



7 Days in Scotland Itinerary

Day 1: Nairn & Culloden Battlefield

Stay: Nairn or Inverness

Drive: Inverness Airport → Nairn (10 mi / 20 min) → Culloden Battlefield (10 mi / 20 min) → return to Nairn (10 mi / 20 min)

Total Drive: ≈ 30 mi / 1 hr

Activities:

- Visit Culloden Battlefield, site of the final Jacobite uprising.
- Walk Nairn Beach for sunset.

Tip: Start light and soak in the local history before the longer drives ahead.

Day 2: Dunrobin Castle & Distilleries

Stay: Nairn or Inverness

Drive: Nairn → Dunrobin Castle (60 mi / 1 hr 30 min) → Glen Ord Distillery (55 mi / 1 hr 15 min) → return to Nairn (30 mi / 45 min)

Total Drive: ~145 miles / 3.5–4 hrs

Activities:

- Explore Dunrobin Castle and watch the falconry show.
- Visit Glen Ord Distillery — one of few still malting its own barley.
- Alternate: ****Speyside Whisky Trail**** — The Macallan → Glenfiddich → Glenlivet.
- Optional: ****Whisky Wheels Distillery Trifecta Tour**** (~\$400, hotel pickup).

Tip: Book tastings ahead, especially in summer — Speyside fills quickly!

Day 3: Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle & Isle of Skye

Stay: Isle of Skye

Drive: Nairn → Urquhart Castle (45 mi / 1 hr 15 min) → Portree, Isle of Skye (110 mi / 3 hrs 30 min)

Total Drive: ≈ 155 mi / 4.5–5 hrs

Activities:

- Stop at Loch Ness and Urquhart Castle.
- Photograph ****Eilean Donan Castle**** on the drive to Skye.
- Enjoy the winding Highland roads with scenic pull-offs.

Tip: Pack snacks — it's your longest drive but one of Scotland's most scenic routes!

Day 4: Isle of Skye Adventures

Stay: Isle of Skye

Drive: Around Skye (~60 mi total / 2–3 hrs)

Total Drive: ≈ 60 mi / 2–3 hrs

Activities:

- Hike to the Fairy Pools for epic mountain reflections.
- Visit ****Talisker Distillery**** for a smoky whisky tasting.

Tip: Roads are narrow — plan extra time and give way to the sheep.

Day 5: Ferry to Mallaig, Harry Potter Viaduct & Stirling Castle

Stay: Old Town or New Town, Edinburgh

Drive: Portree → Armadale Ferry (50 mi / 1 hr 15 min) → Ferry to Mallaig (45 min) → Glenfinnan

Viaduct (20 mi / 35 min) → Stirling (110 mi / 3 hrs) → Edinburgh (35 mi / 1 hr)

Total Drive: ≈ 215 mi / 6 hrs (including ferry)

Activities:

- Take the Armadale Ferry to Mallaig.
- Stop at **Glenfinnan Viaduct** to see the Jacobite train.
- Tour **Stirling Castle** before reaching Edinburgh.

*Tip: Time your Glenfinnan visit — the **Jacobite train** crosses mid-morning and early afternoon.*

Day 6: Exploring Edinburgh

Stay: Old Town or New Town, Edinburgh

Drive: None (city is walkable)

Activities:

- Tour **Edinburgh Castle** for sweeping views.
- Stroll the **Royal Mile** and **Victoria Street** (Diagon Alley inspiration).
- Visit **Greyfriars Kirkyard** and The Elephant House Café.
- Evening drinks at Nightcap.

Tip: Bring comfy shoes — Edinburgh's charm comes with cobblestones and hills!

Day 7: St Andrews & Farewell to Scotland

Stay: Old Town or New Town, Edinburgh

Drive: Edinburgh → St Andrews (50 mi / 1 hr 30 min) → return (50 mi / 1 hr 30 min)

Total Drive: ≈ 100 mi / 3 hrs round trip

Activities:

- Explore **St Andrews Cathedral** and **Old Course**.
- Walk through **The University of St Andrews** where William & Kate met.

Tip: Arrive early — parking is limited and crowds build by midday.