



Scotland Coos & Castles

6 Days
£720

Departs: Saturday
12th July 2025

Inclusions:

- Visit Gretna Green • Visit Portpatrick
- Entry to Logan Botanic Gardens
- Visit The Mull of Galloway
- Entry to Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
- Entry to Culzean Castle
- Visit Stranraer • Visit to Kitchen Coos and Ewes with guided tour and Cream Tea

Your Hotel

Holiday Inn, Preston (Overnight)

North West Castle Hotel (4 nights)

The 19th-century North West Castle Hotel is a fine country house hotel, located across the road from the shores of Loch Ryan, just a 10-minute walk to the centre of Stranraer. Once the home of the Scottish Explorer Sir John Ross, the hotel makes an excellent base for exploring the beautiful local area.

Basis:

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
Single room supp: £30

Day 1: After an early start we travel north to our overnight hotel making comfort stops en route.

Day 2: After breakfast we make our journey further north making a stop at **Gretna Green** Famous Blacksmiths Shop before we continue to the **North West Castle Hotel** in Stranraer.

Day 3: We start the day with sightseeing in **Portpatrick**, a pretty picture-postcard harbour on the Mull of Galloway with superb views over the Solway Firth to Ireland and the Isle of Man. After a short stop, we head to **Logan Botanic Gardens**, Scotland's most exotic garden. Due to the location's almost subtropical climate, we can explore fascinating plant treasures from South/ Central America, Southern Africa and Australasia. Afterwards we head to the **Mull of Galloway**, the very south-westerly tip of Scotland with breathtaking views, a lighthouse and the smashing Gallie Craig Coffee House.

Day 4: This morning we enjoy a scenic sightseeing drive hugging Loch Ryan's eastern shore then up the Firth of Clyde coast with views of

Ailsa Craig offshore, finally cutting inland to Ayr. While there we visit the **Robert Burns Birthplace Museum** dedicated to Scotland's favourite son and his unique writing. In the afternoon we visit magnificent **Culzean Castle**, former seat of the Kennedy Clan and cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. Gardens, beaches and a stunning cliff top setting are sure to impress even before we

set foot inside where we will find a magnificent oval staircase and a fine collection of paintings.

Day 5: We have the morning at leisure in **Stranraer**, this afternoon we head to **Kitchen Coos & Ewes at High Airyolland Farm** for a guided experience of Highland Cows (coos) in their natural environment. After our tour of the farm in our passenger trailer, we return for a sheep shearing demonstration and enjoy a cream tea in the farmhouse kitchen before departing home.

Day 6: After breakfast we head home making comfort stops en route.

