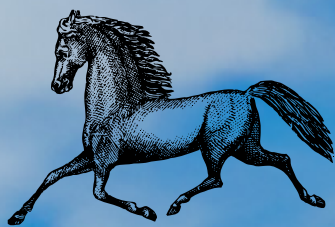


ACTIVE



RIDING TRIPS

**SCOTLAND'S
OUTLANDER RIDE**



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Based on the fabulous series of books by Diana Gabaldon which are set in the Highlands. Even if you are not a fan, or have never read these fantastic books, this is still a great ride, visiting some iconic places with stunning scenery in great riding country!

These breaks offer a mixture of riding through the real Highland landscape in which the stories are set, and days spent out of the saddle, visiting the 'must see' places associated with the story that we simply can't get to on horseback!

This is an active and fun ride and riders must be capable. Any rider that does not meet the requirement of being able to ride at walk, trot, canter and gallop, or to hand lead their horse due to any terrain being boggy or steep in places, will not be allowed to continue with the ride. Such a rider will be asked to leave the ride and no refund will be issued, as well a 200£ fee will additionally be payable onsite for onward transport of their assigned horse.

If you need assistance with hotel accommodations on the night prior to the ride or at the end of the ride we would be happy to assist.



duration:
7 or 10 DAYS



2-10
MEMBERS



country
SCOTLAND



airport
INVERNESS



accommodation
B&B



all meals
INCLUDED



Suggested ITINERARY

We have two options for this ride as we realize that some may have already spent time in Edinburgh when arriving in the UK and some may have not, so we have an extra day and a half sightseeing including Doune Castle (location of Castle Leoch in the Starz TV series) and sites in Edinburgh in Option 2, which we believe will give you the best Outlander experience possible.

Option One Day 1

Dores to Whitebridge: 20 Miles

This ride starts just outside Inverness and we will return you to Inverness at the end of the ride. Leaving Inverness, we ride high above Loch Ness - looking out for Nessie as we ascend the Cadha a' Ghille Bhain, the Fair Haired Lad's Pass.

Riding through Fraser lands on the south side of the loch we get stunning views over the loch, down towards Urquhart Castle. We then ride on, passing below the pine clad crags where the Dunbonnet hid and Fergus lost a hand.

Day 2

Whitebridge to Fort Augustus: 14 Miles

Riding on through Fraser lands with fantastic, far reaching views over the Great Glen, we descend to Fort Augustus which is site of the old barracks at the head of Loch Ness.

Day 3

Fort Augustus to Tomich: 23 Miles

This days ride sees us ride through the quaint lochside town of Fort Augustus before heading high again for fantastic views over the surrounding landscape.

We descend briefly for lunch, following an old military road built by General Cauldfield. Our path then takes us along an old drovers road, high into a vast landscape of peat and heather with stunning views over the hills towards Kintail as we ride over the pass. We follow this track past multiple lochs before making our way through the forest and towards Tomich.

Day 4

Tomich to Glen Affric to Tomich: 18 Miles

We spend a day exploring Glen Affric and the trail we ride on was the old road west, linking the Mackenzie lands on the West and the Fraser lands on the East coasts. This road is shown on maps of the 1700's.

In Diana's Outlandish Companion, this is the area where Lallybroch would be situated and we see a potential contender! There are plenty of great opportunities today for some breathtaking canter.

Day 5

Tomich to Struy: 10 Miles

We ride on the Eskdale Road, where Jamie surrendered himself to the redcoats.

Today is a shorter ride with lots of important spots for fans of the books. Guests can take a well earned break this afternoon!

Day 6

Struy to Muir of Ord: 18 Miles

We pass Erchless Castle, seat of the clan Chisholm as we ride over the hills on another ancient track part of the network

of old drove roads, which takes us to the hills above Muir of Ord and Beaulieu where we finish the ridden part of our trip with a beautiful view over Mackenzie and Fraser lands.

Day 7 (Sightseeing):

Culloden, Urquhart Castle, Clava Cairns
We head back towards Inverness, for a day of sightseeing, including a visit to Urquhart Castle and Culloden Moor, where we join a tour of the battlefield and visit the clan stones.

We also visit the fantastic new exhibition, which is full of interesting memorabilia with interactive characters and an immersion theater where you can experience first hand what it was like to be in the middle of the action at Culloden. Then we visit the stone circle at Clava Cairns with its cleft stone and time permitting, as many other interesting lesser known sites associated with the series of books as we can squeeze in.

This will be the last night for those who have selected Option One of the tour.



Suggested ITINERARY

Option Two Doune Castle and Edinburgh

Everything as listed in the Outlander ride option 1 above, but also including visits to the Highland Folk Museum, Ruthven Barracks, Doune Castle.

This is an extension package of 3 additional days.

Day 1

We visit Ruthven Barracks, wander through the Highland Folk museum which was used as a location for the township scenes in 'Rent', explore the castles used during filming of the series such as Lallybroch and Castle Leoch. Wander the historic streets of Inverness, Beaulieu and Falkland (where they filmed 'Inverness' scenes) in search of your very own Jaime Fraser, perhaps whilst sipping a wee dram.

Our tours are perfect for fans of the the series as well as lovers of Diana Gabaldon as we not only visit the filming locations but also the locations referenced in the books.

Day 2

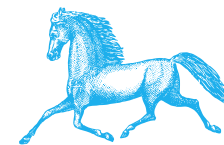
Today we continue our castle odyssey and venture to a 15th century fortress which was used as Fort William in the series. Stand on the stone flags of the courtyard where Jamie was flogged by Black Jack Randall and search for the window where Jamie makes his daring ascent to rescue Claire.

From here, we head North to the quaint historic town of Culross which posed as Cranesmuir, home to Geillis Duncan and scene of the infamous witch trials. The antiquated cobbled streets are also home to the herb garden where Claire and Geillis gathered medicinal herbs.

We will also visit Hopetoun House, which was used as a location for several key scenes. Time permitting we will also visit some other interesting locations relating to the tale. We head back to our accommodation where we will have an evening of traditional entertainment.

Day 3

Wander the Royal Mile in search of A. Malcolm's print shop and visit Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle and other places with Outlander references on the 'Mile' and some other special locations too – we like to keep some places we visit a surprise!



RIDING DIFFICULTY

Challenging. This is an active, fast and ground covering ride with somewhat longer days in the saddle. You also need to lead your horse on foot on steep and very rough ground and be able to jump over small ditches.



Additional INFORMATION



This is a 6 night, 7 day ride with a 3 day extension option. If you need accommodation on the night prior or after the ride, we can make recommendations.

INCLUDED:

6 or 9 nights accommodation
7 or 10 days of riding
All meals
Horse and all tack
Luggage transfers
All local taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare
Travel Insurance
Pre and post night
in Inverness
Alcoholic beverages
Gratuities for the team
at the end of your stay

