

Loch Ness, Inverness & the Highlands - 2 day tour

A two day escape exploring the majesty of Loch Ness, the Caledonian pine forest, and the stunning scenery of the Cairngorms National Park.

Places you'll explore

Pitlochry - This wonderful little village was one of Queen Victoria's favourite holiday spots.

Caledonian Pine Forest walk - Walk over mossy paths and under a dark green canopy in a gorgeous forest.

Cairngorms National park - Gaze in awe at Scotland's most beautifully rounded peaks.

Urquhart Castle - Take a chance to explore a ruined castle overlooking Loch Ness.

Inverness - The 'Capital of the Highlands' blends Victorian architecture with a lively modern lifestyle.

Loch Ness - Take a chance to go on an optional boat cruise (April - October) or wander around the shores of this alluring and eerie loch.

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

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

Your journey

Explore Loch Ness and the Highlands at a laid-back pace on this two day tour.

You learn about Scotland's native forests on a tranquil walk. You travel through majestic mountains and quaint villages. And you get plenty of time to see if you can find the infamous Loch Ness Monster.

So join this tour, relax and let us show you the best of the Scottish Highlands.

Prices per person in 2018, excluding accommodation

Please note these are the prices per person for the 3 day tour in a 16 seater coach, if you are ok to travel on a larger coach cheaper rates are generally available for most of the year, just ask

January, February and up to 27th March: £79 / 73 discounted

28th [March – 3rd April](#): £95 / £89 discounted

4th [April – 30th April](#): £81 / £75 discounted

May: £95 / £89 discounted

June – October:: £109 / £103 discounted

November up to 16th December: £81 / £75 discounted

17th – 31st December: £109 / £103 discounted

Discounts

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

Departs

08.45 - Waterloo Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3EG

Returns

19.00 approx

(Stirling customers please note, this tour is a tour starting and finishing in Edinburgh. On the departure day, you will have to start your tour in Edinburgh – departure point is just 3 minutes walk from Waverley railway station – but on day 2 in the evening the tour passes nearby Stirling.

When coach passes Stirling there will only be time to drop you off at the Riverhouse restaurant, near the motorway junction – so you need to contact a local taxi company to drive you from the the Riverhouse restaurant back into Stirling, Bridge of Allan, Stirling University etc.

For your tour the coach and the rest of the group, this is just a 3 minute detour –as they will continue their journey after a long busy day onwards to Edinburgh)

Important information

Pack your waterproof clothing and walking shoes

One 15 kilogram bag per person

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

Tour accommodation

Day 1

Clamber through the curves and culture of the Cairngorms National Park

Find out about Inverness, 'the Capital of the Highlands'

You leave Edinburgh and head north across the River Forth towards the Highlands.

You make a short stop in one of the quintessential Scottish towns bordering the highland fault line, before crossing into the Cairngorms National Park.

There are numerous options on route including a famous whisky distillery, stunning caledonian forest walks, ancient standing stones, world-changing battlefields, and beautiful lochs. What you do [today](#) will be decided by your group and the ever- changing Scottish climate. Ample time for lunch will be given en route.

You then continue north and arrive in Inverness, where you're dropped off at your accommodation.

The evening is free for you to explore the capital of the Highlands.

Day 2

Try to spot the Loch Ness Monster on a boat trip (April - October)

Survey the famous mountains and valleys of Glencoe

After a leisurely breakfast you're picked up from your accommodation and taken into the surrounding countryside.

You travel to Loch Ness where you have the chance to take a boat trip along the loch or stay on shore and visit the impressive ruins of Urquhart castle overlooking the loch.

Our journey continues south through the Great Glen past Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in UK and Fort William. You stop for lunch along the way before arriving in Glencoe.

The return journey continues over the wild and remote Rannoch Moor and into the lowland scenery around Stirling, before finally reaching our starting point of Edinburgh.

Accommodation

Where does this tour stay overnight?

Your tour stays one night in Inverness.

How does the accommodation work?

Your tour excludes accommodation; but when you book, you can ask us to reserve local accommodation for you, or you can choose to reserve your own accommodation in the overnight locations.

I want you to book my accommodation, what happens now?

Once you've booked your tour, we'll reserve all your accommodation, and your driver will drop you off with your hosts. You'll pay your accommodation hosts directly. Most accommodation hosts don't accept credit cards, so be prepared to pay cash.

Due to availability, we may not be able to reserve your first choice of accommodation. When this happens we'll book your second choice, and if there are any further issues we'll contact you.

What if I want to change my accommodation booking with you?

Changes to accommodation cannot be guaranteed and are subject to availability. A minimum amendment charge of £5.00 will apply, increasing to a maximum of £25.00 depending on the length of your tour.

I booked my own accommodation is there anything I need to do?

You'll need to contact us with your accommodation details. Please only reserve accommodation within the overnight towns that your tour stops in. And if you're unsure, please check with us first.

Your driver will drop you off at your chosen accommodation as long as it's relatively central.

What if I cancel my tour at short notice?

If you cancel less than three days before departure, you may be liable for the cost of your first nights' accommodation. And occasionally you may be liable for all your accommodation costs.

What are the accommodation types and what do they cost?

We try to reserve accommodation that's no more than a 20-minute walk from the town centre. But during busy periods there can be a walk of up to 30 minutes.

We regularly check our accommodation suppliers to ensure they reach a certain standard. The prices below are for guidance only.

B&B (Bed and Breakfast) Standard

The toilet and showering facilities are shared with at least one other rooms in the house, and the price includes breakfast. The cost is between £30.00 - £35.00 per person per night. A single standard is between £35.00 - £60.00 per night.

B&B En/suite

The showering and toilet facilities are private, and breakfast is included in the price. The expected cost for a room, based on two people sharing, will be between £40.00 – £50.00 per person per night.

The expected cost for a single room will be between *£55.00 - £65.00 per night. If you travel during a busy period, you can expect to pay up to *£75 - £80 per night. Rooms with a view are limited and may be more expensive.

Hotels

Hotels have a bar or restaurant and provide evening meals. Breakfast is included in the price. The expected cost of Hotel 3* is

between £65.00 - £85.00 per person per night. Hotel 4* is approximately £75.00 - £120.00 per person per night. Please be advised that 4* hotels aren't available in some smaller rural areas of the Scottish Highlands and islands.

Hostels

A hostel consists of dormitory rooms with 4 to 16 bunk beds. Towels aren't provided, but you can hire towels there. The bathroom facilities are a short distance from the dorm room. Kitchen facilities are equipped so you can make your own meals. The cost is between £15.00- £25.00 per person per night. Please note that SYHA hostels only offer same gender dorms. Some independent hostels will offer mixed rooms (males and females together). If you have a preference, please let us know at the time of booking.

Let me know,
which if this tour would suit you best,
which dates in June exactly you are looking to travel
confirm your full name
telephone number [01865 – 873606](tel:01865-873606)
your accommodation preferences (B&B, hotel or hostel)

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I shall be happy to assist.

Kind regards,

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