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Scotland Safari and Wildlife Parks Expedition



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Content of the project
in more detail



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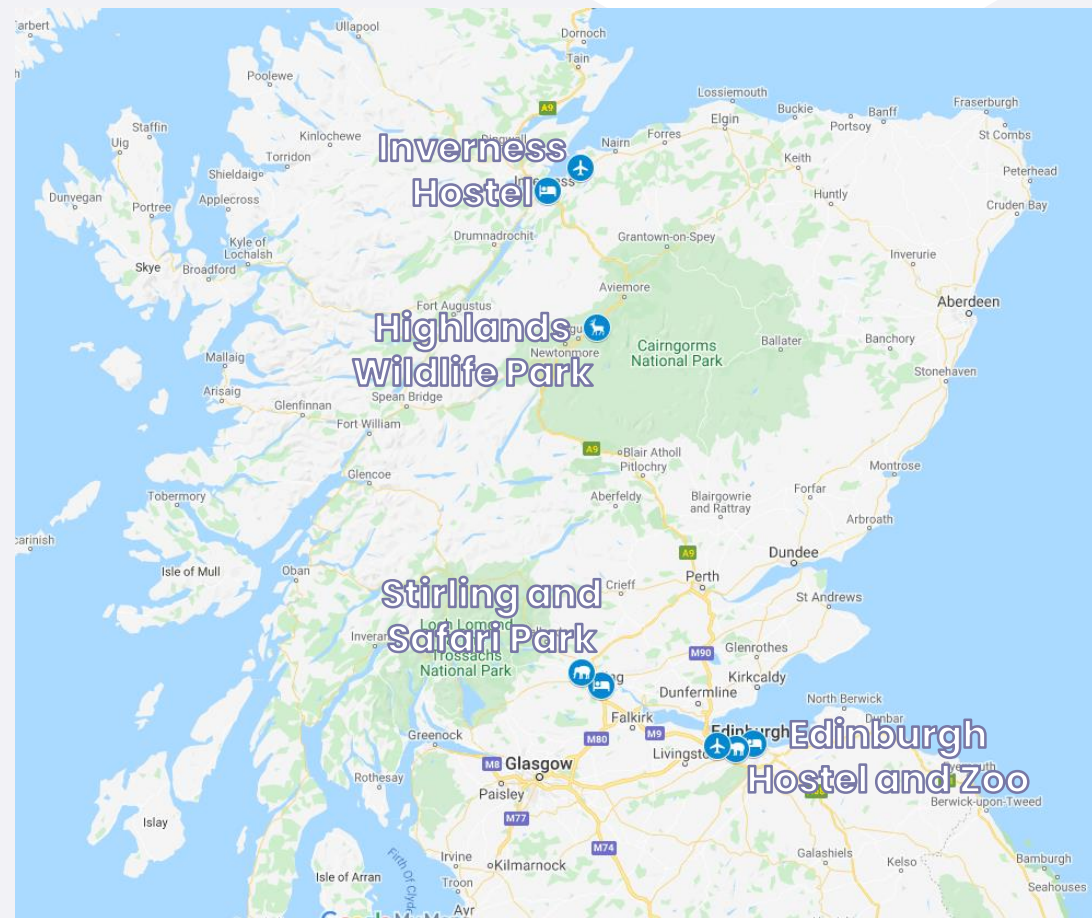


Location

The Cairngorms National Park, part of the Cairngorms mountain range, is the heart of the Scottish Highlands, it is the UK's largest National Park and is home to the RZSS (Royal Zoological Society of Scotland) Highland Wildlife Park. This along with an evening in Inverness forms the first part of your three-part expedition.

The City of Stirling provides a brilliant base for one night. It's a city with a deep medieval history, the ancient capital of Scotland and a short drive to the Blair Drummond Safari Park.

The third and final location of this compact and well-rounded experience is Edinburgh, Scotland's capital. The city's organic medieval Old Town and the Georgian (18th/19th century) New Town are designated by UNESCO a World Heritage Site for displaying a contrast of two periods at a level not seen anywhere else in Europe. Edinburgh Zoo, also part of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, is an 80-acre site located on the south facing slopes of Corstorphine Hill, Edinburgh and where you will finish your expedition.



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Your Safari and Wildlife Park Programme

- Educational tour and elements with officers of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland
- Studies and knowledge sharing with dedicated experts in their field and specific to your chosen animal group
- Understand the importance of animal management for endangered animals within a wildlife park
- An expert overview of the role of modern zoos and wildlife parks as centres for conservation, education and research
- Lecture on animal care in zoos
- Learn and understand certain animal behaviours, through research, such as monitoring and data recording
- Question and answer sessions with RZSS educational officers
- Discuss animal husbandry, nutrition, record keeping, transport, training and enrichment for the captive environment



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Itinerary

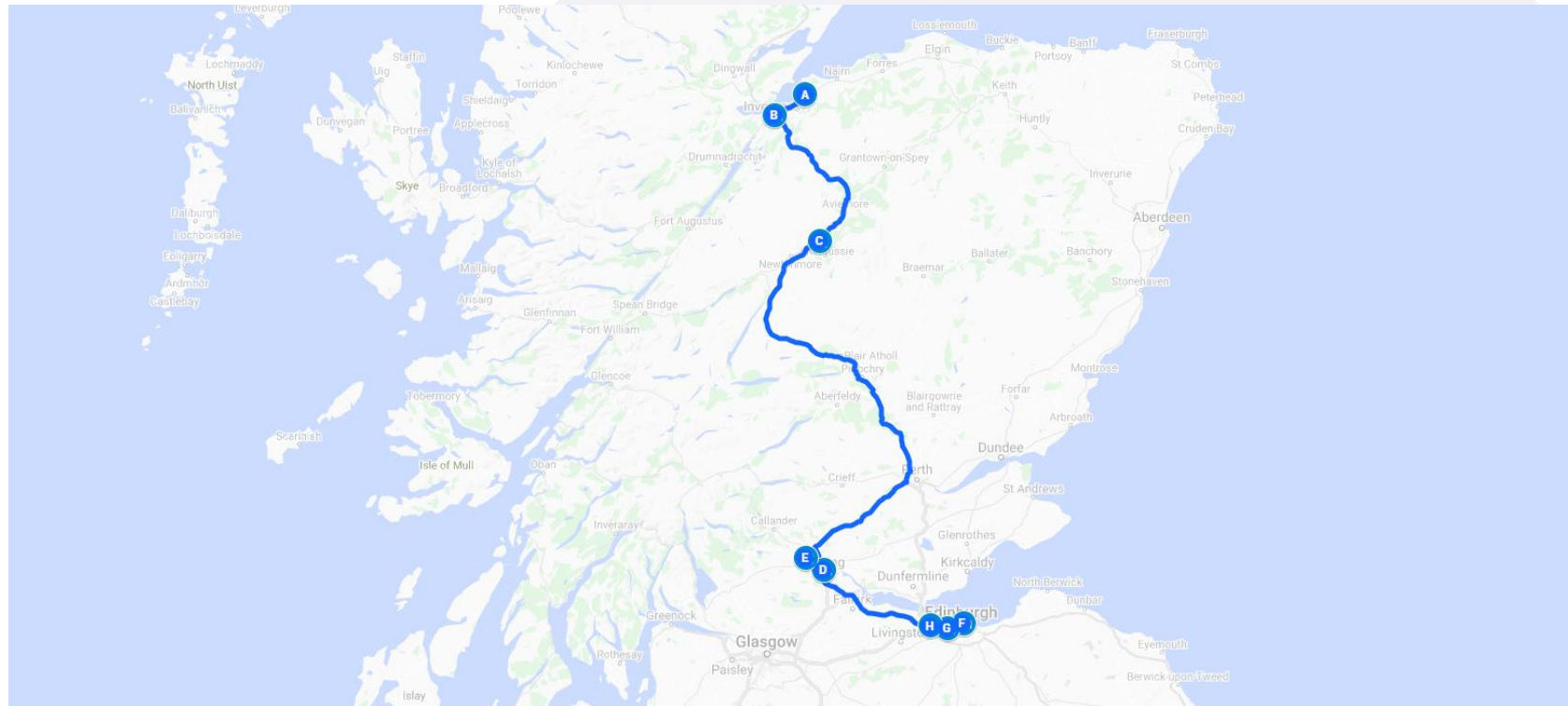
- ❖ Day 1 – Flight from Bristol to Inverness Airport, where you'll be greeted by your coach driver for a private transfer to Inverness Youth Hostel. Dinner at youth hostel. Evening at leisure.
- ❖ Day 2 – After breakfast, private coach to Highland Wildlife Park, approximately 1 hour. Blend of lectures and educational experiences during the day. Private coach to the Travelodge, ideally placed in the centre of Stirling, dinner in Stirling and time at leisure.
- ❖ Day 3 – After breakfast, check out of accommodation and take private coach to the Blair Drummond Safari Park where you'll drive through the park to experience a safari with Lions, Rhino, Elephant and more. A presentation and lecture will be given on your chosen subject by the academic staff; you'll see what is required to care for the animals and how it impacts the functioning of the park. Coach journey to Edinburgh youth Hostel, dinner at hostel and evening at leisure.
- ❖ Day 4 – After breakfast, check out of accommodation, a 5 minute walk to the bus stop to catch public transport (Bus No.26) from Leopold Place to Edinburgh Zoo, approximately 20 minute journey, buses operate every 12 minutes. Academic sessions will be provided with RZSS education officers on your chosen subject (e.g. Zoo Animal Care and Behaviour). Leave the zoo and head straight for Edinburgh Airport by public transport (bus Airlink 100), journey time 20 minutes, for your return flight to Bristol.

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Itinerary Map

INV Airport (A) -> Inverness YH (B) -> Highlands Wildlife Park (C)
-> Stirling Travelodge (D) -> Blair Drummond Safari Park (E) ->
Edinburgh YH (F) -> Edinburgh Zoo (G) -> Edinburgh Airport (H)





ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Details on accommodation
and meals



ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



Inverness, Stirling & Edinburgh Accommodation

Nights one and three are in youth hostel accommodation, and night two is in Travelodge® hotel. They are all perfectly situated in their respective city centres, so you can explore and enjoy that deserved leisure time.

All rooms are private rooms for your group, hostels are based on 4-6 people sharing, hotel is 2 people sharing. Except group leaders who will have individual rooms.

Bathrooms are shared. All rooms are lockable.



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Food

Continental breakfasts are provided each day.

Packed lunches are given for taking into the parks and zoos.

Freshly prepared and cooked dinners are included at nearby restaurants and accommodation. Details will be given in your travel plan once booking is confirmed.

It is important that you let us know in advance of any dietary requirements – whether allergies, intolerances or preference. This will allow us to ensure that you are adequately catered for.





USEFUL INFORMATION

What is included and
recommended kit list



WHAT'S INCLUDED



What is included

- Accommodation
- Transfers whilst at project and between locations (except local bus journeys)
- Continental breakfast
- Packed lunches
- Dinners
- 24/7 support

Not Included

- Personal Travel Insurance
- Breakfast and lunch on day one
- Dinner on day four
- Two local bus journeys on day five*
- Any activities not specified as part of the project

*we will detail in the travel plan about payment method and means to board the bus once booking is confirmed

Suggested kit list

- Short sleeve shirts
- Trousers/shorts
- T shirts
- Hiking Boots/comfortable walking shoes
- Rain jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded parka jacket/windbreaker – warm
- Daypack rucksack
- Socks
- Warm Hat (winter only) /Hat for sun protection
- Gloves for warmth (in winter only)
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings

- Underwear
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Toiletries
- Tick / insect repellent

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Good torch
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Spare batteries
- Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- Sunscreen
- Notebook/diary and pen



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