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SCOTLAND

TRAVEL GUIDE



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WELCOME

Dear Traveler,

In 2025, Kelturas Vacations celebrated its 40th year of helping to create extraordinary experiences and making memorable moments for our clients. A family owned business based in Boston, Kelturas Vacations was founded in 1985 by our parents, Jim and Teresa, and since that humble beginning, it has grown into a trusted resource that has helped tens of thousands of people better enjoy their travel.

We recognize that you have plenty of choices when it comes to selecting a partner to assist in your vacation planning, and if we are fortunate enough to hear from you, we want you to know that we take great responsibility in providing you with the best quality, exceptional value, and personal service.

Our experienced team of destination experts are well-traveled and passionate, and enjoy sharing that with you. We leverage our years of specialist experience and the deep partner relationships we have developed since we opened our doors to assist you in crafting the type of travel experience you want. Whether you are interested in an escorted motor coach tour, prefer a customized chauffeur-driven excursion, or an independent self-drive holiday, we have the resources and experience to help make it exceptional and memorable.

At Kelturas Vacations, you will deal with the same travel expert from the moment of initial contact until you are safely back at home. You will form such a relationship with your agent that you will want them to be the first person to hear all about your trip - and they will be excited to listen!

For a vacation brimming with options, flexibility and truly authentic experiences, you need look no further than Kelturas Vacations. On behalf of our travel experts, I invite you to explore the extraordinary experiences and memorable moments that we can help create.

Seán Kelly

Operations Director

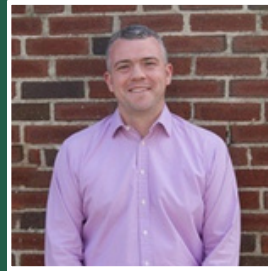
Kevin Kelly

VP of Business Development



MEET THE TEAM

Kelturas Vacations is a family-run business with a close-knit team, many of whom have been with us for over 15 years!



Seán Kelly
VP | Operations



Kevin Kelly
VP | Business Development



Vivienne Stanley Kelly
Group Air Manager



Bridie Tamer
Senior Travel Designer



Ann O'Brien
Travel Designer
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Travel Designer



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Operations & Logistics



Hannah Cleary
Marketing Associate



Joe Donnellan
Director of Leisure Travel

[Learn more about our team here!](#)



THE WEATHER

Scotland's weather is famously changeable, with sunshine, rain, and wind often appearing in the same day. Generally colder than the rest of the UK, the country has a cool, temperate climate shaped by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf Stream, bringing plenty of variation. Conditions can shift noticeably between regions.

TEMPATURES

Winter (Dec–Feb): 35–45°F, cold and damp with short daylight hours.

Spring (Mar–May): 45–60°F, crisp and changeable, as landscapes gradually come into bloom.

Summer (Jun–Aug): 60–70°F, mild and comfortable, with long daylight hours and occasional warmer spells.

Autumn (Sep–Nov): 45–60°F, cooler and unsettled, marked by autumn color and an increase in rainfall.

WHAT TO EXPECT

In Scotland, rain is common but often light and short-lived, making a waterproof jacket far more practical than an umbrella. Coastal areas can be breezy, though strong gusts usually pass quickly.

GEOGRAPHY

MOUNTAINS

Scotland's mountains shape much of the country's identity, rising sharply from glens, lochs, and moorland to create some of the UK's most dramatic scenery. While elevations are modest by global standards, the scale, remoteness, and ruggedness of these landscapes give them a powerful presence, making Scotland's mountains visually striking.

STATISTICS AND OUR MOST FAMOUS

- ◆ Grampian Mountains (home to Ben Nevis, the UK's highest peak at 4,413 ft)
- ◆ Cairngorms (contains 5 of Scotland's six highest mountains, including Ben Macdui)
- ◆ Northwest Highlands
- ◆ Cuillin Mountains, Isle of Skye
- ◆ Southern Uplands
- ◆ Famous peaks: Ben Nevis, Ben Macdui, Buachaille Etive Mòr, Suilven, and the Old Man of Storr.



GEOGRAPHY

RIVERS & LAKES

Scotland's rivers and lochs are a defining feature of its landscape, shaped by a long coastline, high rainfall, and mountainous terrain. From wide, sea-reaching rivers to vast freshwater lochs stretching deep into the Highlands, these waterways play an important role in Scotland's natural beauty, history, and wildlife.

STATISTICS AND OUR MOST FAMOUS

- ◆ River Tay is Scotland's longest river at approximately 117 miles, flowing east into the North Sea and draining large lochs including Loch Tay.
- ◆ Other major rivers include the River Clyde (Glasgow), River Spey (Highlands), and River Dee (Aberdeenshire).
- ◆ Loch Lomond is the largest freshwater loch in Great Britain by surface area, while Loch Ness is the deepest. Legend surrounds Loch Ness with tales of the mysterious Nessie, one of Scotland's most enduring myths..



GEOGRAPHY

ISLANDS & PENINSULAS

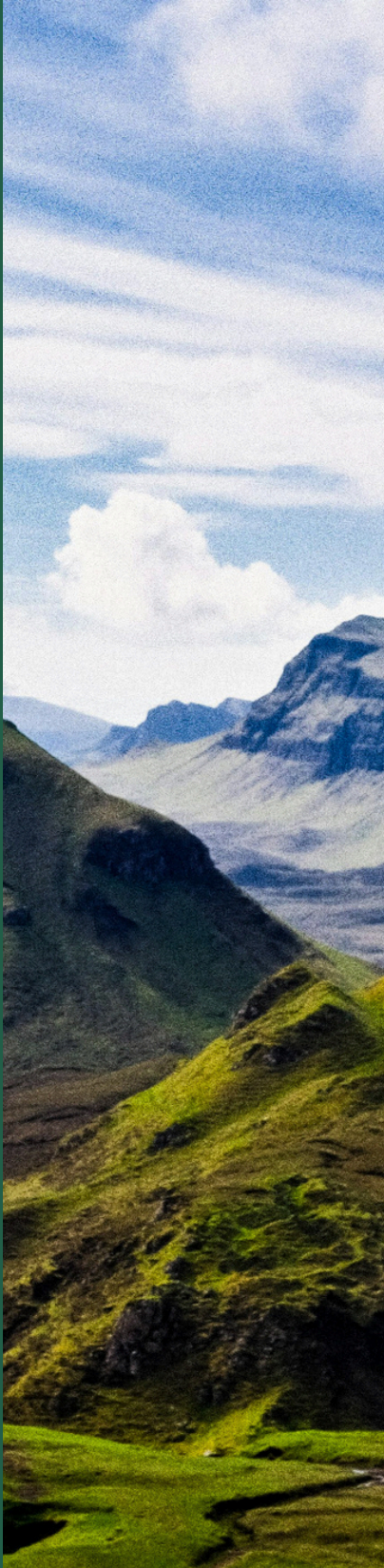
Scenic islands and rugged peninsulas shape much of Scotland's coastline, offering a mix of dramatic landscapes, deep-rooted history, and strong local identity.

STATISTICS AND OUR MOST FAMOUS

- ◆ Isle of Skye - renowned for its dramatic landscapes, from the Cuillin Mountains to the Trotternish Ridge, and a rich Gaelic heritage.
- ◆ Isle of Mull - Scotland's second-largest island, known for its wildlife, colorful harbor town of Tobermory, and proximity to the western mainland.
- ◆ Isle of Arran - often described as "Scotland in miniature," with mountains, forests, beaches, and fertile farmland.
- ◆ Outer Hebrides - a chain of Atlantic islands where Gaelic culture remains strong and white-sand beaches meet wild seascapes.
- ◆ Kintyre Peninsula - a narrow finger of land reaching toward Ireland, known for coastal scenery, whisky heritage, and historic ties across the sea.



SCOTLAND'S RICH HISTORY



◆ **10 000 B.C.**

The first known inhabitants settle

◆ **124 A.D.**

Arrival of the Roman Empire.

◆ **800 A.D.**

Vikings began to trade and settle in Scotland.

◆ **1040 A.D.**

Macbeth becomes the Scottish king and will reign until his death battle in 1057.

◆ **1320**

The Declaration of Arbroath. The Declaration proclaimed Scotland's status as an independent sovereign state.

◆ **1450**

Renaissance in Scotland. Significant changes to education, intellectual life, literature, art, architecture, music and politics.

◆ **1542**

Mary crowned the Queen of Scots. Reign marked Catholic-Protestant conflict and civil unrest.

◆ **1707**

The Act of Union brings Scotland closer to Britain by creating a single Parliament of the UK.

SCOTLAND'S RICH HISTORY



1746

After the Battle of Culloden, Highland Clearances began. Laws are introduced in an attempt to assimilate the Highlanders.

1800

Urban and Industrial Scotland begins. Industrial advances and wealth accumulate from the trade of tobacco, sugar and cotton.

1914

The First World War begins and Scotland plays a major role.

1967

The drilling of the first North Sea oil well is a major industrial achievement. It gives UK access to oil made at home.

1990'S

Scottish culture is recognized worldwide through films like Braveheart and Trainspotting.

1997

Scottish Parliament reconvenes for the first time in 300 years.

2014

Edinburgh Agreement is signed. This referendum on Scottish independence paves the way for a generation.

PLACES YOU'LL LOVE WHERE EVERYONE GOES



EDINBURGH

Where history and everyday life sit side by side. From the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle to independent shops and lively pubs, visitors gravitate here for its walkable streets, layered history, and unmistakable atmosphere.



GLASGOW

Glasgow offers a different energy: creative, welcoming, and proudly modern. Known for its music scene, striking Victorian architecture, and world-class museums, the city is loved as much for its people as for its sights.



ISLE OF SKYE

The Isle of Skye captivates with its dramatic landscapes, from jagged ridgelines to sweeping coastal views. It's one of Scotland's most photographed destinations and a highlight for anyone drawn to wild scenery.



LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs provide an easy escape into nature, with tranquil loch shores and scenic villages. Popular yet expansive, it's a place where first-time visitors often experience the classic Scottish landscape.

PLACES YOU'LL LOVE OFF THE BEATEN PATH

PITLOCHRY

A classic Highland town that feels welcoming and scenic without the intensity of Scotland's biggest cities. Visitors enjoy riverside walks, nearby distilleries, and easy access to mountain and forest landscapes, making it a natural stop on journeys north.



OBAN

A bustling harbor town with a relaxed coastal feel, Oban is popular for its seafood, ferry links to the islands, and views across the bay. It's lively without being crowded and works well as both a base and a stopover.



CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK

One of the UK's most expansive national parks, the Cairngorms offer wide-open landscapes, traditional villages, and plenty of outdoor options, with space to explore beyond the busiest trails. It has also appeared on screen, including scenes from James Bond: No Time to Die, thanks to its vast, rugged landscapes.



PLACES YOU'LL LOVE

HIDDEN GEMS



FORT WILLIAM

Sitting at the foot of Ben Nevis, Fort William is a natural base for exploring the surrounding Highlands. The town is well connected by rail and road and offers access to lochs, glens, and mountain scenery.



GLENCOE

One of Scotland's most iconic landscapes, Glencoe is defined by steep-sided mountains, winding roads, and a powerful sense of history. The scale of the glen allows space to explore beyond the main viewpoints.



INVERNESS

Inverness is a compact, walkable city set along the River Ness. It works well as a base for exploring Loch Ness, Culloden, and the surrounding Highlands, while offering a relaxed pace, historic sites, and good transport links.



THURSO

Scotland's northernmost town, set along the windswept North Sea coast. Known for its dramatic seascapes, surf culture, and access to the far north and Orkney ferries, Thurso offers a quieter, more rugged Highland experience while remaining well connected.

SELF-DRIVE

TOURING OPTIONS

Our most popular option! With a rental car, you set the pace and choose your own route. It's a great balance of independence and value. Use one of our suggested itineraries or build your own. As long as someone in your group is comfortable driving, this is a flexible and rewarding way to explore.

WHY?

Driving yourself gives full control over each day, from scenic detours to spontaneous stops. With a well-planned route in hand and the freedom to adapt as you go, this option offers excellent value while still feeling personal and unhurried. It is a great choice if someone in your group is comfortable driving and you enjoy discovering hidden places along the way.



SELF-DRIVE

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR CLIENTS

DENNIS | MAY, 2025



We picked up rental car at Enterprise in Edinburgh...a smaller Mazda CX5 was very nice. Our stop at St Andrews Links was memorable day...learning about the history of golf. Ann has done an amazing job with our trip!



JESSICA | AUGUST 2024



It's hard to pick a favorite moment because the whole trip was simply incredible. I loved hiking through the mountains in Aviemore, sailing down Loch Ness, driving through Skye, seeing the Isles next to Oban, the whole thing was amazing!

THERESA | MAY, 2025



We had family who commented on how they couldn't believe that we were able to get a Skoda which fit all our luggage! Having Kelturas ready to handle any issues and questions allowed me to enjoy my vacation. That is the value of using a travel agent.



KAREN | SEPTEMBER, 2025



Our favorite part of the trip was exploring the west coast of Scotland and visiting the Orkney Islands. Car rental was great - as a hybrid, it had great fuel efficiency.

SELF-DRIVE

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

CLASSIC SCOTLAND

12 Day Self-Drive 11 Nights | 7 Accommodations

Ideal for first-time visitors, this journey showcases Scotland's most iconic cities, landscapes, and cultural highlights. From Edinburgh to the Highlands, it blends history, scenery, whisky, and wildlife while covering the country's must-see destinations at a well-paced rhythm.



WEE DRAM O' WHISKY TRAIL

7 Day Self-Drive 6 Nights | 3 Accommodations

There's a reason Scotland is world-famous for its whisky... This self-drive journey lets you experience it firsthand, pairing iconic distilleries with castles and culture.



SELF-DRIVE

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

SPIRIT OF SCOTLAND

10 Day Self-Drive 9 Nights | 6 Accommodations

From lochs and islands to misty glens and ancient castles, this self-drive journey captures the very soul of Scotland, linking Skye, the Highlands, and Edinburgh with dramatic coastal roads, whisky heritage, and legendary history.



SCOTLAND'S CASTLES & GARDENS

7 Day Self-Drive 6 Nights | 3 Accommodations

Scotland is a land of rich culture, magnificent castles, and truly breathtaking scenery. This tour brings them all to life, offering endless photo opportunities at every stop.



CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN TOURING OPTIONS

For a relaxing and comfortable trip, the chauffeur-driven tour is ideal. You will have a personal driver who often becomes part of the experience, sharing local knowledge and handling the roads for you. This option works well for families, couples celebrating a special occasion, or anyone who wants ease and personal service.

WHY?

Prefer to sit back and relax? A private driver lets you explore stress-free and often becomes part of the experience. You'll enjoy the freedom of a custom itinerary without navigating yourself. While this is one of the more premium options, it's ideal for families, special occasions, or those who want luxury and convenience.



CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR CLIENTS

SCOTT | APRIL, 2023



Our driver who picked us up in Edinburgh, was also a tour guide and gave us our own, unexpected personal tour around the city! He was great. All 11 places we stayed were exceptional...each in their own way.



DEBORAH | JUNE, 2025



Everything went well. The Isle of Skye was a particular highlight, along with the whisky tasting in Edinburgh. I also really liked the Invergarry Hotel in Scotland — beautiful rooms and very helpful staff.

BETH | AUGUST, 2025



Our schedule was never too hectic nor did we miss one connection or adventure. Our driver was not only inquisitive about our needs and wants for this trip, but he added such flair to our trip.



CAROLYN | MAY, 2024



We had so many amazing moments but our driver made the trip. We felt like we had a friend showing us around Scotland. We couldn't have done this trip without him.

CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

CHAUFFEUR TOUR

8+ Day Chauffeur Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Settle into the back seat and let Scotland unfold mile by mile. From mist-shrouded glens to castles steeped in clan legends, each day reveals another layer of quiet magic.



LUXURY CASTLES OF SCOTLAND

8+ Day Chauffeur Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Travel through Scotland in effortless comfort, with a private chauffeur leading the way. Grand castles, Highland landscapes, and storied cities unfold at an unhurried pace, with moments of beauty and history waiting around every bend.



CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN TOURS

SCOTLAND'S LEGENDARY GOLF COAST

7+ Day Chauffeur Tour 6 to 8 Nights | 2 to 3 Accommodations

Perfect for golf enthusiasts, this six-night itinerary centers on Scotland's iconic courses, with time in St Andrews and seamless travel by private chauffeur, allowing you to focus on the game while everything else is taken care of.



FAMILY TIME IN SCOTLAND

8+ Day Chauffeur Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

A family friendly adventure with the ease of a private driver. Visit castles, farms, and scenic spots with a flexible itinerary tailored to kids and adults alike



ESCORTED COACH

TOURING OPTIONS

Want everything taken care of? Escorted tours include accommodations, transportation, activities, and most meals. Just show up and enjoy the ride. These tours are perfect for meeting new people and are especially popular with older travelers seeking a no-hassle experience.

WHY?

If you prefer to have everything organized for you, an escorted coach tour may be the best fit. These group tours include your accommodations, transportation, many meals, and guided activities. It is a great way to meet fellow travelers and enjoy a smooth, well paced journey without planning each detail yourself.



ESCORTED COACH

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR CLIENTS

KELLY | APRIL, 2025



The 6 day tour to the Outer Hebrides was absolutely amazing. I had the best experience! The sights were beautiful, the accommodations were very nice and our tour guide was amazing. I also met life long friends.



CAROLYN | SEPTEMBER, 2023



Our favorite part of the trip was out absolutely fabulous tour guide. Hotels were very clean and had excellent restaurants. Our agent Sean was great. We became great friends over for the course of booking the trip.

ELANA | NOVEMBER, 2024



We had 3 tours. All the tours were different. It was a small group each time. The folklore, history, and sites were breathtaking. We'll definitely be going back to Ireland and Scotland again



LINDA | APRIL, 2025



Our 6 day trip was only 8 women and we got to know everyone. Typically it would accommodate 16 people. The hotel was overall very nice and conveniently located. We loved all of it!

ESCORTED COACH

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

ESSENTIAL SCOTLAND

13 Day Escorted Tour 12 Nights | 7 Accommodations

Join a small group and explore Scotland's must-see sights with an expert guide. This tour includes Edinburgh, Orkney Islands, Isle of Skye and Glasgow.



SCOTTISH CLANS & CASTLES

10+ Day Escorted Tour 9 to 10 Nights | 5 Accommodations

Step back through time on a relaxed journey across Scotland, where atmospheric castle ruins, storied battlefields, and vivid local tales reveal the depth and character of the country's history.



ESCORTED COACH

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

SCOTTISH DAYTRIPPER

6+ Day Escorted Tour 5 to 7 Nights | 2 to 3 Accommodations

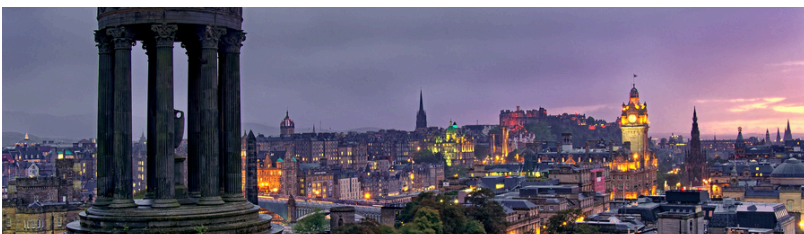
Short on time but keen to see the highlights? Settle into Glasgow as a convenient base while discovering the Isle of Bute and the Highlands, soaking up history, culture, and striking scenery, before finishing with a final night in Edinburgh.



SCOTLAND'S KILTS AND CLUBS

9+ Day Escorted Tour 8 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Perfect for golfers and non-golfers alike, this 9-day private chauffeur-driven journey blends iconic courses with scenic landscapes, historic sights, and time to enjoy Scotland's culture at an easy pace.



CITY SKIP & DAY TRIP

TOURING OPTIONS

Great for budget-conscious travelers who don't want to drive. Stay in key cities and enjoy optional tours and attractions at your own pace. You'll rely on public transportation, like trains, or group day tours, which keeps costs down while offering plenty of flexibility.

WHY?

Basing yourself in key cities keeps costs down while maximizing choice. Public transport like trains makes moving between places straightforward, while optional day tours handle the details when you want them to. This style suits travelers who prefer independence, slower mornings, and the freedom to shape each day as it comes.



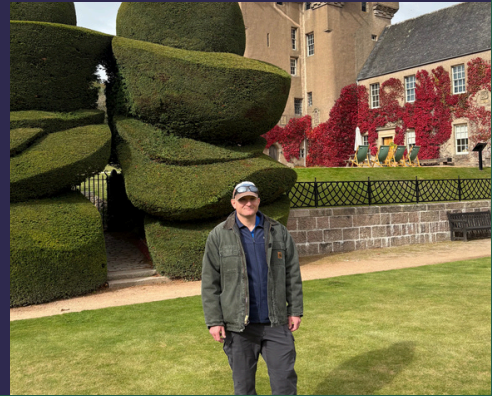
CITY SKIP & DAY TRIP

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR CLIENTS

GUY | SEPTEMBER, 2025



The itinerary was very easy to follow, and I was to get to the train stations on time. Tickets were already prepaid so that went smoothly. You guys did a wonderful job!



BOB | OCTOBER, 2025



The Military Tattoo was the reason we traveled to Scotland during The Fringe and it exceeded our expectations! It was simply wonderful!!! The 4 Bridges Tour was great too. We can't choose a favorite part as the whole trip was amazing!

CYNTHIA | SEPTEMBER, 2025



We loved the Shetland Islands! Our favorite part of the trip was the 4-hour North Shetland tour. Kelturas were fantastic. Very responsive when I needed anything.



DANIELLE | JULY, 2023



Sean was amazing! He planned the perfect trip based on my requests. The hop-on, hop-off bus in Edinburgh was great and made getting around the city easy. The Highland tour was a particular highlight and my favourite part of the trip.

CITY SKIP & DAY TRIP

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

EDINBURGH CITY STAY

4+ Day Independent Travel 3 to 5 Nights | 1 Accommodation

Discover Scotland's capital at your own pace. Walk historic streets, visit landmark castles and museums, and enjoy easy access to coastal escapes, all from a compact and character-filled city centre.



GLASGOW CITY STAY

4+ Day Independent Travel 3 to 5 Nights | 1 Accommodation

Experience Scotland's creative heart at your own rhythm. Enjoy striking architecture, world-class museums, live music, and lively neighbourhoods from a dynamic and walkable city base.



CITY SKIP & DAY TRIP

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

ABERDEEN CITY STAY

4+ Day Independent Travel 3 to 5 Nights | 1 Accommodation

Base yourself in Scotland's northeast coastal city, known for its striking granite streets. Enjoy historic quarters, seaside walks, and easy day trips to castles and countryside, all from a compact and well-connected city centre.



INVERNESS CITY STAY

4+ Day Independent Travel 3 to 5 Nights | 1 Accommodation

Settle into the Highlands' capital and explore at a relaxed pace. Take in riverside walks, nearby lochs, and historic sites while staying in a small, welcoming city surrounded by natural scenery.



TRIP PLANNING TIMELINE

BOOKING STEPS FROM 6 MONTHS TO 1 WEEK OUT

- 1** You make an Inquiry on our website under your desired Tour or reach out to us. We'll assign a suitable agent based on your request. We strive to respond in 48 hours but that may be longer depending on your booking window.
- 2** We discuss your dream plans with you however you feel most comfortable - video or phone call, over email, or in office if you are local.
- 3** We'll send you a first draft based on everything we've discussed and will rework it twice more until you're fully satisfied. Some trips may require a planning deposit, but we'll confirm this with you in advance.
- 4** Once you are happy with your plans, we will book everything. A deposit will be taken for your land portion, while flights and travel protection (if desired) are payable in full at the time of booking.
- 5** Ten weeks before travel, we will request your final payment and finalize all trip details before sending your travel documents.
- 6** It's time to jet off! We will be there every step of the way with 24/7 support while you travel.



WHEN TO TRAVEL?

WHAT TIME OF YEAR SHOULD YOU VISIT?

There's no bad time to visit Scotland, just different experiences. Summer offers the best chance for sun, but Scotland is beautiful and full of charm year-round.





WHEN TO TRAVEL?

NOVEMBER – MARCH - LOW SEASON

This is Scotland's most budget-friendly time to visit. Expect chilly temperatures, frequent rain, and shorter daylight hours. Some attractions and tours may be closed or run on limited schedules. Festive periods such as Christmas and Hogmanay (Scotland's New Year celebrations) tend to see higher prices despite the low season.



APRIL & OCTOBER - SHOULDER SEASON

A great balance of cost and comfort. Weather starts to improve, and most attractions are open. You may still encounter some reduced hours, but crowds are lighter and prices lower than in summer. This season can extend into early May or late September, offering scenic landscapes at a more relaxed pace.



MAY – SEPTEMBER - HIGH SEASON

The most popular time to visit Scotland. Expect higher prices and larger crowds. Attractions are fully open, days are long, and the weather is at its mildest, though still changeable. Summer is also festival season, with Highland Games across the country and the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in August, offering a chance to experience Scotland's culture, music, and pageantry at its liveliest.

PACKING TIPS

1. Layer Up

Bring light layers you can easily add or remove - think T-shirts, sweaters, and a warm fleece or jumper.

2. Waterproof Essentials

A reliable rain jacket and waterproof shoes or boots are must-haves, as showers are frequent year-round. A small umbrella may also be useful.

3. Comfortable Walking Shoes

Scotland is best explored on foot, so pack supportive shoes for city streets and countryside paths.

4. Smart Casual Clothes

Most places are relaxed, but pack one nicer outfit for dining out or a castle visit.

5. Travel Adapter

Scotland uses Type G plugs, and voltage is 230V. Bring a universal adapter.

6. Compact Day Bag

For day trips, hikes, or carrying snacks and souvenirs.

7. Medications & Toiletries

While pharmacies are common, bring any prescriptions and preferred travel-size items.

8. Power Bank & Charging Cables

Useful for long touring days or rural areas with limited outlets.



THINGS YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU KNEW



Pack Layers

The weather can change by the hour so bring layers and a rain jacket.



Drive on the Left

If you plan to rent a car, drive on the left and prepare for some narrow, rural roads.



Aye, Right!

“Aye” is Scots for yes, and you’ll hear it everywhere. Combined with “right,” it’s often used to agree or show interest.



Rent an Automatic Early

Manual cars are more common in Scotland. Book automatic vehicles in advance if needed.



Pounds

Scotland uses pounds (£). Carry some cash just in case.



It’s Wee!

You’ll hear “wee” a lot in Scotland. It just means small or little, and Scots use it to describe anything from a tiny snack to a short walk.



Pubs are Family-Friendly

Many pubs serve food and welcome families during the day.



Expect Slower Pace

Relax and take your time. Locals value conversation and storytelling.



Credit Cards Are Widely Accepted

But it’s smart to have a bit of cash for small towns, markets, and tolls.



Book Castles & Tours Ahead

Popular spots fill up, fast. Reserve early for places like Edinburgh Castle



Electricity is 230V

Bring a Type G plug adapter (UK-style, 3-pin)



Check your bag

... and your packing list often! Do not forget your raincoat!

YOUR TRIP, MADE SIMPLE

WHAT DO WE BRING TO YOUR TRAVELS?

At Kelturas Vacations, we take care of the details so you can enjoy the journey. Here's what we handle for you:



- Personalized itinerary planning based on your interests, timeline, and travel style
- Hand-picked accommodations that match your comfort level and budget
- Rental car bookings or private chauffeur arrangements for stress-free travel
- Escorted coach tour selection and reservations for a worry-free experience
- City-skip packages with day tours and public transport guidance
- Flights booked upon request with preferred schedules and carriers
- Dining recommendations and advance reservations
- Guided tour and attraction bookings with skip-the-line access when available
- Travel insurance guidance and options for peace of mind
- Insider tips, local contacts, and destination support
- Emergency assistance while you travel
- Group travel coordination, including payment tracking and communication support

*Let Us Take On
The Guesswork!*



HOW TO GET THERE?

When booking a vacation, it is always better value to book an air-inclusive package. Our airline partners make available special discount airfares for inclusive tour participants. Kelturas Vacations works with most international airlines, frequently offering the most competitive fares for travel to Ireland, Britain and Europe.

WE CAN BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS!

Our expert team of agents can assist you in booking an ideal combination of price, convenience and preference for your itinerary. We offer economy, business and first class airfares, as well as arranging private jet services for those who prefer to travel on their own schedule.

With 24/7 customer support, you won't have to wait on hold for hours with an airline in the event of a disruption. Our team is ready to assist whenever you need us!



WHICH AIRPORT?

Scotland has several airports, with Edinburgh and Glasgow welcoming the majority of international visitors. Depending on your itinerary, starting point, and travel style, choosing the right airport can make your journey smoother and better aligned with where you plan to spend most of your time.

WHY CHOOSE EDINBURGH?

Edinburgh is ideal for travelers who want to begin their trip with historic streets, castle views, and cultural landmarks right on their doorstep. Its central location and strong transport links make it easy to continue onward to the Highlands, St Andrews, or the Scottish Borders.

WHY CHOOSE GLASGOW?

Glasgow often feels more relaxed on arrival and is well suited for trips focused on the west coast and islands. From here, it's easy to reach Loch Lomond & The Trossachs, Oban, the Isle of Skye, and other Highland routes without navigating city traffic first.

OTHER AIRPORTS IN SCOTLAND

Alongside Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland is served by airports in Inverness, Aberdeen, Dundee, Prestwick, Campbeltown, Wick, Stornoway, Benbecula, Barra, Kirkwall, and Sumburgh.

Depending on your itinerary or onward connections, these airports offer flexibility and can be a convenient way to tailor your journey.



SCOTLAND'S CULTURE



FOOD & DRINK

Scottish food (or *scrán*) is hearty and full of flavour. Fresh seafood, warming stews, and locally sourced produce feature on menus everywhere. Whisky is a national treasure. Scotland is home to over **140 active distilleries**, producing a wide variety of single malts and blends.

MUSIC & DANCE

Bagpipes, fiddles, and drums can be heard everywhere, from lively pubs to summer festivals. Take part in a *ceilidh*, a traditional Scottish dance, and you'll quickly see how much music is a part of everyday life in Scotland.



HERE ARE A FEW PHRASES YOU COULD USE

- “**Craic**” – Fun, good times (e.g. “What’s the craic?” = What’s going on?)
- “**Cheers**” – Used for thank you, not just for toasts
- “**Grand**” – used to describe good feelings
- “**Wee**” – Small or little, used in lots of ways (e.g. “a wee dram” = a small drink).
- “**Aye**” – Yes, often used to agree or emphasize.
- “**Lads**” / “**Lassies**” – Guys / girls, casually used in conversation.
- “**Braw**” – Something good, fine, or enjoyable (e.g. “The weather’s braw today”).
- “**Belter**” – Something excellent or outstanding (e.g. “That meal was a belter!”).
- “**Scran**” – Food, a meal, or a snack (e.g. “Let’s grab some scrán”).

SCOTLAND'S CULTURE

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

HIGHLAND GAMES

Highland Games take place across the country from May to September, with the biggest events in July and August. These traditional gatherings showcase feats of strength such as caber tossing, hammer throw, and tug-of-war. Music, dancing, and local food create a lively atmosphere, making them a fun experience for visitors of all ages. The most famous games are the Braemar Highland Games, attended by the royal family!



EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

Edinburgh Military Tattoo, held every August, transforms the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle into a spectacular stage for military bands, dancers, and performers from around the world. The show combines music, precision drills, and impressive pyrotechnics, all set against the dramatic backdrop of the castle.



HOGMANAY

Hogmanay is Scotland's New Year celebration and is famous worldwide. Multi-day festivities include street parties, torchlight processions, live music, and fireworks. Traditional customs like first-footing—being the first person to enter a friend's home after midnight with gifts for good luck—are still observed across the country.



WHERE TO STAY?

HOTELS

Scotland is home to more than 1,200 hotels ranging from luxurious five-star resorts to charming boutique properties and affordable family-run spots. Whether you want to pamper yourself with spa treatments and gourmet dining or keep it simple and central, hotels offer a wide variety of experiences to match your travel preferences.

A FEW OF OUR MOST POPULAR

APEX HOTEL, GLASGOW

Modern comfort in the heart of the city, close to shopping, culture, and nightlife..

MANOR HOUSE HOTEL, OBAN

A charming coastal retreat with stunning sea views and relaxed Scottish hospitality.

APEX HOTEL, EDINBURGH

Stylish rooms just steps from the Royal Mile and historic city sights.

CULLODEN HOUSE HOTEL, INVERNESS

A historic Highland estate offering refined rooms, scenic grounds, and riverside walks.



WHERE TO STAY?



CASTLES

For a truly magical experience, spend a night or two in an Scottish castle. These historic properties blend ancient charm with modern comforts, offering an unforgettable stay. From grand estates to smaller, more affordable options, castles can suit a variety. Stroll their lush grounds, soak in the history, and feel like royalty.

A FEW STANDOUT OPTIONS

INVERLOCHY CASTLE, FORT WILLIAM

A classic luxury castle hotel in the Highlands with fine dining and stunning views of Ben Nevis.

GLENAPP CASTLE, BALLANTRAE

A storied estate with sea views, elegant interiors, and award-winning dining.

CROSSBASKET CASTLE, BLANTYRE

A newly restored 5-star 17th-century castle hotel set in woodland grounds with riverside walks and fine dining

FONAB CASTLE, PITLOCHRY

A 5-star castle hotel & spa on the shores of Loch Faskally in Pitlochry, known for refined rooms.

WHERE TO STAY?

B & BS

Ideal for travelers looking to slow down and soak up the countryside, Scottish B&Bs offer more than just a place to rest. These are welcoming family homes where you'll be treated to warm hospitality, local stories, and hearty homemade breakfasts. It's the most affordable and flexible way to explore Scotland arrive as a guest and leave as a friend.

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE STAYS

ARDLOGIE GUEST HOUSE, AVIEMORE

Cosy Highland accommodation ideal for exploring Cairngorms National Park.

ARDVRECK HOUSE, ULLAPOOL

Traditional Scottish hospitality with charming rooms and beautiful sea views.

HEATHERFIELD HOUSE, OBAN

A welcoming base in town, with comfort and character for exploring the west coast.

CULLODEN GUEST HOUSE, INVERNESS

Friendly Highland stay with easy access to Loch Ness and local attractions.



GROUP TRAVEL

Traveling with others is a rewarding experience, but group size can shape how your trip comes together. Whether you are planning with a few friends or a large family, understanding what to expect will help make the journey smoother and more enjoyable for everyone.

TRAVELING WITH 5 OR MORE

When planning for groups of five or more, it's important to keep these essentials in mind.

UNDERSTAND GROUP DYNAMICS

Every group travels differently, with varying interests and energy levels. Setting expectations early keeps everyone on the same page..

IMPORTANCE OF EARLY PLANNING

Bigger groups need reservations well in advance for stays, dining, and key activities. Early organization keeps the group together and avoids stress.



TRAVELING WITH 5 OR MORE

CHOOSING ACCOMMODATION

Look for places that offer plenty of space to relax, with shared areas where everyone can gather. Staying in the same property or connected rooms helps the group feel unified without feeling crowded.

TRANSPORTATION

Private drivers and pre-booked transfers make getting around much easier for bigger groups. If everyone travels together, timing is simpler and no one gets left behind.

COORDINATING ACTIVITIES

Try to choose one main activity each day for whole group, then smaller optional choices for those with different interests. A little flexibility goes a long way toward keeping everyone happy.

ASSIGNING A GROUP LEADER

Designating one person (or a few) to handle confirmations and communication helps keep things organized. It's less about being "in charge" and more about making sure information flows clearly.

MANAGING BUDGETS

Clear budgeting from the start helps everyone understand what to expect. With your trip priced upfront and no hidden fees, it's easier to plan together and split costs.

BUILDING IN FREE TIME

A bit of downtime gives everyone space to recharge. These small breaks keep the group refreshed and make shared moments more enjoyable.



TRAVELING WITH A SMALL GROUP

Trips with fewer than five people offer more flexibility and spontaneity. It is easier to agree on plans, book last-minute activities, and dine without reservations

Boutique hotels, B&Bs, and unique stays are often available. The pace can be relaxed, with decision-making quick and the itinerary more open to change.





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