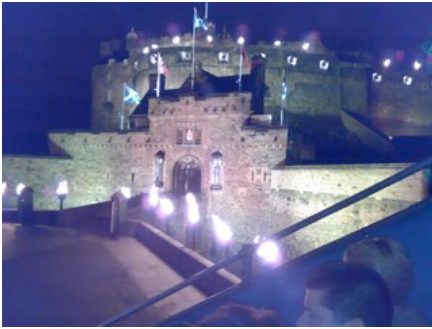


## Scotland's Eastern Tour. £4250.00

Prices based on 2 people sharing either a Double or Twin Room, includes Breakfast.

### Excludes Flights



**Duration:** 7 Days, 6 Nights.

**Dates:** Flexible.

### Inclusive of:

Hotels B&B

Airport Transfers

Personal Driver/Guide

### Description:

A break that incorporates the culture and history of the country. You start at one of Europe's best-loved cities, Edinburgh and enjoy both the history and the buzz of this historic, vibrant city, and all it has to offer. You then get to start your road trip across to the Eastern side of the country where you will then head North through villages and towns, all surrounded by some of the worlds most breath taking scenery. Your journey will end back at the city of Glasgow, where you can enjoy a free day shopping before your return home.

### Day 1)

Welcome to Scotland, You will be met at the airport, by your driver who will transfer you to your central Edinburgh hotel. Once you have settled in, you can enjoy your first tastes of Scotland and explore the local area.

### Day 2)

Your own personal tour guide will meet you in the lobby and take you on an informative tour of this fantastic city, and give you a chance to see some of its most famous sites.

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, a position it has held since 1437. It is the seventh largest city in the United Kingdom and the second largest Scottish city, after Glasgow. The City of Edinburgh Council is one of Scotland's 32 local government council areas.

Located in the south-east of Scotland, Edinburgh lies on the east coast of the Central Belt, along the Firth of Forth, near the North Sea. Owing to its rugged setting and vast collection of Medieval and Georgian architecture, including numerous stone tenements, it is often considered one of the most picturesque cities in Europe.

### Day 3)

Today you leave the city and start your road trip, you will start by travelling up the side, of the 'bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond to Crianlarich then to Killin to see the Falls of Dochart. (Waterfalls that run right under the road bridge) Travelling high above Loch Tay, this has to be one of the most beautiful drives in Scotland, the chance also to maybe divert to Fortingall, birthplace of Pontious Pilate (yes, he was Scottish - the result of an 'assignation between a Roman soldier and a local farm girl) and home to the oldest tree in Europe, the huge Fortingall Yew located in the picturesque churchyard. Then on to Kenmore, to stop at the Kenmore Inn, one of the oldest in Scotland dating back to the 16th century, for a refreshment, maybe a wee dram/or tea/coffee in the bar where Robert Burns wrote a poem on the wall and it can still be read to this day.

Continuing through the glens to Pitlochry, a lovely Victorian town for our overnight stop.

#### **Day 4)**

Depart Pitlochry, visit the smallest and most picturesque distillery in Scotland, Edradour, then to visit Blair Castle, one of Scotland's 'must sees', the home of the Dukes of Atholl, beautifully furnished in lovely grounds. Then a chance for a bit of 'retail therapy', The House of Bruar' for quality Scottish gifts and clothing. (Maybe be something for the wedding). Continuing through the Grampian Mountains towards Dalwhinnie where there is Scotland's highest distillery (by altitude) and drive through Laggan where they filmed Monarch of the Glen to Spean Bridge, to see the Commando Memorial, to those that trained here for the D-Day landing in World WarII. Travelling down the Great Glen through Fort William Ballachulish and the overnight stop.

#### **Day 5)**

Travel down through atmospheric Glencoe, scene of the Massacre in 1692 but more recently one of the film locations for Harry Potter films to Crianlarich and down the side of Loch Lomond to Glasgow.

#### **Day 6)**

A free day in Glasgow to shop and wonder around the city.

**Glasgow** is the largest city in Scotland and third most populous in the United Kingdom. The city is situated on the River Clyde in the country's west central lowlands. A person from Glasgow is known as a Glaswegian, which is also the name of the local dialect.

Glasgow grew from the medieval Bishopric of Glasgow and the later establishment of the University of Glasgow, which contributed to the Scottish Enlightenment. From the 18th century the city became one of Europe's main hubs of transatlantic trade with the Americas. With the Industrial Revolution, the city and surrounding region grew to become one of the world's pre-eminent centres of engineering and shipbuilding, constructing many revolutionary and famous vessels. Glasgow was known as the "*Second City of the British Empire*" for much of the Victorian era and Edwardian period. Today it is one of Europe's top twenty financial centres and is home to many of Scotland's leading businesses.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries Glasgow grew to a population of over one million, and was the fourth-largest city in Europe, after London, Paris and Berlin. In the 1960s, large-scale relocation to new towns and peripheral suburbs, followed by successive boundary changes, have reduced the current population of the City of Glasgow unitary authority area to 580,690, with 1,199,629 people living in the Greater Glasgow Urban Area. The entire region surrounding the conurbation covers approximately 2.3 million people, 41% of Scotland's population.

#### **Day 7)**

Sadly today you must depart. You will be transferred in plenty of time to the airport for your return flight home.