TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / Scotland

Scotland Bike Tour
Wild Country, Whisky, and the Warmth of the Scots

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cycle the wild and beautiful landscapes of the Scottish Highlands, including the picturesque coastline of Saint Andrews
- Discover the historic sites of Saint Andrews, including the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, the ruined Cathedral, and the oldest university in Scotland
- Visit Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Murray, and learn about its fascinating role in Scottish history
- Sip locally-made single malt whisky straight from the cask at Blair Atholl distillery
Arrival Details

Airport City: Edinburgh, Scotland
Pick-Up Location: Edinburgh Airport or the G&V Royal Mile Hotel
Pick-Up Time: 10:00 am

Departure Details

Airport City: Edinburgh, Scotland
Drop-Off Location: Edinburgh
Drop-Off Time: 11:30 am

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance
For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.
Tour By Day

**DAY 1 The Coastal Route of Fife**

Welcome to Scotland! Your guides will pick you up in Edinburgh before transferring you a short distance across the Firth of Forth to the charming coastal village of Elie. Enjoy a welcome toast, map overview, and bike fitting in the charming harbor before we begin our ride along the quiet coastal roads. Remember to stay on the left side of the road as we venture past the fishing communities of the East Neuk of Fife. Stop in Anstruther for a delicious lunch featuring the local catch, then continue on into the medieval town of Saint Andrews. Our boutique hotel, an idyllic, turreted mansion house set in 10 acres of award-winning gardens, awaits our arrival. Dine in the hotel’s fine restaurant tonight and make sure to enjoy their famous sticky toffee dessert.

**Meals:** Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Elie, Saint Monens, Anstruther, Saint Andrews  
**Accomplished:** 20 miles / 33 km, elevation gain: 994 feet / 303 meters  
**Accommodations:** Rufflets Country House Hotel

**DAY 2 Deep in the Kingdom of Fife**

Our adventure begins with a gentle climb from the hotel into the ancient Kingdom of Fife. Cycle through rolling farmlands, past old stone bridges, and along tree lined lanes to the picturesque village of Ceres—stopping to take pictures of the beautiful scenery. Take in the amazing views of the coast along the ridge-top route back to Saint Andrews. After lunch, we will enjoy a guided tour of Saint Andrews Cathedral, the University, and The Old Course. Stroll along the chic boutiques that line Market and North Streets or head back to our hotel to relax before dinner. Tonight we’ll eat a traditional meal with the locals in town.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Ceres, North Sea, Saint Andrews  
**Accomplished:** 25 miles / 40 km, elevation gain: 1,525 feet / 465 meters  
**Accommodations:** Rufflets Country House Hotel
DAY 3

The Perthshire Farmlands

Heading north, we’ll transfer one hour to start our ride from the village of Pitcairngreen. Meandering along the rural farmland, the most traffic we’ll see this morning is from tractors, fellow cyclists, or highland cattle. Learn the meaningful origins of the names for local sites and fauna from our local guides. Arrive in Dunkeld to admire the cathedral and have a bite to eat. Enter into the Highlands on our way to our hotel in Fortingall. Choose to relax in your room, have a pint in the hotel’s authentic bar, or visit the nearby Yew Tree and ancient chapel before heading to a memorable dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Pitcairngreen, Dunkeld, Weem, Fortingall
Accomplished: 37 miles / 60 km, elevation gain: 1,752 feet / 534 meters
Accommodations: Fortingall Hotel

DAY 4

Loch Rannoch & the Tay Valley

Today is packed with the best of the Highland scenery. Follow the River Lyon before cruising around the iconic mountain of Schiehallion. Capture the rich flora of the area, especially the heathers, mosses, and blaeberry. Savor a well-deserved lunch by Kinloch Rannoch. Cycle a lovely winding road above the River and Loch Tummel, passing The Queen’s View, named after Queen Victoria’s visit in 1860. Visit the Blair Atholl distillery and learn all about the famed Scottish whisky during your private tour. Arrive at the impressive Fonab Castle, perched above the beautiful Loch Faskally and the town of Pitlochry, our home for the final two nights in the Highlands. A late afternoon outing to a local brewery, Moulin, is an option before we head into town for a dinner on your own. Our guides will gladly give you a few tips on where to find the best haggis in town if you haven’t already tried it.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Destinations: Kinloch Rannoch
Accomplished: 38 miles / 61 km, elevation gain: 2,788 feet / 850 meters
Accommodations: Fonab Castle

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DAY 5  Blair Castle

Our final ride is a spectacular one, taking us through the rolling hills of Perthshire. Arriving at the impressive Blair Castle we will explore this ancestral home of the Clan Murray and the paintings, hunting trophies, furniture, and needlework that was collected over many generations. Learn about the Atholl Highlanders, the private army of the Duke of Atholl, and the only legal private army in Europe at the Castle site as well. Chat about our recent discoveries as we enjoy a nice lunch before heading back to Pitlochry via the famous Pass of Killiecrankie. Toast to a wonderful week of unforgettable memories during our final dinner at the hotel's gastronomic restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Blair Atholl, Moulin, Pitlochry
Accomplished: 42 miles / 67 km, elevation gain: 2,683 feet / 818 meters
Accommodations: Fonab Castle

DAY 6  Transfer to Edinburgh

After a full Scottish breakfast, take one final stroll around the Loch Faskally or go shopping for a wool kilt or cashmere scarf in Pitlochry. We leave the castle and transfer south to Edinburgh Airport where we will bid you farewell!

Meals: Breakfast