



Scottish Heritage Tour: Edinburgh, the Highlands & Glasgow

11 days

Discover familial connections on this genealogical journey through Scotland created in collaboration with Ancestry®. You'll learn about the country's rich history and lively legends by exploring iconic sites like Edinburgh Castle. In between visiting Scotland's historic cities and traversing the countryside landscapes, enjoy time to research your family history and connect with your Scottish roots.



Your tour package includes

AncestryDNA® kit
Pre-trip family history review with AncestryProGenealogists®
9 nights in handpicked hotels
9 breakfasts
4 dinners with beer or wine
4 guided sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists®
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Special AncestryProGenealogists® sessions
Edinburgh Castle
ScottlandsPeople Centre
Culross
Highland Folk Museum
Highland Archive Centre
Inveraray Castle
Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
Glasgow Cathedral
Mitchell Library

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads, with some hills and stairs.

Group size

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Edinburgh today.

Edinburgh → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Edinburgh

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to Scotland! Meet your Tour Director, genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists®, and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Edinburgh & ScotlandsPeople Centre

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know Edinburgh in all its medieval beauty on a tour led by a local expert.

- View the elegant Georgian-style New Town and the Royal Mile, two UNESCO World Heritage sites

- Pass the Sir Walter Scott Monument, the largest monument to a writer in the world

- Enter Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish crown jewels and Stone of Scone Head to the ScotlandsPeople Centre, the country's official government resource for ancestral research, this afternoon.

- Get an introduction to Scottish genealogy and the ways you will be tracing your heritage with your genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists®

- Enjoy free time to research your genealogy

Spend a free evening in Edinburgh or return to the Scotlands People Centre to spend more time researching your ancestry.

Day 4: Free day in Edinburgh

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day further researching your ancestry in Edinburgh or add an excursion. + Rosslyn Chapel & Dunbar

Day 5: Perthshire via Culross

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel to Perthshire, stopping to tour the quaint village of Culross with a local guide. Then, continue on to Perthshire and sit down for an included dinner.

Scottish Highlands → 3 nights

Day 6: Scottish Highlands via Highland Folk Museum & Clan Cameron Museum

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

As you make your way to the stunning Scottish Highlands, stop to participate in ancestral research and learn about the area's rich history.

- Explore the grounds of the Highland Folk Museum, which showcases historic art pieces, artifacts, clothing, jewelry, musical instruments, photographs, and more

- Visit the research library to discover the roots of Highland culture

- Make your way to the Clan Cameron Museum to learn about the role Clan Cameron played in the Jacobite rising of 1745

Continue on to the Scottish Highlands and enjoy an included dinner this evening.

Day 7: Culloden Battlefield, Inverness & Highland Archive Centre

Included meals: breakfast

Today, uncover Scotland's dynamic history by visiting some of the most significant destinations in the Highlands.

- Take a self-guided tour of the Culloden Battlefield, site of the final fight of the 1745 Jacobite Rising

- Head to Inverness and walk through the historic city center with your Tour Director

- Visit the Family History Room at the Highland Archive Centre and meet up with specialists who will assist with ancestral research

Day 8: Free day in the Scottish Highlands

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day to explore the Scottish Highlands or add an excursion.

+ Isle of Skye & Clan Donald

Glasgow → 2 nights

Day 9: Glasgow via Glencoe & Inveraray Castle

Included meals: breakfast

Admire striking scenery and learn about the local history as you travel through the Scottish Highlands today.

- Stop in Glencoe to see the site of the Massacre of Glencoe

- Journey to Inveraray Castle, one of the most famous castles in Scotland, which has been featured in the popular television show Downton Abbey

- Enter the castle and walk around the grounds to learn about its history as an ancestral home

- Enjoy free time to shop or visit the castle's private archives

Then, take a scenic drive through Trossachs National Park, Scotland's first national park. Stop along the way to admire the striking scenery of Loch Lomond and the surrounding mountains as you travel to Glasgow.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Glasgow & Mitchell Library

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Set out to explore Scotland's "second city" today with a local as your guide.

- Drive past the Burrell Collection Museum and admire the city's university

- Visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, which features everything from medieval suits of armor to a collection of work by Scottish artists

- Discover local highlights, including George Square and the River Clyde

- Walk through the Glasgow Necropolis

This afternoon, pay a visit to the Mitchell Library

Perthshire → 1 night

where you'll enjoy a summary of all you've learned about Scottish heritage from your genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists®.

Then, celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner.

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.ca/ZQN | 1-800-754-5066

Day 4: Rosslyn Chapel & Dunbar

\$119CAD/\$129CAD* (6 hours, departs in the morning)

Famous for its connections to the Holy Grail as depicted in the best-selling novel *The Da Vinci Code*, Rosslyn Chapel is a place shrouded in mystery and legend. Step inside with a local guide to marvel at the crypt, colorful stained glass windows, and the intricate carvings that adorn the interior pillars and arches. Then, continue on to the coastal town of Dunbar to learn about John Muir. Born in Dunbar, Muir and his family immigrated to America where he began his lifelong work as a conservationist. Step inside the building where Muir was born and explore the exhibits that highlight his writings and work as an environmental activist. You'll also spend time learning about the Battle of Dunbar. During this battle, which took place during the Third English Civil War, English forces defeated the Scottish forces and took many Scottish soldiers as prisoners of war. These soldiers were deported to the Massachusetts Bay Colony, present-day Boston, and served as indentured servants before purchasing land and settling in the area. Learn more about this battle and enjoy free time to visit the local shops and eat lunch before transferring back to Edinburgh.

Day 8: Isle of Skye & Clan Donald

\$145CAD/\$155CAD* (10 hours, departs in the morning)

Cross the Skye Bridge over Loch Alsh to the Isle of Skye, famous for its association with Bonnie Prince Charlie. Then, set off for a guided sightseeing tour of Armadale Castle, Gardens, and Museum of the Isles. Explore the grounds of this fully operational Highland estate and spend time learning about the far-reaching history of Clan Donald at the library archives. Next, take a scenic drive through the Scottish Highlands to visit Eilean Donan Castle. Tour the iconic site, arguably the world's most photographed castle, with a local guide.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms