



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# England & Scotland Explorer by Train

## 9-Day, 8-Night Journey

*London, Edinburgh, Inverness, Isle of Skye, Glasgow*

Embark on a meticulously crafted tour of England and Scotland. From the vibrant capital city of London to the breathtaking Scottish realm, witness dramatic landscapes adorned with lochs and islands, while exploring majestic cathedrals and time-honored castles.

Our stress-free tour extends beyond sightseeing, allowing you the opportunity to leisurely cruise along the scenic River Thames and the tranquil waters of a Scottish loch. Immerse your taste buds in the cuisine of each region, savoring traditional haggis, fine whisky, indulgent afternoon tea, and hidden culinary gems. Engage with the warm locals, distinguished by their unique accents, as they invite you to experience the genuine hospitality that defines these remarkable destinations.



Tower Bridge, London



British Parliament & River Thames Cruise Boats



River Ness flows by Inverness City



Portree, Isle of Skye



Eilean Donan Castle, Loch Duich



George Square, Glasgow

## Inclusions

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

## Exclusions

- ▶ International Air Fare & Train Tickets
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

## Nearby Airport

London - Heathrow Airport (LHR)

Glasgow – Glasgow Airport (GLA)

# Itinerary

## DAY 1: ARRIVE LONDON | DINNER CRUISE ON THE THAMES RIVER

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

London is the capital of the United Kingdom (UK). It is one of the most diverse and vibrant cities in the world.

**Dinner Cruise On The Thames River** (3 hours @7:45pm)

Enjoy a 3-hour dinner cruise through London. Partake a pre-cruise glass of sparkling wine or soft drink. Dinner – a delicious 4-course dinner. Live performance and dancing till late.

[2 Nights in London. Meals: Dinner]

## DAY 2: LONDON CITY BUS TOUR

Today, we take a bus tour to explore London's top attractions. Visit **Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, London Eye, Westminster Abbey, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, Hyde Park** and **the Houses of Parliament**.

Note: Attraction admission tickets are not included.

[Meals: Breakfast]



### **DAY 3: LONDON – EDINBURGH**

After breakfast, take the train north to Edinburgh. Hotel and train station transfers are included. The rest of the day is free.

[2 Nights in Edinburgh. Meals: Breakfast]

### **DAY 4: EDINBURGH CITY TOUR**

Today's Edinburgh City Tour (group) explores Edinburgh New Town, Royal Botanical Gardens, Newhaven Harbour, the Royal Yacht Britannia, The Shore in Leith, Stockbridge, the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, and Edinburgh Castle.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **DAY 5: EDINBURGH – INVERNESS | INVERNESS WALKING TOUR**

Take the train from Edinburgh to **Inverness** (10:30 AM - 14:15 PM).

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

The **Inverness City Walking Tour** visits several attractions (1.5 hour @5:30pm).

Discover Inverness through the eyes of a local. See how Inverness developed, its history, folklore, and highland culture. From humble beginnings as a royal city, to Jacobite risings and castle sieges, to modern life in Inverness today and of course, the Loch Ness monster.

[2 Nights in Inverness. Meals: Breakfast]

### **DAY 6: ISLE OF SKYE AND EILEAN DONAN CASTLE TOUR**

Today we discover **the Isle of Skye and Eilean Donan Castle** (12 hours @8am).

Visit the Isle of Skye, including its capital Portree, Lealt Falls, and the Old Man of Storr. See Loch Ness from Invermoriston, Loch Carron, and Eilean Donan Castle.

Follow the shores of Loch Ness to Invermoriston, where you will stop for a short break. Grab a coffee, take scenic photos, and try to spot Nessie!

Continue to Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most photographed castles, set on its own island at the head of Loch Duich.

If you like, you can enter the castle and learn about its history (entrance fee not included). Or just admire the picturesque castle and its scenic surroundings.

Next we journey to the Isle of Skye. Portree is a small colorful town fringed by cliffs and rolling hills.

Head to the Old Man of Storr which is an iconic rock formation. Take a walk at Lealt Falls to admire the beautiful waterfall and gorge. Stop at the panoramic Strome Viewpoint over Loch Carron.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **DAY 7: INVERNESS - GLASGOW | CITY WAKING TOUR**

Take the train to Glasgow and transfer to the hotel (9:40 AM - 1:15 PM).

Enjoy the **Glasgow City Centre Walking Tour** (1.5 hours @5 PM). See George Square, pass by the City Chambers, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow Cathedral, The Necropolis, St. Mungo at High Street and Gallery of Modern Art. Note: Attraction admission tickets are not included.

[2 Nights in Glasgow. Meals: Breakfast]

### **DAY 8: STIRLING CASTLE, LOCH LOMOND AND CRUISE**

After breakfast we join the **Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond and Cruise Day Tour** (9 hours @9am).

Spot the magnificent Stirling Castle perched on a crag. This stronghold is known as the 'Key to Scotland', and has witnessed several battles that were turning points in Scottish history.

From Stirling you travel into the Highlands to an area known as the Trossachs National Park. This land is full of shimmering lochs, rugged mountain tops, and forest-filled glens. And it used to be a perfect place for outlaws like Rob Roy to hide.

Hear the tale of this fascinating folk hero and enjoy the magnificent nature all around you before proceeding to lunch in picturesque Aberfoyle (lunch at your own cost).

After lunch you continue the journey through the national park to the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

Framed by majestic mountains and adorned with over 30 islands, this stunning loch has been celebrated in songs and poems for centuries.

Join an optional hour-long cruise to admire the loch from a different angle and enjoy tales of local wildlife, folklore, and history.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **DAY 9: GLASGOW | 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.

## **Hotels**

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

Standard double room is included with your tour. Room upgrade available in the same hotel.

