

SCOTLAND

WALKINGS TOURS & HIGHLAND EXPERIENCES DAY TOURS



From left: Edinburgh Castle; Edinburgh Old Town Underground Tour; Urquhart Castle at Loch Ness; Melrose Abbey

WALKING TOURS

SECRETS OF THE GOLDEN MILE AND GUIDED EDINBURGH CASTLE

This tour is the perfect introduction to Scotland's capital. The first secret you'll learn? That you can skip the line at Edinburgh Castle!

Discover an Edinburgh beyond the reach of tour buses and books. Your expert guide will take you to the places where history was made – the wynds, closes, courtyards and homes of Edinburgh's Old Town. You'll be hanging on your guide's every word, as the true stories of our capital's past unfold.

The characters? Think Mary Queen of Scots, David Hume, Adam Smith and Robert Burns. But you'll go far beyond the well-known facts and faces – uncovering another side of our city, and Scotland's past.

Daily: 10 am & 1 pm
Duration: 2 hour 15 minutes
Price from \$51 per person

OUTLANDER EXPERIENCE

Edinburgh, 1745. The Jacobite rising has reached the city gates, and Bonnie Prince Charlie is met by a cheering crowd, 20,000 strong. Amid the chaos of rebellion we find Claire and Jamie, two characters entwined in a story that spans centuries. Tracing the real events that inspired Diana Gabaldon's acclaimed novels, this tour captures the spirit of the Jacobite rebellion in Edinburgh – the Redcoats, the Highlanders and the smell of gunpowder in the air. Your expert guide will take you deep into the Old Town, to the places in Edinburgh that are settings for the second Outlander novel.

Sat & Sun: 10.30 am
Duration: 2 hours
Prices from: \$24 per person



Jacobite Room, Edinburgh Castle

ROYAL EDINBURGH & HOLYROOD

Tread the route of royals, past and present – and let your expert guide unlock the history of this ancient seat of power. Discover the hidden history of the Canongate, and the glorious Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Discover an approach to the palace that escapes the notice of history books and bus tours. As you walk down the quiet closes of the Canongate your expert guide will show you a different side of the royal city – in rich, engaging detail.

Here, rebellious Jacobites clattered over the cobbles, led by a proud Bonnie Prince Charlie. And Deacon Brodie led his dual life as locksmith and thief, immortalised by Robert Louis Stevenson.

After the Canongate, your guide will introduce the glorious Palace of Holyroodhouse – which you'll explore in your own time. You'll find 14 magnificent state apartments, as well as the romantic ruins of the 12th century Holyrood Abbey.

The palace was the setting for many dramatic episodes in the short reign of Mary, Queen of Scots – The Queen still makes use of the State Apartments for royal ceremonies.

Daily: 11 am
Duration: 2 hours
Prices from: \$43 per person

HISTORIC UNDERGROUND TOUR

Beneath the bustle of Edinburgh's Old Town you'll discover a dark, damp world unchanged since the 18th century. Your expert guide will lead you deep into the Blair Street Underground Vaults, and together you'll explore their history – including how they became home to the city's most destitute inhabitants.

It's a story rooted in Edinburgh's Georgian past – grand feats of engineering, the expansion of the city, and those who were left behind in its darker corners.

Daily: 2 & 4 pm
Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes
Prices from: \$22 per person

DAY TOURS

LOCH NESS, GLEN COE & HIGHLANDS

Head towards the Highlands, crossing the Forth Road Bridge, and on to the beautiful Highland town of Pitlochry. Enjoy stunning scenery as you travel through the Cairngorms National Park. On to Loch Ness where you will have time to buy lunch, followed by a cruise on the lake. Continue to Glen Coe, site of the terrible massacre of the MacDonald Clan. The route home takes you past the beautiful city of Stirling and its stunning castle, where you will learn about the exploits of William Wallace.

Daily: 8 am
Duration: 12 hours
Prices from: \$76 per person

ROSSLYN CHAPEL & STIRLING CASTLE

Cross the Forth Road Bridge, heading into Fife and the town of Dunfermline and visit the Abbey Church. The nave is the final resting place of Robert the Bruce, who battled for Scotland's right to be a nation. Into Stirlingshire and the city of Stirling; stroll through the beautiful and ancient streets that surround it. There is also the chance to explore the stunning Stirling Castle. From Stirling, we head to Bannockburn, the battlefield where Robert the Bruce routed the English in 1314. The tour finishes with visit to Rosslyn Chapel, Roslin Glen and the ruins of Rosslyn Castle.

Nov'16–Mar'17: Thu, 9 am
Apr–Oct'17: Thu/Fri, 9 am
Duration 8.5 hours
Prices from \$60 per person

ST ANDREWS, WHISKY & PALACE

Cross the Firth of Forth to explore East Neuk's beautiful historic fishing villages and stunning coastal scenery. Continue to Kingsbarns Distillery with an option to learn about whisky making. Continue to St Andrews, the spiritual home of golf, its stunning beach, great cafes and shops, a beautiful university and an ancient cathedral. Continue west to Falkland and you'll be able to walk round this beautiful village.

Sun, 9 am: 9 Apr–14 Oct '17
Duration: 9 hours
Prices from: \$60 per person

ALNWICK CASTLE & THE BORDERS

Drive south through the Scottish Borders on to Melrose Abbey - one of the most beautiful ruins in Europe. Robert the Bruce's heart is thought to be buried at the Abbey and it's the final resting place of a number of Scottish Kings. The star attraction of the tour is Alnwick Castle (optional entry). This is the second largest inhabited castle in England and has been lived in for over 700 years. You may recognize it as a location from some of the Harry Potter films. The road home takes you up the stunning east coast.

Mon/Sat 9 am (9 Apr–14 Oct '17)
Duration: 10 hours
Prices from: \$76 per person

TOUCH OF THE HIGHLANDS

Head off into the Kingdom of Fife, arriving in the picturesque village of Dunkeld. Continue on to Pitlochry where you can buy lunch or browse the village shops. Take a moment and enjoy the magnificent vista across Loch Tummel and the Schiehallion mountain. As you enter the Sma' Glen, the Highlands truly take over, with towering mountains as you head towards Glenturret Distillery. Founded in 1775, Glenturret is hidden in a beautiful glen - making it an attractive location to both artists and whisky smugglers, in a real whisky warehouse! Return through Stirlingshire and its Stirling.

Thu 8 am, 13 Apr–12 Oct '17
Duration: 8 hours
Prices from: \$71 per person

OBAN, LOCHS & INVERARY

Depart Edinburgh and head to Loch Lomond, via Scotland's largest city, Glasgow. Stop off at the conservation village of Luss before heading deep into the Highlands, passing through breathtaking scenery and Kilchurn Castle (historically a stronghold of the Campbell Clan), and the Pass of Brander (where Robert the Bruce had a notable victory). Arrive Oban explore this Victorian seaside town and its fresh seafood. Return via Inveraray, with time view Loch Fyne or explore the Castle (optional).

Fri–Sun 9 Apr–14 Oct '17
8 am Edinburgh | 9.15 Glasgow
Duration: 10.5 hours
Prices from: \$80 per person

