



Scottish Lochs & Castles

Starting at **\$2,789***

Show your family Scotland's wilder side

Adventure into Scotland on this family-friendly tour, jam-packed with activities perfect for the young (and the young at heart). Whether you're trying your hand at our own version of the Highland games, or hunting for the Loch Ness monster as you cruise the lake, there's plenty to keep your whole clan excited as you explore the nature and history of Scotland.

Trip details

Tour start
Glasgow

Tour end
Edinburgh

8 
Days

7 
Nights

14 
Meals

* Prices listed are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$600.



Trip Highlights:

- Highland Safaris
- Stirling Castle
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Loch Ness Cruise
- Highland Games
- Riverside Transport Museum
- Blair Castle

Hotels:

- Novotel Glasgow Centre Hotel
- The Moorings Hotel
- Macdonald Highlands Hotel
- Atholl Palace Hotel
- Hotel Indigo Edinburgh York Place

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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Glasgow | Riverside Transport Museum

Tour begins 2:00 PM at your Glasgow hotel with a panoramic tour of central Glasgow including red sandstone Victorian building, delightful parks, Glasgow Cathedral, and the River Clyde, once important for shipbuilding. Explore historic trains, ships, cars, and motorbikes at the interactive Riverside Transport Museum. Enjoy a welcome drink with your tour director and fellow travelers before dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 2 Stirling Castle | Trossachs

Drive to historic Stirling Castle, the childhood home of some of the most famous people in Scottish history, including Mary, Queen of Scots, and William Wallace. Visit Bannockburn Heritage Centre and learn about the battle fought against the English in 1314, the most celebrated in Scottish history. Embark on a scenic drive through the lochs and wooded glens of the Trossachs National Park and Glencoe before arriving at your hotel in Fort William. Enjoy dinner with your group in the evening. (B, D)

Day 3 Loch Ness Cruise | Highland Games

Travel along the Caledonian Canal, constructed in the 19th century, to Loch Ness where you'll embark on a short cruise to admire enchanting scenic views—see if you spot "Nessie," the legendary monster said to dwell in the lake. Next, have fun participating in a mini Highland games, as you playfully compete in traditional Scottish fun. Your hotel tonight is in Aviemore. (B, D)

Day 4 Sheepdog Demonstration | Blair Castle

Continue your Scotland tour through majestic Highland scenery. Visit a farm to see trained dogs hard at work herding sheep. View the high peaks of the Grampian Mountains as you travel to magnificent Blair Castle, the 700-year-old home of the Atholl family; the furnishings of the castle give a unique glimpse into Scottish history. Travel on to the Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry, a gracious manor-style hotel. (B, D)

Day 5 Highland Safaris | Pitlochry

An interactive nature experience with Highland Safaris will introduce you to the local wildlife and habitat of the region. At the Red Deer and Barn Owl Encounter, learn about Britain's largest native land mammal. You will have the opportunity pet, feed, and photograph the animals and go into the forest with a ranger. Have lunch there before enjoying a free afternoon in Pitlochry, a bustling resort town. Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 6 St Andrews | Boat Cruise | Scottish Evening

Drive to St Andrews, known as the "Home of Golf," to enjoy some free time. On your way to Edinburgh, stop off for a relaxing boat cruise on the Firth of Forth, admiring the beautiful panoramic views of the Edinburgh skyline and the Three Bridges. Later, enjoy a Scottish evening with dinner, haggis, bagpipes, kilts and Highland dancing. (B, D)

Day 7 Edinburgh Castle | Edinburgh Tour

Explore Edinburgh with a guide. Compare and contrast the wide streets and elegant mansions of the 200-year-old Georgian "New Town" with the narrow lanes and medieval townhouses along the Royal Mile, the oldest part of the city. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle with its splendid views of Edinburgh. Then enjoy an independent afternoon. You'll have a voucher for your choice of walking tours to explore the city. August 14 tour departure enjoys the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B)

Day 8 Tour Ends in Edinburgh

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner



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