



Alba Travel & Events

Taste of Scotland

West Highlands & Islands – Loch Ness – Inverness –
Royal Deeside – Perthshire – Fife – Edinburgh

**«This 4-day car tour provides visitors with a taste for Scotland
and the delights on offer»**

Day	Itinerary	Hotel Location
Day 1	Glasgow/Edinburgh arrival – Oban Area	Oban Area
Day 2	Oban – Fort William – Loch Ness – Inverness	Inverness Area
Day 3	Inverness – Royal Deeside – Perth	Perth Area
Day 4	St. Andrews – Glasgow/Edinburgh departure	

Package Price 2012	B&B	3* Hotel	Mixed	Manor
April – October	£130.00	£201.00	£201.00	£256.00
Single Person	£185.00	£279.00	£279.00	£377.00

Child Policy – based on sharing with 2 adults

0-4 years – No charge; 5-12 years – 50% of adult price; 13 years and above – Adult price.

Price includes

- 3 nights in the above style of accommodation sharing a twin/double room with facilities, inclusive of Scottish breakfast.
- **Please note with the mixed package there will be one overnight in B&B, one overnight in a Hotel and one overnight in a Manor.
- Welcome Pack
- Service & VAT

Price does not include

- Car Hire (can be booked separately through Alba Travel & Events)
- Ferry crossings listed in the itinerary (can be booked separately through Alba Travel & Events)
- Entrances detailed in itinerary
- Lunches, dinners and drinks
- Personal expenses

Itinerary

Day 1 Edinburgh/Glasgow – Oban Area



On arrival at Edinburgh/Glasgow Airport, pick up self-drive car and start your journey. You will drive through the area known as the Trossachs in the heart of Scotland. Make a stop at Stirling Castle – Stirling has many reminders of the famous William Wallace, star of the film “Braveheart”. Continue around the scenic Loch Lomond and through the Argyll Forest one of the most beautiful areas of Scotland. Make a stop at Inveraray on the banks of Loch Fyne where you can visit Inveraray Castle or

Inveraray Jail, which tells the tale of prison life in the 18th & 19th centuries. Continue north to the Oban area for overnight.

Day 2 Oban – Fort William – Loch Ness - Inverness



After breakfast explore Oban making a visit to McCaigs Tower from where on a clear day you can see the island of Mull and beyond. Departing Oban journey north to Fort William via Appin passing on your way Castle Stuart set on its own island. Fort William nestles at the foot of Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Scotland. Take a trip on the Anoch Mor Gondola and enjoy some magnificent views across to the West



and East coasts of Scotland. From Fort William, travel northeast through the Great Glen towards Inverness. En-route you will travel along the Caledonian Canal which links Fort William and Inverness and of which Loch Ness forms a part. Travel along the banks of this famous loch keeping an eye open for the famous monster, “Nessie”. Stay overnight in the Inverness area.

Day 3 Inverness – Royal Deeside – Perth

Start your day with a stop at Culloden Moor, site of the very last land battle on British soil when the Jacobites, lead by Bonnie Prince Charlie, were finally defeated by the English army. The excellent exhibition centre tells of the Jacobite rebellion in various languages and you can wander the Moor where you can still hear the battle cries of the Clans. Continue now into the heart of Speyside. There are a large number of whisky distilleries in the area and you can visit many of them. Glenfiddich, Glen Grant, Dallas Dhu and many others welcome visitors and are happy to give you a “wee dram”.



Continue following the River Spey well known for its salmon fishing. Travel down to the village of Braemar in the heart of Royal Deeside. During May, June and July you can visit Balmoral Castle where the Royal Family spend their annual summer holiday. Journey south over the “Spittal of Glenshee”, a road affording dramatic views, before continuing towards the Perth area, for your overnight accommodation.

Day 4

Edinburgh/Glasgow Departure



Today, if time permits, visit St Andrews, named after Scotland's patron saint. Visit the impressive ruins of the cathedral, once the most magnificent in the country and St Andrews Castle where visitors can wander through damp, mossy siege tunnels and see the bottle dungeon. St Andrews is also the famous home of golf, played on the Old Course since the 15th century.

Continue along the coast via the small fishing villages of Elie and Pittenweem. Cross the Forth road bridge with its spectacular views of the Firth of Forth before returning your car to Edinburgh/Glasgow airport and joining your flight home.

Haste ye back!