

My first trip to Scotland (8-18 May 2015)

Friday 8 May 2015: Travel from Luxembourg to Edinburgh, via Amsterdam. Arrive at B&B in New Town. Take a stroll in the main streets, first impressions:



View of one part of the Old Town from Princes' Street...



... and zoom on New College, on the Mound.



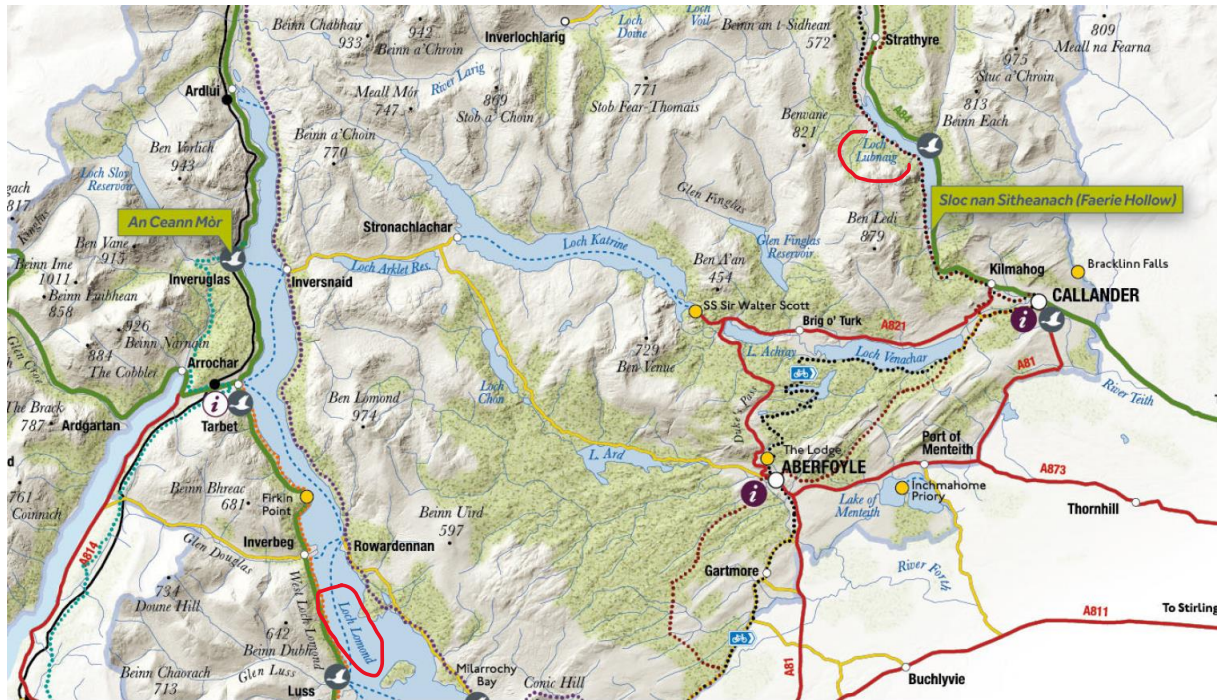
Views of Edinburgh Castle from Princes' Street



Saturday 9 May 2015:

Sightseeing tour with an English friend in the Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park.

Loch Lubnaig. <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/discover-the-park/>



Downloadable map: <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Downloadable-map-of-Loch-Lomond-and-the-Trossachs-National-Park.pdf>







Enroute to Loch Lomond....



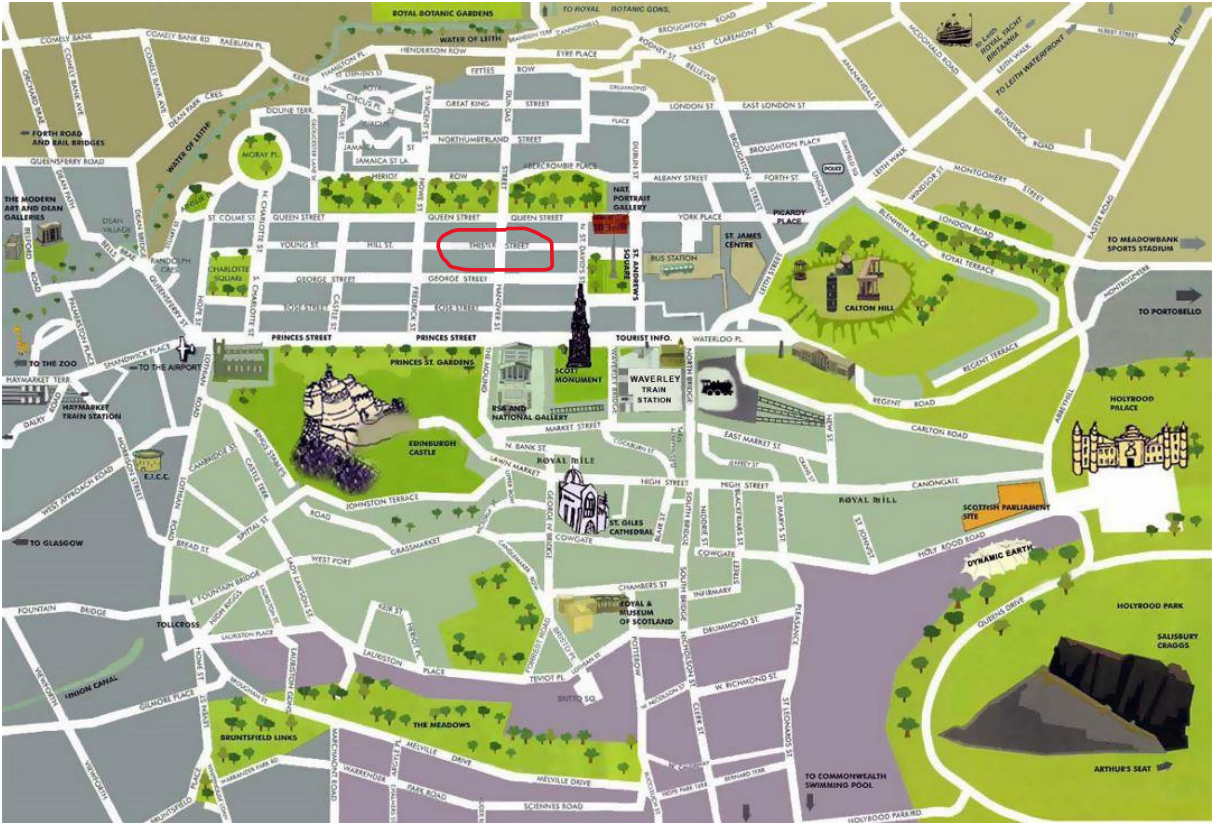


Village and holiday activities on the loch...



Evening: good meal in Edinburgh at Cafe St Honoré, 34 North West Thistle Street Lane.

<https://www.cafesthonore.com/>



<https://www.mapsland.com/europe/united-kingdom/edinburgh/detailed-tourist-map-of-edinburgh-city-center>



Sunday 10 May 2015: Visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Abbey and gardens:

[https://www.rct.uk/visit/palace-of-holyroodhouse.](https://www.rct.uk/visit/palace-of-holyroodhouse)





Inside: Visit of the historic chambers of Mary, Queen of Scots



12th-century ruins of Holyrood Abbey





The gardens, and below, a view of Holyrood Park and Arthur's Seat, an extinct volcano and the highest point in Edinburgh



After our visit to Holyrood, walk on the Royal Mile, up to Edinburgh Castle.

View of Holyrood Park and the crags from Edinburgh Castle:





Views from Edinburgh Castle towards the sea, and view of the town



From Monday 11 to Friday 15 May: intensive language course at ECS Scotland, an independent, British Council accredited English language centre in Edinburgh.

<https://www.ecsscotland.co.uk/>

Visit the town at lunch time and in the evenings: the Scottish National Gallery, <https://www.nationalgalleries.org/visit/scottish-national-gallery> and the Georgian House in the New Town <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/georgian-house>

Visit the Old Town, pleasant walk to Edinburgh University. I found the “location” of Jackson Brodie’s office in the TV detective series *Case Histories* (adapted from Kate Atkinson’s novels): India Buildings in Victoria Street!

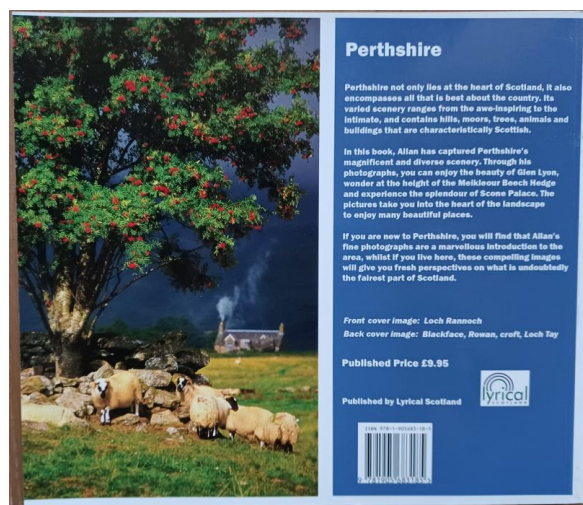
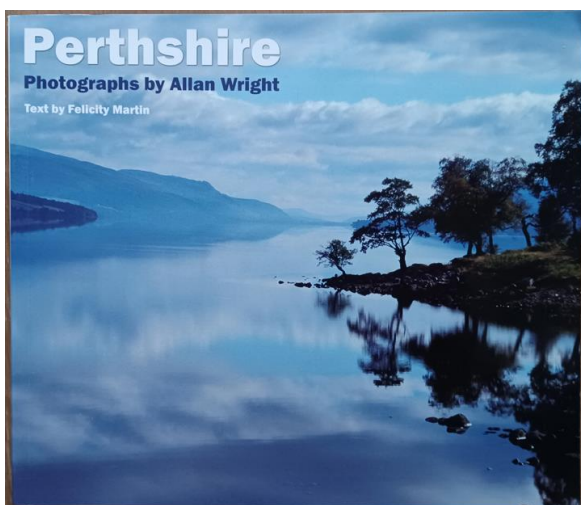


And the view of the other side of the street (as seen from Brodie's office in the series!)



Friday 15, evening: my Scottish friends pick me up at Edinburgh, and we drive to the village where they live in Perthshire.

I recommend this book: *Perthshire*, by Allan Wright, Lyrical Scotland (2007)



Perthshire

Perthshire not only lies at the heart of Scotland, it also encompasses all that is best about the country. Its varied scenery ranges from the awe-inspiring to the intimate, and contains hills, moors, trees, animals and buildings that are characteristically Scottish.

In this book, Allan has captured Perthshire's magnificent and diverse scenery. Through his photographs, you can enjoy the beauty of Glen Lyon, wonder at the height of the Benluech Bench Wedge and experience the splendour of Scone Palace. The pictures take you into the heart of the landscape to enjoy many beautiful places.

If you are new to Perthshire, you will find that Allan's fine photographs are a marvellous introduction to the area, whilst if you live here, these compelling images will give you fresh perspectives on what is undoubtedly the finest part of Scotland.

Front cover image: Loch Rannoch
Back cover image: Blackface, Rowan, croft, Loch Tay

Published Price £9.95

Published by Lyrical Scotland



Saturday 16 May: Visit of the city centre of Perth, lunch, then drive in the magnificent countryside, direction Northeast of Perth:

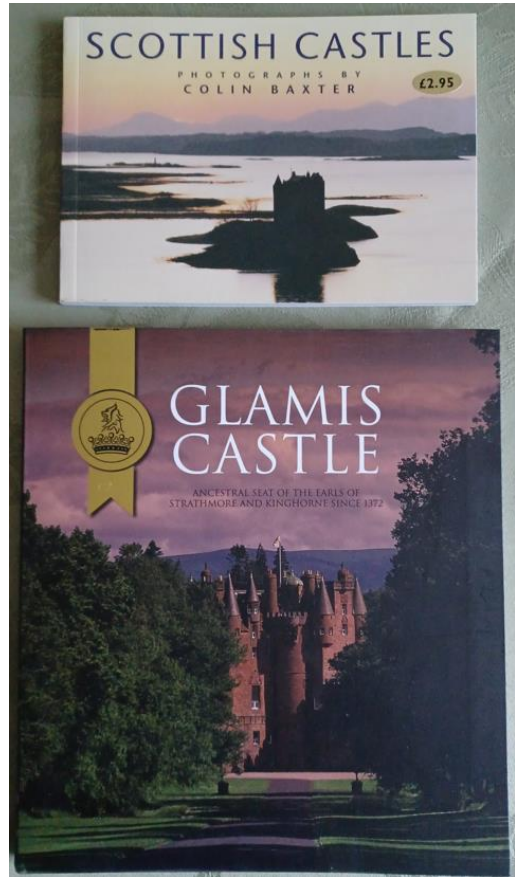


See Highland cows and stop in a bluebell wood:



Visit Glamis Castle and gardens: <https://www.glamis-castle.co.uk/>

“Glamis has been the ancestral seat to the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne since 1372. Once host to Mary, Queen of Scots, Glamis is said to have inspired one of Shakespeare’s most famous plays, *Macbeth*. Glamis also has a deep connection to today’s Royal Family as it was the childhood home of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and birthplace of HRH Princess Margaret.”



Sunday 17 May: Day trip in Highland Perthshire: <https://www.visitaberfeldy.co.uk/>

En route to Loch Tay:







View of Loch Tay in the background:



A little brook:



On the shore of Loch Tay, visit of the Iron Age at Crannog Centre: <https://crannog.co.uk/>





Arrive at Kenmore, on Loch Tay. Delicious lunch at The Kenmore hotel (Scotland’s oldest Inn?) Visit the delightful village of Fortingall, with its picturesque, thatched cottages and its famous yew, “a mighty tree over 3,000 years old and Europe’s oldest resident”.







Coming back to our base, stop at Iain Burnett's shop, "the Highland Chocolatier", in Grandtully, on the A827: <https://highlandchocolatier.com/>



Monday 18 May 2015: Travel back to Luxembourg!

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