

Glasgow - Half & 1 Day Tours

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

Half Day Tours	Tour Code	Rates GBP £	
		Adult	Child
The Kelpies & Falkirk Wheel	GHKELP		
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat and Sun (all year, except 25/12/18, 26/12/18, 01/01/19, 02/01/19)		23.00	20.00
Departs: 09.00 Returns: 13.00		25.00	22.00
Loch Lomond & Whisky Distillery	GHWHS		
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat and Sun (all year, except 25/12/18, 26/12/18, 01/01/19, 02/01/19)		27.00	24.00
Departs: 13.15 Returns: 17.45		23.00	20.00
		26.00	23.00
		28.00	25.00

One Day Tours	Tour Code	Rates GBP £	
		Adult	Child
Loch Ness, Glencoe & the Highlands	GLNESS		
Daily, MTWTFSS (all year, except 25/12/18, 26/12/18, 01/01/19, 02/01/19)		44.00	41.00
Departs: 08.00 Returns: 19.45		49.00	46.00
Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond National Park & Whisky	GLLOM		
Daily, MTWTFSS (all year, except 25/12/18, 26/12/18, 01/01/19, 02/01/19)		55.00	52.00
Departs: 09.00 Returns: 18.00		36.00	33.00
Oban, Glencoe & Highlands Lochs & Castles	GWHLC		
Daily, MTWTFSS (all year, except 25/12/18, 26/12/18, 01/01/19, 02/01/19)		39.00	36.00
Departs: 08.30 Returns: 19.00		42.00	39.00
Culzean Castle, Burns Country & Ayrshire Coast	GBURN		
Mon, Tues, Thur and Fri (02/04/18 - 30/10/18)		40.00	37.00
Departs: 09.30 Returns: 18.00		42.00	39.00
		45.00	42.00
		34.00	31.00
		36.00	33.00
		39.00	36.00

LOW SEASON 04/04/18 to 30/04/18 and 01/11/18 to 31/03/19 (excluding 17/12/18 to 03/01/19)
MID SEASON 01/04/18 to 03/04/18 (Easter), 01/05/18 to 31/05/18, 01/10/18 to 31/10/18 and 17/12/18 to 03/01/19 (Christmas & New Year)
HIGH SEASON 01/06/18 to 30/09/18

Discounts rate applies to children aged 5-15 (children must be escorted by an adult). No children under 5 please.



THE KELPIES & FALKIRK WHEEL HALF DAY

Leaving George Street 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 & WHISKY DISTILLERY HALF DAY

Departing from Glasgow city, 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.

Special Interest Whisky!



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 PARK & WHISKY

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.

Glasgow - Multi Day Tours

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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Isle of Skye

3 days **Tour code: G3DSKY**

		Rates GBP £		
			Adult	Child
B&B	Low		243.00	194.40
Single	Low		309.00	
Hotel	Low		333.00	266.40
Single	Low		379.00	
B&B	Mid		279.00	223.20
Single	Mid		349.00	
Hotel	Mid		373.00	298.40
Single	Mid		419.00	
B&B	High		319.00	255.20
Single	High		379.00	
Hotel	High		403.00	322.40
Single	High		449.00	

Departure Information
<p>Monday - 02/04/18 - 25/03/19 (except 24/12/18, 31/12/18);</p> <p>Wednesday - 04/04/18 - 27/03/19 (except 14/11/18, 26/12/18);</p> <p>Saturday - 07/04/18 - 30/03/19</p> <p><i>01/11/18 - 31/03/19 dates on request (no freesale available)</i></p> <p>Departs: 09.00 Returns: 19.30</p>

Isle of Arran Adventure - Scotland in Miniature

3 days **Tour code: 3DAAAC**

		Rates GBP £		
			Adult	Child
B&B	Low		258.00	206.40
Single	Low		300.00	
Hotel	Low		304.00	243.20
Single	Low		338.00	
B&B	Mid		279.00	223.20
Single	Mid		321.00	
Hotel	Mid		325.00	260.00
Single	Mid		359.00	
B&B	High		299.00	239.20
Single	High		341.00	
Hotel	High		345.00	276.00
Single	High		379.00	

Departure Information
<p>Monday - 02/04/18 to 22/10/18</p> <p>Departs: 10.00 Returns: 18.00</p>

THE ISLE OF SKYE

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.

TRUE FACTS:

- *Scotland has three officially recognised languages: English, Scots (a relative of English) and Scottish Gaelic (a completely different language). Add to this Scottish English, which is English spoken with a more or less strong Scots accent and the occasional use of words from Scots or Scottish Gaelic.*
- *Scotland is known as "Alba" in Gaelic.*

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 and on to 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. 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.

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 to 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. 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 standing stones and stone circles dating from the Neolithic period and the early Bronze Age. Machrie Moor has six stone circles and some stones are over 5 meters high! After exploring this area you travel south through the harbour villages of Blackwaterfoot, 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, which are famous all over the world.

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

DAY 3

Today you return back to the mainland by taking the small ferry from 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 *tairbeart*. – *tar* meaning "across" and *ber* meaning "carry". The village sits on the narrowest strip of land between two bodies of water, forming a natural harbour. In past times ships docked in one loch, their loads 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 white-washed village of Inveraray, with some free time to explore this lovely village and have lunch. After you continue over the mountain pass 'The Rest and be Thankful'. From here it's a short drive to Luss and the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond before returning to Glasgow.