



TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / Scotland

Scotland Bike Tour

Wild Country, Whisky, and the Warmth of the Scots

RIDING
LEVEL

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cycle the wild and beautiful landscapes of the Scottish Highlands, including the picturesque coastline of Saint Andrews
- Discover historic sites in 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 during a private tasting
- Spend an evening at Gleneagles, one of the most beloved hotels in all of Scotland



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈️ **Airport City:**
Edinburgh, Scotland
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
Royal Botanic Garden
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
10:30 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.

Travelers Take Note

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 may also wish to wear a collared shirt.

Our Scotland bike fleet is equipped with UK-style brakes: the front wheel brake is on the right and the rear wheel brake is on the left. As always, our guides will acquaint you with the brakes and all other bike components on Day 1 of the tour before any riding begins.

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Tour By Day

DAY
1

The Coastal Route of Fife

Welcome to Scotland! Your guides will pick you up at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh before transferring you 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 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, Elie, 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 you're free for dinner on your own in Saint Andrews.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Ceres, North Sea, Saint Andrews

Accomplished: 25 miles / 40 km, elevation gain: 1,525 feet / 465 meters

Accommodations: [Rufflets Country House Hotel](#)

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DAY
3

Scone Palace and Scottish Kings

Heading north, we'll transfer just over an hour to begin our ride from the grounds of Scone Palace, the Gothic Revival mansion where Scottish kings, including Macbeth and Robert the Bruce, were crowned. As we meander through rural farmland this morning, the most traffic we'll encounter will be from tractors, fellow cyclists, or Highland cattle. Along the way, you'll be enlightened with tidbits about folk legends that inform the names of local sites and plant life. On our arrival in Dunkeld, admire the cathedral, enjoy a bite to eat, then explore the charming shops selling homewares and local Scottish crafts. A short ride brings us to our next hotel, a charming boutique property that's big on tradition. Settle in with a drink at the bar and listen to a Scottish piper before dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Scone, Dunkeld, Grandtully

Accomplished: 33 miles / 53 km, elevation gain: 1,741 feet / 531 meters

Accommodations: [Grandtully Hotel](#)

DAY
4

The Glens of Perthshire and a Wee Bit of Whisky

Today's ride may well be the Queen stage of your Scotland tour as we make our way through the rolling hills of Perthshire. Early on, we'll make a short detour to 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 back to the 12th century and offers a glimpse into Scotland's medieval religious history. Reach The House of Bruar in time for lunch: this gourmet store occupies 11 acres at the foot of the historic Falls of Braur, and is not only a bakery, butchery, and deli, but also a purveyor of locally produced cashmere, wool, crafts, and more. After lunch, cycle through the impressive gardens of Blair Castle before heading to the town of Pitlochry via the famous Pass of Killiecrankie, known in equal measure for its history and beauty. Upon arrival in Pitlochry we're treated to a well-informed whisky tasting led by a local expert, followed by a short transfer back to our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Fortinghall, House of Bruar, Pitlochry

Accomplished: 44 miles / 70 km, elevation gain: 3,092 feet / 943 meters

Longer Option: 49 miles / 79 km, elevation gain: 3,207 feet / 1,008 meters

Accommodations: [Grandtully Hotel](#)

DAY
5

Glorious Greens and 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 we 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 / 65 km, elevation gain: 2,482 feet / 756 meters

Accommodations: [Gleneagles](#)

DAY
6

Transfer to Edinburgh

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 Edinburgh Airport, only an hour transfer away, and we'll bid you a final farewell.

Meals: Breakfast

POST-
TOUR

Perthshire 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 Gleaneagles' 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: [Gleaneagles](#)

Price per person in double occupancy: \$950

Price in single occupancy: \$1800
