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Essential information

Tour departures. It is very important you arrive at your allocated check-in time, which is 15 minutes prior to departure, as the coach must leave on schedule and cannot wait for latecomers. This is for the benefit of all guests and allows us to visit all stops for the full amount of time, offering you the most out of your tour.

Translations available in the following languages. Please request at the time of booking:



Check-in closes 5 minutes prior to departure - please check our Terms and Conditions on our website as no refunds will be offered to latecomers.

What's included in our tour price? As we like to offer you as much choice as possible, the tour price includes transportation and the services of your Driver-Guide only. On our tours you will be given the choice of various tourist attractions, local restaurants and different options for accommodation. Optional extras including visitor attractions (distilleries, cruises etc.), food & drink and accommodation are not included, however we do negotiate discounted entrance fees for you. For our 'optional extra' prices, please call our friendly Reservations Team or visit our website.

Concession prices are offered to children from 5-16 years, students with a valid student card and seniors (60 years and over). We cannot carry children under 5 years of age.

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What to bring with you on tour. As we like to give you as much time off the coach as possible, and you have the opportunity for walks, we recommend you bring warm and/or waterproof clothing, wear comfortable shoes and take a sun-block or a hat.

And don't forget your camera!



TOUR 1
1 Day

The Isle of Skye & Eilean Donan Castle

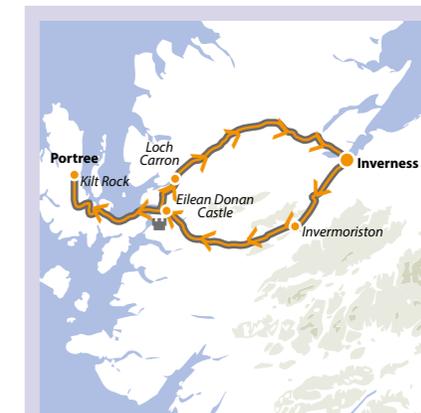
Our Isle of Skye tour takes in some of the most dramatic and stunning landscapes Scotland has to offer! See Loch Ness, visit Eilean Donan Castle, Portree, Kilt Rock and much more.

Departing Inverness we travel south, hugging the shoreline of Loch Ness to Invermoriston. Loch Ness, 24 miles long and over 700ft deep, is most famous for its sightings of the Loch Ness Monster, affectionately known as 'Nessie'. Invermoriston is approximately 30 miles from Inverness, we stop for a short break here, allowing you the chance to perhaps see the monster yourself.

After Loch Ness, we continue on to Eilean Donan Castle[£]; one of Scotland's most photographed castles. The castle is situated on its own island at the head of Loch Duich. We take time here to explore the castle and its atmospheric surroundings.

After Eilean Donan, we journey to the Isle of Skye, passing over the Skye Bridge and on to the small village of Portree for our lunchtime stop. Portree, although a small harbour village, is the capital of Skye, and is surrounded by rocky cliffs and rolling hills. Its beautiful surroundings make it a perfect stop to have lunch and enjoy views of the boats.

Moving on, we visit various points of interest in Skye. These stops will vary depending on the interests of your group and may include Kilt Rock for its coastal views, a short walk at Lealt Falls and the Old Man of Storr. After spending the afternoon exploring Skye and admiring its stunning scenery we will stop off on the return journey at Strome Viewpoint for photos of Loch Carron before continuing homeward bound to Inverness.



Tour Highlights

- > Portree
- > Old Man of Storr
- > Eilean Donan Castle [£]
- > Loch Ness

[£]OPTIONAL EXTRA.



OLD MAN OF STORR, SKYE



KILT ROCK, SKYE



Check-in closes 5 minutes prior to departure

Daily | ALL YEAR

Departs: 08:00 Returns: 20:00

Adult from: **£50.00**
Concession from: **£48.00**





TOUR 2
1 Day

Loch Ness and the Highlands



Tour Highlights

- > Loch Ness
- > Urquhart Castle £
- > Falls of Foyers
- > Dores Beach

Spend a day Nessie-hunting, take a cruise on the mysterious loch, explore the village of Fort Augustus, visit the ruined loch-side Urquhart Castle, admire the Falls of Foyers and wander along Dores Beach.

Departing Inverness, we follow the beautiful Caledonian Canal to the source at Loch Ness. 24 miles long and over 700 feet deep, the loch is the largest by volume in the British Isles and is most famous for its sightings of the Loch Ness Monster, affectionately known as "Nessie". We spend most of the morning at Loch Ness, allowing you plenty of time to go Nessie-hunting. Our first stop is Dochgarroch, about 7 miles from Inverness, here you will have the option of taking a 5* Loch Ness boat trip with Jacobite Cruises[£]. You will sail across the loch to the 13th century ruins of Urquhart Castle[£] where you will have plenty of time here to explore the ruin, enjoy the visitor centre, and take in the views and atmosphere of Scotland's most famous loch.

We then continue to Invermoriston, where we will pause to take photos of the bridge and St Columba's Well - a well that was believed to have poisonous water until it was blessed by St Columba in AD 565, banishing the evil spirits that haunted it. That same year he had the first documented encounter with the Loch Ness Monster. Afterwards, we journey through to Fort Augustus, the furthestmost point of your

Loch Ness tour. Fort Augustus is a small town with a population of only 650 people and is a perfect spot to relax and watch boats passing through the Caledonian Canal while you enjoy your lunch.

After lunch, our Loch Ness tour will begin its journey back to Inverness, stopping at the Falls of Foyers. The majestic 165ft waterfall was a favourite retreat for poet Rabbin Burns, and is truly breath-taking. Enjoy plenty of time here to soak up the atmosphere before the tour continues on to the village of Dores for a visit to Dores Beach on the east shores of Loch Ness. Spend a short while wandering the sandy shoreline before boarding the coach for a final return journey to Inverness.



HIGHLAND COW

Adult from: **£39.00**
Concession from: **£37.00**

Daily | **ALL YEAR**
Departs: **08:45** Returns: **17:30**

 Check-in closes 5 minutes prior to departure



TOUR 3
1 Day

Applecross, Loch Carron and the Wild Highlands

Enjoy a day exploring the scenic beauty of the Northern Highlands and travel to one of the most remote spots in Scotland; Applecross. Enjoy spectacular scenery, see a range of wildlife and experience the breath-taking Applecross Peninsula.

We depart early in the morning and begin our day tour to Applecross using the lower part of the North Coast 500 route, crossing the beautifully scenic Black Isle before stopping in the village of Lochcarron. Enjoy the views across Loch Carron and perhaps pick up a bite to eat before we continue on to Achintraid. The small village enjoys views over Loch Kishorn and a magnificent mountain range on the opposite shore.

We then climb upwards through dramatic landscape over the Bealach na Ba (Gaelic for Pass of the Cattle) which is also known as the Applecross Pass. The road is the third highest in Britain at over 2000 feet; we'll pause for photos at the summit, so have your camera ready for those jaw-dropping views across Raasay and the Isle of Skye.



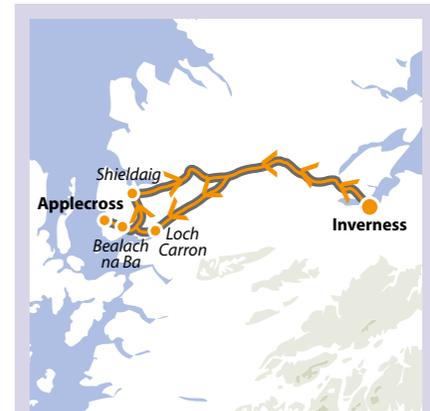
BEALACH NA BA

We then begin our descent to Applecross. Located on a beautiful bay, Applecross is full of natural wildlife, perfect for nature lovers. You may see otters, red kites, deer and perhaps pine martens. We'll stop here to explore the village.

We then leave Applecross and begin our return journey to Inverness with a relaxing drive along the banks of Loch Torridon, and through the Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve. This nature reserve is one of the oldest in Britain and is home to plenty of wildlife; you may even spot a golden eagle. Travelling on, our Applecross tour will make brief stops at the villages of Shieldaig and Kinlochewe on our way back to Inverness. Shieldaig is a small fishing village founded in 1800 and takes its name from the Viking word sild-vik which means "Herring Bay". We pause here to admire the scenery and get some refreshments before moving along Loch Torridon on to Kinlochewe and then homeward bound to Inverness.



LOCH CARRON



Tour Highlights

- > Applecross
- > Lochcarron
- > Achintraid
- > Bealach na Ba

 Check-in closes 5 minutes prior to departure

Mon & Wed | **Apr - Sept**
Departs: **08:30** Returns: **18:30**

Adult from: **£42.00**
Concession from: **£40.00**



TOUR 4

1 Day

John O'Groats and the far North



Our John O'Groats tour is the perfect way to visit the most northerly point on British mainland. See Loch Fleet, explore Dunrobin Castle and enjoy stunning scenery.

Depart Inverness and travel north, up through to Loch Fleet where you might be able to spot some seals and a range of birds – make sure you have your camera ready! Our John O'Groats tour continues on to the village of Golspie. The village, situated on the North Sea coast is nestled next to Ben Bhraggie and is an attractive little seaside resort, with long sandy beaches. Spend time here for refreshments before we journey on to Dunrobin Castle.

A stately home in Sutherland, Dunrobin Castle[£] is the family seat of Clan Sutherland. It resembles a French chateau with its towering spires and it overlooks the Moray Firth. You'll have time here to explore the beautiful stately home, gardens & museum and enjoy some refreshments in their tearoom.



DUNROBIN CASTLE

Before reaching John O'Groats we continue further into the North Highlands through Helmsdale to the Highland town of Wick for our lunch stop. A former Viking settlement, Wick is the principal town in the far north of mainland Scotland. Spend time exploring the town, enjoying views across Wick Bay, whilst you enjoy your lunch.

After our visit to Wick, we then travel to John O'Groats; the most northerly point on British mainland. Here you'll be able to stroll along the cliff path, take your iconic photo at the signpost, enjoy dramatic coastal views and perhaps see some local wildlife. John O'Groats is one of the best places in the UK to see Atlantic puffins, you might also see some grey seals or even an orca!

From John O'Groats, we begin to make our way back to Inverness. We travel to Dunbeath Harbour for photos, and to Brora, famous for its golf courses and magnificent coastal scenery before returning to Inverness.



PUFFINS

Tour Highlights

- > Golspie
- > Dunrobin Castle [£]
- > Loch Fleet
- > John O'Groats

[£]OPTIONAL EXTRA.

Adult from: **£42.00**
Concession from: **£40.00**

Tues & Thu | Apr - Sept
Departs: **08:15** Returns: **19:30**

 Check-in closes 5 minutes prior to departure



TOUR 5

3 Days

Orkney Islands and Highlands

Our 3 day Orkney tour visits Neolithic sites such as Skara Brae, Maeshowe and the Ring of Brodgar. Visit the Italian Chapel, Kirkwall and more in this comprehensive 3 day tour.

DAY 1 Departing from Inverness, we begin our journey north, passing through the imposing scenery of the Black Isle and spots such as Golspie, Loch Fleet and Carn Liath on our way to Gills Bay. We then take a ferry trip over to Orkney, landing at St Margaret's Hope, where we will stop for photos and a visit to the Italian Chapel[£]. Afterwards, we will stop at Kirkwall, where you will check in to your accommodation.

DAY 2 After breakfast, we will depart Kirkwall and begin a full day's exploration of Stone-Age Orkney. As well as stunning scenery, the island is full of ancient history and culture; you'll be able to take in prehistoric wonders such as Maeshowe[£], an underground chambered cairn,

Skara Brae[£]; Europe's best-preserved Neolithic village, and the ceremonial stone circles of The Ring of Brodgar and the Standing Stones of Stenness. All of these collectively make up the "Heart of Neolithic Orkney" and have World Heritage Site Status. The day touring Orkney will be action packed, and end with a drop off at your accommodation in Kirkwall.

DAY 3 The last day begins with a ferry ride back to the mainland of Scotland. We follow the coastline to John O'Groats; Scotland's most northerly point on the mainland. Spend time here exploring the coastline and take your iconic picture next to its famous signpost. A range of wildlife can usually be seen here such as Atlantic puffins, seals, a variety of birds and possibly even an orca. We then travel to Inverness, stopping for photos along the way at Dunbeath Harbour and Dunrobin Castle, returning to the Capital of the Highlands.



Tour Highlights

- > Skara Brae [£]
- > Maeshowe [£]
- > Kirkwall
- > Stones of Stenness

[£]OPTIONAL EXTRA.



SKARA BRAE

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Friday | Apr - Sept
Departs: **08:00** Returns: **19:30**

Adult from: **£175.00**
Concession from: **£169.00**



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1	The Isle of Skye and Eilean Donan Castle	Daily	08:00	20:00	£50	£48
2	Loch Ness and the Highlands	Daily	08:45	17:30	£39	£37
3	Applecross, Loch Carron and the Wild Highlands	Mon & Wed (Apr - Sept)	08:30	18:30	£42	£40
4	John O'Groats and the Far North	Tues & Thu (Apr - Sept)	08:15	19:30	£42	£40

3 Day Tours		Day of Departure	Depart	Return	Adult from	Concession from
5	Orkney Islands and Highlands	Friday (Apr - Sept)	08:00	19:30	£175	£169

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