

Scotland & Lake District 10 Day Tour

Welcome!! Slow, relaxed touring is our goal, so please don't hesitate to speak up if you want to stop for photos, a restroom, tea or coffee. During the tour, if you decide that you want to take a day off to just sit around, all we ask is that you let us know so we aren't waiting for you. We want you to return home feeling like you've "really" discovered and explored the places we've taken you. Unlike most tours we will be staying at least 2 nights at nearly every hotel to make your experience even more enjoyable. This 10 day journey will bring the very best **Scotland** and the **Lake District** have to offer the visitor.

After meeting up at the airport we head for the **Lake District**, one of the most picturesque areas of the U.K. full of mountains, lakes and forests.

Birdoswald Roman Fort is the perfect place to see the longest continuous remaining stretch of **Hadrians Wall** the 84 mile coast to coast defensive fortification built by the Emperor Hadrian nearly 2000 years ago.

No visit to Scotland is complete without a visit to **Gretna Green** and its world famous **Blacksmith's Shop** that has been conducting weddings for over 250 years.

Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's grandest castles due to its imposing position and impressive architecture. The Scenery will take your breath away. Here you can follow in the footsteps of the knights and nobles who once flocked to the castle.

Loch Lomond is the largest and, arguably the most picturesque Loch in Scotland giving exhilarating views across to The Trossachs

Inveraray is a royal burgh in Argyll and Bute and a spell in its original historic jail will give you an authentic taste of prison life.

Glencoe, scene of the famous massacre of the **MacDonalds** by the **Campbells**, is perhaps Scotland's most famous and most scenic glen. Glencoe is also arguably Scotland's most historic glen and is a magnificent and atmospheric place

The **Isle of Skye** (an t-Eilean Sgiathanach in Gaelic) takes its name from the old Norse sky-a, meaning 'cloud island', a Viking reference to the often-mist-enshrouded Cuillin Hills. It's the second-largest of Scotland's islands, a 50-mile-long patchwork of velvet moors, jagged mountains, sparkling lochs and towering sea cliffs.

Eilean Donan Castle is one of the most iconic images in Scotland. See for yourself. It is certainly one of the most romantic and photographed castles in Scotland.

the battlefield at **Culloden** has been restored to as close as possible to that seen by the forces on that fateful day in April 1746 when the Jacobite supporters of Bonnie Prince Charlie came up against the superior forces of George 11. With over 1,200 dead in just one hour Culloden was a short but bloody battle - the last to be fought on British soil.

Loch Ness probably needs no introduction as it is synonymous with Scotland. The freshwater loch is deep and extends for about 23 miles. Plenty of space for **Nessie** to continue avoiding capture. Maybe you'll be the one who takes the definitive snapshot to show the world she really does exist.

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Balmoral Castle is a large Estate house in Royal Deeside and the summer residence of Her Majesty the Queen and her family. Nearby, Crathie Church is attended by The Royals whenever they are at home and they always attend annual The Highland Games in *Braemar*

Scone Palace has an exciting and colourful history and is the original home of the Stone of Destiny and was the site of the coronations of the Kings of Scots.

In Edinburgh you will have plenty of free time to explore **The Castle** and the **Royal Mile**. You can also do some last minute shopping on **Princes Street**.

Prices start at just £1,675 per person based on 2 people sharing double/twin rooms on a bed and breakfast basis. Transport to and from Edinburgh airport is included in the price as is entrance to the following attractions:-

Birdswald Fort
Stirling Castle
Inveraray Jail
Hogwarts Express
Eilean Donan Castle
Culloden
Balmoral Castle
Scone Palace

Also, you will have a farewell dinner on your last night courtesy of Cambrian Routes Limited as a thank you for your company.