



Scotland's Grand Adventure with The Jacobite, Loch Ness & The Trossachs

12 Days
£1,750

Departs: Sunday
25th May 2025

Inclusions:

- Visit Gretna Green
- Visit Luss • Visit Oban
- Jacobite Steam train ticket
- Visit Inverness • Cruise on Loch Ness
- Free time in Fort William
- Visit Fort Augustus
- See Commando Memorial
- Visit Ullapool
- Entry to Inverewe Gardens
- Visit Aviemore • Visit Perth
- Visit Callander • One hour cruise on Loch Katrine • Visit Aberfoyle
- Guided walking tour of Stirling

Your Hotel

Tinto Hotel, Biggar (Overnight stay)
Alexandra Hotel, Fort William (4 nights)
Gairloch Hotel, Gairloch (3 nights)
Stirling Highland Hotel, Stirling (3 nights)

Basis:

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
 Single room supp: £314

Day 1: An early start, we journey north to our overnight stay in Biggar, making sure we have plenty of comfort stops en route, including **Gretna Green**, the famous Scottish village renowned for its romantic history and unique wedding traditions.

Day 2: This morning we continue our journey further north, stopping at the picturesque village of **Luss**. No visit to Luss is complete without taking in the view from the end of the pier with Ben Lomond standing proudly over Loch Lomond. Next, we head to the bustling port town of **Oban**, often referred to as the "Gateway to the Isles." Here, you'll have some free time to explore. Wander through the vibrant town centre, visit the Oban Distillery to sample some local whisky, or take a walk up to McCaig's Tower for panoramic views over the town and the islands beyond. After a relaxing afternoon, we travel to **Fort William**, our base for the next four nights, arriving in time for dinner at the hotel.

Day 3: After breakfast, we simply walk across the road to board the **Jacobite Steam Train**, regarded as one of the world's greatest rail journeys, on a return journey between Fort William and Mallaig and follow in the footsteps of Harry Potter along the route used by the Hogwarts Express. From views of mighty Ben Nevis, your memorable journey leads past the deepest freshwater loch in Britain, Loch Morar, and over the famous 21 arch **Glenfinnan viaduct** - a truly magical experience!

Day 4: Today, we start with a visit to Inverness, the cultural heart of the Scottish Highlands. Here, we can explore historic landmarks and enjoy the scenic views along the River Ness. Later, we embark on a **circular cruise on Loch Ness**, sailing through its deepest section with views of the iconic Urquhart Castle ruins. This medieval fortress offers a glimpse into Scotland's past amidst stunning Highland landscapes. After the cruise, we return to Fort William to unwind and enjoy the evening in this picturesque Highland town.

Day 5: A free day to relax and explore **Fort William**, a prominent Highland resort situated on the shores of Loch Linnhe beneath Britain's highest peak, Ben Nevis. Take advantage of the nearby Loch Linnhe for a tranquil cruise, offering splendid views of the surrounding landscapes. Alternatively, immerse yourself in the

town's charming atmosphere, visit local shops, or explore historic sites like Old Inverlochy Castle ruins.

Day 6: We bid farewell to Fort William and journey further north, pausing at the **Commando Memorial**, a poignant tribute standing at 17 feet. The memorial features three bronze commandos in authentic World War Two attire, commemorating the bravery of these soldiers. Continuing our journey, we arrive at **Fort Augustus**, where you can enjoy free time exploring its charming shops, cafes, and restaurants. Our final destination is Gairloch, where we will spend the next three nights.

Day 7: Today we embark on a **scenic tour** around Sgurr Mor, the highest peak in the Fannichs mountain range. We start our day with breathtaking views of Loch Maree and Loch Fannich, where the tranquil waters reflect the rugged beauty of the Highlands. Our journey continues north to the charming coastal village of Ullapool. Here, you'll have free time to explore the local shops, cafes, and the picturesque harbour, offering a perfect blend of natural beauty and quaint village charm. After a leisurely visit, we continue our circular tour, taking in more of the stunning Scottish landscape as we make our way back to our hotel in Gairloch.

Day 8: Today we visit the renowned **Inverewe Garden**, famous for its exotic plants and stunning coastal location. This botanical paradise captivates visitors with its lush greenery, vibrant blooms, and tranquil atmosphere. The garden's diverse collection of plants from around the world thrives in the mild climate created by the Gulf Stream. After exploring the gardens, visitors can relax at the visitor centre, browse the shop, or enjoy refreshments at the café, all while soaking in the beauty of this Scottish treasure. We return to Gairloch, where you can enjoy some leisure time to discover the quaint village and soak in its picturesque surroundings.

Day 9: Leaving Gairloch behind, we head south with our first stop in **Aviemore**, nestled in the Cairngorms National Park. Enjoy free time in this picturesque town known for its outdoor pursuits, from hiking to skiing in winter. Continuing southward, we arrive in **Perth**, a historic city on the River Tay. Explore its rich heritage, or its vibrant shops and cafes, soaking in the

local atmosphere, before journeying on to **The Stirling Highland Hotel**, our base for the next three nights.

Day 10: After breakfast, we head to **Callander**, home to the Rob Roy and Trossachs Visitor Centre and a fascinating toy museum. Next, we visit Loch Katrine for a delightful one-hour cruise through beautiful scenery. Our journey continues over Duke's Pass and through the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park to the charming village of **Aberfoyle**, where you can explore the **Scottish Wool Centre**, whisky, and food hall.

Day 11: Full day to explore the city of **Stirling**, once the ancient capital of Scotland, and to get you acquainted, **we have included a 1.5 hour walking guided tour**. Discover Stirling's Old Town with its medieval streets and walk in the footsteps of Mary Queen of Scots, William Wallace and Robert the Bruce whilst you hear the tales of battles, kings and queens who shaped this city and Scotland itself. Why not visit the Castle, perched on its rocky crag overlooking miles of scenery in every direction, which is arguably Scotland's grandest, and the cosmopolitan modern Stirling as well, with its specialty shops and cafes.

Day 12: An early start as we begin our journey home, wrapping up a fabulous holiday!