

# EXPLORE OUTLANDER

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Outlander, the hit TV show based on the best-selling novels by Diana Gabaldon, has been brought to life on-screen with passion and verve and has taken the TV world by storm. The story begins in 1945 when WWII nurse Claire Randall, on a second honeymoon in the Scottish Highlands with her husband Frank, is transported back to 1743 where she encounters civil war and dashing Scottish warrior Jamie Fraser. Follow in the footsteps of Claire and Jamie with our suggested 3 or 7 day itineraries, and visit some of Scotland's most iconic heritage attractions featured in the show.

# EXPLORER PASS

Ideal for groups or individuals visiting a number of properties, holders can access as many Historic Scotland sites as they wish, including a further 70 sites in addition to those in our itineraries.

Remember our Explorer Passes are valid for either 5 or 14 consecutive days and you can visit as many of our properties as you wish within that time, for no additional cost.

# THREE DAY ITINERARY

### DAY | Doune Castle

Set amid the beautiful Stirlingshire countryside, Doune Castle takes a starring role as Castle Leoch, the home of the Clan MacKenzie, in the Outlander TV series. No stranger to the big screen, having made appearances in Monty Python and The Holy Grail and more recently Game of Thrones, it boasts an impressive great hall and kitchen tower and was once used as a Jacobite prison.

### DAY 2 Blackness Castle

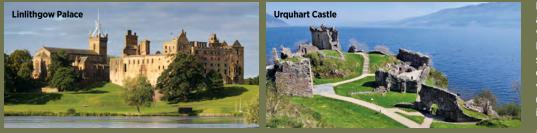
Enjoying stunning views over the Firth of Forth, Blackness Castle was known as "The Ship that Never Sailed" for its boat-like shape. Built in the 1400s for Sir George Chrichton, Admiral of Scotland, its walls contain clues to its many guises from a jail to an ammunitions depot. Blackness Castle stands in for Fort William in Series 1 of Outlander.

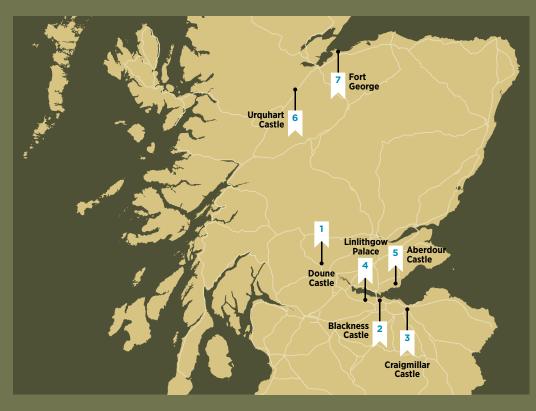
## DAY 3 Craigmillar Castle

Explore the mysterious chambers of Edinburgh's 'other castle', used as the location for Ardsmuir Prison in Series 3 of Outlander. Climb the tower house, one of Scotland's oldest, and enjoy views across Edinburgh from the castle famously used as a safe haven by Mary Queen of Scots in 1566.









## SEVEN DAY ITINERARY

- DAY | Doune Castle (see 3 day itinerary)
- DAY 2 Blackness Castle (see 3 day itinerary)
- DAY 3 Craigmillar Castle (see 3 day itinerary)

## DAY 4 Linlithgow Palace

This royal pleasure palace, located just 20 miles from Edinburgh, was the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots and a welcome stopping place for the royal court when travelling between Edinburgh and Stirling Castles. Explore the magnificent ruins set in the spectacular surrounds of Linlithgow Loch and Peel, and see the elaborate fountain which once reputedly flowed with wine for Bonnie Prince Charlie. Linlithgow Palace was used as Wentworth Prison's corridors and entrances in Series 1, Episode 15 of Outlander.

## DAY 5 Aberdour Castle and Gardens

This splendid ruin on the Fife Coast was the luxurious Renaissance home of Regent Morton, once Scotland's most powerful man. Built in the 1100s, it is one of the oldest stone castles in Scotland. The spectacular walled gardens and dovecot are also worth exploring. Aberdour Castle was used as the monastery in Series 1, Episode 16 of Outlander.

## DAY 6 Urquhart Castle

Explore the dramatic ruins of Urquhart Castle overlooking the mysterious waters of Loch Ness. The castle has a distinctly Highland heritage and has witnessed some of the most dramatic chapters in our nation's history. Urquhart Castle features in the Outlander novels with Claire and Frank Randall enjoying a day trip to the site.

## DAY 7 Fort George

Storm Britain's mightiest Military Fortress for an unforgettable experience. Built in 1748 following the Battle of Culloden, it was designed as the ultimate bulwark against further unrest but its sophisticated walls were never tested. Gain insight into life as a Redcoat at this enormous base, which has barely changed in over 250 years. Just 25 minutes away sits **Clava Cairns**, a Bronze age cemetery thought to have been the inspiration for Craig na Dun, where Claire Randall is transported through time.