

## Trip to Scotland—10 to 27 May 2025

Day	Activity	Hotel/location
Saturday 10 May 2025	Flights to Edinburgh. Meet at the hotel. Evening: stroll and dinner in New Town.	Parliament House hotel 15 Calton Hill, Edinburgh, EH1 3BJ Tel +44 (0)131 478 4000 Email: <a href="mailto:info@parliamenthouse-hotel.co.uk">info@parliamenthouse-hotel.co.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.parliamenthouse-hotel.co.uk">www.parliamenthouse-hotel.co.uk</a>
Sunday 11	The Old Town: visit Palace & Abbey of Holyrood house (opens @ 9:30, tickets £21/person), walk the Royal Mile, visit St Giles Cathedral (free entry), up to the Castle. Visit the National Galleries (permanent collections: free entry). Afternoon tea at Palm Court, The Balmoral, 1 Princes Street, +44 (0)131 556 2414. (to be cancelled 48 hours before at the latest) Evening: Promenade on Calton Hill, viewpoints on the city and see local monuments, esp. Burns Monument.	
Monday 12	Admire Georgian architecture in New Town, walk to Dean Gardens and Dean Village. Lunch at Leith. Visit National Portrait Gallery (free entry). L's friends pick us up around 16:30 at our hotel in Edinburgh	Stay with friends in Kirk Yetholm Scottish Borders
Tuesday 13	The Tweed Valley: Abbotsforth House and Ancrum. Book diner in a nice restaurant at Kelso.	
Wednesday 14	Hawick (capital of Scottish knitwear & cashmere) for shopping. Nearby: Borders Distillery (opens 10-16:30).	
Thursday 15	Leave Kirk Yetholm after breakfast. Visit Rosslyn Chapel. Meeting E's friends at Dobbie's Garden Centre Melville. On the way to Blairgowrie, visit The Kelpies and Falkirk Wheel.	Stay with friends near Blairgowrie, Perthshire
Friday 16	Visit locally: Scone Palace and Perth Museum. Lunch in Perth. Visit Drummond Castle Gardens.	
Saturday 17	Loch Leven Castle. Sailings start at 10am. Lunch at Pillars of Hercules café. Falkland village and Falkland Palace. Dinner at Deans' in Perth.	
Sunday 18	Our hosts drive us to Glasgow. Stop at Hill House <i>en route</i> to the city centre. Map: <a href="#">glasgow-street-map.pdf</a> . Explore city centre.	ABode Glasgow (now Art House Hotel) 129 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 2SZ Tel: 0141 221 6789
Monday 19	Visit Glasgow City Chambers, then walk to Glasgow Cathedral. <b>Lunch:</b> Reservation at the Willows Tea Rooms, Sauchiehall Street. Mackintosh trail: <a href="#">Charles Rennie Mackintosh Trail - Visit Glasgow</a>	

Tuesday 20	Circuit with the red Hop on/Hop off bus: Necropolis, the Hunterian Museum at Glasgow University, the Hunterian Art Gallery and the Mackintosh House. Kelvingrove Park and the Museum.	
Wednesday 21	<b>A Day on the Isle of Arran</b> , Rabbie’s Tours. Departing at 7:15 am from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station. See detail on: <a href="#">A Day on the Island: Arran - 1 day tour   Rabbie's Tours</a>	
Thursday 22	<b>A Day on the Isle of Bute</b> , Rabbie’s Tours. Departing at 08:15 from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station. See detail on: <a href="#">A Day on the Island: Bute - 1 day tour   Rabbie's Tours</a>	
<b>Mull &amp; Iona – 3-day tour.</b> See detail on: <a href="#">3 Day Isle of Mull &amp; Iona Scotland Tour from Glasgow   Rabbie's</a>		
Friday 23	Departing at 09:00 from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station. Loch Lomond, Glencoe, Ferry to Tobermory (Isle of Mull) Table booked at Mishdish Seafood Restaurant, Tobermory.	The Mishnish (Hotel) Main Street, TOBERMORY, PA75 6NU Tel: 01688 302 500 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@themishnish.co.uk">enquiries@themishnish.co.uk</a>
Saturday 24	South of Mull, Ferry to Iona, Staffa (Fingal’s Cave).	
Sunday 25	Oban, Kilmartin Glen, Inveraray. Back to Glasgow.	ABode Glasgow, 129 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 2SZ Tel: 0141 221 6789
Monday 26	L. leaves Glasgow for Edinburgh airport. E. explores Georgian Glasgow and goes back to Kelvingrove Museum.	
Tuesday 27 May	Travel back home.	