



Sláinte Mhath!

HIGHLAND SPIRITS: TARTANS & TASTINGS

Edinburgh, Perthshire, Aberdeenshire, Inverness, Loch Ness & Glasgow

Day	Meals	Morning		Afternoon		Evening	
1	Flight	Overnight travel to Edinburgh, Scotland; dinner in flight					
2	D	Arrive Edinburgh, Scotland; clear Customs and meet local Guide	Welcome to Scotland Spirit Tasting!	Edinburgh UNESCO World Heritage Tour with Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile and more		Hotel Check-In & Refresh	Scotland Welcome Dinner
3	B, L	The Scottish Whisky Experience Gold Tour - History & Origins, Whiskey Making, Illicit Stills, Smugglers & Tastings		Scottish Borders Lowland Malts & Glenkinchie Distillery (Lowland Home of Johnnie Walker)		Hotel Refresh	Dinner on Own in Edinburgh
4	B, D	Hotel Check-out and depart for Perthshire	Dunfermline Abbey & Palace: Birthplace of Charles 1 and resting place of Robert the Bruce		Glenturret Distillery Tour & Tasting	Hotel Check-In & Refresh	Local Dinner
5	B, L	Hotel Check-out and depart for Aberdeenshire	Aberlour Distillery Tour & Tasting	Crathes Castle & Gardens - Castle Tour		Hotel Check-In; Dinner on Own	
6	B, L, D	Hotel Check-out and depart for Scottish Highlands / Inverness	Speyside Whiskey Trail with Distillery Visit, Whiskey-Making Process & Water of Life Tastings		Speyside Cooperage	Hotel Check-In & Refresh	Local Dinner
7	B, L	Hotel Check-out and depart for West Highlands / Loch Ness	Loch Ness with Cruise & Urquhart Castle		Loch Ness Distillery Tour & Tasting	Hotel Check-In; Dinner on Own	
8	B, L, D	Hotel Check-out and depart for Valley of Glencoe & Glasgow	Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park		Glengoyne Distillery Tour & Tasting	Hotel Check-In & Refresh	Scotland Farewell Dinner
9	B	Transfer to Glasgow or Edinburgh Airport; depart for home					



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SPRIT OF SCOTLAND

Raise your glass to heritage, flavor, and connection on an unforgettable journey through Scotland's most storied landscapes and celebrated distilleries. This immersive tour invites travelers to experience the soul of the Highlands and Lowlands, where ancient castles stand guard over windswept glens and every sip of whisky carries centuries of craft. With exclusive tastings, behind-the-scenes tours, and warm Gaelic welcomes, each moment is curated to ignite the senses and deepen your appreciation for Scotland's proud traditions.

From the first hearty "Slàinte Mhath!" to fireside stories in cozy whisky lodges, guests are enveloped in a world where elegance meets adventure. Ideal for group travelers who crave authenticity and shared experiences, the itinerary blends cultural discovery with spirited indulgence—offering a perfect balance of guided exploration and spontaneous delights. Whether you're a connoisseur or a curious newcomer, this voyage promises not just memories, but a connection to something timeless.

Whiskey Regions Visited

Edinburgh: Scotland's capital offers a sophisticated introduction to whisky culture. While it has only a few working distilleries (like Holyrood and Port of Leith), it's home to world-class tasting venues such as the Scotch Whisky Experience and Johnnie Walker Princes Street. Expect curated flights, immersive storytelling, and access to rare single malts. The city's whisky bars - like The Bow Bar and SCOTCH at The Balmoral—boast hundreds of drams, making Edinburgh the perfect launchpad for your journey!

Highlight: With its elegant whisky bars and immersive tasting venues, Edinburgh sets the tone for refined indulgence.

Suggested pairing: Haggis, neeps & tatties with a dram of Holyrood Distillery's smoky single malt. The earthy richness of haggis pairs beautifully with peated notes, while the creamy mash balances the spice.

Perthshire: This region is steeped in whisky heritage, with distilleries like Glenturret (Scotland's oldest), Edradour (one of the smallest), and Aberfeldy, home to Dewar's World of Whisky. Perthshire whiskies tend to be smooth, honeyed, and elegant, often matured in sherry casks. The area's lush glens, riverside villages, and historic estates offer a tranquil backdrop for tastings and storytelling. It's ideal for travelers who appreciate tradition and craftsmanship.

Highlight: Home to Glenturret and Aberfeldy, this region blends tradition with tranquility.

Suggested pairing: Venison loin with whisky cream sauce alongside Aberfeldy 12 Year Old. The honeyed malt complements the game's depth and the sauce's richness.

Aberdeenshire: Known for its "Secret Malts," Aberdeenshire features distilleries like GlenDronach, Royal Lochnagar, and Glen Garioch, each with a distinct style. Expect rich, sherried profiles and bold Highland character. The region's dramatic coastline, castle trail, and royal connections (Balmoral Castle is nearby) add depth to the experience. It's a great fit for groups seeking both flavor and folklore.

Highlight: A land of royal estates and bold Highland malts like GlenDronach and Glen Garioch.

Suggested pairing: Cranachan with toasted oats and raspberries paired with a sherried GlenDronach. The whisky's dried fruit and spice echo the dessert's sweetness and texture.

Inverness: The gateway to the Highlands, Inverness offers proximity to distilleries like Tomatin and Glen Ord, known for fruity, balanced single malts. The city itself blends modern charm with historic intrigue—perfect for a relaxed evening dram at The Malt Room or a riverside stroll. It's a strategic stop for travelers en route to Speyside or Loch Ness.



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Highlight: Gateway to the Highlands and Speyside, with distilleries like Tomatin and Glen Ord nearby.

Suggested pairing: Smoked salmon on oatcakes with Tomatin Legacy. The whisky's citrus and vanilla notes lift the smoky richness of the salmon.

Loch Ness: Shrouded in mist and legend, the Loch Ness region offers a whisky experience steeped in mystery and Highland character. Nearby distilleries like Glen Ord and Great Glen produce malts with rich, fruity profiles and subtle peat, echoing the depth and drama of the loch itself. The area's atmospheric beauty enhances every tasting, inviting guests to sip slowly and imagine what secrets lie beneath the surface.

Highlight: A moody, evocative setting where whisky and folklore intertwine—perfect for immersive tastings and fireside storytelling.

Suggested pairing: Sticky toffee pudding with a Black Isle peated malt, where smoky undertones meet the dessert's caramel warmth for a hauntingly delicious finish.

Glasgow: A vibrant urban contrast to the Highlands, Glasgow is home to Clydeside Distillery, Glasgow Distillery Co., and nearby Auchentoshan. Expect innovative, triple-distilled whiskies and sleek tasting rooms. The city's whisky bars - like The Pot Still and The Bon Accord - are legendary, offering hundreds of malts and a lively social scene. It's ideal for groups who enjoy culture, nightlife, and bold flavors.

Highlight: Urban, vibrant, and full of character - home to Clydeside and Glasgow Distillery Co.

Suggested pairing: Chargrilled steak with peppercorn sauce paired with Auchentoshan Three Wood. The triple-distilled whisky's smoothness and sherry depth enhance the bold flavors.

What's Included

Round-trip international flights arriving in and departing from Edinburgh with 1 bag, 1 carry-on and 1 personal item included in luggage costs, per person

7-nights lodging + 1-overnight air: 2-nights Edinburgh, 1-night Perthshire, 1-night Aberdeenshire, 1-night Inverness / Highlands area, 1-night Loch Ness area and 1-night Glasgow (select hotel category per group: budget, moderate or luxury for the perfect experience)

Breakfasts daily at hotel, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, plus meals in flight

Transportation: Motorcoach/Private Shuttle

Personal Tour Director

- ❖ Edinburgh Heritage Tour including the Edinburgh Castle with Crown Jewels, the Royal Mile and more
- ❖ Scottish Whiskey Experience – Gold Tour
- ❖ Scottish Borders Lowland Malts & Glenkinchie Distillery Tour & Tasting
- ❖ Dunfermline Abbey & Palace
- ❖ Glenturret Distillery Tour & Tasting
- ❖ Aberlour Distillery Tour & tasting
- ❖ Crathes Castle & Gardens Tour
- ❖ Speyside Whiskey Trail with Distillery visit, review of Whiskey-making process & Water of Life Tastings
- ❖ Speyside Cooperage visit
- ❖ Loch Ness Cruise
- ❖ Urquhart Castle experience
- ❖ Loch Ness Distillery Tour & Tasting
- ❖ Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park
- ❖ Glengoyne Distillery Tour & Tasting

Note: All included activities are based on operational availability at the time of travel



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What's Not Included

- × Fully comprehensive insurance (**mandatory**)
- × Transfers to/from home airport
- × Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary
- × City tax for hotel occupancy; payable at hotel check-in
- × Meals other than what is shown above; meals other than ones provided for the entire group (we are generally able to cater for allergy conditions and vegetarians only)
- × Beverages with meals unless participating in a specific tasting (all dinners have one alcoholic beverage included along with table water; additional beverages/selections are paid for at the time of purchase)
- × Baggage handling - each person should be able to carry/load their own suitcase
- × Cost of personal passports, visas or visa waiver fees
- × Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
- × Sightseeing / Entertainment not shown in Itinerary
- × Hotel incidental deposits & bills – mini-bar, movies, etc.
- × Gratuities – drivers, hotel services, area/activity guides, tour director
- × Credit card fees if individuals wish to pay via credit card instead of ACH
- × Additional taxes, fuel surcharges or fees levied by governments / suppliers

THE SMALL PRINT:

- As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.
- Please note that once paid, the trip is nonrefundable, so we strongly suggest that everyone has trip protection in place immediately after paying your initial deposit. For those needing to purchase trip insurance, this is offered at the time of registration or you may elect to use your own plan. Please understand that trip protection is mandatory and everyone will be required to submit proof of insurance prior to travel.
- Your trip is not confirmed until you have paid your deposit in full.
- Please read all details concerning booking conditions. This is reviewed during registration (acceptance required for booking), or you may review it directly from our website.
- Each person should be ready to issue a personal credit card to hotels at check-in for incidental deposits & bills. In most cases, a small amount will be pre-authorized and then released upon your departure.
- Please ensure that you are aware of passport requirements. Currently, the USA government suggests allowing several months for passport processing time so if you need to obtain a passport, please apply early or request expedited processing. Unfortunately, there are no refunds available if you do not have a passport when required. Passport details are required 3-months prior to travel.
- In addition to ensuring that all passport requirements are met, persons traveling into the UK must apply for a Visa Waiver. Boarding/entry on arrival will be denied if you have not received approval. Please **print the final page for your records**. International costs generally range from \$7 - \$25 per person and are generally valid for 2 – 5 years dependent upon the country, and of course, are subject to change. It is important to note that if you receive a new passport after receiving an approval, you must re-apply as the document details will have changed. You will not be able to travel without your approval matching the details shown in your passport. [ETA](#)
- Please understand that a waiver (Release of Liability) is required for each person traveling. Waivers are part of your online registration process. No one may complete their registration without agreeing to the required Release of Liability.
- Payments may be made via ACH (online bank check) at no charge *if banking with a USA facility*. Guests may also make payment via credit card however a 4% processing fee is charged by the processing agency. If you have any questions concerning payments, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.
- Gratuities for your Driver, Activity Guides and Tour Director have not been included in your pricing so please remember to budget for these. They can then be distributed as you see fit. A general guideline per person is \$3 per day for your driver(s), \$5 a day for your Tour Director, \$5 a day for your in-country guide, plus \$2 per Specialist/Local Activity Guide (consult your itinerary for specific daily activities).

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