



## Highlands & Isle of Skye

Perth/Dundee – Inverness – Skye – Fort William – Trossachs

«This 10-night farmhouse holiday encompasses a diverse and scenic tour of the Scottish highlands»



Day	Itinerary	Farm Location
Day 1	Arrival	Perth/Dundee
Day 2	Perthshire/Angus	Perth/Dundee
Day 3	Inverness and surrounding area	Inverness/Moray coast
Day 4	Inverness and surrounding area	Inverness/Moray coast
Day 5	Inverness and surrounding area	Inverness/Moray coast
Day 6	Isle of Skye	Skye
Day 7	Isle of Skye	Skye
Day 8	Fort William and surrounding area	Fort William Area
Day 9	Fort William and surrounding area	Fort William Area
Day 10	Edinburgh/Glasgow area	Trossachs Area
Day 11	Departure	

### Day 1 Arrival

After picking up your car in Edinburgh or Glasgow, travel north towards Dundee. Make a stop at Scone Palace in Perth. Continue towards Forfar and have an overnight in selected accommodation.

### Day 2 Perth/Dundee

Explore the area more fully with a visit to Glamis Castle, birthplace of the Queen Mother. Visit the beach at Kirriemuir – the birthplace of JM Barrie, author of Peter Pan. Or explore the coast of Scotland. Montrose is a lovely seaside. Alternatively, cross the Tay Bridge and visit historic St Andrews, the home of golf. Return to your accommodation to stay overnight.



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**Day 3 Inverness**

Continuing northwards towards Inverness, you could take the coastal road around Aberdeen and stop at Dunottar Castle at Stonehaven (used in Bram Stoker's Dracula), or visit Aberdeen, the Granite City. Or travel over the dramatic road at Cairn O' Mount, down into Royal Deeside. Visit Braemar and Ballater – two lovely highland towns. Braemar has a very interesting museum, connected to the history of the Highland Games. Continue towards the Morayshire coast where you will stay overnight

**Day 4 Inverness**



This is a wonderful area with much to see and do. Explore the Whisky Country – there are a number of whisky distilleries that offer a guided tour of the distillery & where you will learn about the whisky-making process, followed by the opportunity to sample Scotland's "water of life". Or if you prefer to take a walk, the Speyside Way is a well-marked long distance route, which runs along the river Spey and past some distilleries. Return to your accommodation.

**Day 5 Inverness**

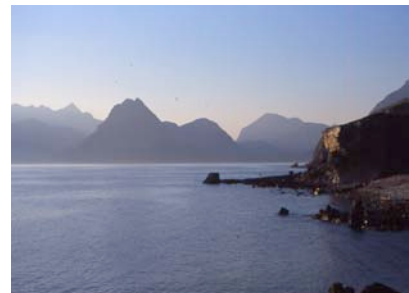
Today, you could take a boat trip out onto the Moray Firth. See if you can spot bottlenose dolphins. Or visit Culloden Moor – site of the last ever land battle on British soil. There is an excellent new visitor centre with many multi-visual aids to help you envisage the battle. Alternatively, visit Cawdor Castle, setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth. Return to your accommodation overnight.

**Day 6 Skye**

Departing from your accommodation, travel west along the banks of Loch Ness, famous for its monster, Nessie. Continue west towards Kyle of Lochalsh where you can cross the bridge to the Isle of Skye. This is a beautiful drive, travelling through a wonderful glen and beneath some hills, known as the Five Sisters of Kintail. You will also pass the Eilean Donan castle, on the shore of Loch Duich. Once on Skye you can drive to your accommodation to stay overnight.

**Day 7 Skye**

Today explore the Isle of Skye with a visit to Dunvegan Castle, seat of Clan McLeod. Take a boat trip out to see the seals. Or go further south and take the Lady Jane boat trip around the stunning Cuillin Hills – some of the best mountaineering in Scotland. If you enjoy walking, take a trip to the Quirang, you can park the car and go up to the peaks to explore and marvel at the views across to the Outer Hebrides. Alternatively, walk up the Old Man of Storr, which stands above Portree. Return to your accommodation for overnight.



**Day 8 Fort William**

You can leave Skye either by the bridge across to Kyle of Lochalsh, retracing your journey down to Fort William, or by taking the ferry from Armadale to Mallaig (on the mainland). Travel towards the Fort William area where you will stay overnight.

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**Day 9**

**Fort William**



Spend the day in the Fort William area. Take the Anoch Mor Gondola and enjoy the panoramic vista towards both East and West. If you are feeling energetic, and have good footwear, you could even climb up to one of the peaks – there are some well-marked footpaths. Or, simply take in the view from the café. If you enjoy cycling, there are fantastic mountain-biking routes through the forests around Fort William and cycle hire is available. Or simply take the steam train from Fort William to Mallaig, past Glenfinnan, where Bonnie Prince Charlie landed at the start of the Jacobite uprising. The steam train is the Hogwarts Express, used in the filming of Harry Potter. Return to your accommodation overnight.

**Day 10**

**Trossachs**

Leave the west coast and travel south towards Edinburgh or Glasgow. Travel through dramatic Glencoe – a small valley surrounded by high peaks. It was also the site of the massacre of the Macdonald Clan by the Campbells. Travel across bleak Rannoch Moor down to Callander and into the heart of the Trossachs. If time allows, visit Stirling Castle. Stay overnight in farm accommodation.

**Day 11**

**Departure**

Alas your time in Scotland is over, depart from Edinburgh or Glasgow airport.

**Haste ye back!**

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**Cost Per Person:**

<b>Package Price</b>	<b>per person (sharing twin/double)</b>	<b>Single Person Price</b>
Package 1 (staying in 3 & 4 star standard farmhouses)	£333.00	£403.00
Package 2 (staying 2 & 3 star standard farmhouses)	£300.00	£370.00

<b>Child Policy</b>	<b>0-3 years</b>	<b>4-12 years</b>	<b>13 years &amp; over</b>
Based on 1 child sharing a double/twin room with 2 adults	Free of charge	£140.00	Charged as adult

**Package 1**

Price per person based on sharing a double or twin room with en-suite or private facilities in 3 & 4 star standard farmhouses throughout, including full Scottish breakfast.

**Package 2**

Price per person based on sharing a double or twin room with private or shared facilities in 2 & 3 star standard farmhouses throughout, including full Scottish breakfast.

**Price includes**

- 10 nights accommodation as detailed above
- Service & VAT

**Price does not include**

- Car Hire price on request
- Ferry from Mallaig to Armadale price on request
- National Trust of Scotland Touring Pass for 7 days £30.00 per person  
(valid over 14 days)  
Family Ticket also available for 2 adults & up to 4 children under 18 years old  
£60.00 per family
- Lunches, dinners and drinks.
- Personal expenses.

The National Trust of Scotland own and run over 100 spectacular visitor destinations around Scotland including the world-class visitor attractions at **Culloden Battlefield**, the world famous **Culzean Castle** and **Inverewe Gardens** as well as places such as the **Georgian House** in Edinburgh, **Crathes Castle & Gardens**, **Falkland Palace & Garden** and the **Glencoe Visitor Experience**.