

# Scottish Hogmanay

## 31st December 2023 – 10th January 2024



### **New Year Celebrations, great Scottish food and impressive scenery**

*Bring in the New Year with a traditional Scottish Hogmanay celebration and follow this with time touring in Scotland. We start in style, with a Gala Hogmanay Dinner at a 16th Century Coaching Inn on the banks of the Union Canal near Edinburgh.*

*We then move to Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh, where we get to see many aspects of the city including its famous Castle and Royal Mile. It's then off to the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond with a visit to Glasgow before we end in the very "Heart of Scotland", in Stirlingshire. Here we will see many familiar locations from Film and TV.*

*It will be Scotland in January, the driving distances have been kept short and our excursions include an indoor element as well as some impressive Scottish scenery.*

*Visiting Scotland would not be complete without experiencing Scotch whisky. We finish our tour at a distillery for tastings and an indulgent 'farewell dinner' prepared for us within the distillery.*

*Welcome in 2024 Scottish style and*

***"Lang may yer lum reek"***

## 10 Nights

### Day 1 - Sunday 31st December

We arrive mid-afternoon at a Traditional 16th Century Coaching Inn near Edinburgh and park/stay in their large car park on the banks of the Union Canal. This evening we bring in the New Year in style at a Scottish Hogmanay Gala Dinner with entertainment. Expect a late night, at the end of which it is no more than a few steps back to our motorhomes.

### Day 2 - Monday 1st January

Happy New Year! After last night's celebrations we enjoy a late morning Scottish Breakfast in the Coaching Inn. The rest of the day is free to explore the canal-side or maybe have a New Years Day drink in the bar.

### Day 3 - Tuesday 2nd January

We move to a well-appointed campsite in Edinburgh, nestled in the foothills of the Pentlands. **10 miles**

### Day 4 - Wednesday 3rd January

Today we have a full day guided tour of Edinburgh including a visit to Edinburgh Castle. Lunch is included in a city restaurant.



### Day 5 - Thursday 4th January

A free day. You may wish to see more of Edinburgh taking the bus from just outside our campsite. There is also good walking in the Pentland Hills or Rosslyn Chapel (Da Vinci Code) is just a short taxi ride away.

### Day 6 - Friday 5th January

Drive today to our next campsite at Loch Lomond. This evening we get together in a local pub for a group dinner with drinks. **72 miles**

### Day 7 - Saturday 6th January

A day of culture today. We travel by coach to Helensburgh to see the unique Hillhouse building, interiors and collections designed by Charles Rennie MacKintosh and Margaret MacDonald MacKintosh in the 'Glasgow Style'. We will also see the amazing Hillhouse Box, a pioneering conservation programme to protect the house from "dissolving like an aspirin". In the afternoon we have a tour of the Burrell Collection in Glasgow where we will see a few of the 9000 works of art and antiques collected by Sir William Burrell and bequeathed to the people of Glasgow. Light lunch at Hillhouse included.



## Day 8 - Sunday 7th January

Spend time this morning exploring the local area along the shore of Loch Lomond before making the short scenic drive to arrive at our final campsite, on a working farm in Stirlingshire. The historic village of Doune with its Castle is within walking distance. (Game of Thrones, Outlander, Monty Python and the Holy Grail).

**28 miles**



## Day 9 - Monday 8th January

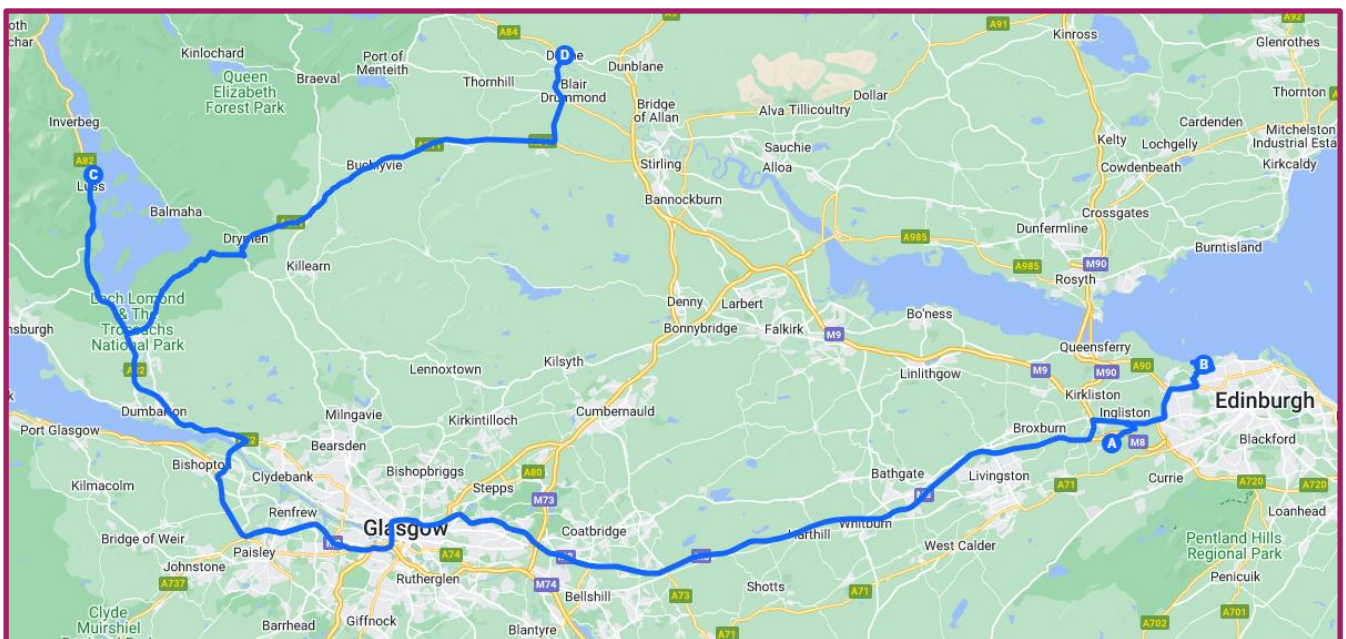
A full day Coach Tour in the “Heart of Scotland” with lunch in Stirling.

## Day 10 - Tuesday 9th January

A free day. Late afternoon we take a tour of the local whisky distillery, followed by an indulgent ‘Farewell Dinner’ prepared for us at the distillery.

## Day 11 - Wednesday 10th January

Our tour ends.



## PRICE

## TOUR DEPOSIT £400

Balance 10 weeks prior to start of tour

Motorhome with 2 people = £999 per person

Motorhome with 1 person = £1499

## INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 2 nights parking at 'Coaching Inn' (use of own facilities required with no electric hook-up)
- 8 Campsite nights with electric hook-ups
- Gala Hogmanay Dinner evening with drinks and entertainment
- 'Coaching Inn' late morning breakfast
- Guided Tour of Edinburgh including entry to Edinburgh castle
- Edinburgh Lunch
- Loch Lomond pub dinner with drinks
- Tour of Hillhouse Box
- Hillhouse Box light lunch
- Tour of Burrell Collection
- Coach Tour of Stirlingshire
- Stirling lunch
- Whisky distillery tour with tastings
- Farewell Dinner in distillery with wine
- Transport for excursions
- Tour information pack with suggested routes and GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

