



# Scottish Isles & Glens

Starting at \$4,195\*

## 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**

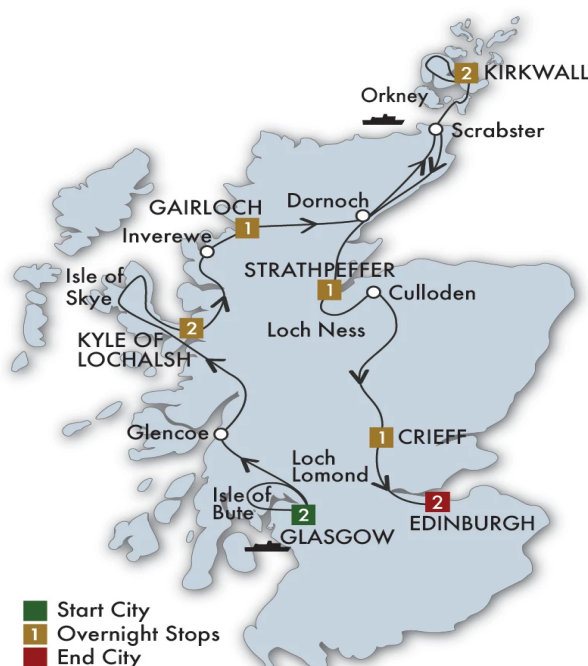
Tour end  
**Edinburgh**

**12** ☀  
Days

**11** 🌙  
Nights

**18** 🍴  
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 \$1,545



## Trip Highlights:

- Ring of Brodgar
- Isle of Skye
- Orkney Islands
- Inverewe Gardens
- Loch Ness Cruise
- Skara Brae
- Mount Stuart House and Gardens
- Dunrobin Castle
- Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

## Hotels:

- Novotel Glasgow Centre Hotel
- Balmacara Hotel
- Gairloch Hotel
- Ayre Hotel
- Highland Hotel
- Crieff Hydro Hotel
- Novotel Edinburgh Centre Hotel

# 2025 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 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. (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 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 archeological 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. Your evening is free to explore the town and dine as you wish. (B)

### 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 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 26 - August 11 departures attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B)

### Day 2 Isle of Bute & Mount Stuart House

Take a ferry to the Isle of Bute for stunning island scenery and a guided tour of 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 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 6 Dornoch, Dunrobin Castle & Ferry to Orkney

Spend time in the historic town of Dornoch before visiting grand Dunrobin Castle, in a fairytale setting with breathtaking coastal views. With 189 rooms, the stunning architecture and majestic gardens were inspired by the Palace of Versailles. Admire the amazing scenery of the Highlands as you continue on to Scrabster on the northern coast of Scotland. Take a ferry to the Orkney Islands, where you will spend the next two nights. (B)

### Day 8 Italian Chapel & Strathpeffer

Drive across the Churchill Barriers, causeways created during World War II to deter German submarines. Next explore the tiny Italian Chapel, a beautiful symbol of reconciliation built by Italian prisoners of war. Board a ferry back to the mainland, and travel south to Strathpeffer, an elegant Victorian spa town, where you'll dine in your hotel. (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 26 - August 11 departures will enjoy an evening to explore and dine independently.) (B, D\*)

### Day 12 Tour Ends In Edinburgh

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



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