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Small groups of 16

Lots of photo stops

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### TOUR TIMETABLE 2019/2020

**Travelling in our small groups of 16 means:**
- ✔ More time off the bus and extra photo stops
- ✔ Getting away from the crowds and off the beaten track
- ✔ Smaller vehicles and groups - less impact on the environment
- ✔ More personal attention in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere

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*Translations of tour guides and route maps onboard*
Jump aboard this classic one day tour to Loch Ness. Travelling through spectacular Highland scenery, this tour is the perfect way to see lots of Scotland on a ‘monster’ day out!

Tour highlights:
• Glen Coe
• Ben Nevis
• Loch Ness and Fort Augustus
• Both Scotland’s National Parks

The day begins with a panoramic drive past Stirling Castle and the National Wallace Monument before a morning coffee stop in Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. Options here include the Highland gateway village of Callander or the stunning mountain views at beautiful Loch Lubnaig.

Dramatic and iconic scenery unfolds as we continue north through Rob Roy country, across the wilderness of Rannoch Moor before arriving in famous and haunting Glen Coe for photos.

After lunch in the Fort William area we reach the Ben Nevis viewpoint - Britain’s highest mountain. Our journey along the Caledonian Canal brings us to the lovely village of Fort Augustus and legendary Loch Ness. Here you will have time to ‘monster hunt’ by boat or from the shores of the loch itself.

Our return to Edinburgh takes us through the Cairngorms National Park, before a final stop in beautiful Highland Perthshire (Big Tree Country), truly the Heart of Scotland!

Discounted Loch Ness Cruise - adults £14.00, concessions £13.00, under 16s £8.00

* Please arrive at 07.45 for pre-tour introduction and welcome. THIS TOUR WILL DEPART NO LATER THAN 08.00

Departs: 08.00*
Bus Stand ZE, Waterloo Place
Returns: 20.00

Adult price: from £54.00
Discount price: from £51.00
(student, 60+, 5 to 17 years)
**STIRLING CASTLE, HIGHLAND LOCHS AND WHISKY**

**1 DAY TOUR**

- Follow in the footsteps of great Scottish heroes on this historic and scenic day trip into the Southern Highlands.

**Tour highlights:**
- Loch Lomond nature walk and Highland viewpoint
- Stirling Castle
- Scenic drive through the Highlands
- Glengoyne Distillery

We pass Linlithgow Palace on the way to our first stop at Stirling Castle. Perhaps Scotland’s most important castle, a recent survey also rated it the UK’s favourite heritage attraction. The view from the castle across the River Forth to the National Wallace Monument is inspiring.

Shortly after leaving Stirling we come face-to-face with our great friends, the hairy Highland cows, everyone’s favourite photo stop (April to October).

We continue to the picturesque village of Aberfoyle for lunch. The journey takes us through The Trossachs or ‘Highlands in miniature’, with a scenic drive over the Duke’s Pass.

Our next stop is famous Loch Lomond. Here we’ll enjoy a short nature walk culminating in a superb viewpoint over Scotland’s largest lake and the Highlands.

We finish the day at Glengoyne Distillery. You will have the opportunity for a tour and to sample their signature 12 year old malt.

**Stirling Castle** – adults £16.00, concessions £12.80, under 16s £9.60

**Glengoyne Distillery** – adults £9.50, over 60s £8.40, under 18s free

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We always try to ensure there is an interesting free alternative when we visit attractions with an entry fee.
Travel to mysterious Rosslyn Chapel, across the Scotland/England border and south to Hadrian’s Wall, a World Heritage Site.

Tour highlights:
• Rosslyn Chapel
• Melrose Abbey
• Scotland/England border
• Hadrian’s Wall

Our first stop is Rosslyn Chapel. Scotland’s ‘best-kept secret’ has achieved worldwide fame since the publication of ‘The Da Vinci Code’.

We travel south to the charming town of Melrose for lunch. The Abbey is the final resting place of King Robert the Bruce’s heart.

We cross the ancient Scotland/England border at Carter Bar, a wonderful viewpoint in the Cheviot Hills.

Hadrian’s Wall is one of the most important monuments built by the Romans and is a stunning example of their engineering skills. It is the best-known frontier in the Roman Empire and stands as a reminder of one of the world’s greatest civilisations.

We stop at Housesteads Fort in Northumberland National Park, the best preserved Roman fort along Hadrian’s Wall. Here we’ll enjoy a walk along one of the most dramatic and photographed stretches of the wall before stopping at Jedburgh on the return home.

Rosslyn Chapel – adults £9.00, concessions £7.00, under 18s free with family
Housesteads Fort – adults £8.10, concessions £7.30, 5-15 years £4.90

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Our signature tour combines all that’s great about Scotland into a classic day trip – a castle, mountains, lochs, photo opportunities, a riverside walk, a battlefield, history, heroes and highland cows.

**Tour highlights:**
- Blair Castle
- Queen’s View
- Scenic drive through Highland Perthshire
- Hermitage woodland and waterfall walk

Our first stop is the picturesque village of Dunkeld beside Scotland’s longest river, the majestic Tay. A visit to the historic cathedral is a delightful way to start the day.

We continue to famous Blair Castle, the ancestral home of Clan Murray for over 700 years. After lunch and Highland cow photos, we enjoy a beautiful scenic drive through the heart of the Highlands.

En-route we stop at the beauty spot and battlefield of Killiecrankie Gorge before visiting Queen’s View, the much-admired Highland vista along Loch Tummel towards Schiehallion mountain.

We continue through some of the oldest inhabited areas of prehistoric Scotland amidst classic Highland Perthshire scenery. There are wonderful photo opportunities as we follow the River Tay through Big Tree country, truly the Heart of Scotland.

We finish our day at The Hermitage. This lovely woodland walk takes us to a spectacular waterfall and viewpoint.

**Blair Castle and Gardens** - adults £9.50, under17s £7.00 (our special group rates)

**Gardens only** - adults £6.00, under17s £4.00 (our special group rates)

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This popular tour explores Holy Island, scene of the first Viking invasion of Britain, Alnwick Castle (filming location for Harry Potter and Downton Abbey) and the beautiful Border country.

**Tour highlights:**
- Northumberland coast
- Holy Island of Lindisfarne
- Alnwick Castle - the ‘Harry Potter’ castle
- Border country

Our scenic drive follows the coastline of the North Sea before crossing the Scotland/England border into historic Northumberland.

Located within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty we cross the Pilgrims Way onto Holy Island (see note at foot of page) where you will have plenty of time to enjoy a short walk to 16th century Lindisfarne Castle, visit the Priory where the famous Lindisfarne Gospels were created and enjoy the spectacular views to Bamburgh Castle and the Farne Islands.

We arrive at Alnwick Castle around lunchtime and stop here for a minimum of two-and-a-half hours. This amazing castle has often been used as a filming location, including the Harry Potter movies (Hogwarts) and Downton Abbey. Next door to the castle is the world-renowned Alnwick Garden, several acres of beautiful parks, woodland walks and the Poison Garden.

Our return home takes us through beautiful Border country.

**Alnwick Castle** our special 25% discount prices are **Castle** - adults £11.80, 5-16s £6.60, **Garden** - adults £9.70, 5-16s £4.00, **Castle and Garden** - adults £20.00, 5-16s £9.10

The crossing to Holy Island will be in the morning or afternoon depending on tidal conditions and is always at driver discretion.
Join us on a magical two day tour of Scotland with an overnight stay in the bustling Highland capital of Inverness. Our new 2019 itinerary spends more time exploring the Highlands including a visit to Doune Castle, Glen Coe, Glenfinnan Monument and Viaduct, Loch Ness and an optional whisky distillery tour.

**Day 1 itinerary:**
- Doune Castle - Game of Thrones and Outlander location
- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park - area of outstanding natural beauty
- Glen Coe - Scotland’s most famous Highland valley and scene of the notorious MacDonald massacre in 1692
- Glenfinnan Monument and Viaduct - famous ‘Harry Potter’ bridge
- Ben Nevis viewpoint - Britain’s highest mountain
- Loch Ness - the world’s most mysterious stretch of water
- Urquhart Castle photo stop
- Inverness - Highland capital and our base for the night

**Day 2 itinerary:**
- Culloden Battlefield - final defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie’s Jacobite army in 1746
- Clava Cairns - 4000 year old stone circles
- Cairngorms National Park - scenic drive through the UK’s largest National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty
- Highland village of Pitlochry
- Blair Athol Distillery - optional whisky tour and tasting
- Hermitage woodland and waterfall walk
- Forth Rail Bridge - Scotland’s masterpiece of Victorian engineering

**Important Accommodation Information.** The tour price does not include accommodation. Choose from hostel (£18 to £26 pp per night), B&B double/twin (£45 to £60 pp per night), B&B single (£45 to £90 pp per night) or hotel double/twin (£80 + pp per night). Accommodation is pre-booked in your name and you pay on departure. If booking by phone please tell us which type of accommodation you prefer.

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**Returns:** **19.00**

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- ☀ from **£99.00**
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**Discount price:**
- ☀ from **£89.00**
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  (student, 60+, 5 to 17 years)
Journey through the Highlands to the Isle of Skye for two nights. Famed for wild coastal scenery and the majestic Cuillin mountains, we explore the misty isle’s folklore and bloody history with plenty of photo stops for the breathtaking views.

**Day 1 itinerary:**
- Highland village of Dunkeld including cathedral and woodland walk
- Cairngorms National Park - area of outstanding natural beauty
- Ben Nevis viewpoint - Britain’s highest mountain
- Loch Garry viewpoint
- Eilean Donan Castle - Scotland’s most iconic Highland castle
- Portree - island capital of Skye and our base for two nights

**Day 2 itinerary options:**
- Old Man of Storr rock pinnacle
- Kilt Rock - sea cliffs and popular viewpoint
- Walk at the Quiraing - part of the dramatic Trotternish Ridge
- Fairy Glen - bizarre and magical home of the ‘wee people’
- Walk to Neist Point lighthouse - stunning views to the Outer Hebrides

**Day 3 itinerary:**
- Glen Shiel and the Five Sisters of Kintail - much photographed mountain range
- Loch Ness - the world’s most mysterious stretch of water
- Glen Coe - Scotland’s most famous Highland valley and scene of the notorious MacDonald massacre in 1692
- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park - area of outstanding natural beauty
This classic 5 day tour showcases the best of the Scottish Highlands and Islands. From dazzling white beaches to the dramatic mountain landscapes of Skye and Assynt, our Grand Tour will live with you forever.

**Day 1 highlights:**
- Hermitage woodland and waterfall walk
- Blair Athol Distillery - optional whisky tour and tasting
- Inverness - Highland capital and our base for two nights

**Day 2 highlights:**
- Assynt - dramatic mountain landscape
- Achmelvich Beach - stunning white sands
- Corrieshalloch Gorge - spectacular mile long box canyon

**Day 3 highlights:**
- Loch Ness - the world’s most mysterious stretch of water
- Eilean Donan Castle - Scotland’s most iconic castle
- Portree - island capital of Skye and our home for two nights

**Day 4 highlights:**
- Full day tour of the Isle of Skye
- Quiraing - fantastic viewpoint on the dramatic Trotternish Ridge
- Neist Point lighthouse - optional walk with stunning views to the Outer Hebrides

**Day 5 highlights:**
- Ferry journey from Skye back to mainland Scotland
- Glenfinnan Monument and Viaduct - famous ‘Harry Potter’ bridge
- Glen Coe - Scotland’s most famous Highland valley

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Max 15kg of luggage per person on this tour please.
How to book
Phone +44 (0) 131 228 2888 (07.00 - 21.00, local call rate)

Important Tour Departure Information

1. All tours depart from Bus Stand ZE, Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3BQ
2. Please be there 15 minutes before departure
3. The bus will not wait for latecomers and refunds will not be issued to customers who are late or cannot find the tour departure point
4. The bus will depart earlier than timetabled if all booked passengers are on board

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Important Tour Information and What to Bring With You

WALKING - All tours involve some walking and we respectfully suggest are not suitable for very young children or those with a mobility problem

LUGGAGE - Please travel light as we have limited luggage space on the buses. Max 15kg of luggage per person on overnight tours please

EXCLUSIONS - Accommodation (on overnight tours), meals, refreshments and entry to visitor attractions are not included

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