

INTIMATE SCOTLAND TOUR 2027

A Private Chauffeur-Driven Tour

DAY 1

EDINBURGH (ON OWN)

Arrive at Edinburgh Airport and make your own way to your hotel. Today explore Edinburgh on your own, or consider a public day tour through Viator. **Overnight at the Apex Hotel, Edinburgh.**

DAY 2

EDINBURGH

Today you may wish to sightsee by hop-on hop-off bus. Travel down the Royal Mile past St. Giles' Cathedral, the historic High Kirk of Edinburgh with its famed crown spire, the mother church of Presbyterianism, which contains the Chapel of the Order of the Thistle, Scotland's chivalric order of knights headed by the monarch. Continue past the Scottish Parliament building to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence of the monarch in Scotland and home of Mary, Queen of Scots for six years, which 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. Charlotte Square, designed by Robert Adam, Scotland's foremost 18th-century architect, was one of the most fashionable addresses in the New Town. Alternatively, visit Ocean Terminal and the Royal Yacht Britannia, where presidents, kings and queens were entertained; it was, first and foremost, the royal family's home away from home when entertaining abroad. **Overnight at the Apex Hotel, Edinburgh.**

DAY 3

EDINBURGH – STIRLING –
INVERNESS

Your driver collects you in the morning and you travel to Stirling, once known as the "Key to Scotland" for its imposing 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. Mary, Queen of Scots spent part of her childhood here, and her coronation took place in the Chapel Royal in 1543. From the ramparts you can see the Wallace Monument, perched high on Abbey Craig, near where William Wallace is said to have camped before his heroic victory at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297. The monument was built in 1869 to commemorate Scotland's hero. We then continue north to Inverness. **Overnight at the Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.**

DAY 4
INVERNESS

This morning you travel the short distance to Clansman Harbour for a 1-hour Jacobite Cruise, enjoying stunning views of the surrounding mountains from the loch and sailing over the deepest part using the Jacobite sonar. You then alight at Urquhart Castle, where you have an hour to explore before cruising back up the loch to Clansman Harbour. Urquhart Castle, the site of many battles, which stands on a rocky promontory on the north shore of the loch 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 by monks of the Valliscaulian order. They came from their mother house in Burgundy, France, and settled beside the River Beauly, where it enters the Beauly Firth, at the invitation of the local lord, Sir John Bisset. Their successors lived here for the next 300 years, until the Protestant Reformation of 1560. Round off the day with a visit to Culloden Battlefield, site of the last battle of the Jacobites and the last pitched battle fought on British soil, which takes on a whole new meaning with its visitor center and interactive exhibition. The battlefield has been restored to as close as possible to how it looked on that fateful day. **Overnight at the Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.**

DAY 5
INVERNESS – FORT
WILLIAM

This morning we travel to the beautiful Rogie Falls, where a series of lovely walks along the Black Water lead to a waterfall famous for salmon viewing. You can get close to the falls on the suspension bridge across the river, only a short walk from the car park, and in August and September there is an excellent chance of seeing wild salmon leaping upstream. We continue to Eilean Donan Castle, situated on an island at the point where three sea lochs meet, surrounded by majestic scenery. Originally a stronghold of the Mackenzies of Kintail, it passed out of their control in the 14th century; the Mackenzies obtained a charter of Eilean Donan in 1509, and in 1511 the Macraes, as protectors of the Mackenzies, became its hereditary constables. It has been home to the Clan Macrae ever since. We then visit the Glenfinnan Monument on the shores of Loch Shiel, where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard in 1745; it commemorates the Jacobites who subsequently fought and fell in the 1745 uprising. We continue to Fort William. **Overnight at The Garrison Hotel, Fort William.**

DAY 6
FORT WILLIAM – GLASGOW

We travel through the most scenically beautiful of all Highland glens, Glencoe, stopping at the visitor center to view some of the most spectacular mountain scenery anywhere. The area is steeped in history, and at the visitor center you will hear about the infamous 1692 massacre of Clan MacDonald and see the exhibition. We then continue to 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, with the misty spray rising as the river crashes over the rocks and flows around the island of Inchbuie, the traditional burial place of Clan MacNab. We travel via the Trossachs and Loch Lomond to Glasgow. **Overnight at the Apex Hotel, Glasgow.**

DAY 7
GLASGOW AIRPORT

Make your way by taxi to nearby Glasgow Airport.

YOUR DISTINGUISHED PRIVATE TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER GUIDE

- Professional, certified Scottish Driver Guide with deluxe vehicle from Day 3 (depart 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 Garrison Hotel – 1 night, 4-star thegarrisonhotel.co.uk • Glasgow – Apex Hotel – 1 night, 4-star apexhotels.co.uk
MEALS	• Full Scottish breakfast daily (except day of arrival)
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 mentioned in the itinerary • Admissions not listed above. These are paid directly to each venue so that, because a private tour is meant to be flexible, you never pay for a site you later decide not to visit

This is a suggested itinerary and can be customized to your interests. Dates, hotels and pricing are provided on request.