

Scottish Farmhouse Short Break

East Lothian – Galashiels – Oban or Stirling

«A 4 day-3 night break is an enjoyable way of touring the countryside»



2010 Package Price	per person (sharing twin/double)	Single Person Price
Option 1 – East Lothian 4* farm	£105.00	£185.00
Option 2 – Scottish Borders 3* farm	£90.00	£170.00
Option 3 – West Coast of Scotland 4* farm	£105.00	£185.00
Option 4 – The Trossachs – 3* farm	£94.00	£166.00

Child Policy	0-3 years	4-12 years	13 years & over
Based on 1 child sharing a double/twin room with 2 adults	No charge	£36.00	Charged as adult

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation Bed & Breakfast sharing a Twin or Double room
- Full Scottish breakfast
- Service & VAT

Price does not include

- Vehicle hire (can be booked separately through Alba Travel & Events)
- Cost of Ferry crossing to Isle of Mull (can be booked through Alba Travel & Events)
- National Trust 3 day Discovery Pass – £20.00 per adult
- Hop on/Hop off sightseeing tour – £10 per adult
- Lunches, dinners and drinks.
- Personal expenses.

Option 1 – East Lothian

East Lothian is a very pretty farming area to the east of Edinburgh. It is about 30 minutes drive from Edinburgh airport.

Day 1

Arrive at Edinburgh or Glasgow Airport; collect hire car and travel to your accommodation. This is a 4* farmhouse on the East Coast of Scotland about 30 minutes from Edinburgh.

A warm welcome awaits you at this farmhouse that dates back to the early C19th. Recently restored, this tastefully designed farmhouse, is now the home of Ian & Gill Tait. Tastefully decorated guest rooms, all en-suite with tea/coffee trays and TV/DVD players. The house is adjacent to a working arable farm with extensive views over to the Forth and the Lammermuir Hills. Redshill is also home to a small Welsh Pony stud.

Day 2

Visit Edinburgh – Scotland's Capital City. Try an open-topped bus tour of the city. The buses have multi-language translations and are a great way to orientate yourself and also allow you to "Hop On Hop Off" at many of the main tourist attractions including Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace and the New Town. The ticket is valid all day. Return to your accommodation for overnight.



Day 3



Enjoy a day exploring East Lothian. This is a beautiful area with very rich farmland and some fabulous coastline including long beaches at North Berwick and Dunbar. Visit Tantallon Castle, on the edge of the cliffs, looking out to the Bass Rock. Take a boat trip out to the Bass Rock and visit the award-winning Seabird Centre at North Berwick.

Day 4

Alas you must leave, so return to Edinburgh or Glasgow airports.

Option 2 – The Scottish Borders

The Scottish Borders are an ideal short break destination and are a wonderful and varied area of Scotland.

Day 1

Arrive at Edinburgh or Glasgow airport to pick up your hire car. Drive to your accommodation, which is just outside the border town of Galashiels. A working dairy farm which makes ice cream and keeps chickens so fresh eggs are guaranteed in the morning! The views are magnificent across the countryside.



Day 2



Enjoy a day exploring the Borders. Visit Melrose Abbey in the picturesque town of Melrose. Or go to Sir Walter Scott's home at Abbotsford. Abbotsford is the exclusive creation of Scott. His "Conundrum Castle" was where Scotland's greatest son created a notion of Scotland that was more romantic perhaps, but also higher, more honourable, more noble than it had been in the past, and in consequence, raised Scotland's reputation in the world. Here he worked diligently and the result was the legend of a great man, which exists for so many people across the world to the present day. Return to your accommodation overnight.

Day 3

You are only 35 miles from Edinburgh, so if you wish to have a day in Scotland's capital city, it is within easy reach. If you prefer not to drive, there are good buses into the city.

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Option 3 – West Coast of Scotland

Day 1

Arrive at Edinburgh or Glasgow airport to pick up your hire car. Take the West coast route towards Oban, approximately a three-hour drive. Arrive at your accommodation – a 4* farmhouse.

A warm welcome awaits you on this working farm where Highland Cattle are bred. The farmhouse is new and offers all the facilities that you would expect from a 4* bed & breakfast. All the rooms are attractively decorated and there is a sitting room with a balcony available for guests. This is an ideal base from which to explore the West of Scotland including the Isle of Mull, being only 20 minutes from the ferry terminal. There is also have a private beach (shingle), which is only 5 minutes walk.

Day 2

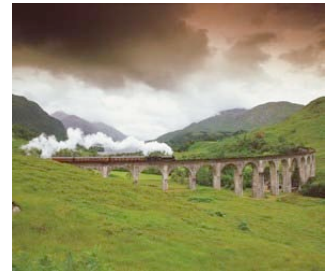


Take some time to explore the local area or maybe a trip by ferry over to one of Scotland's many islands. The Isle of Mull is a 1-hour ferry journey from Oban, which in turn is located 20 minutes by car from your farm. The journey by ferry across the Sound of Mull is spectacular. Tobermory is the main town on the island and famous for its multi-coloured buildings. There are castles to visit – Torosay Castle & Gardens is a beautiful Victorian family home in the Scottish Baronial style, surrounded by 12 acres of varied and interesting gardens in a peaceful and scenic setting. Duart Castle is the oldest lived in castle on Mull and is home of the Macleans. There are Dungeons, State Rooms and fabulous views from the battlements.

For those who enjoy wildlife and scenery, Mackinnons Cave is well worth a visit – reckoned to be the deepest in the Hebrides, this famous cave has been visited by almost everyone who has come to Mull. Deep inside, there is a large flat slab dubbed "Fingal's Table" and the whole cave has gathered about it an aura of mystery and magic. It was reputed to have been used in very early times as a refuge for hermits - the "Culdees" of the early church were supposed to have used "Fingal's Table" as an altar. Return to your farm for overnight accommodation.

Day 3

Explore further north towards Fort William and Loch Ness. Explore Neptune's staircase, which is at the start of the Caledonian Canal and is a real feat of engineering. Alternatively, if it is a clear day, take the gondola up to Anoch Mor, there are some wonderful walks, which look across to the Isle of Skye and back across to the East. There is also a mountain café for refreshments!



For those who enjoy rail travel, the famous Jacobite Steam Train running from Fort William to Mallaig is one of the most spectacular rail journeys in the world. It goes across the Glenfinnan Viaduct past the Glenfinnan Monument, where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard at the start of the Jacobite Rising in 1744. The steam train also features in the Harry Potter movies. Return to your farm for overnight accommodation.

Day 4

Drive past Loch Lomond and through the Trossachs, on your return journey to the airport.

Option 4 – The Trossachs

Day 1

Arrive at Edinburgh or Glasgow airport. Pick up your car and travel to your accommodation, which is near Stirling, in the heart of the Trossachs – also known as the gateway to the Highlands.

Day 2

Enjoy a tour around Loch Lomond – the largest fresh-water loch in Scotland. It nestles below Ben Lomond, a boat trip around the loch is a relaxing way to spend your afternoon. Alternatively, go to Loch Katrine, where there is an old steamboat – SS Walter Scott. Or go to Stirling Castle, which has spectacular views across the region, but is also full of history. It has an excellent audio-visual display to give you an outline of some of Scotland's dramatic history. Return to your accommodation overnight.



Day 3



It is easily possible to visit Edinburgh for the day. There are trains from Stirling directly into the city centre. Use the hop on/hop off bus, which has multi-lingual translations, to travel around the city. This is an ideal way to see the city; you can also stop at different historic monuments, including Edinburgh Castle. Alternatively,

If you prefer to stay in the countryside, try a trip to the Perthshire town of Crieff, where there is the Famous Grouse Experience – the whisky distillery. Or visit Glencoyne Distillery near to Loch Lomond. At the distillery you will be given a guided tour, as well being able to enjoy a tasting at the end of the tour.

Day 4

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Haste ye back!