



Scotland's Highlands, Islands and Cities

Awe & Wonder Travel

June 6-19, 2027

This unforgettable trip through the Scottish Highlands travels into the far-reaches of Scotland's rugged countryside. Explore the vibrant cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, keep your eyes peeled for Nessie, and delve into the history of the kings and warriors. Marvel at Scotland's castles and abbeys, explore windswept islands, and join a local family for a ceilidh and lunch in the 'presence' of Rob Roy.

What's Included:

- 12 nights in tried and trusted hotels
- 18 meals - 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch (at a 15th-century farm) and 5 dinners (plus options that include additional meals)
- Ground transportation in an air-conditioned coach with wi-fi
- An expert Travel Director and professional driver
- All portage, restaurant gratuities (for included meals), hotel tips, and local taxes
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Ferries to the Scottish islands
- Entrance tickets to all included sightseeing
- Gratuities for guide and driver

Itinerary:

- **Day 0 (June 6):** Begin your flight to Edinburgh (airfare not included in price but can be added for an additional cost)
- **Day 1 (June 7):** Embrace the allure of Auld Reekie (Edinburgh) and explore its labyrinthine lanes, before joining your fellow travelers and Travel Director for dinner to kick-start your tour through an unimaginably beautiful part of the world. **Dinner included.**
- **Day 2 (June 8):** Let your Local Specialist take you on an informative sightseeing tour of Edinburgh. See the regal Palace of Holyroodhouse, the new Scottish Parliament Building and the Royal Mile, delving into the heart of the city, before visiting Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock. Stroll through the grand New Town with its Gothic façades enjoying the rest of the day at leisure. **Breakfast included.**





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- **Day 3 (June 9):** A scenic day's excursion brings you to view the ruins of the 12th-century Augustinian Jedburgh Abbey. Continue to nearby Melrose Abbey, said to be the final resting place of the embalmed heart of Robert the Bruce. Take the scenic route back to Edinburgh this afternoon, following the lush green landscapes along the Tweed River. **Breakfast included.**
- **Day 4 (June 10):** This morning, cross the Firth of Forth to the celebrated home of golf - St. Andrews, to view its ancient university and famous golf course. Shakespeare's Macbeth takes center stage as you visit Glamis Castle, once the home of the beloved Queen Mother and birthplace of Princess Margaret. Enjoy a guided tour of the castle and explore its beautiful gardens, before traveling to the waterfront city of Dundee, distinguished for its status as the first UNESCO City of Design, and the legendary birthplace of marmalade. **Breakfast included.**
- **Day 5 (June 11):** Today, wind your way along the River Tay, through Pitlochry and skirt the Cairngorms National Park before arriving to the historic battlefield and visitor center of Culloden. Visit the site where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was defeated. Your final stop for the night is Inverness, the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands. **Breakfast included.**
- **Day 6 (June 12):** The mystical haunt of Nessie is your first stop today en route to Dunrobin Castle. This stately home and its magnificent gardens, inspired by the Palace of Versailles, comes straight from the pages of a fairy tale. Spend your afternoon exploring its chateau-like structure and surrounds, once home to the Clan Sutherland. Dive into culture and learn about the local whisky industry at a distillery, including a tasting of Scotland's much-loved golden nectar. Arriving in Thurso, your home for the next two nights, enjoy dinner at your hotel. **Breakfast and dinner included.**
- **Day 7 (June 13):** After stopping at John o' Groats, board a ferry to South Ronaldsay in the Orkney Islands. Visit the ornate Italian Chapel, built by Italian prisoners of war. See the prehistoric free-standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar before visiting Skara Brae and delving into the stories of the Neolithic village. Stop at beautiful Kirkwall Cathedral for a photo opportunity before returning to your hotel for dinner. **Breakfast and dinner included.**
- **Day 8 (June 14):** Dramatic landscapes accompany your scenic drive along the rugged north-west coastline of the Scottish Highlands to remote Ullapool on the shores of Loch Broom. Journey past Eilean Donan Castle, built in the 13th century, perched on a tiny island, where three sea lochs meet, then continue to the Isle of Skye where you'll stay overnight and enjoy a delicious dinner in your hotel. **Breakfast and dinner included.**





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- **Day 9 (June 15):** Upon return to the mainland, follow a beautiful route that takes you past the Glenfinnan Viaduct which Harry Potter's Hogwarts Express once crossed to his beloved school of magic. Pass Fort William on the shores of Loch Linnhe, renowned as the gateway to Ben Nevis, before continuing to Oban, your Highland home for the next two nights. **Breakfast included.**
- **Day 10 (June 16):** Set sail from Oban to the Isle of Mull, disembarking at Craignure. Cross the pretty island countryside to catch a ferry from Fionnphort to the island of Iona, which was once the home of a Gaelic monastic community in Iona Abbey. Before your journey back to Oban, you'll have the chance to view Rèilig Odhrain, the final resting place of many Scottish kings. **Breakfast and dinner included.**
- **Day 11 (June 17):** The beauty of Glencoe, scarred by the story of the MacDonald clan massacre, sets a dramatic scene en route from Oban to Glasgow. Visit St Mungo's Cathedral, a holy sacred place with deep historical significance the city of Glasgow is built upon. After an orientation of the city with your Travel Director, find a bite to eat for lunch with some free time. You may wish to take part in an Optional Experience to visit the towering Kelpies and the remarkable Falkirk Wheel. Later, enjoy a specially selected Optional Experience with your Travel Director— an evening of Highland flair with dinner, bagpipes and a Highland dancer at The Corinthian. **Breakfast included.**
- **Day 12 (June 18):** Venture to Bannockburn, where King Robert Bruce of Scotland defeated Edward II of England during the First War of Scottish Independence. Mary, Queen of Scots and several Scottish kings and queens have made Stirling Castle their home over the centuries. Enjoy a visit to its grounds and delve into the history of this royal residence and fortress, besieged by Bonnie Prince Charlie in the 18th century. Visit the Royal Palace of King James V and view the renowned Stirling Heads. Later, we connect with locals, joining the Wood family this afternoon for a memorable Be My Guest experience at their 15th-century farm, on the shores of Loch Ard, amidst tales of Rob Roy. In the afternoon, return to Glasgow. Join an expert guide to unlock Glasgow's stories through its vibrant murals on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before the rest of the evening is yours to explore or relax in this vibrant city. **Breakfast and lunch included.**
- **Day 13 (June 19):** Our epic journey across Scotland's highlands, islands and cities has come to an end. It's time to say a fond farewell to our travel companions and Travel Director.





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Optional Activities (for an Additional Cost):

- Day 2: Explore 15th-century Rosslyn Chapel outside Edinburgh
- Day 3: Discover Edinburgh's most haunted places with a local guide
- Day 4: Wander and learn about Dundee's maritime past
- Day 5: Visit a real Highland sheep farm and feed the lambs
- Day 6: Experience a scenic cruise on Loch Ness
- Several dinner and evening entertainment options are also available

Approximate Cost & Reservation Details:

- Spots must be reserved by **August 1, 2026**. Applications will be accepted after this date; however, prices may differ at that point.
 - **\$225 nonrefundable deposit** per traveler - Will be applied to total cost
- Cost for all included (as stated above) activities, transportation, accommodations, and meals is **\$5,866** per person (assuming double occupancy). Solo travelers will be paired with another solo traveler of the same sex to share a room. There are currently no single rooms available for this particular tour.
- Young travelers (ages 5-17) are allowed on this tour as long as they room with an adult. The young traveler price is **\$5,306**.
- Final payment is due by **March 6, 2027**. Monthly payment options are available. Please contact me for payment plan options.
- Travel Protection Insurance is highly recommended and is available for a cost of **\$499** or less (dependent on age of traveler).
- You can arrange your own airfare, or airfare can be arranged through the tour company for an additional cost. Please contact me for airfare pricing.
- Cancellations: At anytime - Loss of \$225 nonrefundable deposit
90-30 days prior to departure - Loss of 50% of total trip cost
29-2 days prior to departure - Loss of 80% of total trip cost
1 day prior or day of departure - Loss of 100% of total trip cost

