

DAY 1

Welcome to Edinburgh (4 Nights)

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 // Edinburgh – United Kingdom

Today is when your trip to Scotland starts. Once you land in Edinburgh, make your own way to the hotel to meet everyone for the Welcome Dinner.

MEAL(S): Welcome Dinner

HOTEL(S): Hampton By Hilton Hotel Edinburgh West End

DAY 2

Edinburgh Sightseeing

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 // Edinburgh – United Kingdom

Start the day picked up from your hotel after breakfast. A captivating tale of Highlanders is revealed on this trek through Scotland. Our first stop is at the Royal Yacht Britannia, the historic ship that served the British Royal Family for over 40 years. Soak up Edinburgh's atmosphere this morning embarking on a walking tour through Old Town's winding cobblestone lanes including views of view Greyfriars Bobby Statue, Prince Street, Holyrood Palace, Sir Walter Scott Monument and visits to Edinburgh Castle, St. Giles Cathedral, and Real Mary King's Close. Dinner is at a local restaurant this evening.



MEAL(S): Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3

A Day of Abbeys, Landscapes and History

Thursday, July 25, 2024 // Edinburgh – United Kingdom

For a scenic day's excursion of Abbey's and history, this morning we visit Floors Castle, built in the 1720s by the architect William Adam for Duke John. We will visit Abbotsford – The Home of Sir Walter Scott before seeing Melrose Abbey. You will visit Rosslyn Chapel before eating dinner at a local restaurant.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4

Explore Linlithgow Palace and National Museum of Flight

Friday, July 26, 2024 // Edinburgh – United Kingdom

We visit the Hopetoun House, the stately home doubled as the location for the Duke of Sandringham's house in Season 1 of Outlander. We'll also visit Linlithgow Palace, the ruins of the elegant medieval birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots.

Learn about the history of aviation from the First World

War to the present day and immerse yourself in

interactive galleries, supersonic experiences, and

historic hangars and airfield at the National Museum of Flight, where you can board the Concorde to learn what transatlantic flight was like for its passengers and crew.



This evening, experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu, where we'll be welcomed by a Scottish piper and enjoy a welcome drink before settling in for a delicious three-course meal and live Ceilidh music and the iconic Piping in the Haggis ceremony.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5

Journey to Dundee (2 Nights)

Saturday, July 27, 2024 // Dundee – United Kingdom

View Dunfermline Abbey and Palace before traversing the lush green Lowlands to the Kingdom of Fife. Arrive in Falkland, the Outlander film location for 1940s Inverness. We visit Falkland Palace and Gardens, a royal palace of the Scottish Kings. Our final stop is Dundee, where we'll see the impressive Tay Rail Bridge and visit the Discovery Point and RRS Discovery, the last traditional wooden three-masted ship built in Britain, which served as Robert Falcon Scott's Antarctic exploration vessel. Also, we will visit Verdant Works, a restored mill housing interactive displays telling the story of local 19th–20th century production.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Hotel Dinner

HOTEL(S): Best Western Invercarse Hotel Dundee

DAY 6

Scottish Heritage and Castles

Sunday, July 28, 2024 // Dundee – United Kingdom

Shakespeare's Macbeth takes center stage as we visit Glamis Castle, once the home of the beloved Queen Mother and birthplace of Princess Margaret. We travel to visit Balmoral Castle*, the residence of the British Royal Family, before returning to Dundee for a dinner.

**If the Royal Family is in residence, we will not visit the castle. You will be able to view the castle.*

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Hotel Dinner

DAY 7

Venture into the Scottish Highlands and Inverness (2 Nights)

Monday, July 29, 2024 // Inverness - United Kingdom

Head north into the Scottish Highlands through Dunkeld, which doubled as North Carolina in Outlander. Celebrate rural Scottish heritage at the Highland Folk Museum, with its recreated 18th-century township, once used as a location in Outlander. Gain insights into rural life in Scotland from the 18th century to the mid-20th century, admiring the extensive collection of artefacts. Visit a real Highland sheep farm and meet a shepherd and his border collies. Try your hand at feeding the lambs and discover his training techniques (weather permitting). We continue through the rugged landscapes of the Scottish Highlands to explore the cultural capital of the Highlands, Inverness. Join us for dinner at a traditional country pub in the charming village of Cawdor, home to Shakespeare's Macbeth.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Dinner

HOTEL(S): Pentahotel Inverness

DAY 8

The Sights of Culloden and Dunrobin Castle

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 // Inverness - United Kingdom

We start the day with a visit to the bloody battlefield of Culloden, where Bonnie Prince



Charlie's Jacobite army was defeated in 1746. The windswept moors on which this final battle took place played a significant role in the Outlander series as the catalyst which forced Claire and Jamie to part ways. We relive the brief but brutal battle at the contemporary Visitor Center before visiting Fort George and Dunrobin Castle and Gardens to tour the grounds and watch a falconry display.

Our last stop today is the Highland House of Fraser, where you will enjoy a fascinating insight into the history, tradition, and culture of the kilt - from its origins to the present day.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Hotel Dinner

DAY 9

Over the Sea to Isle of Skye

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 // Isle of Skye - United Kingdom

Today, we'll experience a scenic cruise on Scotland's most famous waterway, Loch Ness. On the lake, we'll also see beautiful Urquhart Castle, founded in the 13th century. The

management regretfully informs you that Nessie sightings are not guaranteed! After visiting Urquhart Castle, we traverse the rugged countryside and visit the spellbinding spot where three lochs meet and are guarded by the island fortress of Eilean Donan Castle. Continuing to the picturesque Isle of Skye, we hear about Bonnie Prince Charlie's daring escape 'over the sea to Skye' aided by Jacobite heroine Flora MacDonald as we visit Dunvegan Castle & Gardens. This evening, we will enjoy dinner at our hotel.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Hotel Dinner

HOTEL(S): The Dunollie Hotel Broadford

DAY 10

Isle of Skye and Back to Mainland

Thursday, August 1, 2024 // Oban - United Kingdom

As you travel around the Isle of Skye with your Local Specialist, you will hear about the way of life on this remote inner Hebridean Island and discover its dramatic scenery and rock formations. Visit the Skye Museum of Island Life for unique insight into island life years ago. We leave the craggy landscape of Skye behind, boarding a ferry back to the mainland to Mallaig. Our journey continues to Oban with a stop on the magnificent Glenfinnan Viaduct, the now famous 'Harry Potter' bridge, which the Hogwarts Express crosses on its journey across the Scottish Highlands.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Hotel Dinner

HOTEL(S): Columba Hotel Oban

DAY 11

Continue to Glencoe and Pitlochry (1 Night)

Friday, August 2, 2024 // Pitlochry - United Kingdom

Impressive in their own right are the exquisite views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, which you'll get to admire before traveling past the precipitous mountains of Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. Despite the tragedy that befell the Clan MacDonald here in 1692, the irresistible beauty of this place cannot be denied. We continue to Glenturret Distillery, one of Scotland's oldest distilleries, for a whiskey tasting before visiting the Drummond Castle Gardens. It doubled as Versailles in Outlander Season 2, and the local area was used for filming for Season 4. We stop for a taste of Highland chocolate from the award-winning master chocolatier Iain Burnett. Our final stop is Pitlochry on the banks of the Tummel, a quaint little town best known for its natural beauty, fresh air, and rich Victorian heritage.



MEAL(S): Breakfast, Hotel Dinner

HOTEL(S): Fishers Hotel Pitlochry

DAY 12

Continue to Edinburgh for the Military Tattoo (2 Nights)

Saturday, August 3, 2024 // Peebles – United Kingdom



This morning, we'll head to Loch Tay where we'll have an opportunity to visit The Scottish Crannog Centre, a museum featuring interpretations and demonstrations in its Iron Aged Village. This evening, experience the breathtaking Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a captivating spectacle of military pageantry and cultural celebration set against the historic backdrop of Edinburgh Castle.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Dinner

HOTEL(S): Macdonald Cardrona Hotel Peebles

DAY 13

Castles and Ghosts

Sunday, August 4, 2024 // Peebles – United Kingdom

Head to Doune Castle, which served as the film location for Castle Leoch in Outlander. We see the site where Clan Mackenzie welcomed and hosted Claire upon her arrival in 18th-century Scotland, then head to Stirling and its magnificent castle, a symbol of Scottish national pride and once home to Scottish royals including Mary, Queen of Scots. Explore its halls, chapels and bedrooms, see the famous 'Stirling Heads' and admire the poignant Wallace Monument and battlefield of Stirling Bridge from its 16th-century walls. View the site of the Battle of Bannockburn, before arriving in Edinburgh for a ghost tour and dinner at a local restaurant.



MEAL(S): Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14

Continue to Glasgow (2 Nights)

Monday, August 5, 2024 // Glasgow – United Kingdom

Your day starts with a visit to Traquair House before heading west to feisty Glasgow. We enjoy an orientation tour of the city, including views of Glasgow City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow Central Station, the Glasgow Tower, the River Clyde, and a visit to Glasgow

Cathedral. Later, visit the Riverside Museum & Tall Ship and Tenement House before dinner. Dinner is at the hotel this evening.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Hotel Dinner

HOTEL(S): Holiday Inn Hotel Glasgow Airport

DAY 15

Day Trip to Isle of Arran

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 // Glasgow - United Kingdom

Spend the day on Isle of Arran, whose rugged mountains and rolling hills encapsulates the Scottish landscape's beauty. There are so many quaint sights to see along the way, you may spot the beaches or Machrie Moor Standing Stones. After your visit to Brodick Castle, perhaps try some local cheese or traditional Scottish ice cream before heading back to Glasgow for the Farewell Dinner.

MEAL(S): Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

DAY 16

Glasgow Sightseeing and Farewell

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 // Glasgow - United Kingdom

Start your day at the Museum of Piping at The National Piping Centre, which holds 300 years



of piping heritage. Visit Paisley Abbey, founded around 1163 by Walter FitzAlan, renowned for its medieval architecture and the unique stone gargoyle on its facade. You will continue to the Sharmanka Kinetic Theatre to watch a performance of intricate, hand-crafted kinetic sculptures that move to synchronized music and theatrical lighting. You will take your group transfer to your

hotel near the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow (information to be provided by tour leader).

MEAL(S): Breakfast

DISCLAIMER

Adjustments to the itinerary may become necessary due to schedule changes, etc. Pricing is based on current rates and could change based on the number of people

INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

- 10 nights in superior tourist-class hotels, applicable taxes and service charges
- 13 breakfasts
- 12 dinners
- 3 lunches in St. Petersburg
- 3 overnight cruises between Copenhagen – Oslo, Stockholm – Tallinn, & Helsinki – St. Petersburg
- Air between Bergen and Stockholm
- Sightseeing in air-conditioned motor coaches with local guides where applicable
- Porter service at hotels in Oslo and Bergen (max 2 pieces/person)
- Train and ferry costs
- Transfers to convention hotels

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

- **AIR FARE**
- Airport taxes (where applicable)
- Baggage fees
- Russian visa fees
- Lunches and any dinner not included in the itinerary
- Personal items and souvenirs
- All tips

RATES

Tour: **\$3721**

Single Supplement: \$772

Airfare not included

CONTACT US

If you are interested in taking our tour or have any questions, please call (858) 292-4363 or email us at

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- Names of everyone in your party (please indicate any children)
- Address(es)
- Phone number(s)
- Email address(es)

We will add you to our email list for the most up to date information as it becomes available.

ABOUT US

We are fans who have been running tours in connection with Worldcons since 1987, when Ron was the official travel agent for the con (as he was again in 1988). Our past tours have included Britain, Ireland, Japan, and Australia. If you wish additional information, please contact us.

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