

# 1 Day Tour Lochs, Glens, Wallace Monument & Whisky

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**Pick up: Wallace Monument 09.45**      **Returns: Glasgow at 19.00**  
**Adult Prices: from £33**      **Discount Prices: from £30**  
**Departs: Friday & Sunday (All Year)**

Unicorn Travel can arrange a pick up from Wallace Monument for you and supply you with a map and information on how to get there.

Depart Glasgow at 09.00 and travel towards Stirling. Your route north is one that has been used for thousands of years by invading armies. It was the northernmost frontier of the Roman Empire, and was later used by the English King Edward I, as he marched proudly towards Stirling (only to be sent homewards to think again!). As you approach Stirling the magnificent castle dominates your view and itself upon the surrounding land. Known as the 'Key to Scotland', for centuries this was the most important castle in Scotland.

To the north is the 220ft high tower of the National Wallace Monument commemorating Scotland's great hero William Wallace, played by Mel Gibson in the Oscar-winning movie Braveheart. From the top you can look down over the scene of Wallace's greatest triumph, the battle of Stirling Bridge, where he defeated the English army in 1297. Further to the South is Bannockburn where, in 1314, the great Scottish warrior-king Robert the Bruce defeated the English army of Edward II. The battle was fought for possession of Stirling Castle but eventually led to a far greater prize for Scotland – the restoration of independence.

Then we travel onto Crieff, a lively resort town which was once the main centre for the cattle trade in Scotland. Drovers used to drive huge numbers of cattle from the Highlands down into the Crieff Tryst giving the town a very cosmopolitan air. The town was burned down for harbouring Bonnie Prince Charlie during his 1745 Jacobite rebellion, and was rebuilt by the local landlord, the Duke of Perth.

We continue north over the Highland line, through the beautiful Sma' Glen and onto Aberfeldy. You will notice the immediate change in scenery from rolling farmland to mountain and moor as we cross over the fault line separating Lowland Scotland from the Highlands. On this route we will follow very closely the road built by General Wade in the 1720s to connect Stirling with Inverness. At Aberfeldy, Wade's road crosses the wide River Tay, and the magnificent bridge is still there to see. Nearby is Dewar's Whisky distillery, where you can discover the secret of how Scotland's national drink is made. No visit to Scotland is complete without sampling a 'wee dram' and you will get the chance to taste some of the finished product. Known in the Gaelic as Uisge Beatha (or 'water of life') whisky has been produced for centuries in Scotland and the art is now close to perfection.

Later you travel west into the ancient lands of Breadalbane, or the 'High Country' surrounding Loch Tay and make your way along the loch towards Killin. The small town is situated beside the River Dochart and has the fantastic Falls of Dochart at its heart, flowing under the old bridge and past the ancient burial ground of the Clan MacNab. After Killin you take a drive through the stunning Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park where we will make a stop at the gorgeous conservation village of Luss, situated on the Bonnie banks of Loch Lomond. This is Scotland's largest loch and it takes its name from the mountain Ben Lomond on the eastern shore. From here you return to Glasgow at approx 19.00