Page Turner Travel

Step Through the Stones into the Highlands

A six-day journey through Scotland's Outlander filming locations and Jacobite history — from Lallybroch to the field of Culloden.

DISCOVER • READ • EXPLORE • REPEAT

01 *Lallybroch & the Forth*



MORNING

Midhope Castle, Abercorn

The 15th-century tower house that stands in for Lallybroch, Jamie Fraser's family home. Entry to the Hopetoun Estate grounds needs a vehicle pass, so book ahead.



AFTERNOON

Blackness Castle

A fortress on the shore of the Firth of Forth, used as the setting for Jamie's flogging at the hands of Captain ‘Black Jack’ Randall.



LATE AFTERNOON

Linlithgow Palace

The ruined royal palace, birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots, doubles as Wentworth Prison in the series.

02 *Fife & Castle Leoch*



MORNING

Culross

A whitewashed 17th-century village that plays Cranesmuir, home of Geillis Duncan. The garden behind Culross Palace stands in for Claire's herb garden.



MIDDAY

Falkland

Standing in for 1940s Inverness, where Claire and Frank's second honeymoon begins. Find the Bruce Fountain in the village square.



AFTERNOON

Doune Castle

The filming site of Castle Leoch, seat of Clan MacKenzie. Take the audio guide narrated by Sam Heughan, who plays Jamie.

03 *Into the Highlands*



MORNING

Kinloch Rannoch

A village near where the time-travelling stone circle scenes were filmed. The stones were a set piece on private land, but the moorland setting remains. Kinloch Rannoch is popular for its outdoor pursuits such as fishing and boating on the loch, as well as hiking.



MIDDAY

Killiecrankie

A wooded gorge and the site of the 1689 Battle of Killiecrankie, a Jacobite victory and part of the history the novels draw on.



AFTERNOON

Highland Folk Museum, Newtonmore

An open-air museum of historic crofts, featured in the series as a MacKenzie clan village.

04 *Culloden & Clava Cairns*



MORNING

Culloden Battlefield

The site of the pivotal 1746 battle that ended the Jacobite Rising. The visitor centre and memorial stones bring the history to life.



MIDDAY

Clava Cairns

Bronze Age ring cairns and standing stones, about a mile and a half from Culloden and widely cited as the inspiration for Craigh na Dun.



LATE AFTERNOON

Inverness

The Highland capital, and where the books open with Claire and Frank's 1945 honeymoon. Free time along the River Ness.

05 *Glens & Jacobite Country*



MORNING

Great Glen & Loch Ness

A scenic drive along Loch Ness and through the Great Glen toward Fort William. Not a filming set, but the Highland landscape the story moves through.



MIDDAY

Glenfinnan

Where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard in 1745 to begin the Jacobite Rising. The monument overlooks Loch Shiel.



AFTERNOON

Glencoe

One of the sweeping Highland landscapes seen on screen, and a valley steeped in real clan history.

06 *Rannoch Moor & Farewell*



MORNING

Rannoch Moor

Cross one of Scotland's wildest stretches of moorland on the way south.



AFTERNOON

Deanston Distillery, Doune

A working distillery that appears among the series' Scottish filming locations. A tasting makes a fitting toast to end on.



EVENING

Edinburgh

Return to Edinburgh, where Jamie runs a print shop in the novels' third book, *Voyager*. A free evening before departure.

Before You Go

Book Ahead

Midhope Castle requires a vehicle pass from Hopetoun Estate, and Doune Castle and Culloden are busy in summer. Reserve entry and accommodation early, especially June–September.

The Real Craigh na Dun

The show's stone circle was a set at Kinloch Rannoch on private land. For real standing stones, Clava Cairns near Inverness is the closest match and is widely cited as the inspiration.

Getting Around

Highland roads are often single-track and drive times run longer than the map suggests. Plan on a rental car or private driver-guide, and leave slack between stops.

Shorter Trip

If four days is your ceiling, end after Day 4 in Inverness. For a Highlands-only trip, focus on Days 3–5 rather than rushing the whole route.