Scotland

EUROPE | Edinburgh, Inverness and The Highlands

Season: 2020 Standard

Sun 8 DAYS  Rain 16 MEALS  People 21 SITES

Be awed by lush countrysides, ancient stone castles and beautiful lochs that decorate the Scottish landscapes. Follow the history of royalty and clans—and keep your eyes open for a mythical sea creature as you explore this amazing country on your Adventures by Disney Scotland vacation.
Trip Overview

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

ACCOMMODATIONS
- Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian
- Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness
- Edinburgh, Inverness and The Highlands

AGES
- Minimum Age: 4
- Suggested Age: 6+

FLIGHT INFORMATION
- Arrive: Edinburgh Airport (EDI)
- Return: Inverness Airport (INV)

16 MEALS
- 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 4 Dinners
Arrive in Edinburgh

After clearing customs, you are met by an Adventures by Disney representative who welcomes you with a warm “Fàilte to Scotland!” and then helps with your luggage. Relax as a driver whisks you away to the historic Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian.

Check into Your Hotel

Get ready for more Scottish welcomes when your Adventure Guides greet you. Unwind from your trip and marvel at the stately décor of the Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian while your Guides check you in.

Welcome Reception and Dinner

Say halò to your fellow Adventurers at an exclusive feast in the hotel’s elegant dining room. Raise a glass and toast the beginning of an unforgettable trip with a resounding “Slainte”!
EDINBURGH

Activities Highlights:
Royal Yacht Britannia, The Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh Castle Tour

Royal Yacht Britannia
After breakfast at the hotel, get ready for a Red Carpet Welcome and private visit of the former royal yacht of the British monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. Enjoy a lovely reception with fresh scones and coffee on the Royal Deck Tea Room and discover what life was like on board Her Majesty’s floating Royal residence.

The Palace of Holyroodhouse
A Blue Badge Guide leads you on a tour of the royal palace, which is the Queen of England’s official residence in Edinburgh. Over the centuries, great events at Holyroodhouse have shaped the fates of England, Scotland and France.

See important details

The Royal Mile and the Statue of Greyfriars Bobby
En route to Edinburgh Castle, make a stop at the Statue of Greyfriars Bobby, the renowned Skye Terrier. According to legend, this adorable pooch spent 14 years until his death guarding the grave of his owner. The story of Greyfriars Bobby was so remarkable that Walt Disney Productions turned it into a movie in 1961!
Lunch On Your Own
Take a break from your walking tour and dine with your friends and family at one of the many restaurant options nearby. Ask your Blue Badge Guide and Adventure Guides for recommendations.

Tour of Edinburgh Castle
Continue with your Blue Badge Guide to Edinburgh Castle. There, take in the resplendent views of the city and explore the castle’s massive fortifications. Revel in the remarkable tales of royal intrigue surrounding the wars for Scottish independence told by your local expert.

Evening in Edinburgh and Dinner On Your Own
Edinburgh is rich in history and eye-catching architecture. Stroll the Royal Mile, the commercial center of Old Town, and hear the lilting melody of the Scottish brogue in passing conversations. You’re sure to fall in love with this charming city as you explore the shops, restaurants and historic buildings of Lawnmarket and High Street. Ask your Adventure Guides to recommend the perfect place to have a family dinner.
KELSO, SCOTTISH BORDERS

Activities Highlights:
The Scottish Borders, Floors Castle & Gardens Tour, Shortbread-Making Lesson

Breakfast and Lunch Included
Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian

The Scottish Borders
Fuel up on breakfast at the hotel before your visit to the Scottish Borders where you'll spend the day at the stunning Floors Castle.

Coffee and Tea Reception at Floors Castle
Start your day with a delightful reception where you'll enjoy the exclusive experience of being served tea and cookies by the Private Butler of the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, who call Floors Castle their home.

Floors Castle and Gardens Tour
Experience a day surrounded by all things royal as Adventurers embark on a privately guided tour of Floors Castle—the largest inhabited country house in Scotland—and its stunning gardens. View the Duke and Duchess' amazing art collection as you walk through the grand rooms and hallways that fill the castle. Then, walk the spectacular Walled Garden, site of the formal Millennium Garden and visit Queens' House, a charming summerhouse named after Queen Victoria, who stayed there in 1867.

Junior Adventurers can enjoy the outdoor area with their Adventure Guides.
Private Lunch and Exclusive Shortbread-Making Lesson

Join your fellow Adventurers at the Castle’s Courtyard Café for a private lunch and an exclusive shortbread-making lesson taught by the Private Chef of the Duke and Duchess, where you can try your hand at creating one of these buttery treats!

Edinburgh and Evening On Your Own

Enjoy an evening of exploration around Scotland’s capital, from its medieval Old Town to the elegant Georgian New Town.

You can also dine in one of the fantastic restaurants that abound in the city. Ask your Adventure Guide for a dinner recommendation that will satisfy your entire clan.
INVERNESS AND THE HIGHLANDS

Activities Highlights:
Glenturret Distillery Tour, Blair Castle, Adult Dinner with Storytelling

Depart Edinburgh for the Highlands
Have a hearty breakfast at the hotel before heading out on your journey to Inverness and The Highlands. Relax and enjoy the motor coach ride through the glorious Scottish scenery that surrounds you.

Glenturret Distillery Tour
Steep yourself in the rich history of Scotch Whisky on this tour of Scotland’s oldest distillery which dates back to 1775. You’ll get a behind-the-scenes look at the Glenturret hand-mashing process for creating one of the premiere Scotch malt whisky produced today. For interested adults, an optional Glenturret Whisky Tasting will be included.

Lunch at Glenturret Distillery
Enjoy an authentic taste of Scotland created with the very best local produce. The exceptional food and relaxed atmosphere makes this a dining experience to be savored.

Blair Castle Privately-Guided Visit
Step into 700 years of history as you walk the hallowed halls of this Scottish highland castle located at the gateway to Cairngorms National Park and The Highlands. Adventurers have access to over 30 rooms which house centuries of Scottish cultural history in architectural
design, period furnishings, family portraits, landscape paintings and a colorful military history.

Arrive at Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness
Relax and unwind as your Adventure Guides check you into your comfortable accommodations for the next 4 nights.

Adults Dinner and Storytelling
Adults enjoy a group meal together in a private setting at the Kingsmills Hotel. The evening continues with some delightful entertainment provided by a local Scottish storyteller who will regale the group with tales of Scottish lore and traditions.

Junior Adventurer Dinner and Movie
While the adults enjoy their dinner, Junior Adventurers join the Adventure Guides for a dinner of their own, followed by a private screening of a Disney movie. After the movie, Junior Adventurers will join their parents for family-friendly storytelling.
INVERNESS

Activities Highlights:
Loch Ness Exhibition Center, Canoe on Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle, Falconry Experiences

Breakfast at the Hotel
Start your day with a delicious breakfast before you head off for adventures ahead.

Loch Ness Exhibition Centre
Arrive by motor coach at Loch Ness and spend time on your own exploring the center, with its artful presentation of both facts and lore about the loch. Make up your own mind whether the famous monster, Nessie, really exists! Visit the art gallery or shop for a special souvenir of this legendary lake.

Private Lunch at the Loch Ness Café
Take a break from your Nessie-hunt and enjoy lunch with your fellow Adventurers at this cozy café.

Canoe on Loch Ness, at the Shores of Urquhart Castle
Canoe across the dark and legendary waters of Loch Ness from the shores of Urquhart Castle — an experience exclusive to Adventures by Disney. Guests also have the option to instead take a private traditional motor launch boat, where you’ll hear the skipper’s tales of searching for the elusive creature lurking below.
Urquhart Castle
Explore the ruins of this once-mighty fortress that commands breathtaking views of Loch Ness. Built upon the remains of an ancient burial cairn, Urquhart Castle was captured numerous times over the centuries by warring forces contending for the throne of Scotland. It’s also one of the most frequent locations of Nessie sightings! Perhaps you will be the one to snap the next famous picture…

Falconry Experience
Take part in this centuries-old sport that is truly an art form. Expert falconers will show you the finesse, subtlety and skill that is required, as well as give insight into these graceful and elegant birds of prey.

Dinner and Evening on Your Own in Inverness
Set off for dinner on your own in the town of Inverness. Scottish traditional cuisine and much more is on the menu at various local restaurants. Don’t hesitate to ask your Adventure Guides for dining recommendations.
INVERNESS

**Activities Highlights:**

Culloden Battlefield Site, Bike Along the Caledonian Canal, Dinner & Traditional Scottish Entertainment at Bogbain Farm

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**Culloden Battlefield Site**

After breakfast at the hotel, a local guide will lead you to the site of one of the most harrowing battles in British history – the 1745 Jacobite Rising. You’ll stand on the windswept moor where the Jacobites made their final stand, admire artifacts from the battle and experience the Battle of Culloden in the visitor center’s interactive display.

**Lunch at Mustard Seed Restaurant**

Enjoy a hearty lunch at this well-known spot that is a favorite amongst the locals and located on the banks of the River Ness.

**Bike Ride Along the Caledonian Canal**

Following lunch, join your fellow Adventurers for a family-friendly, 4-mile bike ride along the Caledonian Canal. This scenic ride avoids busy roads as you head along the canal towpath to Dochgarroch Loch Gates, where you can relax and watch the boats move up through the gates before they head out to Loch Ness.

**Dinner and Scottish Entertainment at Bogbain Farm**

Celebrate your journey in the Highlands with a delightful evening filled with Ceilidh
dancing, traditional Scottish music, delicious Scottish barbecue and storytelling.
INVERNESS

Activities Highlights:
A Day at Rothiemurchus Estate with Archery & Highland Games, Hairy “Coo” Safari and Red Deer Feeding Experience

A Day at Rothiemurchus Estate
Embark on a journey to Rothiemurchus Estate—a magnificent, privately owned 25,000 acre Highland estate situated at the heart of the Cairngorms National Park and one of the greatest tracts of natural forest in Britain. This ancient, wild woodland forest is home to an extraordinary variety of wildlife and is the site of pretty Loch an Eilein, with its 13th-century castle sitting on the lake’s little island. The glorious scenery will steal your heart if the mop-headed Highland cattle don’t steal it first!

Archery
Join an expert on the estate grounds for a private lesson in archery. Don’t have a bow and arrow handy? No problem! All equipment is provided.

Highland Games
Partake in a wee bit o’ friendly competition for all ages as you celebrate Scottish culture with traditional Highland games that may include the caber toss, shot put or tug-o-war.

Lunch at Rothiemurchus Estate
Take a lunch break with your fellow Adventurers featuring locally sourced Scottish foods
served in the vintage marquee on the Inverdruie House lawn.

**Loch an Eilein Hike**

Take a step back in time as you and your fellow Adventurers enjoy learning about the culture, history and natural environment of the Rothiemurchus Forest. You’ll hear entertaining stories about the area from a local ranger, as well as get a great view of the dramatic and mysterious Highland 13th-century castle and see exceptional wildlife. Junior Adventurers can partake in a scavenger hunt along the trail.

**Hairy “Coo” Safari and Red Deer Feeding Experience**

Delight in a motor coach tour around the property, designed for both Adult and Junior Adventurers and led by two senior Rothiemurchus Rangers. Stop and feed the traditional Highland cattle, also known as “hairy coo,” with their huge horns and hairy coats. And discover the extraordinary Scottish red deer—feed these delightful animals while enjoying some magical views up the River Spey to Badenoch and across the glen to the Monadhliath Mountains.

**Farewell to the Highlands Dinner at the Hotel**

Bid **Soraidh** to the Highlands with this evening at the Kingsmills Hotel, including Highland dancers and the classic “Address to a Haggis”—a famous poem performed by a local bagpiper.
INVERNESS

Activities Highlights:
Transfer to Inverness Airport

Breakfast at the Hotel
Say guid cheerio the now to all your fellow Adventurers at this last breakfast in Inverness!

Transfers to the Inverness Airport (INV)
Relax and enjoy your final moments in Scotland as we handle your luggage and arrange for transportation to the airport.
IMPORTANT DETAILS

Day 2

Please note: Holyroodhouse Palace may be closed on some dates in June due to Elizabeth, Queen of England, being in residence. In the event the Palace is closed, a tour of St. Giles Cathedral and the Thistle Chapel will be featured.
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