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A Private 8-night Luxury 'Outlander' Themed Tour of Scotland

DAY 1

ARRIVAL TRANSFER EDINBURGH

Upon arrival in Edinburgh, you will be met by your driver/guide holding a sign with your name on it and privately transferred to your hotel. Check in and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.



Edinburgh is Scotland's compact, hilly capital. It boasts a medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town with gardens and neoclassical buildings. A visit to Edinburgh wouldn't be complete without visiting Edinburgh Castle which looms over the city, home to Scotland's crown jewels.

Balmoral Hotel

1 Princes Street, Edinburgh, Eh1 1Tr, EH2 2EQ

3 nights at Balmoral Hotel in a Deluxe inclusive of breakfast



The Balmoral combines stunning views and warm hospitality with world-class facilities to create the perfect urban retreat. It offers the perfect marriage of tradition and modernity in each of the 167 rooms. Enjoy Michelin-starred dining at the famous Number One restaurant, sample modern Scottish Afternoon Tea under the glass dome of Palm Court or relax in the serene sanctuary of The Balmoral Spa. The Balmoral is the perfect home-from-home to discover Edinburgh and Scotland's finest attractions.

DAY 2**PRIVATE HALF DAY EDINBURGH WALKING TOUR**

This morning, we include a private walking tour of Edinburgh where you will see some of the main filming locations for the TV series Outlander as well as the other main attractions. Your local guide will meet you in the hotel lobby and you will depart on a 3-hr private tour. The rest of the day is at your leisure to further explore this great City.



Private Half Day Edinburgh Walking Tour. Your tour, with an expert local guide, will explore the city's main attractions on or around the Royal Mile including The Palace of Holyroodhouse, The Scottish Parliament and of course Edinburgh Castle. Entrances are included to Edinburgh Castle only to allow for flexibility.

Bakehouse Close aka Jamie's Print Shop, Season 3: Bakehouse Close, just off Edinburgh's Royal Mile, was the setting for Jamie's Print Shop and where we saw Claire reunited with Jamie after years of separation. This is one of the best-preserved closes in the city and was transformed into busy 18th century Edinburgh for exterior shots of the Print Shop. Why not visit the fascinating Museum of Edinburgh next door.

Tweeddale Court (Season 3 & 4): The hustle and bustle of the market where Claire is reunited with Fergus was filmed in Tweeddale Court. The entrance to this time capsule of a street is from Edinburgh's historic Royal Mile. Take time to explore one of the oldest parts of Edinburgh

Edinburgh Castle is one of the most exciting historic sites in Western Europe, set in the heart of Scotland's dynamic capital city it is sure to capture your imagination. The scenery will take your breath away. Standing on its great rock, Edinburgh Castle dominates Scotland's capital. Great events have taken place within its walls and it has witnessed many sieges. To control the castle was to hold the keys to the kingdom. Iron Age warriors understood the rock's military potential and built a hill fort here. The castle is now a world-famous visitor attraction and a key element of the Edinburgh World Heritage Site.



DAY 3

A PRIVATE TOUR DISCOVERING OUTLANDER SITES

Meet your driver/guide this morning and travel the short distance northwest to discover many sites associated with Outlander. See Falkland (1940's Inverness), Dysart Harbour (Le Havre) Culross (Cranesmuir), The Kelpies as you are passing, Linlithgow Palace (Wentworth Prison) Entrance Included, Midhope Castle with Entrance (Lallybroch), View Hopetown House () and Blackness Castle (Fort William). In the afternoon return to Edinburgh for an evening at your leisure.



Falkland aka 1940s Inverness: The village of Falkland stands in for 1940s Inverness with its iconic central fountain and centuries-old carved door lintels. Outlander fans can even rent a room in the B&B that Claire and Frank stay in which is the modern-day Covenanter Hotel. However, it's not until you step outside the lens of Outlander that you really appreciate this hidden gem.

Dysart Harbour aka Le Havre (Season 2): The picturesque harbour of Dysart, with the Harbourmaster's House, was transformed to portray the French port of Le Havre in the 1740s where Jamie and Claire landed when they escaped to France. It is also where the St. Germain's Warehouse was based. Situated right on the Fife Coastal Path, Dysart Harbour near Kirkcaldy is part of a conservation area retaining many original buildings.



Culross aka Cranesmuir: The old village of Culross is like stepping back in time without the need for magic standing stones. The cobbled streets and painted buildings needed practically no work to transform them into Cranesmuir. You can visit Claire's Herb Garden in the Culross Palace grounds and see the Mercat Cross which marks the site of public punishment. Don't limit yourself to only the Outlander locations here. Walk a short way up the hill to look in at the 13th Century Culross Abbey. The grounds are free to enter, incredibly peaceful and offer a spectacular view back across the Firth of Forth.



The Kelpies: The Helix Park is The Home of The Kelpies - the largest equine sculptures in the world. Located between Falkirk and Grangemouth, it was created as a space for the communities in the Falkirk area to come together. Standing at 100ft tall and weighing more than 300 tonnes each, the magical Kelpies are a man-made wonder and a feat of engineering. The works of art, created by artist Andy Scott, have become iconic on the landscape after being modelled on real-life icons of times gone by – Clydesdale horses Duke and Baron. The

Kelpies represent the lineage of the heavy horse of Scottish industry and economy, pulling the wagons, ploughs, barges and coal ships that shaped the geographical layout of Falkirk.

Linlithgow Palace aka Wentworth Prison: It was mostly the inside of Linlithgow Palace that was used for Outlander filming but the location above Linlithgow Loch is outstanding. These historic Scotland walls doubled as the dark, dank Wentworth Prison which might come as a surprise to those that visit this bright, open ruin. Even for those who haven't enjoyed Outlander yet, this is a very interesting place.





Midhope Castle in Outlander aka Lallybroch: Starting off with a fan favourite and the most popular Outlander location – Midhope Castle. Before this tiny towerhouse appeared on screens as Lallybroch, it was practically unknown. In Outlander, this is Jamie's ancestral home and where he sweeps Claire off to after rescuing her from Cranesmuir. In real life, Midhope Castle is part of the Hopetoun Estate just outside Edinburgh and dates from the 15th century. Unfortunately, visitors can't access the interior of the castle, which is entirely ruined, those scenes were filmed elsewhere.

Hopetoun House on the same estate as Midhope was also used in many notable Outlander scenes. This grand mansion played the part of the Duke of Sandringham's residence both inside and out. It was reused for scenes set in France and Elsmere so visitors can travel through the seasons without leaving the estate. One of the finest examples of Scotland's grand architecture, the splendid Hopetoun House, on the outskirts of Edinburgh, doubled as the stately home of the Duke of Sandringham in season one; provided the backdrop for Parisian streets, the spare room in Jamie and Claire's Paris apartment, and the Hawkins Estate in season two and Elsmere and the stables at Helwater in season three. Interesting fact: in real life the house is vast compared to how it appears in the TV show, as some of its wings were digitally erased. This luxurious estate is much more than just an Outlander filming site though. Hopetoun House has been the ancestral home of the Hope family for 300 years and one wing is still lived in by the current Earl of Hopetoun.

Blackness Castle in Outlander aka Fort William (Historic Scotland): This fortress jutting out into the Firth of Forth is known as the ship that never sailed or more commonly, Blackness Castle. Darkly named, during Outlander filming it portrayed the even darker Fort William and the site of Jamie's flogging. There is no better word to describe Blackness Castle than grim. While it's a long way from the real Fort William, this Scottish castle actually was used as a cold, damp, political prison. Its miserable residents were thrown into a pit that would slowly fill with seawater during high tide.



DAY 4

EDINBURGH TO INVERNESS OUTLANDER SITES KINLOCH RANOCH AND DEANSTON DISTILLERY



Check out of your hotel and meet a driver/guide and travel North towards Inverness. Suggested stop at South Queensferry to get a great view of the Forth Bridges and it's a beautiful little village. From there possibly stop off at the small town of Dunkeld close to the "Little Houses" (an area renovated and looked after by the National Trust) and take a wander up the lane leading to Dunkeld Cathedral which is located on the shore of the River Tay (very picturesque). Then on through Pitlochry to visit Kinloch Rannoch (aka fictional Stone Circle from Outlander) followed by lunch in a nearby pub. After lunch, we will include a stop for a scheduled tour and tasting at the Deanston Whiskey Distillery. Arrive in Inverness in the afternoon and check in to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Kinloch Rannoch (Season 1) (site of fictional Craigh na Dun stone circle):

The idyllic area around Loch Rannoch and Kinloch Rannoch, in Highland Perthshire, was seen in the background as Claire and Frank enjoyed their second honeymoon, following the end of the war. Why not take your own tour of the area and explore the awe-inspiring scenery of high mountains and sparkling lochs as enjoyed by the couple in the first episode. Please note the stone circle from the series was made from Styrofoam so cannot be seen however you will recognise the stunning scenery in the area from the series. The best example of standing stones can be seen on another trip to Scotland on the Island of Lewis where the Callanish Standing Stones are located



Deanston Distillery. This is not an average distillery; some people don't like change. Keeping things just as they are. Comfortable. Good enough. Not us. We see things differently - we see change as opportunity. A chance to kick open the doors, rebel and make highland whisky that's never dull. Aye, we're not your average dram - because who wants to be average? Smooth and sweet, you can drink our single malt whisky any damn way you please. For Outlander fans, Deanston Distillery provided the setting for Jamie's cousin's wine warehouse on the docks of Le Havre. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the distillery to discover the centuries-old tradition of whisky distilling.



Inverness is the largest city and the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands and attracts visitors from across the world for its natural landscapes, quaint towns, medieval ruins, and prehistoric sites.



[Ness Walk](#)

12 Ness Walk, Inverness, IV3 5SQ

2 nights at Ness Walk in a Cedar Room inclusive of breakfast



An idyllic 5-star retreat hotel in Inverness, surrounded by a dramatic canopy of impressive trees. The grand building allows you to experience a secluded atmosphere in the heart of the vibrant city centre. Originally a 19th century house, our lovingly restored Grade B listed building still retains many of its periodic features.

DAY 5

PRIVATE LOCH NESS CRUISE AND LOCAL SIGHTSEEING



This morning you will meet with your driver who will bring you to the boarding area (Urquhart Bay harbour which is 1 mile north of Drumnadrochit on the A82) for a private 1-hour cruise on Loch Ness. There will be plenty of photo opportunities so a camera today is a must! After the cruise, meet your driver and travel to Urquhart Castle for an included visit. Spend the afternoon sightseeing with your driver/guide. You can discuss options with him on the day, The battlefield at Culloden Moor is a great visit (payable locally) . Return to Inverness for an evening at your leisure.

Private Loch Ness Cruise (1 Hour): Join a local skipper for a trip lasting approximately one hour and enjoy stunning views of the Great Glen, Loch Ness and the ruins of Urquhart Castle. On board, instruments monitor sub surface activity showing both bottom profile and mid water targets, which, although usually fish, are very very occasionally much larger and not readily explained. Fun Facts, Legends and History galore from your host Gordon as you enjoy the very best views from the Loch.

Urquhart Castle. Once one of Scotland's largest castles, Urquhart saw great conflict during its 500 years as a medieval fortress. Control of the castle passed back and forth between the Scots and English during the Wars of Independence. The power struggles continued, as the Lords of the Isles regularly raided both castle and glen up until the 1500s. The last of the government troops garrisoned here during the Jacobite Risings blew up the castle when they left. Urquhart's iconic ruins remain, offering glimpses into medieval times and the lives of its noble residents.





Culloiden Moor Visitor Centre. Visit the powerfully moving site of the final Jacobite Rising – the last and most harrowing pitched battle to be fought on British soil. The richly researched, stimulating and sensitive Culloiden Visitor Centre, which stands beside the battlefield, features artefacts from both sides of the battle and interactive displays that reveal the background to the conflict. It stands as a monument and a guide to a pivotal day in history. Discover how a bloody fight that lasted only an hour changed life in the Highlands forever. A visit to Culloiden is a poignant experience.

The Clava Cairn is a type of Bronze Age circular chamber tomb cairn, named after the group of three cairns at Balnuaran of Clava, to the east of Inverness in Scotland. There are about 50 cairns of this type in an area round about Inverness. Did you know that Clava Cairns prehistoric stone circle in Inverness was the inspiration for Craigh Na Dun in the Outlander novel and series? Excitingly, Outlander fans can now explore passage graves; ring cairns, kerb cairns, standing stones and burial monuments at the cairns. Moreover, they are the only cairns in Britain to be surrounded by stone circles. Conspiracy theory fans have some wild claims about the cairns. From ancient aliens to time travel portals, this ancient Scottish cemetery has provided plenty to talk about. Nonetheless, this tourist spot near Inverness is perfect for those who love mystery



DAY 6

INVERNESS TO THE ISLE OF SKYE



This morning you will meet your driver/guide for a full day tour to the Isle of Skye. En-route you will see the most photographed castle in the world, Eilean Donan. The island of Skye, connected to Scotland's northwest coast by bridge, is known for its rugged landscapes, picturesque fishing villages and medieval castles. The largest island in the Inner Hebrides archipelago, it has an indented coastline of peninsulas and narrow lochs, radiating out from a mountainous interior. Spend the afternoon exploring the wonderful Island and the spectacular scenery. In the late afternoon you will arrive at your hotel and the evening is at your leisure.

The Island of Skye is 50 miles long and the largest of the Inner Hebrides. The capital is Portree. Villages in the north of the Island include Dunvegan, Edinbane, Uig and Staffin. Notable villages in the south of Skye include Broadford, Armadale, Carbost, Elgol and Kyleakin. The Island has a rich History covering many topics, such as: dinosaur fossils, clan warfare, Highland Clearances and the infamous Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite Rebellion. Both Clan MacDonald and Clan MacLeod have their Clan castles on the Island and should be on your list of places to visit. The Isle of Skye is also a great destination for Wildlife watching with the white-tailed sea eagle at the top of bird watchers lists. Otters, seals, whales, dolphins and red deer are just some of the other impressive creatures that can be seen on and around the Isle of Skye



Kinloch Lodge

Sleat, Isle of Skye, Scotland, IV43 8QY

2 nights at Kinloch Lodge in a Suite inclusive of breakfast

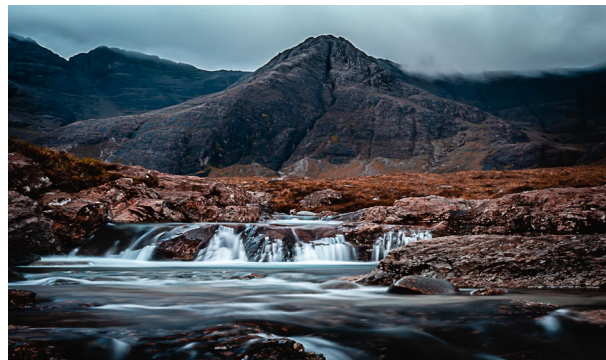


Kinloch Lodge is more than a hotel and restaurant. It's a white jewel nestled in the hills on Scotland's spectacular Isle of Skye

DAY 7**YOUR DRIVER/GUIDE AT YOUR DISPOSAL FOR SIGHTSEEING AND ACTIVITIES**

Today, enjoy the natural beauty of the Isle of Skye. Below are listed some of the most amazing sights you can see. You can discuss with your driver/guide for your preferences. This evening is at your leisure.

- Travel over Sligachan Old Bridge.
- The Fairy Pools
- The Old Man of Storr
- Visit Kilt Rock & Mealt Falls
- The Quiraing
- The Fairy Glen Tour



Portree, the main town on the Isle of Skye, is a bustling port and a thriving cultural centre. Set round its natural harbour and fringed by high ground and cliffs the town is the perfect spot for a bit of lunch. Famous for its seaside houses painted in various bright colours, Portree offers a chance for a relaxed stroll along the shore side with an ice cream. There are also several shops to pick up some souvenirs for friends and family back home.

DAY 8

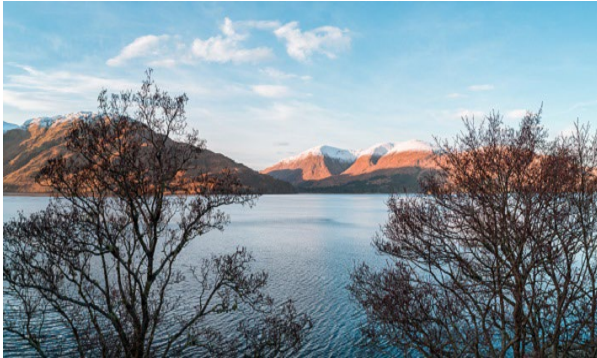
TRAVEL FROM SKYE TO GLASGOW VIA FORT WILLIAM, GLENCOE AND LOCH LOMOND



This morning you will check out of your hotel and take the morning ferry for the 45-minute journey from Armadale to Mallaig admiring the spectacular scenery as you go. Travel to Fort William via Glenfinnan and time to see the monument to Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Viaduct. You will see the majestic Glencoe and enjoy time for an optional lunch before continuing south via the Bridge of Orchy and Crianlarich and along the bonny banks of Loch Lomond. In the evening you will arrive in Glasgow and check into your hotel. The evening is at your leisure to relax and explore.

The Glenfinnan Viaduct is a renowned feat of Victorian engineering and the longest concrete railway bridge in Scotland. It takes the West Highland Railway over the River Finnan 100ft below, on its journey between Fort William and Mallaig – and is one of the most picturesque train rides in the world. Built in the 1890s by ‘Concrete Bob’ McAlpine, the viaduct’s 21 huge arches were constructed using pioneering technology at the time. From our viewpoints, you can marvel at the sight and sound of the *Jacobite* steam train traversing the hillside and crossing the Viaduct. Made famous by the *Harry Potter* films as the *Hogwarts Express*, you can witness this moment in spring to autumn, although our local rail service makes this same journey all year round.





Fortwilliam is known as the outdoor capital of the Scottish Highlands with its stunning landscapes, fascinating museums and authentic ales and whiskeys. There is a huge range of outdoors activities to suit every ability from mountain climbing, water sports to fishing and walking to name but a few.

Glencoe: The alluring Glencoe Valley in the Scottish Highlands is most popular due to its waterfalls, peaking trails such as Buachaille Etive More and Bidean nam Bian. It is also adored for its variety of wildlife. If you wish to visit the Glencoe Folk Museum within the village, there sits 18th-century thatched cottages with displays on local heritage and the Glencoe massacre of 1692. The surrounding lush environment is sure to enchant anyone.



Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park: The National Park is famous for a reason: the scenery is stunning. From the Arrochar Alps to the island habitats of Loch Lomond, the views from the top of Ben Lomond to the Falls of Dochart, there's a breath-taking view practically everywhere you go. At the heart of the park is Loch Lomond itself. You won't find a bigger loch or lake in the whole of Britain and you'll have a hard time finding a more beautiful one, too. You have the option to take a cruise on the waters and admire the

mighty bulk of Ben Lomond, Scotland's most southerly Munro, as well as the jagged shoulders of the Arrochar Alps. You could maybe even visit one of the loch's 30 islands. You might get a surprise when you pass Inchconnachan - those aren't giant squirrels you can see, but wallabies! The island has had a colony of the Antipodean creatures happily hopping there since the 1940s. At the southern end of the water is Loch Lomond Shores, surely one of the most beautifully situated shopping destinations in Britain. You can browse famous Scottish brands and pick up some fine local fare.

Glasgow: Scotland's most populated City sits on the banks of the Clyde and is well known for its excellent shopping, food and nightlife and various tourist attractions and landmarks. Home to Scottish Opera, Scottish Ballet and the National Theatre of Scotland, as well as acclaimed museums and a thriving music scene.



[Blythswood Square Hotel](#)

11 Blythswood Square, Glasgow, G2 4AD

Overnight at Blythswood Square Hotel in a Premium Garden View Room inclusive of breakfast



Blythswood Square has been a prestigious address since the early 19th century. Overlooking a private garden square, the hotel's Georgian townhouses were originally home to wealthy merchants and were later turned into the club headquarters for The Royal Scottish Automobile Club.

DAY 9

PRIVATE DEPARTURE TRANSFER GLASGOW AIRPORT

After breakfast this morning we include a private transfer to Glasgow Airport. Please be ready in the hotel lobby.

Travelling Passengers: 2

Please see below for complete list of included services.

Accommodation is included for 8 nights at the following hotels including breakfast.

Accommodation

Days	Nts	City	Hotel	Accommodation
Day 1	3	Edinburgh	Balmoral Hotel	Deluxe
Day 4	2	Inverness	Ness Walk	Cedar Room
Day 6	2	Isle of Sky	Kinloch Lodge	Suite
Day 8	1	Glasgow	Blythswood Square Hotel	Premium Garden View Room

Transport

Day	City	Service	
Day 1	Edinburgh	Arrival Transfer Edinburgh	Private Service
Day 3	Edinburgh	Full Day Tour Discovering Outlander Sites	with Driver/Guide
Day 4	Edinburgh	Edinburgh to Inverness	with Driver/Guide
Day 5	Inverness	Loch Ness Cruise and Local Sightseeing	with Driver/Guide
Day 6	Inverness	Inverness to the Isle of Skye	with Driver/Guide
Day 7	Isle of Sky	Driver/Guide at Your Disposal	with Driver/Guide
Day 8	Isle of Sky	Skye to Glasgow	with Driver/Guide
Day 9	Glasgow	Departure Transfer Glasgow Airport	Private Service



Services

Day	Service	
Day 2	Private Half Day Edinburgh Walking Tour	Private Service
Day 2	Edinburgh Castle	Entrance Fee
Day 3	Linlithgow Palace aka Wentworth Prison	Entrance Fee
Day 3	Midhope Castle in Outlander aka Lallybroch	Entrance Fee
Day 3	Blackness Castle in Outlander aka Fort William	Entrance Fee
Day 4	Deanston Distillery	Scheduled Tour
Day 5	Private Loch Ness Cruise (1 Hour)	Private Service
Day 5	Urquhart Castle	Entrance Fee

PRICE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Tours, Guides and Experiences as specified in your itinerary
- ✓ Transfers with a private driver, touring with an expert driver/guide (one person) and luxury vehicle
- ✓ Professional travel expert available 24/7 throughout your trip.
- ✓ Hotel taxes and fees.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ✗ Flights from USA or Europe.
- ✗ Travel insurance and cancellation insurance.
- ✗ Tips to your driver / guide.
- ✗ Your own additional trip costs.
- ✗ Anything not specified in your itinerary



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