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The Scottish Isles

discover a different world!
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visit places off the beaten track
onboard a genuine expedition ship

Festivals & Fairs

music and art in Scotland

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5% discount on all tours & holidays booked and paid for by 31st January 2007



The **ORKNEY & SHETLAND TOURING COMPANY**, now trading as **SCOTLAND TOURING**, has expanded its activities beyond the Northern Isles. For your enjoyment we have added quality holidays and tours in Mainland Scotland and the Hebridean Islands, as well as Marine Expeditions onboard a cruiser, exploring remote locations.

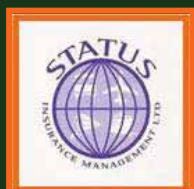
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TO SCOTLAND AND THE SCOTTISH ISLES**



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Re-live the turbulent times of medieval Scotland, feel the chill of castles with history of times gone by. If the walls could talk...

Well, they don't but our highly qualified tour guides do. In several languages, so everyone can take part in the tours leading you through the darkest ages.

Visit Eilean Donan Castle, originally built by Alexander II as a defence against the Vikings and relax at MacGochans, one of the cool pubs in Tobermory on the island of Mull.

Indulge yourself in the beauty of nature and wildlife in the Northern Isles, which is only matched by its World Heritage monuments, some of which are older than the pyramids of Egypt.

Enjoy the famous hospitality of the Scottish Highlanders, together with outstanding meals and a dram of Scottish Whisky.



12 DAY GRAND TOUR OF SCOTLAND, WESTERN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS FROM £ 1,449 per person

WHAT YOU SEE:

The cities of Edinburgh, Inverness and Oban with guided tours and literature.

The Scottish Highlands, including Blair Atholl, Cairngorm and Trossachs National Parks. Part of the journey is made on an old Steam Train. The famous Loch Ness and Loch Lomond are also on the programme. Take an optional cruise on the lake or relax by the shore with a glass of crisp white wine and try some local oysters.

A tour of the Hebrides brings you to the islands of Skye, Mull and Iona, which we tour with a guide. On the programme to see are the Iona Abbey, Tobermory, Eilean Donan Castle and a Whisky Distillery.

The Northern Islands we reach by overnight ferry. We tour Shetland with a guide and see the famous Viking village Jarlshof, which has also remains from Iron and Bronze Age settlements. A boat trip to the Noss Wildlife Reserve is for sure one of the highlights on this tour.

In the Orkney Islands we have selected a guided tour to World Heritage Skara Brae and the Ring of Brodgar.

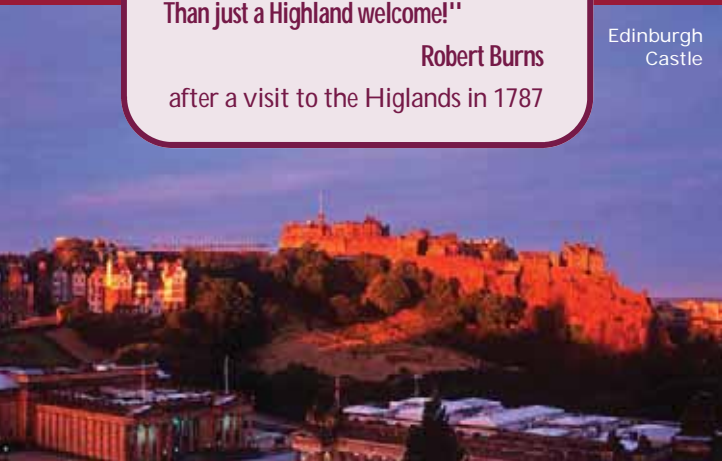
You travel by train, bus and ferry and stay in good 3star country or city hotels. Price based on B&B, 2 persons sharing.

*"When death's dark stream I ferry o'er,
A time that surely SHALL come
In Heaven itself I'll ask no more
Than just a Highland welcome!"*

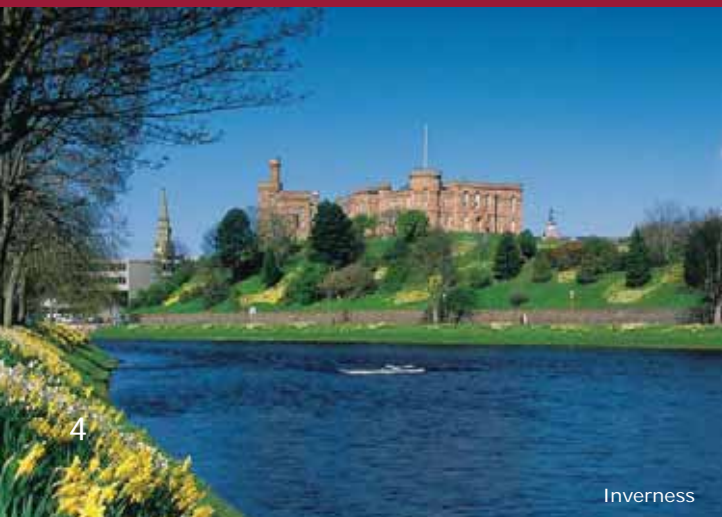
Robert Burns

after a visit to the Higlands in 1787

Edinburgh Castle



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Inverness



Glengorm Castle, Isle of Mull

EDINBURGH, the HIGHLANDS and the WESTERN ISLANDS

5 nights, 6 days. from £ 669 per person

Arrive in Edinburgh around lunch time or early afternoon and explore the city yourself with the help of our guiding information. Have dinner in one of Edinburgh's excellent pubs or restaurants. Optionally, we can arrange a guided evening walk through the old town. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Next day we start with a casual drive through Trossachs National Park and stop at Loch Lomond. Take an optional cruise or explore the shores of this magnificent lake. In the early evening we reach the hotel on the Scottish West Coast. Overnight in the area Oban / Ballachulish.

On the third day we board a ferry in Oban and sail to the picturesque Island of Mull and stop at Tobermory. After a romantic journey through the island, which forms a part of the inner Hebrides, the tour continues with a small ferry to the island of Iona. Depart the world of Hebridean Isles via the Morvern peninsula. Overnight in the area Ballachulish / Ft William.

On day four we experience the journey along the famous "Road to the Isles" to Mallaig, which is surely one of the highlights of this Grand Tour. We also embark an old Steam Train and venture to the world of Harry Potter. Cross the waters per ferry from Mallaig to Armadale / Skye and enjoy a drive through this largest Island of the Inner Hebrides. In the afternoon we tour the picturesque "Eilean Donan Castle" and make our way to the east coast. Stay overnight in the area of Inverness.

Day five brings us via Aviemore and Pitlochry to Scotland's ancient capital Perth. Late afternoon we visit the renowned Blair Athol Whisky Distillery in Pitlochry, where you take a tour of the distillery. After lunch we drive casually through the highlands to Perth, where we visit Scone Palace. Overnight in the area of Perth.

Day six we arrive in Edinburgh, where your tour finishes and the rest of the day is at your leisure.



Evening Viewing, Ring of Brodgar, Orkney



Steam Train crossing bridge to Glenn Finnan

EDINBURGH, the BORDERS and the NORTHERN ISLANDS

6 nights, 6 days. from £ 679 per person

Arrive in Edinburgh around lunch time or early afternoon and explore the city yourself with the help of our guiding information. Have dinner in one of Edinburgh's excellent pubs or restaurants. Optionally, we can arrange a guided evening walk through the old town.

Next day we provide a mini bus and drive to the Scottish Borders, where you visit Soutra Isle and the impressive town of Melrose dominated by the Abbey, which is said to be the burial place of the heart of Robert the Bruce. Highlight is a visit and guided tour of the world famous and mysterious Rosslyn Chapel. On day three is at your own leisure and you can choose if you take an optional excursion, play a round of golf or simply relax.

On day four we take you through the Southern Highlands to Aberdeen, where you embark a cruise ferry to Orkney.

Overnight in Orkney, one of the richest heritage places in the islands. After breakfast we visit the World Heritage site Skara Brae, Europe's best preserved Neolithic village. We then drive to Marwick Head and enjoy a walk through the Nature Reserve. Visit St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall and take a tour of the world's most northerly Whisky Distillery at Highland Park. Also on the programme is a stop at the Italian Chapel and the world famous Sca Flow. Evening viewing of the Ceremonial Ring of Brodgar.

Later on we embark a cruise ferry on an overnight crossing to Shetland.

Day five starts with a visit to the ancient village of Jarlshof with remains from the Iron and Bronze Age, as well as the Viking period. This is followed by a pleasant walk at Sumburgh Wildlife Reserve.

Embark the cruise ferry to Aberdeen on an overnight trip.

Day six we arrange your trip from Aberdeen to Edinburgh, where you arrive early afternoon.

PRICES FOR SCOTLAND TOURS INCLUDE:

Transport from the starting point to the ending point of the tour, which may include bus, train, steam train or ferry.

Accommodation in good 3star hotels or onboard a cruise ferry, based on bed and breakfast and two persons sharing a room.

Entrance fees to sites and tour guides as listed in the description of the tour.

Information pack on sites and the touring area.

For your guidance:

activities referred to as „optional“ are not included in the price but can be booked through Scotland Touring for a surcharge.



magical moments

nature, wildlife, endless space...

step into a world where clocks tick differently and feel the chill of ancient monuments, built by people who lived here more than 5,000 years ago.

BREAKS AND HOLIDAYS

IN THE NORTHERN ISLES

You can reach us from London, all major airports in Scotland or by cruise ferry from Aberdeen and Bergen

From
£ 229

SHETLAND BREAKS

WEEKEND FLY BREAK FROM LONDON

3 day/3 night weekend break, Friday - Sunday

£ 379 per person includes return flight, b&b in good 3star hotel, boat trip to wildlife reserve, guided old town lodger walk, based on 2 persons sharing accommodation

SAIL AWAY BREAK FROM ABERDEEN

1 day/2 nights, various departure opportunities

£ 229 per person includes return cruise ferry crossing including 2 overnights onboard in twin ensuite cabin on b&b basis, guided cliff walk in wildlife reserve, explore old town on your own with our guide book.

Based on 2 persons sharing accommodation

ORKNEY BREAKS

From
£ 335

WEEKEND FLY BREAK FROM EDINBURGH

3 day/2 night weekend break, Friday - Sunday

£ 419 per person includes return flight, b&b in good 3star hotel, half day excursion, tour of distillery, guided nature walk, based on 2 persons sharing accommodation

SAIL AWAY BREAK FROM ABERDEEN

3 days/3 nights, various departure opportunities

£ 335 per person includes return cruise ferry crossing, b&b in 3star hotel, half day guided excursion to Skara Brae and Ring of Brodgar, boat ride to Wildlife Reserve, explore Orkney and outer islands on your own with our guide book. Optional car-hire for self drive available.

Based on 2 persons sharing accommodation

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5% Early Bird Bonus!

discount of 5% on all tours & holidays booked and paid for by 31st January 2007



Exploring Caves by Sea Kayak, Shetland



Pintail Ducks, Orkney

ISLAND HOLIDAYS

There are many ways to enjoy a holiday in the Northern Isles. If you prefer a different arrangement from the examples we list here, please contact us for a separate brochure or call us for consultation.

We are busy upgrading our website and adding new holiday specials, so please visit us at

www.scotlandtouring.com

TOUR OR HOLIDAY?

Not sure what to choose?

You book a **Tour** if you want to see as much as possible and don't mind changing your overnight accommodation several times during the trip. Tours include guided site visits, activities and excursions almost every day.

If you book a **Holiday**, you stay in one location. We have included one or two excursions or activities in your holiday and leave it up to you how active you would like to be for the time you are there.

We also offer **self-drive holidays**, **cruises** and **marine expeditions**.

SHETLAND HOLIDAYS

SHETLAND COUNTRY

7 nights, from £ 679 per person

Return ferry trip from Aberdeen, 2 nights on cruise ferry, 5 nights in 3 star country hotel on b&b basis. Price includes:

- One full day excursion: Hermaness Wildlife Reserve, see Muckle Flugga and the islands of Unst and Yell including transport and guide.
- Half day excursion to Lerwick with guided city walk through the old town and Fort Charlotte.

SHETLAND LIGHTHOUSE

from £ 549 per person

Return flight from Edinburgh or Glasgow, 7 nights in self catering lighthouse accommodation. Price includes:

- One full day excursion to Lerwick and Scalloway, as well as boat trip to Noss Wildlife Reserve.
- Half day tour to 4,500 year old Viking village Jarlshof and boat trip to Mousa Island.
- Food and beverage start-up package

Extend your holiday to 10 or 12 days for low cost

ORKNEY HOLIDAYS

STROMNESS

7 nights, from £ 559 per person

Return ferry from Scrabster, 7 nights in 3*B&B in or near Stromness

Price includes:

- One full day excursion: Island hopping per plane to two outer islands with lunch and self-guiding booklet to visit wildlife sanctuaries and sites
- One half day guided excursion to Skara Brae and ring of Brodgar.

WESTRAY

7 nights, from £ 765 per person

Return flight Inverness to Kirkwall, return ferry to Westray, transfers 7 nights in 3 star country hotel on b&b basis. Price includes:

- One full day excursion to Kirkwall with visit to St Magnus Cathedral, Stromness and Skara Brae
- A boat trip to the outer islands

Extend your holiday to 10 or 12 days for low cost

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

There is a lot to do in Shetland and Orkney. Or nothing. As you choose. But for those who are looking for sport, nature walks, adventures or exploring the remote outer islands, we offer a number of opportunities.

Visit our website or call us at 0845 094 04 04 for a brochure

GETTING AROUND

Orkney and Shetland offer a network of public transport opportunities including coaches, ferries and planes, to get you around the mainland and to the outer islands.

Take one of our pre-booked routes and tours or plan your own and book right here with us, either online in advance or at one of our offices in Kirkwall or Lerwick.



Gray Seal, found anywhere

Marine Expeditions

The ships are ice class research vessels, purpose built in Finland for the Russian Academy of Science. They have been converted for passenger use and are ideally suited for expeditions in polar areas. The vessels comply with the highest international safety and environmental regulations, as well as Arctic and Antarctic guide lines.

We are offering accommodation in twin cabins or suites, all with private facilities. The vessels also offer twin and triple accommodation with community showers and toilets, which can be booked with us for a lower price. The ships carry a complement of zodiacs, which are used for cruising and landing at the shorelines of remote islands.



from £ 250 per day

EXPLORING THE SCOTTISH ISLES

one to one with nature

The green fertile islands of Orkney , Shetland and the Hebrides are ideal places to truly get away from it all. The islands provide a vivid contrast to the rugged moorland of the Highlands, the landscape rolling gently to merge with wide open skies and azure blue seas.

Peace and tranquillity characterise these islands which lie just miles off the northern tip of the Scottish mainland. Steeped in history, there are over 1,000 recorded sites of interest, many built before the pyramids. Vikings ruled over the islands for nearly 500 years and Scandinavian influence can still be seen and felt. Island and parish names come straight out of the sagas; "Westray" means west island, "Hoy" is the high island.



Leopard Seal

DEPARTURE DATES AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Scottish Islands, Aberdeen - Oban, from £ 1,750 p. person 7 nights, 8 days; May 12th to 19th, 2007

Arrive in **ABERDEEN** and embark for your voyage. As the North sea is reached you see to the south the lighthouse on Girdle Ness, designed by the grandfather of Robert Louis Stevenson.

On **day 2** we reach **FAIR ISLE** in the Shetlands, where we are welcomed by the 70 or so inhabitants and walk to the bird observatory. Later, on the **island of Mousa**, we visit one of the best preserved brochs in Scotland. During a night excursion we watch thousands of Storm Petrels return to their nests or crevices. By day we view Grey Seals, Black Guillemots, Red-throated Divers, Arctic Skuas and a wonderful spring flora.

Day 3 brings us to the small **island of Foula**, home to the largest colony of Great Skuas in the northern hemisphere. There are small ponds with Red-throated Divers and spectacular cliffs (The Noup) crowded with nesting seabirds. We visit Arctic Tern and Arctic Skua colonies as well as calling on the islanders who number only about 30.

On **day 4** we sail out to the Atlantic, north-west of Scotland where we find the tiny **islands of North Rona and Sula Sgeir**. We land on North Rona to see the seabird colonies and the Grey Seals. The island was inhabited in the 18th century and some remains are still visible.

As we reach the **Hebrides**, we visit **Lewis** on **day 5** to see the prehistoric stone circle of Callanish, one of the finest in Britain with stones over 3m tall. There are several smaller stone circles and chambered cairns on the moorland near Callanish. Later there will be great opportunities to watch and photograph Guillemots, Razorbills and Puffins on the **Flannan Islands**, a group of small islands to the west of the **Outer Hebrides**.

Day 6 brings us to the **St Kilda group of islands**, west of **North Uist**. They are built of volcanic rock and with cliffs rising to over 400m, the highest in Britain and home to the largest seabird colony in the country. St Kilda has its own sub-species of birds, mice and sheep, the Soay, probably brought here by Stone Age man over 5,000 years ago. Until 1930 St Kilda was inhabited, but then the last of the islanders left leaving a handful of windswept ruins, though there is also a military base which may be visited.

On **day 7** we visit the small **islands of Mingulay, Berneray and Pabay**, situated to the south of South Uist. The islands are a Nature Reserve with important breeding populations of razorbills, guillemots, black guillemots, puffins, fulmars and shags. There are also five species of gull, all the seabirds being attracted by the cliffs and caves which offer safe nesting sites. The islands also have significant historical sites, including the old village on Mingulay which the last islanders left in 1912. The islanders were fishermen and collected seabirds and their eggs for food. They also traded the feathers. If the weather is poor we will sail to Canna, one of the 'Small Isles' of the Inner Hebrides. It has a tiny agricultural and cattle-rearing population. From a walk along the cliff top we may see Golden Eagles, White-tailed Eagles and Peregrine Falcons. Rare loose-flowered Orchids can be found on the cliff edge.

We disembark at **Oban** on day 8, a small and cosy harbour town in west Scotland. From there we take the train to **Glasgow**, a marvellous journey through one of the most scenic parts of Scotland, to join our homeward flights. We can make arrangements for those wishing to stay a few days in Oban.

More Departure Dates:

Scottish Islands, Edinburgh - Oban, from £ 2,290 per person 9 nights, 10 days; May 25th - June 3rd, 2007

Edinburgh - Kirkwall - Papa Westray - Foula - Shetland - Mousa - Fair Isle - North Rona & Sula Sgeir - Lewis - St Kilda - Iona - Treshnish Islands - Canna - Oban

Scottish Islands - Faroe - Jan Mayen - Bear Island - South Spitzbergen, from £ 1,990 per person

11 nights, 12 days; June 2nd - June 13th, 2007

Oban - North Rona & Sula Sgeir - Thorshaven - Jan Mayen - at Sea Whale Watching - Bear Island - Hornsund, Spitzbergen - Kapp Toscana - Recherchefjord - Longyearbyen

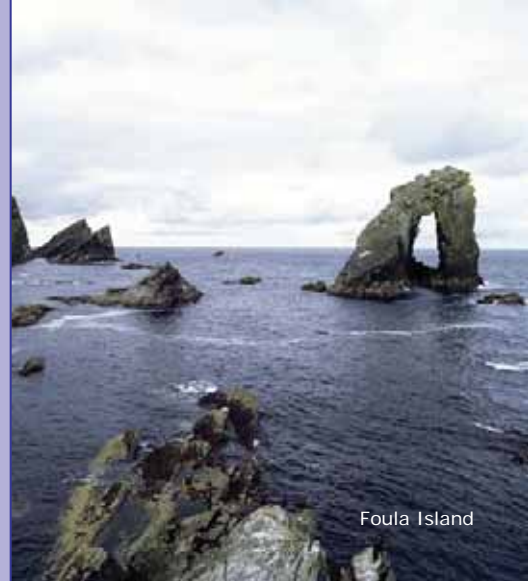
Scottish Islands - Faroe - Jan Mayen - Bear Island - South Spitzbergen, from £ 1,990 per person

11 nights, 12 days; June 3rd - 14th, 2007

Oban - North Rona & Sula Sgeir - Thorshaven - Jan Mayen - at Sea Whale Watching - Bear Island - Hornsund, Spitzbergen - Kapp Toscana - Recherchefjord - Longyearbyen



Shag



Foula Island



Puffin



Visitors are Welcome on the Bridge

PRICES INCLUDE:

- Accommodation with private facilities in en suite twin rooms
- All meals onboard
- Lectures by Qualified Guides
- All Excursions

Upgrade to Suites available

We book your travel arrangements

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self-drive tours

Bring your own car or check us for a quote on a hire car. Booking with us means you have all arrangements taken care of and enjoy full support 24/7 while you are on the tour. Bon voyage.

ROAD MAP WITH ROUTE SUPPLIED FOR EVERY TOUR



Orkney Odyssey, 5 nights

Own car or surcharge for hire car

Price based on 2 persons sharing **from £499**

per person includes:

Route Planning, Guide Book, Information on Sites
Ferry ABERDEEN – KIRKWALL, passage and dinner
Orkney 4 nights in 3star hotel on B&B basis

Self-guide tour, ferry with car to outer island

Ferry KIRKWALL-ABERDEEN

Overnight passage in twin en suite cabin

Bed and breakfast basis

Discover Shetland & Orkney

7 nights, Own car or surcharge for hire car

Price based on 2 persons sharing **from £759**

per person includes:

Route Planning, Guide Book, Information on Sites

Ferry ABERDEEN-LERWICK

Overnight passage in twin en suite cabin

Bed and breakfast

Lerwick 3 nights in 3star Hotel on B&B basis

Boat trip to Noss Wildlife Reserve

Boat trip to Mousa Island and Broch of Mousa

Ferry LERWICK-KIRKWALL, passage with dinner

Kirkwall 2 nights in 3star hotel on B&B basis

Self-guide tour, ferry with car to outer island

Ferry KIRKWALL-ABERDEEN

Overnight passage in twin en suite cabin and breakfast

Shetland Symphony, 6 nights

Own car or surcharge for hire car

Price based on 2 persons sharing **from £579**

per person includes:

Route Planning, Guide Book, Information on Sites

Ferry ABERDEEN-LERWICK-ABERDEEN

2 overnight passages in twin en suite cabins

2 dinner and breakfast

Shetland 4 nights in 3star hotel on B&B basis

Boat trip to Noss Wildlife Reserve

Boat trip to Mousa Island and Broch of Mousa

from
£299

including hire car
and ferry

Shetland Impressions Mini Cruise, 2 nights

Own car

Price based on 2 persons sharing **from £369**

per person includes:

Route Planning, Guide Book, Information on Sites

Ferry ABERDEEN-LERWICK-ABERDEEN

2 overnight passages in twin en suite cabin

2 breakfast and dinner

Highlands & Islands, 3 nights

Own car or surcharge for hire car

Price based on 2 persons sharing **from £479** per person

includes:

Planning, Guide Book, Information on Sites

Inverness 1 night in 3* hotel on B&B basis

Cruise on Loch Ness

Ferry SCRABSTER – STROMNESS crossing

Ferry KIRKWALL – LERWICK,

Overnight passage in twin en suite cabin and breakfast

Boat trip to Noss Wildlife Reserve

Ferry LERWICK – ABERDEEN

Overnight passage in twin en suite cabin, dinner and breakfast

Shetland Impressions

Mini Cruise, 2 nights

HIRE CAR INCLUDED

Price based on 2 persons sharing **from £299**

per person includes:

Route Planning, Guide Book, Information on Sites

Ferry, ABERDEEN-LERWICK-ABERDEEN

2 overnight passages in twin en suite cabin

2 breakfast & dinner

Hire car class B for one day, incl. insurance

FLY & DRIVE

The tours SYMPHONY, ODYSSEY and DISCOVER SHETLAND & ORKNEY are also available as FLY & DRIVE TOURS. Check for options in Mainland Scotland and Hebrides.

ACCOMMODATION

As a standard, we include 3 star hotel accommodation in city or country locations. You may also book four & five star hotels or castles, bed & breakfast accommodation, a guest house, hostel, or self catering cottages or apartments for your holiday.

For that extra kick, stay in a secluded light house and watch the magic of the ocean and wildlife around you.

DINING

Your route planning package which you receive when you book your trip with us includes recommendations on a range of moderate and upscale restaurants, pubs and bars

ACTIVITIES

You can book your favourite from a wide range of sport activities, guided tours and soft adventures right here with us and in advance.

CONTACT US FOR DEPARTURE DATES

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city breaks.

guided city walk. exhibitions. art & antique fairs. pub crawl. restaurant & bar guide. historic site tours. day excursions.

time for a short break?

Take advantage of our offers for city or country breaks with low hotel rates and tickets for events in the area.

Book hotel only or a full package including travel.

Combine your country break with golf, fishing, whitewater rafting, or a very relaxed time with good food and refreshing walks.

Short breaks are a welcome addition to a previously booked holiday or cruise or as a quick visit from a nearby country.

Check for special offers on www.scotlandtouring.com

Edinburgh, 3* hotel city centre, 2 nights from £ 87 Mon-Thurs, in August £ 96

Edinburgh, 3* hotel, Outskirts, 3 nights from £ 127 Mon-Thurs, in August £ 145

Glasgow, 4* hotel, city centre, 2 nights from £ 95

Glasgow, 4* hotel, city centre, 3 nights from £ 139

Aberdeen, 4* hotel, city centre, 2 night week-ender from £ 99

Prices based on bed and breakfast and 2 persons sharing a room unless otherwise stated.



Blair Atholl, Highlands, 4* country hotel, 3 nights from £155

Aviemore, Cairngorms National Park, 3* hotel, dinner, bed & breakfast, 3 nights from £ 159

Tarbert, West Coast, 4* lakeside hotel, 2 nights from £ 105

Oban, 4* hillside hotel, 3 nights from £130

Shetland, Lighthouse, self catering, 3 nights from £130, optional service available

Prices based on bed and breakfast and 2 persons sharing a room unless otherwise stated.



country breaks.

nature walks. country fairs. highland games. distillery tours. salmon & trout fishing. golf. horse riding. car hire.



Festivals & Fairs



Military Tattoo, Edinburgh



Festival Fringe

city break, country holiday, or whatever brings you to Scotland, don't miss out on the variety of unique events!

visit www.scotlandtouring.com for updates and special offers.

WESTERN ISLES & COAST

CELTIC FESTIVAL

Stornoway, July - performing art, 3 & 4 day packages

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Tarbert, July - food & lifestyle 3 & 5 day packages

CEOLAS GAELIC FESTIVAL

Uist, July - Gaelic performing art, 5 & 7 day packages

HIGHLAND GAMES

Skye, August - Scottish tradition, pi-per competition, 3 day packages



Highland Games



SCOTLAND MAINLAND

ART FAIR

Glasgow, April - visual art, shopping, 2 & 3 day packages in Glasgow

HIGHLAND GAMES

Many Locations, May - September, traditional, unique Scottish events, 1, 2 and 3 day packages, Highlands

RIVER FESTIVAL

Glasgow, July - maritime & science, 3 & 4 day packages in Glasgow

FESTIVAL FRINGE

Edinburgh, August—performing art, 3 & 5 day packages

MILITARY TATOO

Edinburgh, August - traditional festival with spectacular parades, 3 & 5 day packages in Edinburgh

COUNTRY FAIR

Blair Castle, August - arena attraction 3 & 5 day packages in Blair Atholl

FLOWER & FOOD FESTIVAL

Dundee, August/September- lifestyle 3 day packages in Dundee + area



Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh



Viking Fire Festival



EDINBURGH HIGHLANDS HEBRIDES

5 nights, Scotch Whisky Heritage Center, 6 distilleries, sightseeing,

from **£ 689**

includes transport, 3 star hotels-2 persons sharing-b&b, sightseeing, distillery tours and lots of sampling

WHISKY TRAILS

Departures: Once a month all year. June, July, August two departures per month. Contact us for exact dates, programme and terms.

ORKNEY HIGHLANDS GRAMPIAN

4 nights, 2 distilleries VIP tours, 2 speciality shops, sightseeing,

from **£ 895**

includes transport, 4 star hotels-2 persons sharing-full board, sightseeing, VIP tours and lots of sampling

EDINBURGH - Arrive in Edinburgh during the morning. Guided afternoon tour of the Scottish Capital, including Edinburgh Castle. In the evening, enjoy one of Edinburgh's Pubs. Overnight in Edinburgh.

SCOTCH WHISKY HERITAGE CENTER - STIRLING - SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS - After a Scottish breakfast, we visit the Scotch Whisky Heritage Center at the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. Enjoy a short shopping spree. Today, the journey takes us to Stirling for a visit to the impressive Stirling Castle. A stunning drive along Loch Lomond, Trossachs National Parks and through the Southern Highlands is followed by the arrival at Inverary at Loch Fyne. Overnight in Inverary.

WHISKY ISLAND ISLAY - OBAN - A short drive takes us to the peninsula Kintyre, where we cross to the Hebridean Island Islay by ferry. We visit the Lagavulin and Caol Ila distilleries with tour and tasting session. In the afternoon, we continue with a relaxing ride along Scotland's West Coast. Overnight in the area of Oban.

FORT WILLIAM - MALLAIG/ARMADALE - ISLE OF SKYE Before starting today's journey, a visit to the Oban Distillery is on the plan, which counts to the "Classic Malts Collection". After lunch, lean back and enjoy the magnificent scenery of the "Road to the Isles" on the way to Mallaig. A 30 minute ferry crossing takes us to Armadale on the Island of Skye. Overnight on the Island of Skye.

TALISKER - EILEAN DONAN CASTLE - PERTH - Tour the famous Talisker Whisky Distillery on Skye during the mid-morning hours. Leave the largest island of the Inner Hebrides via Skye Bridge and make a short stop at the picturesque Eilean Donan Castle. The drive over Spean Bridge takes you right to the "Heart of Scotland". On the way we stop at Dalwhinnie, and visit Scotland's highest located distillery. Overnight in the area of Perth, the ancient Scottish Capital.

CRIEFF - EDINBURGH
On the way back to Edinburgh we stop in Crieff and visit the "Famous Grouse Experience" at the Glenturret Distillery.
We then go on to Edinburgh, where your Whisky Tour ends.

ABERDEEN - Arrive in Aberdeen, famed as the Granit City and check in the ferry to Kirkwall at 16:00 (4 pm). Optional city tour for early arrivals. Reach the port of Kirkwall at 23:00 and check into your hotel. Overnight in Orkney.

KIRKWALL, ORKNEY - Half day tour of Orkney and South Isles. Cross the Churchill Barriers, visit the Italian Chapel and renowned Scapa Flow. Explore the famous Ceremonial Ring of Brodgar and Standing Stones of Stenness. VIP tour of the world's most northerly Whisky Distillery, Highland Park, founded 1798. Dinner with live Orkney music. Overnight in Orkney.



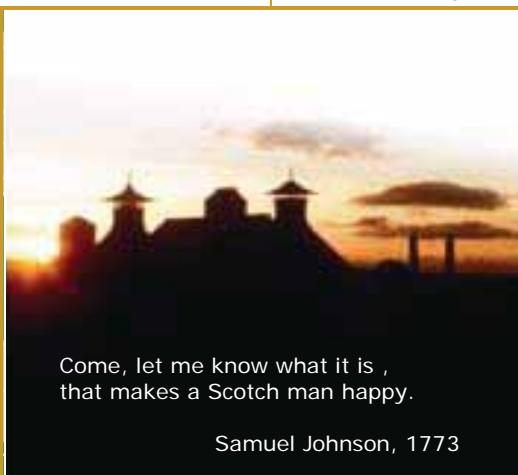
SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS - GLENMORANGIE - Depart by ferry to Scotland Mainland, a 90 minute journey with spectacular scenery. Enjoy your drive through the Northern Highlands of Scotland. After lunch in Thurso, VIP tour of the Glenmorangie Distillery in Tain. Explore the village, which is Scotland's oldest Royal Burgh. Overnight in Tain.

HIGHLANDS - GRAMPIAN - We depart Tain and head towards Elgin, where we taste selected Malts in one of Scotland's best stocked Whisky stores, Gordon & MacPhail. At around noon we depart for Craigellachie, where we make a lunch stop. Take a stroll around the village, Thomas Telford's Iron Bridge is directly opposite the Craigellachie hotel.

After lunch, depart for Dufftown, where some Nosing and Tasting of more Single Malt treasures are waiting for you.

Reach Huntly in the evening and check in at the Castle Hotel for your last evening. Overnight in Huntly.

ABERDEEN - After a hearty Scottish Breakfast, depart in the morning to Aberdeen, where your VIP Whisky Tour ends.



General Information & Booking Conditions

**Orkney & Shetland
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Select a Holiday or Tour from our brochure and contact the OSTC by

Email: tours@scotlandtouring.com

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Deposit and Final Payment

For all arrangements a minimum deposit of 20% of total holiday value or £100 per person, whichever is greater, is required at time of booking. Full payment is required 60 days before departure, cancellation fees below apply.

Alterations or Cancellations by You

If you wish to alter your confirmed holiday arrangements in any way before departure, we will do our best to help. However, once a holiday is booked, any alterations are subject to availability and additional cost incurred. Refunds cannot be made for any unused accommodation, services or transport. If you wish to cancel your holiday, you must notify us in writing. The following cancellation conditions apply:

Number of days before departure when we receive written notification

65days or more	Loss of deposit *
55-29	50% of holiday cost
28-22	70% of holiday cost
21- 08	90% of holiday cost
07- 0	100% of holiday cost

*Any non refundable charges already made at the time of booking to secure facilities or transportation will be charged in addition to deposit. We recommend that you take out full travel insurance, including cover against loss of deposit or cancellation penalties.

Alterations or Cancellations by Us

The OSTC makes careful arrangements for transportation, hotels and service operators to ensure that we are able to provide you with the holiday accurately as we have described it. However, in exceptional cases, it may become necessary to make changes to your holiday itinerary (including ferry crossings, accommodation, services and transportation) due to circumstances beyond our control. Departure and arrival times are given as indications and finalised times will be shown on your confirmation. When minor changes are made we will do our best to ensure that they do not affect your holiday. If a major change is necessary (defined as a change of port, change of operator, a significant change of itinerary, a change of accommodation to a lower standard or a change of timing by more than 12 hours or we have to cancel your holiday, we will contact you and offer you a choice of

Accepting the change to your holiday

Purchasing another OSTC holiday

Cancelling your holiday with a full refund

None of the above is applicable in cases of force majeure, acts of war or terrorism, strikes or disruptions, epidemics, or technical difficulties affecting transportation.

Our Responsibility and Commitment to Your Holiday

The OSTC is dedicated to ensuring that your holiday is as described in our offer. If a part of your holiday is not provided as promised, and this affects your reasonable enjoyment of your holiday, we shall pay compensation appropriate to the circumstances, providing you have filed a complaint with us at the time of occurrence and we receive a written statement from you with all facts listed. Compensation is limited to the cost of the service concerned.

Complaints

If you have a complaint about our holiday whilst travelling with us and you cannot solve it directly with the accommodation, attraction or transport supplier, please bring it to our immediate attention by phoning our care line 0845 094 04 04. Liability cannot be accepted if you do not notify the OSTC and your consumer rights to compensation may be affected. If after the holiday you are still dissatisfied, please send us your complaint in writing within 28 days of your return. We will then follow up your complaint and respond accordingly.

Your Responsibilities

All clients are responsible for obtaining the necessary travel documents. Non EU passport holders are responsible for checking visa requirements. Please contact the OSTC if you require any help in obtaining visas.

Travel Transport

Please bear in mind that we have no direct control over ferries or airlines. Schedules may change at short notice as the necessities of trade and/or security regulations may require.

Insurance

It is a requirement that all OSTC travellers have adequate insurance provision. You can take out insurance through us or independently. Please ask for details. For the avoidance of doubt, the cost of Insurance is not included in the price of the holiday.

Financial Security

Our tour operator failure insurance is arranged through Status Insurance Management, 26 Cromwell Avenue, Billericay, CM12 0AE, Tel 01277 625 077.

We are a member of the ATOL consumer protection scheme with licence number 9344.

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The OSTC takes great care in selecting its suppliers. Contracts between suppliers and OSTC are entered into as trading commences, but none of these contracts give OSTC control over the supplier's performance. Therefore, the OSTC cannot accept liability for the performance of a third party supplier.

Accommodation Standards

Unless otherwise stated, the OSTC offers accommodation in selected three star hotels with breakfast (b&b) on the basis that 2 persons share a room. These conditions also apply to accommodation onboard ferries.

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If in doubt, contact the OSTC per telephone or mail.

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