

# Mary Tobin's Trip to Scotland June 3 – June 8, 2026 Day-by-day Itinerary



## May 30 June, 2026 (PRE-NIGHT OPTIONAL)

After arriving at the **airport**, you will be transferred to Oban, where you will spend a night resting before embarking on your journey.

#### May 31 – June 3, 2026

"A few places in the world are to be held holy, because of the love which consecrates them...Their names are themselves talismans of spiritual beauty. Of these is Iona"

-Fiona MacLeod, Iona, 1910

Today, we will go to the **Isle of Iona,** often referred to as

Heaven in the Hebrides. Known for its peace, tranquility, and breathtaking landscape, Iona

offers a true retreat from the bustle of modern life.

The journey itself is part of the experience, taking you through the stunning **Scottish Highlands** before reaching the port, where you'll board the ferry to lona.

A place of **deep spiritual significance**, Iona has drawn pilgrims for centuries. It was here in the 6th century that **St. Columba** 







and his followers established what would become one of the most influential monastic communities in Europe. Today, the island remains a place of reflection and inspiration, where history, nature, and spirituality intertwine. Breathe in the fresh sea air and explore this extraordinary island. Your time on Iona will set the tone for a meaningful and unforgettable journey.

Overnight : Iona

#### Wednesday 3 June 2026

#### Iona to Inverness, with a stop on the Isle of Mull

After spending a couple of days on the Isle of Iona, it's time to step back into the main island of Scotland. The bus will collect you off the ferry from the **Isle of Iona** and you will begin your trek to **Inverness**, the Scottish Highlands capital.

Our first stop will be on **the Isle of Mull** to **Kilmore Church and the Standing Stones in Dervaig**, a site rich in history and mystery. Inside the church, you'll find the **Magnificent Magdalene Window**, a striking stained-glass depiction of Mary Magdalene, known for its beauty and symbolism. The nearby **standing stones** offer a glimpse into Scotland's ancient past, their origins shrouded in legend and speculation. It is here that the **Great Gatherings** occurred. They sang and danced there and received the light codes of the lands of **Andromeda** and were in full alignment to the star system **Sirius**. We will have a brief transmission here.



Continuing north, the journey unfolds through the **Scottish Highlands**, a landscape both wild and poetic, where mist drapes the mountains and lochs stretch into the horizon. Passing through **Glencoe**, with its dramatic peaks and windswept valleys, the land itself seems to hold the weight of memory, history, and something just beyond words.

By evening, you'll arrive in **Inverness**, the heart of the Highlands, where the **River Ness** winds through the night. Here, you'll have dinner at the hotel and settle in for the night.

Overnight: Inverness Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



#### Thursday 4 June 2026

#### Inverness Day Trip, Head to Pitlochry

The day begins with a relaxed breakfast before setting out to explore more of Scotland's breathtaking landscapes and historic sites.

The first stop is **Fairy Glen Falls**, a peaceful woodland retreat just outside Inverness. This hidden gem, with its cascading waterfalls and moss-covered paths, is the perfect place for a quiet morning walk. The gentle sound of the water and the fresh Highland air make it a refreshing start to the day.

Next, you'll visit **Clava Cairns**, a prehistoric burial site dating back over 4,000 years. The standing stones and ancient passage tombs are a fascinating glimpse into Scotland's distant

past. Walking among them, you'll get a sense of the history and mystery that surrounds these places, with their weathered stones standing as silent markers of those who came before. From here, the journey continues south to **Pitlochry**, a charming town nestled in the Highlands. The drive takes you through



some of Scotland's most scenic landscapes—rolling hills, glistening lochs, and winding country roads. Upon arrival, you'll check into your hotel and have time to unwind before enjoying dinner at the hotel's restaurant, rounding off a day filled with history, nature, and beautiful Scottish scenery.

Overnight: Pitlochry Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



#### Friday 5 June 2026

#### Day trip around Pitlochry

The day begins with a relaxed breakfast before setting off to explore Pitlochry.

The first stop is the **Fortingall Yew**, one of Europe's oldest living trees, estimated to be between

3,000 and 5,000 years old. Having witnessed a millennium of history, its gnarled branches a testament to the passage of time. We will hold ceremony here, where the **Great Gatherings** occurred, where **The Magdalene** and **Yeshua** stood and embedded the ancient wisdom.

From here, the journey continues into **Glen Lyon**, often described as Scotland's most beautiful glen. It is a place where the **Great Mystery Schools** are dwelled and remain to this day in the



inner realms. These mystery schools were connected to the **Essene Mystery School** at **Mount Carmel**.

Next, you'll visit **Croft Moraig Stone Circle**, also known as **The Field of Mary**. This Neolithic stone circle, set against a backdrop of rolling hills, has stood for thousands of years, its origins still shrouded in mystery. Walking among the stones, you'll get a sense of Scotland's deeprooted past and the stories these ancient places hold. We will visit **The Praying Hands of Mary**, a megalithic standing stone in Glenlyon which is connected along the leylines with the Croft Moraig stone circle. We will explore **The Holy Mountain of Schiehallion**, "The Fairy Hill" of the Caledonians, which is a mountain of quartz crystal, with hidden caves where fairies dwell. It is known for its mystical nature and its connection with **Mount Zion**.

After a day spent exploring, the evening is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Whether you



choose to dine at a cozy local pub or a traditional Scottish restaurant, it's the perfect way to unwind and reflect on the day's journey through some of Scotland's most picturesque and historic landscapes.

Overnight: Pitlochry Meals: Breakfast



# Saturday 6 June 2026 Pitlochry to Edinburgh, Exploring Edinburgh



After breakfast, you'll say goodbye to **Pitlochry** and set off for **Edinburgh**, Scotland's historic and vibrant capital. As the landscape shifts from the striking Highlands to the grand architecture of the city, you'll get your first glimpses of Edinburgh's striking skyline, noted by the iconic castle perched atop **Castle Rock**.

Upon arrival, stretch your legs with a walk-up **Arthur's Seat**, an ancient volcano that offers some of the best panoramic views of the city. In ancient myths it is known as '**The Sleeping Dragon**", where an ancient dragon found its final rest. The climb is rewarding, with stunning views of Edinburgh's old and new town, the **Firth of Forth**, and beyond. It's the perfect way to take in the city from above.

The afternoon is yours to explore at your own pace. Wander through the charming, cobbled lanes of the **Royal Mile**, browse the shops and cafés, or step inside one of Edinburgh's world-class museums. Whether you choose to visit **Edinburgh Castle**, explore the roads, or simply soak up the atmosphere in **Princes Street Gardens**, the city is full of history and character at every turn.

In the evening, you'll enjoy dinner at your hotel, a chance to relax after a day of exploring before settling in for the night in this unforgettable city.

Overnight: Edinburgh Meals: Breakfast, Dinner





#### Sunday 7 June 2026 Exploring Edinburgh

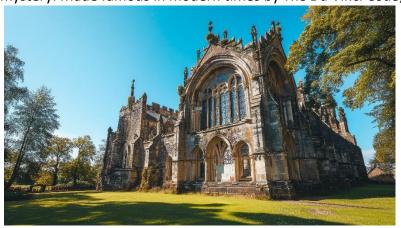
After breakfast, the day's journey takes you just outside Edinburgh to some of Scotland's most intriguing and storied sites.

The first stop is **Cairnpapple Hill**, an ancient ceremonial site that has been a place of significance for over 5,000 years. From the top, you'll take in sweeping views over the surrounding countryside, standing in a place that was once a gathering ground for rituals



and burials dating back to the Neolithic era. The site's layered history offers a fascinating glimpse into Scotland's distant past.

Next, you'll visit the breathtaking **Rosslyn Chapel**, a masterpiece of intricate stonework and mystery. Made famous in modern times by *The Da Vinci Code*, the chapel's history and



craftsmanship make it one of Scotland's most captivating places. We will tour Rosslyn Chapel and learn about the symbolism hidden within it that connects the secrets of Mary Magdalene, The Knights Templar, the Freemasons and mystery of The Holy Grail. It lies on The Rose line that some say connects it to Holyrood Abbey in Edinburgh, the seat of power of

kings, queens, and the Scottish parliament for 900 years, as well as the **Avebury circle**, **Stonehenge**, and into **Lourdes France**.

After exploring the chapel, take a peaceful walk-through **Rosslyn Glen**, where we will explore the ancient sites of pagan ceremony connected to the **Greenman**. We will hold a final ceremony here within the Rosslyn Glen.

As the journey ends, you'll gather for a **farewell dinner**, sharing memories of the trip and reflecting on the incredible landscapes, history, and experiences of the past days. It's the perfect way to end the adventure before departing from Scotland.

Overnight: Edinburgh Meals: Breakfast, Dinner





#### Monday 8 June 2026

### **Depart for the USA**

Pack your bags and say farewell, your time in the Scottish Isles has ended. Your driver will take you to Edinburgh Airport, where you will board your transatlantic flight back to the USA.

Meals: In-flight Meal