

APRIL 12- 19, 2025



\$2999.00

Per Person (sharing)



CROSSBOW TOUR OF SCOTLAND

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 April 12 – Saturday: Edinburgh Airport. This morning, we arrive at Edinburgh Airport by 10:00 am where we meet our driver/ guide. We begin our day by exploring the city of Edinburgh with our driver. This afternoon we will enjoy "The Explorer Pass" with the pass, you gain access to a variety of attractions, tours, and experiences in and around the city. Some of the key sights and activities you can enjoy with the pass include: Edinburgh Castle, explore one of Scotland's most iconic landmarks, offering breathtaking views of the city and rich historical exhibits. Holyrood Palace, Visit the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland, located at the end of the Royal Mile, and explore its stunning State Apartments and the historic Holyrood Abbey ruins. This evening, we will enjoy The Scottish Evening Show, which includes music, dance with dinner. **Overnight at Novotel Edinburgh City Center Hotel.**

Day 2 April 13- Sunday: Edinburgh-Glasgow. After breakfast at our hotel, we travel to Glasgow. We will explore Glasgow with our driver with a stop at Glasgow Cathedral. This afternoon you have free time to explore Glasgow. You may want to visit the West End, wander through this vibrant neighborhood, known for its trendy shops, cafes, and restaurants. Don't miss Ashton Lane, a charming cobbled street lined with bars and eateries. Another option maybe visiting Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, explore one of Scotland's most popular attractions, housing an extensive collection of art, artifacts, and natural history exhibits. Don't miss Salvador Dalí's famous painting "Christ of Saint John of the Cross. **Overnight at Voco Grand Central Hotel.**

Day 3 April 14- Monday: Glasgow- Inverness. After breakfast this morning we head north towards Inverness. Along the way we make our way through Loch Lomond, which is renowned for its natural beauty, characterized by sparkling waters surrounded by rolling hills, lush forests, and picturesque mountains. The landscape offers a diverse range of vistas, from serene shorelines to dramatic mountain backdrops. From here we travel through Glencoe, making our way to Ft. William with a stop for lunch. After lunch we continue on to Loch Ness, which is Scotland's most famous loch, known for its stunning natural beauty and mysterious depths. The lake stretches for about 23 miles (37 kilometers) and is surrounded by picturesque landscapes, including rolling hills, lush forests, and rugged moorland. We will make a stop at Urquhart Castle, which is one of Scotland's most iconic historic sites, situated on the shores of Loch Ness. The castle dates back to the 13th century and played a significant role in Scotland's medieval history, including conflicts between the Scots and the English during the Wars of Independence. Then onto Inverness. **Overnight at Mercure Hotel Inverness.**

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers, sightseeing and services of professional Scottish driver.
- Accommodations for 6 nights
- Edinburgh- Novotel Edinburgh City Centre- 2 Nights
**** www.all.accor.com (April 12)
- Glasgow- Voco Grand Central Hotel Glasgow- 1 Night
****www.grandcentral.vocohotels.com (April 13)
- Inverness- Mercure Hotel Inverness- 2 Nights
• *** www.mercureinverness.co.uk (April 14 & 15)
- Stirling- Stirling Highland Hotel- 2 Nights
• **** www.stirlinghighlandhotel.co.uk (April 16 & 17)
- Edinburgh- Delta Hotel- 1 Night ****
www.marriot.com (April 18)
Admissions to Explorer Pass (incl. Edinburgh Castle, Urquhart Castle, Stirling Castle)
Culloden Visitor Centre, Scone Palace with Cream Tea, Falkirk Wheel Boat Trip
- Full Scottish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
- 3 Dinners, 1 Edinburgh, 2 in Stirling
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of 1 suitcase per person (plus 1 carry-on bag)
- All driver's expenses (except tip to the Driver/Guide)
- Hotel taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

- Any items of a personal nature
- Dinners and items not mentioned as included.
- Sightseeing not indicated as included.

Day 4, April 15– Tuesday: Inverness. Today we will have an optional visit to The Isle of Skye, which is renowned for its stunning natural landscapes, rugged coastline, and rich cultural heritage. Skye is dotted with charming villages and hamlets, each with its own unique character and charm. Portree, the island's largest town and administrative center, is a picturesque fishing port with colorful houses lining the harbor. Other notable villages include Dunvegan, known for its historic castle, and Broadford, a popular base for exploring the island. Those of you choosing not to go to Skye, will have a free day in Inverness. The band will perform tonight in Inverness. **Overnight at Mercure Hotel Inverness.**

Day 5, April 16 – Wednesday: Inverness – Stirling. Today after a full Scottish breakfast we begin our journey to Stirling. Our first stop today is a visit to Culloden Battlefield. The Battlefield is the site of the Battle of Culloden, it was the final confrontation of the Jacobite Rising of 1745, a rebellion led by Charles Edward Stuart against British government forces loyal to King George II. The Visitor Centre provides an immersive experience that explores the events leading up to and following the Battle of Culloden. Through interactive exhibits, artifacts, and audio-visual displays, visitors can learn about the political, social, and military context of the conflict, as well as the personal stories of those involved. Next we will stop at the Clan MacPherson Museum, a small but fascinating museum located in Newtonmore, to view the famed broken fiddle of James MacPherson. This is the very same fiddle that's featured in MacPherson's Lament at our shows! The museum is dedicated to preserving and showcasing the history and heritage of Clan MacPherson, one of Scotland's oldest and most distinguished Highland clans. In addition to the fiddle, visitors can learn about the clan's origins, traditions, and notable members throughout history. We will end our travels today with a visit to Scone Palace and a spot of tea. **Dinner & Overnight at the Stirling Highland Hotel.**

Day 6, April 17 – Thursday: Stirling. Today you have a free day in Stirling. You may want to visit Stirling Castle (which is included in your explorer pass). Stirling Castle has played a central role in Scottish history for centuries. It has been the site of numerous battles, royal ceremonies, and political intrigues. It was once the childhood home of Mary, Queen of Scots, and served as a royal residence for many Scottish monarchs. Private acoustic show at The Rising Sun (owned by our good friend, Ian) this evening to celebrate the end of the tour.

Dinner & Overnight at the Stirling Highland Hotel.

Day 7, April 18- Friday: Stirling-Edinburgh. Today we will make our way from Stirling to Edinburgh. Along the way we will stop and see The Kelpies in Falkirk, which are a remarkable pair of colossal horse head sculptures that have become iconic symbols of Scotland's industrial heritage and mythological folklore. You will also see The Falkirk Wheel, which is a rotating boat lift in Tamfourhill, Falkirk, in central Scotland, connecting the Forth and Clyde Canal with the Union Canal. It reconnects the two canals for the first time since the 1930s. It opened in 2002 as part of the Millennium Link project. Then it is onto Edinburgh. **Overnight at the Delta Hotel Edinburgh.**

Day 8 April 19- Saturday Edinburgh- Edinburgh Airport. Group Transfer to Edinburgh Airport for your flight home.



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The nonrefundable deposit is \$250.00 per person is required to place a deposit.

If you want a single room, there is an additional single supplement charge of \$999.00.

Your second payment of \$550.00 per person is due 10/12/2024

Final payment is due 1/12/2025. Reminders will be sent.

THE TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 20 PARTICIPANTS

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