



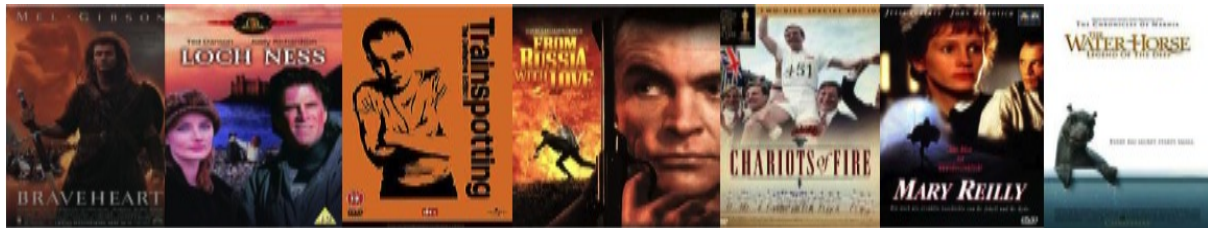
Alba Travel & Events

Scotland in the Movies

Edinburgh – Perth – Glencoe – Fort William – Inverness – Aberdeen

«A 6-day package, encompassing fabulous landscapes, breathtaking architecture and castles, Scotland, is the real star of the big screen. »

Scotland's spectacular landscape has made it popular over the years with filmmakers, with movies like "Chariots of Fire", "Highlander", "Local Hero", "Hamlet", and "Greystoke", all being made on location in Scotland. Moreover, Hollywood blockbusters such as "Braveheart", "Rob Roy", "Mrs Brown", "Loch Ness" and "Harry Potter" have demonstrated Scotland's credentials for filming. If there had been an Academy Award for Best Location it would undoubtedly have gone to Scotland!



Day	Itinerary	Hotel Location
Day 1	Edinburgh	Edinburgh area
Day 2	Edinburgh – Perth	Perth area
Day 3	Perth-Glencoe – Fort William	Fort William area
Day 4	Fort William – Inverness	Inverness area
Day 5	Inverness – Aberdeen	Aberdeen area
Day 6	Aberdeen – Edinburgh	

Package Price 2012	B&B	Single Room B&B	3* Hotel	3* Hotel Single room
April	£209.00	£288.00	£304.00 *	£413.00 *
May	£209.00	£288.00	£313.00 *	£422.00 *
June	£209.00	£288.00	£313.00 *	£422.00 *
July	£209.00	£288.00	£343.00 *	£452.00 *
August	£209.00	£288.00	£343.00 *	£452.00 *
September	£209.00	£288.00	£313.00 *	£422.00 *
October	£209.00	£288.00	£304.00 *	£413.00 *

*Aberdeen hotels, Monday–Thursday supplement applicable, see below
 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.

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Price includes

- 5 nights accommodation in the above style of accommodation sharing a twin/double room with facilities inclusive of Scottish breakfast.
- Welcome Pack
- Service & VAT

Price does not include

- Car Hire (can be arranged separately through Alba Travel & Events)
- Entrances detailed in itinerary
- Evening meals
- Lunches
- Personal Expenses

* Please note

If your tour arrives in Aberdeen Monday through Thursday a supplement would apply for the hotel package as follows:

Additional £35.00 per person sharing a twin or double
Additional £46.00 per person for a single room

Itinerary

Day 1 Edinburgh

South-east of Edinburgh is Rosslyn Chapel, featured in Dan Brown's blockbuster and used as a location for The Da Vinci Code movie. Continue to Edinburgh, where the gritty portrayal of Leith in Trainspotting is already movie history. The old seaport has had an extensive facelift and now offers a fine range of quality eating, drinking and shopping. Walking tours of Leith are on offer for a real insight into the character of the place. The Royal Mile in the Old town of Edinburgh is the backbone of the old quarter, running from the Palace of Holyrood House to Edinburgh castle. Here the movies Chariots of Fire, Mary Reilly (featuring Julia Roberts) and Jekyll and Hyde were all filmed in these streets. Overnight in Edinburgh area



Day 2 Edinburgh – Perth



After your hearty Scottish breakfast, travel to the historic town of Stirling which played a major role in the history of Scotland's monarchy. Braveheart, which featured Mel Gibson as William Wallace, was set in this region and highlights a key period in Scotland's history, with Stirling Castle as the focal point. The battles of Stirling Bridge and Falkirk are both featured in the film and took place on the plains

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around the Forth valley. You can visit Stirling Castle, which dominates the town, from its 250 foot rock, then continue to Wallace Monument perched high on the rock of Abbey Craig, where William Wallace camped before the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297. Leaving Stirling, continue into the Trossachs region and Rob Roy country! You can visit the Rob Roy Centre in Callander to learn more about Scotland's infamous villain turned hero. Stay overnight in the Perth area.

Day 3 Perth – Fort William



Today you start the morning with a visit to Megginch Castle and Gardens. The courtyard of the castle was transformed into an 18th century marketplace for the filming of Rob Roy. Continue through Perthshire to Drummond Castle near Crieff, which doubled as the residence of the villainous Duke of Montrose, played by John Hurt, in Rob Roy. Several scenes were shot in the spectacular gardens, which boast a magnificent early Victorian parterre, with fountains and terracing laid out in the form of the St Andrew's cross. The sundial dates back from 1630. From Drummond Castle travel through Crieff, Comrie and along Loch Earn, following the twisting road up over the dramatic mountain pass of Glencoe. Here the bloody massacre in 1692 took place, when the Campbells, at the bidding of the English, slaughtered the MacDonalds in their sleep. The bleak and dramatic landscape of Glencoe featured in both Braveheart and Highlander, and you will feel the eerie silence that pervades from the misty mountains as you drive through the glen. Carry on to Fort William, a highland town nestling at the foot of Ben Nevis, Scotland's highest mountain. Glen Nevis is easily accessible, behind Fort William, in the very shadow of Ben Nevis. Other easily accessible locations nearby include the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct, which featured in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. If time permits, head south along Loch Linnhe for Oban on the A828, taking the A816 south for Crinan. Dramatic boat chase sequences, complete with explosions and fire, in the James Bond film From Russia with Love once disturbed the peace here! Stay overnight in the Fort William area.

Day 4 Fort William – Inverness

Leaving Fort William you enter the North West Highlands. Travel through Glen Shiel to Loch Duich and visit Eilean Donan Castle on its small island, connected by a bridge. This was the seat of the MacRaes, however it is probably better known as the principle fortress of Christopher Lambert's character in the cult movie Highlander. Return through Glen Shiel



and on to Glen Morrison to arrive at the Caledonian Canal. The canal links the lochs of the Great Glen - Loch Lochy, Loch Oich and Loch Ness - and has been described as the most beautiful in Europe, with its spectacular highland scenery of lochs, mountains and glens. Scenes from Highlander, Braveheart and Rob Roy were all shot here. You will then arrive at Loch Ness, known throughout the world for its famous inhabitant "Nessie", the Loch Ness monster. Following the banks of the loch you will arrive at Inverness, the capital of the highlands where you can enjoy a panoramic tour of the city. Stay overnight in the Inverness area.

Day 5 Inverness – Aberdeen



This morning you will follow the whisky trail! The Speyside region houses some of the oldest and most established whisky distilleries in Scotland. You can visit one of these distilleries to experience the whisky making process and have a chance to taste the true "Water of life". You then enter the Grampian region and take the road over the hills, through the village of Tomintoul, the highest village in Scotland. Coming down from the hills, we arrive at Ballater, in Royal

Deeside, the favourite region of the Royal family. You can visit Balmoral castle, the summer residence of the royal family and you will see the magnificent colours of this beautiful countryside, which has figured so heavily in many blockbusters. Most recently in the film Mrs Brown where Billy Connolly and Judy Dench spent so much time riding and climbing the hills of Lochnagar. You then continue to Aberdeen, the main fishing port of the North East coast. Stay overnight in the Aberdeen area.

Day 6 Aberdeen - Edinburgh

First stop this morning is at the ruins of Dunnottar castle near Stonehaven where Mel Gibson spent several months filming scenes for Hamlet. Follow the coast road south and cross the Firth of Tay at Dundee Bridge, to arrive in the famous university town of St Andrews, better known as the "home of Golf". Here you will visit St. Andrew's Castle and Cathedral overlooking the bay.



Chariots of Fire had many sequences filmed here, the most famous being the athletes running along the West Sands beach preparing for the Olympics, with the celebrated theme of Vangelis playing as background music. Leaving St. Andrews you travel south once more to arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital.

Haste ye back!