

HERE ARE OUR TAKE AWAYS!

THE LAND

Somer and Barclay went from city life in Edinburgh to the highlands. So the landscape was exceedingly different from each of the areas. Lots of rain and sun all in one day. And lots of grazing throughout the hills. The size of Scotland is the size of South Carolina.

FOOD

We aren't the most adventurous when it comes to food, so we were a little unsure what we were going to be eating, but we never had a bad meal. Everything was delicious!!! We did have a lot of potatoes. And everything was fresh! They get their food freshly delivered in the morning and when it is gone for the day it is gone.

CASTLES

We saw so many castles!!!! The history and stories were so rich! Some are historically preserved. Many more are not but are still standing if only partially. Learning about Queen Mary, Jacobites rebellion, and the pretender Kings. History that has gone back a thousand years. The Battlefield of Culloden was amazing to see and also so tragic thinking of all the Jacobites who passed.

PEOPLE

The people were one of the nicest we have EVER met!!! They were helpful, genuine, and so kind. And the public bathrooms were always so clean!!!

Below Barclay wrote out the itinerary if you want to go and see yourself. :)

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Scotland Itinerary

24- Leave Chicago 9pm 25- Arrive in London Noon local time

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25- Arrive in Edinburgh and through Customs around 7pm, stayed in Edinburgh at the Strathallan Guesthouse

26- woke and had a delicious breakfast at The Wee Cafe near our lodging. After headed towards Stirling- visiting Blackness Castle (used as Fort William for Outlander fans) , Midhope Castle (Lallybroch for Outlander), Linlithgow Palace (Wentworth Prison for Outlander), Falkirk Wheel and the Kelpies along the way. Visited Doune Castle (Castle Leoch again for Outlander) once in Stirling. Stayed at Old Churches House (yummy food!) Went on an adventure that evening to find the Devil's Pulpit (Liar's Spring for the Outlander fans)

27-Took in the Dunblane cathedral near by our place in the am, then Headed up north through Glencoe to end in Isle of Skye. Beautiful scenery to enjoy on the way. You can stop and see Fort William. The famous bridge from Harry Potter is near by (which you can take a train ride from Fort William to enjoy it, but we did not do this). We ended the drive visiting Eilean Dunan Castle (most filmed castle- seen in James Bond). We stayed the night near Dornie at King's Arms Hotel. (Beautiful scenery on the water but building's outside was under construction while we were there but inside was good!)

28- went and explored Isle of Skye- spots we hit Old Man Storr a great hike, Mealt Falls and Kilt Rock a beautiful waterfall (definitely other breathtaking spots to pull over and enjoy as you drive!) and the fairy pools. Had dinner in Portree (SUCH a cute town felt like the Italian riviera, had delicious pizza 😊) Stayed again that night at King's Arms Hotel

29- Made our way towards Inverness. Saw Urquhart Castle, explored Fort Augustus, neat canal gate system there, went on boat ride on Loch Ness. Didn't find Nessie! Dinner in Inverness. Visited Clava Cairns (real rock formations like in Outlander.) But stayed the night at Whitebridge Hotel (about half way between Fort Augustus and Inverness).

30- Enjoyed Foyers Falls, right near where we stayed, saw Culloden Battlefield near Inverness. Then made the trek back south. Stopped at to see the actual location of the stones filming in the show which is in Kinloch Rannoch. Ended the night at Falkland and stayed in the Covenanter Hotel (actual location of Mrs Bairds Bed and Breakfast from Outlander).

31- Enjoyed the Falkland Palace and town shops before heading out. Visited Culcross- with many great Outlander sites and amazingly rich history. And ended our evening back in Edinburgh at The Dakota (near the airport for easy exit).

1- Enjoyed the city of Edinburgh! Visited Victoria Street, Prince's Street Garden, Royal Mile, Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle, and Arthur's Seat and many great Outlander sites. And back to the Dakota for one last night.

2- Arrived at the airport at 5am, flight left at 8am, landed back home at 3:30pm in time for our babies' dance recital!