

Loch Ness, Glencoe & the Highlands

Myths, monsters, and mountains: this tour is the best way to see ‘Scotland in a day’.

Places you'll explore

Rannoch Moor - Admire unforgettable views at this epic expanse of untouched wilderness.

Glencoe - Be moved by the sheer beauty and tragic tales of one of Scotland's most famous landscapes.

Great Glen - A humongous fault line through the Scottish Highlands; it's a location that's as historically important as it is beautiful.

Fort Augustus - This wee town of 650 inhabitants is a great spot to watch boats traversing the Caledonian Canal.

Loch Ness - Take a chance to go on an optional boat cruise or wander around this alluring and eerie loch.

Grampian Mountains - Enjoy classic views of one of Scotland's most mesmerising mountain ranges.

Highland Perthshire - Travel through thick pine-clad slopes and take in views of fast-flowing rivers.

Prices per person in 2018

January, February and up to 27th March: £45 / £42 discounted

28th [March](#) – 3rd April: £59 / £56 discounted

4th [April](#) – 30th April: £46 / £43 discounted

May, June, July, August, September, October: £59 / £56 discounted

November up to 16th December: £46 / £43 discounted

17th – 31st December: £59 / £56 discounted

Discounts

Students, seniors over 60, and children between 5 and 15
(unfortunately, we don't carry children under 5 years old)

Your journey

Journey deep into the Highlands of Scotland on our monster-sized day tour. You'll hear the legendary stories of the Jacobites, gaze into gorgeous Glencoe, and get a chance to spot the mythical Loch Ness Monster.

It's a tour packed with bewildering beauty, and perfect if you're short on time and want to see as much of Scotland as you can.

Tour details

08.00 -, Waterloo Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3EG 3 minutes walk from Edinburgh Waverley railway station

Returns

20.00 approx

(Stirling customers please note, this tour is a very long tour starting and finishing in Edinburgh. In the morning during the rush hour, when the coach passes Stirling there will only be time to pick you up from the Riverhouse restaurant, near the Craigforth motorway junction – so you need to contact a local taxi company or get on a taxi at Stirling railway station to take you to the Riverhouse restaurant, as for the coach and the rest of the group, this is just a 3 minute detour – depending on traffic, you will be picked up between [08.40 am](#) and [09.10 am](#). On the way back though the route does not pass anywhere near Stirling as the coach crosses the Forth Road bridge, you will be dropped off in Edinburgh, a 3 minute walk away from Waverley station, this means coming back you have to take the ½ hourly train from Edinburgh Waverley to Stirling– journey time 50 minutes)

Important information

Pack your waterproof clothing and walking shoes

Loch Ness cruise available Easter to December

Loch Ness cruise may not be available at busy times

Tour inclusions

Transport in a 16 seat Mercedes mini-coach

Air conditioning as standard

The stories and services of a driver-guide

Tour exclusions

Entry fees to visitor attractions

Itinerary

You depart Edinburgh and travel past Linlithgow palace and Stirling Castle. To the north is the National Wallace Monument, which commemorates Scotland's great hero William Wallace. You pass close to the location where William Wallace defeated the English army in 1297, and after this take a short stop for coffee at Callander.

The scenery changes dramatically as you venture further into the Highlands. The flat plains of the lowlands transform into shimmering lochs, rugged mountains and forest-filled glens. The alluring beauty makes it easy to forget this was once a battleground of the fiercely territorial Highland clans.

You then head down to Scotland's most famous valley, Glencoe, where you'll be mesmerised by the beautiful cliff faces and steep slopes.

After Glencoe, you enter a deep glacial valley, known as the Great Glen. Passing through the town of Fort William you travel in the shadow of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, before arriving at Fort Augustus on the shore of Loch Ness.

At 23 miles long and over 700ft deep, Loch Ness is the largest loch by volume in Scotland. The loch is best known for the legendary Loch Ness Monster ("Nessie") and you can take the opportunity to go in search of the monster on a fantastic boat cruise. Or you can simply enjoy the beautiful scenery on the banks.

Fort Augustus boasts the Caledonian Canal, which is a great spot to relax and watch the boats sail by. You stop here for nearly 1 hour 30 min to give you time for lunch and time to take in the scenery around Scotland's most famous loch.

From Loch Ness, you head south through the mountains of the Cairngorms National Park. Your route travels alongside Loch Laggan (the setting for the BBC series 'Monarch of the Glen'), over the Drumochter Pass and past 13th century Blair Castle. You continue south through the forests of Perthshire and make a short refreshment stop on the way. South of Perth you drive past Loch Leven. Then it's over the famous Forth Bridge before returning to Edinburgh.