

Scotland Cruise Itinerary

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Tour Overview

Sail into a world where ancient stones, living culture, and wild coastlines meet. This voyage carries you through Scotland and the Faroe Islands—places shaped by deep time, vibrant communities, and the rhythm of the North Atlantic.

Step into Neolithic circles older than Stonehenge, wander cliff-edge villages alive with seabirds, and explore sea caves, fjords, and remote islands where stories linger in every rock and ruin. Meet the locals who sustain these traditions, from crofting communities to modern island capitals alive with music, craft, and creativity.

Marvel at St. Kilda's soaring cliffs, the mystical standing stones of Lewis, the sculpted peaks of Skye, and the dramatic landscapes of the Faroes, where turf-roofed homes and tumbling waterfalls define a world apart. Visit sacred Iona, legendary Fingal's Cave, and historic sites that connect Scotland's past to its present.

From seabird colonies to sacred sites, from wild geology to warm island culture, this journey showcases the very best of Scotland and the Faroe Islands—an unforgettable blend of nature, history, and spirit.

Itinerary

Day 1: Aberdeen, Scotland



Granite spires and polished stone shimmer under northern light in Aberdeen, where the mica-rich buildings catch even the faintest sun. Once a fishing village and now the gateway to the North Sea, the city's maritime heritage lives on in its bustling harbour and winding streets. Today, offshore platforms on the horizon speak to Aberdeen's pivotal role in the North Sea oil era—modern industry layered atop centuries of seafaring tradition. Stroll through parks and gardens before boarding your vessel, ready to set sail into Scotland's storied waters.

Day 2: Kirkwall, Orkney



Step ashore in Kirkwall, Orkney's capital and keeper of deep time. Visit the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the Ring of Brodgar has stood for four millennia. Admire the red sandstone walls of St. Magnus Cathedral and explore the Hall of Clestrain, birthplace of Arctic explorer John Rae. In the town's cafés and galleries, Orkney's living culture hums with warmth and creativity.

Day 3: Fair Isle



Halfway between Orkney and Shetland, Fair Isle welcomes you with green meadows and sea-swept cliffs. Once a Viking harbour and now a sanctuary for artists and naturalists, the island hosts vast colonies of seabirds. Watch puffins, great skuas, and fulmars circle above a tapestry of wildflowers. A visit to the small community reveals the island's enduring story of self-sufficiency and craft.

Day 3: Foula and Papa Stour



Discover two of Scotland's most remote islands. At Foula, meet residents who maintain traditional crofts beneath some of Britain's highest sea cliffs. Also board a Zodiac to explore Papa Stour's labyrinth of sea caves, blowholes, and rock arches—shaped over centuries by wind and wave. Each turn reveals another play of light, sound, and colour in motion.

Days 5-7: Faroe Islands



Arrive in the Faroe Islands, a place where steep mountains rise from the sea and winding tunnels connect one dramatic landscape to the next. In Tórshavn, one of the world's smallest and most charming capitals, colourful turf-roofed buildings line narrow lanes alive with music, craft, and conversation. Explore the harbourfront, where fishing boats sway beside modern cafés, and feel how the island's traditions and contemporary culture coexist in a rhythm as natural as the tides. Beyond the city, venture into a land of tumbling waterfalls, deep valleys, and mist-draped cliffs alive with seabirds. Visit small villages where homes cling to green hillsides and grass roofs blend seamlessly into the landscape—sometimes with goats grazing above. Every turn in the road or tunnel reveals a new vista: a fjord glimmering in soft light, a stack of basalt rising from the sea, or a community that feels both timeless and warmly alive. Here, the balance of solitude and connection defines daily life, and the meeting of land, water, and wind shapes everything in sight.

Day 8: Stornoway, Lewis



Sail to the Isle of Lewis, the largest of the Outer Hebrides and a proud stronghold of Gaelic culture. In Stornoway, explore a town alive with craftsmanship and island character before journeying across moorland to the Calanais Standing Stones. Older than Stonehenge, these monoliths rise from the earth in a cross-shaped pattern of mystery, their weathered forms catching light and shadow as the wind moves across the moor. Here, you can touch the stones, lean against them, and feel their age beneath your hands—a tangible connection to the people who shaped this sacred place thousands of years ago.

Day 9: St. Kilda



Journey to St. Kilda, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the most remote of the Outer Hebrides. Once home to a self-sufficient island community, the archipelago now stands uninhabited—a sanctuary for seabirds and stories. Walk among stone houses left behind in 1930, when the last residents departed, and watch as gannets, puffins, and fulmars fill the air above some of the tallest sea cliffs in Britain. The sense of isolation here is profound and unforgettable.

Day 10: Isle of Skye



Arrive at Skye, where mountains meet the sea in sculpted ridges and quiet glens. Hike or photograph the Cuillin Hills, explore the island's shoreline alive with the sound of oystercatchers, or simply take in the vastness of sky and stone. Skye's beauty invites reflection—a meeting point between wild grandeur and human story.

Day 11: Iona and Staffa



At Iona, walk the sacred ground where St. Columba founded his monastery, resting place of kings. The abbey's carved crosses stand as testaments to faith and time. Nearby lies Staffa and its famed Fingal's Cave, a cathedral of basalt whose echo inspired Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture. The sea's rhythm fills the air—a natural symphony of wind and wave.

Day 12: Islay



Explore Islay, Queen of the Hebrides, known for its rolling pastures and storied heritage. Visit Loch Finlaggan, the ancient seat of Clan Donald and the Lords of the Isles. Among the ruins, sense the lingering presence of Scotland's medieval power and poetry in the still air and weathered stone.

Day 13: Troon/Glasgow, Scotland



Disembark at Troon, a harbour town of soft light and sea breeze. Wander its long sandy beaches framed by views of Arran across the firth and feel the quiet rhythm of a place shaped by tides and sailing traditions. Troon's harbour remains a link between Scotland's maritime past and present, welcoming fishing boats, leisure craft, and travellers alike. From here, travel to Glasgow, a city of energy and art where Victorian architecture meets creative renewal. It's a fitting finale—a return from the wild coasts to a place alive with music, conversation, and warmth.

What to Expect

Our small ship Scotland cruise program allows you to experience the best of the natural world, while enjoying the comforts of our friendly floating hotel. The ship generally makes crossing between islands at night, so every morning you awake to new vistas and discoveries. Every day we offer a combination of interesting shore excursions and fun shipboard activities. You can choose which elements of the program you want to participate in.

This is a general natural history and cultural expedition rather than a dedicated birding tour. Travellers can look forward to a mix of wildlife viewing, cultural experiences, and time to appreciate the region's incredible scenery — with opportunities for birding included along the way.

This expedition cruise necessitates passengers to be in reasonably good health. Zodiac cruises and transfer times can be lengthy. You must be able to climb stairs between decks on the ship, as well as the external gangway stairs to transfer between the zodiac and ship.

Some of our shore landings will be 'wet', requiring waterproof boots. Once you have left the zodiac, you'll find our shore excursions accommodate both those who wish to enjoy a gentle stroll and those who prefer more active hikes. The excursion may involve walking over uneven or sandy terrain in variable weather conditions. Our onboard specialists will join us on these shore excursions to provide interpretation and narration to these wonderful landscapes and experiences.

Each evening we will gather in the lounge to recount the day's events and share memorable stories. Our onboard musician will provide some lively entertainment during happy hour and the expedition leader will outline the following day's schedule. Our resource staff of naturalists, historians, and other guest speakers will give informative talks at various times throughout the voyage.

Meals in the ship's dining room are a great opportunity to meet new friends and recount the day's adventures. Special diets can be accommodated with advance notice. Safety is also a top priority with Eagle-Eye Tours - our team has extensive experience in the field, and all of our Voyages are run in conjunction with operators with the highest safety standards.

When the ship is underway, it is a wonderful time to join a naturalist on deck, take photos of the stunning scenery, or get caught up on some reading in the library.

Weather, ice, government regulations, and community requests may necessitate changes to the planned itineraries and/or the cancellation of certain shore excursions and enhancements. Published itineraries are examples only and we reserve the right to change or modify the itinerary and landing sites at any time prior or during an expedition. Changes will be communicated at your expedition orientation or during your onboard expedition briefings.

We know that everyone travels for different reasons. Over the years, however, we have found one common element among the guest who choose to travel with us - a thirst of knowledge and authentic experience. Knowing this drives us to ensure the highest quality learning experience on our trips, by taking time to carefully design each trip we offer.

What's Included

Tour Price Includes

- Passage aboard the ship
- Applicable taxes and credit card fees
- Complimentary expedition jacket
- Special access permits, entry, and park fees
- Expert expedition team
- Guided activities
- Sightseeing and community visits
- All Zodiac excursions
- Port fees
- Pre-departure materials
- Educational program
- Interactive workshops
- Evening entertainment
- All shipboard meals
- Complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks are served with dinner
- Wi-Fi access (basic service included)

Tour Price Does Not Include

- Commercial and charter flights
 - Program enhancements/optional excursions
 - Gratuities
 - Personal expenses
 - Mandatory medical evacuation insurance
 - Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes
 - Possible fuel surcharges and administrative fees
 - Pre- and post-trip hotel accommodation
 - Kayak program
 - Premium internet access available at an additional cost
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