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Western Wonders of Scotland

(9 nights/10 days)

Bespoke travel

Private guided touring the dramatic west coast of Scotland.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Scotland's Western coast, where rugged cliffs meet pristine beaches, inviting adventurers to uncover untamed beauty. From the Isle of Skye to Loch Ness, dramatic vistas and rich heritage await, with quaint villages nestled in secluded bays and majestic Highlands offering emerald glens and ancient castles. This captivating region weaves tales of clans and kings, promising an unforgettable journey into the heart of the Highlands where legend and landscape intertwine.

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Day One – *Fàilte gu Alba!*

A warm greeting from your meet and greet assistant on the arrival at Glasgow airport before your private transfer to your hotel in Glasgow for check in. Once settled in, spend the afternoon exploring this fine city with your private driver-guide making sure you see all of the top landmarks such as George Square, Glasgow Cathedral, Necropolis and Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum. Finish your day with an immersive dining experience up at the incredible Mackintosh House, home to one of the most important collections of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the Scottish architect, designer, and artist. Overnight in Glasgow.



Day Two – *The adventure continues!*

Today with your private driver-guide you will start your adventure north along the West coast of Scotland showcasing stunning scenery, rugged vistas and the chance to spot some of Scotland's iconic wildlife, including golden eagles, seals, puffins and much more. After travelling through the western side of Loch Lomond, your first stop will be at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar in Cairndow giving you a chance to taste some of the famous local oyster with a glass of champagne if that tickles your taste buds. Then take the short drive to Inveraray for a stretch of the legs in this 18th century Georgian Town founded by the head of Clan Campbell, why not take the chance to buy some souvenirs from one of the

towns many independent shops. Continue with your guide driving through Argyll to Kilmartin Glen, one of Scotland's richest prehistoric landscapes, you will get the chance to see standing stones and stone circles dating back 5000 years. End your day with a stop in the fishing port of Oban for a distillery tour at one of the smallest Scotch distilleries in Scotland. Overnight in Eriska.

Day Three – *Ferry hopping over to Mull and Iona...*

This morning you will get picked up by your private driver-guide and have a fantastic day out exploring the Isle of Mull, Iona and Duart Castle. After boarding the ferry from Oban to Mull you will enjoy a tour of Mull home to ancient castles, beautiful beaches and a rich cultural life. Duart Castle sits prominently overlooking the sound of Mull, it dates back to the 14th century and is the ancestral home to Clan Maclean. After taking time to explore the castle you will continue to Iona via a short ferry crossing. No vehicles are allowed on Iona so you will explore this small island on foot with your guide. Visit the ruins of the medieval abbey established by St Columba in 563 AD, or stroll along the stunning white sandy bays enjoying the views before returning back to the mainland via ferry. Overnight in Eriska.





Day Four – A toast to the train...

Today with your private driver-guide you will continue on your enchanting journey taking you from the Isle of Eriska up through the picturesque West Coast to the Isle of Skye via the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct, an architectural marvel that has graced the silver screen in numerous films, notably the Harry Potter series. You will be met upon arrival for the 'Toast to the Train' experience by a knowledgeable guide and taken to the Glenfinnan Monument and told a story of the how the 1745 Jacobite Rising had an impact on the local area. You will then ascend the monument for a private experience of watching the Jacobite Steam Train pass by whilst 'Toasting the Train' with a wee dram. On route to

Skye, you will board a ferry from Mallaig on the mainland to Armadale on the Isle of Skye where you will head out on a Wild Walk led by one of Skye's famous expert ghillie's. Encounter diverse wildlife such as eagles, otters, red deer, seals and the occasional red fox. Learn essential outdoor skills and bushcraft, whilst enjoying captivating history and stunning scenery along the way. Overnight in Skye.

Day Five – Exploring the mystic Isle of Skye!

After being picked up by your private driver-guide, embark on an unforgettable journey through the captivating landscapes of the Isle of Skye. Begin your day in the picturesque harbour town of Portree, where you can wander along the colourful waterfront and soak in the charm of its quaint streets. Next, venture to Dunvegan Castle, one of Scotland's most iconic castles, nestled amidst stunning scenery and steeped in centuries of history. After exploring the castle grounds, continue your adventure to the enchanting Fairy Pools, where crystal-clear waters cascade through a series of magical pools and waterfalls, offering a perfect opportunity for a refreshing dip or scenic hike. Conclude your day with a visit to the renowned Talisker Distillery, where you can tour the facilities, learn about the whisky-making process, and indulge in a tasting of their world-class Scotch whiskies, all while enjoying breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. Immerse yourself in the beauty and charm of Skye as you head back to your hotel. Overnight in Skye.



Day Six – Coast, Lochs, Gardens and an encounter with Birds of Prey!

Start your journey from Skye early in the morning and drive to Plockton, a picturesque village known for its colourful buildings and stunning views over Loch Carron. Spend some time exploring the village, walking along the promenade to take in the panoramic views, pop into an array of local art and craft stores and perhaps catch a glimpse of an array of marine life. After Plockton, continue your drive towards Attadale Gardens, located near Strathcarron, where you will spend the afternoon wandering through the beautiful gardens, which feature exotic plants, waterfalls, and sculptures. Next you will finally head up

towards Torridon, taking in the stunning scenery of the Torridon region, with its dramatic mountains and lochs of nearby Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve. Before arriving in Torridon, you will make a stop in the quaint village of Shildaig to enjoy both a Falconry Scotland experience, where you will get the chance to fly majestic birds of prey in beautiful grounds and afternoon tea with a glass of prosecco, overlooking the peaceful surroundings of Shildaig Bay and Loch Gairloch. Overnight in Torridon

Day Seven – Hebridean wildlife watching and fun on a traditional Scottish estate!

Today you will meet with your private driver guide and head out to explore and find out all Torridon has to offer. Heading north, you will drive along the coast to the quaint coastal village of Gairloch, where you will board a wildlife cruise boat and head out onto the glistening Hebridean Waters to catch a glimpse of the abundance of Marine Wildlife that roam these waters. Here you will have the chance to spot Whales, Dolphins, Porpoises, Sharks, Seals, families of Otters as well as birds as rare and spectacular as the White-tailed Eagle and as lovable as the Puffin. In the afternoon you will



head back down to the Torridon Estate and partake in a classic Scottish pastime, clay pigeon shooting. You will be guided by a fully licensed shotgun instructor who will take you out onto the estate and instruct you on the basics of clay shooting, before setting up the traps for you to test your skills in taking down those clays. Overnight in Torridon.



Day Eight – Searching for Nessie in Style...

Departing from Torridon in the morning, meet your private driver guide and embark on a scenic drive towards Eilean Donan Castle, a historic gem nestled amidst the Scottish Highlands. Spend the morning exploring this iconic fortress perched on a tidal island, immersing yourself in its rich history and picturesque surroundings. After lunch, continue your journey towards Loch Ness. Arriving at the shores of Loch Ness in the afternoon, you will set sail in your own private yacht, as you travel in style, listening to tales of the legendary Loch Ness Monster whilst marvelling at the

stunning landscapes. As the day draws to a close, drive towards Inverlochy, Fort William, admiring the breathtaking Highland scenery along the way. Overnight in Inverlochy.

Day Nine – Become a Highlander for the day!

The penultimate day of your Scottish adventure see you meeting with your private driver guide and taking a picturesque journey from Inverlochy, Fort William to Scotland's capital, Edinburgh. This journey takes you through the iconic awe-inspiring landscapes of rugged mountains and valleys of Glencoe. During your stop in Glencoe, you will experience a traditional 'turf house', which is the perfect setting to tell the story of Highland living over 300 years ago. Here you will get a flavour of Clan Macdonald's way of life, where hundreds of Highlanders lived in townships up and down the Glen. Participate in a hands on workshop to make a



traditional Highland good luck charm that would have been found in Turf Houses across Scotland. In the afternoon, you will continue your drive south, past the eastern shores of Loch Lomond, known for its tranquil beauty and through charming villages and countryside, finally arriving in Edinburgh by late afternoon. Take time to settle into your accommodation and perhaps explore a bit of the city before winding down for the evening. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day Ten – I wish I could stay longer!

Take a final walk and capture your farewell photos of the Scottish capital. Then it's a fond farewell and your private transfer will be ready when you are to take you to Edinburgh airport for your return flight.

INCLUSIONS

- Private Airport Transfer GLA – Hotel (Mercedes Viano or similar) with meet & greet on arrival
- Half Day Private Walking Tour in Glasgow
- Eight days private touring with driver-guide & vehicle (Mercedes Viano or similar) with overnight stays in Eriska, Isle of Skye, Torridon & Fort William, from the morning of Day 2, ending in Edinburgh on Day 9.
- Shared Oban Distillery Tour
- Ferries to Isle of Mull and Isle of Iona
- Duart Castle and Iona Abbey entrance tickets
- ‘Toast to the Train’ experience at Glenfinnan
- Wild Walk Experience with a Ghillie in Skye
- Entrance to Dunvegan Castle and Shared Talisker Distillery Tour
- Attadale Gardens entrance ticket
- Falconry Experience and Prosecco Afternoon Tea at Shildaig Lodge
- Shared Hebridean Whale Cruise and Private clay-pigeon shooting experience at Torridon.
- Entrance to Eilean Donan Castle and private yacht on Loch Ness.
- ‘Turf House Traditions’ experience & workshop at Glencoe
- Private airport transfers Edinburgh hotel – EDI (Mercedes Viano or similar)
- 1 night accommodation in a Glasgow hotel 4* – Crossbasket Castle or similar
- 2 nights’ accommodation in a Eriska hotel 5* – Isle of Eriska, or similar
- 2 nights’ accommodation in an Isle of Skye hotel 4* – Duisdale House or similar
- 2 nights’ accommodation in a Torridon hotel 5* – The Torridon or similar
- 1 night accommodation in a Fort William hotel 5* – Inverlochy Castle or similar
- 1 night accommodation in a Edinburgh hotel 5* – Virgin Edinburgh or similar
- Scottish Breakfast Daily

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cancellation charges will apply.*

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a Twin / Double. Subject to availability.

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