

# **Scotland's Highlights**

13 days | 12 nights



#### Your itinerary proposal

# Day 1: Arrival in Edinburgh

Arrival in Edinburgh and transfer to the hotel of your chosen category. Overnight in Edinburgh.

#### Day 2: Edinburgh

Free time to explore the Scottish capital. Use the day for a city tour, sightseeing (the Castle, museums, galleries, Calton Hill) or a hike to the top of Edinburgh's extinct Volcano, Arthur's Seat. In the evening, round off your day with one of the city's renowned ghost tours, visit the famous jazz club or enjoy a traditional Scottish evening's entertainment. (Supplement applies). Overnight in Edinburgh.

# Day 3: Carlisle

You could enjoy another day in Edinburgh or take the train across the beautiful Borders region to the English city of Carlisle. The imposing citadel is worth a visit as is the art museum and the cathedral. In the afternoon take the train back to Edinburgh via Glasgow. Overnight in Edinburgh.

## Day 4: Glasgow - Oban

In the morning take the train to Glasgow. Explore this fascinating city with all its art and shopping possibilities. Alternatively take the train straight to the picturesque harbour town of Oban. Overnight in Oban.

# Day 5: Oban

Today you have plenty time to unwind and stroll around the picture-perfect west coast town of Oban. A visit to one of the harbour's fish restaurants or the stands along the pier for fresh sea-food is a must. Why not take a boat trip to the Isle of Mull and discover the island's capital of Tobermory with its famous single malt distillery. Or maybe carry on by boat to Iona, known as the cradle of Christendom. (Supplements apply) Overnight in Oban.

#### Day 6: Oban - Mallaig

The West Highland Railway, passes over the wild and romantic Rannoch Moor, arriving at Mallaig on the Atlantic. This historic region has featured recently in films such as Rob Roy, Highlander and Braveheart. Overnight in Mallaig/Morar/Fort William.

### Day 7 and 8: Mallaig

Stroll around the pretty little coastal town of Mallaig. Let Armadale Castle, on the Isle of Skye, charm you with its glorious gardens or visit one of the small isles of Muck, Eigg and Rhum for a picnic. Discover one of the many idyllic hikes of the area, for example to Loch Morar, the UK's deepest lake,

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or trek far into the wild Knoydart peninsula. The warm waters of the gulf stream invite you to bathe in the sea.

During July and August the historic steam train to Fort William operates daily and crosses the Glenfinnan Viaduct, made famous by the Harry Potter movies. Overnight in Mallaig/Morar/Fort William..

# Day 9: The "wild wild West"

You have the choice between:

A romantic ferry trip to the Isle of Skye followed by a scenic bus tour across the island and return to the mainland via the famous Skye Bridge. Some free time in the picturesque village of Kyle of Lochalsh. Continue by train through the remote but beautiful Northwest of Scotland to Inverness. Or: Take the train to Fort William, transfer to a bus and travel the length of the Great Glen to Inverness, taking in the sights of the Caledonian Canal, the ruins of Urquhart Castle and Loch Ness along the way- will you see Nessie?! You then have the opportunity to explore the idyllic little city of Inverness on foot. Overnight in Inverness.

#### Day 10: The North

Celts, Kilts and Monsters: plan the day depending on your interests.

Maybe you want to find out the truth about the famous Loch Ness Monster? Public bus is available or it can be organised for a supplement.

If on the previous day you have already seen Loch Ness or are leaving Inverness late on day 11, you can opt for an enjoyable train trip to the north coast to Thurso or the east coast to Aberdeen. Overnight in Inverness.

#### **Day 11: Central Highlands**

Today you can either enjoy the whole day in Inverness or travel onwards in the morning. Your trip continues by train to Pitlochry in the heart of the Central Highlands. Overnight in Pitlochry.

# **Day 12: Central Highlands**

Enjoy stunning scenery, impressive mountain views, waterfalls and lochs. The mountain hike to Ben Vrackie is an amazing experience. Equally breath-taking is the hike to the River Tummel with picturesque views from the Pass of Killiecrankie and Queens View. Visit the impressive Blair Castle and Gardens, seat of the Duke of Atholl, famed for its salmon run. Not to be missed is a visit to Edradour, Scotland's smallest whisky distillery. Overnight in Pitlochry.

#### Day 13: Departure from Edinburgh

Return to Edinburgh by train. Airport transfer and flight home or connecting programme.

#### How does it work?

The given itinerary is only a rough outline for your round trip through Scotland. More detailed information on programme options, exact descriptions for visits, hikes, train schedules or hotels will be given after booking in our extensive "Travel Manual".

#### Daily individual arrival!

Please note: Mentioned excursions might not always be feasible due to events beyond our control. When preparing your travel documents, we are dependent on information from various service providers. We can't guarantee the accuracy of all information.





# **Prices and conditions**

PRICES 2024 (min. 2 persons), per person, double/twin room:

#### Package A - hotel/ half board

Overnight stays in handpicked middle class hotels with breakfast, INCLUDING seven multi-course dinners with a choice of menu (except day 4, 5, 9 and 10):

Half double room: € 2525.00 Single room surcharge: € 609.00

#### Package B - hotel/ breakfast

Overnight stays in handpicked three and four star middle class hotels with breakfast:

Half double room: € 2289.00 Single room surcharge: € 609.00

# Package C - B&B

Overnight stays in handpicked B&Bs:

Half double room: € 2249.00 Single room surcharge: € 649.00

### SEASON-DISCOUNT / SURCHARGE (valid for all packages):

Discount 1.11.-31.3.: € 129.00 Surcharge July/September: € 155.00

Surcharge August: € 210.00 Child-reduction on demand

# Our prices include:

Services are valid for all packages:

12x overnight in double/twin rooms with bath/ shower, 12x Scottish breakfast, all train and bus rides according to the programme, vouchers and comprehensive information package, airport transfers, train station-hotel transfers, as soon as a hotel is more than 10 minutes' walk from the train station, 24 hour telephone service.

Our prices are guaranteed up to the rate 1BP/1,16 EUR. If the BP rises above 1,16 EUR, a surcharge will be applied at the daily rate 30 days before arrival.

#### Itinerary / programme proposal

After booking an individual train journey, each customer receives an extensive travel guide. This contains detailed descriptions and countless possibilities for planning every travel day for every taste. Current travel times for various modes of transport and directions are also made easily accessible for travellers.

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Arrivals for all individual train tours are possible on any weekday!

Arrival day 1: Edinburgh, anytime

Departure day 13: from Edinburgh, from 11:30 a.m. / Sundays from 6 p.m.

(on request we can book your last overnight in Edinburgh)

Arrival/ departure via other airports/ meeting points on request!