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Classic Scotland 8 days - 7 nights

Edinburgh, Dunkeld, Loch Ness, Inverness, Ullapool, Lochinver, Torridon, Applecross, Plockton, Portee, Trotternish, Neist Point, Talisker, Dornie, Glen Coe
Fun, Discovery, Culture, History

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

Scotland is a country of spectacular scenery, renowned castles and glimmering Lochs all of which have often been the setting of well-known movies. Despite its small size Scotland, without doubt, has much to offer those travelling in this amazing place with wonderful cities like Edinburgh and Glasgow, stylish shopping opportunities, the stunning untamed mountain scenery of the highlands and the coast of the Hebrides where wildlife enthusiasts will be able to see whales and dolphins and many bird species.

## Day 1: Edinburgh

Upon arrival at the airport in Edinburgh you'll be met by our representative who will drive you the hotel in the city. The rest of the day is at leisure and, if you feel up to it, you may start your discovery by walking the old city, and having lunch or dinner at a local restaurant or Pub.

### Day 2: Edinburgh

We'll meet at your hotel bright and early to give a short briefing on Edinburgh and the surrounding area before embarking on our 'Edinburgh in a Day' tour. We'll hop in our private car as we drive through Edinburgh to the heart of the Old Town—the Royal Mile up to the Castle esplanade, where we will have our first official stop: Edinburgh Castle. We'll discuss the unique geology of the city and how it affected the positioning of the fortress. We'll talk about the medieval origins of Edinburgh, the role of the Castle in the burgh, and the turbulent relations between Scotland and England. We'll continue with a visit to Greyfriar Churchyard, St. Glles Cathedral, and the Royal Mile. This is a snapshot into our Old Town. Leaving the Old Town behind us, we'll proceed east towards the iconic Arthur Seat. Here, if the weather allows, we may decide to climb up part of the way, or simply drive to one of the viewpoints and admire the spectacular sights before heading to lunch at a nearby local pub. From here we'll proceed north, to the New Town. Having the car will allow us to take in the vastness and grandeur of this project that dominated the European architectural scene of the 18th and 19th centuries. From Calton Hill to Charlotte Square, we'll admire these examples of Georgian architecture and how they reflect the ideals of the Age of Enlightenment. At the end of the tour, you have the option to be dropped off at the hotel, or at one of the many restaurants and pubs that Edinburgh is famous for. [B/L]

# Day 3: Edinburgh, Dunkeld, Loch Ness, Inverness

The tour goes to Dunkeld, on the banks of the River Tay. Visit the Cairngorms National Park in the heart of the Scottish Highlands. Admire the fabulous scenery, from wild moorlands and soaring mountain peaks to spectacular rivers and tranquil lochs. Learn about the plants and animals in the native pine woods of the Park. See a rich cultural heritage with castles and fortified houses. Continue on to the mysterious Loch Ness, best known for the alleged sightings of the legendary Loch Ness Monster. We finish the day at Inverness with dinner at a local restaurant or the hotel. [B/D]

#### Day 4: Inverness (Ullapool, Lochinver)

Departure to Assynt, famous for its picturesque landscape. See Corrieshalloch Gorge, a spectacular natural chasm that is well worth a visit. The gorge is almost a mile long and some 200 ft deep, yet in places is only 40 ft across at the top. Enjoy the tranquility of the town of Ullapool and admire some of the most beautiful unspoiled scenery in the world, undiscovered beaches, forests, hidden glens with stags grazing, waterfalls, bird sanctuaries to explore, breathtaking twisty single-track roads. Visit the

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15th century ruins of Ardvreck Castle, situated on a rocky promontory that juts into Loch Assynt. A rampart cut off the peninsula. Enjoy the Achmelvich Bay, a beautiful spot in the North West of Scotland. The turquoise color of the water really catches the eye and contrasts well with the lovely white sands. The tour finishes with a visit to the traditional fishing village of Lochinver. Return to Inverness for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

# Day 5: Inverness, Torridon, Applecross, Plockton, Portee

The tour starts by travelling to Torridon, a small village, whose name is also applied to the area surrounding the village, particularly the and the mountains to the north of Glen Torridon. Enjoy the tranquility and the view of Loch Torridon. Travelling along the wild coastline of Applecross, a beautiful and tranquil peninsula resting on the rugged coast of Wester Ross. Continue along Britain's highest road to the "tropical" palm tree lined village of Plockton, which is considered to be the jewel in the Highlands' crown. Departure to the picturesque harbor town of Portee, Isle of Skye, arriving in time for dinner. [B/D]

## Day 6: Portee (Trotternish, Neist Point, Talisker)

Explore the island of Skye. Visit the Quiraing, the northernmost summit of the Trotternish Ridge on the Isle of Skye. The whole of the Trotternish Ridge escarpment was formed by a great series of landslips. The Quiraing is the only part of the slip still moving. Visit the lighthouse at Neist, a popular viewpoint on the most westerly point of Skye. Go to the Talisker Distillery and discover how Malt whiskey is made. This alluring, sweet, full-bodied single malt is so easy to enjoy, and like Skye itself, so hard to leave. [B/D]

### Day 7: Portee, Dornie, Glen Coe, Edinburgh

The trip starts by returning to the mainland. Visit Eilean Donan Castle, a definite highlight. It was built

in the 13th century and the place is, in reality, as amazing as it looks in photos. Enjoy the view, travelling through the rugged scenery of the 5 Sisters of Kintail and Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the United Kingdom. Visit the Glen Coe, considered one of the most spectacular and beautiful places in Scotland. The narrow glen shows a grim grandeur. Back to Edinburgh. [B]

# Day 8: Edinburgh, USA

At the appointed time you'll be met by your driver and transferred to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch |[B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner



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#### Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Edinburgh
- Arrival & departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation:
  - o Edinburgh 3 nights
  - o Inverness 2 night
  - o Isle of Skye 2 night
- Meals:
  - o Breakfast daily
  - o 1 lunch
  - o 4 dinners
- Visits to:
  - o Calton Hill
  - o Edinburgh Castle
  - o Edinburgh Old Town
  - o Grassmarket
  - o Royal Mile
  - o St. Giles Cathedral
  - o Greyfriar Churchyard
  - o Edinburgh New Town
  - o Dunkeld
  - o Blair Castle
  - o Cairngorms National Park
  - o Clava Cairns
- o Culloden Battlefield

- o Highland Folk Museum
- o Loch Ness
- o Corrieshalloch Gorge
- o Ullapool
- o Ardvreck Castle
- o Achmelvich Bay
- o Torridon Hills
- o Portree
- o Eilean Donan Castle
- o Glen Coe
- Entrance Fees for sites visited
- Ferry from Armadale to Mallaig
- Travel by deluxe A/C vehicle
- English-speaking Driver/Guide
- Luggage portage
- Local taxes

#### Tour does not include:

- Airport taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

**Note**: All included tours may be replaced by private tours with driver/guide

Recommended hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Tourist Class		
Edinburgh	Ceilith-Donia	4.5
Inverness	Inchrye Bed & Breakfast	4.5
Isle of Skye	The Flodigarry Hotel	4
First Class		
Edinburgh	Radisson Blu City Center	4.5
Inverness	Craig Villa Guest House	5
Isle of Skye	Duisdale House Hotel	4
Deluxe		
Edinburgh	Old Town Chambers	5
Inverness	Trafford Bank Guest House	5
Isle of Skye	Cuillin Hills Hotel	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

#### **Tour Prices:**

# From: \$2,255 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

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Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request



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#### Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

### Program

You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

## Other options

- o The program was designed with shared services; however, we may substitute private sightseeing where available
- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

# Quotation

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

### Tour Code: SCT06EDI21VT

### Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

#### **Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.