

# **SELF DRIVE IN SCOTLAND 2022**



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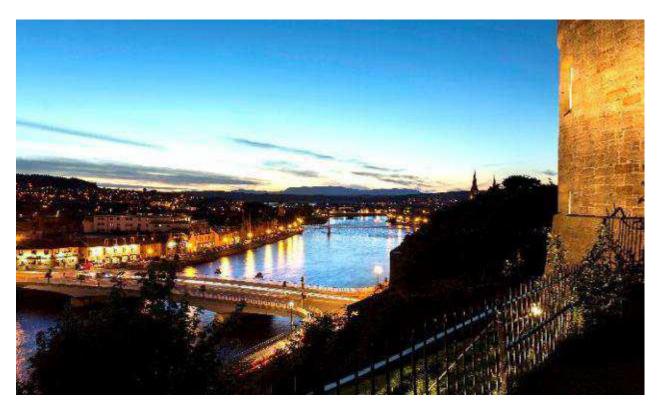
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# TASTE OF SCOTLAND 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

West Highlands & Islands – Loch Ness – Inverness – Royal Deeside – Perthshire – Fife – Edinburgh

# ITINERARY

## DAY 1 EDINBURGH – GLASGOW – OBAN AREA

On arrival in Edinburgh/Glasgow Airport, pick up your car rental and start your journey. You will drive through the area known as the Trossachs, in the heart of Scotland. Make a stop at Stirling Castle - Stirling has many reminders of the famous William Wallace, star of the film "Braveheart". Continue around the scenic Loch Lomond and through the Argyll Forest one of the most beautiful areas of Scotland. Make a stop at Inveraray on the banks of Loch Fyne where you can visit Inveraray Castle or Inveraray Jail (not included), which tells the tale of prison life in the 18th & 19th centuries. Continue north to the Oban area for overnight.

## DAY 2 OBAN - FORT WILLIAM - LOCH NESS - INVERNESS

After breakfast explore Oban with a visit to McCaigs Tower from where you can see the island of Mull and beyond on a clear day. Departing Oban journey north to Fort William which nestles at the foot of Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Scotland. Take a ride on the Anoch Mor Gondola and enjoy some magnificent views across to the West and East coasts of Scotland. From Fort William travel northeast through the Great Glen towards Inverness. En-route you will travel along the Caledonian Canal which links Fort William and Inverness and of which Loch Ness forms a part. Travel along the banks of this famous loch keeping an open eye for the famous monster "Nessie". Overnight in the Inverness area. (B)



#### DAY 3 INVERNESS – ROYAL DEESIDE – PERTH

Start your day with a stop at Culloden Moor (not included), site of the very last land battle on British soil when the Jacobites, led by Bonnie Prince Charlie, were finally defeated by the English army. Continue now into the heart of Speyside and whisky country. There are a large number of whisky distilleries in the area and you can visit many of them. Glenfiddich, Glen Grant, Dallas Dhu and many others welcome visitors and are happy to give you a "wee dram" (visits not included). Continue following the River Spey also well known for its salmon fishing. Travel down to Braemar in the heart of Royal Deeside.



During May, June and July you can visit Balmoral Castle where the Royal Family spent their annual summer holiday. Alternatively visit Braemar Castle. Travel south over the "Spittal of Glenshee", a road affording dramatic views before continuing towards the Perth area for your overnight accommodation. (B)

#### DAY 4 EDINBURGH – GLASGOW



Today, if time permits, visit St Andrews, named after Scotland's patron saint. Visit the impressive ruins of the cathedral, once the most magnificent in the country and St Andrews Castle where visitors can wander through damp, mossy tunnels to the dungeons. St Andrews is also the famous home of golf, played on the Old Course since the 15th century. Cross the Forth road bridge with its spectacular views of the Firth of Forth and UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Forth Rail Bridge, before returning your car to Edinburgh/Glasgow and joining your flight home. (B)

# INCLUSIONS

- 3 night accommodation in the chosen category with facilities inclusive of Scottish breakfast.
- Freedom Cruise on Loch Ness visit to Urquhart Castle included
- Service & VAT
- Car Hire, Toyota Aygo manual transmission or similar. See car rental condition at the end of this document.

**\*Type of accommodation in mixed package**: 1 night in B&B, 1 night in a hotel and 1 night in a Manor/Castle **Not included:** Flights - lunches, dinners and beverages



# \*\* RATES PER PERSON IN \$ CAD LAND ONLY AND CAR RENTAL STARTING AT

2022 Prices Per person sharing twin/double	B&B	3* Hotel	Mixed *	4* hotel and Manor
April	625	769	759	985
May – June	545	749	695	905
July – August	625	965	825	1025
September	545	815	729	989
October	545	749	695	905

\*single occupancy on request

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# ROAM AROUND SCOTLAND 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS Edinburgh – West Coast – Isle of Skye – Loch Ness – Speyside – Fife

# ITINERARY

## **DAY 1 EDINBURGH AREA**

Arrive Edinburgh/Glasgow and collect the rented car. Travel into Edinburgh enjoying a visit of Edinburgh Castle or take a panoramic city tour by bus. Overnight in Edinburgh area.

## DAY 2 LOCH LOMOND - OBAN



Head north along Loch Lomond stopping off at Luss to visit this pretty little village on the loch banks. Continue west with the option of stopping for lunch at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar to enjoy some of the fresh produce before heading through Inveraray visiting the castle and the jail. Continue north to Oban spending time in Kilmartin Glen experiencing the Neolithic and Bronze Age chambered and round cairns, stone circles and rock carvings. Visit Dunadd Fort, the ancient capital of Scotland then known as Dalriada. Overnight in Oban area. (B)

#### DAY 3 ISLES OF MULL, IONA AND STAFFA

Today spend the day exploring Mull and Iona either by car or enjoy the sites from the sea and take a day boat trip to Mull Iona and Staffa. The tour leaves from Oban Harbor and is renowned as one of the best day tours in the UK, providing a scenic route through the beautiful island of Mull and a visit to the Isle of Iona where St Columba landed in 563 brought Christianity to Scotland from Ireland. You can also visit the famous abbey founded by St Columba before you continue on to the uninhabited Island of Staffa, which is famous for its basaltic formations, the best known of which is Fingals Cave, immortalized in Mendelssohn's Hebridean Overture. Return to Oban area for your overnight. (B)



#### DAY 4 GLENCOE - ISLE OF SKYE



Today continue north from Oban through Glencoe with its spectacular landscape and onto Fort William, set in the shadow of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. Take the road to Mallaig to enjoy the short ferry over to Skye or continue on the road to Kyle and take the bridge to explore Skye, the largest and most scenic of the Hebridean Islands. Overnight on Isle of Skye. (B)

#### DAY 5 ISLE OF SKYE

Enjoy a full day on the Isle of Skye. Head south towards the Cuillin Hills, the island's best-known feature. Though their tops are places only for experienced climbers, there are many viewpoints and island locations where excellent panoramas can be enjoyed. Head back to your accommodation via Glenbrittle and the famous Fairy Pools, beautifully crystal clear blue pools on the River Brittle, these make for some fabulous photos. (B)

#### **DAY 6 LOCH NESS – INVERNESS**

Head east today for the Inverness area meandering gently along the shores of Loch Lochy and Loch Ness via Urquhart Castle, which dates back to the 12th century and was originally built to guard the route through the glen! If you dare, take a cruise on Loch Ness, most famous for the illusive monster. Overnight in the Inverness area. (B)



#### **DAY 7 SPEYSIDE – PERTHSHIRE**

Today travel east of Inverness where you can visit the Battlefield of Culloden and

Clava Cairns, which date back to the 3rd millennium BC. These are burial chambers that are made up of 3 impressive round chambered cairns surrounded by a ring of stones. Taking the Speyside route explore some of the Malt Whisky Trail. The Speyside area is home to more than half of all the country's distilleries plus the coopers who repair the oak casks each year. Continue towards Perthshire through Braemar and Royal Deeside passing by Balmoral Castle and Crathie Church, the Queen Elizabeth's highland residence and church before heading through the ski area of Glenshee. Continue south towards Perth/Fife where you will overnight. (B)

#### **DAY 8 FIFE – ST.ANDREWS**

Today, if time permits it, visit St Andrews, named after Scotland's patron saint. Visit the impressive ruins of the cathedral, once the most magnificent in the country and St Andrews Castle where visitors can wander through damp, mossy tunnels to the dungeons. St Andrews is also the famous home of golf, played on the Old Course since the 15th century. Continue along the coast via the small fishing villages of Elie and Pitenweem. Cross the Forth Road Bridge with its spectacular views of the Firth of Forth and of the newly awarded UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Forth Rail Bridge, before returning your car to Edinburgh/Glasgow and boarding your flight home. (B)



# INCLUSIONS

- 7 night accommodation in the chosen category with facilities inclusive of Scottish breakfast.
- Service & VAT
- Car Hire, Toyota Aygo manual transmission or similar. See car rental condition at the end of this document.

\* Type of accommodation in mixed package: 3 nights in B&B, 3 nights in a hotel and 1 night in a Manor/Castle

Not included: Flights - entrances detailed in the itinerary - ferries - lunches, dinners and beverages

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2022 Prices Per person sharing twin/double	B&B	3* Hotel	Mixed*	4* Hotel / Manor
April	1150	1530	1375	2129
May	1015	1535	1260	2099
June	1115	1563	1275	2159
July	1150	1829	1485	2319
August	1175	1945	1569	2330
September	1015	1689	1345	2180
October	1015	1465	1239	2060

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# HIGHLAND AND WHISKY TRAIL 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Perthshire - Aberdeen - Speyside - Inverness - Wester Ross - Edinburgh

# ITINERARY

## **DAY 1 PERTHSHIRE**

Arrive at Edinburgh/Glasgow Airport and pick up your car rental. Depart for the north of Scotland crossing the Forth Road Bridge if coming from Edinburgh and continue up the M90 to Perth. Overnight in Perthshire area.

### **DAY 2 PERTHSHIRE - ABERDEEN**

After your full Scottish breakfast visit Scone Palace, the family home of the Earl of Mansfield and also the site of the famous coronation Stone of Scone, brought there in the 9th century by Kenneth MacAlpine, King of Scots. Continue to Pitlochry, a small Highland town. Stop at the Salmon Ladder where you may be lucky enough to see salmon leaping! From Pitlochry, travel towards Braemar. You will take the very scenic & dramatic road over the Spittal of Glenshee one of the highest points in Scotland and also site of one of Scotland's ski resorts. Descend into Braemar which sits in the heart of Royal Deeside, the favored holiday area of the Royal Family in Scotland. If time allows it, visit Balmoral Castle (opened May – July only), home of Royal Family. Continue to your accommodation in the area. (B)





### DAY 3 ABERDEEN - ROYAL DEESIDE

Take a trip into Aberdeen, Old Aberdeen is lovely and is where the university is based. See Kings College, a chapel famous for its rich woodwork dating from the 16th century. Nearby is St Machar's Cathedral, mainly 15th century it is a granite structure of simple austere grandeur. Two notable features are the West Front with its twin castellated towers and the painted wooden Heraldic Ceiling in the nave, dated 1520. Visit Duthie Park and Winter Gardens – a beautifully laid out 50 acre park with floral displays in all seasons including a "rose mountain". There are two boating ponds and many interesting sculptures and mountains. The Winter Gardens feature exotic plants, flowers, birds, fish and turtles. Outside Aberdeen, visit Crathes Castle which has royal historic associations dating from 1323 when the Land of Leys were granted to the Burnett family by Robert the Bruce. The castle features some remarkable late 16th century painted ceilings. There is a large walled garden and the great yew hedges that dates from 1702, fascinating examples of topiary. Return to your accommodation for overnight. (B)

## **DAY 4 ABERDEEN - INVERNESS**

Travel northwards towards Inverness. In the morning follow the Whisky Trail & visit one of the many famous distilleries in the area. You can visit Glenfiddich, McCallan, Grants, Cardhu and many more. Each gives an audio-visual show and then a guided tour of the distillery to learn of the processes and for many the highlight is a tasting at the end of the tour. The choice of what to see and do in the Speyside area is huge .There are castles – Brodie, Cawdor (made famous by the Shakespeare's Macbeth), and Ballindalloch. Visit Culloden Moor, site of the last land battle on British soil, wander around Inverness, capital of the Highlands, take the



Strathspey Railway from Boat of Garten to Aviemore, and watch the Ospreys at Loch Garten. Accommodation in Inverness area. (B)

## DAY 5 INVERNESS - INVEREWE GARSENS - INVERNESS

Enjoy a day visiting the West Coast of Scotland. Travel across to Ullapool, a quaint fishing village. Then travel down past the dramatic Corrieshalloch Gorge to the Inverewe Gardens, run by the National Trust. These magnificent gardens have a famous rhododendron collection and who would expect to find palm trees in Scotland. Return through the magnificent scenery of the Torridon area and past Loch Maree. Return to the Inverness area for overnight. (B)

#### DAY 6 INVERNESS - LOCH NESS - GLENCOE - EDINBURGH

Today travel south again going via Loch Ness. Loch Ness forms part of the Caledonian Canal, a feat of some great engineering by Thomas Telford linking East Scotland with West by using a series of lochs linked by a canal system. Make a stop at Urquhart Castle, a very scenic spot and also the place where the most sightings of "Nessie" have been. Continue towards Fort William, which nestles beneath the highest mountain in Great Britain – Ben Nevis. If time allows it, why not take a ride up in a gondola at Anoch Mor which on a good day will offer stunning views over the west coast? From Fort William, start travelling south. Travel through the beautiful and mysterious Glencoe, which is great for walking and climbing and full of nature. You then travel over Rannoch Moor and into the heart of the Trossachs, known as the "gateway to the Highlands". Stop at Stirling Castle which has played such an important role in much of Scotland's vibrant history. The Great Hall has just been refurbished and the Visitor Centre has a very good audio-visual exhibition explaining much of the history. Return towards Edinburgh area where you will overnight. (B)



# DAY 7 EDINBURGH

Enjoy a full day in Edinburgh. In the morning, go up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle, which dominates the Edinburgh



skyline. The Castle is site of the oldest building in Edinburgh – St Margaret's Chapel and the Crown Jewels of Scotland. Continue down the Royal Mile – take time to explore the many "closes" which run off this street and which hold so many secrets. There are many restaurants, pubs & souvenir shops on the Royal Mile for a lunch stop. In the afternoon at the foot of the Royal Mile, visit Holyrood Palace, the official residence of the Queen whilst she is in Scotland. The Palace has a wonderful ballroom and staterooms to visit. To end the day, go into the New Town to admire the Georgian architecture and the well-laid out streets that are in complete contrast to those of the

Old Town. Return to your accommodation for overnight. (B)

#### **DAY 8 EDINBURGH**

Unfortunately it is time to leave Scotland. Return to the airport and drop off your car. (B)

# INCLUSIONS

- 7 night accommodation in the chosen category with facilities inclusive of breakfast.
- Entrance to Glenfiddich Distillery
- Service & VAT
- Car Hire, Toyota Aygo manual transmission or similar. See car rental condition at the end of this document.

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Not included: Flights -entrances detailed in the itinerary - ferries - lunches, dinners and beverages

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Артт	1155	1520	1330	1330
May	999	1275	1259	1465
June	999	1319	1285	1615
July	1139	1515	1460	1755
August	1185	1735	1599	1799
September	1050	1415	1299	1639
October	999	1275	1259	1465

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# HIGHLAND ADVENTURE 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

# Perthshire - Speyside - Wester Ross - West Coast - Loch Lomond & the Trossachs

# ITINERARY

## **DAY 1 EDINBURGH**

Arrive at Edinburgh/Glasgow Airport and pick up your car rental. Depart for the capital of Scotland, Edinburgh. As one of Europe's must see destinations, Edinburgh offers much for the visitor, great museums and art galleries, fantastic shopping, great restaurants and bars and one of the most unforgettable skylines with Edinburgh Castle dominating the center of the city overlooking Princes Street Gardens. Overnight in Edinburgh.

## DAY 2 EDINBURGH – INVERNESS AREA



After your full Scottish breakfast, depart Edinburgh heading north crossing the Forth Road Bridge with its dramatic views of the Victorian feet of engineering the Forth Railway Bridge. Continuing north, visit Perth and Scone Palace, the family home of the Earl of Mansfield and also the site of the famous coronation Stone of Scone, brought there in the 9th century by Kenneth MacAlpine, King of Scots. Continue to Pitlochry, a small Highland town. Stop at the Salmon Ladder where you may be lucky enough to see salmon leaping! From Pitlochry, travel towards Inverness. You will take the very scenic and dramatic road over the Drummochter Pass one of the highest roads in Scotland. Descend into Speyside an area of Scotland famous for its whisky producing tradition. Follow the

Whisky Trail & visit one of the many famous distilleries in the area. You can visit Glenfiddich, McCallums, Grants, Cardhu and many more. Each gives an audio-visual show and then a guided tour of the distillery to learn of the processes and for many, the highlight is a tasting at the end of the tour. The choice of what to see and do in the Speyside area is huge –



there are castles – Brodie, Cawdor (made famous by the Shakespeare's Macbeth), and Ballindalloch. Visit Culloden Moor, site of the last land battle on British soil. Continue onto Inverness area for overnight. (B)

# DAY 3 INVERNESS - INVEREWE GARDENS - INVERNESS

Enjoy a day visiting the West Coast of Scotland and a journey across to Ullapool, a quaint fishing village. Then travel down past the dramatic Corrieshalloch Gorge to the Inverewe Gardens, run by the National Trust. These magnificent gardens have a famous rhododendron collection and who would expect to find palm trees in Scotland. Return through the magnificent scenery of the Torridon area and past Loch Maree. Return to the Inverness area for your overnight. (B)



#### DAY 4 INVERNESS – DUNROBIN CASTLE

Today begins with a visit to the capital of the Highlands, Inverness before heading for a day trip into the northern highlands. Head for the Kessock Bridge and the Black Isle, in reality a peninsula decked out in a thousand shades of green.



A maze of quiet country roads and forest tracks, the area is a delight to explore. It is a naturalist paradise with attractions such as the bird reserves and Munlochy and Udale Bay and the famous dolphins that can be best viewed on cruises from Cromarty. Continue north visiting Dunrobin Castle and Gardens bringing to life the lives through the centuries of the Earls of Sutherland. Here you can enjoy a display of the ancient sport of falconry in the gardens of the castle. Return to the Inverness area for your overnight stay. (B)

## DAY 5 LOCH NESS - FORT WILLIAM - OBAN

Today you will travel south again going via Loch Ness. Loch Ness forms part of the Caledonian Canal, a feat of some great engineering by Thomas Telford linking East Scotland with West by using a series of lochs linked by a canal system. Make a stop at Urquhart Castle, a very scenic spot and also the place where the most sightings of "Nessie" have been. Continue towards Fort William, which nestles beneath the highest mountain in Great Britain – Ben Nevis.

If time allows it, why not take a ride up in a gondola at Anoch Mor that on a good day will offer stunning views over the west coast? From Fort William, continue south. Return to the Oban area for your overnight. (B)

#### DAY 6 ISLE OF MULL

Today take a day boat trip to Mull, Iona and Staffa. The tour leaves from Oban Harbor and is renowned as one of the best day tours in the UK, providing a scenic route through the beautiful island of Mull and a visit to the Isle of Iona where Columba landed in 563, brought Christianity to Scotland from Ireland. You can also visit the famous abbey founded by St Columbus before you continue on to the uninhabited Island of Staffa, which is famous for its basaltic formations, the best known of which is Fingals Cave, immortalized in Mendelssohn's Hebridean Overture. Return to your overnight in Oban area. (B)





# DAY 7 OBAN - LOCH LOMOND - STIRLING

Today depart Oban passing through the Brander Pass travel through the beautiful and mysterious Rannoch Moor and into the heart of the Trossachs, known as the "gateway to the Highlands". Follow the banks of Loch Lomond and then travel onto Stirling. Finish today with a visit to Stirling Castle, which has played such an important role in much of Scotland's vibrant history. The Visitor Centre has a very good audio-visual exhibition explaining much of the history. Overnight in Stirling area. (B)



# DAY 8

Unfortunately it is time to leave Scotland. Return to the airport and drop off your car. (B)

# INCLUSIONS

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April	1110	1369	1199	1699
May	975	1315	1139	1649
June	975	1360	1215	1715
July	1110	1590	1365	1935
August	1130	1689	1393	1945
September	975	1455	1229	1799
October	975	1290	1139	1555

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SHETLAND AND ORKNEY TOUR 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS St Andrews – Perth – Speyside – Aberdeen – Shetland – Orkney – Edinburgh

\* Due to limited overnight ferry departures, this tour can only depart on Fridays as per this itinerary. For tailored tours or to add additional nights please contact your local travel agent.

## DAY 1 EDINBURGH AREA

Arrive at Edinburgh/Glasgow Airport and pick up your rented car. Today you can visit Edinburgh Castle or do a short city tour. Overnight in Edinburgh area.

#### **DAY 2 ST ANDREWS - PERTH**

Today you will visit St Andrews, the home of the oldest university in Scotland and capital of golf with its famous and prestigious Old Course. The remains of the 12th century cathedral, the largest in Scotland and the medieval layout of the town are still visible. You will also see the 13th century castle overlooking the North Sea, where, during the Reformation, many evil deeds took place in the "Bottle Dungeon". You will enjoy the traditional small shops and the beautiful sea views. In the afternoon, you have time to visit the famous Dunnottar Castle. The dramatic and evocative ruined cliff top fortress was the home of the Earls Marischal, once one of the most powerful families in Scotland. Steeped in history, this romantic and haunting



ruin is "must-see" for every visitor. Visit Dunnottar Castle for your own unforgettable experience and discover the importance of Dunnottar – an impregnable fortress that holds many rich secrets of Scotland's rich past. Overnight in Aberdeen or area. (B)



#### **DAY 3 ABERDEEN AND AREA - LERWICK**



You will take a city tour of Aberdeen, the Granite City. Aberdeen is a maritime city with a story going back to its foundations as a royal burgh in 1124. In olden times, the city had strong trading links with Scandinavia and the Low Countries across the North Sea. Today, Aberdeen's harbour is a base for offshore oil and gas developments. Aberdeen has one of the most distinctive townscapes in Scotland, thanks to the use of silver granite, used from the 18th century onward. You will see Duthie Park and its Winter Gardens, the largest covered display of roses (1 hectare) in Europe and Aberdeen University, one of the oldest in Scotland. Explore the Royal

Deeside or Speyside with its many castles or whisky distilleries before checking into your private cabin on the ferry to Lerwick. Relax in one of the well-stocked bars and enjoy a delicious dinner in the restaurant. Overnight on the ferry Aberdeen – Lerwick. (B)

#### **DAY 4 SHETLAND**

On waking up in Lerwick, start your exploration of Shetland by travelling south where you will find the main tourist attractions. Visit Mousa Broch, the finest surviving Iron Age broch tower on its own little island. Step into the life of a Shetland crofter at the Shetland Croft House Museum and, one of the highlights of Shetland, explore the Jarlshof Prehistoric and Norse Settlement. Back in Lerwick learn some of the history of the islanders at the Shetland Museum, or drink some of the local ale in one of the pubs. Overnight in Shetland.



#### **DAY 5 SHETLAND BRESSAY & NOSS**

Today you have the chance to discover some of Shetland's many islands. Bressay shelters Lerwick from the east and can be reached by car ferry from the town in under ten minutes. Noss lies off the east coast of Bressay. Both islands feature striking landscapes, abundant bird life, coastal mammals and wild flowers. Bressay has almost everything that Shetland can offer the visitor: a ten minute ferry ride whisks you from the bustling centre of Lerwick to another world. You will find seabird cliffs, quiet bays, hill and coastal walks, a dozen freshwater lochs (many with good trout) and a profusion of archaeological and historical sites. The east side of the island is sparsely inhabited, a place of peace and quiet where birds and sheep wander undisturbed. Return to your accommodation for the night. (B)

#### **DAY 6 SHETLAND - ORKNEY**

A trip to Shetland would not be complete without seeing its wildlife. Its dramatic cliffs, sculpted by the sea are a perfect breeding ground for migrating birds, the most popular with the tourists being the Puffin. Seals are also plentiful and easily seen lazing on the rocks or the white sandy beaches, and a must is the famous Shetland pony, which always provides a good photo opportunity. Shetland is also known for its jewelry, which has a strong Viking influence, and you can visit the workshops and see the items being handmade. Late in the afternoon it will be time to board the ferry again for the 5½-hour journey to Orkney (17.30 or 19.00). Overnight in Orkney. (B)



#### **DAY 7 ORKNEY**

Today you will have the opportunity to tour much of the main island and visit the key prehistoric sites of the Ring of Brodgar, Stones of Stenness, Maeshowe, and Skara Brae. Standing within the circle of the Stones of Stenness preferably on an early spring day it is easy to imagine prehistoric people gathering here. A few yards away at Barnhouse Neolithic village, the entrance to the largest building was aligned to the setting of the Midsummer Day sun. One mile distant the burial chamber of Maeshowe is directly illuminated only at midwinter solstice and the Ring of Brodgar also part of this great ceremonial center may have been used to track the movements of the moon, such is the magic of this place. Travelling to Skara Brae on the west of Main Island you step back 5,000 years. Here, preserved for millennia



under sand dunes, the prehistoric village of Skara Brae remained undisturbed until 1850 where a great storm revealed the village for the first time. What is so surprising are the parallels with modern man, there are box beds, stone seats, dressers and cupboards and damp proofing. Departing Skara Brae you return to the 21st century. Continue to Orkney for your overnight accommodation. (B)

# DAY 8 ORKNEY - KIRKWALL (OVERNIGHT ON THE FERRY)

Today you will have the opportunity to visit St. Magnus Cathedral, the best example of Norman Architecture that has survived in Scotland. The cathedral dominates the town but only yards away are buildings of comparable significance in the ruins of the Bishop's Palace and the Earl's Palace. The Earl's Palace has been described as "the most mature and accomplished piece of Renaissance architecture left in Scotland". After visiting the historical sites in the center of Kirkwall you can then enjoy a walk along the winding flag stoned main street, which is lined with houses dating from the 16th century. In this bustling thoroughfare you can shop for jewelry, pottery, amber, traditional knitwear, and a vast variety of Orkney food. Before departing Kirkwall no visit to the Orkneys would be complete without a visit to the island's only whisky distillery, Highland Park, which was established over two hundred years ago and still uses the same traditional methods. Enjoy a tour of the distillery with a tasting of one of Scotland's finest malt whiskies. Among the many attractions on Orkney is Scapa Flow, the scene of momentous events during both world wars. Visit the series of causeways known as the Churchill Barriers. Winston Churchill was responsible for the construction of the causeways between the islands and here the wrecks of a number of block ships can be seen as well as what is known as the "The miracle of Camp 60", The Italian Chapel. Among those who worked on the Churchill Barriers were Italian prisoners of war. Far from home, unhappy with the climate, they found religious consolation through the unlikely form of two Nissan huts. These were lined with plasterboard then painted with a beautiful fresco. With further embellishments the chapel became a moving monument to those lost in war. Late afternoon you re-board your ferry for the final leg of this extension back to Aberdeen. Overnight accommodation aboard the ferry (23.45). (B)

## DAY 9 ABERDEEN – EDINBURGH

You will wake up back in Aberdeen, refreshed and ready to carry on with your itinerary. Drive back to Edinburgh, where you can start off with a city tour of Edinburgh where you will appreciate the contrast between the 18th century Georgian "New Town" with its wide, tree lined streets and elegant squares and the medieval "Old Town". The Royal Mile is the backbone of the old quarter, running from the Palace of Holyrood House to Edinburgh Castle.

You will visit Edinburgh Castle which dominates the city from its 400 foot rock where you will see the Scottish crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, now back in Scotland where it belongs. You can also visit the private apartments of Mary Stuart and St Margaret's Chapel, the oldest building in the city which dates back to the 11th century.

You will visit The Palace of Holyrood House the official residence of the Queen in Scotland. The oldest part is built against the monastic nave of Holyrood abbey, little of which remains. The rest of the Palace was reconstructed for Charles II. Here



Mary, Queen of Scots lived for 6 years, here she met John Knox, here Rizzio was murdered and here Prince Charles Edward Stewart held court in 1745. You will visit the State Apartments which house tapestries and paintings.

You will enjoy a visit to the Scottish Parliament. Scotland's new Parliament sits at the foot of Edinburgh's famous Royal Mile in front of the spectacular Holyrood Park and Salisbury Crags. Constructed from a mixture of steel, oak, and granite, the complex building has been hailed as one of the most innovative designs in Britain today. The tours take you from the Main Hall to the floor of the Chamber to see where the MSPs meet to debate and decide on the issues that matter to the people of Scotland. You will also visit a Committee Room and explore further into the building, to allow views of the MSPs office block and historic Queensberry House. Overnight in Edinburgh or area.

# **DAY 10 EDINBURGH**

Sadly this is the last day in Scotland. Drop off your hired car at the airport and check in for your flight home. (B)

# INCLUSIONS

- 7 night accommodation at the chosen category with facilities inclusive of breakfast.
- 2 night accommodation in a 2 berth outside cabin (no meals included)
- Ferries as per itinerary, based on 1-2 passengers and 1 car ((Aberdeen Lerwick; Lerwick Kirkwall; Kirkwall Aberdeen)
- Service & VAT
- Car Hire, Toyota Aygo manual transmission or similar. See car rental condition at the end of this document.

**Not included:** Flights - ferry crossings other than the ones mentioned above - entrances - lunches, dinners and beverages

# \*\* RATES PER PERSON IN \$ CAD LAND ONLY AND CAR RENTAL STARTING AT

2022 Prices Per person sharing twin/double	B&B	3* Hotel
April	2190	2565
May	2025	2495
June and July	2130	2685
August	2345	3030
September	2085	2685
October	2025	2495

\*single occupancy on request

\*\*\*Included in the car rental is a Toyota Aygo manual transmission or similar, other car rentals are available at higher rates.





# 7 WONDERS OF SCOTLAND 10 DAYS/ 9 NIGHTS

Edinburgh – Melrose Abbey – Glencoe – Glenfinnan – Eilean Donan – St Andrews – Forth Briges

# ITINERARY

## DAY 1 EDINBURGH

Arrive in Scotland and pick up your self-drive car. Depart for the capital, Edinburgh. As one of Europe's must see destinations Edinburgh offers much for the visitor, great museums and art galleries, fantastic shopping, great restaurants and bars and one of the most unforgettable skylines overlooking Princes Street Gardens.

# **DAY 2 EDINBURGH**

Enjoy a full day in the Scottish capital. You will visit Edinburgh Castle which dominates the city from its 400 foot rock where you will see the Scottish crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, now back in Scotland where it belongs. You can also visit the private apartments of Mary Stuart and St Margaret's Chapel, the oldest building in the city which dates back to the 11th century. Continuing down the Royal Mile, you will visit Saint Giles' Cathedral. Founded in the 1100s, it is a triumph of 14th and 15th century architecture with a crown spire that has dominated the Edinburgh skyline for 500 years. It became the church of John Knox during the Reformation and contains memorials to many great Scots, including Robert Louis Stevenson and Robert Burns. (B)



## DAY 3 SCOTTISH BORDERS – MELROSE ABBEY

Enjoy a full day exploring the truly stunning Scottish Borders. You will visit a variety of Abbey's (not included) today starting with Jedburgh Abbey, one of the border abbeys founded by David 1 in around 1138 for Augustinian canons. The church is mostly in the Romanesque and Gothic styles and is remarkably complete. Remains of the cloister buildings have recently been uncovered and finds from the excavations, including the 12th century 'Jedburgh comb' are on display in the award winning visitor centre. Travelling north from Jedburgh, you will visit the ruins of the stunning, Melrose Abbey (not included), a Cistercian abbey founded by King David I circa 1136. It was largely destroyed by an English army in 1385 but rebuilt in the early 15th century. It is now probably the most



famous ruin in Scotland because of the elegant and elaborate stonework which remains. You will finish the day with a visit to Dryburgh Abbey (not included). One of the four famous Borders, founded in the reign of David I. It is also the burial place of Field Marshall Earl Haig and Sir Walter Scott. Return to Edinburgh for your overnight stay. (B)

## DAY 4 LOCH LOMOND – GLENCOE



You will drive through the area known as the Trossachs in the heart of Scotland, stopping by Loch Lomond, the largest stretch of inland water in Britain, and framed by lovely mountain scenery. The landscape of this area has played a significant part in the history and literature of Scotland. It was the inspiration and setting for Sir Walter Scott's major work, "The Lady of the Lake", inspiring the first tourists to venture to Highland Scotland. You will travel through the Argyll Forest one of the most beautiful areas in the country before continuing north through Glencoe with its spectacular landscape and on to Fort William which nestles beneath the highest mountain in Great Britain – Ben Nevis. (B)

## DAY 5 MALLAIG

Today you will journey towards Mallaig, visiting Glenfinnan Monument, the statue of a Highland Chieftain, which looks towards the Hills erected on the site where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied the Highland Clans in preparation for the disastrous rebellion of 1745 fought at Culloden. You will see the breath-taking Glenfinnan Viaduct, a location made most popular in the Harry Potter films. (B)

#### DAY 6 KYLEAKIN – KYLE OF LOCHALSH

This morning, journey to Kyleakin and enjoy a stop at Eilean Donan Castle, which stands on an islet connected by a causeway in Loch Duich. This picturesque and inhabited castle dates back to 1214 and was the magnificent setting of the film "Highlander". Visit the Balmacara Estate, an area covering 2,550 hectares (6,330 acres) on the Lochalsh peninsula, this traditional Highland crofting estate is a diverse mix of Scotland's most beautiful landscapes. It encompasses croft and farm land, woodland, moorland, villages, coastline, saltmarsh, lochs and offshore islands, and offers stunning views across the water to the mountains of Skye and Applecross. (B)





#### DAY 7 ISLE OF SKYE – LOCH NESS

Start the day with a visit to the Isle of Skye. You will cross the new 'Skye Bridge' enjoying sometime on the largest and most scenic of the Hebridean Islands before travelling via Loch Ness towards Inverness. Make a stop at Urquhart Castle, one of the largest castles in Scotland which fell into decay after 1689 and was blown up in 1692 to prevent it being occupied by Jacobites. Most of the existing remains date from the 16th century and include a tower. This is a very scenic spot and also the place where the most sightings of "Nessie" have been. (B)

### **DAY 8 SPEYSIDE**

This morning you will follow the whisky trail! The Speyside region houses some of the oldest and most established whisky distilleries in Scotland and you can visit one of these distilleries to experience the whisky making process and have a chance to taste the true "Water of life". You then enter the Grampian region and take the road over the hills through the village of Tomintoul, the highest village in Scotland. Coming down from the hills, we arrive at Ballater in Royal Deeside the favourite region of the Royal family. You can visit Balmoral castle, the summer residence of the royal family and you will see the magnificent colours of this beautiful countryside. (B)

#### **DAY 9 ST ANDREWS – FIFE**



Follow the coast road south and cross the Firth of Tay at Dundee Bridge for an afternoon spent exploring this town, home of the oldest university in Scotland and capital of golf with its famous and prestigious Old Course.

The remains of the 12th century cathedral, the largest in Scotland and the medieval layout of the town are still visible. You will also see the 13th century castle overlooking the North Sea, where, during the Reformation, many evil deeds took place in the "Bottle Dungeon". You will enjoy the traditional small shops and the beautiful sea views. (B)

#### **DAY 10 DEPARTURE**

Head south today, crossing the Forth Road Bridge with its dramatic views of the Victorian feat of engineering the Forth Railway Bridge. Unfortunately it is now time to leave Scotland. Return to the airport and join your flight home. (B)

# INCLUSIONS

- 9 night accommodation at the chose type of accommodation with facilities inclusive of breakfast
- Edinburgh City Sightseeing Hop On Hop Off Tour Day 2
- Service & VAT
- Car Hire, Toyota Aygo manual transmission or similar. See car rental condition at the end of this document.

**Not included:** Flights - Entrances detailed in itinerary (see tariff information on the Historic Scotland Pass) -lunches, dinners and beverages



# \*\* RATE PER PERSON IN \$ CAD LAND ONLY AND CAR RENTAL STARTING AT

2022 Package Price Per person sharing double/twin	B&B	3* Hotel
April	1530	1949
May and June	1365	1899
July	1530	2225
August	1599	2489
September	1359	1965
October	1365	1899

\*single occupancy on request

\*\*\*Included in the car rental is a Toyota Aygo manual transmission or similar, other car rentals are available at higher rates.





# **SCOTLAND – CAR RENTAL CONDITIONS**

PRICES INCLUDE:	PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:
<ul> <li>PRICES INCLODE:</li> <li>Unlimited Mileage</li> <li>Third Party Liability</li> <li>Damage Waiver</li> <li>Airport and premium station surcharge</li> <li>Road Tax</li> <li>VAT at 20%</li> <li>Licenses &amp; Fees</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fuel</li> <li>Additional Driver £21.00 per day (maximum 10 days)</li> <li>DVLA License Check (UK Licenses only) £5.00 per hire</li> <li>GPS available only from Airports locations Units £15.10 per day (All units have a replacement fee of £170.00)</li> <li>The National One Way is chargeable at £150.00 (One way from Mainland UK to Northern Ireland £200.00)</li> <li>Child Seats – only from airports: £10.20 per day (maximum £99.99 per month – must be pre ordered at the point of reservation)</li> </ul>

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Rates include unlimited mileage, damage waiver, and third party liability for one driver with the following excess:
- £1000.00 for groups MBMN/MBMR (A group), ECMN/EBMR (B group), CCMR (C group), CDMR (D group), and IDMR (E group) SDMR (F group), ECAN/EBAR (B auto), CCAR (C auto), CDAR (D auto), IDAR (E Auto) and SDAR (F auto).
- £1150.00 for groups IVMR (MMPV), IVAR (MMPVA) FVMR (MPV), FVAR (MPV auto), IKMN (small cargo van), SKMN (medium cargo van), and FKMN (large cargo van) £1,400.00 for groups PDMR (Small Prem Man), PDAR (Small Prem Auto), LDMR (Medium Prem Man) LDAR (Medium Prem Auto), IFAR (Small 4x4 Man) IFAR (Small 4x4 Auto) and FFMR (Large 4x4 Man), FFAR (Large 4x4 Auto)

**NB**: The insurance excess can be voluntarily reduced at the Enterprise branch on arrival by subscribing an Extended Protection; rates vary and will be clarified at that time. Any charges agreed do not form a part of any agreed relationship with the customer and are non-refundable by Enterprise.

All drivers must be 25 years of age or older. Drivers aged 25 - 29 can rent all vehicles except full size MPVs (MPV and MPVA), small premiums (PDMR/PDAR), large premiums (LDMR/LDAR) and 4x4s (IFMR/IFAR and FFMR/FFAR). V6 vans too cannot be rented to 25-29 year olds. Age 30+ can rent all vehicles.

Customers will be required to fit the child seat themselves. Child seats have a replacement fee of £130.00. All charges above are subject to all applicable taxes.



# **Terms & Conditions**

# **Fuel Policy**

Vehicles will be provided with a minimum ¼ tank. The customer has the option of either Fuel Pre-Purchase or to pay for used Fuel on return of the rental vehicle.

\*Please be advised of the following information regarding Bio Diesel.

Bio Diesel- Availability and Usage in rental vehicles- Recently some distributors (such as Morrison's Super Market) have begun to sell a "B30 Bio diesel" product which is a 30%/70% blend, with a higher Methyl Ester content. For all vehicles on Enterprise's fleet, use of B30 Bio diesel will invalidate the manufacturer's warranty, and therefore any engine damage would become the financial responsibility of Enterprise Rent-A-Car and if traced, such repair costs may be passed on to customers. It is possible on some vehicles to trace via a vehicle's engine management system or by specific evaluation at what point such a fuel has been used.

Vehicle Return Grace Period

All vehicles must be returned within 29 minutes of the collection time or an additional rental day will be charged.

# **Cross Border Policy**

No vehicles rented from Enterprise Rent-A-Car can be taken out of the UK Mainland except for travel to Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland, although the vehicle must be returned to the territory where it was rented. There is a charge of £125 per rental to take the vehicle to Mainland Ireland —please contact the local branch prior to collection of the vehicle to arrange this. 48 hours' notice is required to take a vehicle cross border.

## **Extension of Rentals**

Should the customer need to extend the length of the rental, they should contact the "tour operator" to extend the vehicle on their behalf.

## **License Requirements**

All drivers must hold a full, valid national license.

UK License: Both the photo-card and paper counterpart must be produced. For old style paper licenses, the driver must also provide an additional form of photographic ID in the form of a Full Valid Passport.

Overseas License: International driving permit is required with all non-European licenses if the driving license is written in a language or characters different to those of the renting country. Even when an International Driving License is required, a domestic license must be provided. A passport must also be produced if the driver is not a UK resident. UK residents that hold a non-EU license may drive in the UK for up to 12 months from the time they become a resident. After 12 months, the overseas license will be deemed illegal in the UK and it must be exchanged for the UK equivalent. A renter holding a non-UK license must produce a full valid passport at the time or rental and the reservation name must match the name on the driving license.

Holders of any license that does not show the current address must also produce proof of current address in the form of a current credit finance agreement, current utilities bill, or current bank statement from the last 3 months.

# DVLA Check:

£5.00 (paid locally)- Customers are only charged this fee when they do not have their full driving license

All non-deplaning UK residents will need to provide at the time of rental a full driving license and two proofs of address no less than two months old.

All UK resident deplaning customers will need to provide a full driving license, passport, and travel documents. All non UK residents will need to provide at the time of rental, a full driving license, passport, travel documents, and UK residence details whilst in the UK.



Please note, we reserve the right to request additional ID or conduct further identification checks if which needed may include an identity check with an external credit organization

# Home City & Non De-planning Airport Renter Underwriting

Residents of the UK: All Home City & Non deplaning renters will need to provide at the time of rental a full driving license, two proofs of address no less than two months old and a Credit/Debit Card in the renter's name.

# Non Residents of the UK

All Home City & Non deplaning renters will need to provide at the time of rental a full driving license, Travel documents, Passport & Credit Card in the renter's name.

# **Roadside Assistance**

Emergency contact details for 24/7 roadside assistance can be found on the rental contract. Customers should call this number if required. Depending on the circumstances, we reserve the right to not replace the vehicle and pass on specific repair/callout charges to the customer.

# Smoking

A smoking ban applies to all vehicles on the Enterprise Rent-A-Car fleet. Failure to adhere to the no smoking signs placed in the vehicles will be subject to a £50.00 fine.

# **Congestion Charge**

Enterprise Rent-A-Car vehicles are non-exempt form congestion charges within central London. Everyone driving or parking a vehicle on public roads in the congestion charging zone will have to pay the daily charge of £10.00 to the Transport for London group or £12.00 if the charge is paid after the charging day. This payment will allow you to enter, drive around, and leave the congestion charging as many times as you wish that day. Congestion Charging operates Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 6:30pm excluding public holidays. There are no tollbooths or barriers around the Congestion Charging zone and no physical tickets or passes. Instead, the river registers the vehicle number plate on a database for all journeys within the charging zone.

The Congestion Charge can be paid beforehand, on the day of travel or the following charging day. It can also be paid for more than one day at a time by paying for a week, month, or year in one transaction. Advanced payments can be made either online at www.cclondon.com , by telephone on 0845 900 1234, by SMS text message from your mobile phone, at self-service machines, selected petrol stations, selected retail outlets, BT internet kiosks, or by post. If the Congestion Charge is not paid as outlined above, Enterprise Rent-A-Car will be sent a Penalty Charge Notice by the Transport for London. This will ask Enterprise Rent-A-Car to supply the name and address of the hirer of the vehicle when the contravention occurred.

PLEASE NOTE: The (PCN) Penalty Charge Notice WILL BE £100.00. As with parking penalties, this is reduced to £50.00 is payment is made within 14 days. Failure to pay the penalty charge in 28 days will result in the penalty being increased to £150.00. Enterprise Rent-A-Car, by law, MUST provide the required information to the Transport for London.

If Enterprise Rent-A-Car is asked to supply the renter's details to the Transport for London, THERE WILL BE A CHARGE OF £25 for doing so. This is a standard administrative fee charged to all customers in these circumstances. For convenience, Enterprise Rent-A-Car will process the £25.00 charge on the renter's credit card if available. As a reminder, the signature on the rental contract give full authorization for applicable credit card charges to be processed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car for all Traffic Violations incurred during the rental. More information about congestion charging can be found by calling Transport for London on 0845 900 1234 or by visiting the web site at <u>www.cclondon.com</u>.



# Acceptable forms of Payment

All major Credit and Debit cards (excluding Solo, Visa Electron, Diners Club and all embossed maestro/debit/credit cards) are accepted. On collection of the vehicle, a £200.00 security deposit will be charged to your card. On acceptable return of the vehicle, the security deposit will be credited. Payment is not accepted by either Cash or Cheque. All Credit and Debit cards used for payment/deposit must be in the name of the renter. Premium and 4x4s cannot be rented using a debit card.

### Rewrites

All customers whose rental extends beyond any 28 day period are required to bring the rental vehicle to any Enterprise branch for damage inspection and the checking of fluids etc in order that we maintain the highest levels of customer safety.