



# SCOTLAND - A JACOBITE ADVENTURE

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## AN TURAS HERITAGE EXPEDITIONS

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Born and raised in the Highlands of Scotland, I have always loved exploring the mountains, lochs, rivers and forests of Scotland and further afield. Over the years I have become fascinated with the remote ruined villages and crofts of the Highlands and Islands and I've developed a passion for our amazing Neolithic sites (of which we have many). My love of learning about Scottish history and heritage continues to grow the more I learn and explore.

After 8 years of working for a renowned UK-based tour operator and laterally with a focus on delivering bespoke, private tours in Scotland, I have a wealth of experience in all that the country has to offer.

Favourite regions: Argyll on the West Coast, the Orkney Islands and the Inner Hebrides – each has their own character and unique landscape.

Favourite Sites: Kilmartin Glen, Maes Howe, Bosta Bay & Arichonan



## A JACOBITE ADVENTURE

### Overview

The Jacobite Risings of the 17th and 18th centuries had an impact on the whole of Scotland, making their mark on the land forever. On this tour of Edinburgh and the Highlands you'll see first hand many of the strongholds and battlefields involved in the risings, as well as other sites that help us piece together the Jacobite cause and its consequences.

The Jacobites came from a variety of backgrounds, regions and clans; what united them was their endeavour to restore the Stuarts to the Scottish (and British) thrones. Risings, bloody battles with the British Government forces, timely retreats and epic escapes ensued over a period of several decades.

On this private tour of Scotland you'll see some of the most important sites in the Jacobite story and learn how the risings changed the shape of Scotland's culture forever.















### Activity Level

Speak to your travel designer about how active you like to be on vacation. This trip can be adapted to include easy, moderate or more challenging hikes, or you can choose to do a less active version.












We will pair you up with a guide who is most suited to your activity level.



## Itinerary Overview

Day	Activities
Day 1	 Transfer departs Edinburgh Airport Transfer arrives at your hotel  Arrive at Edinburgh Airport where you will be met by your private driver and transferred into the city.  <hr/>  Check In at The Balmoral  <hr/>  Welcome to Edinburgh
Day 2	 Edinburgh Walking Tour  <hr/>  Overnight at The Balmoral
Day 3	 Check Out from The Balmoral  <hr/>  Blair Castle  <hr/>  Check In at The Ness Walk Hotel
Day 4	 Culloden Battlefield Tour  <hr/>  Overnight at The Ness Walk Hotel
Day 5	 Check Out from The Ness Walk Hotel  <hr/>  Urquhart Castle Tour  <hr/>  Check In at Glenfinnan House Hotel
Day 6	 Glenfinnan

## Itinerary Overview

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Day 6	 Overnight at Glenfinnan House Hotel
Day 7	 Check Out from Glenfinnan House Hotel <hr/>  Rob Roy's Grave <hr/>  Check In at Monachyle Mhor
Day 8	 Check Out from Monachyle Mhor <hr/>  Stirling Castle <hr/>  Check In at Blythswood Square Hotel & Spa <a href="#">Alternate</a> <hr/>  Check In at The Balmoral <a href="#">Alternate</a>
Day 9	 Transfer departs your hotel Transfer arrives at either Glasgow or Edinburgh Airport <p>A private transfer will take you to either Glasgow or Edinburgh Airport to make your onward journey.</p> <hr/>  Check Out from Blythswood Square Hotel & Spa <a href="#">Alternate</a> <hr/>  Check Out from The Balmoral <a href="#">Alternate</a>

## Your Accommodations

Day	Accommodation	Details	Nights
Day 1 - 3	The Balmoral	-	2
Day 3 - 5	The Ness Walk Hotel	-	2
Day 5 - 7	Glenfinnan House Hotel	-	2
Day 7 - 8	Monachyle Mhor	-	1
Day 8 - 9	Blythswood Square Hotel & Spa <a href="#">Alternate</a>	-	1
Day 8 - 9	The Balmoral <a href="#">Alternate</a>	-	1

## Map



## Summary

- 1) Day 1 - 3: The Balmoral, Edinburgh
- 2) Day 3 - 5: The Ness Walk Hotel, Inverness
- 3) Day 5 - 7: Glenfinnan House Hotel, Scottish Highlands
- 4) Day 7 - 8: Monachyle Mhor , Scottish Highlands
- 5) Day 8 - 9: The Balmoral, Edinburgh
- 6) Day 8 - 9: Blythswood Square Hotel & Spa, Glasgow



## DAY 1

### Transfer to at your hotel

- Depart Edinburgh Airport
- Arrive at your hotel

Arrive at Edinburgh Airport where you will be met by your private driver and transferred into the city.

### Check in at The Balmoral

2 Nights

### Property Overview

The Balmoral is where old town meets new. It's a legendary hotel, a landmark clock tower, and a symbol of its city. With Edinburgh Castle filling your view, enjoy fine dining, award-winning afternoon tea, and a serene urban spa at the city's most majestic spot. The dedicated concierge team at The Balmoral are perfectly placed to bring the city alive for guests.

### Welcome to Edinburgh

The afternoon is free to enjoy all that Edinburgh has to offer. You may want to visit Edinburgh Castle, the Palace of Holyrood House or the Royal Yacht Britannia. Edinburgh also has a great variety of museums and art galleries to explore.

### Area Overview

The capital of Scotland and the second most populous city in the land of the Scots at half a million denizens, Edinburgh oozes with a haunting charm about it. Dark and brooding, the city is a hilly city with intrigue and mystery around every bend and corner.





## DAY 1

There are places every visitor should see and encounter here—enchanting Edinburgh Castle, for sure, but also the Scottish National Gallery and St. Giles Cathedral, to name a few—but the real beauty of Edinburgh is on its streets and in its ambient, rustic pubs, and lively restaurants. Stroll down busy Princes Street, the main thoroughfare of New Town and amble around the Royal Mile, an historic route of streets that are lined with churches, historic townhouses, and alleyways; the route is a link between Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of the Holyroodhouse.

Then settle into an historic pub, order a glass of Scotch, sit back and enjoy watching the locals partake in the time-honored Scottish tradition of blowing off steam.

**Included meals:** None



## DAY 2

### Edinburgh Walking Tour

Meeting a local city guide this morning you'll walk through the cobbled streets and hidden lanes of Edinburgh's characterful Old Town. The streets here have changed little since the Jacobite forces occupied them in 1745.

Start at the Palace of Holyrood House where Bonnie Prince Charlie set up court as he was welcomed into Edinburgh by the locals. The tour ends at Edinburgh Castle which remained in the hands of the government forces despite the rest of the city falling to the Jacobite army.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Overnight at The Balmoral**



## DAY 3

### Check out from The Balmoral

### Blair Castle

You are met by your driver guide this morning and you'll start your journey north into the Scottish Highlands.

In the lush region of Perthshire you'll visit Killiecrankie, site of a battle which took place in 1689 during the first Jacobite Rising. In the churchyard in the quaint village of Old Blair lies the grave of 'Bonnie Dundee' who led the Jacobite forces to victory at Killiecrankie but died from the wounds he suffered in battle.

You may want to visit Blair Castle, the ancestral home of Lord George Murray who led the Jacobites to their defeat in the Battle of Culloden. Blair Castle is the home of the Dukes of Atholl, the only clan that has their own private army, The Atholl Highlanders. The castle itself is open to the public and has its own Jacobite exhibition.

Travelling further into the Highlands you'll enter the interior courtyard of the ominous Ruthven Barracks near Kingussie, a fortress built to house the government army following the 1715 rising and subsequently destroyed by the Jacobites as they retreated from the Battle of Culloden.

**Included meals:** Breakfast and lunch

### Check in at The Ness Walk Hotel

2 Nights





### DAY 3

#### Property Overview

Nestled on the leafy banks of the River Ness, lies Ness Walk. An idyllic 5-star retreat hotel in Inverness, just 10 minutes from Loch Ness. Surrounded by a dramatic canopy of impressive trees, Ness Walk allows guests to experience a secluded atmosphere in the heart of the vibrant city centre. Originally a 19th century house, this lovingly restored Grade B listed building still retains many of its period features. But unified with modern design and architecture, providing a flawless balance between past and present.

Exceptional service is at the core of the Ness Walk experience. The concierge will announce guests arrival and arrange valet parking. Luggage will then be delivered to guest's room, complete with garden or river views. So, guests can relax by the fire in the lounge with a welcoming glass of chilled champagne, as the staff organises the check in details. The property is designed as one of the leading luxury hotels Scotland has to offer.

Ness Walk has years of experience living in the Scottish Highlands and used this knowledge to create a collection of the very best things to do in Scotland, guaranteed to leave you wishing you had lingered a little bit longer. So, sit back, relax, and embark on a journey complete with history, culture and discovery.



## DAY 4

### Culloden Battlefield Tour

Perhaps one of the most important sites in Jacobite history is that of the Battle of Culloden near Inverness, the place of the final defeat of the Jacobites in April 1746. Here you'll walk out to the battle lines and see where the opposing sides stood against each other, visit the mass graves marked by stone cairns, naming the clansmen who fell.

With your guide head out on to the battlefield where you'll see where the battle lines were, marked by red and blue flags. Walk out to the marked graves that name the clans that fought in the battle. Learn more about how the battle unfolded, how the Jacobites encountered such a brutal defeat and the effect on the Scottish culture in the aftermath of the battle.

After the government's victory at Culloden the Jacobites had very little resources left to continue their rebellion. The government forces took the opportunity to build their presence in the Highlands constructing a network of roads, bridges and fortresses to keep the Jacobites under control and changing the infrastructure of the Highlands forever. Fort George is the most significant fortress that was built, a vast stronghold on the Moray Coast 20 miles north of Culloden.

You'll visit the fort which is still in use by the military, walk the ramparts and see what life would have been like for the soldiers based there.

**Included meals:** Breakfast and lunch

**Overnight at The Ness Walk Hotel**





## DAY 5

**Check out from The Ness Walk Hotel**

### **Urquhart Castle Tour**

The Great Glen is a large fault line that runs through the highlands, with Loch Ness its largest freshwater loch (lake).

On the banks of the dark loch we start with a visit to Urquhart Castle, a fortress that has a long and violent history due to its sought after position. The last of the government forces garrisoned here during the Jacobite uprisings blew up the castle's gatehouse when they left so it could not be occupied again by the rebels. The castle ruins remain as a reminder of Scotland's violent past.

At the south end of the loch enjoy a lunch stop at the canalside village of Fort Augustus, once site of another important fort that no longer exists.

Later visit the banks of Loch Arkaig and the tumbling waterfalls of Eas Chia-Aig. It is rumoured that a large amount of Spanish gold given to the Jacobites to fund the 1745 rebellion is still hidden at Loch Arkaig, left abandoned after the failure of Culloden.

**Included meals:** Breakfast and lunch

**Check in at Glenfinnan House Hotel**

2 Nights



## DAY 5

### Property Overview

This Scottish country house is a fine stone mansion dating from 1755.

A rolling lawn meets the shore of Loch Shiel where Glenfinnan House Hotel stands in its unique position across the bay from the National Trust for Scotland monument to Prince Charles Edward Stuart (a.k.a. Bonnie Prince Charlie).

Beyond the monument Ben Nevis is visible, the UK's highest mountain, while a 10-minute walk away through the red deer dotted Glenfinnan Estate, is the famous Glenfinnan viaduct railway bridge which was used in scenes from various Harry Potter films.

Attractive public rooms include a comfortable drawing room, a beautifully appointed dining room and a welcoming bar where traditional music is often heard. You will be welcomed into the delightful hall, where a log fire blazes. Along pine-panelled walls hang an atmospheric collection of paintings including an impressive portrayal of the 1745 Jacobite Rising at Glenfinnan.

The Dining Room is the epitome of refined elegance, open for dinner. Here, guests can enjoy a bespoke menu crafted by expert chefs, showcasing the finest Scottish gastronomy with locally sourced delicacies and innovative culinary techniques. Immerse yourself in opulent surroundings while savouring exquisite flavours and impeccable service.



## DAY 6

### Glenfinnan

Glenfinnan is a place that is synonymous with the 1745 Jacobite Uprising which culminated in the Battle of Culloden.

Eight months before the defeat at Culloden, Jacobites gathered at Glenfinnan where 1,200 men pledged their allegiance to Prince Charles Edward Stuart. At the head of Loch Shiel a monument stands to honour those who gave their lives for the cause.

You'll visit the monument and take a scenic boat trip on the loch where you may also spot Scotland's largest bird of prey, the white-tailed eagle.

Later today choose to visit the pristine white sand beaches of Morar, or head to the West Highland Museum in Fort William, the collection here has many artefacts and information relating the Jacobite Risings of the 18th Century.

**Included meals:** Breakfast and lunch

**Overnight at Glenfinnan House Hotel**





## DAY 7

### Check out from Glenfinnan House Hotel

### Rob Roy's Grave

Travelling south today back into Perthshire you'll pass through stunning Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Our first scheduled stop is at the remote village of Bridge of Orchy where one of the military roads built following Culloden cuts through the village and you can see a fine example of a bridge built by Major Caulfeild around 1751.

Later visit the grave of Rob Roy MacGregor, a romanticised outlaw figure who was enshrined in Scottish legend by Sir Walter Scott. With a reputation for cattle rustling and extortion, Rob Roy was also known to be a Jacobite supporter having fought on the Jacobite side at the Battle of Killiecrankie. MacGregor's grave is located in an old churchyard in the village of Balquhinder. A hike up a nearby hill will provide a wonderful viewpoint overlooking the surrounding landscape.

**Included meals:** Breakfast and lunch

### Check in at Monachyle Mhor

1 Night

### Property Overview

Monachyle Mhor is a boutique lochside hotel at the foot of stunning Scottish mountains.

This a cool and sophisticated place to stay, an award-winning restaurant, a restorative location, and mhor besides.



## DAY 7

The award-winning Scottish restaurant is central to everything at Monachyle Mhor. If we're not farming, foraging or cooking, we're usually talking about food.

Come and escape in luxury, a warm Highland welcome awaits. Choose from luxurious Feature, Courtyard, or Farmhouse rooms.

Set in the beautiful Perthshire surroundings our hotel is hard to beat. Whether you stay in our fabulous rooms within the main hotel, or choose your very own unique buildings within the grounds, we are sure your stay in Perthshire will be one to remember. Get in touch with our friendly hotel team for more information.

We love cooking, you love food. Let's eat something special at our renowned restaurant in beautiful Balquhider. Executive head chef Marysia Paszkowska has been at Monachyle Mhor hotel here in Perthshire since 2010 cooking exceptional refined Scottish food, sourced mainly from our farm, or nearby – our venison comes from the surrounding hills. We pick vegetables, fruit, and herbs from the kitchen garden, and forage in all sorts of secret spots, and also offer sweet and succulent Scottish seafood. Our aim is to be the perfect place to eat in Perthshire. Owner, Tom is always involved in the food, from sourcing and planning to pickling and preserving.





## DAY 8

Check out from Monachyle Mhor

### Stirling Castle

Due to its location between the Lowlands and Highlands and the strength of this fortification, Stirling Castle is considered one of the most historically significant castles in Scotland. During the 1745 rising the Jacobites besieged Stirling Castle but did not succeed.

From ancient origins the castle grew into a major Royal residence and a powerful stronghold.

With your guide you can explore the many building that lie within the castle walls from the Great Hall, Royal Palace to the Great Kitchens and Queen Anne Gardens.

After walking the grand halls of Stirling, you'll get the chance to walk the battlefield of Falkirk Muir, site of the battle that took place in January 1746, a few months before Culloden. The Jacobites took the victory at Falkirk Muir but it did not have much impact in the overall campaign.

**Included meals:** Breakfast and lunch

Check in at Blythswood Square Hotel & Spa

[Alternate](#)

1 Night



## DAY 8

### Property Overview

From the moment you pull up to the stately Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel, with its picturesque private gardens and classic Georgian townhouses, you'll sense that you're in for an unforgettable experience. Once home to wealthy merchants, the site later became headquarters for the Royal Scottish Automobile Club.

After a multimillion-pound restoration, it's now a 21st-century stunner that hasn't lost any of its original charm. Known for rooms that exude elegance, above-and-beyond service, and a spa that's widely considered the "it" place to be in Glasgow, the Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel continues to live up to the prestigious address its held since the early 19th century.

Check in at **The Balmoral**

[Alternate](#)

1 Night

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## DAY 9

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Check out from **Blythswood Square Hotel & Spa** [Alternate](#)

Check out from **The Balmoral** [Alternate](#)





## COSTS

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Prices start at £7,700 per person based on 2 people traveling together on a private basis.

Pricing is in GBP

Pricing varies depending on your group size, travel dates and any amendments to the itinerary and accommodations.

This tour is an example of what we offer, all tours are tailored to suit your own interests.

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### **This cost includes:**

- 8 nights in luxury accommodation based on 2 people sharing a room
- Private airport transfer on arrival and departure
- Private driver guide from Day 3 to Day 8 inclusive
- Private vehicles from Day 3 to Day 8 inclusive
- Meals as listed in the above itinerary (lunches are a mixture of bagged and cafe)
- All entry fees, activities and hikes mentioned in the itinerary
- All ferry travel throughout this itinerary
- Snacks throughout the trip
- 24/7 in-country support
- Gratuities for local services and experiences

### **This cost does not include:**

- Travel insurance
- Flights

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## COSTS

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- Any meals not mentioned in the inclusions
- Any activities, entry fees and attractions not mentioned in the inclusions
- Gratuities for your main Driver Guide





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