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Day 1: Friday, September 6, 2019 • Depart

We depart today on an enchanting exploration of **Scotland** where the fantasy of **Outlander** comes to life! If you are an Outlander fan already, you will be thrilled with the many film and book locations we visit. If you haven't discovered Outlander yet, you will enjoy these sites for their history and we will all soon become enchanted with the beautiful country of Scotland!

Day 2: Saturday, September 7, 2019 • Edinburgh

On arrival in Edinburgh we are met by our driver and guide and transfer into the city for an **orientation driving tour** including the **Holyrood Palace**, the Walter Scott Monument, the elegant Prince's Street and the Royal Mile. We have a **welcome lunch** as a group and travel a short distance to Maid of the Forth where we take a **sightseeing cruise**. Highlights include passing beneath the spectacular Forth Rail Bridge and Inchgarvie Island with the remains of its 12th- century castle. With any luck, we also see wildlife such as puffins, guillemots, razorbills, eider ducks, seals and the occasional dolphin or porpoise before we check into our hotel. **L**

Day 3: Sunday, September 8, 2019 • Glasgow

We depart the city this morning and make our way to Glasgow. Our stops along the way include **Hopetoun House**, perhaps Scotland's finest stately home. We have time for a tour and stroll through the beautiful, stunning estate before continuing to **Midhope Castle**, a 16th century tower house better known to Outlander fans as Lallybroch. Next, we marvel at the **Kelpies**, 30-meter-high horse-head sculptures overlooking the Forth and Clyde Canal and learn intriguing stories of shape-shifting malevolent water horses. Later we stop at the **World of Wings Birds of Prey Centre** and learn about the eagles, vultures, hawks, falcons and other raptors that live in the area, and the rescue and conservation programs. We check into our Glasgow hotel for dinner and overnight. **B, D**

Day 4: Monday, September 9, 2019 • Glasgow

After breakfast, we are met by a **local guide** who introduces us to the city including the famous Glasgow Necropolis - a memorial Victorian cemetery where 50,000 people are buried. We tour the beautiful Glasgow Cathedral where the crypt that was used for filming the inside of the L'Hopital des Anges is located in *Outlander*. A visit to the Glasgow Botanic Garden and Kibble Palace are sure to inspire the plant and Victorian architecture lover in you. Lunch and dinner are on your own. **B**

Day 5: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 • Glasgow

Today we will enjoy Glasgow from the Hop On/Hop Off bus. Starting at George Square, where Frank proposed to Claire in Outlander and continuing around the city exploring various historic sites or shopping on your own at any of Glasgow's numerous retail stores. True Outlander fans will want to hop off at the University of Glasgow which was used as the filming location used to represent Harvard University. Lunch and dinner on your own. **B**

Day 6: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 • Fort William Making our way North this morning through The Trossachs National



Park, we make a stop near Loch Lomond, home to red deer and oak woodlands, and the traditional boundary of the Scottish Highlands. We continue to Inveraray Castle where we enjoy a guided tour of this the ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll and the chosen location for the Downton Abbey Christmas 2012 episode and is an iconic, must-see attraction on the West Coast of Scotland. Making our way further North this afternoon we stop at the Three Sisters viewpoint near beautiful Glencoe which Outlander fans will recognize as the scenery used in the opening credits of every episode before arriving in Fort William for the night. B, D

Day 7: Thursday, September 12, 2019 • Fort William

We enjoy a leisurely morning before making our way to the **Nevis Range Mountain Gondola**. On our 15-minute ride up the Aonach Mor, we are afforded scenic views of the Scottish Highlands, including the Great Glen, Ben Nevis and surrounding areas. We head back down via the return gondola before continuing on to the busy fishing port of Mallig. Along the way we make a picture stop at the **Glenfinnan Monument** and catch a glimpse of the 21-arched Glenfinnan viaduct (made famous in the Harry Potter films). Arriving in Mallig, we have free time for lunch on our own before boarding the **Jacobite Steam train** back to Fort William. Dinner is on our own this evening. **B**

Day 8: Friday, September 13, 2019 • Isle of Skye

After breakfast, we make our way to Mallaig Camusdorach Beach an arc of white, glistening sand and clear water. Enjoy this leisurely morning and take the time to dip your feet in the sea, explore rock pools, and do a little beachcombing. At Mallaig we will board the ferry and head "Over The Sea To Skye" for our overnight accommodations. **B**, **D**

Day 9: Saturday, September 14, 2019 • Isle of Skye

On the agenda today is a **Skyeskyns Tannery** demonstration on traditional hide production. We will witness how sheepskins are made into leather using time-honored methods of leather making. And, of course, there will be time for shopping for luxurious fleeces or high-quality leather items. Today will be a perfect example of the famous single-track roads in Scotland and we will be grateful for the experienced local driver. Following the sheep theme we will visit **Skye Weavers** where they use woolen yarns to weave a wide variety of products on a bicycle pedal-powered loom. After arriving back in Portree we will have the rest of the day free for shopping and exploration. **B**

Day 10: Sunday, September 15, 2019 • Isle of Skye

On the agenda today is a photographer's delight and we are visiting Bride's Veil Falls, Kilt Rock and Mealt Falls Viewpoint, an observation point offering panoramic views of waterfalls, cliffs and the sea. Today we learn about Flora McDonald, a Scottish Jacobite heroine made famous by her part in helping young Prince Charles Stuart escape after his defeat during the Jacobite rebellion. She emigrated to North Carolina and also had a role in the American Revolution before eventually returning to Scotland. Outlander readers – remember Claire meeting Flora at the banquet in book five? We visit Flora's grave and memorial at Kilmuir Cemetery and the Skye Museum. B

Day 11: Monday, September 16, 2019 • Inverness

We check out of our hotel and start on our way to Inverness. Our first adventure today is with Calums Plockton Seal Trips for a one hour boat trip searching for the chubby seals famous here. We make our way onward stopping at picturesque **Invermoriston Old Bridge.** We visit the **Loch Ness Museum** and also make a stop at the Clansman Hotel Nessie (gift) Shop situated on Loch Ness and boasting its very own version of Nessie before continuing to Inverness for dinner and overnight. **B**, **D**

Day 12: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 • Inverness

Today we learn more about the Jacobite movement at **Culloden Battlefield** including the rise (and demise) of the clan system, as well as local homes, weapons and battlegrounds. Culloden's battlefield is littered with monument stones to the fallen clans where you can stop and pay your respects. Next we visit **Clava Cairns**, a Bronze Age cemetery complex of passage graves, and it has been suggested that Outlander's fictitious stone circle, Craigh na Dun was inspired by standing stones at this site. Next up is **Brodie Castle**, a 16th century castle which houses an impressive art collection, decorative ceilings and a beautifully landscaped garden. We return to Inverness for overnight. **B**

Day 13: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 • Pitlochry

Departing Inverness today, we travel a short distance south to visit the Highland Folk Museum where we are given a taste of how Highland people lived and worked from the 1700s up until the 1950s. Outlander fans will note that this museum served as the ideal choice to film MacKenzie village where shelter is taken in the very first episode and where Dougal later collects the rent. Other highlights today include a working sheep dog demonstration and a visit to Blair Castle and Gardens. Nestled in the wooded foothills of the Grampian Mountains and on the edge of the Cairngorms Nationals Park, we learn about the Atholl family at Blair and their turbulent history over 700 years. The estate is one of the best-known Highland estates and has adapted to the times, offers services in tourism, agriculture, forestry, renewable energy and more. We learn about its initiatives and visit the castle to see for ourselves what made Queen Victoria love the area. We overnight in Pitlochry. B, D

Day 14: Thursday, September 19, 2019 • Edinburgh

Making our way to **Drummond Castle Gardens**, highlighted in Outlander S2 where Jamie and Claire were confronted by Black Jack Randall, we enjoy take time to explore these formal gardens. Our next stop is another Outlander favorite, Falkland. This idyllic town was used for filming Outlander many times with the infamous "Jamies's Ghost" scene standing outside of Claire's window. Recreate this iconic scene yourself looking up to Mrs. Baird's Bed & Breakfast window! Then it's off to **Deanston Distillery** for a tour and tasting. Deanston, housed in a former cotton mill, was the setting for Jamie's cousin's wine warehouse on the docks of Le Havre. Finally, we find ourselves at famous **Doune Castle**. Outlander is not this castle's only claim to fame as Castle Leoch it was also featured in Monty Python and the Holy Grail and starred in the pilot episode of Game of Thrones. Our audio tour of Doune Castle is sure to be a highlight! We overnight near Edinburgh tonight. **B**

Day 15: Friday, September 20, 2019 • Edinburgh

Our final full day in Scotland finds us back in wonderful Edinburgh. Famous in its own right, the bustling city of Edinburgh is featured predominantly in Outlander and the Hop On/Hop Off bus is the perfect way to see much of it. Suggested highlights include Edinburgh Castle, Mary King's Close, Hollyrood Palace, Old Town Royal Mile, and World's End Pub but there are many other stops along the way that you may choose to explore. Tonight's farewell dinner together will be the perfect time to share how we spent our final hours in fantastical Scotland. **B.D**

Day 16: Saturday, September 21, 2019 • Return

Sadly, it is time to bid farewell to Scotland as we transfer to Edinburgh airport for our return flights home. We return, however, with memories of stunning landscapes, fabulous architecture and film sets, inspiring stories of Celtic history, and most importantly, a wealth of new friends! Welcome home! **B**

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- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
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