

HIGHLAND HERITAGE TOUR: 9 DAYS

DAY 1. Commence Edinburgh and visit the famous **Castle**, the **Royal Mile** (including **Gladstone's Land**, a fascinating 17th century Old Town tenement), the **Scottish Parliament** building and the **Georgian House** (a Robert Adam town house dating from 1796). Enjoy wonderful views of Edinburgh City and the Firth of Forth from **Calton Hill**. To **Newhailes** in the afternoon. This 17th century home featured in the Scottish Enlightenment and once contained the largest library of its time in Scotland.

DAY 2. To **House of Binns**. This is connected with the Dalrymple family who have been in residence since 1612. Antique furniture, porcelain and portraits. Panoramic views. Then across the Forth Road Bridge to the **Royal Burgh of Culross**. Visit Palace with splendid interiors and 17th and 18th century furniture plus Town House and Study.

DAY 3. To **Falkland Palace** and Garden, Fife. This 16th century Renaissance palace was the hunting palace of the Stuart kings and remains home to the Stuart family. Then to Perthshire to see the refurbished 18th century **Ossian's Hall** at the Hermitage.

DAY 4. To Inverness and the famous 1746 battlefield site at **Culloden**. This is the site of the last battle fought on British soil. Then to nearby **Brodie Castle**, a fine 16th-century tower house with architecture, history and antiques.

DAY 5. To Cromarty in the Black Isle to the **Hugh Miller Museum & Birthplace Cottage**. Then to **Corrieshalloch Gorge** and the exhilarating **Falls of Measach**.

DAY 6. To the famous **Inverewe Garden** on Loch Ewe with its unique microclimate. Then to **Lochalsh Woodland Garden** near the Kyle of Lochalsh and the pretty village of Plockton. On to Fort William via **Kintail and Morvich**, a magnificent stretch of West Highland scenery which includes the famous Five Sisters of Kintail.

DAY 7. Morning visit to the **Glenfinnan Monument** where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard in 1745. This location is also of interest to Harry Potter fans. Then to the iconic **Glencoe**, site of famous massacre in 1692 plus wildlife, geology and stunning scenery.

DAY 8. To **Alloa Tower** which dates from the 14th century. Largest surviving keep in Scotland complete with dungeon and magnificent oak beams. Then to **Bannockburn**, site of the most famous battle in Scottish history where Robert the Bruce routed the English in 1314.

DAY 9. To **Pollock House**, Glasgow. Ancestral home of the Maxwell family. A grand Edwardian mansion with fabulous interiors and a major art collection (El Greco, etc.) Then to **Greenbank Garden**, Clarkston which is an educational garden designed to showcase ideas and techniques for domestic gardens. Thirty different areas to see with 3600 named plants and important collections of Narcissus and Bergenia.