



Caledonia Explorer Highlights

Peaceful lochs and mysterious glens, dramatic coasts and historic cities, Scotland is a destination that appeals to visitors of all ages. This ten day circular tour covers an immersive route into Scottish culture and traditions with visits to the country's iconic locations.

Days 1 & 2 Start in Glasgow, soaking up city culture on the Rennie Mackintosh Walking tour, sampling the best of Scottish Food at Mharsanta and visiting one of the city's many museums.

Days 3 & 4 Travel to coastal Oban to be welcomed by a bagpipe player as you enter Dunollie Castle for a private guided tour with lunch and then explore the town on foot. Take the picturesque 'Road to the Isles' stopping on the way to walk the towpath along the Caledonian Canal at Neptune's Staircase and marvel at Britain's longest lock staircase. Treat yourselves to a sumptuous afternoon tea at Inverlochy Castle on the way back to your hotel.



Days 5, 6 & 7 Head for Inverness, capital of the Highlands, through majestic Glencoe, steeped in the history of the Clan MacDonald massacre, and take a short cruise on Loch Ness from Fort Augustus before driving up the Great Glen. In Inverness explore the city on a walking tour then choose from multiple day trip adventures to the Isle of Skye, the Moray Coast for Puffin watching and whisky tasting, or the Loch Ness, Whisky and Outlander tour.

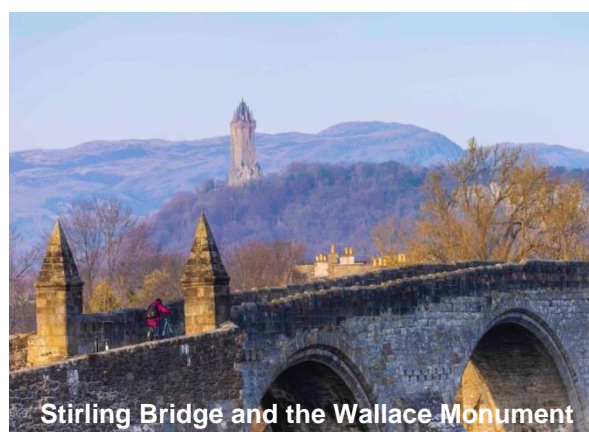


Days 8, 9 & 10. Make your way south through the Cairngorms National Park towards Pitlochry, stopping to admire peace and tranquility at the Pass of Killiecrankie, and lunch at Loch Leven's Larder. Arriving in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, settle into your city centre hotel and head out to explore using your Royal Edinburgh Ticket to hop on and hop off the tourist bus and visit Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace and the Royal Yacht Britannia. Choose one of the many free-to-enter museums, perhaps the Writer's Museum to prepare for a day trip to Abbotsford, home of world famous writer Sir Walter Scott, a walking tour or eat at The Tolbooth Tavern.

Alternatively a hour by train brings you to Stirling, one of the most important cities in Scotland's history where you are introduced to the old town and the castle by a local guide and can visit, Stirling Distillery for a tour and tasting. Or travel west toward Falkirk to see the marvellous Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures set in an eco-park.



Edinburgh Castle



Stirling Bridge and the Wallace Monument

Schedule summary

Arrival/departure	Glasgow, Edinburgh International, London Heathrow /Gatwick
Transfers	London to Edinburgh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connecting flight from Heathrow 1hr ○ Train from London Kings Cross 5hrs 30mins ○ The Caledonian Sleeper train (overnight)
Travel in Scotland	Glasgow and Edinburgh, public transport/taxi Between Glasgow, Oban, Inverness, and Edinburgh, self-drive, driver guide or chauffeur driven.
Accommodation	City centre hotels Glasgow and Edinburgh Oban, Isle of Eriska, Inverness, Rocpool Reserve Hotel
Day 1 & 2 Highlights	Rennie Mackintosh city walking tour, Kelvingrove Museum, The Burrell Collection, Riverside Museum, Mharsanta for food
Day 3 & 4 Highlights	Dunollie Castle, McCraig's Tower, seafood, Road to the Isles, Glenfinnan, Neptune's Staircase and Inverlochy Castle.
Day 5, 6 & 7 Highlights	Glencoe, Inverness, choice of day trips exploring Isle of Skye, Speyside, the Moray Firth, Outlander locations.
Day 8-10 Highlights	Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle, Royal Yacht Britannia, Abbotsford, Stirling, the Kelpies.