

Glasgow - Half & One Day Tours

Glasgow is a vibrant city and no matter when you visit, you can expect a warm welcome, world-class visitor attractions and stunning architecture. This city is the perfect base for exploring Scotland and beyond, so take a tour from Glasgow and discover what the rest of Scotland has to offer.

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 Tour	Tour Code	Rates GBP £	
		Adult	Child
Loch Lomond & Whisky Distillery	GHWISAM GWHISPM		
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/19 - 31/03/20 (except 25/12/19, 26/12/19, 01/01/20, 02/01/20)		22.00	19.00
Departs: 09.00 and 13.15 Returns: 13.15 and 17.45		26.00	23.00
		29.00	26.00

One Day Tours	Tour Code	Rates GBP £	
		Adult	Child
Loch Ness, Glencoe & the Highlands	GLNESS		
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/19 - 31/03/20 (except 24/12/19, 25/12/19, 26/12/19, 31/12/19, 01/01/20, 02/01/20)		45.00	42.00
Departs: 08.00 Returns: 19.45		49.00	46.00
		55.00	52.00
Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond & Whisky	GLLOM		
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/19 - 31/03/20 (except 25/12/19, 26/12/19, 01/01/20, 02/01/20)		36.00	33.00
Departs: 09.00 Returns: 18.00		39.00	36.00
		42.00	39.00
Oban, Glencoe, Highlands Lochs & Castles	GWHLC		
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/19 - 31/03/20 (except 25/12/19, 26/12/19, 01/01/20, 02/01/20)		39.00	36.00
Departs: 08.30 Returns: 19.00		42.00	39.00
		47.00	44.00
Culzean Castle, Burns Country & the Ayrshire Coast	GBURN		
Mo, Tu, Th, Fr - 01/04/19 - 01/11/19		35.00	32.00
Departs: 09.30 Returns: 18.00		37.00	34.00
		39.00	36.00
Outlander Adventure - NEW FOR 2019	GOUT		
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/19 - 31/03/20 (except 25/12/19, 26/12/19, 01/01/20, 02/01/20)		39.00	36.00
Departs: 09.15 Returns: 18.30		42.00	39.00
		45.00	42.00

LOW SEASON 01/04/19 to 14/04/19, 01/11/19 to 17/12/19 and 04/01/20 to 31/03/20
MID SEASON 15/04/19 to 31/05/19, 01/10/19 to 31/10/19 and 18/12/19 to 03/01/20 (Christmas & New Year)
HIGH SEASON 01/06/19 to 30/09/19

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



LOCH LOMOND & WHISKY DISTILLERY HALF DAY

Departing from Glasgow city, our leisurely tour, running morning & afternoon, 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 & 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.

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OUTLANDER ADVENTURE

You leave Glasgow and begin following the trail of the best-known film locations featured in the Outlander TV Series.

You journey past Stirling Castle and the Wallace Monument to Doune Castle, or as it's called in Outlander, Castle Leoch. This formidable building gives you an insight into the living conditions of a Scottish earl in the 14th century. You can also listen to an excellent audio guide about how this castle was used as a filming location for Monty Python and the Holy Grail.

Heading north, your next stop is the small town of Falkland to relive the first scenes of the show, where Falkland substitutes 1940's Inverness. See if you can recognize the familiar sights such as Mrs. Baird's Guesthouses and the Bruce Fountain.

Next is the charming village of Culross. In Outlander Culross posed as the fictional village of Cranesmuir and the home of Geillis Duncan and her ill-fated husband, Arthur. Exploring the town's cobbled streets is like taking a step back in time. Look carefully and you may even find Claire's herb garden behind the impressive, historic Culross Palace.

Midhope Castle is your next highlight. Unfortunately, visitors are unable to go inside the castle, but Jamie's lovely Lallybroch home is still an essential photo opportunity for any fan of the show.

You then travel the short distance to Blackness Castle. It's an impressive castle that's known as the 'ship that never sailed' because it resembles a giant stone boat. You have time to walk along the ramparts and explore the fictional headquarters of Jack Randall.

Your final stop of the day is Linlithgow Palace. Here you have time to enjoy beautiful views to the Forth bridges, walk by the loch, and explore the ruins of Mary Queen of Scots' birthplace. And if you're feeling brave, you can visit the spot where that gruesome Outlander scene took place.

From here it's a short drive back to Glasgow.

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

Package prices include: accommodation in B&B/guest house or 3 star hotels, with private facilities and breakfast; transportation by top of the range 16 seat Mercedes mini-coaches; services of a professional driver/guide.

The Isle of Skye

3 days **Tour code: G3DSKY**

		Rates GBP £	
		Adult	Child
B&B		249.00	199.20
Single		309.00	
Hotel		335.00	268.00
Single		485.00	
B&B m		299.00	239.20
Single m		359.00	
Hotel m		385.00	308.00
Single m		535.00	
B&B		339.00	271.20
Single		389.00	
Hotel		415.00	332.00
Single		565.00	

Departure Information
Monday - 01/04/19 - 30/03/20 (except 23/12/19, 30/12/19)
Wednesday - 03/04/19 - 25/03/20 (except 25/12/19, 01/01/20)
Saturday - 06/04/19 - 28/03/20
Departs: 09.00 Returns: 19.30

Isle of Mull & Iona
3 days
Tour code: G3MULL
Rates GBP £

		Adult	Child
B&B		249.00	199.20
Single		303.00	
Hotel		337.00	269.60
Single		453.00	
B&B m		289.00	223.20
Single m		345.00	
Hotel m		379.00	276.00
Single m		495.00	
B&B		319.00	239.20
Single		375.00	
Hotel		409.00	292.00
Single		525.00	

Departure Information
Friday - 05/04/19 - 25/10/19

 Departs: **09.00** Returns: **19.00**
**NEW
TOUR
2019**
Isle of Arran Adventure - Scotland in Miniature
3 days
Tour code: G3DAAAC
Rates GBP £

		Adult	Child
B&B		279.00	223.20
Single		309.00	
Hotel		339.00	271.20
Single		359.00	
B&B m		299.00	239.20
Single m		329.00	
Hotel m		349.00	279.20
Single m		379.00	
B&B		319.00	255.20
Single		349.00	
Hotel		369.00	295.20
Single		399.00	

Departure Information
Monday - 01/04/19 - 28/10/19

 Departs: **10.00** Returns: **18.00**

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 MULL & IONA

3 DAY TOUR

DAY 1

Your driver-guide then takes you through the unforgettable landscapes of Glencoe before a lunch stop at the traditional Clachaig Inn.

Now it's time to reach the remote wilds of Scotland. You hop on a 10-minute ferry to a mountainous peninsula and travel to the port of Lochaline. Here you board another ferry and make your way to the east coast of Mull.

Wild nature is abundant here, and your first glimpse of the magic is in Aros Park, a beautiful area boasting waterfalls and forest footpaths.

In the early evening, you arrive in Tobermory with time to wander.

DAY 2

Saying goodbye to lovely Tobermory is hard, but don't worry, you'll be back in the evening.

This morning, you travel past epic mountains to the south of Mull. This is where you'll take a ferry to two of the most mysterious and dramatic locations in the region, Iona Abbey and Fingal's Cave. One is an ancient religious site and the other is an unforgettable geological wonder.

After satisfying your adventurous spirit, we take you north back to Tobermory. Maybe it's time to try the seafood.

DAY 3

You travel south to Craignure to catch your ferry back to the mainland.

Your ferry arrives in Oban where you have time to taste the fantastic local seafood and wander around this Victorian harbour town.

You then venture to Kilmartin Glen, this is an ar-



chaeologist's dream. Within this area, there are around 800 ancient monuments, including burial chambers, rock carvings, standing stones, castles and more. Your driver-guide will help you understand the significance of these and make the best use of your time here.

Your last stop before arriving in Glasgow for the evening is Inveraray, a gorgeous wee town boasting an impressive view over Loch Fyne.

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, Sliderry 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 *tairbear*. – *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 whitewashed 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.