the 4-star Apex City of Edinburgh Hotel sits at the foot of Edinburgh Castle, just off the must-see Royal Mile.

Featuring boutique bedrooms and sumptuous suites with free Wi-Fi, a modern restaurant and access to fabulous leisure facilities just next door, an Apex adventure awaits.

Designed with you in mind, find yourself living in luxury in these spacious rooms and suites. With a comfy bed and spacious en suite, enjoy taking a bath or shower with Antipodes organic toiletries, helping you to stay green while you stay clean.

The flat screen TV will keep you entertained and the mini fridge and air conditioning ensure things can be kept fresh. Plus, the Master Suites even have Nespresso Coffee machines to make you feel right at home. Cots and highchairs are available on request.

Since sharing is caring, guests can use the leisure facilities in the Apex Grassmarket Hotel, just next door. With weights, resistance apparatus, cardio machines, and a swimming pool, treat yourself to some tranquil time.

In the shadows of Edinburgh Castle, Agua Restaurant and Bar offers classic dining in stylish surroundings. Serving everything from simple sides to moreish meals, it'll be love at first bite.

Centrally located, just minutes from the infamous The Royal Mile and within walking distance of Lothian Road and Princes Street, this hotel is ideally located.

Date and time

Check-in: Day 1 at 2:30 PM

Check-out: Day 2 at 11:00 AM

Location

Edinburgh EH1 2HJ, United Kingdom

Details

Bed & Breakfast inc. (Double Room) x 6
Bed & Breakfast inc. (Single Room) x 1

Amenities

40" TV with Freeview, Accessibility: All our hotels and restaurants are fully accessible by wheelchair. Our friendly team will be happy to assist you throughout your stay. All our hotels have disabled access rooms, Antipodes toiletries, Breakfast is between 7 - 10.30am, Complimentary Snacks, Hair Dryer, Iron and Ironing Board, Mini Fridge, Parking: The hotel has limited parking on site at Apex Grassmarket Hotel. A £20 per night charge is applicable, Still and Sparkling Water, Tea and Coffee Making Facilities, We do not allow smoking or vaping in any part of the hotel including rooms, Wi-Fi

Day 2

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End: Day 9 at 6:00 PM

Details

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Day 2 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Day 2: Edinburgh to Loch Lomond to Glencoe – Highlands Bound (Overnight Fort William)

Depart **Edinburgh** this morning and travel west toward the beautiful shores of **Loch Lomond**, enjoying a scenic introduction to Scotland's famous landscapes. Continue onward into the Highlands, where the road leads through the dramatic mountain scenery of **Glencoe**—one of Scotland's most breathtaking and atmospheric glens.
From here, pass through **Ballachulish**, surrounded by sea lochs and rugged peaks, before arriving into **Fort William**. This evening, enjoy a **group dinner**, then settle in for your **overnight stay in Fort William**.

Loch Lomond
Loch Lomond

Loch Lomond is Scotland's largest freshwater loch and one of its most loved. With wooded shores, scattered little islands, and gentle hills rolling toward the Highlands, it's the kind of place that instantly slows you down. Best of all, it's an easy hop from Glasgow or Edinburgh but feels wonderfully "away from it all."
Pretty villages dot the shoreline, and the area is perfect for easy walks, relaxed boat trips, and soaking up your first taste of Highland scenery without long driving days. Think classic Scotland, just turned down a notch in the best possible way.

Good to know before you go:

- Loch Lomond has over 30 islands, many of them uninhabited, giving it serious explore-at-your-own-pace energy.
- It's the largest freshwater loch in Great Britain by surface area, but not the deepest. Scotland loves to keep things interesting.
- The loch famously inspired the song *The Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond*, which locals still belt out with enthusiasm.
- Red squirrels, ospreys, and even the occasional otter call the area home, so keep an eye out along the shoreline.

Peaceful, scenic, and effortlessly charming, Loch Lomond offers a gentle, welcoming introduction to the Highlands and a moment to breathe before the mountains really start to rise.

Glencoe
Glencoe

Welcome to Glencoe, where the scenery is bold, dramatic, and just a little bit moody in the best possible

way. Set within Lochaber Geopark in the Scottish Highlands, this legendary glen was shaped over millions of years by ancient volcanoes and slow-moving glaciers, creating those jaw-dropping mountains that rise straight from the valley floor.
The village of Glencoe sits peacefully between the shores of Loch Leven and the entrance to the glen, making it an ideal base for exploring the wider Lochaber region, often known as the Outdoor Capital of the UK.

Good to know before you go:

- Glencoe was formed by a massive ancient supervolcano that collapsed around 420 million years ago. Nature really committed to the drama here.
- It's one of the most photographed landscapes in Scotland and has featured in films such as *Skyfall*, *Harry Potter*, and *Braveheart*.
- The glen is famous not only for its beauty but also for its tragic past, including the Massacre of Glencoe in 1692, a story still deeply woven into local history.
- Red deer often outnumber people in the surrounding hills, so don't be surprised if wildlife steals the spotlight.

Wild, atmospheric, and unforgettable, Glencoe is a place where Scotland's landscapes and legends truly collide.

Ballachulish

Ballachulish

Welcome to **Ballachulish**, a small Highland village where the scenery feels vast, wild, and wonderfully cinematic. Set at the meeting point of **Loch Leven** and **Loch Linnhe**, Ballachulish sits right on the gateway to some of Scotland's most dramatic landscapes—Glencoe is practically on the doorstep, and the views in every direction are the kind that make you go quiet for a second.
Historically, Ballachulish was known for its **slate quarrying**, and you can still feel that deep connection between the village and the landscape around it—rugged, resilient, and shaped by time. Today, it's a peaceful base with a classic West Highlands atmosphere: sea lochs, mountain silhouettes, and ever-changing skies.
Good to know before you go:

- Ballachulish sits at a natural crossroads between the Highlands and the west coast, making it an ideal stop for scenic touring.
- The area is surrounded by **mountain giants** and water views, with that unmistakable "fresh air and freedom" Highland feeling.
- Ballachulish has strong links to Scotland's **slate industry**, once home to one of the most important

slate quarries in the country.
- Expect wildlife moments—**red deer, birds of prey**, and plenty of “pull over for a photo” scenery.
- It’s quieter and more laid-back than nearby hubs, which is exactly part of its charm.

Peaceful, rugged, and effortlessly scenic, **Ballachulish** is the kind of place that feels like a deep breath in the middle of the Highlands.

Fort William
Fort William

Welcome to **Fort William**, a lively Highland town where adventure is basically part of the postcode. Sitting at the southern end of **Loch Linnhe** and framed by some of Scotland’s most dramatic peaks, Fort William is often called the **Outdoor Capital of the UK**—and once you arrive, you’ll see why. It’s a place where big landscapes meet a friendly, down-to-earth atmosphere, with mountains, lochs, and iconic routes all within easy reach.
It’s also home to **Ben Nevis**, the highest mountain in the UK, which looms proudly nearby and gives the whole area that unmistakable “Highlands at full volume” feeling.

Good to know before you go:

- Fort William is widely considered the **Outdoor Capital of the UK**, thanks to its access to hiking, cycling, and world-class scenery.
- It sits close to **Ben Nevis (1,345m)**, the UK’s highest peak—so the views tend to be spectacular even on a “moody” day.
- The town is a classic base for exploring the wider **Lochaber region**, with lochs, glens, and coastline all within striking distance.
- Fort William is also linked to iconic Scottish routes, including the **Great Glen** and the **West Highland Way**, which finishes here.
- With its lochside setting and mountain backdrop, it’s a place where Scotland’s wild beauty feels right at your doorstep.

Energetic, scenic, and proudly Highland, **Fort William** is the perfect place to pause, recharge, and soak up that epic Scotland feeling.

Accommodation (1 night)

Fort William PH33 6RQ, United Kingdom

The Lime Tree An Ealdhain is a charming boutique hotel in the heart of Fort William, where Highland hospitality meets contemporary style. Known for its relaxed atmosphere, this property combines comfortable rooms, an in-house art gallery, and a highly regarded restaurant, all under one very welcoming roof.

After a scenic day on the road, unwind by the open log fire, enjoy views toward Loch Linnhe and the surrounding hills, or simply settle in and enjoy the slower Highland pace. The on-site restaurant features an open kitchen, so you can watch your meal come together, with menus that change seasonally and highlight fresh, local ingredients.

Perfectly placed for exploring the Lochaber region, the hotel offers both convenience and character in equal measure.

Good to know before you go:

- The name *An Ealdhain* comes from the Gaelic word for "art," a nod to the hotel's on-site gallery showcasing local and Scottish artists.
- Glenfinnan, home to the famous viaduct seen in the *Harry Potter* films, is just a 25-minute drive away.
- Ben Nevis, the UK's highest mountain, is less than 25 minutes from the hotel. You'll feel its presence even if you're not climbing it.
- Fort William Rail Station is only a five-minute drive, making this one of the town's most convenient stays.
- Nevis Range, home to a world championship mountain bike track, is close by for those who like their scenery with a side of adrenaline.

A stylish yet cosy Highland stop, the Lime Tree An Ealdhain is the perfect place to relax, refuel, and enjoy Fort William's outdoor capital energy before the journey continues.

Date and time

Check-in: Day 2 at 3:00 PM

Check-out: Day 3 at 11:00 AM

Location

Fort William PH33 6RQ, United Kingdom

Details

Bed & Breakfast Inc. (Double Room) x 6
Bed & Breakfast Inc. (Single Room) x 1

Check-in instructions

You'll need to let the property know in advance what time you'll arrive.

Dinner
Meal

Date and time	Details
Start: Day 2 at 6:00 PM End: Day 2	Dinner (Dinner - 2 course) x 12

Day 3

Day 3 & 4 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Day 3: Fort William to the Isle of Skye via Eilean Donan Castle – Castles & Island Arrival

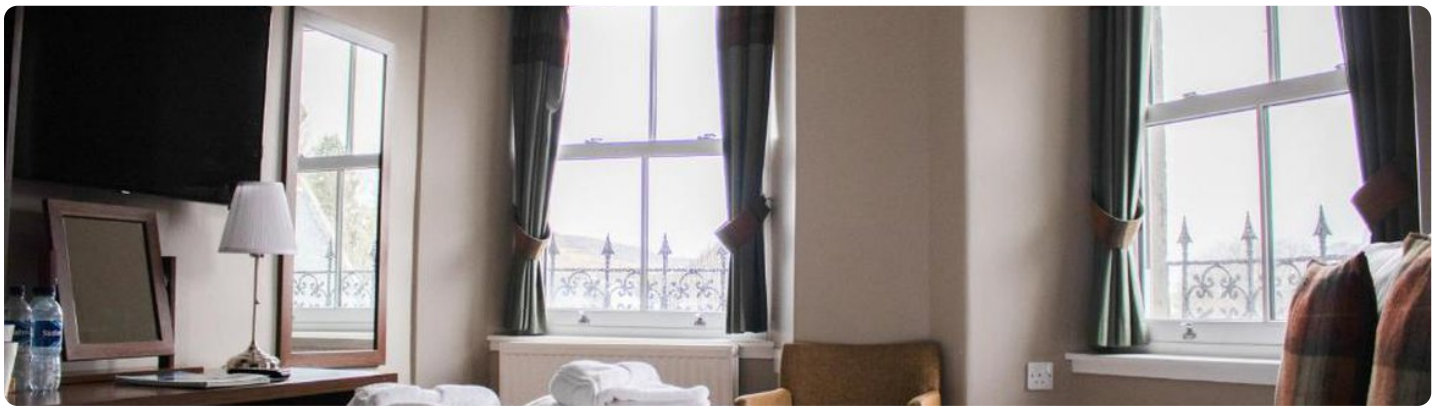
Depart **Fort William** this morning and travel west toward Scotland's stunning island landscapes. En route, stop to visit the iconic **Eilean Donan Castle**, dramatically set where three sea lochs meet and one of the most photographed castles in the country. After your visit, continue onward to the **Isle of Skye**, arriving later to settle in, **dine as a group at your accommodation** and enjoy your first evening on the island.

Day 4: Isle of Skye – Full Day Exploring

Today is dedicated to exploring the breathtaking **Isle of Skye**. With its rugged coastlines, sweeping viewpoints, and ever-changing skies, Skye is packed with unforgettable scenery at every turn. Enjoy a full day soaking up the island's wild beauty and distinctive Highland atmosphere before returning to your accommodation for your **group dinner** that evening.

Accommodation (2 nights)

Portree IV51 9EH, United Kingdom



The Portree Hotel, established in 1875, overlooks Somerled Square from its prime location on Portree's main street. Conveniently situated, it offers immediate access to bus and taxi services for exploring the island.

The hotel features 24 en-suite rooms, each equipped with a 32-inch flat-screen TV, tea/coffee facilities, a hairdryer, and an iron.

Guests can enjoy on-site dining and drinks at the Antlers Bar & Grill and the West Highland Bar. The inviting bar area, located at the end of the restaurant, provides a cozy atmosphere with a wood-burning stove, televisions, and regular weekend live music.

Located on three floors above the ground floor and without elevator access, our 24 bedrooms, many of which offer views of Somerled Square, are accessible by stairs. Staff are available to assist with luggage.

Date and time

Check-in: Day 3

Check-out: Day 5

Location

Portree IV51 9EH, United Kingdom

Details

Bed & Breakfast Inc. (Double Room) x 6

Bed & Breakfast Inc. (Single Room) x 1

Dinner

Meal

Date and time	Details
Start: Day 3 at 6:00 PM End: Day 3	Dinner (Dinner - 2 course) x 12

Day 4

Skye
Isle of Skye

Skye is the kind of place that feels like Scotland turned the drama dial all the way up—in the best possible way. With its rugged coastline, sweeping sea views, and bold Highland landscapes, the island is famous for scenery that changes with every bend in the road and skies that can go from sunshine to mist in minutes. Once you arrive, you'll settle into island life where the pace is slower, the air is fresher, and the views do most of the talking.

Good to know before you go:

- Skye has deep **Norse and Viking roots**, reflected in many place names and local history.
- It's nicknamed the **"Misty Isle"** for good reason—cloud and light constantly shift, giving the landscape that moody, magical feel.
- Skye weather is famously unpredictable… locals swear you can get all four seasons in one afternoon.
- The island is steeped in **clan history and folklore**, with legends of fairies, warriors, and ancient tales still part of its identity.
- Whether it's wrapped in mist or glowing in sunshine, Skye has a way of looking **utterly unforgettable**.

Wild, windswept, and full of atmosphere, Skye isn't just a place you visit—it's a place you *feel*.

Eilean Donan Castle

Activity • Dornie IV40 8DX, United Kingdom

Set where three sea lochs meet, **Eilean Donan Castle** looks like it was designed specifically to steal the spotlight. Originally built in the early 13th century, this iconic stronghold has become Scotland's most photographed castle and once you see it in person, it's easy to understand why.
Connected to the mainland by a graceful stone bridge and surrounded by ever-changing reflections, this is one of those places where every angle feels postcard worthy. Inside, you'll find stories of clan rivalries, Jacobite drama, and centuries of Highland history brought to life.

Good to know before you go:

- Eilean Donan regularly tops lists as the most photographed castle in Scotland, and possibly one of the most photographed in the world.
- The castle was destroyed in 1719 during a Jacobite uprising and lay in ruins for nearly 200 years before being lovingly restored in the 20th century.
- It has starred in films and TV shows including *Highlander*, *James Bond: The World Is Not Enough*, and *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*.
- Its name comes from Saint Donnán, a Celtic saint said to have lived on the island in the 7th century.
- Weather here changes fast, which means dramatic skies, moody light, and photos that look straight out of a movie.

Equal parts history and Highland magic, Eilean Donan Castle is one of those stops that quietly becomes a trip favourite.

Date and time
Day 4

Location
Dornie IV40 8DX, United Kingdom

Details
Eilean Donan Castle (Adult) x 12

Dinner
Meal

Date and time	Details
Start: Day 4 at 6:00 PM	Dinner (Dinner - 2 course) x 12
End: Day 4	

Day 5

Day 5 & 6 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Day 5: Skye to Inverness – Culloden

Depart the **Isle of Skye** this morning and travel back to the mainland, making your way to **Inverness** for a **two-night stay** in the Highlands' vibrant capital. On arrival, visit **Culloden Battlefield**, a powerful and moving site that offers insight into one of the most significant events in Scottish history. Afterwards, continue to your hotel to settle in, **dine as a group** and enjoy the evening in Inverness.

Day 6: Loch Ness – Scenic Touring & Cruise

Today is dedicated to legendary **Loch Ness**. Enjoy a scenic tour around the loch, taking in the classic Highland landscapes and peaceful shoreline views along the way. You'll also take a **cruise on Loch Ness**, a relaxing way to experience the scale and atmosphere of this iconic stretch of water before returning to **Inverness** for your **group dinner** that evening.

Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre

Activity • Inverness IV2 5EU, United Kingdom

Step onto one of the most powerful and moving sites in Scottish history. Culloden Battlefield marks the location of the final Jacobite Rising in 1746, a short but decisive battle that forever changed the Highlands. Begin your visit at the award-winning Visitor Centre, where a 360-degree immersive battle theatre places you right in the middle of the action. Explore the story of the 1745 Rising from both the Jacobite and Government sides through carefully curated displays of weapons, artefacts, and personal accounts that bring the history to life.
Outside, walk the windswept battlefield itself, visit the restored 18th-century Leanach Cottage, and take in panoramic views across the moor. Keep an eye out for Highland cows grazing nearby, a peaceful contrast to the events that once unfolded here. The visit also includes the chilling proclamation issued by the Duke of Cumberland in May 1746, outlining the harsh consequences faced by the defeated Jacobites.

Good to know before you go:

- The Battle of Culloden lasted less than an hour, yet its impact on Highland culture and clan life was enormous.
- It was the last pitched battle fought on British soil.
- The battlefield remains largely unchanged, making it one of the most authentic historic landscapes in Scotland.
- Clan stones mark where different Highland clans fought, and many visitors seek out their ancestral names.

Sobering, fascinating, and deeply atmospheric, Culloden is a place that leaves a lasting impression and offers a deeper understanding of Scotland's history and identity.
Discover the true story of the 1745 Rising, from both the Jacobite and Government perspectives, in our accredited museum, where weapons and unique artefacts are displayed.

Enjoy panoramic views from the roof garden, see the restored 18th-century Leanach Cottage and spot Highland cows grazing on the battlefield.

Read the proclamation issued by the Duke of Cumberland in May 1746, describing what would happen to the defeated Jacobites. There is much to see and do at this wonderful historic treasure!

Date and time
Day 5

Location
Inverness IV2 5EU, United Kingdom

Details
Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre (Adult) x 12

Inverness
Inverness

Inverness is the kind of place that feels like the Highlands decided to have a capital—lively, welcoming, and perfectly placed on the edge of wild scenery. Set along the **River Ness**, it blends a cosy city buzz with that unmistakable northern atmosphere: fresh air, big skies, and a constant sense that the landscape is never far away. Arrive here and you'll feel the pace shift slightly—still energetic, but with a calm, Highland confidence running through it.

Good to know before you go:

- Inverness is often called the **Capital of the Highlands**, acting as the main hub for the north while still feeling friendly and manageable.
- The city sits on the **River Ness**, giving it a relaxed riverside feel and lovely natural pockets right in the centre.
- Inverness has strong ties to **Jacobite history**, with key sites in the surrounding area connecting directly to Scotland's most dramatic chapters.
- It's a brilliant base for exploring—within easy reach of lochs, glens, and classic Highland scenery, yet with all the comforts of a city.
- The light here can be gorgeous—long sunsets and moody skies that make even an ordinary stroll feel cinematic.

Warm, atmospheric, and unmistakably Highland, **Inverness** is a place that balances comfort and adventure—and tends to leave a lasting impression.

Dinner
Meal

Date and time
Start: Day 5 at 6:00 PM
End: Day 5

Details
Dinner (Dinner - 2 course) x 12

Accommodation (2 nights)
Inverness IV2 3LP, United Kingdom

The Kingsmill Hotel, set in four acres of beautiful gardens just a mile from Inverness city center, offers a spa, swimming pool, and free parking. Guests enjoy full access to the leisure club, complete with a sauna, steam room, spa bath, gym, and hair salon. Many spacious rooms boast garden views and feature satellite TV and tea and coffee-making facilities; some also include patios or private garden access. Dining options include the Inglis Restaurant, serving excellent cuisine with fresh, local produce, and the garden conservatory brasserie, which offers a more relaxed menu.

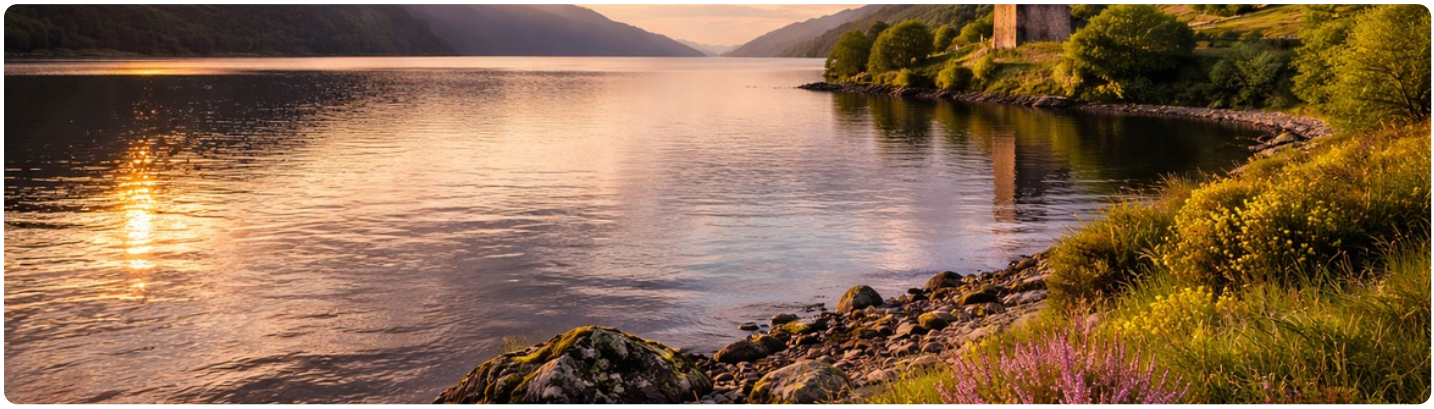
Date and time
Check-in: Day 5
Check-out: Day 7

Location
Inverness IV2 3LP, United Kingdom

Details
Bed & Breakfast Inc. (Double Room) x 6
Bed & Breakfast Inc. (Single Room) x 1

Day 6

Loch Ness
Loch Ness



Loch Ness is the kind of place that feels instantly iconic—long, deep, and quietly dramatic, with dark waters stretching between steep Highland slopes. It's famous for its mystery (obviously), but what really gets you is the atmosphere: big skies, moody light, and that stillness that makes everything feel a little bit legendary. Once you arrive, you'll understand why it's one of Scotland's most talked-about landscapes—peaceful, powerful, and totally captivating.

Good to know before you go:

- Loch Ness is **one of the deepest lochs in Scotland**, which is partly why it's inspired so many stories over the years.
- It forms part of the **Great Glen**, a natural fault line that cuts right through the Highlands.
- The loch is famous worldwide for the legend of **Nessie**, first making headlines in the 1930s—and the folklore has never really left.
- The water often looks dark and inky because of **peat and natural tannins**, which adds to the loch's moody, mysterious vibe.
- Whether it's calm like glass or rippling under grey skies, Loch Ness has a way of feeling **wild and timeless**.

Mysterious, atmospheric, and endlessly memorable, **Loch Ness** isn't just a scenic stop—it's one of those places that feels like a story waiting to happen.

Cruise Loch Ness
Activity • Fort Augustus PH32 4BD, United Kingdom

All aboard for a classic Highland experience on Loch Ness. Based in the lively village of **Fort Augustus**, Cruise Loch Ness has been exploring these legendary waters since 1968 and has welcomed well over 1.5 million passengers along the way. That's a lot of hopeful eyes scanning the water.
Your cruise glides across Scotland's most famous loch, surrounded by steep hills and ever-changing skies, with plenty of time to take in the scenery and keep a playful lookout for Nessie. The company's experienced crew know these waters inside out, having travelled the equivalent of several times around the world right here on the loch.
Fort Augustus itself sits at the southwest end of Loch Ness, where the Caledonian Canal meets the loch. It's a popular stop for walkers, cyclists, and canal boats, and one of the prettiest places to begin a cruise.

Good to know before you go:

- Loch Ness holds more water than all the lakes in England and Wales combined, so Nessie has plenty of hiding places.
- Cruise Loch Ness boats are equipped with modern sonar, just in case the legend decides to make an appearance.
- The Caledonian Canal runs for 60 miles from Inverness to Fort William and passes straight through Fort Augustus via a series of impressive locks.
- Over the years, the loch has welcomed celebrities, explorers, and dedicated Nessie hunters, all hoping for a sighting.

Relaxing, scenic, and just mysterious enough, a Cruise Loch Ness experience is one of those moments where Highland legend and landscape come together perfectly.

Date and time
Day 6

Location
Fort Augustus PH32 4BD, United Kingdom

Details
Cruise Loch Ness (Adult) x 12

Dinner
Meal

Date and time
Start: Day 6 at 6:00 PM
End: Day 6

Details
Dinner (Dinner - 2 course) x 12

Day 7 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Day 7: Inverness to Pitlochry via Cairngorms National Park – Highland Scenery

Depart **Inverness** this morning and travel south through the stunning landscapes of **Cairngorms National Park**, where wide-open views and classic Highland scenery make for a beautiful day on the road. Later, arrive into the charming town of **Pitlochry** and settle in for your overnight stay. This evening, enjoy **dinner with the group** at your hotel before a relaxing night in Pitlochry.

Cairngorms National Park

Activity • Grantown on Spey PH26 3HG, United Kingdom

The Cairngorms National Park is the **largest national park in the UK**, and it shows. Think wide open landscapes, ancient forests, rolling rivers, and mountain views that seem to stretch forever. It's one of those places where the scenery quietly steals the show, no matter the season.
What makes the Cairngorms special is the sheer variety it offers. Whether you're into whisky, wildlife, walking, history, or simply enjoying a moment of Highland stillness, there's something here for everyone. It's a place that invites you to slow down, look around, and breathe it all in.

Good to know before you go:

- The Cairngorms is home to **one quarter of Scotland's native forest**, including ancient Caledonian pinewoods.
- It has some of the **darkest skies in the UK**, making it a favourite spot for stargazing on clear nights.
- You might spot red deer, golden eagles, or even reindeer, yes, Scotland has reindeer.
- Several famous whisky distilleries sit along its edges, earning the nickname "whisky country" for

good reason.

Wild, spacious, and endlessly varied, the Cairngorms is a place where every traveller finds their own kind of magic.

Date and time
Day 7

Location
Grantown on Spey PH26 3HG, United Kingdom

Details
Cairngorms National Park (Adult) x 12

Pitlochry
Pitlochry

Pitlochry is the kind of Highland town that feels like it was designed to be charming—tucked into a lush green valley, wrapped in woodland and riverside scenery, and full of that cosy "Scotland at its prettiest" atmosphere. It's small but lively, with a welcoming buzz, classic stone buildings, and a setting that makes even a simple stroll feel like a postcard. Once you arrive, it's easy to see why Pitlochry is such a favourite stop: relaxed, scenic, and effortlessly feel-good.

Good to know before you go:

- Pitlochry grew popular in the **Victorian era** as a Highland getaway, and it still has that elegant, old-school holiday-town charm.
- It's surrounded by rich Perthshire scenery—often called **"Big Tree Country"**—with forests, hills, and rivers shaping the views in every direction.
- The town sits near the **River Tummel**, which adds to its peaceful, riverside atmosphere and scenic walks.
- Pitlochry is known for its **warm welcome and laid-back vibe**, making it a great place to slow down after bigger driving days.
- The light here can be gorgeous—soft and golden through the trees—giving the town a really calm, storybook feel.

Charming, peaceful, and perfectly placed in the Highlands, **Pitlochry** is the kind of stop that feels like a breath of fresh air—pretty, comforting, and quietly unforgettable.

Dinner
Meal

Date and time
Start: Day 7 at 6:00 PM
End: Day 7

Details
Dinner (Dinner - 2 course) x 12

Accommodation (1 night)
Aberdeen AB15 4YN, United Kingdom

A wonderful oasis of hospitality close to the centre of Aberdeen. They're proudly independent with a four-star rating from Visit Scotland. Their 34 en suite rooms all offer free WiFi and are comfortable and spacious, with lift access to their first-floor bedrooms and disabled facilities on the ground floor.

The Atholl is renowned for delicious, traditional cuisine and friendly service and they're open for guests and visitors alike. They offer lunch and dinner menus, children's menu, afternoon tea, and a gin menu. With a choice of eating in their restaurant, bar or lounge, we know you'll find the perfect location to enjoy your meal.

They're the ideal venue for weddings and celebrations of all kinds, with two impressive function suites to host your guests. They're also an excellent choice for conferences, business meetings, media events or staff parties.

Find the Atholl Hotel on King's Gate, a convenient and quiet location, close to Aberdeen's shops and theatres, parks and beaches. They've got free parking with spaces for up to 60 cars, making them an excellent choice to explore further afield and discover Aberdeenshire with its historic castles, distinctive distilleries, excellent golf courses and breath-taking scenery.

Date and time

Check-in: Day 7

Check-out: Day 8

Location

Aberdeen AB15 4YN, United Kingdom

Details

Bed & Breakfast inc. Atholl Hotel (Double Room) x 6

Bed & Breakfast inc. Atholl Hotel (Single Room) x 1

Day 8

Day 8 & 9 of your 10 Day Heart of Scotland Tour

Day 8: Pitlochry to St Andrews to Edinburgh – Coastal Charm & Dinner in the Capital

Depart **Pitlochry** this morning and travel east to **St Andrews**, soaking up the town's classic seaside atmosphere before continuing onward to **Edinburgh**. On arrival, settle into your accommodation and take a moment to enjoy being back in the capital. This evening, come together for **dinner**, then relax and overnight in **Edinburgh**.

Day 9: Edinburgh City Day – History, Views & Dinner Tonight

A full day to dive into the best of **Edinburgh**. Explore the city's iconic sights and atmosphere, from the historic streets of the **Royal Mile** to grand landmarks like **Edinburgh Castle** and **Holyrood Palace**. Enjoy time for viewpoints and strolls too—whether that's **Princes Street Gardens**, **Calton Hill**, or (for the energetic!) a walk up **Arthur's Seat** for sweeping city views. You may also choose to browse the cultural gems of the city such as the **Scottish National Gallery**, before enjoying **dinner** this evening and another overnight in **Edinburgh**.

St. Andrews

St Andrews is the kind of seaside town that feels effortlessly special—elegant, historic, and full of that crisp coastal energy that makes you want to slow down and breathe it all in. With its golden-stone buildings, wide skies, and the sea always close by, it's a place that blends old-world charm with a relaxed, lived-in atmosphere. Once you arrive, you'll feel why St Andrews is so beloved: refined but friendly, historic but never stuffy, and always quietly scenic.

Good to know before you go:

- St Andrews is world-famous as the **Home of Golf**, with a reputation that reaches far beyond Scotland.
- It's also one of Scotland's most historic towns, shaped by centuries of **religious, academic, and royal** influence.
- The town is home to the **University of St Andrews**, Scotland's oldest university, giving it a lively, youthful buzz alongside all that heritage.
- Its **coastal setting** brings a fresh, breezy feel—expect sea air, wide views, and that calm "end-of-the-road" vibe.
- St Andrews has a wonderfully photogenic look: **cobbled streets, traditional architecture, and soft light** that suits the town perfectly.

Elegant, windswept, and steeped in history, **St Andrews** is the kind of place that feels timeless—coastal Scotland with a little extra polish.

Edinburgh

Edinburgh

Edinburgh is the kind of city that feels instantly iconic—dramatic, atmospheric, and proudly itself. Built

across hills and crowned by its castle, it blends medieval lanes and elegant Georgian streets with a lively modern buzz. One minute you're wandering cobbles that feel straight out of a storybook, the next you're in a stylish café or looking out over rooftops and spires. Once you arrive, you'll see why Edinburgh has such a hold on people: it's beautiful, bold, and full of character in every corner.

Good to know before you go:

- Edinburgh's skyline is famously dominated by **Edinburgh Castle**, perched on an ancient volcanic rock above the city.
- The city is split between the historic **Old Town** and the elegant **New Town**, both packed with personality and striking architecture.
- Edinburgh is known for its **festival energy**, especially in summer, when the city feels like one big stage.
- The weather can be changeable—sun, wind, and mist often take turns—adding to the city's moody, cinematic charm.
- From panoramic viewpoints to hidden closes and courtyards, Edinburgh has a way of feeling **timeless and alive** at the same time.

Historic, dramatic, and endlessly captivating, **Edinburgh** is the kind of city you don't just visit—you fall a little bit in love with it.

Dinner
Meal

Date and time
Start: Day 8 at 6:00 PM
End: Day 8 at 6:00 PM

Details
Dinner (Dinner - 2 course) x 12

Accommodation (2 nights)

Edinburgh EH1 2HJ, United Kingdom

Cosy, convenient but most of all chic, the 4-star Apex City of Edinburgh Hotel sits at the foot of Edinburgh Castle, just off the must-see Royal Mile.

Featuring boutique bedrooms and sumptuous suites with free Wi-Fi, a modern restaurant and access to fabulous leisure facilities just next door, an Apex adventure awaits.

Designed with you in mind, find yourself living in luxury in these spacious rooms and suites. With a comfy bed and spacious en suite, enjoy taking a bath or shower with Antipodes organic toiletries, helping you to stay green while you stay clean.

The flat screen TV will keep you entertained and the mini fridge and air conditioning ensure things can be kept fresh. Plus, the Master Suites even have Nespresso Coffee machines to make you feel right at home. Cots and highchairs are available on request.

Since sharing is caring, guests can use the leisure facilities in the Apex Grassmarket Hotel, just next door. With weights, resistance apparatus, cardio machines, and a swimming pool, treat yourself to some tranquil time.

In the shadows of Edinburgh Castle, Agua Restaurant and Bar offers classic dining in stylish surroundings. Serving everything from simple sides to moreish meals, it'll be love at first bite.

Centrally located, just minutes from the infamous The Royal Mile and within walking distance of Lothian Road and Princes Street, this hotel is ideally located.

Date and time

Check-in: Day 8 at 2:30 PM

Check-out: Day 10 at 11:00 AM

Location

Edinburgh EH1 2HJ, United Kingdom

Details

Bed & Breakfast inc. (Double Room) x 6
Bed & Breakfast inc. (Single Room) x 1

Amenities

40" TV with Freeview, Accessibility: All our hotels and restaurants are fully accessible by wheelchair. Our friendly team will be happy to assist you throughout your stay. All our hotels have disabled access rooms, Antipodes toiletries, Breakfast is between 7 - 10.30am, Complimentary Snacks, Hair Dryer, Iron and Ironing Board, Mini Fridge, Parking: The hotel has limited parking on site at Apex Grassmarket Hotel. A £20 per night charge is applicable, Still and Sparkling Water, Tea and Coffee Making Facilities, We do not allow smoking or vaping in any part of the hotel including rooms, Wi-Fi

Day 9

Gwen Edinburgh Private Walking Tour

Tour

Hi, my name is Gwen. A very warm welcome to Edinburgh.

My passions are my native city of Edinburgh and meeting the needs of people of all nationalities and ages. An avid traveller, I have experienced the 'kindness of strangers' and want to reciprocate the same hospitality in Edinburgh.

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Date and time	Details
Day 9	Gwen Edinburgh Private Walking Tour (Adult) x 12

Dinner
Meal

Date and time	Details
Start: Day 9 at 6:00 PM End: Day 9	Dinner (Dinner - 2 course) x 12

Day 10

Mercedes Sprinter or similar luxury vehicle
Coach charter

These luxury mini coaches seat **13–16 passengers** in comfort, with generous luggage space to accommodate **up to 20 suitcases**. With plenty of head and legroom, it's an ideal way to travel as a small group, combining ease, comfort, and great sightseeing flow.

Coach features include: reclining seats, cup holders, and multi-zone air conditioning.

Your **Driver-Guide** is included for up to **8 hours per day**. Most days begin around **9:00 AM** and finish between **5:00–6:00 PM**, allowing time for a relaxed pace with typically **2–3 planned stops or attractions** along the route.

Date and time

Start: Day 10 at 9:00 AM

End: Day 10 at 6:00 PM

Details

Mercedes Sprinter or similar luxury vehicle (per day) x 1

Check-in instructions

Your Driver will monitor your flight, as he has your arrival details. He will meet you at the arrivals with the an "Irish Tour For You" sign. If some time passes without seeing you, the Driver will give you a call.

To ensure the best experience for all our guests, we kindly ask that you do not contact your assigned Driver/Guide before your scheduled trip. They are likely leading another group and need to focus on their current tour. This policy allows our team to provide each group with undivided attention and deliver the highest quality of service. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.