

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR 15, 22, 29	APR 13, 20, 27
MAY 06, 13, 20, 27, 29	MAY 04, 11, 18, 25
JUN 03, 10, 12, 17, 24, 26	JUN 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
JUL 01, 08, 10, 15, 22, 24, 29, 31	JUL 06, 13, 20, 27
AUG 05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26	AUG 03, 10, 17, 24
SEP 02, 04, 09, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30	SEP 07, 14, 21, 28

For full dates and prices, and to choose your group size, visit insightvacations.com/crscotland

Select departures attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

9 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
15 MEALS
19 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

feefo 4.5 /5
GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Glencoe: Join a ranger in the spectacular Valley of Glencoe, learn about the protection of this rare ecosystem and the important work reintroducing lost indigenous species to its flora and fauna.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Orkney Islands: Cruise to the windswept Orkney Islands on a full day guided journey. Come face-to-face with relics spanning human history, from pagan stone circles to reminders of wartime tragedy. Join a Local Expert for a fascinating journey into the history of this remote part of the world.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Wick: Choose to visit the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of whisky. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER Experience with a visit to the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum and hear about the past of this once thriving fishing community.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Blair Atholl: Visit Blair Castle and Gardens, which has been home to the Atholl family for over seven centuries, and tour the ballroom to learn about the history of the estate. Relish a delicious afternoon sipping on freshly brewed coffee or tea and tasting homemade scones with berry jam and sweet cream.

COUNTRY ROADS OF SCOTLAND

"A fun fact that I love sharing with guests is that there's more water in Loch Ness than all of the rivers and lakes in England and Wales combined – the perfect hiding place for something huge!"

- John, Travel Director



ORKNEY ISLANDS



GLENCOE



DAY 1 WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

On arrival at Edinburgh airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00 and 13:00. Then the rest of the day is yours to relax.

Join your Travel Director at 16:30 for a Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant.

On select departures, during your time in Edinburgh you will also attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo — a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (DW)

Malmaison Hotel Edinburgh.

DAY 2 EDINBURGH, THE CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the Queen. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and Scotland's Crown Jewels.

The rest of the day is at leisure: why not visit the art treasures in the National Gallery? (B)

DAY 3 TO ST. ANDREWS AND THE HIGHLAND CAPITAL OF INVERNESS

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and journey to St. Andrews for an orientation.

Travel across the Tay and stop at Blair Castle and Gardens, home to the Atholl family for over seven centuries. Tour the magnificent ballroom and learn about the history of the estate. During your visit relish a delicious cream tea.

Continue to Inverness, where your luxury hotel is set within four acres of manicured grounds. (B) (AT) (DW)

DAY 4 CULLODEN, LOCH NESS AND ONTO THURSO

See Culloden Moor where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was crushed in 1746 and visit the Culloden Visitor Centre. Continue along the shores of Loch Ness and keep your eyes peeled for the legendary monster!

Explore Wick with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of its award-winning whiskys. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER * Experience with a visit to the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum and hear about the past of this once thriving fishing community. (B) (DW)

The Pentland Hotel, Thurso.

DAY 5 A DAY IN THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

Start the day by driving to the most northerly inhabited village in mainland Britain. Board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands where the countryside is breathtakingly majestic and the tranquillity supports a quieter pace of life. Here the hardy locals say they live 'below the wind and above the water.'

Your Local Expert accompanies you as you visit the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners during World War II. (B) (DW)

DAY 6 OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Travel through stunning landscapes along the northern coast with its white sandy beaches, and further inland to misty valleys and glens, lochs and rushing waters.

Then it's 'Over the Sea to Skye,' the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. On the way to Broadford, hear romantic tales of how young Flora MacDonald helped rescue Bonnie Prince Charlie and see the dramatic Cuillin Hills. (B) (DW)

The Dunollie Hotel, Broadford.

DAY 7 THROUGH THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS TO GLENCOE

Relaxed Start. Cross to the Kyle of Lochalsh and stop for a photo at Eilean Donan Castle, which under a clear sky offers a perfect reflection in its loch.

Continue to the WWII Commando Memorial with views of Ben Nevis.

Enjoy spectacular scenery en route to the Valley of Glencoe. Join a ranger for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER * Experience, learn about the protection of this rare ecosystem and the important work reintroducing lost indigenous species to its flora and fauna.

Delight in market-fresh Scottish ingredients as you join your newfound friends for a sumptuous Celebration Dinner. Don't be surprised if, by the end of the evening, you're singing 'Auld Lang Syne' (B) (DW)

Ballachulish Hotel, Glencoe/Isle of Glencoe Hotel.

DAY 8 ALONG THE BONNIE BANKS OF LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

Relaxed Start. Spend time around peaceful Loch Lomond or the 'Queen of Scottish Lochs', according to Sir Walter Scott. Perhaps experience the beauty and tranquillity of the loch with an optional cruise before continuing to Glasgow? An orientation drive through the city will show you the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral.


Then the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.


DAY 9 DEPART GLASGOW

Departure transfers arrive at Glasgow airport at 06:30 and 09:00. (B)





 TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Stop for a photo of Eilean Donan Castle. (Photo by @Annewilson1076, Day 7, Isle of Skye)

KEY

 Join/Leave Options

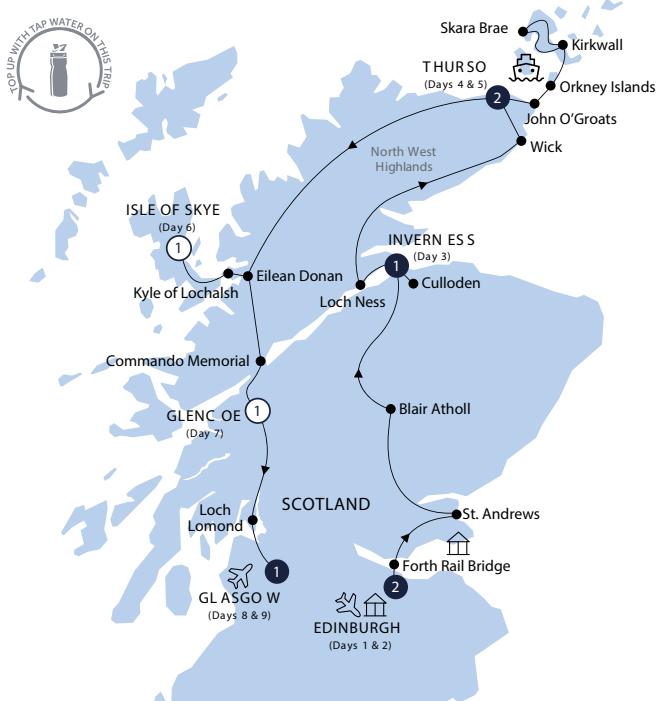
 UNESCO Heritage Site

 1 Central Hotels + Nights

 1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

● Place Visited

 Cruise

**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



Use the camera on your smart phone to view the full details of this trip on our website.