



## Highlights of Scotland

**Dates: April 21-28, 2026**

**Travel to Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness**

### **Day 1 - Tuesday Apr 21 - Depart Boston**

Our nonstop JetBlue Flight #1079 departs Boston 9:55 PM.

### **Day 2 - Wednesday Apr 22 - Arrive Edinburgh/Glasgow**

*Driving Distance: 1 hr*

Our flight arrives in Edinburgh at 9:15 AM.

We'll be met by our tour director and transferred to nearby Glasgow, a lively city with a strong creative spirit and deep cultural roots. It blends striking architecture and an energetic arts scene with a genuine, down-to-earth character. Embark on a guided tour of the city which includes a guided visit to Garnethill Synagogue and/or the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre (subject to availability), where personal stories, documents, and artifacts illuminate the experiences of Jewish families in Scotland over the past 150 years. You'll enjoy some free time before dinner to either relax or stroll around on your own - perhaps consider a visit to one of Scotland's best museums, free to enter - the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, or simply walk around and take in the architecture and lively personality of this energetic city. Our hotel is exceptionally located, with so many interesting things to see on our doorstep.

This evening, we'll rejoin for a group dinner at a local restaurant within walking distance of our hotel.

Meals Included: Dinner

### **Day 3 - Thursday Apr 23 - Glasgow / Loch Lomond/ Inverness**

*Driving Distance: 4.5 hr with several stops along the way*

Say goodbye to Glasgow as we travel north into the Scottish Highlands, passing the serene waters of Loch Lomond and continuing into Glencoe, one of Scotland's most striking valleys. Surrounded by steep mountain peaks and sweeping moorland, Glencoe is a place of both breathtaking beauty and historic significance. Stop at the Glencoe Visitor Centre to learn about the region's dramatic geology and the legendary story of the Highland clans. Continuing along the Great Glen, we arrive at the mysterious waters of Loch Ness, famous for its depth, beauty, and folklore.

Arrive at our hotel in Inverness. Our hotel is a stylish 4-star luxury hotel in Inverness city centre, set on the banks of the beautiful River Ness. The recently refurbished hotel boasts an excellent location, is just a few minutes walk from the town center, and offers state of the art leisure facilities: steam room, Jacuzzi, sauna, indoor swimming pool with

heated lounge room, and exercise room. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants nearby our hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast

#### **Day 4 - Friday Apr 24 - Inverness**

We begin our day at the Culloden Visitor Centre, where immersive exhibitions and the preserved battlefield bring to life the final battle of the 1745 Jacobite Rising. This is a moving and meaningful site, offering insight into Scotland's turbulent past. Embark on a 1-hr cruise on Loch Ness, taking in the expansive Highland scenery and perhaps keeping watch for the famous Nessie. After free time for lunch, we'll visit a local whisky distillery for a guided tour and tasting, learning how Scotland's iconic spirit is crafted from pure Highland water and centuries of tradition. Return to Inverness with a bit of free time to explore the riverfront, cafés, shops, or Victorian market at your leisure and enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants nearby our hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast

#### **Day 5 - Saturday Apr 25 - Cairngorms National Park, Pitlochry, St. Andrews, Edinburgh**

*Driving Distance: 5 hr with several stops along the way*

Bid farewell to Inverness as we check out of our hotel and make our way toward Edinburgh. We'll have several interesting stops along the way. Travel through the Cairngorms National Park, the largest national park in the UK, known for its rugged mountains and forests. See the charming town of Pitlochry, where there is time to stretch your legs for a walk through its inviting village center. We'll relax during a group lunch at a local restaurant, and tour the historic university city of St Andrews, widely known as an epicenter for golf and home to one of Europe's oldest universities. Stroll through the town's medieval lanes on a walking tour and see the major highlights of St. Andrews. We return to Edinburgh via the iconic Forth Bridges, marvels of Scottish engineering. Opened in 1890, the Forth Bridge is a Scottish icon that represents a key milestone in the history of modern railway civil engineering, and for 28 years held the record as the world's longest span.

Arrive at our 5\* hotel in Edinburgh and enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants nearby our hotel. Nestled on prestigious George Street in Edinburgh's elegant New Town, the InterContinental Edinburgh The George offers historic grandeur and modern luxury all within walking distance of Edinburgh's major sites, including a 15 min walk from the Edinburgh Castle!

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

## **Day 6 - Sunday Apr 26 - Edinburgh Full Day Tour**

Embark on a full day guided tour of Edinburgh, Scotland's atmospheric capital. Edinburgh is known for its whisky heritage, striking architecture, intriguing history, and buzzing pub scene. The city is big enough that you'll be entertained, but compact enough that you can explore extensively by foot (our coach will accompany us today to ensure we are not too tired). Edinburgh was the first city to be designated a UNESCO City of Literature in 2004 which recognizes its rich literary history, home to famous writers such as Sir Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson, and Arthur Conan Doyle. We'll take an inside tour of Edinburgh Castle, where dramatic viewpoints overlook the city's rooftops and the storied Royal Mile, where we'll learn about Scotland's royal history and see the Scottish Crown Jewels and Stone of Destiny. We'll visit the Salisbury Road Synagogue (subject to availability) for a guided tour and to learn about the Jewish community and heritage in Scotland's capital.

Meals Included: Breakfast

## **Day 7 - Monday Apr 27 - Hopetoun House, Free time in Edinburgh**

*Driving Distance: 1 hr 15 min*

This morning we'll head outside the city for a guided tour of Hopetoun House, one of Scotland's grandest stately homes. Often described as "Scotland's finest country house," Hopetoun is an elegant example of Georgian architecture, with interiors rich in art, period furnishings, and intricate plasterwork. We'll be led through the historic state rooms, sharing stories of the Hope family, who have lived here for more than 300 years, and offering insight into how life was lived in the Scottish aristocracy from the 18th century to the present day. Stroll through the expansive grounds and gardens, where gentle walking paths reveal sweeping views, quiet woodland corners, and serene coastal outlooks.

Return to Edinburgh for a relaxed afternoon at leisure — stroll the Royal Mile, visit museums or art galleries. The National Museum of Scotland permits free entry. *An afternoon optional tour to see The Real Mary King's Close can be arranged (an alleyway/underground area allowing travelers to dive deep into Edinburgh's dark past).*

This evening, we gather for a group dinner at a local restaurant within walking distance of our hotel, where we'll recount memories from our tour of Scotland!

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

## **Day 8 - Tuesday Apr 28**

After breakfast, we'll transfer to the Edinburgh airport and say goodbye to our tour director.

Jet Blue Flight #1080 Departs Edinburgh at 12:10 PM.

Nonstop flight returns to Boston at 2:30 PM.

Meals Included: Breakfast