

Scenic Scotland

Lands so diverse they will leave you spellbound. Explore nature at Dundreggan Rewilding Centre and royal history at Stirling and Edinburgh Castles.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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Trip code: BIBSCO

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO GLASGOW

Glasgow, the undisputed capital of Scottish culture, offers endless opportunities for the curious traveller. As Scotland's largest city, Glasgow boasts more than 20 museums and art galleries that may tempt you upon arrival. After you meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers, celebrate your first night of your tour over dinner. (D)

Hotel: Voco Grand Central, Glasgow

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 08:00, 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | GLASGOW SIGHTSEEING

Embark on an orientation drive with your Travel Director who reveals Glasgow's grand public buildings including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. The morning continues with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Ardgowan House where Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate. Not only will you dine with a Baronet, your host will even be involved in the food preparation. Work up an appetite walking amid the beech trees whilst learning about the Shaw Stewart family. Then return to the castle for a sumptuous afternoon tea of finger sandwiches made with locally-sourced ingredients, freshly baked scones, cream, jam and cakes. (B) (L)

DAY 3 | TRAVEL ON TO OBAN

Centuries old history and a massive structure rising above the River Forth – Stirling Castle, a symbol of Scottish national pride and once home to Scottish royals including Mary, Queen of Scots, awaits your discovery. Explore its halls, chapels and bedrooms, see the famous 'Stirling Heads' and admire the poignant Wallace Monument and battlefield of Stirling Bridge from its 16th-century walls. After a morning exploring the lives of royals, arrive in scenic Scotland's Loch Lomond for an Optional Cruise and lunch on the 'Queen of Scottish Lochs' according to historian and novelist Sir Walter Scott. The evening finds you in the resort town and seafood capital of Scotland, Oban, where you can opt to sample the local fare over a seafood dinner. (B)

Hotel: Isle of Glencoe Hotel & Leisure Centre/Balachulish, Glencoe

DAY 4 | OBAN

Scenic Scotland conjures up images of green highlands and wind-whipped seas. Encounter them for yourself today on a ferry from Oban to Craignure, the main ferry port on the Isle of Mull, Argyll and Bute, Scotland. Then make your way to the Isle of Iona for a visit to Iona Abbey. Your curiosity will be piqued on this tiny island that has been a vibrant centre of Christian worship. It's even rumoured that the Book of Kells was made at Iona Abbey. Before returning

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.



to Oban, view Rèilig Odhrain, the final resting place of many Scottish kings. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | TO THE HIGHLAND CAPITAL OF INVERNESS

Take your Scotland tour to a deeper level at a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Dundreggan, home to a pristine and fragile ecosystem, at Dundreggan Rewilding Centre. Meet a conservation expert to learn about the ecology of the Highlands and the connection between nature and regenerating the Gaelic cultural heritage. After an illuminating morning, the afternoon finds you tailoring your time with Insight Choice. Choose between a relaxing Loch Ness Cruise and a tour of Glen Ord Distillery. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Hotel B&B, Inverness

DAY 6 | BLAIR CASTLE AND EDINBURGH

Full of curiosities, Blair Castle is a treasure trove of history and fine 18th century interiors. Join an optional experience to learn how it has been home to the Atholl family for over seven centuries with a history of both turbulent and peaceful times. Even the gardens surrounding Blair Castle, featuring a nine-acre walled garden, wooded grove, and extensive deer park, will have you reflecting on the castle's past. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, where you could opt to experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu Georgian hall for Scottish dining, and live music. **(B)**

Hotel: Virgin, Edinburgh

DAY 7 | EDINBURGH CASTLE AND ORIENTATION

Edinburgh offers endless possibilities for the curious traveller. Discover the sights and insights of the city with your Local Expert as you travel along Princes Street to see the ornate Scott Memorial, the neoclassical Georgian facades of New Town and the official Scottish residence of the King, Palace of Holyroodhouse, in the Old Town. Your Local Expert then guides you inside the walls of Edinburgh Castle for the sights and insights into the lives of the royals. With the afternoon free, you are at leisure to continue exploring as you wish. Stroll past the charming buildings on the Edinburgh Mile or join an optional experience of Royal Edinburgh with a Local Expert who brings its ancient stories to life. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | END EDINBURGH

It's time to close the chapter on a memorable Scotland tour. We bid our newfound friends and Travel Director a fond farewell. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 09:00.

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Glasgow | See the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral.

Stirling Castle | Delve into the insights of one of the largest and most important castles in Scotland.

Isle of Mull | Travel to the Isles of Mull and Iona, visiting Reilig Odhrain, the sacred burial ground of 48 Scottish Kings.

Scottish Highlands | *Insight Choice*
Learn the fascinating process of Scottish whisky production at a local distillery and malting facility, complete with a 'wee dram', or soak up the scenery and hear intriguing tales of Nessie during a cruise on one of Scotland's most famous lakes.

Edinburgh | Visit Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish Crown Jewels, Mons Meg and other artefacts with your Local Expert. Explore the city with your Local Expert.

Ardgowan House | Join Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate, and savour a traditional Scottish tea made from local ingredients. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 12: Affordable and Clean Energy & Responsible Consumption and Production.

Inverness | At the Dundreggan Rewilding Centre, learn about the reintroduction of native tree and animal species such as the lynx, red squirrel and beaver. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Glasgow | Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Glasgow's city centre as you indulge in a carefully curated selection of local flavours and traditional delights.

Edinburgh | Enjoy a dinner of modern Scottish cuisine in the heart of Edinburgh.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



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