

# 8 Day Scotland Road Trip

## Day 1: Arrival Edinburgh, Scotland

- 1 pm arrival Edinburgh
  - Cab/Uber to Airbnb
- **3pm** Check in / drop off bags
- Explore Edinburgh
  - Arthurs seat (30-60 minute hike)
  - Old Town / Royal Mile
- Whisky tasting options
  - The Scotch Whisky Experience
  - Jeffrey St. Whisky & Tobacco - whisky tasting  
12-14 Jeffrey St, Edinburgh EH1 1DT, United Kingdom
- **8pm** Blair Street Vaults – Hidden & Haunted Tour
  - Start: Mercat Cross, High Street
  - Finish: Hunter Square
- Overnight in Edinburgh (Airbnb)
  - 50, 4 West Port, Edinburgh, Scotland EH1 2LD, United Kingdom

## Day 2: Edinburgh

- 9am morning walk – Water of Leith walkway (nature walk)
- 12:30pm The Department Of Magic – **magic afternoon tea** (75min)
- Edinburgh Castle (one o'clock cannon)
- Harry Potter things (walking tour - 1.5 mi)
  - The Balmoral (1 Princes St)
  - Cockburn St (Museum Context store)
  - City Chambers (Golden Hands walkway)
  - Victoria Street (Diagon Alley / Museum Context 2)
  - Greyfriar's Kirk graveyard
    - While at McGonagle grave, peep through the gates for the best view of the school that inspired Hogwarts – George Heriots School
  - The Elephant House cafe
  - The National Museum of Scotland (free)
- Overnight in Edinburgh

## Day 3: Edinburgh > Inverness

- Traveling from Edinburgh > Inverness
- Uber to Hertz airport location (**8am** pickup)

- 175 Jubilee Rd, Edinburgh EH12 9FT, UK
- Stirling Castle, the childhood home of Mary, Queen of Scots
- Drive Cairngorms National Park via "Snowroads" (itinerary)
  - Distilleries, breweries, outdoor activities
- Overnight Inverness (Airbnb)
  - Stravaig - 55 Kenneth Street Inverness IV3 5PZ

## Day 4: Inverness

- Loch Ness
  - Urquhart Castle, the home of the powerful Earls of Ross
  - Glen Affric, one of Scotland's untouched valleys
  - Great Glen Distillery
- Culladen Battlefield (9-4)
- Malt Whisky Trail / Glenlivet Estate
- Explore Inverness area
  - The Mustard Seed Restaurant (*reservations recommended*)
  - The Malt Room (*whisky flights*)
  - Highlander (live music)
- Overnight Inverness

## Day 5: Inverness > Isle of Skye

- Scenic drive to Isle of Sky (scenic route via A82 and A87)
  - 2 hr drive - stop at Eilean Donan Castle
- Talisker Distillery (15 min from Fairy Pools)
  - hours 10-4:30p
- Fairy Pools (1 hr drive from Eilean Donan Castle)
  - Parking – Glenbrittle, Isle of Skye IV47 8TA, United Kingdom
  - ~2-3 hrs - hiking, swim in the pools
- 4pm check in Mackenzie's Peak
  - 45min drive to Mackenzie's Peak from Castle
  - 30min from Fairy Pools Parking
  - 20min drive from Taliskers
- Explore Portree Harbor
  - dinner / local shops / cafes
- Overnight Mackenzie's Peak
  - 19, Sconser, Isle of Skye IV48 8TD, United Kingdom
  - Free private parking

## Day 6: Isle of Skye

- Explore Isle of Skye
- Drive to Trotternish Peninsula, Old Man of Storr
  - Old Man of Storr (1.5-2 hr hike) - *don't miss*
- Kilt Rock and Mealt Falls
  - Drive to Kilt Rock and Mealt Falls for impressive coastal views
- Quiraing - hike (very good!)
  - stunning geological formation / picnic lunch
- The Fairy Glen (*underwhelming*)
- Dunvegan Castle (45 min from Fairy Glen)
- Neist Point (40 min drive from castle) (sunset 10pm)
- Return to Portree for dinner and relaxation
- Overnight Mackenzie's Peak

## Day 7: Isle of Skye > Fort William / Glencoe

- Traveling from Isle of Skye to Fort William
- 2hr drive to Glenfinnan Viaduct
  - short hike to the Glenfinnan Monument / Loch Shiel Viewport
- 30min drive to Glen Nevis
  - viewpoints of waterfalls and iconic Highland landscapes
  - Braveheart village
- 15 min drive Fort William
  - Lunch here
- 15 min drive Glen Coe
  - viewpoints along the A82
- Overnight Oban (Airbnb)
  - Glencruitten, Scotland PA34 4QB, United Kingdom
  - Free private parking

## Day 8: Glencoe > Glasgow

- 2 hr drive to Trossachs National Park (1.5hr)
  - The bonnie ("pretty") Loch Lomond
  - Enjoy Trossachs NP, cafe
- 1hr drive to Glasgow
  - The devils Pulpit
  - Glasgow university and cathedral
  - National Piping center (Bagpipe lessons)
  - Pollock Park
  - Double Decker Bus (High tea on the bus?)

- Kimpton Blyswod Hotel
- 1 hr drive to hotel
  - Lomond Castle Estate, Arden, Alexandria G83 8RB, United Kingdom
  - Free private parking

### **Departure from Edinburgh**

- Drive 1hr to Edinburgh
- 1230p - Flight home from Edinburgh