

# 9 Day Scottish Dream Tour Itinerary

## Day 1: Glasgow City Tour

Your Scottish trip starts at 2:30 pm when you meet your tour director at your Glasgow hotel and set out on an introductory tour of central Glasgow. See the main attractions of Glasgow including red sandstone Victorian buildings, delightful parks, Glasgow Cathedral and the River Clyde, once famous for shipbuilding, especially during the 19th century when the city burgeoned. Visit extensive and varied art collections in Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, originally opened in 1901. Chat with your tour director and your fellow travelers about your trip with a welcome drink before dinner in your hotel. (D)

## Day 2: Loch Lomond Cruise & Inveraray Castle

Depart Glasgow and drive north along the banks of Loch Lomond with views of Ben Lomond and other Highland peaks. At Tarbet embark on a short cruise to appreciate the beauty of this famous loch and admire panoramic views of the Highlands. Browse around the town of Inveraray before visiting Inveraray Castle, which featured in Downton Abbey's Season IV production. This imposing Campbell family home with four conical spires was built between 1746 and 1789. A guided tour will reveal the history of the family and region as you view the magnificent Armory Hall and many fine rooms with tapestries, porcelains and portraits. Journey across mysterious Rannoch Moor and through Glen Coe, often considered one of Scotland's most spectacular and beautiful places. Continue to Fort William and check into your hotel. (B, D)

## Day 3: Road to the Isles & Isle of Skye

This morning head north via Fort William and take the "Road to the Isles" through some of Scotland's loveliest scenery, stopping for photos at the Glenfinnan Monument. At Mallaig board a ferry to the Isle of Skye, sometimes called the "Misty Isle" due to the hazy weather brought by the Atlantic breezes. Visit the Clan Donald Centre at Armadale Castle to discover the history of the Lords of the Isles and the most powerful clan of the Isle of Skye. Discover some of the island by coach before crossing the bridge to return to the mainland, stopping for photos at the picturesque Eilean Donan Castle. Then drive along the beautiful shores of Loch Ness, famous for its monster. Continue to your hotel in Inverness, a four-star luxury property set in the beautiful Scottish Highlands. (B, D)

## Day 4: Culloden Battlefield & Sheepdogs

A short distance from Nairn is the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre. Learn about the battle where British Government forces defeated the army of Prince Charles Edward Stuart, popularly named Bonnie Prince Charlie. See monuments commemorating troops as you walk around the moorland while the Visitor Centre explains how events led to the conflict and subsequent emigration to North America. Continue through majestic Highland scenery to Leault Farm for a demonstration of trained dogs herding sheep. Drive south through the high peaks of the Grampian Mountains to your gracious manor-style hotel set on 30 acres of landscaped grounds in Aberdeen. (B, D)

## Day 5: Blair Castle & Whisky Tasting

A short drive will bring you to Blair Castle, home of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl. Dating back to 1269, the castle has been transformed through the ages, from a strong medieval fortress to a Victorian castle in the baronial style. These influences can still be seen today across the 30 rooms on full display. You will learn about Mary, Queen of Scots, Bonnie Prince Charlie and how Queen Victoria's famous stay led to the creation of Europe's only private army, the Atholl Highlanders. Visit Blair Athol Distillery to learn about the simple ingredients and many steps involved in whisky making. Tour the facilities and sample a "wee dram" at the end of the tour. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring the gardens, hotel museum and other facilities or browse around the town of Pitlochry, within easy walking distance. (B, D)

## Day 6: Glamis Castle & St Andrews

Travel through lush countryside to visit Glamis Castle, the legendary setting of "Macbeth" and childhood home of the late Queen Mother. This is a majestic building filled with contrasting priceless artifacts and homely furnishings. Drive across the modern Tay Bridge to St Andrews, the "Home of Golf." See the famous Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the Old Course on a panoramic tour and enjoy free time to browse in golf specialty stores or through the medieval town. This is the location of Scotland's oldest university. Drive south into Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, and enjoy a Scottish Evening with dinner, haggis, bagpipes, kilts and Highland dancing. (B, D)

## Day 7: Edinburgh Castle & City Tour

This morning explore Edinburgh on a sightseeing tour. Compare and contrast the wide streets and elegant mansions of the Georgian 200-year-old "New Town" with the narrow lanes and medieval townhouses along the Royal Mile, the oldest part of the city. See Princes Street, the main shopping thoroughfare that separates the two areas. Learn about many prominent Scottish inventors, doctors and writers. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle where you can see historic buildings and enjoy splendid views of Edinburgh. The rest of the day is free for independent exploring, shopping and dining. (B)

## Day 8: Extend Your Stay in Edinburgh

Spend the day on an independent hop-on hop-off bus tour of Edinburgh; there are a number of different routes that you may choose to explore distinct areas of the city. Also enjoy a walking tour around parts of the city's historic areas - you will have a selection of different tours and routes. (B)

## Day 9: Tour Ends in Edinburgh

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

*For reservations please complete the form below and include your deposit of \$250 per person, due by Nov 3, 2017. Optional Trip Protection Insurance is additional at \$199 per person and is also due at the time of deposit.*

Full name of passenger (must match passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F

Inbound Flight Arrival Details \_\_\_\_\_

Outbound Departure Details \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Room:  TWIN  SINGLE If TWIN room, provide name of roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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I am enclosing a deposit check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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