

CLASSICALLY SCOTLAND TOUR 2027

A Small Coach Escorted Tour · Limited to 14 Passengers

DAY 1

EDINBURGH

Today you arrive at Edinburgh Airport and make your own way to your hotel via taxi. The rest of the day is free to explore on your own. **Overnight Apex Hotel, Edinburgh.**

DAY 2

EDINBURGH ON OWN

You may decide to go sightseeing on the Hop On Hop Off Bus. Travel down the Royal Mile past St Giles' Cathedral, the historic City Church of Edinburgh with its famed crown spire. Also known as the High Kirk of Edinburgh, it is the Mother Church of Presbyterianism and contains the Chapel of the Order of the Thistle (Scotland's chivalric company of knights, headed by the King). Continue past the Scottish Parliament building to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence of the King in Scotland. The palace was home to Mary Queen of Scots for six years and houses beautiful tapestries and paintings. Then compare the old and the new with a trip around the New Town through Charlotte Square to the Georgian House, to experience the elegance of 18th-century living. Designed in 1791 by Robert Adam, Scotland's foremost 18th-century architect, Charlotte Square was one of the most fashionable and desirable residential addresses in the New Town. Alternatively, you may wish to visit Ocean Terminal and view the Royal Yacht Britannia, where presidents, kings and queens were entertained. It was, first and foremost, the home away from home of the Royal Family when entertaining abroad. **Overnight Apex Hotel, Edinburgh.**

DAY 3

EDINBURGH – INVERNESS

Your driver will collect you at your hotel and you will travel to Stirling, once known as the 'Key to Scotland' because of its commanding position in the center of the country, and to Stirling Castle. For centuries this was the most important castle in Scotland, and the views from the top make it easy to see why. Stirling Castle played an important role in the life of Mary Queen of Scots, who spent her childhood there; her coronation took place in the Chapel Royal in 1543. From the ramparts you can see the Wallace Monument, perched high on the Abbey Craig near where Wallace camped before his heroic victory at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297. It was built in 1869 to commemorate Scotland's hero. Continue north through the Highlands to Inverness. **Dinner and overnight Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.**

DAY 4

INVERNESS

This morning you will travel the short distance to Clansman Harbour for a one-hour Jacobite Cruise. Enjoy stunning views of the surrounding mountains from the loch and sail the deepest part using the Jacobite sonar, then alight at Urquhart Castle, where you will have the chance to explore for an hour before cruising back up the loch to Clansman Harbour. Urquhart Castle was the site of many battles, including those led by the Clan MacDonald. It stands on a rocky promontory on the north shore with stunning views of the glen and a chance to spot the famous Loch Ness Monster. It has a turbulent history: seized by the English in 1296, sacked in 1545 by the MacDonald Lord of the Isles, and left to decay after 1689. Returning to land, travel to the little town of Beauly and the tranquil ruins of Beauly Priory, founded around 1230 AD by monks of the Valliscaulian order. They came from their mother house in Burgundy, France, and settled beside the Beauly River where it enters the Beauly Firth, at the invitation of the lord, Sir John Bisset. Their successors lived here for the next 300 years, until the Protestant Reformation of 1560. Round off today with a visit to Culloden Battlefield, where the last hand-to-hand battle was fought on British soil. The visitor center and interactive exhibition give the site a whole new meaning, and the battlefield itself has been restored as closely as possible to how it looked when the two sides marched onto it on that fateful day. **Overnight Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.**

DAY 5

INVERNESS – FORT WILLIAM

Your journey begins in Inverness, the capital of the Highlands, and follows the Great Glen southwest along the banks of the Caledonian Canal, passing through charming villages such as Dochgarroch and Invermoriston, both offering chances to stretch your legs and enjoy Highland scenery. The road runs alongside Loch Ness with sweeping views across the water. Continue to Fort Augustus, at the southern end of Loch Ness, a lively spot to watch boats navigating the canal locks and to enjoy a quick meal or tea. From here the road winds past Loch Oich and Loch Lochy, framed by steep hills and dense forests, making this one of the most scenic stretches in the Highlands. At Spean Bridge, stop at the famous Commando Memorial for panoramic views of Ben Nevis and the surrounding peaks. Finally, arrive in Fort William, known as the “Outdoor Capital of the UK.” Nestled at the foot of Ben Nevis, the UK’s highest mountain, Fort William is a perfect base to relax after the drive or wander the High Street. **Overnight The Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William.**

DAY 6

FORT WILLIAM – GLASGOW

Travel to the most scenically beautiful of all Highland glens, Glencoe, stopping at the Visitor Centre to view some of the most spectacular mountain scenery anywhere. This area is steeped in history, and at the Visitor Centre you will hear about the infamous 1692 massacre of the MacDonalds and see the new exhibition. Continue to the village of Killin, at the western end of Loch Tay, where the famous white waters of the Falls of Dochart can be viewed from the village bridge. Admire the misty spray rising in the air as the river crashes into the rocks and flows around the island of Inchbuie, the traditional and ancient burial place of Clan MacNab. Travel via the Trossachs and Loch Lomond to Glasgow. **Overnight Apex Hotel, Glasgow.**

DAY 7

GLASGOW AIRPORT

Make your way via taxi to nearby Glasgow Airport for your flight home.

YOUR DISTINGUISHED SMALL GROUP TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER GUIDE

- Professional, certified Scottish Driver Guide with deluxe vehicle from Day 3 (Edinburgh) until arrival in Glasgow on Day 6

ACCOMMODATIONS	• 6 nights as follows, or similar: • Edinburgh – Apex Hotel – 2 nights, 4-star apexhotels.co.uk • Inverness – Kingsmills Hotel – 2 nights, 4-star kingsmillshotel.com • Fort William – The Ben Nevis Hotel – 1 night, 4-star strathmorehotels-thebennevis.com • Glasgow – Apex Hotel – 1 night, 4-star apexhotels.co.uk
MEALS	• Full Scottish breakfast daily (except day of arrival) • Dinner at Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness (1)
ADMISSIONS	• Stirling Castle • One-hour Jacobite Cruise • Culloden Battlefield • Eilean Donan Castle
ALSO INCLUDED	• Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary • All Driver's expenses (except tip to the driver) • Hotel taxes
NOT INCLUDED	• Tip to your Driver Guide • Any items of a personal nature • Dinners and suggested optional sightseeing that are not mentioned as included in the itinerary

TOUR DATES & RATES

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DATES	RATES PER PERSON SHARING	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
March 15–21, 2027	\$3,249.00	\$1,439.00
April 5–11, 2027	\$3,995.00	\$1,995.00
September 13–19, 2027	\$3,995.00	\$1,995.00
October 4–10, 2027	\$3,995.00	\$1,995.00
November 1–7, 2027	\$3,249.00	\$1,439.00