

## EUROPE

### Scotland

8 Days / 7 Nights

Loch Ness, Edinburgh, Inverness, Isle of Skye



Be awed by lush landscapes where ancient stone castles rise from the mist. Witness the proud heritage that served as the inspiration for the DisneyPixar animated film **Brave**. And follow the history of royalty and clans and possibly even see a mythical sea creature!

## Scotland Family Vacation Highlights

### Canoeing and Boating Across Loch Ness

Discover fact and lore about Loch Ness and its legendary monster "Nessie." Then, join your fellow Adventurers for either a motorboat or canoe ride across this loch's dark, mysterious waters.

### Bogbain Farm

Celebrate life on a Scottish farm in the Highlands. Join your fellow Adventurers for a festive dinner complete with Celidh dancing, whisky tasting and Highland games for the Junior Adventurers.

### Privately Guided Tour of The Palace of Holyroodhouse

Tour the Queen of England's official Edinburgh residence. A Blue Badge Guide informs you of events that happened here over the centuries that shaped the fates of England, Scotland and France.

### Pony Riding and Archery at Rothiemurchus Estate\*

Ride the Highland ponies at Rothiemurchus Estate, one of the greatest tracts of natural forest in Britain. Later, take aim and test your skills as an archer.

### Sheepherding Demonstration

Witness the traditional working day of a shepherd on the rugged Highlands. See up to 8 of his dogs working as a team, maneuvering sheep through various obstacles. Here, you'll have a chance to meet collie pups and lambs.

### Tour of Scottish Castles

Walk through history as you explore the mysterious ruins of Glamis, Edinburgh, Dunnottar, Eilean Donan and Urquhart Castles. Each castle has its own amazing story to tell of rulers, battles and ghosts.

\*Pony riding activity is for Adventurers 16 years and under and has a maximum weight limit for each rider

of 200 lbs. (90.7 kg).

Flight Information	Ages	Meals
Arrive: Arrive: EDI (Edinburgh) Return: Return: EDI (Edinburgh)	Minimum Age: 4 Suggested Age: 6+	7 Breakfasts 5 Lunches 5 Dinners

## ***Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 1***



### **Edinburgh**

**Meal(s) Included:** Dinner

### **Arrive in Edinburgh**

After clearing customs, you are met by an Adventures by Disney representative who welcomes you with a warm "*Filte* to Scotland!" and then helps with your luggage. Relax as a driver whisks you away to the historic Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian.

### **Check Into Your Hotel**

Get ready for more Scottish welcomes when your Adventure Guides greet you. Unwind from your trip and marvel at the stately dcor of the Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian while your Guides check you in.

### **Welcome Reception and Dinner**

Say *hal* to your fellow Adventurers at an exclusive feast in the hotel's elegant dining room. Raise a glass and toast the beginning of an unforgettable trip with a resounding "*Slainte*!"

**Accommodations:** Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian

## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 2



### Edinburgh

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Tour of Edinburgh

After a Scottish breakfast at the hotel, take a scenic walk around the city with a Blue Badge Guide pointing out the highlights.

### The Palace of Holyroodhouse\*

A Blue Badge Guide leads you on a tour of the royal palace, which is the Queen of England's official residence in Edinburgh. Over the centuries, great events at Holyroodhouse have shaped the fates of England, Scotland and France. Scotland's fierce struggles for power, love and family are all part of the history within.

### Privately Guided Tour of Edinburgh Castle

Climb aboard a motor coach for an excursion to Edinburgh Castle. There, take in the resplendent views of the city and explore the castle's massive fortifications. Revel in the remarkable tales told by your local expert of royal intrigue surrounding the wars for Scottish independence.

### The Statue of Greyfriar's Bobby

While taking a walking tour of the neighborhood en route to the National Museum, make a stop at Greyfriars Kirkyard to see the statue of Greyfriars Bobby, the renowned Skye terrier. According to legend, this adorable pooch spent 14 years until his death guarding the grave of his owner. The story of Greyfriars Bobby was so remarkable that Walt Disney Productions turned it into a movie in 1961!

### Private Lunch in the National Museum

Join your fellow Adventurers for an exclusive lunch in the Boardroom of the National Museum with some of the best views of Edinburgh in the entire city. Take pictures of yourself and your family standing atop the National Museum, with romantic views of Edinburgh rooftops in the background.

### Tartan and Kilt Activity at the National Museum

Experience tartan and kilt-making in this interactive activity that the whole family will enjoy.

### The National Museum of Scotland On Your Own

Meander through the museum at your leisure and take in the incredible collection of natural and cultural wonders.

### Edinburgh and Dinner On Your Own

Edinburgh is rich in history and eye-catching architecture. Stroll the Royal Mile, the commercial center of Old Town, and hear the lilting melody of the Scottish brogue in passing conversations. You're sure to fall in love with this charming city as you explore the shops, restaurants and historic buildings of Lawnmarket and High Street. At dinner time, ask your Adventure Guides to recommend the perfect place to have a family meal.

\*Holyroodhouse Palace may be closed on some dates in June due to Elizabeth, Queen of England, being in residence. In the event the Palace is closed, a tour of St. Giles Cathedral and the Thistle Chapel will be featured.

**Accommodations:** Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian

## ***Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 3***



### **Isle of Skye**

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast and Dinner

### **The Isle of Skye**

Fuel up on breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a journey by motor coach to one of the most famous islands of Scotlandthe mystical, magical Isle of Skye. Travel across the Scottish West Highlands past some of the most magnificent scenery in the country!

### **Glorious Glen Coe and Bonnie Prince Charlie**

Scotland is rich with daring tales from the days of old. On your way to Skye, sit back and listen as your Adventure Guides tell tales of centuries past. Your journey takes you on the historic trail of the MacDonald clan, the Jacobites and Bonnie Prince Charlie, who raised his standard and began the Jacobite uprising in 1745 to reinstate the exiled Stuarts as rulers of Scotland. We'll pass through the rugged valley of Glen Coe, home to the infamous Massacre of Glen Coe in the late 17th century. The coach stops midway so you can take in the stunning natural beauty.

### **Lunch On Your Own at Fort William**

Fort William sits where the sea meets the Rivers Nevis and Lochy. Be awed by Ben Nevis the highest mountain in the British Isles as it towers in the background. Spend a little time strolling the town's Highstreet before you sit down for a midday meal with your family. If you need a restaurant recommendation, feel free to ask your Adventure Guides.

### **Eilean Donan Castle**

Make your way by coach to one of the most beautiful castles of Scotland! This majestic national icon sits at the dramatic junction of 3 great saltwater lochs. Take a self-guided tour to uncover the turbulent history of this extraordinary fortress that's been rebuilt several times over the centuries.

### **Junior Adventurer Dinner**

While adults eat at their leisure in the hotel restaurant, Junior Adventurers join the Adventure Guides for their own dinner shindig, followed by a private screening of a Disney movie.

**Accommodations:** Cuillin Hills Hotel, Isle of Skye

## ***Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 4***



### **Isle of Skye**

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

### **Scenic Stops & Hikes**

After breakfast at the hotel, board a coach for an unforgettable ride along scenic roads to Abhainn An Lethuillt beach. Take a guided hike along the beach trail and make a brief stop at Kilt Rock.

### **Hiking at The Quiraing**

Arrive by coach at the Quiraing Trailhead surrounded by enchanting views of the shining waters, rugged shoreline and the endless sky embracing the horizon. Hike the Quiraing trail along grass-carpeted hills that reward you with jaw-dropping sights of the sparkling blue bay and the slopes that tumble past spectacular land formations. On a sunny day, you can see for miles across the waters to the mainland and Hebrides Islands.

### **Lunch at the Uig Hotel**

Enjoy a hearty lunch featuring delicious local fare at a restaurant on the Isle of Skye.

### **Scone-Making in Portree**

Return to Portree and join a talented pastry chef to see how Scottish scones are made at this local village bakery! Try your hand at creating one of these buttery treats yourself.

### **Dinner On Your Own in Portree**

Set off for dinner on your own in this charming little seaside town! Fresh seafood, Scottish traditional cuisine and much more is on the menu at various excellent restaurants. Don't hesitate to ask your Adventure Guides for dining recommendations.

**Accommodations:** Cuillin Hills Hotel, Isle of Skye



## ***Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 5***



### **Inverness**

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### **Breakfast at the Hotel**

Start your day with a delicious breakfast before you head off for adventures ahead.

### **Loch Ness Exhibition Centre**

Arrive by motor coach at Loch Ness and spend time on your own exploring the center, with its artful presentation of both facts and lore about the loch. Make up your own mind whether the famous monster, Nessie, really exists! Visit the art gallery or shop for a special souvenir of this legendary lake.

### **Private Lunch at the Loch Ness Caf**

Take a break from your Nessie hunt for lunch with your fellow Adventurers at this cozy caf.

### **Cruise or Canoe to Urquhart Castle**

Ride a motor launch across Loch Ness with great forested bluffs rising on either side and listen to the skipper's tales of hunting the legendary creature lurking below. Or choose to canoe across those famously dark waters.

### **Urquhart Castle**

Disembark at the ruins of this once-mighty fortress that commands breathtaking views of Loch Ness. Built upon the remains of an ancient burial cairn, Urquhart Castle was captured numerous times over the centuries by warring forces contending for the throne of Scotland. It's also one of the most frequent locations of Nessie sightings! Perhaps you will be the one to snap the next famous picture.

### **Arrive at the Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness**

Relax as your Adventure Guides check you into this stylish new annex of the Kingsmills Hotel. Nestled in the countryside, these comfortable accommodations are your home for the next 2 nights.

### **Private Dinner and Entertainment at Bogbain Farm**

Discover a Scottish farm that's unlike any other! Dine and enjoy some interesting surprises, and while you are there see traditional Ceilidh dancing, take part in whiskey tasting and there's even Highland-themed games for the Junior Adventurers.

**Accommodations:** Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness

## ***Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 6***



### **Inverness**

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### **Shepherding with a Master Sheepdog Handler**

After breakfast at the hotel, see adult sheep and sheepdogs, and then warm your heart by playing with lambs and puppies. Watch a demonstration of shepherding from an award-winning Highland shepherd. Finally, learn how to use a traditional shepherding whistle and take it home!

### **A Day at Rothiemurchus Estate**

Embark on a journey to Rothiemurchus Estate, one of the greatest tracts of natural forest in Britain. The ancient, wild woodland forest is home to an extraordinary variety of wildlife. It also is the site of pretty Loch an Eilein, with its 13th century castle sitting on the lake's little island. The glorious scenery will steal your heart if the mop-headed Highland cattle don't steal it first!

### **Lunch at Rothiemurchus Estate**

Take a lunch break with your fellow Adventurers. Select a salad or sandwich from a menu that specializes in locally grown meats and produce and admire the moss-laden Caledonian Forest.

### **Junior Adventurer Highland Pony Ride\***

Junior Adventurers can mount up and ride the Highland ponies over peaceful hills and heather moorlands, past stunning views of the Cairngorm mountain range.

### **Estate Tour**

Adult Adventurers will enjoy a tour of the magnificent Rothiemurchus Estate.

### **Archery**

Join an expert on the estate grounds for a private lesson in archery. Don't have a bow and arrow handy? No problem! All equipment is provided. May the sure aim of Merida inspire you!

### **Farewell to the Highlands Dinner at the Hotel**

Bid *Soraidh* to the Highlands with this evening at the Kingsmills Hotel, including the classic "Address to a Haggis" a famous poem performed by a local bagpiper.

\*Horseback riding activity is for Adventures 16 years and under and has a maximum weight limit for each rider of 200 lbs. (90.7 kg) Please note that this activity is not available on adults-only departures.

**Accommodations:** Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness



## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 7



### Inverness and Edinburgh

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

#### Breakfast at the Hotel

Enjoy a delicious breakfast before you begin a memorable day exploring some of Scotland's most famous castles.

#### Dunnottar Castle

Once defender of the Scottish crown jewels and fortress against the armies of Oliver Cromwell, this castle near Stonehaven perches on cliffs rising high above the vast blue sea, overlooking what was once a strategic merchant route during the Middle Ages. It was also an inspiration for Merida's castle in *Brave*! Explore the ruins on your own and learn about the castle's colorful past.

#### Tour and Lunch at Glamis Castle

Your tour of Scotland's historic castles continues as you travel by motor coach to Glamis Castle, whose grim history inspired one of Shakespeare's most renowned plays *Macbeth*. You'll discover the surprising truth about King Macbeth and marvel at the sumptuous décor of this stately castle where the Queen Mother herself was born. After, enjoy a hot lunch from the castle's restaurant.

#### Reception and Exclusive Farewell Dinner at Edinburgh Castle\*

Depart Glamis Castle in the late afternoon and head to Edinburgh. In the evening you'll be ceremoniously escorted by a smartly kilted bagpiper into Edinburgh Castle where you'll then celebrate the end of an extraordinary vacation as you toast your newfound friends at a farewell banquet.\*

\*Edinburgh Castle may be closed on some dates in late July and August due to performances of the Military Tattoo. In the event the castle is unavailable, the dinner will take place at the historic Signet Library, home to the prestigious Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet.

**Accommodations:** Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian

## ***Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 8***



### **Edinburgh**

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

### **Breakfast at the Hotel**

Say *guid cheerio the nou* to all your fellow Adventurers at this last breakfast in Edinburgh!

### **Transfers to Airport**

Relax and enjoy your final moments in Scotland as we handle your luggage and arrange for transportation to the airport.

**Accommodations:** Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian

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