



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Discover Scotland by Train

9-Day, 8-Night

Edinburgh, Inverness, Glasgow

This delightful journey ventures into the dramatic landscapes of Scottish lochs and islands, and explores soaring cathedrals and ancient castles. Starting in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, we visit its medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town. Inverness is the major city of the Highlands region. It is steeped in history and is the gateway to famous Loch Ness. Check out Glasgow's historic architecture, Art Gallery and Museum, pubs and whisky distillers.

Enjoy haggis, whisky and shortbread with the friendly locals and their distinctive accents.



Edinburgh Skyline View with Calton Hill



River Ness flows by Inverness City



Portree, Isle of Skye



Eilean Donan Castle, Loch Duich



Old Man of Storr, Skye



George Square, Glasgow

Inclusions

- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking guide
- ▶ Private Airport Transfers
- ▶ Train Tickets (standard class)

Exclusions

- ▶ International Air Fare
- ▶ Train Station and Excursion Transfers
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Edinburgh - Edinburgh Airport (EDI)

Glasgow – Glasgow Airport (GLA)

Itinerary

3 NIGHTS IN EDINBURGH

DAY 1: ARRIVE EDINBURGH

Arrive at Edinburgh Airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Start your Scottish cultural experience in this historic city which has two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the medieval Old Town and the Georgian New Town.

[Meals: None]



DAY 2: EDINBURGH OLD TOWN WAKING TOUR, SCOTCH WHISKY TASTING

After breakfast, join today's **Old Town Walking Tour, History and Tales in Edinburgh** (group, 2 hours @10:30am). Visit many attractions in the UNESCO-listed Old Town including St. Giles' Cathedral, the Mercat Cross, Edinburgh Castle, and more.

This evening, join the **Scotch Whisky Tasting - The True Spirit of Scotland** (group, 1.5 hours @5pm) Enjoy a tasting of three single malts from various distilleries in Scotland. The experience begins at The Pear Tree, a pub whose house saw the birth of the world's first blend.

Take a short walk to the Topsy Midge Whiskey Bar where the tasting will take place, right next to Holyrood Distillery. 3 tastings of exclusive single malts + 1 new make (immature whiskey).

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: EDINBURGH CASTLE TOUR

After breakfast, join the **Guided Edinburgh Castle Walking Tour** (with admission ticket, group, 1.5 hours @10am)

Hear tales of the castle's royal residents including Mary Queen of Scots, and learn more about the rich history of the building. Enjoy free time to explore the castle's interior and the rest of the grounds which includes three museums, two prisons, a canine cemetery, the Chapel of Saint Margaret, the National Monument to the fallen of Scotland, the Great Hall, and a Royal Palace.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN INVERNESS

DAY 4: EDINBURGH – INVERNESS, INVERNESS CITY TOUR

Take the morning train from Edinburgh to **Inverness**.

Inverness is the gateway to the Scottish Highlands, the stunning region of breathtaking landscapes and ancient sites. It is just 20 minutes to famous Loch Ness, home of the legendary monster Nessie and many historic castles.

After arrival, take a self-guided tour to explore **Inverness's** top attractions at your own pace.

Explore historic Inverness along the banks of the lovely River Ness. Create your own adventure with 11 possible attractions including Abertarff House, Caledonian Canal, Merkinch Nature Reserve and Inverness Castle.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 5: ISLE OF SKYE AND EILEAN DONAN CASTLE TOUR

Today we discover **the Isle of Skye and Eilean Donan Castle** (group, 12 hours @7:45am).

Visit the most significant sights from Inverness to the Isle of Skye. Drive along the famous **Loch Ness** as you make your way to **Eilean Donan Castle**, which is one of Scotland's most photographed castles, set on its own island at the head of Loch Duich.

Drive across Skye Bridge to explore the island's beautiful coastline, Old Man of Storr (an iconic rock formation), Lealt Falls to admire the beautiful waterfall and gorge, and Kilt Rock.

[Meals: Breakfast]

3 NIGHTS IN GLASGOW

DAY 6: GLASGOW

Take the train to Glasgow. The rest of the day is free.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: GLASGOW CITY WAKING TOUR

This morning, enjoy the **Glasgow City Centre Walking Tour** (group, 1.5 hours @10:30am).

Visit George Square, Glasgow Cathedral, and Glasgow Green. Discover Riverside Museum that is Glasgow's award-winning transport museum.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 8: LOCH NESS, GLENCOE, AND THE HIGHLANDS DAY TOUR

After breakfast we join the **Loch Ness, Glencoe, and the Highlands Day Tour** (group, 12 hours @8am). Visit Loch Lomond with your guide and enjoy spectacular views over the Scottish Highlands. Framed by majestic mountains and adorned with over 30 islands, this stunning loch has been celebrated in songs and poems for centuries.

Travel into Rannoch Moor and Glen Coe that is widely considered to be Scotland's most beautiful glen. Pass beneath Ben Nevis on route through the Great Glen.

Travel to Fort Augustus on the shores of Loch Ness

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 9: END OF TOUR

After breakfast, transfer to **Glasgow Airport (GLA)** for your flight home to the USA or Canada.

[Meals: Breakfast]

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.