

Glasgow - 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 **Buchanan Bus Station, Killermont Street, G2 3NW** (tours will depart from a stance between Stances 23 to 32)
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One Day Tours	Tour Code	Rates GBP £		
		Price		
		Adult	Child	
Loch Ness, Glencoe & the Highlands	GLNESS			
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/20 - 31/03/21 (except 24/12/20, 25/12/20, 26/12/20, 31/12/20, 01/01/21)				
Departs: 08.00 Returns: 19.45				
Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond & Whisky	GLLOM			
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/20 - 31/03/21 (except 25/12/20, 26/12/20, 01/01/21)				
Departs: 09.00 Returns: 18.00				
Oban, Glencoe, Highlands Lochs & Castles	GWHLC			
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/20 - 31/03/21 (except 24/12/20, 25/12/20, 26/12/20, 31/12/20, 01/01/21)				
Departs: 08.30 Returns: 19.00				
Culzean Castle, Burns Country & the Ayrshire Coast	GBURN			
Mo, Tu, Th, Fr - 02/04/20 - 30/10/20				
Departs: 09.30 Returns: 18.00				
Outlander Adventure	GOUT			
Daily, MTWTFSS - 01/04/20 - 31/03/21 (except 25/12/20, 26/12/20, 01/01/21)				
Departs: 09.15 Returns: 18.30				

LOW SEASON 01/04/20 to 05/04/20, 01/11/20 to 17/12/20 and 04/01/21 to 31/03/21
MID SEASON 06/04/20 to 31/05/20, 01/10/20 to 31/10/20 and 18/12/20 to 03/01/21 (Christmas & New Year)
HIGH SEASON 01/06/20 to 30/09/20

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



LOCH NESS, GLENCOE & THE HIGHLANDS

You depart Glasgow and travel towards the Highlands along the “bonnie, bonnie” banks of Loch Lomond. This is Scotland’s largest loch and it takes its name from the mountain, Ben Lomond, on the eastern shore. You cross the ancient natural fault line that runs across Scotland and venture into the majestic Highlands where the scenery changes dramatically.

The flat plains of the Lowlands transform into shimmering lochs, rugged mountains, and forest-filled glens. The alluring beauty makes it easy to forget this was once a battleground of the fiercely territorial Highland clans. Travelling north through Breadalbane (meaning the “High Country of Scotland”, you climb towards Rannoch Moor. This 1000ft plain is covered by heather, peat-bogs, and dozens of lochs. You’ll love how it contrasts with the spectacular mountain scenery of Buachaille Etive Mor (meaning “the great shepherd of Etive”).

You then head down to Scotland’s most famous valley, Glencoe, where you’ll be mesmerised by the beautiful cliff faces and steep slopes.

After Glencoe, you enter a deep glacial valley, known as the Great Glen. Passing through the town of Fort William you travel under Britain’s highest mountain, Ben Nevis, before arriving at Fort Augustus on the shore of Loch Ness. Fort Augustus boasts the Caledonian Canal, which is a great spot to relax and watch the boats sail by. You stop here for one hour to give you time for lunch. After this, you travel the full length of the loch and get the opportunity to take a five star Jacobite boat cruise.

Taking to the waters is the best chance you’ll get to spot the monster and take in the views of Urquhart Castle. From Loch Ness, you head south through the mountains of the Cairngorms National Park. You continue south through the forests of Perthshire and make a short refreshment stop on route before returning to Glasgow.



STIRLING CASTLE, LOCH LOMOND & WHISKY

Your route north to Stirling is one which has been used for thousands of years by invading armies. It was the northernmost frontier of the Roman empire and was later used by the English King Edward I, as he marched proudly towards Stirling (only to be sent homewards to think again!).

As you approach Stirling the magnificent castle dominates your view and you make your way up towards the high volcanic rock where it imposes itself upon the surrounding land. Known as the 'Key to Scotland', for centuries this was the most important castle in Scotland and the views from the top make it easy to see why.

To the north is the 220ft high tower of the National Wallace Monument commemorating Scotland's great hero William Wallace, played by Mel Gibson in the Oscar-winning movie Braveheart. From the castle you can look down over the scene of Wallace's greatest triumph, the battle of Stirling Bridge, where he defeated the English army in 1297. To the south is Bannockburn where, in 1314, the great Scottish warrior-king Robert the Bruce defeated the English army of Edward II. The battle was fought for possession of Stirling Castle but eventually led to a far greater prize for Scotland – the restoration of independence. It's an area alive with history and you stop at the castle to visit and give you time to soak up the history and heritage of this great site.

From Stirling you travel into the Highlands to an area known as the Trossachs National Park. Often referred to as 'The Highlands in Miniature' it marks the point where the Lowlands meet the Highlands

and entering this beautifully picturesque area feels like going into a different country. With its shimmering lochs, rugged mountain tops and forest-filled glens it's easy to forget that this was once thought of as a dangerous frontier fought over by the fiercely territorial Highland clans. You stop here for lunch in the heart of the National Park where you can enjoy the magnificent nature all around you.

After lunch you 'take the high road' or back-road to Loch Lomond. At over 22 miles long, five miles wide at its widest point, and with more than 30 islands, it is Scotland's largest loch. It takes its name from the mountain Ben Lomond on the eastern shore. Following a walk out along the West Highland Way you travel onto the picturesque Distillery of Glengoyne, one of the leading 'Malt Whiskies' in Scotland, where you have the option to tour the Distillery or enjoy the refreshments that are on offer at their 'Slainte Mhath Shop'. Then it's just a short drive back to Glasgow.



OBAN, GLENCOE, HIGHLAND LOCHS & CASTLES

Departing from Glasgow you travel northwest along the shores of Loch Lomond. Here you will cross the Highland Boundary Fault Line where the scenery changes quickly and dramatically - the flat fertile plains of the Lowlands giving way to shimmering lochs, rugged mountain tops and forest-filled glens. It's easy to forget that this was once thought of as a dangerous frontier fought over by the fiercely territorial Highland clans such as the MacGregors, made famous by highland folk hero, Rob Roy MacGregor. You will then take a leisurely drive over the at "Rest and Be Thankful" mountain pass. It was given its name in 1753 by the weary soldiers who had just finished building the old military road up through Glen Croe (*not to be confused with Glencoe which you will visit later in the day*).

From here you will travel through the steep-sided mountains, known as the Arrochar Alps, to the picturesque harbour town of Inveraray on the shores of Loch Fyne, famous for the 18th-century castle and home of the Duke of Argyll, chief of the Campbell clan. The town was built at the same time as the castle and is a classic 18th-century planned village with its straight wide streets and dignified Georgian houses, designed by Robert Adam, famous for his architecture in Edinburgh's New Town. From here you will drive along the shore of Scotland's longest loch, Loch Awe, where you stop to take your photos of Kilchurn Castle, a magnificent ruin situated in the middle of Loch Awe and former home of the Campbells of Breadalbane. You will then continue to the harbour town of Oban, gateway to the Isles, for lunch of your choice. After lunch you will then travel north along the west coast around Appin, passing the impregnable Castle Stalker, and into Scotland's

most famous valley, Glencoe. Stunningly beautiful, with its dramatic cliff faces and steep slopes, Glencoe is infamous as the site of the Glencoe massacre in 1692. Following orders from King William, Scottish soldiers under the leadership of Captain Robert Campbell slaughtered 38 men, women and children of the Macdonald clan. This was especially shocking as the soldiers had been living with the people of Glencoe for two weeks and killed them in their own homes.

Nobody was ever punished for this crime, as the King himself had signed the order, but the Highlands would never be the same again. Travelling south as you pass the majestic peak of Buachaille Etive Mor (meaning "the great shepherd of Etive" you descend towards the wild desolation of Rannoch Moor. At an altitude of over 1000ft, covered by heather and peat-bogs and dotted with dozens of lochs, it's a unique landscape.

From here you will then travel through Glen Falloch, and then drive south towards Loch Lomond. This is Scotland's largest loch and it takes its name from the mountain Ben Lomond on the eastern shore. The last stop of the day will be in Luss, an 18th century conservation village with old workers cottages, built for the labourers of the Estate. From here you return to Glasgow.

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



CULZEAN CASTLE, BURNS COUNTRY & THE AYRSHIRE COAST

You leave Glasgow and venture into the Renfrewshire Hills. You have a chance here to admire the largest windfarm in Europe, Whitelee Farm. These massive turbines provide clean energy to over 180,000 homes. From here, you take the road south through rich farmlands into Ayrshire. Now it's time for one of our favourite stops of the day, the Culzean Country Park.

There's so much to do and see here: take a wander and enjoy the walled garden, ogle beautiful coastal views, and get jealous of the beautiful furniture of this fine country house. You'll need to pay an entry fee but it's worth every penny. You have time for lunch at Culzean before travelling to the village of Dunure. This harbour town hosts a ruined castle and a history of dark secrets.

The road now takes you down to the village of Alloway. This is the region that inspired Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns. You get the chance to enjoy the visitor centre to learn about how this poor farmer's son became the writer of the world famous 'Auld Lang Syne'. There are also riverside walks and the haunted ruins of an old church for you to explore.

You return to Glasgow in the early evening.



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 recognise 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 walk by the loch; 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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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 £		
		Price		
2 nights		Adult	Child	
B&B		269.00	215.20	
Single		329.00		
Hotel		339.00	271.20	
Single		489.00		
B&B	T	335.00	268.00	
Single	T	389.00		
Hotel	T	399.00	319.20	
Single	T	549.00		
B&B		369.00	295.20	
Single		409.00		
Hotel		419.00	335.20	
Single		569.00		

Departure Information
Monday - 06/04/20 - 29/03/21
Wednesday - 01/04/20 - 31/03/21 (except 23/12/20, 30/12/20)
Saturday - 04/04/20 - 27/03/21 (except 26/12/20)
Departs: 09.00 Returns: 19.30

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

		Price		
		Adult	Child	
2 nights				
B&B		245.00	196.00	
Single		299.00		
Hotel		339.00	271.20	
Single		459.00		
B&B	T	295.00	236.00	
Single	T	349.00		
Hotel	T	389.00	311.20	
Single	T	509.00		
B&B		325.00	260.00	
Single		379.00		
Hotel		419.00	335.20	
Single		539.00		

Departure Information**Friday** - 03/04/20 - 30/10/20Departs: **09.00** Returns: **19.00****Isle of Arran Adventure****3 days****Tour code: G3DAAAC****Rates GBP £**

		Price		
		Adult	Child	
2 nights				
B&B		n/a	n/a	
Single		n/a		
Hotel		n/a	n/a	
Single		n/a		
B&B	T	299.00	239.20	
Single	T	369.00		
Hotel	T	369.00	295.20	
Single	T	419.00		
B&B		325.00	260.00	
Single		389.00		
Hotel		389.00	311.20	
Single		439.00		

Departure Information**Monday** - 06/04/20 - 26/10/20Departs: **10.00** Returns: **18.00**

THE ISLE OF SKYE

3 DAY TOUR

DAY 1

Departing Glasgow, you 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.

Next, we venture north through the splendid scenery surrounding Loch Lubnaig and up to the wild desolation of Rannoch Moor. You continue through the spectacular mountain pass of Glencoe, scene of the great massacre of the Clan Macdonald in 1692. And after lunch we pass Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, and head into the Great Glen. Travelling west on the "Road to the Isles" you head past the Five Sisters of Kintail.

You then stop to visit the famous Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most photographed castles. Crossing over the bridge to Skye, you follow the dramatic coastline, towards the island's capital, Portree. And after all this breath-taking beauty, you're dropped off at your accommodation in the early evening with enough time to go out and explore the town.

**Please note that Eilean Donan Castle will be closed from 31st December 2020 till 1st February 2021. During that time you will still stop for photos of the exterior but the visitor centre and castle will be closed.*

DAY 2

Today is a flexible day on Skye. Your driver-guide will ensure you have the best day out no matter what the weather. North of Portree is the Trotternish ridge with spectacular cliffs and rock formations, such as the Old Man of Storr, Kilt Rock and the stunning mountain pass of the Quiraing. Or your guide may take you back in time and teach you about the legends and clan culture surrounding the 13th-century home of the Clan MacLeod, Dunvegan Castle.

You return to Portree in the evening.



DAY 3

You travel south through the Cuillin Hills and back over to the mainland for stunning views over Loch Duich and the Five Sisters of Kintail. You visit Loch Ness for lunch and the chance to spot "Nessie"!

Heading south through the Grampian mountains along Loch Laggan, famous now as "Monarch of the Glen Country" before passing Dalwhinnie and onwards past Blair Castle, stopping for refreshments before heading back to Glasgow.

TRUE FACT:

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.

MULL & IONA

3 DAY TOUR

DAY 1

On your first day, you're going to explore some of the mainland's most memorable sights. You start with a saunter around Loch Lomond in the pretty village of Luss. A perfect spot to drink a coffee and sing the *'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond.'*

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 (optional) 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 archaeologist'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

3 DAY TOUR

DAY 1

You leave Glasgow and travel through the Whitelee Wind Farm, Europe's largest wind farm. You then leave the modern landscapes, and travel into Ayrshire to visit the 18th century Culzean Castle. Here you have time to enjoy its dramatic cliff top setting, beautiful architecture, and elegant living spaces. You can also have lunch in the cafe or a picnic in the beautiful castle grounds.

Travelling towards Robert Burns' birthplace you discover the places from his poems and songs. You stop at the visitor centre in Alloway, where you have the opportunity to find out more about this remarkable man. You continue to Ardrossan where you catch the ferry to the Isle of Arran. You're dropped off at your accommodation in Brodick.

DAY 2

Arran is alive with wildlife, mountains, beaches, pubs, and restaurants. There are many options of how you can spend your time on the island, depending on the weather and your group's interest; your driver guide will arrange the best day out for you. You may explore the mountainous north of the island, some of Arran's, best beaches, Lochranza Castle, and the Arran Distillery.

Arran is also home to many stone circles dating from the Neolithic period and the early Bronze Age. You visit Machrie Moor and its six stone circles; and after exploring this area you travel south through the harbour villages of Blackwaterfoot. Travelling back to Brodick you see The Holy Isle across the water, owned by the Samye Ling Buddhist Community. You may make a stop at the Arran Cheese shop, a family owned business that's now famous all over the world.

At Brodick we find Brodick Castle, and situated in the shadow of this imposing red sandstone castle is Arran Brewery. This microbrewery blends naturally with its stunning surroundings, combining the island's unique water with 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 to the mainland on the ferry running between Lochranza and Claonaig. This short 30 minute crossing takes you onto the Kintyre Peninsula.

You travel along the coastal road to the charming fishing village of Tarbert. The village sits on the narrowest strip of land between the two bodies of water, forming a natural harbour. From Tarbert you follow Loch Fyne toward the whitewashed village of Inveraray, where you have free time to explore and have lunch. After lunch you continue over the 'The Rest and be Thankful' mountain pass. From here it's a short drive to Luss and the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond before returning to Glasgow.