





#### TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / Scotland

# **Scotland Bike Tour**

Wild Country, Whisky, and the Warmth of the Scots

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cycle the wild and beautiful landscapes of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, including mountain lochs and picturesque villages
- Discover historic sites throughout the Highlands, including the grave of legendary Scottish folk hero, Rob Roy MacGregor
- Visit the ancient Fortingall Yew Tree, a heritage specimen and one of the oldest trees in Europe
- Experience the warmth of Highland hospitality and sample a dram (or two!) of locally-made single malt whisky—Scotland's "uisge Beatha," or water of life
- Spend an evening at Gleneagles, one of the most beloved and prestigious hotels in all of Scotland











#### ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

#### **Arrival Details**

- → Airport City: Edinburgh, Scotland
- Pick-Up Location: Stirling Train Station
- © Pick-Up Time:

### **Departure Details**

- 🗻 Airport City:
- Edinburgh, Scotland
- Drop-Off Location: Stirling Train Station
- © Drop-Off Time:

**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.

#### **Travelers Take Note**

Starting January 8, 2025 U.S. citizens will need an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) to enter the United Kingdom. You can apply for the ETA at www.gov.uk

Please consider packing weather-appropriate gear, including waterproof clothing and layers for both on and off the bike. Also note that jeans are not permitted for dinner on Day 5; men must wear a collared shirt.

The private, car-free roads on Day 2 makes for an ideal cycling experience. However, it also means that van support will be limited due to restricted vehicle access.



### Tour By Day



### **Into the Mountains**

Welcome to Scotland! Your guides will meet you at Stirling Train Station for a short, scenic transfer to the riverside town of Callander. After a welcome lunch, we'll get fitted to our bikes then set out on our first ride through the wild landscapes of Stirlingshire, venturing into the heart of this historic region along the edge of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. Our home for the first two nights is a lochside boutique hotel, perfectly positioned amid Scotland's stunning mountain scenery. There will be time to settle in before our private cocktail masterclass featuring a curated selection of sparkling wine, handcrafted spirits and cocktails, and Scotch whisky. Tonight we'll dine at the hotel's award-winning restaurant.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations**: Callander, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park **Accomplished**: 17 miles / 27 km, elevation gain: 1,411 feet / 430 meters **Longer Option**: 44 miles / 72 km; elevation gain 3,303 feet / 1,007 meters

**Accommodation: Monachyle Mhor Hotel** 



### Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park

Heading south, we'll transfer to Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, beginning today's ride from Loch Katrine. The loch's name comes from the Gaelic word *cateran*—meaning "highland robber"—a nod to Scottish folk hero Rob Roy, who was born on its shores. After lunch in Stronachlachar, our ride continues on private roads and passes four more lochs, ultimately arriving back in Aberfoyle. Return to the hotel with a bit of time to stroll the property's Highland terrain or perhaps treat your legs to some recovery in the wood-fired sauna on the edge of Loch Voil. This evening we regroup for a special chef's-choice menu paired with the perfect wines.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations**: Balquidder, Aberfoyle, Loch Katrine

**Accomplished**: 32 miles / 51 km, elevation gain: 2,408 feet / 734 meters **Longer option**: 60 miles / 96 km; elevation gain: 6,669 feet / 1,308 meters

**Accommodation: Monachyle Mhor Hotel** 



## **Highland Country: Waterfalls to Viaducts**

Begin riding right from the doorstep of Monachyle Mhor, following the tranquil banks of Loch Voil. After a brief stop at the grave of Rob Roy—the namesake we learned about yesterday at Loch Katrine—we continue deeper into Highland country along a spectacular, traffic-free bike path. A gentle climb rewards us with an up-close look at the Glen Ogle Viaduct, an impressive 19th-century feat of engineering now repurposed as one of Scotland's most beautiful byways. From here, it's a thrilling descent into the pretty village of Killin, where the Falls of Dochart cascade dramatically through the heart of town. Pause for a photo on the stone bridge before continuing on the high road above of Loch Tay. Towering overhead, the peak of Ben Lawers and the surrounding *munros* (Scottish mountains exceeding 3,000 feet) provide a breathtaking Highland backdrop. After lunch, our ride concludes at our next hotel—a charming boutique property where we're greeted by a traditional Scottish piper. Relax with an après velo cocktail in the hotel's cozy bar or enjoy a drink outdoors before dinner this evening at one of Scotland's most delightful beer gardens.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Loch Tay, Killin, Grandtully

Accomplished: 46 miles / 74 km; elevation gain: 3,012 feet / 918 meters

**Accommodations: Grandtully Hotel** 



### The Glens of Perthshire and a Wee Bit of Whisky

Today's ride through the rolling hills of Perthshire is nothing short of spectacular. Early on, we'll make a short detour to visit the Fortingall Yew Tree: one of Europe's most long-lived conifers at an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 years old. It stands adjacent to Fortingall Chapel, which dates to the 12th century and offers a glimpse into Scotland's medieval religious history. Explore the surrounding grounds and chapel, then get back on the bike and continue on rolling terrain toward Loch Tummel with Schiehallion Mountain towering in the distance. Refuel with lunch, then descend all the way to the loch's undulating shores. We'll ride along the lake until we reach Queen's View, one of Highland Perthshire's most recognizable panoramas. From here it's an easy ride to Pitlochry: there's time to explore this picturesque town before a private whisky tasting led by a local expert. Afterwards, transfer back to the hotel to freshen up for tonight's memorable, farm-to-fork dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

**Destinations:** Fortinghall, Pitlochry

**Accomplished:** 37 miles / 60 km, elevation gain: 2755 feet / 840 meters **Longer Option:** 53 miles / 86 km, elevation gain: 3,791 feet / 1,156 meters

**Accommodations: Grandtully Hotel** 

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# **Glorious Gleneagles**

This morning starts out easy with a spin towards the charming village of Aberfeldy, a pretty town that's right on the River Tay. If time allows, take a ride past the Birks Cinema, a faithfully restored 1930s Art Deco landmark. From here we settle in for a climb up General Wade's Military Road, a narrow and twisty pass. On the other side is Strathbraan, a storied route that's been traversed by notable generals, poets, artists, and pirates—all of whom have played a role in Scotland's folk history. After one more push we reach the valley of Sma'Glen and begin descending gradually through the rolling and manicured farmlands of Strathearn. For our triumphant finish arrive right to Gleneagles, the iconic five-star estate and our home for our final night in Scotland. After settling into your stately room, we'll reconvene and toast to a wonderful week of cycling, followed by a celebratory dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner **Destinations:** Aberfeldy, Crieff

Accomplished: 41 miles / 67 km, elevation gain: 2769 feet / 844 meters

**Accommodations: Gleneagles** 



### Farewell to Bonnie Scotland

After a full Scottish breakfast, take one last stroll around the Gleneagles grounds—perhaps a game of croquet or a morning massage are in order. Then it's off to Stirling Train Station, where you can catch regular trains to both Glasgow and Edinburgh for onward travel.

Meals: Breakfast

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# **Gleneagles Post-Tour Package**

Not ready to depart Gleaneagles? Indulge in an extra night's stay at this stunning Perthshire property, allowing more time to enjoy the spa, appreciate the grounds, or wind down from a week of cycling with some tennis, fly fishing, or hiking. Dine on your own—perhaps at one of Gleneagles' many restaurants—and wake to an included breakfast the next morning. Your transfer back to the airport is also included. *The amount listed is the starting price and subject to availability.* 

Inclusions: Hotel, Breakfast
Accommodations: Gleneagles

Price per person in double occupancy: \$950

Price in single occupancy: \$1800

