7 DAYS
BEST OF SCOTLAND

Day 1. Edinburgh – Arrival & Castle

Arrive in Edinburgh. Edinburgh Castle and Crown Jewels. Royal Mile. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 2. Edinburgh – St Andrews, Holyrood & New Town

Day trip to St Andrews — the extraordinary medieval university town, home of golf since 1457, with the ancient cathedral ruins, the castle and the famous St Andrews links. Return to Edinburgh: Holyrood Palace. Georgian New Town. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 3. Edinburgh to Cairngorms – Pitlochry & Blair Castle

Drive north via Pitlochry — the extraordinary Highland town, the gateway to Highland Perthshire, with Blair Castle: the extraordinary white castle of the Dukes of Atholl, home of Europe's last private army (the Atholl Highlanders). Cairngorms National Park. Overnight in Cairngorms.

Day 4. Cairngorms – Culloden & Loch Ness

Culloden Battlefield — the extraordinary site of the last battle fought on British soil (1746). Loch Ness cruise. Urquhart Castle. Isle of Skye scenic drive. Overnight in Cairngorms.

Day 5. Cairngorms to Glasgow – Stirling Castle & Loch Lomond

Drive south via Stirling Castle — overlooking the site of the Battle of Bannockburn (1314). Loch Lomond. Arrive in Glasgow. Overnight in Glasgow

Day 6. Glasgow – Kelvingrove, Mackintosh & Music

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Mackintosh architectural heritage trail. National Piping Centre. Evening in the extraordinary Glasgow music scene. Overnight in Glasgow.

Day 7. Glasgow – Departure

Transfer to Glasgow Airport for onward travel.

Must see ATTRACTIONS

Edinburgh Castle

St Andrew's Golf Links

Pitlochry

Blair Castle, Perthshire

Cairngorms National Park

The Culloden Battlefield

The Isle of Skye

Stirling Castle

Urquhart Castle, Loch Ness

ACCOMMODATION *Options*

Edinburgh

★★★★★
The Balmoral Hotel Edinburgh
Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian
Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa Edinburgh

★★★★
Radisson Blu Hotel Edinburgh
Marriott Edinburgh
Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh

★★★
ibis Edinburgh Centre Royal Mile
Travelodge Edinburgh Central
Premier Inn Edinburgh City Centre

Glasgow

★★★★★
Blythswood Square Hotel Glasgow
Kimpton Blythswood Square Glasgow
Grand Central Hotel Glasgow

★★★★
Radisson Blu Hotel Glasgow
AC Hotel by Marriott Glasgow
Hotel Indigo Glasgow

★★★
ibis Glasgow City Centre
Premier Inn Glasgow City Centre
Travelodge Glasgow Central

Must try FOOD

Stovies

A Scottish dish containing potatoes, fat, onions and often pieces of meat; the potatoes are cooked by slow stewing in a closed pot with the fat and often a small amount of water[1] or other liquids, such as milk or stock; served with cold meat, oatcakes and, sometimes, pickled beetroot.

Scotch Broth

A soup originating in Scotland with principal ingredients of barley, stewing or braising cuts of lamb, mutton or beef, root vegetables, and dried pulses; cabbage and leeks are often added shortly before serving to preserve texture, colour and flavours.

Cranachan

Originally a celebration of harvest, made following the raspberry harvest in August, this traditional Scottish dessert combines cream and fresh seasonal raspberries, bolstered by Scottish oats and whisky; it has been called "the uncontested king of Scottish desserts".

RESTAURANT *Options*

Halal Certified

Edinburgh

1. Mosque Kitchen Edinburgh – Beloved halal canteen next to Edinburgh Central Mosque, legendary value
2. Kismot – Award-winning Sri Lankan-Indian halal restaurant, Newington, unique regional curries
3. Khushboo Indian Restaurant – Indian halal restaurant in Haymarket, popular with Muslim visitors
4. Istanbul Edinburgh – Turkish halal restaurant near the Old Town, grills and meze
5. Al-Baraka Edinburgh – Middle Eastern halal food near the university, generous portions

Glasgow

1. Shimla Pinks – Award-winning Indian halal restaurant in Glasgow's West End, innovative cuisine
2. Mother India's Café – Halal Indian food, West End, famous for unique thali-style sharing plates
3. Al Salam Glasgow – Lebanese halal restaurant, mezze and grills, popular with Muslim community
4. Istanbul Glasgow – Turkish halal grill in Glasgow city centre, doner and pide
5. Basmati Glasgow – Pakistani halal cuisine, highly rated, generous biryani and karahi dishes