

## Natural wonder Scotland (M-ID: 3808)

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**from €3,299.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

12 days

05/31/2024 - 06/11/2024 12 days

**Barren and beautiful: The Highlands and Islands of Scotland!**  
**Almost every motorcycle enthusiast has this tour on the "ToDo List": To cruise once on two wheels through the rough and mystical landscape of Scotland...**

It is the land of castles, famous for its whiskies and cozy pubs - all this embedded in the fabulous nature of the Highlands, between mountains, lakes, and the sea. Scotland is a real "treat" for every ambitious biker. Scotland, we're coming!

Our exclusive Scotland round trip starts with the ferry crossing to Newcastle, the gateway to our adventure in the Highlands. Once on the island, we then travel some 2,500 kilometers to the most beautiful places and historic lands that the Vikings ruled over for centuries.

As soon as we have Scottish asphalt under our wheels, the Lowlands, the Highlands and the Isle of Skye will cast their spell over us. Fantastic roads amid bizarre landscapes, in the constant change of green hills, crystal clear lochs and countless castles and fortresses await us. We experience rugged coasts with their tranquil fishing villages and cozy pubs. On remote single-track roads and winding roads, we feel the magic of this fabled land firsthand.

We visit Nessie and of course, the wonderful Isle of Skye, and see historic sites in Glenfinnan. With a bit of luck, we will also see the black steam locomotive of the "Hogwarts Express", known from Harry Potter, crossing the viaduct... A whisky tasting in an old-established distillery should not be missing, as well as a "Scottish Evening" with some entertainment in the best Scottish tradition... And finally, we will experience Edinburgh. The Scottish capital stands in contrast to the otherwise pristine nature of the country and is enchanted with its unmistakable character.

Like no other country, Scotland offers some of the most beautiful motorcycle routes in northwestern Europe. On them, the breathtaking nature as well as the centuries-old

culture can be "experienced" on two wheels!

Be there and experience this beautiful and wild country from the most beautiful perspective - from the back of your motorcycle ...

Our support vehicle is with you during the entire trip, so you can enjoy maximum riding fun while your luggage is transported - room luggage service included!

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Itinerary:

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Day 1: Individual arrival at the ferry port Amsterdam

We meet in the morning about 200 kilometers from Amsterdam and travel together to the ferry port. Alternatively, you can - after consultation - ride directly to the ferry port on your own. After we have reached the ferry terminal and relaxed, our ferry will depart in the early evening with destination Newcastle. The next morning we step on British soil in the northernmost city of England. But until then, we enjoy the leisure time offered by our modern ferry. We get to know each other over an excellent dinner on board and enjoy the sea voyage through the North Sea.

Overnight: on the night ferry from Amsterdam to Newcastle

Daily distance: approx. 225 km

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Day 2: Lowlands we come: From England to the Firth of Forth  
After breakfast on the ferry, we dock at the quay in

Newcastle. We leave the ferry and head for the English-Scottish border area. Our route takes us on secondary roads through the hill country - the landscape here is - by Lowland standards - sparsely populated. We ride past Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, and reach our first hotel on the island a short time later.

Overnight stay: In the Dunfermline area

Daily distance: approx. 260 km

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#### Day 3: Pure Highlands: From Dunfermline to the Whisky Trail

After a restful night and a hearty breakfast, we pick up speed and enter the Highlands. On the highest public road in Scotland, the "Snow Roads Scenic Route" we tour through the mountainous heart of this magnificent landscape. We then experience some of the wildest and most impressive scenery of the Highlands in the Cairngorms National Park - which we partly ride through on single-track roads. After these unforgettable impressions, a short stop at Balmoral Castle, a summer residence of the English royal family, awaits us. Finally, we reach the area where the so-called "Whisky Trail" runs and move into our accommodation for the next two nights.

Overnight stay: In the Dufftown area

Daily distance: approx. 250 km

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#### Day 4: Half-day round trip on the most beautiful single-track roads of the Whisky Trail

Today we will focus on the centuries-old history of Scotch whisky. Along the world-famous Whisky Trail, we will ride a lap on the narrow single-track roads in the morning and enjoy the magnificent mountain scenery of the Highlands. As an alternative to this half-day tour, you can of course simply relax and enjoy the amenities of our hotel in the meantime.

After returning from the half-day tour, we will visit the famous Glenfiddich distillery in the afternoon. Here we learn everything worth knowing about the history of the Scottish whisky tradition, as well as about the production and storage of the noble drops. And because it is well known that the proof of the pudding is in the eating, we have booked the tour of the distillery including a small tasting...

Overnight stay: In the Dufftown area

Daily distance: approx. 100 km

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#### Day 5: North Coast 500 - along the coast to the north of Scotland

Today we say goodbye to the Whisky Trail because our roadbook leads us via Inverness to one of the most spectacular castles on the East Coast: Dunrobin Castle - Sutherland's fairy tale castle, which does not need to fear a comparison even with Neuschwanstein Castle. The white stately building towers over a large garden and with its many small turrets, oriels, and windows is reminiscent of a Disney movie. In the background, there is nothing but the vast sea.

After we have visited the magnificent castle, a route awaits us that once again offers us the greatest riding pleasure in harmony with nature. Through beautiful coastal landscapes with their sleepy fishing villages and breathtaking views, we reach the northernmost tip of Scotland. Probably the most famous photo motif of this area is the signpost in John O'Groats, from where we have a beautiful view of the Orkneys. The only way to get further north is by boat...

Overnight stay: Thurso

Daily distance: approx. 350 km

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#### Day 6: Lonely single-track roads and rugged coastal scenery

Today's stage takes us from Thurso to the west coast to Ullapool. This sparsely populated part of the country offers us again brilliant coastal roads, embedded in the original, wild, almost mystical landscape. Near Lerinmore is the impressive cave "Smoo Cave" with its spectacular waterfall - a great photo motif. Now we follow mostly single-track roads along wild beaches, deep lakes, and legendary castles. Further south we pass the ruins of Ardvreck Castle - on the peninsula we can almost still sense the spirit of the former lord of the castle. After this highlight, we continue to enjoy the varied routing... Whether the road builders of the time were aware of the feelings of happiness they triggered in us bikers when riding these ingenious roads?

Our hotel is located on the west coast in Ullapool, our destination for today. The town of Loch Broom was founded in the 1780s as a port for herring fishing. Here in the sparsely populated northwestern Highlands, Ullapool is the largest settlement and is not called the "Gateway to the Wilderness" for nothing.

Overnight stay: Ullapool

Daily distance: approx. 240 km

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#### Day 7: Legendary! Across the Applecross Peninsula to the Isle of Skye

The west coast is rugged like a fjord, so we head east first thing this morning to get a bit inland. On winding roads we pass shimmering lochs in an untamed landscape - this is landscape cinema at its best.

Then challenging single-track roads take us to the Applecross peninsula. In this secluded area, rustic pubs along the way invite us to sample one or two delicacies - such as the secret English national dish of fish and chips. Freshly fortified, we are then challenged by one of the most beautiful and best-known mountain passes in Scotland: the legendary and quite demanding Bealach na Bà. With a winding single-lane road, it takes us up to 626 meters and offers us unique distant views.

In the afternoon we stop at the legendary "Eilean Donan Castle". Following the footsteps of the "Highlander", known from the movie of the same name, we explore the castle extensively. After all these highlights we finally ride to Kyle, where we check into our hotel for two days. It serves us as a base for the exploration of the Isle of Skye, which is on the program tomorrow...

Overnight stay: Kyle

Daily distance: approx. 240 km

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Day 8: Day trip: The impressive island world of the Isle of Skye

It is the largest island of the Inner Hebrides - the Isle of Skye. If you believe in the vernacular, it is one of the most beautiful areas of Scotland. And it is true because Skye combines all the advantages of the Highlands like no other place. With its rolling hills, bizarre mountain ranges, rugged cliffs, bays, beaches, lochs, and the sea, it offers us the perfect material for our island script. We make our first photo stop at the famous Talisker distillery on Skye. It is known for its very smoky and peaty-tasting whiskies.

Our lunch break will be in the small village of Dunvegan in the west of Skye. If you like, you can use this time to visit "Dunvegan Castle", which is located here. Scotland lovers may know that this castle has been the ancestral seat of the Scottish clan of the MacLeods for 800 years. And since the fictional character of the "Highlander" in the movie is named "Connor MacLeod", the castle is also the home of their hero for all fans of the "Highlander" movie series. A visit to this completely restored 13th-century castle is certainly worthwhile and takes you back to centuries past.

In the afternoon we ride around the rest of the island, mainly on small coastal routes that offer us new perspectives again and again. Then we close the circle and return to our hotel.

Overnight stay: Kyle

Daily distance: approx. 240 km

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Day 9: From Loch Ness to Glenfinnan Viaduct and Glencoe  
After the start we pass Eilean Donan Castle once again, enjoy the ride along the shore of Loch Duich, and enter a loch landscape. One of the lochs has a well-known name - it is "Loch Ness". In its dark depths lurks "Nessie", the legendary sea monster. Reality or history? Let's be surprised...

Next is the tranquil town of Fort Augustus at the southern end of the lake. If Loch Ness has a beginning, then it is here. Here all boats on the way to Inverness have to pass through a grandiose lock system. It is part of the Caledonian Canal, a waterway that has connected the west and east coasts of Scotland since the 19th century. It will accompany us for a few more kilometers this day.

A detour brings us to the Glenfinnan Viaduct, which most recently gained fame through Harry Potter. The impressive railroad bridge with its 21 arches and spiky piers is located near the village of Glenfinnan, after which the structure is named. With a bit of luck, we might even be able to admire the famous "Jacobite Steam Train" in full swing on the viaduct. At this point, we should also not forget the Glenfinnan Monument - the monument in sight commemorates events of the second Jacobite revolt. With all these stories in our luggage, we arrive at our hotel on Loch Leven in the afternoon.

Overnight stay: Balachulish

Daily distance: approx. 250 km

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Day 10: Change of scenery - from the Highlands to the Lowlands

Slowly we come full circle, but one or the other natural wonder of the Highlands is still ahead of us. For example, Glen Coe, a beautiful valley surrounded by high and steep mountains. Streams that feed the River Coe cascade down in the form of waterfalls. Then we leave the Highlands behind us.

In the Trossachs National Park, we will encounter new natural beauties that will take our breath away. We will explore part of the famous Loch Lomond on narrow single-road tracks before heading toward Edinburgh.

One more sight demands our attention before we pull up at our destination hotel in the city of Edinburgh: The "Forth Rail Bridge" railroad viaduct is a marvel of engineering and has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2015. The bridge spans the Firth of Forth as a red landmark and is a magnificent motif for our cameras!

After check-in, a German-speaking city tour of Edinburgh is on the agenda. During dinner in the city center, we will review the day's events.

Overnight stay: Edinburgh

Daily distance: approx. 310 km

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Day 11: Good Bye Scotland: Farewell to a biker's paradise  
Today we say goodbye to a country that has captivated us with its beauty and wildness. We enjoy our last kilometers to the ferry to the fullest. Through the mountain range "Borders" we ride in the direction of Gretna Green, where we make a stopover. This place is known far beyond the borders of the country as the "Wedding Forge" because underage couples are allowed to get married without the permission of their parents here. This area is also home to Hadrian's Wall, a Roman border fortification of the Britannic Limes - also worth a photo stop. When we arrive in Newcastle, our ferry is already waiting for us, and towards evening we set sail on course for Amsterdam.

Overnight: on the night ferry from Newcastle to Amsterdam

Daily distance: approx. 260 km

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Day 12: Individual return journey

On board we have breakfast together for the last time, then our ferry docks in Amsterdam in the morning. Eventful days lie behind us, and one or the other friendship has been made. After checking out we say goodbye and start our individual journey home.

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Program, hotel, and route changes are reserved.

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

## Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) €3,299.00

per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider) €2,999.00

per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room") €649.00

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On the ferry passages:

Double cabin inside - (surcharge) per person

Double cabin outside - (surcharge) per person €79.00

Single cabin inside - (surcharge) per person €199.00

Single cabin outside - (surcharge) per person €229.00

## Included

9x accommodation in comfortable 3\*\*\* or 4\*\*\*\* hotels incl. local taxes ("tourist tax"), in the north of Scotland also typical hotels of a simpler category (2\*\*)

9x dinner (three-course menu or evening buffet in the hotel, alternatively restaurant visit out on certain evenings)

9x breakfast or breakfast buffet

Ferry passage Amsterdam - Newcastle incl. motorcycle, port taxes and fuel surcharge

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2x overnight stay during the ferry crossings in 2-berth inside cabins with shower+toilet, on request for single occupancy (surcharge)

2x half board during ferry passages (dinner and breakfast)

11x guided motorcycle tours by our experienced tour guides

German-speaking tour guide during the whole tour

Daily detailed tour briefing

Detailed tour book

Escort vehicle throughout the trip

Luggage transport in the escort vehicle (one suitcase or travel bag per travel participant). For insurance reasons, we do not transport motorcycle suitcases in the escort vehicle.

Check-in service and luggage service in the hotels to the room

1x visit to a whisky distillery with tasting, incl. bus transfer from/to the hotel

1x entrance Dunrobin Castle

1x entrance fee Eilean Donan Castle

1x Scottish evening

1x guided tour of Edinburgh (followed by dinner in the city)

Parking fees for the motorcycles at the hotel stays

Guarantee certificate according to § 651r BGB for package tours

## **Not included**

All services, meals and drinks that are not listed in the service description

Tolls and freeway fees

Petrol and operating fluids

Drinks and snacks during breaks

Admission Dunvegan Castle (visit optional)

Travel Cancellation/Trip Interruption Insurance

## **More details**

Start: meeting point at the A30, near D-48499 Salzbergen, then joint ride to Amsterdam to the night ferry

End: Amsterdam ferry port

Travel time: 12 days incl. arrival and departure

Total distance: about 2700 km

Daily riding distances: approx. 100 km to 350 km (average approx. 250 km)

Route profile: Asphalted country roads in good to medium, sometimes poor condition. The route also includes curvy and partly very narrow sections to be ridden on one lane.

Difficulty level: Only for very skilled and experienced touring riders - very good cornering technique and secure control of the machine required

Special features: Left-hand traffic in Great Britain requires special concentration

Daily riding duration: up to 9 hours incl. lunch/coffee breaks and photo stops

Group size: up to 10 bikes per group (plus guide), maximum 2 groups

Minimum number of participants: 8 people

Support vehicle: yes, during the entire tour

Individual arrival: If the distance between your home and the meeting point is very long, we will be happy to advise you on planning your individual journey. If you wish, we can organize parking for your car and your motorcycle trailer at the meeting point for the duration of the tour.

Luggage shipping: You can send your luggage, which is to be transported in the escort vehicle, by mail to our company headquarters before the trip. After the trip we will send your luggage back home against payment of the postage costs.

Support in case of vehicle failure: No one can rule out breakdowns. But in the event of a breakdown, our support vehicle will be at your side on this tour so that your motorcycle vacation can continue as quickly as possible. Please note: Support in case of vehicle breakdowns and emergencies can only be guaranteed on the planned route. In case of self-planned route changes or excursions "on your own", the participant himself is responsible.

Travel documents: For entry into the United Kingdom (England, Scotland) you need your passport (identity card is no longer sufficient since the "Brexit"). The passport must be valid for at least three months beyond the end of the booked trip.

Entry with motorcycle: In Great Britain, the green insurance card must be carried as proof for the motor vehicle liability insurance. Therefore, check your motor vehicle liability insurance in good time before the trip and have your insurance company send you the green insurance card for your bike. The field for Great Britain (GB) must not be crossed out on the green card!

Protection letter: We recommend a vehicle insurance policy for all motorcycle trips, as it provides useful services in the event of a breakdown, accident or other emergency. The cheapest cover is usually offered by your car insurer (often already included in the contract). The various automobile clubs also offer cover letter services, where they are usually included in the annual premium.

Health insurance: We recommend for all international motorcycle tours the conclusion of a separate foreign health insurance with medical repatriation.

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