

Scotland - visiting the Highlanders (M-ID: 2344)

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from €2,899.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

12 days

A motorcycle tour through Scotland - many bikers dream of this. With us this dream comes true!

Over rolling hills, through green forests, along countless lochs and even more castles and fortresses, this journey takes you to the legendary Scottish Highlands. There, where William Wallace and Bonny Prince Charlie fought against the English rule and Rob Roy was up to mischief. And where the people are so friendly that you really don't want to go home.

Highlights of our trip include a visit to Eilean Donan Castle, where some scenes for the movie "Highlander - there can be only one" were shot, and a visit to Edradour, Scotland's smallest and most beautiful whisky distillery. But we're also sure you'll be impressed by the drives on the single track roads through the solitude of the Highlands!

By the way, neither the left-hand traffic nor the weather is a reason to avoid Scotland. As a motorcyclist you get used to driving "on the wrong side of the road" very quickly. Dangers lurk there rather when crossing the road as pedestrians!

And "if you don't like the weather in Scotland, wait five minutes", say the Scots. In other words, permanently bad weather is very rare in Scotland, especially in the driest month of June. A steady wind usually disperses the clouds quickly, and after a short shower the sun shines again.

So, what are you waiting for? Let's go to the Highlands!

Tour itinerary:

Day 1: Travel to Ijmuiden/Amsterdam for the ferry. Departure at 10am from the service area Geismühle Ost (A57) or individual arrival to our ferry connection from Ijmuiden/Amsterdam to Newcastle upon Tyne. Since it is a night ferry, we arrive the next morning rested in the northeast of England.

Day 2: Through the Borders to Edinburgh.

After a hearty breakfast buffet on the ferry, we pass a small section of the Roman Hadrian's Wall and along the Kielder Water reservoir to the "border" between England and Scotland. We continue through the Scottish Borders to our first stopover hotel in Edinburgh. From here it is not far to the old town, so we can do a little sightseeing before dinner.

Day 3: From Edinburgh via Edradour to Ballater.

Today we drive on a beautiful connecting stage to our first "base hotel" in Ballater in the Cairngorms National Park. On the way there, however, we visit Scotland's smallest (and in our opinion clearly most beautiful) whisky distillery, Edradour, and drive over the Cairnwell Pass/Devil's Elbow, the highest tarred pass in Britain.

Day 4: Castles & Stones Roundtrip.

Today's day tour is a "castles and stones sightseeing tour". We will look at Dunnottar Castle, Easter Aquhorthies Stone Circle, Maiden Stone and Craigievar Castle.

Of course, the roads in this beautiful area will not be missed out!

Day 5: From Ballater via the "Whisky Trail" to Inverness.

After breakfast we drive through the Cairngorms National Park and the Highlands past various whisky distilleries to the "Capital of the Highlands", Inverness, where our second "base hotel" is located.

Depending on the day's mood, time and weather, we can also visit one or the other of these distilleries. Especially the Glenfiddich Distillery is worth seeing as a stark contrast to the Edradour Distillery.

The Speyside Cooperage is also worth a visit in any case!

Day 6: Rest day.

Inverness and the surrounding area have plenty of sights to recommend and we'll be happy to tell you about them.

For those who would like to do a short tour on the rest day, we offer a short (approx. 100 km) "Loch Ness" tour.

Day 7: Through the northwest of the Highlands to Ullapool. Today we leave Inverness and drive over many single track roads into the sparsely populated northwest of the Highlands to our next stopover hotel in Ullapool.

Especially the west coast of Scotland has its very own charm with its many sea lochs.

Day 8: Further along the west coast to Fort William.

Today we continue a good distance down the west coast of Scotland to our third "base hotel" in Fort William.

The highlight of today's tour is a visit to Eilean Donan Castle, the ancestral seat of the Scottish Clan Macrae. The castle is especially famous because some scenes of the feature film Highlander were filmed here.

Day 9: Isle of Mull.

Today we visit the Isle of Mull and roam the streets a bit.

On the way we visit the Glenfinnan Viaduct, where scenes of many movies and TV series were filmed, including some of the Harry Potter movies, in each of which the Hogwarts Express passes the viaduct.

Day 10: Back East...

Today we head roughly east again to our next stopover hotel in Cumbernauld. On the way there we will drive through the Trossachs National Park.

Day 11: Through the Borders to Newcastle for the ferry.

Our last stage in Scotland leads us back to Newcastle upon Tyne, from where the night ferry takes us back to Holland. But before that we enjoy again small and winding roads through the Borders and the northeast of England.

Day 11: Journey home.

It's time to say goodbye! Together or individually we go to the service area Geismühle West or home.

We reserve the right to change the programme, route or hotel.

Countries	United Kingdom / Great Britain
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
	3 star hotel
	4 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	yes, incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per driver in a double room	€2,899.00
per partner in a double room	€2,749.00
Surcharge for single room hotel (only available when booking 1-bed cabin ferry at the same time)	€649.00
Surcharge 1-bed cabin ferry (only available when booking the single room hotel at the same time)	€199.00

Included

9 purposefully worked out day tours in Scotland with tour guide in groups of 6 - 8 motorcycles.

Roadbook with hotel and route information.

Beverage service on the tours.

Luggage transport in the escort vehicle to/from Krefeld from 15 participants (plus tour guides).

Hotel accommodation: 1 night in an upmarket hotel in Edinburg. 2 nights at the Deeside Inn**** in Ballater. 2 nights at the Best Western Pallace*** in Inverness. 1 night at the Royal Ullapool in Ullapool. 2 nights at the Alexandra Hotel*** in Fort William. 1 night at the Stirling Highland Hotel. All overnight stays in Scotland with half board. Rooms with shower or bath/WC. Dinner as 3-course menu or buffet.

Ferry crossing: Motorcycle passage Ijmuiden - Newcatle - Ijmuiden. Accommodation in 2-bed inside cabins. Now including large evening and breakfast buffet!

Travel insurance certificate for the entire trip.

Not included

Any tolls, entrance fees, visitor's tax, etc. that may be incurred.

Everything that is not specified under services

More details

Total distance: approx. 2,900 km from Krefeld.

Daily stages: 230 - 330 km on site.

Road condition: Mostly we use secondary roads, including some single track roads, which are in good condition with a few exceptions.

Driving skills: Scotland offers something for everyone! Also for beginners and re-starters, who should however complete a safety training before participating.

Climate: The reputation of the Scottish weather is worse than it actually is. However, you should not be afraid of a rain shower and do not expect temperatures above 20°C even at the beginning of June.

Minimum number of participants: 15 riders (divided into 2 groups)

Special features: In England and Scotland there is left-hand traffic, but after a short period of acclimatisation this is no problem even for beginners.

To enter Great Britain, a valid passport is required since 1.10.2021, the identity card is no longer sufficient - you should apply for it in time if not available.