

Ireland with Scotland Highlands & Outlander Tour

Hosted by

Father Louis Lohan and Paula Spears

Thirteen Days - October 2-15, 2025

Galway • Cavan • Newcastle • Glasgow • Inverness • Edinburgh

Day 1 Thursday, October 2: Heading to Ireland!

This evening we board our flight for an overnight transatlantic journey to Ireland.

Day 2 Friday, October 3: Arrive in Galway

We arrive at *Shannon International Airport*. Go through passport control, collect our bags and are met by a private driver and professional Irish guide, Tom Tynan. In *Galway City*, we check into our hotel with the day free for us to enjoy at our leisure. Tonight, we have a group dinner at our hotel.



Overnight Galway.....(D)

Day 3 Saturday, October 4: Cliffs of Moher Cruise



This morning after a hearty Irish breakfast, we embark south to the *Cliffs of Moher*. The Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most popular visitor attractions. They rise to a jaw dropping height of over 700ft at their highest point. Until you see their magnificent heights from sea level, you haven't really seen them at all. The ferry sails right beneath the highest point just north of O'Brien's Tower, the furthest point of the cliffs from Doolin is *Hags Head* in Liscannor. After our breathtaking cruise, we board our private coach and journey back to Galway. Tonight is free. One may like to head to *Fish and Chips at McDonagh's* and grab a pint at *Quays*.

Overnight Galway......(B, Dinner on our own)

Day 4 Sunday, October 5: Galway to Newbridge and Lisquell and on to Cavan Once we have eaten our Irish breakfast, we bid farewell to *Galway* before continuing to *Cavan*. On our journey, we spend an unforgettable day in *Fr. Louis' home village of Lisquell, Co. Galway* and receive a very special welcome from Father Louis' family, friends and neighbors. We walk the land, visiting the family homestead and farm, which has belonged to the Lohan family for over 150 years. We celebrate *Mass in Father's home church, St. Patrick's, Newbridge,* where he was baptized, received his First





Holy Communion, served as an Altar boy and said his first Mass after being ordained. Enjoy a wonderful afternoon with *Irish entertainment and a delicious lunch* served by the Lohan clan, friends and neighbors. After a special day in Father Louis' home place, we continue our journey to *Cavan*. Once we have checked into our hotel, we enjoy dinner as a group.

Overnight Cavan.....(B, D)

Day 5 Monday, October 6: Cavan to Newcastle

This morning after breakfast we board our private coach, depart *Cavan* and journey to *Northern Ireland*. On our journey, we make a stop in the city of *Armagh*. As we approach, we notice our destination, *St. Patrick Church of Ireland Roman Catholic Cathedral* that faces across



from *The Church* of *Ireland*



Cathedral of St. Patrick. The cathedrals are historic landmarks, sitting on opposite hills facing each other. St. Patrick's Church of Ireland, built in the 1800s, was made in honor of St. Patrick's memory. Here we have time to explore inside of the cathedral before continueing to our next stop, *Long Meadow Cider Company*, we tour the *Orchards*, learning the process from tree to glass. Our tour

is completed with apple tarts, and fresh Irish cream. When we arrive at our hotel there will be time to relax before we have a group dinner at our hotel.

Overnight in Newcastle......(B, D)

Day 6 Tuesday, October 7: Tracys Farmhouse Kitchen

This morning after a heart Irish breakfast, we journey north to *Strangford Lough*, a UNESCO Global Geopark, an area of outstanding beauty. We enjoy a boat tour, immerse ourselves in the gorgeous views. Then continue to *Tracey's Farmhouse Kitchen* on the shores of Strangford Lough. Here we have another immersive experience on how to make traditional griddle bread. We enjoy delicious soda, focaccia bread, and other sweet treats before journeying back to our hotel in Newcastle for the night.



Overnight in Newcastle......(B, Dinner on our own)



Day 7 Wednesday, October 8: Journey to Scotland where we are met and escorted throughout Scotland by our Scotland - Highland Outlander Professional Guide. Tom Tynan



will continue to be our driver. This morning after our Irish breakfast we depart *Slieve Donard*, journeying across the North Sea via ferry to *Scotland*. Once we arrive in Scotland, we continue to the city of *Glasgow*. In Glasgow, we enjoy a panoramic tour of the city, as well as a stop at the *University of Glasgow*. Glasgow's Cloisters represented Harvard. Boston and Harvard University, Claire's home in the third season. The streets of Glasgow were used for the exterior of the house in where Claire and Frank live with daughter Brianna at the

start of season three. The University of Glasgow Cloisters were used for historic Harvard. We continue to our hotel, once we arrive the night is yours. Enjoy many of the fabulous restaurants and pubs in Glasgow!

Overnight in Glasgow......(B, Dinner on our own)

Day 8 Thursday, October 9: Glasgow to Inverness After breakfast we depart *Glasgow* and travel towards *Inverness*. Journeying through the highlands, eventually driving along *Loch Ness*. Make sure you look out for Nessie! The Loch Ness monster is one of Scotland's greatest folk tales. Described as a large whalelike fish, with a long neck, the stories of Nessie date back to the 7th century AD. We stop at the *Urquhart Castle* viewing point. The stunning medieval ruins sitting across from the museum are known for the battles between clans and the English. We continue north to the city of Inverness. Once we



arrive, we have time to relax before having dinner as a group at our hotel.

Overnight in Inverness......(B, D)



Day 9 Friday, October 10: Inverness sightseeing After a breakfast, we tour *Inverness*, known as the *Gateway to the Highlands*, it is a perfect jump-off point for exploration. We stop at the historic Culloden Moor - The Battle of Culloden was a pivotal point in Scotland's history, and one which also impacted the history of the world; from the Highland Clearances to the birth of the British Empire. It is where we learn the true story of where the 1745 Jacobite Rising came to an end..We continue, visiting the prehistoric site of

Clava Cairns, stone circles located just south of Culloden, the site dates back over four-thousand years, and the circular stone chambers – which were used to bury the dead, the well-preserved



Bronze Age cemetery dating back 4,000 years. We then head back to our hotel where the evening is free.

Overnight in Inverness......(B, Dinner on our own)

Day 10 Saturday, October 11: Inverness to the Isle of Skye

This morning we journey west for a day trip to the *Isle of Skye*. Known for its rugged landscapes, medieval castles, and picturesque villages. *Skye* has much to offer. We stop in the colorful port city of Portree for lunch. We continue around the Isle of Skye stopping at numerous viewpoints around the small Isle to experience the outstanding beauty of



Day 11 Sunday, October 12: Inverness to Edinburgh

After breakfast, we depart *Inverness* and journey south through the *Scottish Highlands*. We will stop in *Kinloch Rannoch*, known for the famous 'standing stones of Craigh na Dun' from the Outlander series. The ring of standing stones where Claire, and others, travel through time, do not actually exist. The stones made from styrofoam. Although the standing stones are fictional, the views from the top of the hill are magnificent. We then have time to explore the small village, enjoy lunch at our leisure, before before continuing to *Drummond Castle*, where Claire and Jamie consorted or hobnobbed with King Louis XVIII. Jamie and Claire sailed for the Kingdom of France in the aftermath of Jamie's rescue from the clutches of "Black Jack" Randall. Drummond Castles and Gardens are one of Scotland's most important and impressive formal gardens. The gardens



have been featured in many films, including the *Outlander* series. We continue to *Edinburgh* after our tour, At our hotel, we have dinner together as a group.

Overnight in Edinburgh(B, 1	D)
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Day 12 Monday, October 13: Castles of Outlander Day Tour

This morning after breakfast we visit and tour some of Outlanders most recognizable shooting locations. *Midhope Castle* (The exterior of Midhope Castle known in Outlander as Lallybroch and/or Broch Tuaroch was site of Jamie's ancestral home and estate. The interiors were shot somewhere else.) *Doune Castle* (Castle Home of the Mac Kenzie clan) and *Linlithgow Palace* (Westworth Prison, where Jamie was sentenced to death, imprisoned and tortured by "Black Jack" Randall,.), and *Blackness*





Castle (Fort Williams where the horror of tortures of Jamie by "Black Jack" Randall, took place. This is also the spot where Jamie witnessed his father whipped as a child, and the place Brianna eventually visits with Roger.) are all located a short distance outside of Edinburgh. We spend the late morning and afternoon enjoying all these sights. Throughout there will be a stop for lunch. After our tour of Outlanders best, we

journey back to Edinburgh for the night. Once we arrive back at our hotel, the night will be free. Edinburgh is filled with fabulous restaurants and lively pubs, enjoy this magnificent city! **Overnight in Edinburgh......(B, Dinner on our own)**

Day 13 Tuesday, October 14: Edinburgh & Culross

After breakfast, this morning we enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh. Full of cobblestone streets and outstanding architecture, there is so much to explore. We visit the *Royal Mile* which connects *Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyroodhouse*, the official residence of the King of Scotland. There will be time to have lunch before we journey to *Culross Village* (Cranes Muir). Although the Village was used for filming during multiple seasons of Outlander, it is best known for the home of Geillis Duncan, and the Mercat Cross, where the pillory was set up in the square in season one. This 17th century port city is one of the most well preserved in Scotland. We have time to



explore the area its colorful cottage fronts, and cobblestone streets. Before we depart and journey back to Edinburgh. Once we arrive at our hotel there will be a farewell dinner. **Overnight in Edinburgh......(B, D)**

Day 14 Wednesday, October 15: We depart Edinburgh and journey back to the USA.



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MAP OF IRELAND WITH SCOTLAND HIGHLANDS AND OUTLANDER TOUR

IRELAND

Shannon Galway Cliffs of Moher Newbridge Cavan Newcastle

SCOTLAND

Glasgow Inverness Isle of Skye Inverness Edinburgh



SCOTLAND HIGHLANDS AND OUTLANDER TOUR



University of Glasgow to see the Glasgow Cloisters, used to shoot the Harvard UniversityInvernessMidhope Castle (Lallybroch)Loch NessLinlithgow Palace (Westworth Prison)Culloden BattlefieldBlackness Castle (Fort Williams)Clava CairnsRoyal Mile which connects Edinburgh Castle to the
Palace of HolyroodhouseIsle of SkyePalace of HolyroodhouseCraigh na Dun'Culross Village (Cranes Muir) home of Geillis Duncan
Mercat Cross pillory was set up in the square



HOTELS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Galway: <u>Radisson RED</u> 2 Nights - October 3 and 4 Address: Crown Square, Joyces Road, Galway H91 H5PX Phone: +353 91 379 100

Cavan: <u>Crystal Hotel</u> 1 Night - October 5 Address: Dublin Road, Pollamore Near, Cavan, H12P6E5 Phone: +353 49 436 0600

Newcastle: <u>The Burrendale</u> 2 Nights - October 6 and 7 Address: 51 Castlewellan Road, Newcastle, BT330JY Phone: +44 28 4372 2599

Glasgow: <u>Clayton Hotel</u> 1 Night - October 8 Address: 298 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G14NP Phone: +44 141 340 9620

Inverness: <u>Glen Mhor</u> 3 Nights – October 9, 10, 11 Address: Ness Bank, Inverness, IV2 4SG Phone: +44 1463 234308

Edinburgh: <u>Apex City Hotel</u> 3 Nights October 12, 13, 14 Address: 23 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3BG Phone: +44 131 523 1819