

4 Day Highlights of Scotland Tour

8-11th June 2008

4 days tour Package Price : £ 490.00
Single Room supplement : £ 120.00

Day 1 Edinburgh– West Coast

Depart Edinburgh for Fort William Area. You will enjoy a stop at Loch Lomond, the largest stretch of inland water in Britain, and framed by lovely mountain scenery. The landscape of this area has played a significant part in the history and literature of Scotland. It was the inspiration and setting for Sir Walter Scott's major work, "The Lady of the Lake", inspiring the first tourists to venture to Highland Scotland.



Continue to Inveraray here you will visit Inveraray Castle, the home of the Duke of Argyll's family since the 15th century. The present building in the style of a castle, was erected between 1741-85 to replace an earlier traditional fortified keep. On display is the famous collection of armour, French tapestries and fine examples of Scottish and European furniture.

Continue to your hotel in the Oban Area for overnight.

Day 2 Loch Ness - Inverness

Depart this morning for the north, travelling via Fort William to Loch Ness, a striking 38.5 km long loch in the Great Glen which forms part of the Caledonian Canal, linking Fort William with Inverness. Up to 213 m deep, the loch contains the largest volume of fresh water of any lake in the British Isles. Famous worldwide for its mysterious inhabitant, the Loch Ness Monster, it is also ideal for cruising and sailing. On the banks of the Loch you will visit Urquhart Castle is one of the largest castles in Scotland that fell into decay after 1689 and was blown up in 1692 to prevent it being occupied by Jacobites. Most of the existing remains date from the 16th century and include a tower. You will also enjoy a cruise on Loch Ness to Inverness.



You arrive in Inverness, the ancient capital of the Highlands where you can enjoy a guided tour and some free time before continuing to your hotel in the Inverness/Aviemore area.

Day 3 Inverness – Royal Deeside

Today your journey will take you through the Speyside region of Scotland, famous worldwide for its whisky distilleries.

You will visit Culloden Moor, the site of the battle on 16 April 1746, when the forces of Bonnie Prince Charlie were defeated by English government army, so ending the Forty-Five Jacobite uprising. You will see the Jacobite exhibition, displays and an audio-visual programme in the visitor centre.

You will visit one of the many whisky distilleries, which Speyside is famous for. You will enjoy an informative tour, which describes the traditional whisky making process, from malting the barley to storing the final product in oak casks. You will also enjoy a taste of the final product!



Return to you hotel in the Inverness area.

Day 4 Perthshire – Edinburgh



This morning you will enjoy a ride on the Cairngorm Mountain Railway, Scotland's only mountain railway, taking visitors on a spectacular journey to Cairngorm Mountain, which is the UK's fifth highest mountain. At the top is a visitor centre giving explanations on the surrounding hillside and wildlife, also offering superb views!

Continue southwards stopping at Queen's View by the Tay Forest Park. The view across Loch Tummel to the mountain of Schiehallion and beyond is stunning. The viewpoint is thought to have been visited by Queen Victoria in 1866, but is more likely named after Queen Isabella, wife of Robert the Bruce.

Continue towards Pitlochry, a charming Highland resort with elegant Victorian architecture. You will see the Dam and Fish Ladder built in order to allow the fish to continue their natural course upstream. You will enjoy the traditional small shops and the picturesque setting.

Return to Edinburgh.