

A TENON TOURS  
VACATION PLANNING GUIDE TO

Scotland



#SCOTSPIRIT



# Scotland



CURRENCY:  
GBP (£)



LANGUAGE:  
ENGLISH



TIMEZONE:  
GREENWICH MEAN TIME  
(GMT)



# Regions of Scotland



ABERDEEN



COASTAL WEST HIGHLANDS



GLASGOW



LOWLANDS



EDINBURGH



HIGHLANDS

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## **LOWLANDS:**

Rolling countryside and ruined abbeys dot Scotland's southern border. Known for a turbulent past, this area is wonderful for history buffs. With granite hills that are prime for hiking, you will be able to escape the hustle and bustle of some of the busier and more traveled areas of Scotland.

## **HIGHLANDS:**

This area is sparsely populated with many mountains dominating the region. From jagged peaks to vast valleys to clusters of islands off the coast, photographers are definitely spoiled by the scenery. You can appease yourself with a variety of activities from biking, birdwatching, climbing, hiking, and kayaking. Learn about Scotland's deep history and fabled legends and treat yourself to some of the best seafood Scotland has to offer.

## **GLASGOW:**

Scotland's biggest city offers a barrelful of things to do and the warmth and energy that leave visitors impressed. It's edgy and contemporary and is a great spot for browsing art galleries, sampling local cuisine, and indulging in some of the world's best music scenes.

## **EDINBURGH:**

Scotland's capital may be most famous for its festivals, but there is so much more to this amazing city than that. With the Old Town, to the Royal Mile leading up to the castle, to the cobblestone wynds, Edinburgh is a charming city that claims to be a favorite European destination for many.

## **COASTAL WEST HIGHLANDS:**

Home to Scotland most spectacular wildlife, the West Highlands boast about eagles, beavers, and sharks. Island hopping is one of the best ways to explore this area and cluster of islands. This jewel of Scotland will give you a great introduction of the true feeling of this great country.

## **ABERDEEN:**

You can't leave Scotland without visiting a whisky distillery, which is exactly what this region has to offer! More than 50 distilleries are imbedded in this spectacular land. ...Not to mention well known castles and areas associated with the royal family since Queen Victoria.



# Tenon's Top 10 Highlights of Scotland

1. EDINBURGH CASTLE
2. LOCH NESS
3. ISLE OF SKYE
4. CULZEAN CASTLE
5. SCOTCH WHISKY
6. FAIRY POOLS
7. ST. ANDREWS
8. LOCH LOMOND
9. ARTHUR'S SEAT
10. BEN NEVIS

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# Highlights of Scotland



## **EDINBURGH CASTLE:**

The brooding black crags of the Castle, rise above the western end of Princes Street and are the very reason for Edinburgh's existence. It's one of Scotland's most atmospheric and popular tourist attractions and a must see tour when visiting the capital.

## **LOCH NESS:**

Deep, dark, and narrow. Loch Ness stretches for around 23 miles between Inverness and Fort Augustus. It's cold waters have been thoroughly explored in search of Nessie, but to no avail. It's picturesque shores make wonderful stopping points-along with the famed Urquhart Castle.

## **ISLE OF SKYE:**

The Isle of Skye, connected to Scotland's northwest coast by bridge, is known for its rugged landscapes, picturesque fishing villages and medieval castles. The largest island in the Inner Hebrides archipelago, it has an indented coastline of peninsulas and narrow lochs, radiating out from a mountainous interior. The town of Portree, a base for exploring the island, features harbourside pubs and boutiques.

## **CULZEAN CASTLE:**

With its dramatic clifftop setting, Robert Adam architecture, fascinating history and beautiful surroundings, it's easy to see why Culzean Castle is one of Scotland's most popular visitor attractions. Surrounded by Culzean Country Park, an extensive estate encompassing lush woodland, landscaped gardens and rugged coastline, this 18th-century Scottish castle couldn't be better placed for a family day out.past.

## **SCOTCH WHISKY:**

Scottish whiskies are among the world's most revered spirits. There are varying styles, though all can be delectable masterworks in their own right. Some are flavoured heavily by peat and smoke, others are light and fruity.

Coastal whiskies are often flavoured by the sea and a refined salinity can be found. There is always a sweetness; sometimes in omnipresence, sometimes lurking in the substrata.

## **FAIRY POOLS:**

Are considered to be one of the most amazing places in Scotland. Southeast of Glen Brittle Forest, a cascade of waterfalls meets in a pool. Surrounded by large rocky cliffs and lush foliage, this is a place you can miss if you go to the Isle of Skye.

## **ST. ANDREWS**

St Andrews is a former royal burgh and parish on the east coast of Fife in Scotland. The town is home to the University of St Andrews, the third oldest university in the English-speaking world and the oldest in Scotland. According to some rankings, it is ranked as the third best university in the United Kingdom! Another popular area is the old courses at St. Andrews!

## **LOCH LOMOND:**

Find a breath-taking view. An exhilarating ride. Or a moment on the loch shore. Discover everything the National Park has to offer. Loch Lomond is a freshwater Scottish loch which crosses the Highland Boundary Fault. It is the largest inland stretch of water in Great Britain by surface area!

## **ARTHURS SEAT:**

Arthur's Seat is the main peak of the group of mountains in Edinburgh, United Kingdom which form most of Holyrood Park, described by Robert Louis Stevenson as "a hill for magnitude, a mountain in virtue of its bold design".

## **BEN NEVIS:**

Ben Nevis is the highest mountain in the British Isles located in, none other than, Scotland! Standing at a vast 1,346 metres above sea level, you can find this mountain at the western end of the Grampian Mountains in the Lochaber area of Scotland, close to Fort William.

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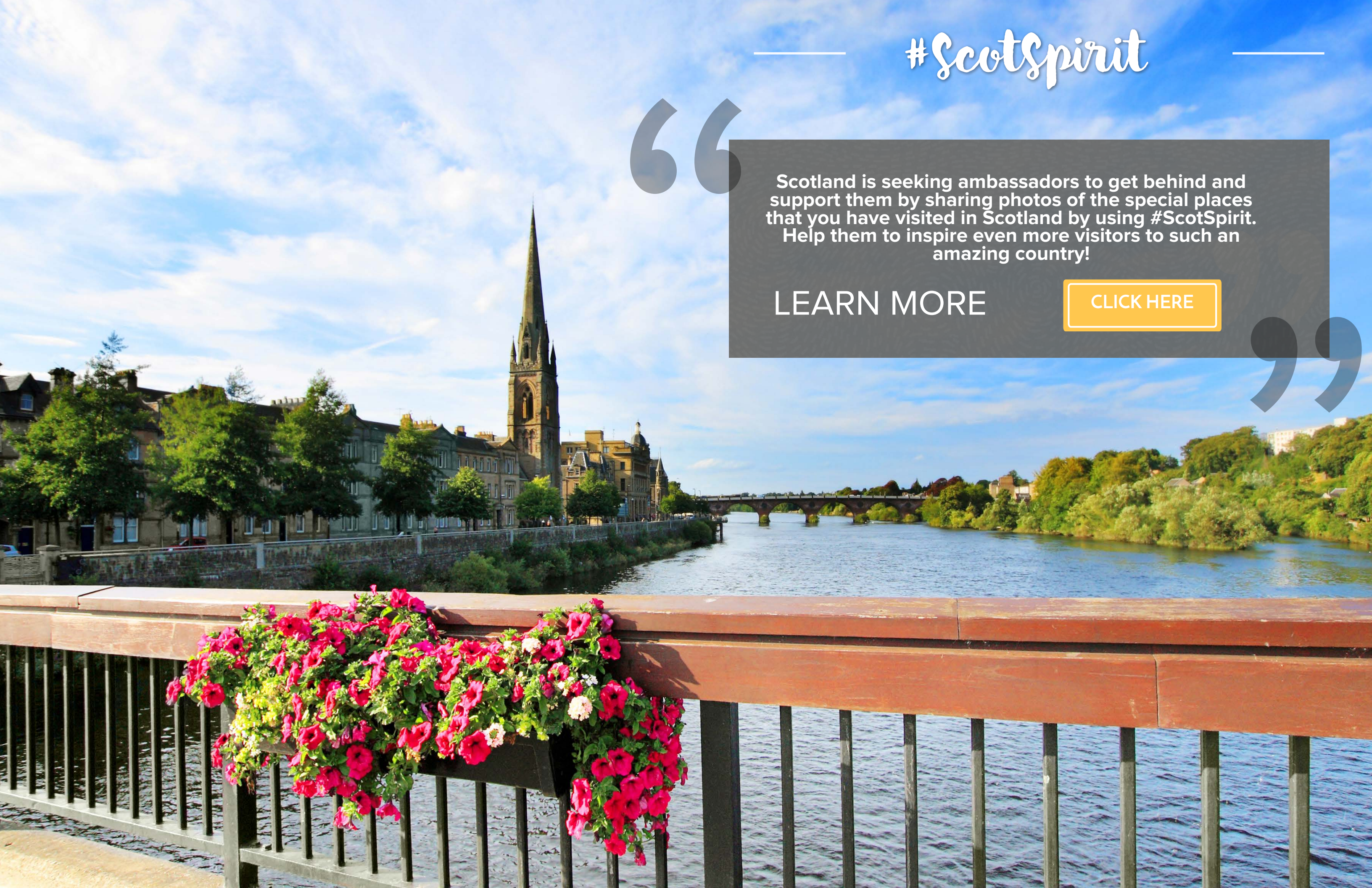
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- The independent traveler who enjoys driving and will embrace the challenge of driving in an unfamiliar country.
- Travelers who prefer the country versus the city.



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HIGH-END BUDGET

MODERATE INDEPENDENT

### PERFECT FOR

- Those who'd prefer not to drive themselves and add a little luxury to their trip.
- History or culture buffs who'd like to learn the stories behind the places they're traveling



CITY STAY



MODERATE BUDGET

MODERATE INDEPENDENT

### PERFECT FOR

- City people looking for a "home base" with only 1 or 2 different accommodations.
- Independent traveler who prefers select day tours vs. driving

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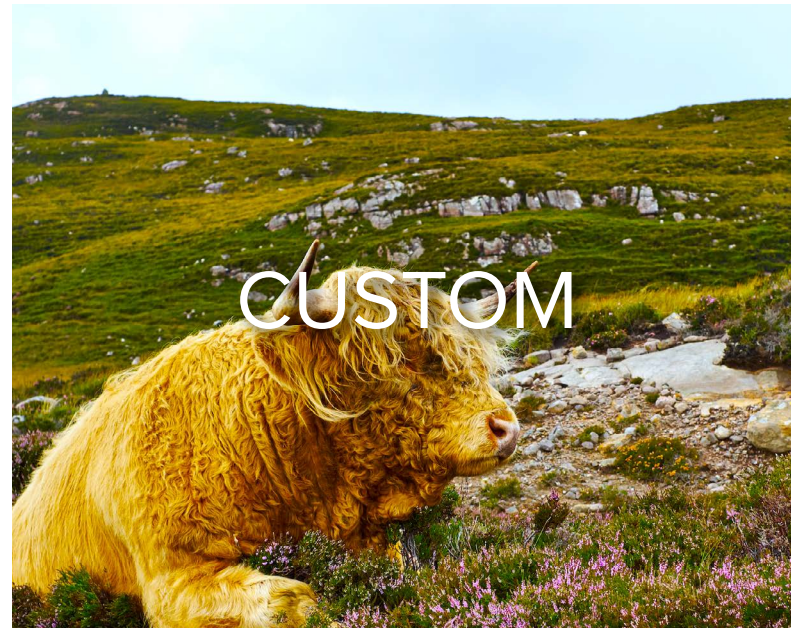
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MID/HIGH BUDGET



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COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE



HIGH LEVEL INDEPENDENCE



# GROUP



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MODERATE INDEPENDENCE

## PERFECT FOR

- The in-between traveler who wants a structured itinerary with the ability to control their day to day activities
- Those not interested in driving but without the budget necessary for hiring a private driver.

## PERFECT FOR

- Travelers who enjoy having everything set in advance.
- People who like being guided by a professional throughout the entire tour, knowing where most meals will be in advance, and having a preplanned schedule for every day of the trip.

## PERFECT FOR

- Travelers interested in a wide range of transportation, accommodation and tour options
- People who are not interested in joining a tour in any sense but also not comfortable driving themselves.

## PERFECT FOR

- Large families, groups of friends, school trips or business getaways looking to travel abroad together
- Those in need of flexible trip design, group rates and flexible payment plans for their touring ideas.



### Tenon Tip:

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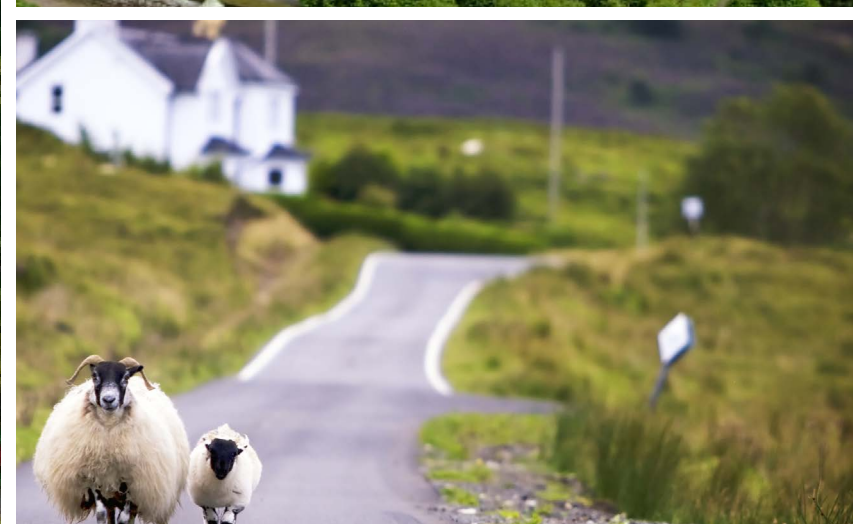
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# Seasons of Scotland



One of the hardest parts about planning a trip abroad is deciding when to go. When it comes to Scotland there are certain times of the year that may be more appealing to visit during than others. However, like all things, it depends on what you are looking for in your trip! Our Verdict: Late Spring/Early Fall i.e April/May & September/October.

Planning a trip for the late spring and early fall portions of the year are generally cheaper than booking for the busy summer season. Travelers can find much better deals on flights and accommodations when planning for the so called 'shoulder' season trips. However, in terms of cost, winter takes the cake when looking at what time of year is truly the most budget friendly.

We won't sugar coat it, the weather in Scotland is temperamental at worst, and pleasantly surprising at best. Late spring and early fall weather can be summed up in one word: Mild. It's a bit cooler than the peak summer season, but not as brisk as the winter winds become. The weather accompanies an added perk of having a bit more daylight than winter provides, but not as much as the height of summer. It's important to pack accordingly to prepare for the weather. Ireland gets lots of rain, but as locals will remind you, sunshine is always just around the corner.

Temperatures will rarely go below 32°F and only occasionally above 68°F – with June, July and August being the warmest months, January and February the coldest.

# Planning an Itinerary



## Scotland

- ★ CAPITAL CITY
- ① OVERNIGHT STAY
- BEGIN TOUR
- END TOUR



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# Driving in Scotland



## **AUTOMATIC VS. MANUAL**

Many overseas rental agencies charge a premium for automatic cars. If you're used to driving an automatic at home, you may not want to try to save a few bucks by renting a standard. You'll have enough on your mind without worrying about stalling the engine on the British Isles' hilly roads. Ignore this advice, and you too may end up with a frustrated passenger yelling from the backseat, "Clutch! Use the clutch!" Or you may develop your own version of Irish driving mantra, invented such as when the car starts wandering toward the shoulder every time you change gears: "When you shift, you drift."

## **PARK THE CELL PHONE**

In the British Isles, driving while using a handheld cell phone is illegal, and fines are steep.

## **DRIVING TIME**

Remember that every drive takes longer than you'd think. When passing through towns, major highways often morph into traffic-clogged two-lane streets. Farm vehicles are allowed just about anywhere, including most four-lane roads.

## **CAR SIZE**

Rent a monster car at your peril. Roads are narrow (particularly those marked "R" on Republic of Ireland maps), and they're often lined with parked cars or dense hedges. If you enjoy having side mirrors, forgo the SUV.

## **ROUNDBABOUTS**

Learn to handle roundabouts. They can be terrifying, but you can't escape them. Just remember that traffic already in the roundabout, and traffic approaching from the right inside the roundabout, has the right of way.

## **GAS PRICES**

Budget wisely for gas. You think your gas prices are high? Keep in mind that the price listed is per liter! (Roughly 4 liters make up a gallon.)

## **LOOK BEFORE YOU PUMP**

Diesel is more widely available in Ireland and the UK than in the US/Canada. Make sure you're pumping the right fuel before popping that nozzle in the tank.

## **DON'T RUSH**

Allow yourself time to get lost, and you're almost certain to discover a special castle, pub or golf course far off the beaten track.



# Theme, Special Events & Interests

- Singles / Solo Travelers
- Movies, TV & Film
- Romance / Honeymoons
- Castles
- Pubs, Breweries & Distilleries
- Ancestry
- Food & Drink
- Adventure, Active & Sports
- Nature & Landscapes



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