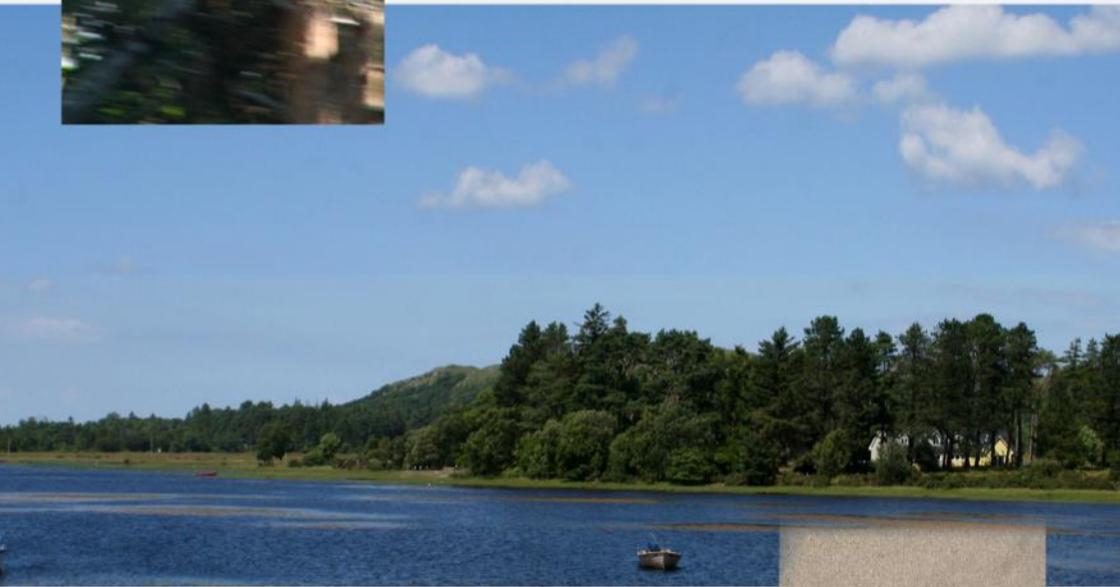




Visits Scotland

Designing Your Trip

The Basic Costs
2 Guests / 7 Nights
June



*It's about relaxation or family heritage, not driving
planning, parking, cooking, or chasing ferries.*

*"Lighten up!" That's my job, so you get the most
from your trip.*

And, surprisingly, it is often cheaper this way!



Basic costs for a 7 day, 2 person trip

Below are typical costs for a 2 guest, 7 day trip, in the west Highlands in June. These do not reflect items such as exchange rates, fuel fluctuations, season, single occupancy of bedrooms, etc. But it gives you a general idea.

Costs base

Host:

- Driver / guide with a good knowledge of the Highlands
- ‡ I was born and brought up in the west Highlands, in the village of Arisaig. I have worked around the Highlands for most of my life, and know a fair few of its nooks and crannies. What I don't know, I will certainly find out for you.

Transport:

- Medium range saloon capable of five passengers, air conditioned
- Fuel
- Parking charges allowance
- Ferries are not included in these transport costs
- Air fares not included in trip costs.
- ‡ The vehicle costed is a mid range saloon (sedan) vehicle, taking four plus driver, so should cope very well



The Wallace Monument, Stirling

for two guests. Your vehicle can be upgraded to a more luxurious level, such as a BMW, or 4 wheel drive, and that would be reflected in the costs.

- ‡ A 4WD is a worthwhile considering. Being higher, it affords better viewing - and easier access for guests getting a little stiffer in the joints!

Accommodation

- Self catering accommodation, based upon 2 guests sharing one room
- ‡ If guests require separate rooms - i.e. as 'single occupancy' an extra room will be required and will be reflected in trip costs overall.

Catering

- That would be me! I have cooked in restaurants, on guided trips, and catered functions. My style is simple food from good ingredients, no messing about. I prefer to source food fresh from nature. Results have been very much appreciated!



The Jacobite on Glenfinnan Viaduct



Kilchoan, Ardnamurchan

- Food is wholesome, freshly produced.
- Sourced locally, where possible.
- Breakfast and dinner within the cottage are covered. Meals out are not. If you'd like to eat out in a restaurant one or two nights, you would bear the cost for that yourself. However, if you plan to eat out every evening, I would make a reduction in price of £5pppn for food costs.
- I provide bottled water for drive times.

Services

- I will collect and return you to agreed points at the beginning and end of the trip.
- Prebooking is necessary on almost all ferries in Scotland. I will do this. Ticket costs will be included in the trip costs and charged at cost. This will only apply to items on an agreed itinerary. Anything further will be guests' responsibility.
- Similarly, admissions are not covered here, but should be considered. For

- instance, the wait time to get into Edinburgh Castle can be substantial if not prebooked, so that tickets can be got from a machine upon arrival.
- Payments is through PayPal, who charge! Where a currency conversion is necessary, Paypal have a standard rate (around 3%) which will be added to your bill, and is not reflected in the costs above.

Pricing Breakdown

		Exchange Rates				
		Total cost £	\$us	\$ca	\$au	\$nz
Guests	1	2312	3445	4069	4162	4370
	2	1156	1722	2035	2081	2185
	3	771	1148	1356	1040	1457
	4	578	861	1017	832	1092
	5	462	689	814	694	874
	6	385	574	678	694	728
	7	330	492	581	595	624
	8	289	431	509	520	546

Figures are given for additional or less guests as an illustration only. Exchange rates are derived from the UK Post Office to reflect retail value. Your own bank or payment service may use different rates, and rates may also fluctuate according to changing market conditions.



Red Deer, Blair Castle, Blair Atholl



General arrangements

- I will pick you up at your entry airport in Scotland, or elsewhere if that is agreed beforehand. I will return you to your airport to get your flight.
- I will provide you with a tour schedule at the beginning of your trip. This will highlight what has been included in your payment plan. Anything in addition to what is covered therein will be at your expense.
- I will provide a suitable vehicle, fuel, and transportation costs for all ground travel within Scotland.
- I cannot provide inbound, outbound, or internal flight connections.

Payments

Payments are usually made through Paypal. When we have confirmed everything for you, we will issue an invoice for the payments in whatever staging is agreed (usually deposit, intermediate, and final payments). You will receive this by email and you will be able to click from there to PayPal where you can pay either through your own PayPal account, or by credit card.

Schedule

The schedule of payments is as follows:

- **Deposit** - 25% of total cost at time of booking, non-refundable. Bookings are not firm until a deposit is made. Prices are not firm until a deposit is made as accommodation cannot be booked until a deposit is made.
- **Interim Payment 1** - 37.5% of total cost at 16 weeks before commencement. Non refundable after this point. Refundable if the payment was made before the 16 week point and the 16 week point has not passed.
- **Interim Payment 2** - 37.5% of total cost at 6 weeks before commencement. Non refundable after this point, but refundable if the payment was made before the 6 week point and the 6 week point has not passed.
- All previous payments are due at time of booking if commencement is within any of the periods given above.

Other terms and conditions

- Where evening meals are included in trip costs, only food is covered. Beverages are your responsibility.
- From time to time the Scottish weather may intervene and make a particular activity impossible. While I will do everything in my power to make alternative arrangements at no further cost, this cannot be guaranteed, and you may be required to cover some costs ad-hoc. As an example, if a ferry cancels and accommodation needs to be sought elsewhere than that booked, you may be liable for those costs on the spot.
- In such a circumstance, the let down providers may also withhold deposits, or charge full amounts for loss of business. That will be a loss to you. If I am able to recover those monies, I will return them to you.
- Similarly, if we are prevented by circumstances getting to an attraction, booked fees may be lost.
- Where road traffic problem lead to delays and missing connections, attractions, accommodations, bookings, flights, or sundry other things, such costs as may result will be your responsibility.
- I will have Public Liability Insurance. However, this may not cover some costs which may be incurred should something go wrong on the trip. You are strongly advised to have adequate holiday insurance to cover material, financial, and health losses on your trip.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the requisite documentation to enter or leave your home country, and / or the United Kingdom.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with all applicable laws relating to import and export of goods to your home country, and / or the United Kingdom.

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