



Alba Travel & Events

Roam Around Scotland

Edinburgh – West Coast – Isles of Mull, Iona, Staffa and Skye –
Loch Ness – Sutherland – Speyside – Fife

**«This 8-day car tour will provide you with the best of Scotland
and includes the west coast islands»**

Day	Itinerary	Hotel Location
Day 1	Glasgow/Edinburgh	Edinburgh Area
Day 2	Loch Lomond – Oban	Oban Area
Day 3	Isles of Mull, Iona & Staffa	Oban Area
Day 4	Glencoe – Isle of Skye	Isle of Skye
Day 5	Loch Ness – Inverness	Inverness Area
Day 6	Sutherland	Inverness Area
Day 7	Speyside – Perthshire	Perth / Fife Area
Day 8	Fife – St. Andrews	

Package Price 2012	B&B	3* Hotel	Mixed	Manor
April – October	£291.00	£458.00	£396.00	£611.00
August	£311.00	£482.00	£417.00	£638.00
Single Person	£411.00	£636.00	£551.00	£832.00
Single Person August	£430.00	£660.00	£572.00	£859.00

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

- 7 nights in the above style of accommodation sharing a twin/double room, with facilities, inclusive of Scottish breakfast.
- Please note with the mixed package you will have 3 overnights in B&B, 3 overnights in a Hotel and 1 overnight in a Manor.
- Welcome Pack
- Service & VAT

Price does not include

- Car Hire (can be booked separately through Alba Travel & Events)
- Ferries (can be booked separately through Alba Travel & Events)

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- Entrances detailed in itinerary (see tariff information on the Historic Scotland Pass – can be booked separately though Alba Travel & Events)
- Lunches, dinners and drinks.
- Personal expenses.

Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival – Edinburgh Area

Arrive Edinburgh/Glasgow and collect hire car. Travel into Edinburgh enjoying a visit to Edinburgh Castle or take a panoramic city tour by bus. Stay overnight in the Edinburgh area.

Day 2 Loch Lomond – Oban

Head north along Loch Lomond, stopping off at Luss to visit the Thistle Bagpipe Works. Continue west, with the option of stopping for lunch at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar, to enjoy some of the fresh produce, before heading through Inveraray, visiting the castle and jail. Continue north to Oban spending time in Kilmartin Glen, experiencing the Neolithic and Bronze Age chambered and round Cairns, stone circles and rock carvings. Visit Dunadd Fort, the ancient capital of Scotland then known as Dalriada. Stay overnight in the Oban area.

Day 3 Isles of Mull, Iona and Staffa

Today spend the day exploring Mull and Iona either by car, or enjoy the sites from the sea by taking a day boat trip to Mull, Iona and Staffa. The tour leaves from Oban Harbour and is renowned for being one of the best day tours in the UK, providing a scenic route through the beautiful island of Mull and a visit to the Isle of Iona where St Columba landed in 563, bringing Christianity to Scotland from Ireland. You can also visit the legendary abbey founded by St Columba before continuing on to the uninhabited Island of Staffa, with its famous basaltic formations, the best known of which is Fingals Cave, immortalised in Mendelssohn's Hebridean Overture. Return to stay overnight in the Oban area.



Day 4 Glencoe – Isle of Skye

This morning continue north from Oban through Glencoe, with its spectacular landscape, and on to Fort William, set in the shadow of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. Take the road to Mallaig, enjoy the short ferry ride across the water, or continue on the road to Kyle and drive over the bridge to explore the Isle of Skye, the largest and most scenic of the Hebridean Islands. Stay overnight on the Isle of Skye.



Day 5 Loch Ness – Inverness

Head east today to the Inverness area, meandering gently along shores of Loch Lochy and Loch Ness via Urquhart Castle, which dates back to the 12th century and was originally built to guard the route through the glen! If you dare, take a cruise on Loch Ness, most famous for the elusive monster.

Stay overnight in the Inverness area.



Day 6 Sutherland

Today begins with a visit to the capital of the Highlands, Inverness, before heading for a day trip into the northern highlands. Head for the Kessock Bridge and the Black Isle, in reality a peninsula decked out in a thousand shades of green. A maze of quiet country roads and forest tracks, the area is a delight to explore. It is a naturalist paradise, with attractions such as the bird reserves, Munloch, Udale Bay and the famous dolphins that can be best viewed on cruises from Cromarty. Continue north visiting Dunrobin Castle and Gardens, bringing to life the lives through the centuries of the Earls of Sutherland. Here you can enjoy a display of the ancient sport of falconry in the gardens of the castle. Return to the Inverness area for your overnight stay.



Day 7 Speyside – Perthshire



To the east of Inverness you can visit Culloden Moor, scene of the famous battle of Culloden, and also Clava Cairns, which date back to the 3rd millennium BC. These are burial chambers that are made up of 3 impressive round chambered Cairns surrounded by a ring of stones. Take the Speyside route to explore some of the Malt Whisky Trail. The Speyside area is home to more than half of all the country's distilleries, plus the coopers who repair the oak casks each year.



Continue towards Perthshire through Braemar and Royal Deeside passing by Balmoral Castle and Crathie Church, Queen Elizabeth's highland residence and church before heading through the ski area of Glenshee. Continue south towards Perth/Fife where you will stay overnight.

Day 8 Fife – St. Andrews



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. At St Andrews Castle visitors can wander through damp, mossy tunnels to the dungeons. St Andrew's 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 and joining your flight home.



HASTE YE BACK!