



# ROOTS OF BOURBON – SCOTLAND TOUR

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2024



# TRIP OVERVIEW

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Take a tour through Scotland visiting distilleries to learn about the history of Scottish whisky while tasting whiskies both old and new! **The tour includes:**

- Private **Airport Transfers** on arrival and departure
- **9 nights of accommodations** at Scottish-owned, boutique 4-star hotels
- Transportation in a luxury sprinter van each day driven by your local driver/guide as well as ferry crossings
- All breakfasts, 4 multicourse dinners
- Private tours and unique tasting experiences at **7 distilleries**
- Multiple activities like a guided ghost tour, entrance to 3 castles, and a trip on the Jacobite Steam Train



# ARRIVAL IN EDINBURGH

- Upon arrival at the Edinburgh airport, you will be met by a top-class driver who will escort you to a luxury vehicle and you will be privately transferred to your hotel.
- To start your tour, you'll have a relaxed afternoon with plans to convene for A Taste of Scotland at the Scotch Whisky Experience. You will have a guided tasting of 5 whiskies followed by a 3-course dinner.
- A whisky tasting and dinner is included this evening.

DAY 1



Overnight in Edinburgh

A photograph of Edinburgh Castle, a large stone fortress built on a rocky hillside. The castle features multiple towers and windows, and is surrounded by a stone wall. The sky is blue with some clouds. A circular orange graphic with the text 'DAY 2' is overlaid on the top right of the image.

DAY 2

## EXPLORE IN **EDINBURGH**

- Start your day with breakfast provided at your hotel.
- After breakfast, meet an expert local guide for a private walking tour of Edinburgh including entrance to the Edinburgh Castle.
- You will have time to grab an optional lunch then we will begin the ghost tour of the Blair Street Underground Vaults!
- Later in the evening you will experience a premium whisky tasting at the Whiski Rooms, a timeless bar in the city center. A whisky sommelier will guide you through tasting rare and exclusive whiskies followed by dinner.

# DAY TOUR IN **ST. ANDREWS**

- Breakfast again at your hotel in Edinburgh.
- After breakfast you will be met by an expert driver/guide and escorted to a luxury vehicle. You will depart Edinburgh and head east into the Kingdom of Fife and St. Andrews for the day.
- You will spend the day sightseeing the castle, the university, and the Old Course of St. Andrews as well as wandering the town of St. Andrews.
- Your driver/guide will return you to Edinburgh where dinner will be on your own this evening.

DAY 3



Overnight in Edinburgh

DAY 4

## ARRIVE ON ISLE OF ISLAY

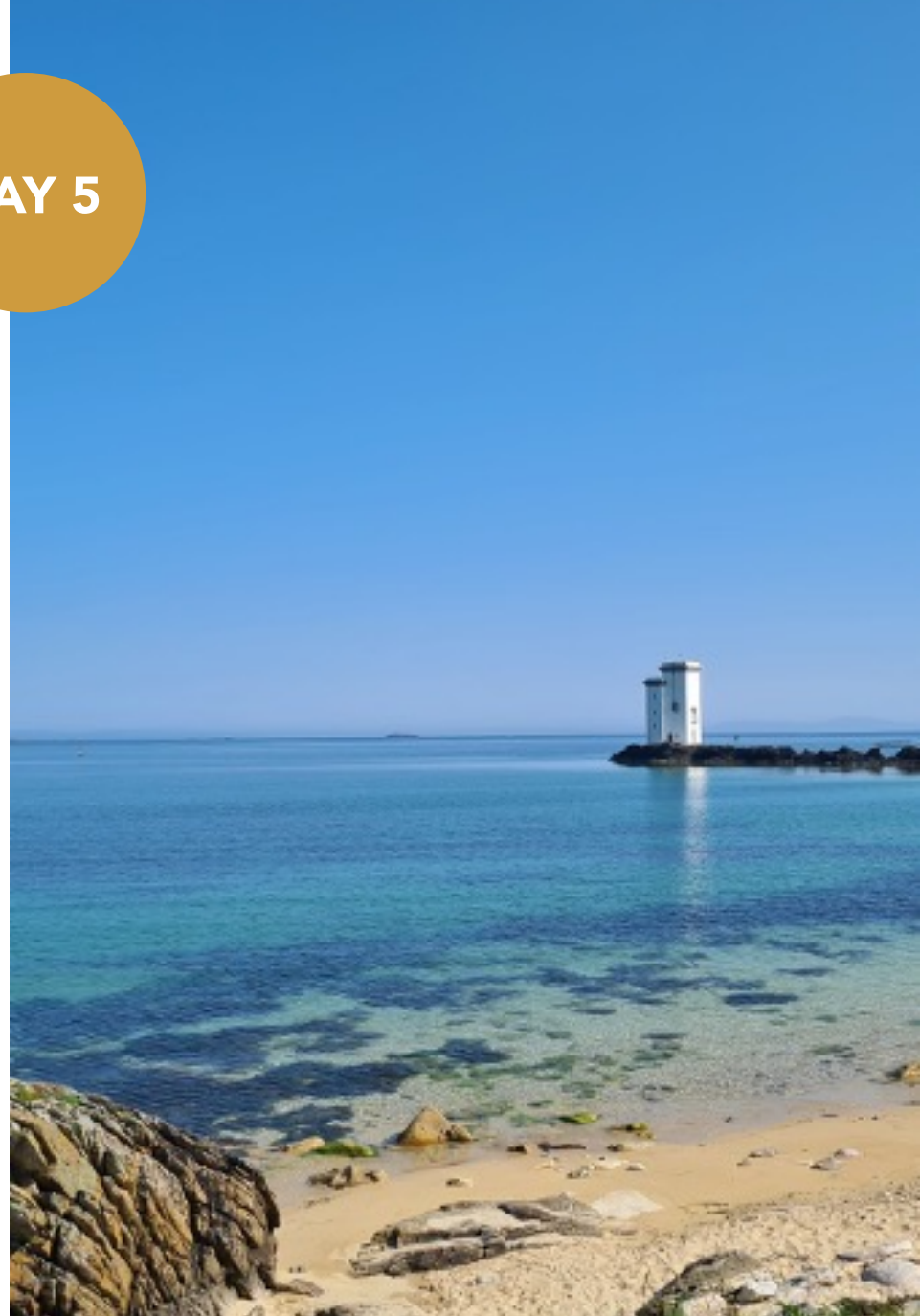
- After breakfast again at your hotel, you will depart Edinburgh in your luxury sprinter van and travel west to the Isle of Islay.
- You will take the ferry to Port Askaig on the Isle of Islay and go on to check into your hotel.
- After you have settled in, you will have dinner at your hotel this evening.



# WHISKY TOURS ON ISLAY

- After breakfast at your hotel, head out with your driver/guide, for the day exploring the Isle of Islay.
- Your first stop will be for a tour and warehouse tasting experience at Bruichladdich where you will learn about the history of this Victorian distillery and taste straight from the cask.
- After an optional lunch, you will head to the Bowmore distillery for a tour and tasting of 3 whiskies, two of which will be cask strength.
- In the late afternoon and evening, you will have time to explore and do other activities like fly fishing, kayaking, an e-bike tour, or a private photography class if you wish.
- You will later return to the hotel for dinner and relaxing on the beautiful grounds.

DAY 5



Overnight in Islay

# WHISKY TOURS ON ISLAY

- Have breakfast at your hotel, then head out with your driver/guide for another day visiting the iconic distilleries on the Isle of Islay.
- Your first tour will be at the Laphroaig distillery where you will learn the secrets to Laphroaig whisky and have a taste.
- After an optional lunch, you will head to the Lagavulin distillery for a tour and guided tasting including a sample of the special distillery exclusive bottling.
- In the late afternoon and evening, you will have time again to explore and do other activities like fly fishing, kayaking, an e-bike tour, or a private photography class if you wish.
- You are free this evening to explore and have dinner on your own.

DAY 6



Overnight in Islay





DAY 7

## ARRIVE IN OBAN

- After breakfast again at your hotel, you will meet with your driver/guide and take the ferry back to the mainland to Oban.
- Once in Oban, you will take a tour of the Oban distillery and taste 3 whiskies from this small but great distillery.
- You will have the rest of the day to explore Oban and get dinner on your own or relax at the hotel.



DAY 8

Overnight in Oban

# EXPLORE AROUND **OBAN**

- Eat breakfast at your hotel and meet your driver/ guide to head out for the day.
- Travel North to Fort William where you will board the Jacobite Steam Train to Mallaig and go over the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct.
- You will have time to explore Mallaig before returning to Fort William for arrival at 4pm approximately. Meet your driver and return to your hotel in Oban for an evening at leisure.

# RETURN TO EDINBURGH

- Check out of your hotel this morning after breakfast and depart Oban with your driver/ guide.
- Travel via the Trossachs back to Edinburgh with an included stop at Doune Castle and Stirling Castle along the way.
- In the late afternoon arrive in Edinburgh and say goodbye to your driver.
- This evening you will have a final farewell dinner in a local restaurant to end the trip.

DAY 9



Overnight in Edinburgh

DAY 10

# DEPART FROM **EDINBURGH**

- After breakfast at your hotel, a driver will be available to take you to the Edinburgh Airport for departure.



WE HOPE YOU JOIN  
US FOR THIS  
EXCITING TRIP!

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