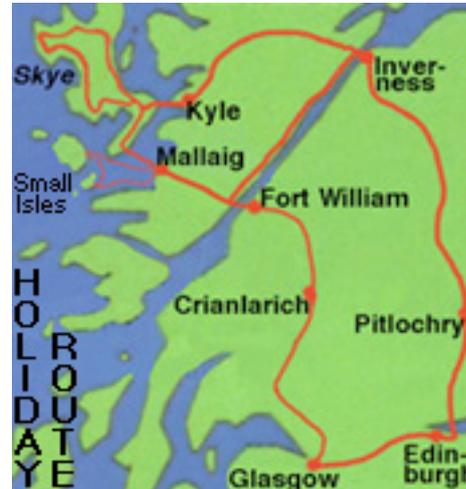


SCOTTISH WALKING ADVENTURE TOUR



Walking-Roundtrip, away from roads and traffic, with very romantic railway journeys and three different choices of accommodation, 9 days from and to Edinburgh.



You will explore the walking highlights of Scotland's most beautiful walking sites, such as the famous West Highland Way, the West Coast of Scotland including the Hebrides and the Central Highlands around Pitlochry.

After we have received your booking, you will get a superb choice of idyllic short walks and rewarding longer walks, described in detail, which you will be able to enjoy on this tour.

Travelling by train through Scotland combines the romance of the railways with the enjoyment, in comfort, of overwhelming natural beauty. Queen Victoria and countless writers, composers, poets and painters have known the value of this mode of travel.



Allow yourself to be captivated by the enchantment as slowly rising mists reveal the romantic scenery of isolated glens. Discover the landscape, from the wild flower meadows of the island valleys to the fascinating world of mountain and waterfall in the northern Highlands. Rail travel in Scotland has a romance all its own.

The special charms of a train journey through Scotland are the distant views of tremendous cliffs and ancient castles, of empty moorland and misty peaks, of lochs and glens, giving way to isolated beaches of white sand and dreamy vistas over the Hebridean islands, or to a picturesque fishing village.

Be astonished by the achievements of pioneering engineers, such as the world-famous Forth Railway Bridge and the bold viaducts of the West Highland Line. Encounter the impressive monuments of Scotland's eventful history as you follow winding rail tracks through deep glens.

The capital city, Edinburgh, with its abundant choice of cultural activities, and a flexible and varied sightseeing programme which includes castles, distilleries, woollen mills, cosy little Highland towns and many other attractions complement a successful discovery tour of Scotland.

Daily itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Edinburgh. Transfer from airport to hotel or B&B as booked.



Day 2: Edinburgh. Use the time for:

- a city tour, departures every 30 minutes
- sightseeing: castle, museums, Calton Hill, galleries
- a hill walk on Edinburgh's mountain, Arthur's Seat,
- in the evening, for instance, a ghost tour, or pub crawl, jazz club or Scottish evening,
- day trips as an alternative to a day in Edinburgh, e.g. to Glasgow, St. Andrews (the golfer's Mecca), or Berwick upon Tweed.

Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 3: by rail to Glasgow.

- either a stopover in Glasgow or travel directly on to Crianlarich. Here you are in the historic and scenic land of "Movie Scotland" - Highlander, Rob Roy, Braveheart - the Western Highlands.

Nature lovers will find this an ideal centre for hiking, canoeing, fishing etc. The famous long distance footpath, the West Highland Way, is right beside the hotel. Or you can just indulge yourself in the hotel's excellent four star accommodation.



Day 4: One of the world's beautiful railway journeys: the West Highland Line is the 'Road to the Isles' from Crianlarich over wild, romantic Rannoch Moor and along the Atlantic coast to Mallaig. Use the time for:

- idyllic short walks before departure, or from stops along the route, or from Mallaig. Today you could even climb Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis,
- breaks at Fort William and Glenfinnan for museums and boat trips, cycle rides and shopping ,
- visiting the historic monuments of famous Glenfinnan,
- a day on the white sandy beaches, swimming and relaxing

Days 5 and 6: Mallaig. Wander through the small coastal town and its harbour. Do you fancy a day trip to the seat of Clan Macdonald? Armadale Castle will charm you with its magnificent garden on the Isle of Skye. Or you can take a picnic to the Small Isles of Rum, Eigg or Muck. Experience an idyllic stroll or a breathtaking longer hike beside Europe's deepest lake, Loch Morar, or in the walkers' paradise of wild Knoydart. The warmth of the Gulf Stream tempts you to bathe. Hire a bicycle or a car for a day, or play golf on Arisaig Links. Daily in July and August an historic steam train travels to Fort William.

Day 7: The Wild, Wild West. You have a choice:

- either a romantic ferry trip over the sea to Skye followed by a scenic bus journey across the island and over the famous Skye Bridge back to the mainland at Kyle of Lochalsh. Some free time in the little port, before a wonderful rail journey through the lonely north-west of Scotland to Inverness.
- or train from Mallaig to Fort William and public bus through the Great

Glen to Inverness. You can comfortably explore the small Highland capital on foot. From there you continue your train journey to Pitlochry in the heart of the Central Highlands.

Day 8: Central Highlands. Enjoy the attractive scenery of mountain, waterfall and loch. There is wonderful walking on Ben Vrackie or beside the River Tummel with the Pass of Killiecrankie and the Queen's View. Visit the imposing ducal seat of Blair Castle and its grounds or the famous salmon ladder. A particular favourite is the tour of Scotland's smallest whisky distillery.



Day 9: rail journey to Edinburgh, airport transfer, return journey or next tour programme.

The trains all have open-plan carriages with large windows and comfortable seats, normally in double rows or single seats facing rearward as well as forward. There are many tables for four people. All trains have drinks and snacks available, generally served from a small trolley which is pushed through the compartments.

2010 DEPARTURE DATES for SELF-GUIDED TOURS:

weekly from Sunday 28 March to Sunday 24 October 2010, further departures on request, including throughout the winter

2010 DEPARTURE DATES for GUIDED TOURS:

04. - 12. July and 08. - 16. August, group size 8 - 22, additional charge of £60.00 per person

On our guided tours your friendly tour guide will be delighted to share his/her enthusiasm for the country, its land, people and culture.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAYS?

You can readily combine this self-guided railway tour with our other tours:

- Walking Tours:

- "Western Highlands - in the Footsteps of Rob Roy" - our classic tour
- "Islands and Highlands" (Mull, Iona, Skye, and Western Highlands)
- "Northern Highlights" (Orkney and Shetland Islands and Sutherland)
- "In the Heart of Scotland" - (walking, culture and sport based on one centre, great value)
- "Lake District" (English Lake District and Yorkshire Dales)

- "Western Isles" (Lewis, Harris, Uists, Barra, Skye und North-West Scotland)
- "Rob Roy Munro Tour" (Based on a single location, Trossachs for the energetic)
- "Gardens and walking in the Hebrides"

- Scottish sightseeing tours:

- "Best of Scotland" (Coach tour - our classic tour)
- "Scotland, the Whisky Trail and More" (exclusive bus tour for connoisseurs)
- We will organise your own individual holiday extension

PRICES 2010:

per person in double/twin room

Booking with a travel agent:

Package A: Overnight with breakfast in three and four star hotels, seven good three course dinners with coffee (not on Day 3):

£ 799.00

Package B: Overnight with breakfast in three and four star hotels:

£ 753.30

Package C: Overnight with breakfast in very good Bed and Breakfast

establishments: **£ 679.50**

- Supplement for July and August: £25.00
- reduction for children up to 12 years sharing parents' room: 50%
- group discount for small groups of 6 plus on request
- prices do not include flights
- single room supplement all tours: £160.00



INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

All three packages include the following: 8 nights in room with bath/shower and WC, 8 full Scottish breakfasts, all train, ferry and bus journeys in the itinerary, Edinburgh City Tour, welcome drink, maps, vouchers and comprehensive information package for clients, airport transfers by bus, transfers from station to hotel whenever the hotel is more than 3 minutes on foot from the station, 24 hour telephone service.

2011 DEPARTURES for SELF-GUIDED railway tours:

27. March - 30. October 2011,

2011 DEPARTURE DATES for GUIDED TOURS:

03.-11.07.11; 07.-15.08.11, with German and English speaking guide, group size 8 - 22 persons, additional cost £50.00 per person

HOW AND WHERE YOU CAN MAKE A BOOKING

You can make a booking through your travel agent or, of course, directly with Rob Roy Tours Ltd. Arrive by plane, train or your own car.

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