

## Sample Self-Drive Itinerary Proposal

### Edinburgh and the Highlands

Group size: 2

Season: Summer

#### Overview

A chance to explore the Highlands of Scotland with an experienced guide on this 8-day adventure. Starting and ending in Edinburgh you will experience the culture of the vibrant city along with the tranquillity of the Scottish Highlands. Explore some of the wonderful Scottish countrysides at your own pace and enjoy some guided hikes in some iconic areas with an experienced guide.

#### Itinerary in brief

**Day 1** - 7th Sept - Train to Edinburgh, afternoon free. Overnight in Edinburgh

**Day 2** - 8th Sept - AM Morning walking tour, PM Pick up car. Overnight at Monachyle Mhor

**Day 3** - 9th Sept - ALL DAY Free day exploring Loch Lomond. Overnight at the Monachyle Mhor

**Day 4** - 10th Sept - ALL DAY Free time to explore. Overnight at the Monachyle Mhor

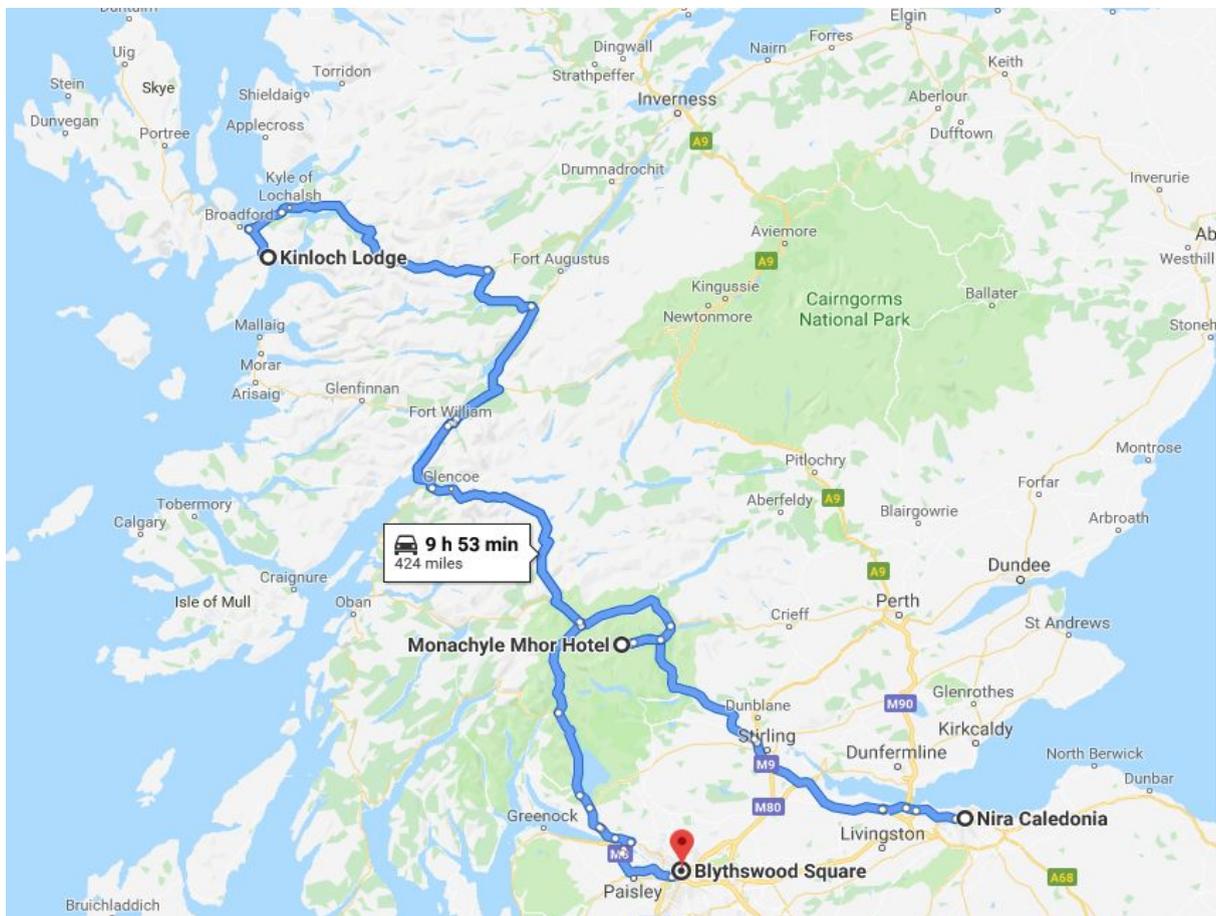
**Day 5** - 11th Sept - ALL DAY Transfer to Skye and guided hikes. Overnight at Kinloch Lodge

**Day 6** - 12th Sept - ALL DAY Guided hiking on Skye. Overnight at Kinloch Lodge

**Day 7** - 13th Sept - All day on Skye. Overnight at Kinloch Lodge

**Day 8** - 14th Sept - Head back to Glasgow

#### Route Map



## Trip Highlights

- Walking tour of Edinburgh's Old and New Towns
- Explore Skye with an experienced guide
- Explore Loch Lomond with its numerous islands and history

## Detailed Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 - 7th September - Welcome to Scotland

Pulling into the station at Edinburgh, you will head up the stairs and exit onto one of the most famous streets in Scotland, Princes Street. Here you can hail a cab to take you to your boutique hotel in the trendy area of Stockbridge. Once you have checked in and left your bags, you can head out into this vibrant city to explore or simply relax in the hotel.

*Overnight: Edinburgh*

*Meals included: none*

### Day 2 - 8th September - Exploring Edinburgh

This morning your local city guide will meet you in the lobby of the hotel and take you on a walking tour of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh. They will tell you the history of the city and take you to some of the lesser-known places before ending on the famous Royal Mile. Here you can head to one of the many cafes for some lunch and then perhaps head to the castle for a self-guided tour or perhaps head up Arthurs Seat, which offers views stretching across the city and across the Firth of Forth. Later on, you will head to pick up your hire car and head out of the city to Loch Lomond.

*Hike details: Arthurs Seat - 3 miles, ascent 279m, approx 3 hours*

*Overnight: [Monachyle Mhor, Balquidder](#)*

*Meals included: Breakfast*

### Day 3 - 9th September - Exploring Loch Lomond

You can spend the day exploring the national park and the famous loch within it. There are lots of hike that are well signposted and boat trips on the loch that depart from Luss, Balmaha or Tarbert.

*Overnight: Monachyle Mhor, Balquidder*

*Meals included: Breakfast*

### Day 4 - 10th September - Exploring and Foraging

The morning is free to continue exploring, you could take a short hike to the grave of Rob Roy, an outlaw whose plight was made famous on the Hollywood screen by Liam Neeson. This afternoon you will spend time with the chef patron of your hotel who will take you out on the hotel grounds to forage for some wonderful fresh ingredients that can be incorporated into your dinner this evening.

*Overnight: Monachyle Mhor, Balquidder*

*Meals included: Breakfast*

### **Day 5 - 11th September - To Skye**

Your guide will meet you at your accommodation this morning and you can discuss your plans for the next two days. Everything can be tailored to suit you and your guide will use their vast experience to take you to places that are more off the beaten path with fewer tourists. This means you can experience the real Isle of Skye and feel like you are in the wilderness. You will travel in convoy and can either stop off in the dramatic Glencoe for a hike or continue onto Skye to enjoy a hike in the afternoon on this beautiful island. This evening you will check into your lochside accommodation and perhaps take a drink of the local gin or whisky in the comfortable bar or lounge.

*Overnight:* [Kinloch Lodge, Skye](#)

*Meals included:* Breakfast and Lunch

### **Day 6 - 12th September - Exploring Skye**

Skye has many iconic sights and some lesser-known places that are even more spectacular. There are various options today, perhaps head west to Watnish point that has wonderful sea views and passes the ruins of one of the best-preserved brochs on the island. You could also head to the north and hike the Trotternish Peninsula with the iconic Quairang and Old Man of Stoer with fantastic views across to the island of Raasay. The options are endless and your guide will bring the landscape to life on whatever walk you decide.

*Overnight:* Kinloch Lodge, Skye

*Meals included:* Breakfast and Lunch

### **Day 7 - 13th September - Exploring Skye**

Another chance to explore more of Skye today with options for castle and distillery visits

*Overnight:* Kinloch Lodge, Skye

*Meals included:* Breakfast

### **Day 8 - 14th September - Flight Home**

Head back to Glasgow through Loch Lomond where you can stop off for a walk if you want. Drop the car off at the airport before your flight.

*Meals included:* Breakfast

**Pricing:**

The NET price for this itinerary, based on 2 clients on a twin-share basis, is £3205 GBP per person.

**Inclusions:**

- 1 night in an Edinburgh boutique hotel
- 3 nights at Monachyle Mhor in a Feature Room
- 3 nights at Kinloch Lodge in a Sea View Room
- Breakfast each morning
- Lunches on Days 5 and 6
- Services of an experienced guide on Day 5 and 6
- All activities as mentioned in the itinerary specifically:
  - Morning walking tour of Edinburgh
  - All guided hikes
  - Foraging experience at Monachyle Mhor
- Trip design and delivery
- All local taxes and tips for local guides but not for main driver-guide

**Exclusions:**

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Route notes
- Car Hire
- Meals not mentioned in the inclusions
- Activities and entrance fees not mentioned in the inclusions

**Notes:**

- All suggested accommodations and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- A 25% non-refundable deposit is required before any accommodation and services will be confirmed.
- This quote is valid for 28 days from the date quoted, after this time pricing may be subject to revision.