

# Oban, Glencoe, Highland Lochs & Castles

## 1 day tour from Glasgow

**See epic ruined castles, listen to tales of old clan rivalries, and venture through brilliant mountain scenery on this tour to the Scottish Highlands.**

### Highlights

Lochs

Mountains

Castles

Film Locations

National Parks

### Places you'll explore

**Kilchurn Castle** - Discover this ancient stronghold and its links to the fantastical world of Harry Potter.

**Inveraray** - Explore the densely packed history and beauty of this ancestral home and village built by the Duke of Argyll.

**Glencoe** - One of the most famous and romantic places in Scotland's history, thanks to its grand loch side location and stunning ruins.

**Loch Awe** - Fabulous shore side ruins and its deep freshwater reserves make this site a haven for a great many wild species.

**Rest and Be Thankful Pass** - A former haven for weary road-laying soldiers, this historical point offers some amazing views.

**Oban** - Known nationwide as the 'Gateway to the Isles' and the 'Seafood Capital of Scotland', this town offers charm and delicacies.

**Loch Lomond National Park** - One of Scotland's largest lochs set in stunning parkland. Admire the views and take postcard-perfect photos to share with your friends and family.

## Prices per person in 2018

January, February and up to 27<sup>th</sup> March: £39 / £36 discounted

28<sup>th</sup> [March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April](#): £42 / £39 discounted

4<sup>th</sup> [April – 30<sup>th</sup> April](#): £40 / £37 discounted

May: £42 / £39 discounted

June – September: £45 / £42 discounted

October: £42 / £39 discounted

November up to 16<sup>th</sup> December: £40 / £37 discounted

17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December: £42 / £39 discounted

### Discounts

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

## Your journey

Delve into picture perfect Scotland on this tour to the Highlands.

It's the epic castles that look like they've been taken straight from a blockbuster Hollywood movie.

It's the lochs that are as calm as a midnight moon.

And it's the landscapes and historic towns, that boast treacherous and battle ravaged stories.

Take this tour and venture into the Scotland of your imagination.

### Departs

08.30 - Parish Hall, 266 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1QX

### Returns

19.00 approx

(Stirling customers: From Stirling railway station there are 4 trains every hour to Glasgow Queen Street station, taking between 25 and 40 minutes. When you walk out of Queen Street station you are right at George Street and George Square, it is only a 2 minutes walk to the left and you are at 266 George Street. Please note, there is no [Sunday morning](#) train early enough for you to catch the [Sunday](#) tour)

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### Important information

Pack your waterproof clothing and walking shoes

### 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

Departing from Glasgow you travel northwest along the shores of Loch Lomond. Here you will cross the Highland boundary fault line where the scenery changes quickly and dramatically - the flat fertile plains of the Lowlands giving way to shimmering lochs, rugged mountain tops and forest-filled glens. It's easy to forget that this was once thought of as a dangerous frontier fought over by the fiercely territorial Highland clans such as the MacGregors, made famous by highland folk hero, Rob Roy MacGregor.

You will then take a leisurely drive over the at 'Rest and Be Thankful' mountain pass. It was given its name in 1753 by the weary soldiers who had just finished building the old military road up through Glen Croe (not to be confused with Glencoe which you will visit later in the day).

From here you will travel through the steep-sided mountains, known as the Arrochar Alps, to the picturesque harbour town of Inveraray on the shores of Loch Fyne, famous for the 18th-century castle and home of the Duke of Argyll, chief of the Campbell clan. The town was built at the same time as the castle and is a classic 18th century planned village with its straight wide streets and dignified Georgian houses, designed by Robert Adam, famous for his architecture in Edinburgh's New Town.

From here you will drive along the shore of Scotland's longest loch, Loch Awe, where you stop for the short walk out to visit Kilchurn Castle (interior open from April to September), a magnificent ruin situated in the middle of Loch Awe and former home of the Campbells of Breadalbane.

You will then continue to the harbour town of Oban, gateway to the Isles, for lunch of your choice. After lunch you will then travel north along the west coast around Appin, passing the impregnable Castle Stalker, and into Scotland's most famous valley, Glencoe. Stunningly beautiful, with its dramatic cliff faces and steep slopes, Glencoe is infamous as the site of the Glencoe massacre in 1692. Following orders from King William, Scottish soldiers under the leadership of Captain Robert Campbell slaughtered 38 men, women and children of the Macdonald clan. This was especially shocking as the soldiers had been living with the people of Glencoe for two weeks and killed them in their own homes. Nobody was ever punished for this crime, as the King himself had signed the order, but the Highlands would never be the same again.

Travelling south as you pass the majestic peak of Buachaille Etive Mor (meaning 'the great shepherd of Etive') you descend towards the wild desolation of Rannoch Moor. At an altitude of over 1000ft, covered by heather and peat-bogs and dotted with dozens of lochs, it's a unique landscape.

From here you will then travel through Glen Falloch, and then drive south towards Loch Lomond. This is Scotland's largest loch and it takes its name from the mountain Ben Lomond on the eastern shore.

The last stop of the day will be in Luss, an 18th century conservation village with old workers cottages, built for the labourers of the Estate. From here you return to Glasgow