

# **Outlander Behind the Scenes** Outlander Meets Shakespeare October 9 - 17, 2025

Join Courtney and the BTS Lassies for this small-group, Tour Includes: once-in-a-lifetime tour that culminates with your ticket to see Sam Heughan in the Royal Shakespeare Company production of Macbeth. You'll begin in Edinburgh visiting several area iconic Scotland locations including the seat of the Royal family for a Private Tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Then travel back in time to the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots at Stirling. True to the BTS brand, you will also visit many filming locations, all new to this OutlanderBTS tour. Leaving Edinburgh behind we head south to Sam's birthplace and childhood home near Dumfries and Galloway, where we will visit several of Sam's recommendations including Kenmure Castle, as well as the burial place of Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland. Finally we will arrive in Stratford-upon-Avon where you will be immersed in all things Shakespeare. Still basking in the glow of having seen Macbeth, your last day will wind down with our farewell dinner at the lovely Welcombe Estate Hotel before driving to London for our last night at a London airport hotel.

> Per Person Pricing \$3,999 Double Occupancy \$4,949 Single Occupancy

- Luxury motorcoach transportation
- 7 nights hotel
- 11 meals: 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners & 1 lunch
- Private Guided Tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse & cafe refreshments
- Visit Gosford House, Prestonpans Memorial, Stirling Castle, Drummond Castle Garden, Tibbermore Parish Church, Balvaird Castle, Kenmure Steading & Castle, Holy Trinity Church, & Charlecote Park
- St Michael's Churchyard & Burns Mausoleum Walking
- Raiders Road Forest Drive
- Shakespeare's Birthplace, Anne Hathaway Cottage, and Shakespeare's New Place
- Royal Shakespeare Theater Costume Tour
- Macbeth starring Sam Heughan
- Prime Tours Guide

Not Included: Airfare, meals not listed on the itinerary, travel insurance, tips & gratuities, and porterage at some hotels.

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## October 9, 2025 - Fly Overnight

Fly to Edinburgh

## October 10, 2025 - Edinburgh - 3 days (D) - Virgin Hotels Edinburgh

After overnight flight, morning arrival into Edinburgh Airport - EDI. Motorcoach pickup at hotel for arrivals before 11:00 AM.

We begin our journey in Edinburgh with time to enjoy **lunch on your own**, soaking in the city's rich history, lively streets, and local flavors.

Next, we travel to **Gosford House**, a grand 18th-century estate featured in Outlander as Helwater. Here, we'll explore its elegant rooms and stunning coastal grounds that bring scenes from the series to life.

We continue with a stop at the **Prestonpans Memorial**, where we'll pause for photos and reflect on the historic Jacobite victory—a key moment in both Scottish history and the Outlander story.

Back in the city, we check in to the stylish and historic **Virgin Hotel Edinburgh**, housed within the restored 1860s India Buildings—once a hub for the East India Company.

This evening, we gather for a memorable **welcome dinner in Virgin Hotel's Greyfriars Hall**, the dramatic event space set inside the former Cowgate Kirk. With its soaring ceilings, arched windows, and historic stonework, this beautifully restored 19th-century church offers the perfect setting to toast the start of our journey.

## October 11, 2025 - Edinburgh (B)

Breakfast at hotel

Our morning begins with a *private* guided tour of the **Palace of Holyroodhouse**, the official residence of the monarch in Scotland. We'll explore the historic royal apartments, stroll the gardens, and enjoy included light refreshments in the palace café.

From there, we set off on an **Outlander walking tour**, beginning at Holyrood and winding through Edinburgh's storied streets. Along the way, we'll visit iconic filming locations and hear behind-the-scenes stories that connect the show to the city's rich past.

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace—wander the Royal Mile, visit a museum, or settle into a cozy pub as you explore Edinburgh on your own terms.

Possible Whiskey Tasting Option

## October 12, 2025 - Edinburgh (B)

Breakfast at hotel

We begin our day with a visit to **Stirling Castle**, one of Scotland's most iconic strongholds and the birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots. Perched high above the River Forth, we'll explore its royal halls, learn about its dramatic past.

Lunch on your own at Stirling Castle Cafe.

Next, we head to the breathtaking **Drummond Castle Gardens**, known to Outlander fans as the Palace of Versailles from season 2. A guided tour will introduce us to the formal gardens, followed by free time to wander the grounds and take in the beauty at your own pace.

Our journey continues with a photo stop at **Tibbermore Parish Church**, instantly recognizable from the witch trial scenes in Outlander.

We end the day with a scenic stop at **Balvaird Castle**, a striking 16th-century tower house now featured in the upcoming Outlander prequel series, *Blood of My Blood*. Though the interior is closed, the dramatic exterior offers a perfect photo opportunity and a sneak peek at the next chapter of the Outlander story.

After returning to the hotel, the evening is yours—enjoy dinner on your own and perhaps explore more of Edinburgh by night.

## October 13, 2025 - Dumfries (B, D) - 1 day - Cairndale Hotel & Leisure Club

#### Breakfast at hotel

We depart Edinburgh this morning and journey south to **Dumfries**. Nestled along the River Nith, this is where Sam H. was born and raised, and the place he credits with inspiring him to become an actor. Rich in history, Dumfries is also the final home of poet Robert Burns, whose legacy lives on in the local landmarks we explore. With charming streets, cultural heritage, and ties to both Outlander and Scottish tradition, Dumfries adds heart and depth to our adventure.

We begin the day with a guided walking tour through **St. Michael's Churchyard** in Dumfries, where we'll visit the **Burns Mausoleum** and reflect on the life and legacy of Scotland's national poet.

Enjoy lunch on your own in Dumfries.

Our journey continues with a special visit to **Kenmure Steading and Castle**, childhood home and stomping grounds of Sam Heughan.

The afternoon features a scenic **Raiders Road Forest Drive** through **Galloway Forest Park**. Along the way, we'll stop for photos at **Loch Stroan** and the nearby viaduct—both postcard-perfect views.

Check-in at the **Cairndale Hotel & Leisure Club**, followed by an included dinner to unwind and share highlights from our day in beautiful Dumfries.

# October 14, 2025 - Stratford-upon-Avon (B, L) - 2 nights - The Arden Hotel

#### Breakfast at hotel

Today we travel south to **Stratford-upon-Avon**, the birthplace of William Shakespeare and a town steeped in literary legacy.

Upon arrival, we'll enjoy lunch at the Rooftop Restaurant at the Royal Shakespeare Company, offering delicious fare and sweeping views of the River Avon.

After lunch, we visit **Shakespeare's New Place**, the site of the playwright's final home, where imaginative exhibits and tranquil gardens honor his life and work.

We then check in to **The Arden Hotel**, a refined and centrally located property just steps from the theaters, shopping, restaurants and historic town center.

## October 15, 2025 - Stratford-on-Avon (B)

#### Breakfast at hotel

We begin the day at **Shakespeare's Birthplace**, where we'll step inside the timber-framed house where The Bard was born and explore the exhibits that bring his early life and family history to life.

Afterward, enjoy free time for **lunch and shopping on your own** in the heart of Stratford's charming town center—perfect for browsing bookshops, boutiques, and grabbing a bite in a riverside café.

This afternoon, we head to **The Other Place for a Royal Shakespeare Theatre Costume Tour**, offering a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at how the RSC brings characters to life through wardrobe and design.

We return to the hotel with time to relax or dine on your own before the evening's highlight—

A once-in-a-lifetime experience at the **Royal Shakespeare Theatre**, **The Other Place**, where we'll see **Sam Heughan take the stage as Macbeth**. When asked in interviews what play Sam would like to do, he always answers, *Macbeth*. You will be there in this intimate venue, with your OutlanderBTS friends, to witness Sam come to life as Macbeth, and achieve a lifelong dream. It will be an unforgettable night of theater, community, and magic.

Following the show, we take a short walk back to **The Arden Hotel**, hearts full and spirits high.

# October 16, 2025 - London (B, D) - 1 night - Courtyard London Heathrow Airport

Breakfast at hotel

Next, we visit **Holy Trinity Church**, the historic site where Shakespeare was both baptized and laid to rest, offering a meaningful connection to the Bard's life.

From there, we explore **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**, the charming family home of Shakespeare's wife, complete with beautiful gardens and period details.

Our journey continues to **Charlecote Park**, where Shakespeare is said to have poached rabbits and deer as a young man—and even faced the magistrates for his mischief—adding a colorful chapter to his story as we tour the grand estate and grounds.

We gather for a **farewell dinner at the Welcombe Hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon**, celebrating the friendships and memories made along the way.

Finally, we **transfer from Stratford-upon-Avon to Courtyard London Heathrow Airport**, preparing for our flights home the next day.

## October 17, 2025 - Fly home or extend in London

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to airport on own via Hotel Hoppa

Fly home or extend on own in London



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## **Tour Activity Level 3**

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days. Walking tours, as well as walking longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces or through large airports should be expected.

# **Registration and Payment**

- Pricing: \$3999 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy: \$4919.
- Save your spot with a \$500 deposit per person of which \$100 is a non-refundable registration fee per person. Final payment will be due August 8, 2025. After August 8, 2025 the tour is non-refundable. Registration after August 8, 2025 based on availability.
- Register and pay online with your credit card (fee applies) or bank draft (no fee) at <a href="www.GoPrimeTours.com">www.GoPrimeTours.com</a>, or fill out and mail the registration form with a check.
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