



Welcome to a world of wild beauty and welcoming people on DuVine's Scotland bike tour. Explore sleepy coastal villages in the Kingdom of Fife, rural farmlands in Perthshire, and serene landscapes in the Scottish Highlands. Delve into the region's rich culture and history with visits to famous sites, tastings of Scotland's finest whisky, and conversations with local personalities. Sleep in beautiful boutique hotels

that exemplify the kind hospitality of the Scottish people. Awaken your taste buds with the flavors of this land: island seafood, highland beef and lowland cheeses, not to mention the quintessential *haggis* and freshly-landed fish and chips. Wash it all down with the regions many craft beers and world-famous whiskies. Come to enjoy just a wee bit of what this country has to offer.

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Tour by Day

Day One: 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 St. Andrews. Our luxury 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, St. Monens, Anstruther, St. Andrews

Accomplished: 14 miles / 22 km

Accommodations: Rufflets Country House Hotel

Day Two: 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 St. Andrews. Relax over local delicacies at The Seafood Restaurant, with magnificent views of West Sands, the Old Course and the North Sea. After lunch, we will enjoy a guided tour of St. 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, St. Andrews

Accomplished: 25 miles / 40 km

Scotland Bike Tour

REGION: REST OF EUROPE

DESTINATION: SCOTLAND

DURATION: 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

LEVEL: WEEKEND

PRICE FROM: \$4895

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$800

TOUR DATES

LIMITED SPACE

JUN 21 - JUN 26, 2015 \$5095

JUL 20 - JUL 25, 2015 \$5095

GUARANTEED TO RUN

AUG 24 - AUG 29, 2015 \$5095

SEP 28 - OCT 3, 2015 \$4895

JUL 18 - JUL 23, 2016 \$4895

REGION

- The wild, northern region of the British Isle, featuring the historic Scottish Highlands and a beautiful North Sea coastline
- Known for: Bagpipes, whisky, kilts, tartan (plaid), golf, medieval castles and magnificent greenery and mountain ranges
- Eat: The famous local delicacy of Haggis, tablet – Scotland's answer to fudge, scotch eggs and delicious Scottish short bread
- Drink: Craft Beers, scotch whisky, Irn bru – a Scottish carbonated soft drink referred to as "Scotland's other national drink"

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cycle along the picturesque coastline around St. Andrews and through the wild and beautiful landscapes of the Scottish Highlands
- Learn about the many historic sites in St. Andrews: The Royal and Ancient Golf Course, The Cathedral, and the oldest University in Scotland
- Discover the history of the Clan Murray and the Atholl Highlanders at the Blair Castle
- Enjoy a Michelin-starred meal at the Peat Inn
- Savor a single malt whisky straight from the cask and sip a locally-made beer at the Moulin Brewery

WHAT'S INCLUDED

We include more on our trips than any other bike tour company in an effort to provide our guests with the most unforgettable, stress-free travel experience.

- Stunning, authentic, boutique accommodations
- Top of the line bicycle selection
- Daily breakfasts, all lunches, four gourmet dinners, Après Velo cocktails, and nutritious snacks
- Carefully selected local wines with every delicious meal
- Expert guides with extensive local knowledge, who go above and beyond to cater to your every need
- Complete van support every mile of the way to enjoy your vacation at your own pace

Accommodations: Rufflets Country House Hotel

Day Three: The Perthshire Farmlands

Heading north, we'll transfer 45 minutes 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. Follow the River Tay to Aberfeldy distillery for a fun and informative whisky tasting. 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, Aberfeldy, Weem, Fortingall

Accomplished: 36 miles / 57 km

Accommodations: Fortingall Hotel

Day Four: 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 blaeberreries. Savor a well-deserved gourmet 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. 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: 33 miles / 53 km

Accommodations: Fonab Castle

Day Five: 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: 35 miles / 56 km

Accommodations: Fonab Castle

Day Six: 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

- Group sizes that don't exceed 14 guests on a scheduled departure
- Wine tastings, and cooking classes as outlined in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to historic sites, fascinating museums, and scenic natural parks
- Pick up and drop off before and after your tour from convenient locations
- Gratuities for baggage, porters, and hotel service
- Pre- and post-travel planning assistance
 - Upgrade to Concierge Travel Planning ([learn more](#))
- Complimentary DuVine gear, including a custom cycling jersey, DuVine t-shirt, luggage tag, water bottle, and drawstring bag

DuVine strives to consistently amaze, surprise, and delight. For this reason, each itinerary may be subject to slight modifications. Contact us to speak with a destination specialist for the most up to date tour inclusions.

Not Included:

- Gratuities for DuVine bike tour guides ([learn more](#))
- Airfare