



Scottish Farmhouse Safari Tour

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	Perth & Dundee	Perth/Dundee
Day 3	Royal Deeside	Inverness/Moray coast
Day 4	Whisky Trail	Inverness/Moray coast
Day 5	Isle of Skye	Skye
Day 6	Isle of Skye	Skye
Day 7	Fort William and surrounding area	Fort William Area
Day 8	Fort William and surrounding area	Fort William Area
Day 9	Glencoe – Loch Lomond	Trossachs Area
Day 10	Stirling and Loch Lomond National Park	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 Dundee 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.

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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.



Day 3 **Royal Deeside**

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 Glenshee, one of Scotland's ski resorts, 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. Visit Crathes Castle & Gardens - one of the most beautiful and best preserved castles in Scotland set against a magnificent garden with its world-renowned June Border. Occupied by the Burnetts of Leys for over 350 years the Castle, Garden and estate are a must see for any visitor to the north-east of Scotland.

Continue towards the Morayshire coast where you will stay overnight.

Day 4 **Whisky Trail**

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 and 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.



Alternatively, take a Dolphin-watching boat trip out onto the Moray Firth. 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 & Gardens, setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Return to your accommodation overnight.

Day 5 **Isle of Skye**

Departing from your accommodation, travel down the banks of Loch Ness, famous for its monster, Nessie. Stop at Urquhart Castle. Once one of Scotland's largest castles, Urquhart's remains include a tower house that commands splendid views of the famous loch and Great Glen. 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 shores of Loch Duich, one of the most photographed spots in Scotland.

Once on Skye drive to your accommodation to stay overnight.

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Day 6**Isle of 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 in the north of Skye, where 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 7**Fort William & surrounding area**

You can leave Skye either by the bridge across to Kyle of Lochalsh, retracing your journey down past Eilean Donan Castle and the Kintail valley. Stop at the Commando Monument as you approach Spean Bridge – an impressive memorial to the men of the original British Commando Forces raised during World War II. From here you also have fantastic views of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain.

Alternatively, take the ferry from Armadale to Mallaig (pre-booking advised in July & August). From Mallaig travel back to Fort William along the "Road to the Isles" past the Glenfinnan Monument – the site where Bonnie Prince Charlie landed back in Scotland and raised the standard at the start of the Jacobite Rebellion in 1745.

Travel towards the Fort William area where you will stay overnight.

Day 8**Fort William & surrounding area**

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 Jacobite Steam Train was used in the Harry Potter films as the "Hogwarts Express".

Return to your accommodation overnight.

(Advance booking recommended for the Jacobite Steam Train in July & August)

Day 9**Glencoe – Loch Lomond**

Leaving Fort William, head south towards the beautiful Glencoe – a small valley surrounded by high peaks. It was also the site of the massacre of the Macdonald Clan by the Campbells. The Visitor Centre explores the landscape, wildlife and history of this special place.

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Travel across the stunning Rannoch Moor and continue down to Loch Lomond, Britain's largest expanse of fresh water and surrounded by some imposing peaks including Ben Lomond.



An alternative route is to leave Fort William and travel via Oban to the beautiful Loch Fyne area. Loch Fyne is famous for its seafood & in particular the oysters. Enjoy a lunch at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar. Visit Inveraray Castle & Gardens, home of the Duke of Argyll. Continue to Loch Lomond.

Overnight in farm accommodation in the area.

Day 10

Stirling & Loch Lomond National Park



Visit Stirling Castle, which can be seen from across the region. It has dominated much of Scotland's turbulent history & there is an excellent audio-visual display that gives you an outline of some of the history to help you enjoy your visit more. From the ramparts enjoy some spectacular views of the area.

Take a boat trip on an old Steamboat – SS Walter Scott on Loch Katrine – a beautiful loch surrounded by mountains. Or visit Glencoyne Distillery near Loch Lomond for a tour and whisky tasting.

Further afield, visit the pretty town of Aberfoyle in the heart of Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park and see Scotland's only "lake" – the Lake of Menteith. Visit the Queen Elizabeth Park - the Forest Park encompasses mountain and moorland, forest and woodland, rivers and lochs. It is home to a rich variety of animal and plant life. For many of our visitors the attraction of the park lies in the peace and quiet, the magnificent views and the wide range of activities and facilities.

The award-winning Go Ape high wire forest adventure is at David Marshall Lodge Visitor Centre. (*pre-booking essential*)

Return to your accommodation overnight.

Day 11

Departure

Alas your time in Scotland is at an end. Depart from Edinburgh or Glasgow airport.

Haste ye back!

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Package Price (per person)	Twin Room/ Double Room	Single Room	Twin/Double for Single Occupancy
Option 1 (3* & 4* Farmhouses)	£380.00	£480.00	£530.00
Option 2 (2* & 3* Farmhouses)	£334.00	£434.00	£484.00

Child Policy	0-3 years	4-12 years	13 years & over
Based on 1 child sharing a double/twin room with 2 adults	Free of charge	£150.00	Charged as adult

Option 1

Price per person sharing a double or twin room with private or en-suite bathroom for 10 nights inclusive of full Scottish breakfast (mix of category 3* & 4* farmhouses)

Option 2

Price per person sharing double or twin room with private or shared bathroom for 10 nights inclusive of full Scottish breakfast (mix of category 2* & 3* farmhouses)

Price includes

- 10 nights accommodation as detailed above, with Full Scottish Breakfast
- Service & VAT

Price does not include

- Car Hire price on request
- Ferry from Mallaig to Armadale price on request
- **Historic Scotland Touring Pass for 7 days** **£34.00 per person**
(valid over 14 consecutive days)

Whether you are taking a short or long break in Scotland, Historic Scotland's Explorer Pass offers an easy and **money-saving** way to see many of the country's top visitor attractions. The attractions include **Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle** and **Urquhart Castle** on shores of Loch Ness. Also included are **St Andrews Cathedral, Melrose & Dryburgh Abbeys** in the Scottish Borders, **Dallas Dhu Historic Distillery** and **Iona Abbey**.

- **National Trust of Scotland Touring Pass for 7 days** **£30.00 per person**
(valid over 14 consecutive days)

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**.

- Lunches, dinners and drinks.
- Personal expenses.

We reserve the right to turn the tour around/reverse it, to suit availability – copy of final routing will be given should this be necessary.

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