



Orkney and Shetlands Tour



August 20th to August 30th, 2024

Tour Highlights:

- Full days exploring Isle of Skye, Inverness, Orkney, and the Shetlands.
- Take pictures of Fingal's Cave, Island of Staffa
- Ride the Jacobite Train
- Tour Urquhart Castle
- Look for Nessie on a Loch Ness cruise
- Visit Culloden Moor
- Discover the V&A Museum, Dundee

Tour Includes:

- 8 nights at 3 & 4-star hotels
- 2 nights on Northlink Ferry
- 9 breakfast, 1 lunch, 9 dinners
- 3 special dinner evening
- Luxury coach
- Tour guide
- All entrances as per itinerary
- All hotel taxes and service fees

Pricing: (\$CAD)

\$6,590 per person/twin

\$7,890 single rate

Payment schedule:

Deposit: \$1,000 per person

February 1st: \$1,000 per person

March 1st: \$1,000 per person

June 1st: Final balance due

This tour will be led by Stewart Bennett.

Minimum 20 passengers to guarantee departure.



Ask us about Manulife
Travel Insurance.

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Itinerary: 2 nights Glencoe, 2 nights Isle of Skye, 2 nights Inverness, 1 night Thurso, 2 nights Northlink Ferry, 1 night Glasgow Airport

Tuesday, August 20th, 2024: Meeting at Glasgow Airport this morning, our luxury coach and driver will pick us up and take us for coffee in the beautiful village of **Luss** on Loch Lomond. The village of Luss is around 1,500 years old. We will then travel to the town of **Inveraray** for a lunch stop – there are many places to choose from; may we recommend The George Hotel. We will head north to Loch Awe for a guided tour of **St. Conan's Kirk**. We then head to the **Ballachulish Hotel** for 2 nights stay. Group dinner tonight. (D)

Wednesday, August 21st, 2024: After a great Scottish breakfast we will go to Oban to catch the ferry to the Isle of Mull. From here, we travel down to Fionnphort to board a small boat which takes us the **Island of Staffa**. We will see **Fingal's Cave** – legend has it the Irish giant Fionn mac Cumhaill built this. Our next stop is **Iona** to tour **Iona Abbey**. There will be time for lunch in the village. Afterwards, we will sail back to Oban to get our coach back to Glencoe for a delicious dinner at our hotel. (B, D)

Thursday, August 22nd, 2024: Breakfast. We head to Fort William to board the **Jacobite Train** for our journey over the Glenfinnan Viaduct. We arrive in **Mallaig** with time to find some great fish 'n chips for lunch. Then onto our ferry to sail over to **Skye**. We should have time for a stop at Armadale Castle, the seat of Clan Donald. A short drive to the **Eilean Iarmain Hotel** for 2 nights stay. Group dinner. (B, D)

Friday, August 23rd, 2024: After breakfast we begin touring! Our focus today is the beautiful **Isle of Skye**. We will see **The Old Man of Storr, The Quaraing, Kilt Rock and Uig**. We will stop in **Portree** for some shopping and lunch. Time permitting, we may visit the Fairy Glen or the Fairy Pools before heading back to our hotel for dinner. (B, D)

Saturday, August 24th, 2024: Breakfast. We leave Skye and go to the **Palace Hotel** Inverness for 2 nights stay. On route we visit **Urquhart Castle** for a tour. Urquhart Castle was the only Highland castle to hold out against the English in the 1300's. The stunning backdrop of **Loch Ness** will find us on a cruise looking for the Loch Ness Monster. We will also have time today to visit **Culloden Moor** where the English army defeated Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite's. Group dinner at hotel tonight. (B, D)

Sunday, August 25th, 2024: Leisurely breakfast and a leisurely day in the Capital of the Highlands. **Inverness** has wonderful shopping. Other sites you may wish to explore include the Botanic Gardens, Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, Inverness Cathedral and of course, Leakey's Bookstore. Dinner on your own tonight with an abundance of restaurants to choose from. (B)

Monday, August 26th, 2024: Breakfast. Today we head north with a coffee stop in **Tain**. We will then tour **Dunrobin Castle**, the home of the Duke of Sunderland. Time for lunch here as well. We continue north, and if the coach permits, we will stop at Sinclair Castle. Weather permitting, we will go on the Highland Sea Safari along the cliffs of Northeast Scotland. Keep your eyes open for Red Deer, Ospreys, Red Squirrels, and other wildlife. Tonight, we have a 1-night stay at **Pentland Hotel** with dinner. (B, D)

Tuesday, August 27th, 2024: We will be off on an early start to catch our ferry in Scrabster. Breakfast will be on the ferry as we cross the Pentland Strait over to Stromness. We will tour **Orkney** with stops at **Skara Brae, Ring of Brodgar, Sheila Fleet Jewellery and Churchill Barriers**. We will stop in **Kirkwall** with time for lunch. Make sure you visit Kirkwall Cathedral! Dinner tonight will be in a local hotel before boarding our ferry for an **overnight sail** to the Shetlands. (B, D)

Wednesday, August 28th, 2024: Breakfast. We land in **Lerwick** where our step on guide will meet us. The guide will show us around **Shetland** with stops at **Jarhoff and Carole's Shetland Ponies**. Lunch is included and will be in the hotel at the Jarhoff site. We will then board the ferry for dinner and **overnight sail** over the North Sea to Aberdeen. (B, L, D)

Thursday, August 29th, 2024: After breakfast on the ferry, we land in Aberdeen. We will head south to Dundee for a tour in the amazing **V&A Museum**, Scotland's design museum. We will then head to our hotel at **Glasgow Airport** but first we will have a wee stop at **Paisley Cathedral**. Tonight, our coach will drop us at the **Mharsanta Restaurant** in Glasgow's market area for a scrumptious farewell dinner. A local coach will return us to the **Holiday Inn Glasgow Airport** for our final night. (B, D)

Friday, August 30th, 2024: Tour ends, unless extending your stay.

Ask DHTour about staying in Edinburgh prior to the tour with tickets to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

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