



SCOTLAND

Single Malt Whisky Tour

Scotland has 93 distilleries. In pursuit of the favourite and famous distilleries requires you to feel the wind, the rain, the loch, the peat, the river and the pot stills. The 'water of life' single malt whisky has been produced in Scotland since 1494. Now the amber-tinged bottles are found everywhere in Scotland and most places on earth.

The most important regions for single malt whisky production are Speyside and the Isle of Islay. The famous brands include Glenlivet, Laphroaig, Lagavulin, Glenfiddich, Macallan and Ardbeg. The flavours range from fruity (honey and vanilla) to peaty and smoky styles. Every distillery has its own process which adds to the different styles.



The Peat



The Malt



The Stills



Cardhu



Some of the very best single malt whiskies will include:

- Bowmore Fino Cask 1964
- Laphroaig 1961
- Glen Grant 10 years old
- Glenmorangie 1981
- Talisker 1982
- Bruichladdich Valinch 1986

Macallan has produced an extraordinary stock of vintage malts. The limited edition of malts command high prices at auction.

We will provide you with a Single Malt Whisky tour which takes you to the great distilleries. We will ask you for your preferred distillery names and include where possible in the tour. A suggested tour might look like this (all details subject to availability):



Balmoral Hotel



Culloden House Hotel



Bowmore



Ardbeg



Day 1

Stay at the luxurious **Balmoral Hotel** in Edinburgh. Sightseeing/golf/spa by day with whisky nosing (tasting) before dinner. Visit one or two local pubs to taste whisky in its natural habitat.

Day 2

Travel via Glasgow with flight to Isle of Islay. Alternative is lengthy chauffeur driven car journey through beautiful country with ferry crossing. Islay and Jura have nine distilleries which would require overnight stay to visit all of them with the possibility of a game of golf at Islay Golf Club with fishing/stalking and rough shooting also available. Otherwise a day visit might include:

- **Laphroaig** : Started in 1815. One of very few distilleries with own maltings. Mature in ex-bourbon casks. 4000 bottles of 40 year old realized in 2001. About 200,000 in supporters club.
- **Lagavulin** : Started in 1816. Possible peatiest Islay whisky. 30 year old launched in 2006.
- **Ardbeg** : First distillery at Ardbeg 1794. A great peaty whisky with 30000 in supporters club.
- **Bowmore** : Established 1779. Also has its own malting floor and peat is gathered from nearby. Wide product range. 16 and 37 year launched in 2006.

Meet with the Manager or Master Distiller at some of the distilleries.
Overnight Edinburgh or Isle of Islay.

Day 3 or 4

Fly Edinburgh to Inverness with transfer to the grand **Culloden House** hotel. Set in 40 acres, impressive Georgian mansion was requisitioned by Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1746 before the Battle of Culloden. Rooms furnished with antiques.

A guided tour of the area including the battlefield of Culloden, play golf at Nairn Golf Course, fishing on the River Spey or deerstalking/rough shooting are some of the many options.

Whisky nosing at the hotel followed by a Robbie Burn's style dinner, with piping in of the haggis with poem 'Ode to a Haggis' and short stories. Dinner is served followed by a presentation on the Jacobites with Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Battle of Culloden or the Real Braveheart.



Day 5

Visit Speyside by chauffeur driven car. The visit might include.

- **Cardhu** : Established 1811. Main markets Spain, France, Portugal, Greece, Beautiful location. 12 year old relaunched and 22 year old released in 2005.
- **Glenlivet** : Established 1817. Main markets USA, Mexico, Hungary. 16 year old released 2006 and 33 year old 2005.
- **Glenfiddich** : Most sold malt whisky in the world; 29 stills, store up to 800,000 casks, established 1887. 33 year old released 2006.
- **Strathisla** : Established 1786. Beautiful distillery.
- **Glen Grant** : Mainly sold in Europe; some sales USA and Asia.
- **Macallan** : Started in 1824. Whisky matured in sherry wood. Range of vintages from 1926 to 1975. 50 year old launched 2005.

Meet with the Master Distiller or Manager at some of the distilleries.

Plan your visit to coincide with the Whisky Festivals (May/June/September), the Highland Shows (June, September), Burns Supper (January 25th).

We can take care of all your requirements from arrival to departure.

Please note that all the above arrangements are subject to confirmation and availability.

Please contact us about sightseeing, golf, fishing, deerstalking, sailing, spa centres and other holiday activities.

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