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SCOTLAND
SKYE HIGH

A VALHALLA JOURNEY

Six days through Scotland's Highlands & islands

BELFAST TO EDINBURGH

Your companion to the places and their stories



Come for the places. Leave with the stories.

Across the sea and into the Highlands. Follow the road through great glens, island landscapes and towns with stories to share. This is your companion to six days of Scotland Skye High, with space for the memories you make along the way.

Read it your way

Each chapter follows a day of the tour. The stories explain what you will see and do; “On the day” notes help you prepare.

A book to bring along

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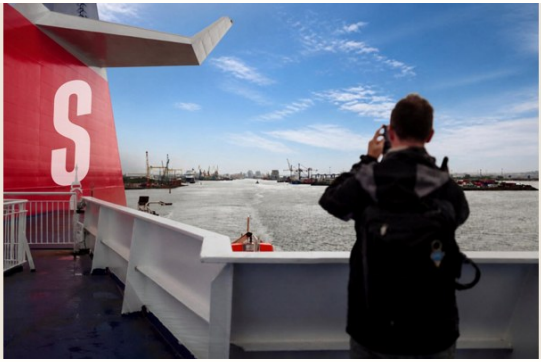
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Across the sea, into Scotland

STAY IN OBAN



Belfast to Cairnryan ferry

Leave Belfast by sea and watch the Scottish coast come into view. The crossing makes a memorable beginning: time to settle in, meet your fellow travellers and enjoy the changing view across the North Channel.

Passenger lounges offer a comfortable place to relax, while the open deck brings sea air and a wider horizon. Arrival at Cairnryan begins the road journey through Scotland, with Glasgow and Oban still to come.

ON THE DAY

Ferry travel is included. Meet at Belfast City Hall; your final collection time will be confirmed. The planned early sailing is around 7:15am, subject to Stena Line's timetable.



Glasgow Walking Tour

Glasgow introduces Scotland through its streets and the voices of its people. Grand buildings, murals and lively corners sit alongside reminders of the trade and industry that shaped the city.

Your guide connects those details with local stories, humour and personalities. Look beyond the impressive facades: the unexpected touches, including the famous cone on the Duke of Wellington statue, are part of Glasgow's character too.

ON THE DAY

A guided walking tour is included. Enjoy the city's stories before continuing towards Oban.



Oban Distillery

Oban's harbour and its distillery have grown together. In this compact working distillery, whisky-making becomes a story of ingredients, copper stills, patience and a town closely connected to the sea.

Follow the process with a distillery guide and discover what gives the local single malt its character. Afterwards, the harbour town offers a fitting setting for your first Scottish evening.

ON THE DAY

The distillery tour is included. Your hosts will explain tasting arrangements and any age restrictions.

Through the Highland glens

STAY IN FORT WILLIAM



Glencoe Valley

Glencoe changes the scale of the journey. Mountains rise above the road, waterfalls trace the slopes and the light moves quickly across open moorland. It is a landscape that rewards simply looking.

Scenic stops give you time to take it in while your guide connects the glen with its human history. The beauty and the stories belong together, making the road through Glencoe much more than a route to the next town.

ON THE DAY

Enjoy scenic stops as conditions allow. Bring a waterproof layer and keep your camera close.



Glenfinnan Viaduct

Glenfinnan's sweeping railway arches curve through a valley near Loch Shiel. The combination of engineering, mountains and open sky makes an extraordinary view, whether or not you recognise it from the Harry Potter films.

When the itinerary and conditions allow, a visit offers a chance to appreciate the bridge in its Highland setting. A passing steam train adds another layer of excitement, but its appearance depends on the operating timetable.

ON THE DAY

This stop depends on the day's timing and conditions. A steam-train sighting is not guaranteed.

An island with its own rhythm

STAY IN ISLE OF SKYE



Eilean Donan Castle

A stone bridge leads to Eilean Donan, standing on a small island where sea lochs meet. Water, mountains and weather create a different picture every time you look across to the castle.

Cross into stories of Highland clans, conflict and restoration. Exploring the interiors gives the familiar silhouette a human history, while the views outside invite you to pause before the journey continues onto Skye.

ON THE DAY

Castle admission is included. Allow time for the rooms, the bridge and the views across the water.



Portree

Portree brings a bright pause to a day of wild island scenery. Painted buildings line its sheltered harbour, with boats on the water and hills rising behind the town.

Take time to browse the shops, find somewhere for lunch or wander towards the waterfront. The pleasure is in the small discoveries: a local craft, a welcoming café or a view that makes you stop and look again.

ON THE DAY

Enjoy free time in Portree. Your guide will confirm when and where the group meets again.



Old Man of Storr

The Old Man of Storr rises above the Trotternish landscape, a dramatic rock pinnacle among ridges, hills and shifting clouds. Walking beneath it reveals wider views across Skye's coast and neighbouring islands.

Choose the walk when the conditions suit, or enjoy an earlier arrival at the country-house accommodation. Both leave room to experience the island in your own way, with time to notice the landscape rather than rush through it.

ON THE DAY

The walk is optional and depends on conditions. It includes uphill, uneven terrain; wear sturdy footwear. An early arrival at the accommodation is the alternative.

From Skye to legendary waters

STAY IN INVERNESS



Loch Ness cruise

Loch Ness feels different from the water. Forested shores and Highland slopes stretch alongside the boat, revealing the scale of this famous loch as the landscape slowly unfolds.

Listen to the commentary, step outside for the view or settle into a sheltered seat. The stories are part of the pleasure, from the surrounding Highlands to the long-lived mystery of Nessie beneath the dark water.

ON THE DAY

The scenic cruise is included. Bring a warm layer for the open deck; sailing arrangements depend on conditions.



Inverness

Inverness brings the journey back to a lively Highland centre. Riverside paths, bridges and the compact streets give you a different pace after the island roads and the open water of Loch Ness.

Explore at your own pace, discover a place to eat or enjoy a quiet moment beside the river. Local shops, welcoming pubs and the possibility of a tune make it a rewarding place to spend the evening.

ON THE DAY

Stay in Inverness tonight. Your guide will share local suggestions and confirm the next day's departure.

Ancient stones, Highland roads

STAY IN ST ANDREWS



Culloden or Clava Cairns

Day 5 begins with one of two perspectives on Scotland's past. Culloden brings the story of the Jacobite conflict into the landscape; Clava Cairns reaches much further back, to prehistoric burial monuments and standing stones.

At Clava, take time to notice the arrangement of the stones and the quiet woodland setting. At Culloden, the emphasis is on the people and events remembered there. Your guide will confirm which visit fits the day.

ON THE DAY

The itinerary visits Culloden Battlefield OR Clava Cairns, depending on the day. The photograph shows Clava Cairns.



Cairngorms National Park

The road through the Cairngorms reveals a Scotland of wide valleys, mountain slopes and woodland. Its changing views make the journey itself one of the day's experiences.

Watch the hills and forests as you travel, and enjoy scenic pauses where the route allows. There is always something to notice, from light moving over the mountains to the smaller details beside the road.

ON THE DAY

A scenic drive through the national park is part of the route. Stops are chosen to suit the day and conditions.



Pitlochry

Pitlochry offers a welcoming pause among wooded hills. Stone buildings, independent shops and inviting cafés bring a more intimate scale after the broad landscapes of the Cairngorms.

Enjoy time for lunch, browse local crafts or find a quiet corner with a coffee. It is a chance to collect your own small memories of the Highlands before continuing towards the coast and St Andrews.

ON THE DAY

Your guide will confirm the time available for lunch and exploring.



St Andrews Walking Tour

St Andrews brings university traditions, medieval history and the story of golf into one coastal town. Stone streets and glimpses of the North Sea give the walk a distinctive setting.

Follow your guide through stories of the cathedral, castle and the people who shaped the town. The golfing heritage adds another strand, making St Andrews rewarding even if you have never held a club.

ON THE DAY

A guided walking tour is included. Tonight's accommodation is in St Andrews.

A ROYAL FINALE

TOUR FINISHES IN EDINBURGH



Stirling Castle

Stirling Castle stands high above the surrounding countryside, its position explaining much of its importance before you even enter. The views place the stronghold within the wider story of Scotland.

Explore royal rooms, the Great Hall and the lives connected with this powerful place. Its architecture and displays bring courtly ambitions and daily life into focus, offering a memorable final castle visit before Edinburgh.

ON THE DAY

Castle admission is included. Take time to explore before the final journey to Edinburgh.



Edinburgh

Edinburgh's Old Town is a fitting finale: stone streets, steep closes and the outline of the castle above the city. Arrival brings six days of sea crossings, Highland roads and island stories together.

The tour finishes here, leaving you free to continue exploring independently or settle into an extra night in Scotland's capital. A final goodbye need not be the end of your Scottish discoveries.

ON THE DAY

Finish in Edinburgh Old Town around 4–5pm on Day 6. Allow time for onward travel; arrival can vary. Extra accommodation and independent visits are not included.

The practical side

Your journey, taken care of

Five nights in selected hotels and country houses, five breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, a welcome drink, the ferry crossing, your driver-guide, mini-coach transport and the listed experiences are included. Named properties are subject to availability.

Room to choose

Choose the Old Man of Storr walk or an earlier arrival at the accommodation on Skye. Glenfinnan depends on timing and conditions; a steam train is not guaranteed. Day 5 visits Culloden Battlefield or Clava Cairns.

The experiences are part of the story

A sea crossing. Glasgow through local voices. Whisky in Oban, Highland glens and an island afternoon. A Loch Ness cruise, ancient stories and a royal castle. Each chapter follows the experiences that make up your six days.

Before you go

Before you set off

Bring warm layers, waterproof clothing and comfortable shoes with good grip. Guests must board independently. Discuss dietary or access requirements before travelling, and check the travel-document requirements for your nationality and journey.

Meals and personal spending

Five breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners and a welcome drink are included. Budget for other meals, drinks, flights, airport transfers, extra nights, insurance, gratuities and personal spending. Payment fees may apply and are shown in checkout.

The final details

Meet at Belfast City Hall. The planned early ferry is around 7:15am, subject to Stena Line's timetable; final collection time will be confirmed before departure. Finish in Edinburgh Old Town around 4–5pm on Day 6. Allow plenty of time for onward travel.

Names, places & good stories

The tune you loved. The place you want to return to. The story you will tell when you get home.

The people we met

Names, shared laughs and the people who made the journey.

Places to remember

Favourite corners of Scotland, discoveries and places to return to.

Stories to bring home

The unexpected moments. The best stories. The bits you never want to forget.

Little discoveries

A favourite meal, a tune or a moment worth keeping.

Until next time

More names, places and stories to carry home.

The road ahead

Ideas for the next journey, and places to see again.



There is always another story.

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Your own collection of stories.

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The roads end.
The stories stay.

From Highland glens to an island horizon.
From the first story to the last goodbye.

Keep a little of Scotland with you.

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