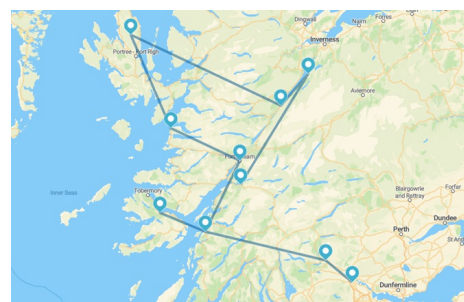




Scotland, 5 Days · Your own car at your own pace

## Route through the Western Scotland and the Highlands

Get behind the wheel and hit the road because you have a high octane route ahead. It perfectly combines the essence of the Highlands with the character of Western Scotland; all, covered with a medieval air. That spirit of the Middle Ages is constantly visible in countless places. But there is much more, from even earlier in history. The Roman amphitheater McCaig's Tower is preserved in Oban, a marvel to enjoy, camera in hand. Character and essence are combined with nature on the Isle of Mull and the Isle of Skye. These are unique places, where you can lose yourself among flocks of sheep or contemplate the most spectacular mountains in the country. Getting to these islands, in addition, is simple. You are only a ferry trip away, which is an experience in itself. Loch Ness deserves a special mention. Perhaps it is the most famous lake in the world because of the legend of the monster that lives here and, even if you are skeptical, you will still find yourself looking for it. Along this route, you will also visit the largest lake in Scotland: Loch Lomond. It is located in the heart of the Trossachs, in one of the most beautiful national parks in the country. Finally, you come to the Glen Coe Valley. It is superb and steeped in legend. We encourage you to take pictures until you no longer have any room on your camera.



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**Departure date:** Departures from July 2026 till June 2027

### Travel details

#### DAY 1 · STIRLING - CALLANDER - OBAN

You will have heard that in Stirling, William Wallace fought in the thirteenth century to defend his people. Today, 800 years later, various memorials of the guardian of Scotland are kept as his monument, a tower that stands almost 70 metres on the fields of Abbey Craig. Another must-see is Stirling castle (11th Century). You will see it from afar, standing perched on a hill which gives it a unique air. Visiting it is a way to immerse yourself in the story, which has much of its foundation at the next stop in Callander, a perfect place to stop for lunch. While you taste some of the typical dishes of the area, you can decide which of all the lakes that surround Callander you are going to visit. There are 4: Venachar, Achray, Katrine and Lomond. Which and how many you decided to visit is up to you, but keep in mind that you have about two hours until the last destination of the day. Oban is a city that looks over the sea and has several sites that you will love. The castle of Dunollie is beautiful and unique, and perhaps most surprising is the Roman amphitheater: McCaig's Tower. Located at the top of a hill, it 'watches over' a coast that you can cross on one of the excursions that leave daily to watch whales. Overnight stay in Oban.

## ● DAY 2 · OBAN - ISLE OF MULL - OBAN

The route that has been prepared for today is unforgettable, so our recommendation is that you make the most of the day. The itinerary of the previous day was not very demanding, so we encourage you to check the schedules and if you can, take the ferry from 6:45 to the Isle of Mull. It is early, but it will help you make the most of the day and you will get to see the sunrise from the boat. Quite a sight. Once you disembark at Craignure, you'll be on the Isle of Mull, so you just have head out and enjoy the surroundings. Here there are more sheep than people, so it is very common to see them grazing freely and invading the road in flocks. Because of that, and because they are single lane roads, it is better to go slowly and, although the distances are short, calculate in more time than the GPS tells you. As a suggestion, you must visit Calgary Bay, Duart Castle and, if you like hiking, Aros Park. Remember to catch the ferry back to Oban because that's where you will spend the night. (Note: the ferry takes an hour to connect the ports of Oban and Craignure and costs around 50 euros for a car and two passengers. Check the timetable in advance. The suggested return ferry crossings are optional and not included in the final price. Before boarding the car onto the ferry you need to request authorisation from the rental company. If you're not able to board the vehicle, you could consider an alternative trip without the car). Overnight stay in Oban.

## ● DAY 3 · OBAN - FORT WILLIAM - MALLAIG - ISLE OF SKYE

The trip to Mallaig is one of the longest you will take during your stay in Scotland, but it is one of the most impressive. Drive along the coast of Loch Linnhe and avoid the urge to head to places like Glen Coe, in two days you will have enough time to lose yourself in these places. Although we do recommend a brief stop at Fort William, the capital of outdoor activities in the United Kingdom. Feel like a great mountaineer taking a picture with Ben Nevis in the background, the highest mountain in the country, or transform yourself into a real wizard next to the Jacobite, the steam train that took Harry Potter to Hogwarts. Then, you can continue your journey towards Mallaig. This is the starting point for travelling to the Isle of Skye, but it is more than a port. If you have a few minutes before taking the ferry, you can go to the small viewpoint in front of the port and see it from another perspective. Once on the Isle of Skye, remember that you have the whole day ahead and the day tomorrow, so you can consider longer trips if you want. The fog is a constant feature on the island and, therefore, if it isn't foggy on the first day, head towards the Cuillir mountains, because it is possible that tomorrow they will be shrouded in mist. The highest point is Sgurr Alasdair, which is around 1,000 meters high, but the mountains together make this small mountain range the most spectacular in the country.

To the north, you will find the Fairy Pools, the fairy pools, an enclave full of magic, small natural pools and dreamy waterfalls.

Overnight stay on the Isle of Skye.

## ● DAY 4 · ISLE OF SKYE - FORT AUGUSTUS

Today you wake up on the magical Isle of Skye, a real delight for the senses! If you did not have time to walk the previous day through the port of Portree, it would be a good way to start the day. You will be fascinated by the colorful facades of their houses and you will be seduced by the boats offering trips to see dolphins and ospreys. It's a good choice. Another is to go around the island so as not miss the landscape surrounding Trotternish and Dunvegan and its brand new castle. Near here is the Neist Point lighthouse, a lighthouse that is still in operation and that perches on a cliff battered by the fiercest waves of the North Sea. Another alternative is Quiraing, one of the most winding roads on the island, but which offers unparalleled views. As you can see, you have a wide choice of things to do. Then, leave the island over the Skye Bridge by car and take the A87 to Fort Augustus. From the bridge you have about an hour's drive to reach Fort Augustus, famous for being on the shores of Loch Ness, but also because it is one of the towns through which the Caledonian Canal passes, 100 kilometres of canals, channels and lakes that connect the Atlantic with the North sea. Enjoy a pleasant walk on both sides of the canal to see the ships entering the locks, and visit the visitor's centre to learn its history. Overnight stay in Fort Augustus.

● DAY 5 · FORT AUGUSTUS - LOCH NESS - GLENCOE - LOCH LOMOND

Today is, without doubt, one of the most interesting days on this "Route through Western Scotland and the Highlands". The stops we propose are unmissable on any Scottish road trip, so have a good breakfast and build up your strength because you have a very busy day ahead of you. After half an hour of travel we reached the first site: Loch Ness with its icy waters. It is a mythical site and one of the most photographed on the planet, so do not hesitate to take photos of every corner of the lake in search of the dreaded sea monster. Then - it's time to head south - and the best way to do it is through the Glencoe Valley. It is perhaps one of the most overwhelming sites on the trip. Following the Route designed by our team of experts, you arrive at your next stop: Loch Lomond, the largest lake in the country and also one of the most unique. (Note: From Glen Coe to Lake Lomond the journey takes approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes). It is located in the heart of the natural park of Trossachs, so you can already imagine how beautiful it must be. End of the route.

Your trip includes

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✓ Stay in selected hotel in Oban.

✓ Selected meal plan in Skye.

✓ Selected meal plan in Fort Augustus.

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✓ Stay in selected hotel in Fort Augustus.

✓ Insolvency protection.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Skye.

Your trip doesn't include

✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Rent-a-car.

✗ Ferry Mallaig-Skye.

Destinations Visited

Stirling



Callander



Oban



Aros



Fort William



Mallaig



Skye



Fort Augustus



Loch Ness



Glencoe



## Important remarks

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- From 5 March 2025, it is mandatory to obtain an ETA Electronic Travel Authorisation in advance and online to enter the United Kingdom. This form must be obtained through the website Apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).
- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.

- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- This itinerary has been prepared in collaboration with the British National Tourism Office (Visit Britain).
- Suggested round-trip ferry rides are optional and not included in the final price. If you intend to take the car on a ferry, please let the rental company know at the time of pick-up to receive authorisation. Depending on the conditions agreed to in the rental contract and the company you choose, you might be charged a fee payable at the destination.