

11 DAY SCOTLAND: ISLES OF LORE & LEGEND

DESTINATIONS

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GLASGOW

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Glasgow
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Rolling landscapes of green hills and rocky coastlines. Lively cities of friendly locals and the renowned “water of life.” Remote isles built upon mystical lore and stirring history. This is Scotland – where legends live long and storybook pages come to life. Start your tour in Glasgow, a cultural trove for art, music, and history. Experience the culture at the National Piping Centre, where experts wield classic bagpipes. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, feel like a local when you try the instrument yourself. Toast to the start of your journey at a lively welcome dinner at the Centre’s farm-to-table restaurant.

DAY 2

Destination	Glasgow 🚗 Inveraray 🚗 Auchindrain [Ferry] Islay
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Leave the city behind, Travelling along sloping fields and rolling clouds. Enter into a land where clan legacy runs deep – a point of pride and ancestry for the locals. Stop in Inveraray, home to the Clan Campbell and current Duke of Argyll. Enjoy some free time to explore, perhaps visiting the castle and its gardens. In nearby Auchindrain, discover Scotland’s rural history during a guided tour of this well-preserved farm township and see how Scottish ancestors lived and worked. Ferry to the lands of the mystical Gaelic Kingdom of Dál Riata, shrouded in legend and serving as the inspiration of Celtic tales rivalling those of King Arthur. Stop at the Isle of Islay, the world capital of whisky, and enjoy dinner at your hotel along the waterfront.

DAY 3

Destination	Islay
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Peek into Islay’s tempestuous whisky history on a coastal walking tour linking three well-known distilleries. Stop for a guided visit of Lagavulin Distillery and taste the peaty “water of life.” Later, it’s your choice! Meet the locals at the Columba Gaelic Centre and enjoy light snacks as you learn about the Gaelic language and listen to live folk music -OR- delve further into Islay’s whisky culture and visit another of the island’s renowned distilleries.

DAY 4

Destination	Islay 🚗 Loch Finlaggan [Ferry] Oban 🚗 Loch Melfort
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Visit a local mill that weaves traditional tartan and tweed, including costumes featured in Braveheart, Forrest Gump, and Rob Roy. Make your way to Finlaggan, the cradle of Clan Donald, and hike to the loch. Visit the ruins of the medieval chapel and burial grounds, stepping into another time where neighboring clans created pivotal alliances. Later, depart Islay via ferry to Oban, watching the sunshine dance along the waves as you travel past the mountainous Isle of Jura. Continue to Loch Melfort and settle into your hotel for the next three nights. Take in a stunning view of the ocean from your room before wandering the grounds, home to friendly Highland cows and neighboring the National Trust’s Arduaine Gardens.

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DAY 5

Destination	Loch Melfort [Ferry] Isle of Iona [Ferry] Isle of Staffa [Ferry] Loch Melfort
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Embark on a seafaring adventure* and be whisked away on an exciting RIB boat (covered, rigid-hull Zodiac). Your first destination of the day is Iona, an island that serves as one of the area's oldest Christian religious centers. Ascend to the abbey on foot and enjoy free time to explore on your own. Hop back in your RIB boat and head to the nearby Isle of Staffa, home to the ethereal Fingal's Cave. Serving as the inspiration for Wordsworth, Keats, Mendelssohn and countless others, the cave features hexagonal columns that seem beyond nature's power. Peer into the cave from your boat before returning to Loch Melfort. Watch the clouds roll by as the sun fades into the horizon – the night is yours.

DAY 6

Destination	Loch Melfort 🚗 Kilmartin Glen 🚗 Loch Melfort
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Begin your day with a walk in Kilmartin Glen, passing by mysterious standing stones, henges and cairns that dot the countryside. Perhaps you will make the most of free time in the afternoon with an optional exhilarating boat ride: this excursion takes you to the area of the powerful Corryvreckan Whirlpool** via RIB boat, giving you an intimate look at the local wildlife as you search for eagles, seals, and other marine life with an expert local guide.

DAY 7

Destination	Loch Melfort 🚗 Loch Lomond 🚗 Luss 🚗 Pitlochry
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Journey to Loch Lomond, the largest lake in Great Britain. Meet your personal kilted guide and hop into an off-road vehicle for an adventure through the land of Clan McGregor. Ascend the hill and hear the rustling of the wind, admiring an unparalleled vantage point of Loch Lomond and its numerous islands. For those feeling a little adventurous, take the wheel yourself and drive under the guidance of an expert instructor. After a picnic lunch, visit Luss, a quaint village of stone cottages and bright flowers. Journey further into the Highlands, pausing at Queen's View – the landscape beloved by Queen Victoria – for your first impression of the Cairngorms Mountains. Your night ends in Pitlochry, a small town from the 18th century.

DAY 8

Destination	Pitlochry 🚗 Blair Castle 🚗 Pitlochry
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Discover Blair Castle***, the ancient seat of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl. This historic estate, nestled in the Perthshire Highlands, is home to Europe's last remaining private army, the Atholl Highlanders. This afternoon, it's your choice! Take to the Highland landscape on a scenic hike along the stunning Queen's Drive and River Clunie -OR- explore the picturesque village of Braemar at your own pace, perhaps visiting their Highland Games Centre and Museum to find out more about caber (log) tossing and hammer throwing.

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DAY 9

Destination	Pitlochry 🚗 St. Andrews 🚗 Edinburgh
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Putter around St. Andrews, the world-capital of golf. On a guided tour of the Old Course's**** hallowed grounds, learn more about the origins of the clubs and caddies in the hometown of golf. Explore more of St. Andrews on your own before continuing to Edinburgh, Scotland's historic capital.

DAY 10

Destination	Edinburgh
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Start the morning with an impact moment and get a local's perspective with a guide from Invisible Cities – a social enterprise that trains people affected by homelessness to become tour guides of their own city. After your tour, visit the Palace at Holyroodhouse,**** the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll take a stroll among the Georgian architecture of the New Town or journey to Leith for a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia. Gather in the evening for a farewell dinner and toast to your Scottish explorations.

DAY 11

Destination	Edinburgh
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Wish Scotland a fond farewell as you depart for home.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Walk in the footsteps of Scottish ancestors with a guided tour of a Highland farm township.
Settle into a secluded luxury hotel along the waterfront in Islay.
Taste the “water of life” at a local distillery.
Steeped in lore and woven through royal heritage, experience the country’s isles as a true Scottish local.
17 Meals - 10 Breakfasts - 1 Lunch - 6 Dinners
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$660 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.
Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.

OPTIONAL TOURS

Scotland: Isles of Lore and Legend Tour Gratuities \$244 pp
Corryvreckan Wildlife RIB Boat Trip \$99 pp

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EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

HOTEL LIST

Glasgow - Hilton Glasgow
Islay - Machrine Hotel
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Loch Melfort - The Loch Melfort Hotel
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Pitlochry - Atholl Palace Hotel
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Edinburgh - Voco Edinburgh
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation
The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$1200 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.