

Scottish Isles & Glens

Starting at **$5,195***

Explore Scotland's coasts and islands

Head a little off the beaten path on this tour of Scotland's rugged Highlands, coastal byways, and the archaeological treasures on Orkney and the Isle of Skye.

Trip details

Tour start
Glasgow

Tour end
Edinburgh

12	11	20
Days	Nights	Meals

* Prices listed are in US dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of $2,095



Trip Highlights:
- Ring of Brodgar
- Isle of Skye
- Orkney Islands
- Inverewe Garden
- Loch Ness Cruise
- Skara Brae
- Mount Stuart House and Gardens
- The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Urquhart Castle

Hotels:
- Glasgow Grosvenor Hotel
- Balmacara Hotel
- Gairloch Hotel
- Ayre Hotel
- Dornoch Station Hotel
- Crieff Hydro Hotel
- Novotel Edinburgh Centre Hotel

2027 Scottish Isles & Glens - 12 Days/11 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Glasgow Arrival

Depart from your hotel at 2:30 PM for a tour of Glasgow, famed for its Victorian and Art Nouveau architecture. Once a prosperous port city due to international trade and shipbuilding, today Glasgow is Scotland's cultural hub. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group and dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 2 Isle of Bute & Mount Stuart House

Take a ferry to the Isle of Bute for stunning island scenery and a visit to the 19th-century Mount Stuart House. Spend time in Rothesay, the main town on the island. Enjoy a free evening in Glasgow and dine independently. (B)

Day 3 Loch Lomond & Eilean Donan Castle

Travel along famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its unsurpassed beauty. Journey through Glencoe, one of Scotland's most beautiful regions. Travel through Fort William and visit romantic Eilean Donan Castle, spectacularly situated on an island at the meeting of three lochs. Dine with your group at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 4 Isle of Skye, Dunvegan Castle & Portree

Explore the Isle of Skye and its associations with Bonnie Prince Charlie. Tour Dunvegan Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland and former stronghold of the Chiefs of MacLeod. Enjoy photo opportunities including stunning Kilt Rock. Stop in picturesque Portree with its brightly painted houses clustered around the bay. Enjoy free time before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 5 Inverewe Gardens & Gairloch

Take in the Highland scenery as you head to Inverewe Gardens, a colorful lochside garden filled with rare species of trees and flowers from around the globe, created in the wilderness by a father and daughter in the 19th century. You'll likely see wildlife including deer, otters, seals, and golden eagles, as well as huge California redwoods towering into the sky. Continue on to your hotel in Gairloch, where you can relax in tranquil and scenic surroundings before dinner with your group. (B, D)

Day 6 Ullapool, North Coast 500 & Ferry to Orkney

Journey along Scotland's dramatic coastline on one of the world's most spectacular drives as you follow the North Coast 500 route, pausing for photos along the way. Visit the quaint harbor town of Ullapool, then have lunch near the iconic Kylesku Bridge, famed for its sweeping views and striking architecture. Continue through wild Highland landscapes to an afternoon stop near the village of Tongue, where rugged mountains meet vast sea lochs. Travel on to Scrabster and the ferry to the Orkney Islands, where you'll spend the next two nights. (B, L)

Day 7 Orkney Sights, Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae & St Magnus Cathedral

Explore Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a scenic drive around the north of the main island, past the Earl's Palace at Birsay. Visit Skara Brae to see this amazing 5,000-year-old village, the best-preserved Neolithic settlement in Western Europe. Explore 400-year-old Skaill House, filled with fascinating archaeological items, art, and furniture collected by the twelve generations of Lairds of Breckness who once lived there. Travel on to the Ring of Brodgar, a ceremonial stone circle. Return to Kirkwall for a visit to St Magnus Cathedral. The afternoon is free, dinner is at the hotel tonight. (B, D)

Day 8 Italian Chapel & Dunrobin Castle

Drive across the historic Churchill Barriers, causeways built during World War II to protect the British fleet from German submarines. Visit the tiny Italian Chapel, a moving symbol of hope and reconciliation created by Italian prisoners of war. After returning to the mainland by ferry, continue to the grand Dunrobin Castle, set in a fairytale landscape with breathtaking coastal views. Explore its stunning architecture and majestic gardens, inspired by the Palace of Versailles. Travel onward in time for dinner at the iconic Dornoch Station Hotel, overlooking the sea. (B, D)

Day 9 Loch Ness Cruise, Culloden Battlefield & Sheepdog Demonstration

Embark on a scenic cruise along the historic Caledonian Canal, leading you to the legendary Loch Ness. Next, visit Culloden Battlefield, site of one of the most pivotal events in all of Scottish history. Visit a sheep farm to watch highly skilled sheepdogs demonstrate how they herd their flock. Dine at your hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 10 Whisky Tasting & Scottish Evening

* Visit The Glenturret Distillery, Scotland's oldest working distillery, to discover the traditional art of whisky making and enjoy a tasting. Set in the beautiful Perthshire countryside, the Glenturret has been producing whisky since the 1700s. Then, it's on to your Edinburgh hotel in the Grassmarket area of the old town. Relax before your festive Scottish evening, including a traditional dinner and lively entertainment. (July 31 – August 16 departures will enjoy an evening to explore and dine independently). (B, D*)

Day 11 Edinburgh Panoramic Tour & Edinburgh Castle

Explore the wide streets and elegant mansions in Edinburgh's Georgian "New Town" and the Royal Mile, the oldest part of the city. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle to see the Scottish Crown Jewels. Enjoy an evening to explore independently. July 31 – August 16 departures attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B)

Day 12 Tour Ends in Edinburgh

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

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