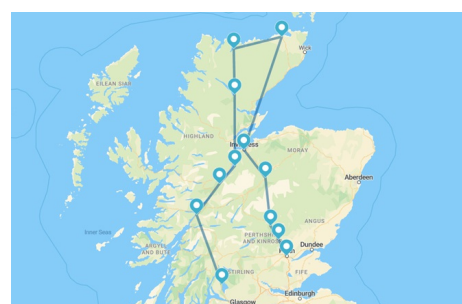




Scotland, 5 Days · Your own car at your own pace

## Route through Northern Scotland and the Highlands

Discover this incredible Route that will allow you to explore the Scottish Highlands at your leisure. A land of strength and character, forged in climatological conditions that can at times be severe, it has managed to create its own essence and make its space an intimate place, full of passion, but also of mystery. Loch Ness will always be mysterious, thanks to its monster and all the legend that surrounds it. The Glen Coe Valley, Lairg and the wonderful Orkney Islands, the birthplace of the Neolithic period are all unique places. Its monoliths and buildings will take you back tens of centuries in time. And you'll be tempted to look up to the skies, since these lands are the perfect place to view the northern lights. Food and drink is essential on any trip. Here you can taste the purest of flavours. From the always delicious Angus beef to smoked salmon or freshly caught trout. A diet that can evoke Vikings, like the cuisine in Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. Here time seems to stop. Either in the village of Luss or in Thurso, one of the northernmost cities. To leave behind these places you have to think of enclaves as impressive as Loch Lomond, Fort Augustus or Fort William, ideal places to enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities.



NATURE

FAMILIES

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

### Travel details

#### ● DAY 1 · PERTH - DUNKELD - PITLOCHRY - EDRADOUR - AVIEMORE

We set off heading for the Highlands. Our first stop will be Perth, your gateway to the highlands, located on the banks of the River Tay. Here you will discover where the kings of Scotland were crowned up until the thirteenth century: in the Abbey of Scone. Book your visit to coincide with the popular horse races at the Scone Palace. Our next stop is also on the banks of the river: it is the picturesque village of Dunkeld. You can walk through the center, but we recommend you do not miss a trip to the Loch of Lowes to see the different species of native birds that live here. Very close by you will come to the Hermitage, a true fairy tale forest. You will be mesmerised, but you can not stay forever because Pitlochry is waiting for you. (Note: From Dunkeld to Pitlochry, the journey takes about 20 minutes). After driving 1 hour and 30 minutes, you finish up in Aviemore. Get ready to enjoy the nightlife of one of the most lively ski resorts in the country! Overnight stay in Aviemore.

## ● DAY 2 · AVIEMORE - INVERNESS - THURSO

Leaving Aviemore would be hard if you weren't heading out to the north of the country. And that is what you will do today. The trip to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands, will not take you more than an hour, but if you are fond of photography, you'll want to stop to take unique snapshots. You are very close to Loch Ness, but do not give in to temptation and leave it for another day. And do not worry because we have prepared it for you later. Our advice is that you take advantage of the transportation available and that you visit some of the nearby towns at your own pace. Back in Inverness, treat yourself to a walk along the River Ness and remember that you're walking in the footsteps of Vikings. There are authentic treasures in its museum and a little bit of its history. Eating here is a delight.

And then it's time to head for Thurso, located 2 hours and 30 minutes away. It is a tranquil natural paradise. If the weather conditions allow, you can walk among its dark stone houses and even on the beach. Otherwise, enjoy a pint with the residents in this town.

Overnight stay in Thurso.

## ● DAY 3 · THURSO - ORKNEY ISLANDS - THURSO

The ferry to the Orkney Islands (journey not included in the price) has a duration that varies between 1 to 6 hours, depending on the shipping company you choose. Therefore, we recommend that you consult the fastest options, either with the Tourist Office or directly with any of the shipping companies that cover the journey. The ferry departs from the port of Gills, half an hour from Thurso, and disembarks in the bay of St Margaret's Hope. From here you can travel the islands by car, since its main points of interest are linked by road. This independence will open the door to a paradise of wild fauna, green tree-less hills, turquoise beaches and a whole world of colours and sounds that you will only experience in this part of the world. It is a unique location thanks to its wealth of historical landmarks. The town of Skara Brae is unique, as is the ring of Brodgar and the mysterious neolithic hill of Maes Howe, which hides the largest tombs on the island. The island of Mainland, the main one of the 70 that make up the Orkneys, is one of the main centres for neolithic cultures. But before arriving on Mainland, we recommend you make a small stop on Lamb Island to visit its cozy Italian chapel and buy handmade wines made from fruits, vegetables and herbs.

And one last suggestion: from September to March you can see the aurora borealis from here.

To return to Thurso, you can take the ferry from the western side of the island. It will take about two and a half hours to travel from the port of Stromness to Scrabster, which is 10 minutes from Thurso.

Overnight stay in Thurso.

## ● DAY 4 · THURSO - TONGUE - LAIRG - LOCH NESS - FORT AUGUSTUS - FORT WILLIAM

The time has come to leave the northernmost part of Scotland and descend towards Tongue, although you will still be in the north of the country all day. Much of the journey runs along the coast, so any place will be ideal to take out the camera, point and shoot. On the way you will go through Coldbackie. Stop the clock and give yourself a few minutes to enjoy these unique views. Another attraction in Tongue is its imposing mountain: Ben Loyal. Do not miss it because it is on the route to your next stop: Lairg. It is the gateway to the last great desert of Europe. It is pure nature and is very diverse. From the romantic waterfalls of Shin to Lake Assynt, where you can walk among grazing deer. Once you have seen these sensations, you are ready for the highlight of the day: Loch Ness. Can you imagine being the one to take a picture of the most famous monster in the country? On the shores of the lake is Fort Augustus. Here you can walk along the shore if you want, the one overlooking the North Sea or the opposite bank, the one that overlooks the Atlantic. If you follow the route in the direction of Fort William, not only will you skirt Loch Ness, but you will be able to visit one of its most photographed locations: that of Urquhart Castle, on its west bank. Do not hesitate and if you have time, come and walk through its legendary ruins! The last stop on the itinerary is Fort William. And to finish, why not have a meal on the High Street?

Overnight stay in Fort William and surroundings.

● DAY 5 · FORT WILLIAM - GLEN COE - LAKE LOMOND - LUSS

Before leaving Fort William, come and see how the locks of the Caledonia Canal work, a canal built by Thomas Telford stretching more than 100 kilometres connecting the east coast of Inverness with Corpach, near Fort William. Do not forget to take a picture with Ben Nevis behind you, an authentic attraction for climbers for being the highest peak of the British Isles. Then finally leave Fort William in the direction of Glen Coe on one of the most impressive roads in Scotland. The Glen Coe Valley will leave you speechless. It is shocking and overwhelming at the same time.

Although the GPS indicates that the journey should take 30 minutes, do not hesitate to invest the time necessary to enjoy the landscape. Our next stop will be Loch Lomond, the National Park of the Trossachs and, of course, the little village of Luss.

You will fall in love with their little houses and their tranquility. You are not the first to think about staying here and changing the whirlpool of routine for a place that exudes delicacy and peace.

End of the route.

Your trip includes

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✓ Stay in selected hotel in Aviemore.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Thurso.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Fort William.

✓ Selected meal plan in Aviemore.

✓ Selected meal plan in Thurso.

✓ Selected meal plan in Fort William.

✓ Insolvency protection.

Your trip doesn't include

✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Rent-a-car.

Destinations Visited

Perth



Dunkeld



Pitlochry



Aviemore



Inverness



Thurso



Tongue



Lairg



Loch Ness



Fort Augustus



Fort William



Luss



## 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.