

Inverness - One Day Tours

Known as the capital of the Highlands, in Inverness you get to combine city life with all the beauty and nature of the Scottish lands.

Explore the wilderness, discover the history, and uncover the culture on our day tours of Scotland. All our tours are hosted by a passionate local expert and travel in comfortable 16 seat coaches.

All Inverness tours depart from Stance 7, Inverness Bus Station, Margaret St, Inverness, IV1 1LT.

One Day Tours	Tour Code	Rates GBP £	
		Adult	Child
Cairngorm National Park & Speyside Whisky	INVCA		
Fri - 01/04/19 - 30/03/20		34.00	31.00
Departs: 09.30 Returns: 18.30		36.00	33.00
The Complete Loch Ness Experience	INVNESS		
Mon, Tues, Thur, Sun - 01/04/19 - 31/03/20 (except 26/12/19)		26.00	23.00
Departs: 10.00 Returns: 17.00		29.00	26.00
Skye & Eilean Donan Castle	INVSK		
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/19 - 31/03/20 (except 24/12/19, 25/12/19, 26/12/19, 31/12/19 and 01/01/20)		49.00	46.00
Departs: 08.00 Returns: 20.00		55.00	52.00
Torrison, Applecross & Eilean Donan Castle	INVTA		
Tue, Thur, Sun - 02/04/19 - 31/03/20 (except 26/12/19)		62.00	59.00
Departs: 08.30 Returns: 19.30		39.00	36.00
Speyside Whisky & Moray Firth	INVWHIS		
Mon, Wed - 01/04/19 - 30/03/20 (except 25/12/19, 01/01/20)		42.00	39.00
Departs: 09.15 Returns: 18.45		47.00	44.00
The Best of the Black Isle	INVBLACK		
Wed, Sat - 03/04/19 - 30/10/19 and 04/03/20 - 28/03/20		32.00	n/a
Departs: 09.45 Returns: 17.45		35.00	n/a
		39.00	36.00

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.



CAIRNGORM NATIONAL PARK & SPEYSIDE WHISKY

Our tour takes you through Speyside to Glenfiddich Distillery, where a guided tour will teach you the secrets behind the distillation process and give you a chance to taste one of the finest dram's at the place it's casked.

After lunch spent in the heart of Speyside, you'll travel to the majestic Cairngorm National Park. This is the largest National Park in the UK and home to mighty mountains and wonderful wildlife. The options here are plentiful, and your guide will show you the incredible scenery around Loch Morlich and Glenmore.

A short drive back to Inverness returns you in time for you to enjoy the sights and sounds of a lively evening in the capital of the highlands.

TRUE FACTS:

- The spectacular Cairngorm National Park is the largest of all 15 National Parks in Britain. This area contains 4 out of 5 of the UK's highest mountains and much of what's left of Scotland's Caledonian Forest. These ancient forests once covered most of the Highlands and takes its name from the Romans, who called Scotland 'Caledonia' meaning wooded heights.



THE COMPLETE LOCH NESS EXPERIENCE

Our tour begins late in the morning and heads to the Clansman Hotel for your boat trip*. Your boat trip will give you gorgeous views of the Loch and offer you a chance to see the famous Urquhart Castle.

All the monster hunting will have made you hungry, so we then head for a delicious lunch at a nearby local restaurant.

After a gentle drive to Invermorriston, we give you the chance to go on a scenic walk that exhibits some of the quintessential flowing rivers of the Scottish Highlands.

Our next part of the journey takes you to Fort Augustus, a gorgeous wee village nestled between Loch Ness and the 60 mile, Caledonian Canal.

We then venture back to Inverness, with walking stops and coffee breaks at the scenic villages of Foyers and Dores.

****Loch Ness boat cruise entrance not included in the price. Cruise available from Easter to December***



SKYE & EILEAN DONAN CASTLE

After an early start, we travel through the spectacular mountains of Wester Ross towards the iconic Eilean Donan Castle. You'll have time to visit the castle before we travel over the bridge to the Isle of Skye. We then head through the mountainous heart of the island, home to the mighty Cuillin mountain range, before arriving in the bustling harbour town of Portree for lunch.

The afternoon takes you around the world famous natural beauty of the Trotternish Peninsula. Your experienced guide will show you all the most beautiful places this region has to offer, including The Old Man of Storr, Kilt Rock and Quiraing.

In the early evening, we make our way back to the mainland along the shores of Loch Clunie towards the Great Glen. The final part of our journey takes us along the banks of mighty Loch Ness, where the legendary monster may wave farewell to your day.



TORRIDON, APPLECROSS & EILEAN DONAN CASTLE

An early start takes you westwards towards Kinlochewe and the Beine Eighe National Nature Reserve. The imposing Bein Eighe Ridge gives way to the world famous Loch Maree, home to the majestic Golden Eagle. As we head down through Torridon towards Shieldaig, we pass some of Europe's most ancient geology and most wild scenery.

We travel on up the renowned Bealach na Ba (pass of the cattle) and onto the isolated village of Applecross for lunch. You'll enjoy incredible views towards Skye and the Hebrides as we make our way towards Eilean Donan castle, the picture-perfect castle perched on a junction of three lochs.

Following a visit to the castle we make our way along the shores of Loch Ness, returning to Inverness in the early evening.



SPEYSIDE WHISKY & MORAY FIRTH

We leave in the morning and head to our first distillery of the day. The Benromach Distillery tour will teach you about the ancient process used to make whisky and offer you a chance to take an early morning dram.

Our next stop is Elgin, where you'll can eat lunch, explore the ruins of a cathedral, and look for whisky gifts at a world famous whisky shop.

After lunch we head to Glenfiddich Distillery. You have the option here to do a distillery tour or view the nearby Balvenie Castle.

On your final leg of the journey to Inverness, you'll have a photo-stop at the Speyside Cooperage, one of the largest concentrations of whisky barrels you'll ever see.

Special Interest Whisky!



THE BEST OF THE BLACK ISLE

You leave Inverness behind and head straight for the brewery.

Tasting beer before noon may feel improper, but the Black Isle Brewery's ethical beliefs and home-grown flavours will ensure you feel great about it.

After you've soaked up the local flavours, you take the short drive to Rosemarkie. This wonderful wee village offers you a chance to learn about ancient Pictish art and take in fresh sea views.

The journey then takes you to the equally picturesque village of Cromarty. There are plenty of things to do here. You can eat at a local restaurant, go shopping in the delightful arts and crafts shop, or visit the birthplace of the famous geologist, Hugh Millar.

Your next stop is an example of a strange, ancient Celtic tradition. It's a small well in a forest where people leave offerings for spirits, gods, and wishes. You can leave something yourself, but please make sure it's biodegradable and doesn't damage the local environment.

Before heading back to Inverness, you have a chance to go dolphin spotting with 'Dolphin Spirit'. Their boat is specially designed to limit disruption for the dolphins, the friendly guides tell you incredible facts about the wildlife, and the dolphins are active and use the beautiful firth as a nursery for their calves. It's an essential Black Isle experience; but if you have other plans, you can skip this option, and we'll take you back to Inverness earlier.

Inverness - Extended Tours

Our extended tours let us show you the very best of Northern Scotland. On our 3 day Orkney Explorer Tour, you'll discover settlements older than the pyramids, delight at a red sandstone coast, and enjoy the vibrant culture of remote island communities.

Or why not experience Scotland's answer to Route 66 on our North Coast 500 tour. Experience the diverse landscapes of verdant East and rocky West as well as the remote frontier of the North. Enjoy the views, scenery, nature and history that this region has to offer.

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.

Orkney Explorer

3 days **Tour code: 3DINVORK**

	Rates GBP £		
		Adult	Child
B&B		275.00	220.00
Single		315.00	
Hotel		345.00	276.00
Single		425.00	
B&B m		299.00	239.20
Single m		345.00	
Hotel m		375.00	300.00
Single m		455.00	
B&B		339.00	271.20
Single		379.00	
Hotel		399.00	319.20
Single		485.00	

Departure Information
Monday - 01/04/19 - 28/10/19
Friday - 19/04/19 - 25/10/19 and 06/03/20 - 27/03/20
Departs: 08.00 Returns: 19.00

Lewis, Harris & the Outer Hebrides
3 days
Tour code: 3DINVHEB

Rates GBP £				
		Adult	Child	
B&B		259.00	207.20	
Single		319.00		
Hotel		319.00	255.20	
Single		339.00		
B&B m		289.00	231.20	
Single m		349.00		
Hotel m		349.00	279.20	
Single m		369.00		
B&B		319.00	255.20	
Single		379.00		
Hotel		379.00	303.20	
Single		399.00		

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

 Departs: **08.00** Returns: **19.00**
**NEW
TOUR
2019**
The North Coast 500
3 days
Tour code: 3DINVNC500

Rates GBP £				
		Adult	Child	
B&B		259.00	207.20	
Single		329.00		
Hotel		309.00	247.20	
Single		369.00		
B&B m		279.00	223.20	
Single m		349.00		
Hotel m		329.00	263.20	
Single m		389.00		
B&B		299.00	239.20	
Single		375.00		
Hotel		355.00	284.00	
Single		415.00		

Departure Information
**Thursday - 04/04/19 - 31/10/19
and 20/02/20 - 26/03/20**

 Departs: **08.00** Returns: **19.00**

ORKNEY EXPLORER

3 DAY TOUR

DAY 1

We start early and leave the 'Capital of the Highlands' behind, crossing over the Black Isle, and past Andrew Carnegie's Skibo Castle. From here you drive through the northeast Highland coastline, travelling into some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery, and enjoy amazing views of some of Europe's oldest landscapes and the chance to see wildlife such as Golden Eagles and Red Deer. Onwards through Scotland's most northerly mainland village, John o' Groats, and then to Gills Bay, where you board the ferry, crossing the Pentland Firth into the Orkney Archipelago. From here it is a short drive to the famous Italian Chapel where we stop for a visit before continuing to the Viking stronghold of Kirkwall, Capital of Orkney where you shall stay for 2 nights. Here you can visit Kirkwall's magnificent Viking Cathedral and its historic winding streets.

DAY 2

Today is your chance to explore this fantastic, ancient island; a land of contrasts where fertile green pastures are fringed by shores of golden sands washed by waters of the North Sea and Atlantic Ocean. You'll visit the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae (older than the Pyramids of Egypt!), the mystical prehistoric stone circle at Brodgar and the Druidic standing stones of Stenness. You stop in Stromness - one of Scotland's most picturesque seaboard villages and then travel onto Maeshowe, where in the 12th century the Vikings left one of the largest collections of Norse runic inscriptions. Then it's back to Kirkwall for your 2nd night after what is sure to be a memorable day.

DAY 3

Your tour guide will pick you up and take you to Kirkwall. Here you'll have your last chance to grab some gifts from Orkney for your friends and family. Or if you want to check out the Viking cathedral of St Magnus, you have time for a visit. After a short drive to the picturesque town of St Margaret's



hope, we'll hop on a ferry back to the mainland. Once we're off the ferry you travel through the history-soaked region of Sutherland. Here you'll find out about the highland clearances and get a glimpse of some Scotland's most remote fishing villages. We arrive back in Inverness early evening.

TRUE FACTS:

- Skara Brae, on the island of Orkney, is the most complete Neolithic village in Europe. It is also the oldest building in Britain, dating from 3100 BCE.

- Rugby fans should learn that the world's first international rugby match was played in Scotland.

- Shortbread is Scotland's most famous biscuit.

- Scottish dishes are well-known for their weird names, like Forfar Bridie (a meat pastry), Cock-a-leekie (soup), Crap-pit heid (fish dish), Arbroath Smokie (smoked haddock), Cullen Skink (haddock soup), Mince and tatties (minced meat and potatoes), Rumble-dethumps, Skirlie...

LEWIS, HARRIS & THE OUTER HEBRIDES

3 DAY TOUR

DAY 1

You don't waste time on this tour. You get up early, travel straight from Inverness to Ullapool and catch your ferry to the islands.

This stunning sea-trip takes you along Loch Broom, past the Summer Isles, and out to Stornoway; capital of the Outer Hebrides. But don't let the waves rock you to sleep; because if you keep a look out you might spot a dolphin or a whale.

Once you've arrived on Lewis, your first stop is the ancient past. You travel to the North West of the island and get the chance to visit the 'blackhouse' at Arnol. Dive into this traditional abode and discover how the Highland crofting families lived their day-to-day lives.

After this, you go through more crofting communities and venture to the northernmost tip of the island, the Butt of Lewis. The lighthouse here boasts epic views of waves crashing against sea cliffs.

It's now time to head back to Stornoway for your overnight.

DAY 2

Today, you're heading south to Harris.

The first thing you notice about Harris are the mountains. And as you weave through the towering marvels, your guide will tell you about the traditions and tales of this part of Scotland.

There's not many towns around here; but after you've had your fill of unspoilt beaches and landscapes, you stop in the small port of Leverburgh for lunch.

Now it's time for one of the great Hebridean highlights, Luskentyre beach. On a good day, the sea turns turquoise and the sands look whiter than a brand-new porcelain plate.

After you've enjoyed all these natural it's time to



head back to Stornoway. Maybe it's time to try the famous black pudding for dinner.

DAY 3

Today, you're delving back to the ancient past.

You venture to the far west of Lewis to the parish of Uig, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

More than 800 years ago, the Vikings lived here and left behind an icon of Scotland, the Lewis Chessmen.

Next, we visit another island community on Great Bernera, an island that remained isolated until the 1950's. There's Viking influence everywhere here, and they also say the real James Bond lived here. But we'll let your driver-guide tell you more about that.

And now what you've been waiting for, the Callanish standing stones. These 5,000-year-old megaliths are said to be petrified giants who wouldn't convert to Christianity. You may not believe this myth, but that doesn't mean this sight isn't magnificent.

We have a lunch in Stornoway before crossing back to the mainland returning to Inverness in the evening.

THE NORTH COAST 500

3 DAY TOUR

DAY 1

Set off from Inverness and begin your journey on Scotland's 'Route 66'. It's an epic drive with loads to squeeze in. Just make sure you have plenty of space on your camera.

Heading for Ullapool we spend the first day weaving through the North Coast 500's winding roads. Your driver-guide will take you to towering mountains, banks of shimmering lochs, and the shores of beautiful beaches. We reach the scenic port town of Ullapool in the late afternoon.

DAY 2

Today, the scenery gets progressively more beautiful, rocky, and mountainous. As you travel north, your driver-guide will take you to some of the most beautiful sights in Scotland.

Your itinerary depends on the weather and your guide's local knowledge, but you may have a chance to venture into the deep Smoo Cave, wander the ruins of Ardvreck Castle, and gaze at gorgeous white beaches. You stop for lunch in a Highland village and spend the evening in the beautiful town of Thurso.

DAY 3

Today you get plenty of opportunities to get off the coach and explore cosy fishing villages, epic cliffs, and ancient Neolithic sights. In the morning we have a chance to visit a fine Scottish Highland Whisky distillery. The road leads you further south, where you have a chance to stop for lunch.

We then continue our epic North Coast 500 route southwards where you can enjoy the green valleys and sea views as you travel past the stately home of Dunrobin Castle; time for a quick photo stop. Finally, we arrive in Inverness in the early evening.

