



Glasgow - Half and 1 Day Tours

1 Apr 17 – 31 Mar 18

Our guaranteed departure tours start from and return to outside Parish Hall, 266 George Street, G1 1QX (next to the City Chambers, between North Frederick Street and John Street) and are guided in English.

Rates - Rates GBP £	LOW SEASON 01/04/17 to 30/04/17 (except 12/04/17 to 19/04/17) and 01/11/17 to 31/03/18 (except 18/12/17 to 03/01/18)				MID SEASON 12/04/17 to 19/04/17 & 01/05/17 to 31/05/17 & 01/10/17 to 31/10/17 & 18/12/17 to 03/01/18				HIGH SEASON (01/06/17 to 30/09/17)			
			Public price				Public price				Public price	
			Adult	Child			Adult	Child			Adult	Child
Half Day Tours												
The Kelpies and Falkirk Wheel - NEW TOUR			22.00	21.00			25.00	22.00			26.00	23.00
Loch Lomond & Whisky Distillery			22.00	21.00			25.00	22.00			26.00	23.00
One Day Tours												
Loch Ness, Glencoe & the Highlands			43.00	42.00			46.00	43.00			49.00	46.00
Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond National Park & Whisky Tour			35.00	33.00			37.00	34.00			39.00	36.00
Oban, Glencoe & Highland Lochs & Castles			39.00	36.00			42.00	39.00			43.00	40.00
Culzean Castle, Burns Country & the Ayrshire Coast			n/a	n/a			35.00	32.00			36.00	33.00

Discounts rate applies to children aged 5-15. No children under 5 please.

Information	Days of operation	Departs	Returns	Tour Code
The Kelpies & Falkirk Wheel - NEW TOUR	Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun (all year)	09.00	13.00	GHKELP
Loch Lomond & Whisky Distillery	Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun (all year)	13.15	18.15	GHWLIS
Loch Ness, Glencoe & the Highlands	Daily, MTWTFSS (all year - except 24/12/17 and 31/12/17)	08.00	19.45	GLNESS
Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond National Park & Whisky Tour	Daily, MTWTFSS (all year)	09.00	18.00	GLLOM
Oban, Glencoe & Highland Lochs & Castles	Daily, MTWTFSS (all year)	08.30	19.00	GWHLIC
Culzean Castle, Burns Country & the Ayrshire Coast	Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri (02/04/17 to 29/10/17)	09.30	18.00	GBURN

The Kelpies and Falkirk Wheel Half Day

New Tour!

Leaving George Street at 09.00 your guide will entertain you with stories about Glasgow and give you the history and background to the two amazing sights you will see today. The first stop of the tour will be at The Kelpies. These stunning 30m high sculptures of two horse heads, stand guard over the entrance to the Forth and Clyde Canal. Designed by Scottish sculptor Andy Scott, and each constructed using over 300 tons of steel, these amazing structures hark back to the history and heritage of working horses pulling barges on the canal. They are also a stunning example of modern design and engineering skill. We will take a short walk through the Helix Park to appreciate the impressive beauty of the Kelpies up close – don't forget your camera!

From here it is a short drive to the Falkirk Wheel. This unique engineering feat was designed and built to celebrate the millennium and to restore the link between two of Scotland's major canals. The result of this ambitious plan is the world's only rotating boat lift, raising boats the 24m height difference between the two canals. Amazingly it only uses the same amount of energy as an ordinary household kettle. The project has been an important part of the regeneration of the area and attracts thousands of visitors every year. The final design is claimed to have been inspired by a Celtic double headed spear, a vast turning propeller of a Clydebank built ship, the ribcage of a whale and the spine of a fish – you can decide what you think!

On our short visit there will not be time to take a trip on the boat lift itself but on most occasions you will be able to watch it in operation – a truly impressive sight. You will have time to see the exhibition and visitor centre before heading back to Glasgow for 13.00.



Loch Lomond and Whisky Distillery Glasgow Half Day

Departing from Glasgow city centre at 13.15, our leisurely afternoon tour starts by following the course of the Clyde, the river that made Glasgow great and once home to the shipyards and heavy manufacturing factories that forged Glasgow's name as the second city of the British Empire. Leaving Glasgow we travel north into the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. This area of outstanding natural beauty straddles the cultural and physical boundaries of the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland and is now a managed and sustainable environment for visitors and local people. Here you can stroll along the shores of Loch Lomond in Balloch Country Park or soak up the atmosphere in the bars and restaurants at Loch Lomond Shores. From here we travel to the foot of the former volcanic plug at Dumgoyne Hill where we visit Glengoyne Whisky Distillery Experience. Glengoyne produces a Highland single malt from water that runs out of the volcanic rock behind the distillery. This tour allows you to experience the majesty of one of Scotland's most famous lochs and round your afternoon off with a dram of whisky, the Water of Life, before returning to Glasgow for 18.00.



Loch Ness, Glencoe & the Highlands

Our “Scotland in a Day” tour covering the magnificent beauty of Rannoch Moor and dramatic Glencoe. Travel the Great Glen to Fort Augustus for free time at Loch Ness before returning via Highland Perthshire.

We recommend this tour for those who are short of time and want to get a great sample of the Highlands. Steep yourself in the history of dramatic Glencoe and the chance to see Nessie!

Your tour passes through the remote beauty of Rannoch Moor and magnificent Glencoe, scene of the clan massacre of the MacDonalds by the Campbells in 1692. Then through Fort William to the beginning of the “Great Glen” and the Caledonian Canal, which you follow up to Fort Augustus, nestling on the banks of Loch Ness. Here you can enjoy your lunch, before travelling the full length of Loch Ness to Inverness. Along the way you will have the opportunity to take a 5 star Jacobite boat cruise on Scotland’s most famous loch, giving you a chance to search for the legendary monster, popularly known as “Nessie” and enjoy the views to the ancient stronghold of Urquhart Castle. From here you return south to Glasgow via “Monarch of the Glen” country and the Cairngorms National Park, Highland Perthshire and passing Stirling Castle on the way.



Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond National Park & Whisky Tour

Experience the Highlands’ natural forests, lochs and mountains in Loch Lomond National Park and feel Scotland’s past in the heartland of its great heroes - Robert the Bruce and William Wallace. Visit the medieval stronghold of Stirling Castle and sample single malt whisky at Glengoyne Distillery.

This tour is for those who love tales of Rob Roy and Braveheart, Renaissance palaces and a healthy walk in the Loch Lomond National Park, before relaxing with a fine malt whisky.

You travel first to Stirling Castle where you can visit this imposing stronghold, the favourite residence of the Stuart kings, where Mary Queen of Scots was crowned. You then continue into the beautiful forest-covered mountains of the Trossachs and stop for lunch in the heart of the National Park. This area, on the southern edge of the Highlands was home to Rob Roy MacGregor, the famous Scottish outlaw.

From here a short drive takes you to the “bonnie, bonnie banks” of Loch Lomond. At Loch Lomond you can visit the National Park Centre or walk along part of the West Highland Way to a hilltop viewpoint with spectacular views of the loch. Afterwards visit the malt whisky distillery of Glengoyne for a tour and dram before your return journey to Glasgow.



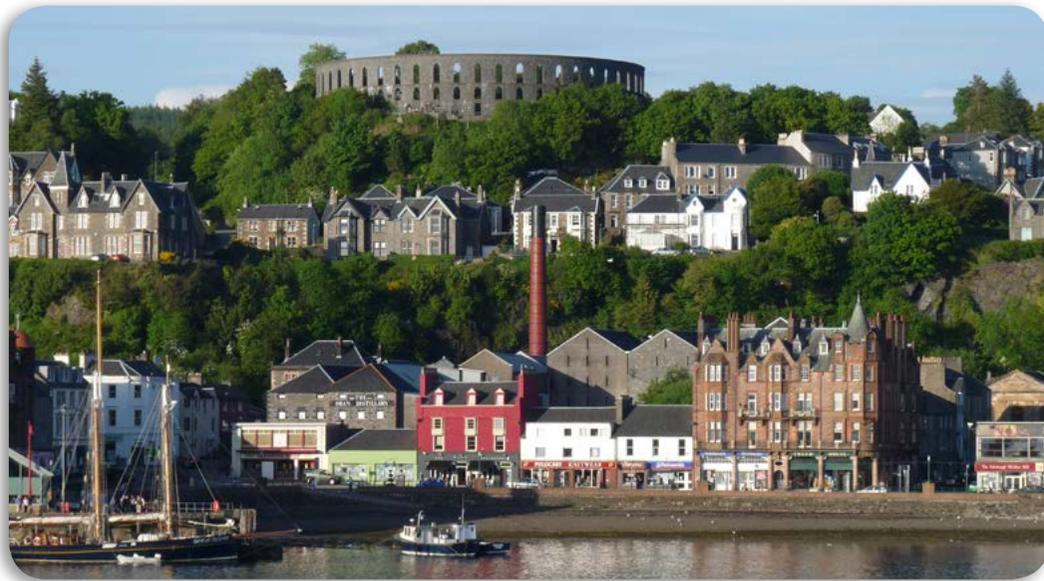
Oban, Glencoe, Highland Lochs & Castles

You travel north into the Highlands, and over the “Rest and Be Thankful” pass to the whitewashed 18th century town of Inveraray, home to the Duke of Argyll’s Castle. Following a visit to Inveraray, you continue to the iconic Kilchurn Castle, magnificently situated at the head of Loch Awe and surrounded by towering mountains.

After lunch in the fishing port of Oban, famous as the Gateway to the Isles, you will continue along the stunning west coast through Appin, passing the impregnable Castle Stalker, before spending the afternoon in the majestic beauty of Glencoe, one of the Scots’ favourite mountain regions.

Then its onwards across the wild Rannoch Moor heading south, stopping at Loch Lomond on the way before your return journey to Glasgow.

This tour visits Inveraray Castle, featured in the Christmas Special of Downton Abbey.



Culzean Castle, Burns Country & the Ayrshire Coast

Departing from Glasgow you quickly climb into the Renfrewshire Hills where the first stop of the day will give you a glimpse into the future at Europe’s largest windfarm – big enough to supply clean energy to over 180,000 homes. From here the road south into Ayrshire is quick and easy passing through rich farming country with many small towns and villages.

On arrival at Culzean Country Park you will have the choice of visiting the castle and gardens or just the gardens and woodland walks. An entry fee is payable on arrival. (Please note there is no free option at this stop). The castle dates from the late 18th Century – a peaceful time in Scottish history so it is less of a defensive castle and more like a great country house with fine furniture and beautiful Robert Adam architecture. Sitting right on the edge of the cliffs looking out over the Firth of Clyde the views are superb and the surrounding gardens are beautiful. For those who like walking there are miles of tracks and footpaths through the grounds – taking in the Swan Pond, deer park, and walled gardens as well as rocky coves and sandy beaches. This will also be your lunch stop.

After lunch you will follow the coastline to the tiny fishing village of Dunure with its ancient ruined castle and dark history. Continuing on, the road leads down into the outskirts of the market town of Ayr. This is the countryside of Robert Burns, Scotland’s national poet. You will see many places mentioned in his poems and songs –from Auld Kirk Alloway to the “Banks and Braes o’ Bonnie Doon”. The recently redeveloped visitor centre will tell you all you need to know about this remarkable man. Born a poor farmer’s son but now famous as the writer of “Auld Lang Syne”, a song known and sung in friendship throughout the world.

There are also riverside walks and the Auld Brig (old bridge) to explore as well as the haunted ruins of the old church.

From here we return to Glasgow.

When you have more than a day to tour with us your choices get even better. Enjoy more time to venture off the main roads, get onto the back roads and go to those breathtaking locations where only smaller tours can go.

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Multi-day tours including accommodation				Public price		Public price				Public price			
				Adult	Child			Adult	Child			Adult	Child
Isle of Skye	3 days	B&B		229.00	184.00			259.00	207.20			289.00	231.20
		single		279.00				309.00				339.00	
		Hotel		279.00	224.00			309.00	247.20			339.00	271.20
		single		299.00				329.00				359.00	
on request only - 4* supplement pp/package								137.00				142.00	
Isle of Arran Adventure-Scotland in miniature	3 days	B&B	n/a					269.00	215.20			289.00	231.20
		single						309.00				325.00	
		Hotel						349.00	279.20			369.00	295.20
		single						365.00				385.00	

Information	Days of operation	Departs	Returns	Tour Code
3 Day - Isle of Skye	Mon, Wed, Sat (All Year; except 15/11/17, 23/12/17, 30/12/17, 07/03/18). On request only: 01/11/17 to 28/02/18.	09.00	19.30	G3DSKY
3 Day - Isle of Arran Adventure-Scotland in miniature	Monday - 17/04/17 to 16/10/17	10.00	18.00	3DAAA

Discount rate applies to children aged 5-15, based on 1 child sharing a room with parents or 2 children in a twin room. **No children under 5 please.**

Package prices includes: accommodation in 3* B&B/ guest house or 3 star hotel, with private facilities and breakfast; transportation by top of the range 16 seat Mercedes mini coaches; services of a professional driver/guide; Rabbie's customer discounts.

THE ISLE OF SKYE TOUR

3 Day Tour

Day 1

Depart Glasgow and travel north, crossing the ancient natural fault line that runs across Scotland. We travel into the majestic Highlands where the scenery changes quickly and dramatically - the flat fertile plains of the Lowlands give way to shimmering lochs, rugged mountain tops and forest-filled glens. We continue north over the wild and remote Rannoch Moor into Glencoe. This haunting glen was the scene of a great massacre in 1692 where many of the Clan MacDonald were slaughtered. We stop in this imposing mountain pass so you can enjoy the spectacular views. From here we travel past Fort William and up to the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge with great views over Ben Nevis. On the "Road to the Isles" now through the splendour of the Five Sisters of Kintail, the mountains guarding the pass on the way to the Isle of Skye. We stop to visit the famous Eilean Donan Castle, used in the film "Highlander", set at the junction of 3 lochs as protection against Viking raiders. Crossing over the bridge to Skye, you are then dropped off at your accommodation in the early evening where you are free to go out and explore the area.

Day 2

Is a very flexible day on Skye. There are many possibilities depending on the weather, and dynamics of the group. Your driver/ guide's knowledge will help in arranging the best day for everyone. For example: travel north to explore the Trotternish Peninsula with its stunning Quiraing mountain pass and some of Skye's extraordinary geological scenery and visit Kilt Rock, composed of basalt columns (reminiscent of the pleats in a kilt) with its waterfall cascading over the cliffs and down into the sea below. There will be a short break for lunch before continuing to enjoy this most dramatic of islands. Heading in a westerly direction there is Dunvegan Castle, the ancestral home of Clan MacLeod, and possibly the opportunity to enjoy spectacular views at Neist Point, the most westerly point on Skye. We return you to your accommodation in the early evening for you to enjoy a free night.

Day 3

You will be collected from your accommodation and travel south through the Cuillin Hills and back over to the mainland for stunning views over Loch Duich and the 5 Sisters of Kintail. Onto Loch Ness for lunch and the possibility of spotting "Nessie". Heading south now through the Grampian Mountains along Loch Laggan, famous now as "Monarch of the Glen Country" before passing Dalwhinnie, home to Scotland's highest whisky distillery, and onwards past Blair Castle before heading back to Glasgow.



ISLE OF ARRAN ADVENTURE - SCOTLAND IN MINIATURE

3 Day Tour

Day 1

Depart Glasgow with a glimpse en-route of Whitelee Wind Farm, Europe's largest wind farm generating enough energy to power 180,000 homes. Leaving behind the very modern, we travel into Ayrshire to visit the 18th Century Culzean Castle. The Castle dates from a peaceful time in Scottish history and has been associated with the Kennedy family since the 14th century. Enjoy its dramatic cliff top setting, fine furniture and beautiful architecture by the famous architect Robert Adam. The castle is surrounded by Culzean Country Park (entrance fee) which has nearly 600 acres of stunning countryside and paths through majestic woodlands and secluded ponds, it's a great place to explore. There is a café for lunch or you may want to have a picnic in the castle grounds.

After lunch you head into the heart of Burns Country. Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, was born in Alloway. Travelling towards his birth place you can see many of the places mentioned in his poems and songs. You stop at the recently redeveloped visitor centre in Alloway where you have the opportunity to find out more about this remarkable man. Perhaps his most famous song is 'Auld Lang Syne' – sung on New Year's Eve throughout the world.

You continue to Ardrossan where you catch the ferry to the Isle of Arran. You arrive into Brodick, the largest village on the island, which offers stunning views over the imposing stature of Goatfell, Arran's highest peak and Brodick Bay. You will be dropped off at your accommodation in Brodick.

Day 2

Known as 'Scotland in Miniature', Arran is alive with wildlife, rugged countryside, beaches, pubs, restaurants and cottage industries. There are many options of how you can spend your time on the island, depending on the weather and your groups' interest; your driver guide will arrange the best day out for you.



The North of the island is mountainous with the highest point on Arran - Goatfell. Measuring 874m the name is believed to mean “Mountain of Wind”. The village of Corrie and its neighbouring village of Sannox sit in its shadow and are home to some of the nicest beaches on the island, inviting you to a leisurely stroll. Here we also find the ruins of Lochranza Castle and Arran Distillery, one of the last remaining independent distilleries in Scotland.

Arran is home to many stone circles and standing stones dating from the Neolithic period and the early Bronze Age. Machrie Moor has six stone circles and some of the stones are over 5 meters high! After exploring this area you travel south through the harbour villages of Blackwaterfoot - with its beautiful beach - Slidery and Kildonan.

Travelling back to Brodick you can see The Holy Isle across the water. Owned by the Samye Ling Buddhist Community, it includes the Centre of World Peace and Health.

You might make a stop at the Arran Cheese shop for a taste of the local cheese or Arran Aromatics, a family owned business, which uses only natural ingredients to produce their luxury toiletries, their products are now famous all over the world.

Also at Brodick is Brodick Castle and in the shadow of this imposing red sandstone castle you also find Arran Brewery. This microbrewery blends naturally with its stunning surroundings, combining the islands unique water and the finest local ingredients. You can sample this ale in many of the local pubs and restaurants, a perfect way to round off your day!

Day 3

Today you return back to the mainland by taking the small ferry running between Lochranza and Claonaig. This short 30 minute crossing will take you onto the Kintyre Peninsula. You travel up this beautiful, lush green peninsula along its coastal road to the charming fishing village of Tarbert. The name Tarbert comes from the Gaelic word tair-beart. – tar meaning “across” and beir meaning “carry”. The village sits on the narrowest strip of land between the two bodies of water, forming a natural harbour. In past times ships docked in one loch, their loads were then carried across the peninsula to the other loch where they were reloaded and shipped onwards. This meant the ships avoided having to sail round the dangerous Mull of Kintyre.

From Tarbert you follow Loch Fyne toward the whitewashed village of Inveraray, with some free time to explore this lovely village and have lunch. After lunch you continue over the mountain pass The Rest and be Thankful. From here is a short drive to Luss and the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond before returning to Glasgow.

