

# OUTLANDER

Based on the novels by Diana Gabaldon, this historical romantic drama has been brought to life on-screen with passion and verve and has taken the TV world by storm. The story begins in 1945 when WWII nurse Claire Randall, on a second honeymoon in the Scottish Highlands with her husband Frank, is transported back to 1743 where she encounters civil war and dashing Scottish warrior Jamie Fraser. Follow in the footsteps of Claire and Jamie and visit some of Scotland's most iconic heritage attractions.





Outlander is a fascinating story that combines fantasy, romance and adventure showcasing Scotland's rich landscape and dramatic history in the process. Our Explorer Pass makes it simple to travel around the sites that feature both in the novels and television series and offers excellent value for money. Below we have suggested itineraries suitable for use with our 3 or 7 day pass.

Ideal for groups or individuals visiting a number of properties, holders can access as many Historic Scotland sites as they wish which includes a further 70 sites in addition to those in our itineraries.



# THREE DAY ITINERARY

# 1 Day 1 DOUNE CASTLE

Set amid the beautiful Stirlingshire countryside, Doune Castle takes a starring role as Castle Leoch, the home of the Clan MacKenzie, in the Outlander TV series. No stranger to the big screen, having made appearances in Monty Python and The Holy Grail and more recently Game of Thrones, it boasts an impressive great hall and kitchen tower and was once used as a Jacobite prison.

# 2 Day 2 BLACKNESS CASTLE

Enjoying stunning views over the Firth of Forth, Blackness Castle was known as "The Ship that Never Sailed" for its boat-like shape. Built in the 1400s for Sir George Chrichton, Admiral of Scotland, its walls contain clues to its many guises from a jail to an ammunitions depot. Blackness Castle stands in for Fort William in series one of Outlander.

#### 3 Day 3 LINLITHGOW PALACE

This royal pleasure palace, located just 20 miles from Edinburgh, was the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots and a welcome stopping place for the royal court when travelling between Edinburgh and Stirling Castles. Explore the magnificent ruins set in the spectacular surrounds of Linlithgow Loch and Peel, and see the elaborate fountain which once reputedly flowed with wine for Bonnie Prince Charlie. Linlithgow Palace was used as the prison corridors and entrances in episode 15 of Outlander.

# SEVEN DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Day 1 DOUNE CASTLE (SEE 3 DAY ITINERARY)
- 2 Day 2 BLACKNESS CASTLE (SEE 3 DAY ITINERARY)
- 3 Day 3 LINLITHGOW PALACE (SEE 3 DAY ITINERARY)

## 4 Day 4 ABERDOUR CASTLE AND GARDENS

This splendid ruin on the Fife Coast was the luxurious Renaissance home of Regent Morton, once Scotland's most powerful man. Built in the 1100s it is one of the oldest stone castles in Scotland. The spectacular walled gardens and dovecot are also worth exploring. Aberdour Castle was used as the monastery in episode 16 of Outlander.

# 5 Day 5 URQUHART CASTLE

Explore the dramatic ruins of Urquhart Castle overlooking the mysterious waters of Loch Ness. The castle has a distinctly Highland heritage and has witnessed some of the most dramatic chapters in our nation's history. Urquhart Castle features in the Outlander novels with Claire and Frank Randall enjoying a day trip to the site.

## 6 Day 6 CLAVA CAIRNS

Thought to have been the inspiration for Craig na Dun where Claire Randall is transported through time, the Bronze age cemetery complex is located close to Culloden Battlefield and comprises passage graves, cairns and standing stones in a beautiful setting.

### 7 Day 7 FORT GEORGE

Storm Britain's mightiest Military Fortress for an unforgettable experience. Built in 1748 following the Battle of Culloden it was designed as the ultimate bulwark against further unrest but its sophisticated walls were never tested. Gain insight into life as a Redcoat at this enormous base which has barely changed in over 250 years.



Remember our Explorer Passes are valid for any 3 days over a 5 day period or 7 days over a 14 day period giving you the freedom to spread visits over a longer time rather than consecutive days.

For more information on Historic Scotland sites and Outlander visit www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/outlander