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# Jacobites, Scottish History small group mature travellers tour

Aug 09 2022 to Aug 25 2022

## History of the Jacobites small group tour

Odyssey offers easy, convenient, and relaxed escorted small group tours across Fabulous Scotland and beyond. We explore Scotland's natural beauty, its ancient Roman, and Gaelic heritage, its World Heritage Sites, and world famous cities, all with some truly spectacular scenery along the way. This and more is all waiting to be explored on one of Odyssey's small group themed tours of Scotland, designed for the senior traveller, and led by experienced, and enthusiastic like minded people



Over the course of this 19-day Jacobites & Scottish History small group tour, we explore the stunning scenery and the remarkable history of Scotland. This tour, focused on the history of the Jacobites, commences in Edinburgh. We travel from Edinburgh as far north as Inverness, and then south again to finish in Glasgow.

We stay in 8 locations across Scotland, learn from 10 specialist guides about the Jacobites, all while exploring 28 places and taking part in diverse experiences across the duration of this tour.

## Tour Highlights

Our Jacobites, Scottish History small group mature travellers tour is offered in mid-August, letting you take advantage of the extraordinary long summer nights. In Edinburgh, you spend 3 nights enjoying visits to the Jacobite exhibition, Edinburgh castle, and Holyrood palace.

Next is Stirling for 2 nights. From Stirling you travel north to Perth and on to Aberdeen. You visit Linlithgow Palace, Doune Castle and Alloa Tower along the way. Local guides enjoy sharing their stories with you at these historic locations.

Moving towards Inverness, you learn about Culloden battlefield and Urquhart Castle. During this time of year you have the opportunity to join the Glenurquhart Highland gathering at Drumnadrochit for an afternoon. You travel south now to Fort William for two nights and then Oban. Along the way on this section of the tour we listen to a local guide's tale of the 1692 massacre at Glencoe. Finally we finish the tour in Glasgow.

Jacobites, Scottish History tour is structured for the senior or mature couple or solo traveller. This tour is for the traveller who enjoys exploring and learning in a small group environment.

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where all the other tour departures are listed as well. For more details about this tour, click the 'Top 5' or 'Itinerary' buttons above! If you're keen to experience this tour, [please call](#) or [send an email](#). Or, to book, simply fill in the form on the right hand side of this page.

## Articles about Scotland published by Odyssey Traveller

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- [Visiting Scotland](#)
- [Scotland & Scotch Whisky](#)
- [Country Spotlight; Scotland](#)
- [History of Edinburgh castle](#)
- [Everything to know about Scotch Whisky](#)
- [Overview of Scottish history](#)
- [Chronology of the Jacobites](#)
- [James Stuart; A pretender](#)

## Highlights

1. Learn about the history of the Jacobites
2. Visit key locations where events that shaped the history of the Jacobites occurred.
3. Attend the Highland games at Drumnadrochit
4. Conduct Ancestry research at the Scottish ancestry research



centre

5. Spend 13 days touring rural Scotland beyond the major cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow

## Itinerary

### Day 1

**Locations:** Edinburgh

**Overview:**

Upon arrival in Edinburgh, we will come to the hotel individually. We will enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

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**Accommodation:**

2 nights at Jury's inn Edinburgh Centre or similar.

### Day 2

**Locations:** Edinburgh

**Overview:**

A full day in Edinburgh includes Edinburgh Castle, the last castle held for James VII after a three month siege of the castle in 1689, following the invasion of the Protestant William and Mary in 1688. This then resulted in the exile of James VII (also James II of England) and, as a result, is the ideal location from which to begin this Jacobite tour. Edinburgh castle also featured in the Jacobite rebellion of 1715 (the second of the three main rebellions) when Jacobite Highlanders successfully scaled the castle walls but failed to take the castle. Similarly, in 1745, Bonnie Prince Charlie led a Jacobite army which captured Edinburgh town but again failed to take the castle.

The guided visit to Edinburgh Castle in conjunction with a visit to the "Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites" exhibition at the National Museum of Scotland will give the group an understanding of the





Jacobite cause and timeline over which events took place.

**Accommodation:**

Jury's inn Edinburgh Centre or similar.

**Day 3**

**Locations:** Edinburgh

**Overview:**

The itinerary includes a visit to Holyrood Palace where Bonnie Prince Charlie took up residence in 1745. Here the group can see where the prince lived, held balls and conducted official business.

The group transfer out of the city centre to visit HMY Britannia in the afternoon.

In order to incorporate Ancestry into this tour the tour includes an optional evening at Scotland's People Family History Centre. Research assistants there will assist you in finding records of Scottish ancestors you may have.

Please note that this could be an invaluable opportunity for some groups or members of the group but for others it may not be worthwhile and the website highlights that any ancestors in Scotland before 1855 may be difficult to find. It will also be necessary for the group to have some names and ideas of birth, death or marriage dates to work from.

**Accommodation:**

Jury's Inn Edinburgh or similar.

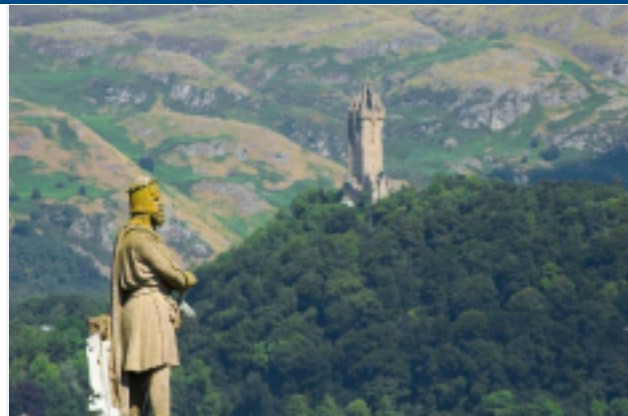
**Day 4**

**Locations:** Stirling

**Overview:**

A transfer to Lithlingow Palace is included. On the banks of Lithlingow Loch, this country residence was visited by Stuart kings of Scotland. In 1745 the Palace was visited by the advancing army of Charles Edward Stuart and by the Duke of Cumberland and his troops in 1746, in pursuit of the retreating Jacobites.

In the afternoon the more modern construction, the Falkirk Wheel can be visited. A stop at the near by Helix park is included where the group



can view The Kelpies sculpture. A walking tour is optional.

**Accommodation:**

Golden Lion Hotel Stirling, or similar

**Day 5**

**Locations:** Stirling

**Overview:**

The impressive Stirling Castle is included in the morning; the castle has a particular connection with the Jacobite cause. In 1746, it was the location of an unsuccessful siege by Charles Edward Stuart when marching to Culloden.

The afternoon includes a visit to the Famous Grouse whisky distillery for a tour and tasting.

**Accommodation:**

Golden Lion or similar Stirling

**Day 6**

**Locations:** Perth

**Overview:**

A morning transfer to Doune Castle is included, the filming location of Monty Python and the Holy Grail. I have included the audioguide at this castle as the reviews suggest it is very entertaining. The Castle is connected to the Jacobite theme of the tour by its use as a government prison from 1746 after having been taken by the Jacobites in 1745.

**Alloa Tower is now included en route to Scone Palace gardens.**

**Accommodation:**

Mercure Perth Hotel or similar Perth

**Day 7**

**Locations:** Perth

**Overview:**

Huntingtower Castle, former home of strong Jacobite supporters in the 1715 rebellion, is included in the morning. This is followed by a visit to

the Blackwatch regiment museum. The Black Watch was formed by the government in the wake of the Jacobite rebellion of 1715. Originally comprised of groups of trustworthy highlanders, the Black Watch would patrol the highlands enforcing the new laws proclaimed by the government which restricted the weapons carried by the highland clans.

**Accommodation:**

Mercure Hotel [Perth](#) or Similar

**Day 8**

**Locations:** Aberdeen

**Overview:**

The Clan Donnachaidh Museum is included. It is a very small museum dedicated to clan heritage on the highland clans and this will only be a short visit.

The Battle of Culloden changed the highland way of life forever and this museum will provide an insight into Scottish culture.

In the afternoon a walking tour at Killiecrankie is included where the first battle in the Jacobite rebellion took place (1689). The House of Dun is included on the way back to [Aberdeen](#).

**Accommodation:**

The Links hotel Aberdeen or similar

**Day 9**

**Locations:** Aberdeen

**Overview:**

There are many castles in Scotland that would be relevant to a Jacobite tour, we have choose a few. Drum Castle has a lovely rose garden and is a Jacobite Castle and was held by Jacobite supporters who fought alongside Bonnie Prince Charlie at the Battle of Culloden. Craigievar Castle contains a manuscript giving the order for the Battle of Culloden. Castle Fraser is now also included on this day.

**Accommodation:**

Park Inn by Radisson Aberdeen or similar

## Day 10

**Locations:** Inverness

**Overview:**

An entrance to Leith Hall is included in the morning tour. The group continues on to Kildrummy Castle which was the home of John Erskine who launched the 1715 uprising. In the afternoon the itinerary includes Corgarff Castle which became a fortress of the redcoats as a base from which to control Jacobite activity in the area

**Accommodation:**

Royal Highland hotel or similar [Inverness](#)

## Day 11

**Locations:** Inverness

**Overview:**

The impressive Fort George is included this morning. It is a military fortress which has barely changes in 250 years. The Battle site of Culloden Moor and the new visitor centre is included in the afternoon.

It was here on April 16th 1746 that the last battle on British soil was fought. Following recent excavations on the battlefield, historians now label the battle a civil war between those who wanted the Stuart kings restored to the throne and those who wanted to retain the status quo. English and Scottish, Protestants and Catholics, and men from the same clans fought on both sides. The new centre houses a fascinating exhibition. A tour of the battlefield will show us even further detail of the events of that fateful day.

**Accommodation:**

Royal Highland hotel or similar Inverness

## Day 12

**Locations:** Fort William

**Overview:**

From Inverness the group travels along Loch Ness to Urquhart Castle for impressive views of the surrounding countryside. The Glenurquhart



Highland Gathering will be taking place today. The schedule includes displays or piping, dancing and traditional sports.

**Accommodation:**

Clan MacDuff or similar

**Day 13**

**Locations:** Fort William

**Overview:**

The Jacobite steam train runs from [Fort William](#) to the coastal town of Mallaig, passing the Glenfinnan viaduct (seen in the Harry Potter films). A one way ticket for the Jacobite train is included so that, on the return journey in the coach, the group can stop at the Glenfinnan Monument and Loch Nam Uamh, where Bonnie Prince Charlie landed in 1945. There is a visitor centre at the monument and a tour is included.

**Accommodation:**

Clan Macduff hotel Fort William or similar.

**Day 14**

**Locations:** Oban

**Overview:**

In the morning a tour within the spectacular landscape of Glencoe is included. This is the site of the 1692 massacre of MacDonald Jacobite supporters were killed by government troops. If the group are unable to walk for the duration of the tour, led by Rangers from the park, it is possible to take the tour in a Land Rover but this will only be possible for smaller groups and requires a supplement. In the afternoon Dunstaffnage Castle is included. The castle is famous for having held Flora MacDonald captive after she helped Bonnie Prince Charlie escape after the battle of Culloden.

**Accommodation:**

The Oban Caledonian hotel or similar

## Day 15

**Locations:** Glasgow

### Overview:

A day at Loch Lomond is included. The itinerary includes a transfer from [Oban](#) to Port of Menteith for an excursion to the scenic Inchmahome Priory, a sanctuary visited by key figures in Scottish history and culture. From here the group will transfer to Glasgow where the afternoon is at leisure.

### Accommodation:

Jury's Inn Glasgow or similar

## Day 16

**Locations:** Glasgow

### Overview:

A half day guided tour of Glasgow is included in the morning with an entrance to the Museum of Piping where the group can learn more about Scottish culture. In the afternoon a visit to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is now included.

### Accommodation:

Jury's Inn or similar.

## Day 17

**Locations:** Glasgow

### Overview:

Our tour will end today after breakfast.

## Inclusions / Exclusions

### What's included in our Tour

- 18 nights of accommodation.
- 18 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 8 dinners.

- Transport in comfortable and modern coaches.
- Ferry services.
- All excursions, entrance fees, and local guides.
- Gratuities and necessary tips.
- Services of a Tour Leader for the duration of tour.

#### **What's not included in our Tour**

- International airfares and departure taxes.
- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls and laundry.

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