



Scottish Clans & Castles

Starting at €2005.00*

Find your castle in the sky

Revisit the past on this leisurely Scottish tour filled with castle ruins, ancient battlefields, and colorful stories from the country's rich history.

Trip details

Tour start **Glasgow** • Tour end **Edinburgh**

10  Days

9  Nights

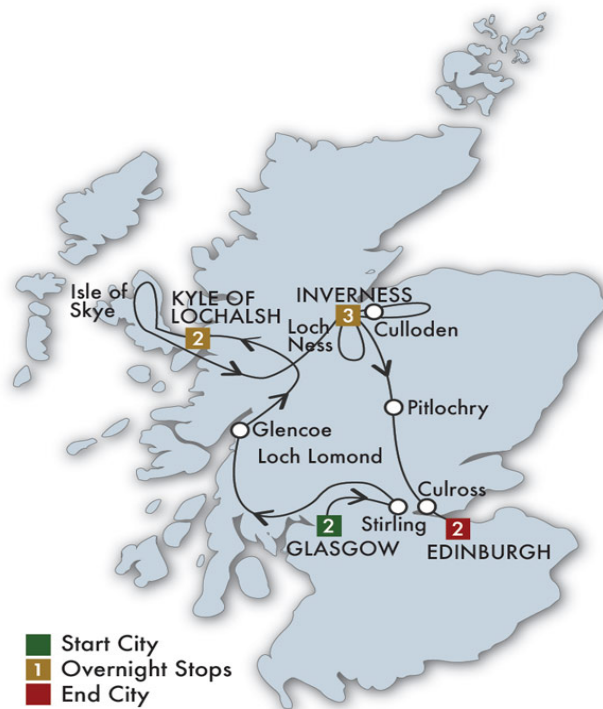
15  Meals

Trip Highlights:

- Dunvegan Castle
- Palace of Holyroodhouse
- Isle of Skye
- Culloden Battlefield
- Eilean Donan Castle
- Stirling Castle
- Doune Castle

Hotels:

- Malmaison Glasgow
- Balmacara Hotel
- Glen Mhor Hotel
- Norton House Hotel & Spa



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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Glasgow Arrival | City Tour

Tour begins at 2:00 PM at your hotel. Enjoy a Glasgow city tour to see George Square, Glasgow Cathedral, Kelvingrove Park, and Glasgow University, all featured in the TV series Outlander. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dining independently.

Day 3 Glencoe | Eilean Donan Castle

Head into the majestic Highlands and journey by Loch Lomond, across Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe, often considered one of Scotland's most spectacular and beautiful places. Stop for photo opportunities along the route. Treat yourself to Scottish goods at a woolen mill and continue your journey north to the romantic Eilean Donan Castle. (B, D)

Day 5 Armadale Castle | Scenic Train Ride

Visit the ruins of Armadale Castle, a country house that was home to the MacDonalds. The house was abandoned a century ago, but the gardens are still beautifully maintained. Embark on a ferry ride to Mallaig and transfer to a train for a ride through some of Scotland's most picturesque scenery. Travel from Fort William to your hotel in Inverness. (B,D)

Day 7 Johnstons of Elgin | Brodie Castle

Tour Johnstons of Elgin to discover the history and craftsmanship behind their fine woolens, then enjoy some free time for lunch. Explore 16th century Brodie Castle, with its fairytale towers and turrets set on spacious grounds. The house contains fine furnishings, a collection of paintings, and a library with over 6,000 volumes. Return to Inverness and enjoy a free evening and dinner on your own. (B)

Day 9 Edinburgh Tour | Palace of Holyroodhouse

In Edinburgh, see how the medieval townhouses along the Royal Mile in the heart of the Old Town are in stark contrast to the Georgian mansions of the 200-year-old New Town. Tour the impressive Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the Queen, and walk through the majestically furnished chambers. The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy your choice of things to do in Edinburgh. For July 30 to August 20 departures, enjoy the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B)

Day 2 Stirling Castle | Doune Castle | Distillery Visit

Visit Stirling Castle, a mighty stronghold that dominates the surrounding plain, before some free time on your own for lunch. Visit the 14th century Doune Castle, with its 100-foot-high gatehouse and well-preserved great hall. The formidable structure has been used as a film location for many productions, including Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Next, head to a whisky distillery for a sampling, then go back to Glasgow to dine at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 4 Isle of Skye | Dunvegan Castle | Kilt Rock | Portree

Explore the Isle of Skye and learn the history of Bonnie Prince Charlie. Travel to Dunvegan Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland. Admire the Trotternish Peninsula as you travel to Kilt Rock, a 200-foot-high sea cliff with huge, vertical basalt columns. Visit Flora MacDonald's grave in Kilmuir Graveyard and stop in Portree, the Isle of Skye's colorful capital, for free time. (B, D)

Day 6 Loch Ness Cruise | Urquhart Castle | Culloden Battlefield | Inverness

Photo opportunities await as you visit the picturesque ruins of Urquhart Castle, once Scotland's largest castle, and embark a cruise of Loch Ness. Stop at the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre to discover how British Government forces defeated the army of Bonnie Prince Charlie, ending the Jacobite rising. Return to Inverness for a walking tour before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Sheepdogs | Culross Walk | Pitlochry | Scottish Evening

Immerse yourself in farm life and enjoy a demonstration of dogs obeying commands to round up sheep. In Pitlochry, explore and have lunch independently. Continue to Culross for a walking tour around the charming 16th-century town, recently used as a filming location for Outlander. Highlights include the Town House, Culross Palace, and the remains of Culross Abbey. Enjoy free time in Culross before heading to your hotel near Edinburgh for a Scottish evening with dinner and traditional entertainment. (B, D)

Day 10 Tour Ends in Edinburgh

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

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