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A SCOTTISH SOJOURN

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries



Europe, Scotland



10 days from AU\$18,970 pp



Private

Journey Overview

Embracing the northernmost part of the British Isles, Scotland is wild and untamed. Its spectacular landscape of lochs and heathery glens, famous battle sites and fast-flowing rivers provide a dramatic backdrop to historic castles, whisky distilleries and ancient ruins. Edinburgh, Scotland's charming capital city, boasts an impressive range of attractions including the imposing Edinburgh Castle and the historic Old Town.

Journey Highlights

- Be captivated by the royal fortress of Edinburgh Castle
- Savour the finest single malts on exclusive distillery visits
- Visit the sites of some of Scotland's most historic battles
- Admire the stunning views of Loch Lomond and Scotland's rugged west coast during a scenic seaplane flight
- Stay at Gleneagles Hotel where you can play on one of three championship golf courses



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Edinburgh

Arrive at the Scottish capital and transfer to your hotel.

Upon arrival at Edinburgh airport, you are welcomed to Scotland by your Guardian Angel and transferred to your hotel where you are assisted with check-in procedures.

The Balmoral

Day 2: Edinburgh

Uncover the rich history of Edinburgh on a walking tour, starting with Edinburgh Castle. Housing the oldest set of Crown Jewels in Europe, admire panoramic views of the city before heading down the Royal Mile through the Old Town to St. Giles Cathedral. In the afternoon, you may like to enjoy afternoon tea at The Palm Court in your hotel or take part in a whiskey-tasting experience, piping demonstration and dinner.

The Balmoral | Meals: B

Day 3: Edinburgh - The Scottish Borders - Edinburgh

Today, venture outside Edinburgh to visit the historic and beautiful Rosslyn Chapel. Situated in the little village of Roslin, this ornately decorated chapel was built in the 1400s and took over 40 years to complete. Practically every surface of the building is covered in intricate carvings depicting bible stories and local history including that of the Holy Grail. Your guide will explain the theories, myths and meanings behind the carvings.

Alternatively, enjoy a day out exploring the beautiful Scottish Borders countryside — a picturesque area of rolling hills and farmland lying between Edinburgh and the boundary between Scotland and England. Although a peaceful region today, it was long fought over between England and Scotland in the late Middle Ages. Explore Traquair House, the oldest inhabited house in Scotland and discover the history of the famous Bear Gates, which closed indefinitely behind Bonnie Prince Charlie as he rode away in 1745. Visit Abbotsford, the enchanting house of Scotland's national novelist Sir Walter Scott, with its colourful gardens which provided him with much inspiration. Before heading back to Edinburgh, see the beautiful ruins of Melrose Abbey, burial place of Robert the Bruce's heart.

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Day 4: Edinburgh - Stirlingshire

The stunning scenery through the heart of central Scotland is steeped in legend, folklore and history. Today, visit Stirling, where the armies of Sir William Wallace defeated the invading forces from England at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297. See the majestic Stirling Castle and the National Wallace Monument. Continue west to explore the Trossachs — a delightful scenic area of mountains, forests and lochs, often referred to as Rob Roy country. Sail across Loch Katrine on a historic ship and see Bannockburn, the battlefield where Robert the Bruce expelled the English armies. Transfer to your beautiful hotel set on the banks of Loch Lomond.

Cameron House | Meals: B

Day 5: The Highlands

Today, embark on a scenic sea plane flight over Loch Lomond and the spectacular west coast of Scotland. Fly towards the Kyles of Bute and Loch Fyne, over the Kintyre peninsula towards The Sound of Jura before returning to Loch Lomond. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Cameron House | Meals: B

Day 6: The Highlands

The landscapes of Argyll are some of the gentlest areas of the Scottish Highlands, yet still represent the grandeur of the region. Journey to Inveraray Castle, home to the Duke of Argyll, and explore the impressive interior with a private guide. Travel along the shores of Loch Fyne towards Oban and onto Fort William, overshadowed by the slopes of Ben Nevis — the United Kingdom's highest mountain. Arrive at your accommodation at Inverlochy Castle, set amongst the scenic glens, lochs and mountains of the West Highlands.

Inverlochy Castle | Meals: B

Day 7: The Highlands

Today, journey along the Great Glen — a valley that bisects the Scottish Highlands. Caused by a geological fault, it is one of the most noted topographical features in Scotland. Travel to the banks of Loch Ness, looking out for 'Nessie' as you walk around the ruins of Urquhart Castle which dominate the central part of the loch. You may like to cruise across the loch to the castle aboard your own private luxury cruiser with a local skipper-guide (additional cost). Arrive in Inverness, a small but charming city considered the capital of the highlands.

Visit one of the most important historic sites in Scotland — the battlefield of Culloden Moor, where Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated in 1746 by government troops. At this poignant spot, learn how these events changed the way of life in Scotland dramatically. If you have personal connections to the battle, you can learn where your ancestral clansmen stood and visit the Hall of Names before returning to Fort William (additional cost).

Inverlochy Castle | Meals: B

Day 8: Fort William - Gleneagles

Today, enroute to Gleneagles, visit beautiful Blair Castle in the Perthshire countryside. Home to 19 generations of Stewarts and Murrays of Atholl, the stately castle with its sumptuous interior is set in a magnificent walled garden, surrounded by the picturesque Highlands.

Home to three famous championship golf courses, Gleneagles Hotel has hosted several professional tournaments. You can enjoy horseback riding, off-roading, shooting, fishing or relaxing in the many spa and wellness spaces (additional costs may apply).

Gleneagles | Meals: B

Day 9: Gleneagles

Enjoy a day at your leisure. You may wish to book a round of golf at one of the hotel's championship golf courses, take part in a falconry lesson (additional cost) or simply enjoy a walk in the beautiful countryside.

Gleneagles | Meals: B

Day 10: Depart Glasgow

Transfer to Glasgow airport for your departure flight.

Meals: B

Map



Accommodation

The Balmoral, Edinburgh



The Balmoral is a grand railway hotel at Edinburgh's most prestigious address. A landmark in the centre of the city, the historic building's grand clock still dominates the skyline, while its enviable location, stunning views, warm hospitality and world-class facilities provide the perfect retreat. Many of the rooms have views of Edinburgh Castle and the Old Town and dinner in the Michelin-starred Number One restaurant is a treat. Unwind in the award-winning spa and enjoy the timeless elegance of its 188 rooms and suites each with spacious marble bathroom.

Cameron House, Loch Lomond



Cameron House is a majestic 17th-century Baronial mansion which sits amidst 400 acres of countryside on the shores of Loch Lomond. Following an extraordinary restoration in 2020, the property is designed with rich colours and fabrics, historic detailing and a contemporary Scottish flair.

Cameron House is home to 208 bedrooms including 28 suites, featuring Egyptian cotton sheets, private bathrooms with separate bathtubs, rainfall showerheads and designer toiletries. The hotel enjoys a state-of-the-art leisure club, 234-berth marina, 29-seat cinema, award-winning spa with rooftop infinity pool, 18-hole championship golf course, and a choice of exhilarating and relaxing resort activities.

Guests have the choice of several excellent dining options, including Tamburrini & Wishart, offering a contemporary fine dining menu expertly curated around the local produce of the region. This property is the ideal choice for guests seeking an historic and tranquil retreat that exudes regal elegance and impeccable service in an unrivalled location.

Inverlochy Castle



A member of Relais & Châteaux, this atmospheric country house hotel is uniquely located amongst the glens, lochs and mountains of Scotland's West Highlands. Built in 1863, the castle played host to Queen Victoria and today prides itself on its elegant surrounds and friendly efficient service. Each of the 17 bedrooms, all with private bathroom, have their own individual design and character, along with splendid views of the grounds and surrounding mountains. Dining at Inverlochy is an experience with modern British cuisine served in period style dining rooms. A host of activities are available from the hotel including golf, riding, white water rafting, mountain biking, shooting, fishing and off-road driving.

Gleneagles Hotel



Since throwing open its doors in 1924, Gleneagles has been one of Scotland's premier hotels and sporting estates. With a sprawling 850 acres at its disposal, Gleneagles offers guests an array of country pursuits including falconry with Harris' Hawks, horse riding and lessons in the equestrian centre, off roading, fishing, clay pigeon shooting, gun dog training and archery. The Ochil Hills are calling out to those with feel like a good walk, and of course, three championship golf courses are irresistible for any golfer, regardless of one's handicap.

With two indoor pools, an outdoor thermal pool and a state-of-the-art gym, there is plenty of scope (and no excuse) for a pulse-heightening workout. Alternatively, to restore the tissues gently, surrender yourself to the caring hands of the specialist team in the Resident Spa.

Featuring divine king-sized beds, the bright and airy rooms at Gleneagles are awash with Scottish textiles, sumptuous fabrics and fresh colour schemes.

As a culinary destination, Gleneagles is peerless. The Strathearn is a classical Franco-Scottish fine dining restaurant. Andrew Fairlie is an intimate two-Michelin-starred gastronomic delight, renowned for simple yet indulgent French-inspired cooking. The Birnam Brasserie evokes the spirit of Tuscany with Mediterranean classics, and The Dormy serves up fresh stone-baked pizzas for hungry golfers. Take afternoon tea in the Glendevon for a delicate selection of pastries, cakes and sandwiches, or to enjoy a good cup of coffee, the Garden Cafe is the perfect spot.

Why we like it

- Home to the British School of Falconry
- The crack team of manicurists and hair stylists in the Beauty Lodge
- Specialist team of therapists at the Resident Spa
- Eight hundred and fifty acres of Perthshire estate to explore
- A multitude of dining options from bar snacks and brasserie classics to family fare and fine dining
- **Our top tip:** get yourself glammed up and make your way to the 1920s cocktail lounge

Dates & Pricing

From \$18,970 per person twin share (low season) and from \$22,990 per person twin share (high season). Solo travellers on request.

As this Tailor Made Journey can be personalised to your specific requirements, it is not available for online booking. Depending on your preferred dates and arrangements, final pricing will vary.

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