



ALICIAN TRAVEL

SCOTLAND

HIDDEN HIGHLANDS



What they say...

Guests of Alician Travel, 2025: *"What stood out most were the experiences Alician Travel arranged that felt truly local and personal. Instead of crowded tours, we found ourselves exploring hidden spots - from meeting Peter the fisherman on Isle of Skye to a couple who weave their own jumpers from their flock of Hebridean Sheep - enjoying family-run accommodations, and learning from guides who shared genuine stories about the culture and history! These moments gave us a connection to these places that our children will remember forever."*

HIGHLIGHTS

To name just a few...



Scenic helicopter tour over Scotland's most remote landscapes. Followed by Land Rover driving experience across these baron lands. Indulge in your private picnic with the possibly sighting of the legendary Nessie Monster...no promises!



Unique BBQ evening around the fire, toasting Whisky (& marshmallows!) under expert guidance of Scotland's leading Whisky connoisseur. Swapping stories of myths & legends of the bequiling Scottish landscape.



Private Highland Games re-creation with Scotland's oldest serving Clan in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. Audience participation a must! Falconry, tossing the Caber, Tug-of-war, dancing. Culminating in the Piping in of the Haggis to your traditional Scottish Banquet evening.



Exclusive access to the Crown Jewels locked away in Edinburgh Castle. Enjoy a private dinner & the unique opportunity to try on these jewels, learning more about the precious heirlooms with expert jeweller.





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Discover the raw, rugged, and romantic landscapes of the Scottish Highlands with this carefully curated luxury itinerary. From private helicopter tours to traditional Highland Games, this journey is designed to offer an exclusive and immersive experience in Scotland's most breathtaking locations..

1 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

Day 1 - Edinburgh Arrival & Afternoon Indulgence

- **Afternoon Tea at The Signet Library** – Kick the jet lag to the curb with an indulgent afternoon tea experience in one of Edinburgh's most elegant historic libraries, featuring fine pastries, delicate sandwiches, and premium Scottish teas.
- **Private Guided Tour of Edinburgh Castle** – After indulging in afternoon tea, a walk is in order! Stroll through the historic fortress with an expert guide, gaining exclusive access to the Crown Jewels and the Stone of Destiny while taking in spectacular views over the city. This can be done as an after hours private tour (or Morning pre-opening tour on Day 2 should you be a morning person!)
- **Evening Cocktail Experience** – Unwind with a private cocktail experience at one of Edinburgh's exclusive lounges, where expert mixologists craft signature drinks inspired by Scotland's finest ingredients. This can also be tailored to being child friendly for the family travellers amongst us.

Day 2 - The Magical Mystery of Edinburgh

- **Camera Obscura & World of Illusions** – Explore interactive optical illusions, mind-bending exhibits, and a rooftop terrace with stunning views over Edinburgh.
- **Edinburgh Zoo & the Giant Pandas** – Visit Scotland's only giant pandas, watch the famous penguin parade, and enjoy hands-on animal experiences.
- **Harry Potter Walking Tour** – Follow in the footsteps of J.K. Rowling's inspirations for Hogwarts, Diagon Alley, and more.
- **Chocolate-Making Workshop at The Chocolatarium** – A hands-on chocolate experience where kids (and adults) can craft their own delicious treats.
- **Private Ghost Tour of Edinburgh's Underground Vaults** – Discover the haunted history of Edinburgh with an expert storyteller, exploring eerie underground chambers and hidden alleyways.



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Day 3 - St Andrews & The fishing villages of Fife

- **Private Full Day Chauffeur Guided Tour** - you'll be picked up at your hotel to be whisked off with your local driver guide to the glorious Kingdom of Fife. First stop being the beautiful town of St. Andrews; known globally as the 'home of golf'. Situated only 53 miles North East of Edinburgh; St Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, and according to legend his remains were washed up on the Fife coast. St Andrews is also home to the third oldest university in Britain and a beautiful ruined castle perched on a cliff. You have around two and a half hours to explore this fascinating town
- **Onwards to Anstruther** - Next, having worked up an appetite, you will head back along the coastal route with a stop in the traditional fishing village of Anstruther (known as 'Ainster' locally), where you can check out the old cobbled streets and take a walk along the seafront to the harbour. Much like Prince William and his then girlfriend, now wife & future Queen of England, did so during their University days where they met at St Andrews University!
- **Cruising the Coastal Fishing Villages of Fife** - There is also the option of enjoying a stop off at a the Local Whisky & Gin Distillery in Fife before cruising back along the coastline, dipping into the villages of Crail, Elie & Pittenweem. Before picking up on main road back over into Edinburgh with the chance to stop off and marvel at Loch Leven - the site where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in the 16th Century by her Protestant Nobility.

Day 5 - Loch Lomond & The Great Outdoors

- **Private Boat Trip Along Loch Lomond** – Cruise along Scotland's largest freshwater loch, enjoying breathtaking views and stopping off at secluded islands when you can perhaps walk in the footsteps of your ancestors, or upon islands that remain uninhabited...and untouched by humans.
- **Guided Hiking Excursion** – Explore the trails of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park with a private guide, tailored to your fitness level and interests. Or even upon that of 2 wheels with guided cycling tours. Or how about on that of 4 legs with a magical horse trekking experience overlooking Loch Lomond?
- **Evening BBQ Under the Stars** – Gather around a private bonfire for a traditional Scottish BBQ, with whisky tastings and live folk music.





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Day 6 - Lapping up the Loch & Laird Lifestyle

- **Loch Lomond Seaplane Experience** – Take in breathtaking aerial views of the loch and surrounding national park with a scenic seaplane tour.
- **Visit Luss Village** – Wander through this charming conservation village with its quaint cottages, sandy beach, and beautiful gardens.
- **Kayaking or Paddleboarding on Loch Lomond** – Glide across the crystal-clear waters of the loch with a guided watersports session, suitable for all skill levels.
- **Inchcailloch Island Exploration** – Take a short boat ride to this beautiful, uninhabited island for scenic walks, wildlife spotting, and a peaceful picnic.

Day 7 - Westward Way - Isle of Bute

- **Scenic Drive via Loch Fyne** – Travel through breathtaking Highland scenery with a stop at the picturesque Loch Fyne, known for its stunning views and fresh seafood.
- **Lunch at The Colintrave Inn** – Enjoy a delightful meal at this award-winning inn, famous for its locally sourced ingredients and warm hospitality.
- **Explore Mount Stuart House** – Visit the magnificent Gothic revival mansion on the Isle of Bute, home to stunning architecture and beautiful gardens.
- **Coastal Walks & Wildlife Spotting** – Take a leisurely walk along the Bute coastline, with chances to spot seals, seabirds, and breathtaking views over the Firth of Clyde.
- **Return Ferry Journey** – End the day with a scenic ferry ride back to the mainland, soaking in the tranquil beauty of Scotland's west coast.

Day 8 - Journey along the West Highland Way to Isle of Skye

- **Scenic Drive Through the Highlands** – Travel through Scotland's breathtaking landscapes, stopping at picturesque villages and dramatic viewpoints. From Glencoe to Fort William. Glenfinnan to Maillag. And all that is in between: Three Sisters, Neptunes Staircase - this is guarantee to be the most inspiring day ahead.
- **Visit to Eilean Donan Castle** – Explore one of Scotland's most iconic castles, set on a small tidal island where three lochs meet.



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Day 9 - Myths, Magic and Fairytales of Skye

- **Hike the Quiraing** – Trek through the surreal rock formations of the Quiraing, enjoying panoramic views of Skye's rugged landscapes.
- **Boat Trip to Loch Coruisk** – Take a private boat trip to the remote and spectacular Loch Coruisk, surrounded by the towering Cuillin mountains.
- **Dunvegan Castle & Gardens** – Visit the ancestral home of the Clan MacLeod, exploring its rich history and beautifully maintained gardens.
- **Whisky Tasting at Talisker Distillery** – Enjoy an exclusive tour and tasting at Skye's most famous whisky distillery, learning about its unique production methods.
- **Dinner at The Three Chimneys** – Dine at one of Scotland's most acclaimed restaurants, known for its seasonal ingredients and fine dining experience

Day 10 - Follow in the footsteps of Outlander

- **Falling first into the Falls of Dochart** – As your driver guide brings you back to reality post your the ethereal of Skye, you will cruise by the falls of Dochart at Killin before you cruise through the sleepy village of Callandar - with a must do visit to see the Highland Coos (cows!).
- **Dipping into Doune** – Time to kick on up to Stirlingshire to visit Doune Castle: a medieval fortress just a stone's throw from the bustling town of Stirling. Once home to royalty and the scene of epic battles, the castle has centuries of history to be discovered, but these days it's probably most famous for being used as a filming location. You may not know but as well as being Castle Leoch in *Outlander*, Doune Castle has also featured as Winterfell in *Game of Thrones*? Not only that, the castle was also used in the legendary comedy *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*!
- **Culminating in Culross** - No *Outlander* trip would be complete without a visit to Midhope Castle, the real-life setting for Lallybroch, home to the Fraser clan. Next you'll take in the stunning castle, Blackness, which is known as Fort William in the show. Because of its unique shape, the locals often call it "the ship that never sailed," but you'll know it better as the home of the infamous Black Jack Randall! From here you'll head through the impossibly quaint village of Culross: a picturesque, historic village in Fife, Scotland, known for its remarkably well-preserved 17th and 18th-century architecture and cobbled streets.





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Day 11 - Final Hurrah & Farewell to Scotland

- **Mini Mack Tour Experience** – A bespoke guided tour showcasing Edinburgh's lesser-known historic sites and hidden gems.
- **Private Tour of Royal Yacht Britannia** – Step aboard the former royal yacht, exploring the lavish state apartments and learning about its fascinating history.
- **Farewell Dinner at a Private Dining Venue** – Celebrate your Scottish adventure with an elegant farewell dinner at an exclusive venue.

Day 12 - Departure Day (option of extending to London)

- **Departure from Edinburgh/Glasgow Airport**
- Or if you you'd like to depart from London airport, there is the option of extend your trip by an extra couple of nights in London - by way of taking the LNER train from Edinburgh to London King's Cross.

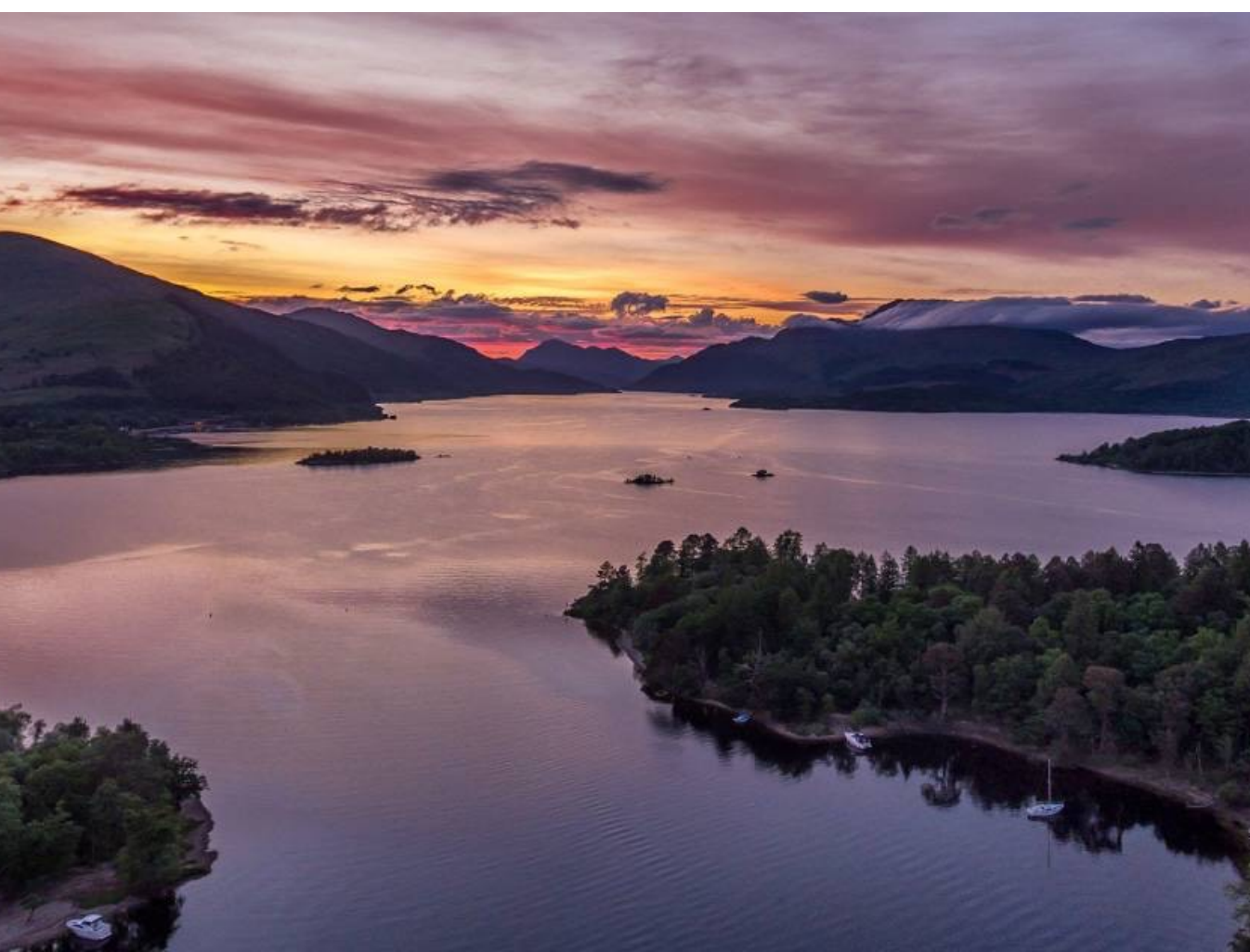
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### LONDON EXTENSION IDEAS:

- **London Highlights Black Taxi Tour (Private - 3 hours):**  
*On your 3 hour tour you will see some of the most iconic, famous historical London sights. All with a full commentary from your London Taxi Tour Guide, who is a born & bred Londoner and the tour provides lots of photo opportunities on the day as well as plenty of chances to stop off & get out of the taxi. This is a great way to get a great overview orientation tour of London, given the short amount of time you'll have in London.*
- **Private Household Cavalry Experience with Changing of the Guards.**  
*Enjoy a personalized tour including the changing of the guard, personal anecdotes, and photo opportunities. Starting on the nation's official parade ground, your guide will curate this private tour whilst you learn what it takes to protect the King 24/7 both at home and abroad; you can peek into the working 18th century stables through our Gallery window and even try on real uniforms. You'll even be accompanied as you watch the King's mounted bodyguard enact their 'public duties' and learn all the secrets behind the pomp and ceremony. This is a unique British Experience like no other!*







# GOOD TO KNOW...

## ESSENTIAL COUNTRY INFORMATION

**Scotland Dialling Code:** +44 (0044)

**Currency:** GBP (Pound Sterling)

**Time Difference:** PST + 8 hours. (GMT)

**Languages spoken:** English, Highland Scottish!

**Electricity:** British (3 pins).

**Tipping:** At your discretion but usually service charge is automatically including on restaurant bills.

**Essential Reading/Watching:** Sir Walter Scott, 'Waverley'. David Nichols, 'One Fine Day' (fictional easy reading!!)

## ESSENTIAL PACKING LIST

Good sturdy walking boots. No matter what time of year, the bountiful landscapes will be hard to resist in treading the well known pathways of our ancestors!

Layers. During the Spring & Autumn months, the evening temperatures can drop.

**CAMERA!** One cannot be without a camera (or iPhone) when in this astoundingly beautiful country!

If you're on West Coast during July & August - bring your mosquito repellent. East Coast is unaffected. But it's also good to keep those pesky's at bay!





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For full details or for just a general chit chat about all things travel, please do get in touch. I am poised, ready & will be delighted to talk!

*Lets' get this journey started...*

