

Isle of Skye Tour Code: 16EE/3M



Depart: Edinburgh
Finish: Edinburgh

Day 1:

Departing Edinburgh, we head North over the Forth Road Bridge, across the Kingdom of Fife towards the beautiful Highlands. Our first stop is at the village of Dunkeld - a Highland gateway village and once the ancient capital of Scotland. Heading into the heart of the highlands, we pass through the Grampian mountains, where we hear tales of Roman invasion, and a very rebellious Scotland.

Driving via Inverness, we then head down the shores of Loch Ness along the north of the Loch in search of a certain monster called Nessie, and take in the views of Urquart castle, a ruined stronghold on the shores of the Loch. Then, heading through Glen Morriston, we are now on our way westward to Skye.

Over the Skye Bridge we arrive at the village of Kyleakin where we will be spending the next two nights in our cosy wee hostel, with it's real fire and wonderful coastal views.

Day 2:

And now our adventure gets even better - a day exploring one of Scotlands most famous Islands. Before heading to its northern tip, we pass through the mighty Cullin mountains on to Portree the island's Capital, where we stop for supplies and also for a wee look at this village, with its quaint little fishing harbour.

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The Trotternish peninsula is the focus for the rest of the day, stopping at amazing waterfalls and the seriously haunted ruined Macdonald stronghold perched atop a sea cliff. We scramble up one of the island's amazing rock formations, a small mild hike to suit all, so leave your high heels at home. Now it is time to bring it down for a little chill time and to pay our respects to the "little people" at the enchanting Faerie Glen. As the sun goes down we head back to the village of Kyleakin in time for a pint at the local pub.

Day 3:

Departing Skye we head to the mainland, where our last full day of adventure begins at one of Scotland's most picturesque castles - Eilean Donan, as featured in the movie Highlander.

It's then a very scenic drive through the lands of Kintail, where every mountain has a story of romance, adventure or betrayal.

Gliding through the colours and scenery of Glen Shiel and Glen Garry, we head down to Fort William and then on to the breathtaking Glen Coe, the scene of Scotland's most haunting Clan massacre. This glen is definitely one of Scotland's jewels. While hearing the tales of its dark past, you also have a chance to absorb its amazing atmosphere.

Continuing south over desolate Rannoch Moor we then head out of the Highlands and down to Stirling, to pay homage to William Wallace - the hero of Scotland's struggle for independence - at the Wallace Monument. Edinburgh is our final destination, arriving back in our dynamic Capital for some heart-felt goodbyes.