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Executive Travel

Chauffeur Driven Private Tours within Scotland

We will take you on a luxurious tour of Scotland in comfort and style. Tours can be personalised to your requirements in a six seater Mercedes V220 exclusively for your use. We can extend or shorten the tour to meet your requirements. Our most popular tours are outlined below although variations are available on request.

All tours are priced and timed leaving from the Edinburgh Area.

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Tour1

Antiques and Castle Tour

Glamis Castle
Abernyte Antiques Centre
Falkland Palace and Gardens

Glorious Glamis Castle set in the rolling hills of Perthshire. A Royal residence since 1372, the childhood home of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The guided tour of the castle takes approximately one hour. The legendary setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth you can also explore the landscaped park and Italian garden. There are gift shops, a restaurant and the Elizabeth of Glamis Exhibition in the old coach house. The pretty village of Glamis with the old Kirk (Church) is well worth a visit, together with a visit to the village museum to gain an insight into the working lives of the locals through time.

We now continue our tour driving through the wonderful countryside of Perthshire to arrive at Abernyte and the antiques centre. Here you will enjoy items old and not so old, some recognised, some never seen before but all with their history and importantly able to be purchased. The lovely café restaurant allows lunch to be taken before we commence the final part of our tour.

We now leave Perthshire and travel on to the Kingdom of Fife arriving at the historic Village of Falkland with its fantastic Falkland Palace and Gardens. This is a beautiful renaissance Palace that was home to James V. Enjoy this history with the wonderful streets and buildings rounding off this full day of enjoyment before we take you back to complete the tour.

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Tour 2 **Distillery Tour**

On this tour we combine stunning scenery with visits to two distilleries with the opportunity to shop for quality gifts and of course whiskey. We start by driving through "Glen of the Eagles" following the old drovers road. We pass the world famous Gleneagles Hotel and championship golf courses. This takes us to Crieff, a country town popular with visitors for its various attractions. Leaving Crieff we continue up the glen to Glenturret distillery. A guided tour is highly recommended followed by the opportunity to have lunch or tea in the café or restaurant. There is an excellent distillery shop with a wide range of gifts including the famous "Grouse Experience".



Our journey continues and on leaving the distillery we drive into the hills of Perthshire down the glen to Aberfeldy a lovely small town on the River Tay and home of the Aberfeldy Distillery and the Dewars World of Whisky. This centre offers a great insight into the history of whisky since 1898. Enjoy a "dram" and then (audio guides are available in eight languages). The interactive challenges and exhibits are enjoyable and of interest to the whole family. Relax in the coffee shop or stroll the lovely nature trail.

We continue on our tour following the River Tay before heading south. If time permits we will have a short stop in Dunkeld to view this ancient village and the majestic Cathedral on the banks of the river in wonderful grounds, it's stunning! We continue south and on to your journeys end.

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Tour 3

Stirling and Loch Lomond Tour

Today's tour starts with a drive through beautiful scenery following the Ochil hills to the Wallace Monument (225 feet high) build in 1869 as a tribute to William Wallace (Braveheart). A climb to the top for the very fit allows for fantastic photographs. Next we continue on to Stirling and arrive high above the town at Stirling Castle. A guided tour of the castle with its Great Hall is highly recommended. Facilities here include gift shops and an excellent coffee shop.



From the history of Stirling we travel on towards Loch Lomond with a stop for lunch and shopping at Lomond Shores Centre. Some say Loch Lomond is the most beautiful of all inland lochs in Scotland; we'll leave that for you to decide. After lunch we continue our journey following the west coast of the loch to Clainlarich, this part of the tour takes in fantastic scenery of Glens and Lochs, truly Scotland. A short stop in Callander a small town popular with tourists allows for refreshments and a viewing of the many shops. This small town on the banks of the River Teith has a much visited Rob Roy visitor Centre and again is well worth viewing.

We then continue south towards Stirling and onward to deliver you back to the days original starting point.

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Tour 4

The Kingdom of Fife Tour

We start this tour of Fife with a stop at Loch Leven with its 14th Century Island Castle – Loch Leven Castle. This castle was the setting for the most traumatic year for Mary Queen of Scots. During the year 1567 it was here she was imprisoned and forced to abdicate. With the help of a servant boy she managed to escape a year later. This castle can be visited by boat and the boat trip is included in the admission price. This takes approximately one and a half hours. Coffee and refreshments can be taken in the Bistro at the loch pier.

We then travel on to the historic village of Falkland with its magnificent Palace and gardens, a guided tour being available. The wonderful old houses and cobbled streets add more charm to this famous Palace which was the country residence and hunting lodge for many Stuart Monarchs including Mary Queen of Scots. A guided tour of the Palace takes approximately one and a half hours.

On to St Andrews. This beautiful town is steeped in history with magnificent University College buildings, a place of learning world renowned. Visit St Andrews cathedral, the remains of what was the remains of the largest and most magnificent Church in Scotland in its day. On the headland to the North stands the ruin of St Andrews Castle and nearby the visitors centre. St Andrews is a wonderful town to explore and perhaps take lunch. Of course St Andrews is not complete without golf and there are many shops and centres associated with its history including the British Golf Museum. On leaving St Andrews we continue our tour in Fife and visit the "East Neuk" fishing villages of Crail and Anstruther and if time permits Elie. The tour concludes by returning to where your journey started and we hope having given you a day to remember.



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Tour 5 **The Perthshire Experience**

We start today's tour with a drive through the Kingdom of Fife and past the fair city of Perth, the county town of Perthshire. Heading north we first stop at Birnham with its links with Beatrix Potter. Visit the Beatrix Potter Centre with an insight to her wonderful world of Wildlife.

We travel over the famous River Tay to the historic town of Dunkeld, a small town which appears to have stopped in time. From its famous square the short walk takes you to the magical Dunkeld Cathedral, with its



antiquity, history and beauty. On the banks of this famous river within manicured grounds you will be spell bound, wanting to capture all its features on camera. After experiencing this lovely town we will stop at another treasure, Dunkeld House Hotel for refreshments. You will love this and its history as a famous hunting lodge and Estate.

Refreshed we now journey north to the lovely town of Pitlochry with its Victorian shopping main street, riverside theatre and hydro dam. In Pitlochry we also offer the opportunity to tour the local distillery before we drive on to the small village of Blair Atholl and a tour of Blair Castle. This famous Castle will enchant you as will its historic gardens. Lunch or refreshments may be taken in the Castle Restaurant. After lunch and having been absorbed into history in this beautiful part of Scotland we continue on but now to the modern experience of the House of Bruar a fantastic shopping experience of quality. On completing your House of Bruar excursion we turn south following the mighty River Tay to journey home. We hope this tour provides many wonderful memories and a desire to revisit our country again.

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Tour 6 **Tea in the Castle**

This tour is for the visitor with a desire to experience a truly Scottish Castle where only a short time is available. We travel north into Perthshire heading into the small village of Glamis. Here we enter the gates of Glamis Castle, home to the Earls of Strathmore and home to the present Earl of Strathmore and his family. Truly a "living" castle. You will have the opportunity to take a guided tour through this enchanting castle and see its treasures, the childhood home to the late HM The Queen Mother and the birth place of the late HRH Princess Margaret.



Your guide will reveal the treasures and secrets of this mighty castle and explain the development from the 15th century to the 20th century. This tour takes approximately 50 minutes and translations are available. You can explore the grounds and Italian garden before taking refreshment in the castle Victorian kitchen restaurant. Viewing the pavilion shop with a range of unique Glamis Castle products including hand made lace, tartans and crafts will allow you to make any special purchases you may desire.

On leaving the castle we stop in the village to view the Kirk (Church) and if time allows the village museum before turning south to end this tour.

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(As an option on this half day tour Scone Palace can be substituted as an alternative to Glamis Castle as the main part of this tour)

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Tour 7 **The Edinburgh Tour**

The tour starts with a drive to Holyrood Palace and to take the guided tour of this fantastic Royal Residence (this take approximately one hour). On completion of this palace tour we drive up Arthur's Seat (an extinct volcano) which overlooks the City and gives the opportunity to take some great photographs.

We then continue into the heart of Edinburgh along Princes Street and up to Edinburgh Castle. Here again you can take a guided tour or hire an audio tour (in one of six languages). This allows you to view this castle at your own pace. Enjoy the "Honours of Scotland" (The Nations Crown Jewels). Each part of this famous Castle has its own story to tell with the links to the Kings and Queens of Scotland.



Leaving the castle and on foot you now descend The Royal Mile, taking in the atmosphere of this ancient part of the City with its fantastic buildings and history including St Giles Cathedral and the original Parliament building. Refreshments or lunch can be taken within the castle or in on of the many cafes and restaurants on the Royal Mile. We will agree a suitable pick up point and a time to suit your plans.

To continue on the next part of the tour which will include window shopping and leisurely shopping in princes Street and George Street, the heart of Edinburgh. We can offer options which can be included in a "shortened" Edinburgh tour such as a visit to Rosslyn Chapel or the Royal Yacht Britannia. We adopt a flexible approach to our tours therefore can personalise a tour to meet your requirements. The tour concluded by returning you to your original location.

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