



TOP SCOTTISH TOURS  
TOURS AND ADVENTURES

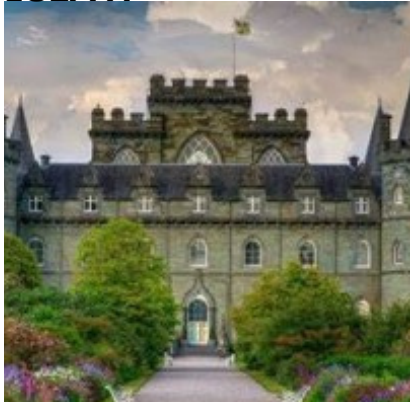
# Your Travel Itinerary

## 4Day/3Night Top Scottish Islay Whisky Tour - Edinburgh or Glasgow Pick Up

**This amazing 4 day private tour takes you and your party on a journey of flavours and combines Scotland's national drink with beautiful Argyll scenery and the natural beauty of Isle of Islay. Famed for its peaty malts, Islay is home to nine distilleries producing some of the finest and most distinctive single malt whisky in the world. Experience Islay culture first hand, walk along spellbinding beaches, and sample some of the most sought-after Islay whisky straight from the source on the Three Distilleries Path. This is a whisky enthusiasts and sightseers ultimate experience.**

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### DAY 1: LOCH LOMOND, INVERARAY CASTLE, FERRY TRIP TO ISLAY.



Your journey commences from Edinburgh or Glasgow and we head west to the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond and the picturesque village of Luss. We then travel over the famous 'Rest and Be Thankful' beauty spot and take in its awe inspiring views, stopping briefly for spectacular photo opportunities.. We then make for Clan Campbell country to visit one of Scotland's finest stately homes, Inveraray Castle & Gardens, a stunning building still owned by the Duke of Argyll and in recent times featured in the TV series Downton Abbey. After the Castle tour you can treat yourself with fresh local cuisine for lunch. We then travel to Kennacraig and board the ferry to Port Ellen on Isle of Islay, our home for the next few nights.

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### DAY 2: ISLAY THREE DISTILLERY PATH



After a relaxing evening and breakfast at your hotel we begin our day with a visit to Kildalton Cross a sculptural masterpiece and one of the finest carved stones of medieval Scotland. The Cross, carved in the 700s is every inch the equal of the great high crosses of Iona. As our first stop on the Three Distillery Path, we enjoy a visit to Lagavulin Distillery with its lovely coastal views and world class drams. We then move on for a fabulous whisky tour and lunch at Ardbeg distillery (winner of the 'World's Best Single Malt' from the World Whiskies Awards) and end a memorable day with our final tour at Laphroig Distillery - a must for all connoisseurs.

## DAY 3: FINLAGGAN, WHISKY & THE BEACH



We begin Day 3 with a visit to Loch Finlaggan, a place of great importance in Scottish history. In the loch are three islands, two of which lie close to the north shore and contain fragmentary remains of buildings. Here the inauguration of the MacDonald Lords of the Isles took place. The Lords of the Isles were descended from Somerled, a 12th century “prince”, and these lords, the chiefs of Clan Donald, chose Finlaggan as their home and the centre of their Lordship, so that Islay is often referred to as the Cradle of Clan Donald. We then head for another tour and dram at Bruichladdich distillery – slàinte mhath! Following lunch & a gentle stroll along the stunning white sands of Machir, our final stop is the farm-based distillery Kilchoman before heading back for a final night at your hotel.

## DAY 4: OBAN AND JOURNEY HOME.



Our final day sees us take the ferry back to the mainland. On the two hour journey, you will be able to admire the impressive view across the islands of Gigha and Jura, the beauty of West Loch Tarbert and you can also take the opportunity to taste some Islay whisky from the on board bar. We'll then head to Oban (the seafood capital of Scotland) with time to shop, walk along the promenade and explore McCaughs Tower which overlooks the area and is a photographers dream location for memorable vacation snaps. We then end the day with a guided tour of Oban Malt Whisky Distillery, sampling their “Water of Life” drams before continuing on to your drop off point to conclude your Top Scottish Tour.

### **Included in your Top Scottish Tour:**

- Your personal tour coordinator
- Handpicked accommodation- minimum 3 star
- All rooms en-suite
- Full Scottish Breakfast each morning
- Reservation service for all other meals as required
- Entry into all named attractions
- Exclusive use of a luxury touring vehicle for your party
- Your personal driver/tour guide