



SCOTLAND IN SPRING

A 7-10 Day
Itinerary &
Packing Capsule

JL TRAVEL x SCOUT COUTURE



trip assumptions

1. You will be on your feet exploring a lot
2. You'll be dealing with changes in weather
3. You won't have access to laundry or won't be bothering with it

ideal timing

Late April-May

weather

Cool and often breezy. Expect daytime highs in the 50s-60s°F, occasional rain, and sunshine that can come and go quickly.



→ DAYS 1-3

Edinburgh

why start here

Edinburgh is an easy arrival point, offering a walkable, well-connected city before transitioning into the more remote and weather-dependent Highlands

stay

Central Old Town or New Town



what your days look like

- Long walking days through Old Town and New Town
- Castle views, gardens, cobblestone streets
- Museums, bookshops, cafés, and relaxed pub dinners



packing considerations

- Comfortable daily walking shoes, as this is a city where you'll walk a lot. Outfits will need to work with full days on foot
- Lightweight layers you can re-wear
- One polished outfit for evenings
- A lightweight, packable outer layer that's easy to add or remove as conditions change throughout the day



→ DAY 4

Edinburgh → Scottish Highlands

route

Pick up rental car + drive north (2.5-4 hours depending on destination)

possible stops en route

- Pitlochry
- Dunkeld
- Short forest or loch-side walks

packing considerations

- Comfortable travel outfit
- A small day bag (crossbody, small backpack) that's easy to manage when getting in and out of the car

The Highlands

travel tip

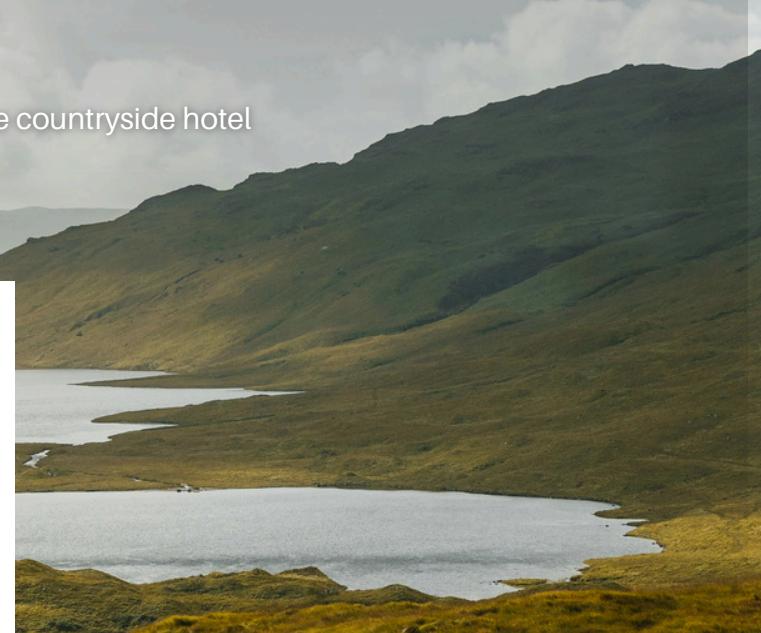
Choosing one home base and taking day trips from there is far more efficient than packing up and changing hotels every day

stay

Inverness area, Cairngorms, Glencoe, or loch-side countryside hotel

what your days look like

- Scenic drives
- Light hikes and viewpoints
- Lochs, castles, and quiet villages
- Early evenings and cozy dinners



packing considerations

- Spring here means rapid weather changes (sun, wind, mist, rain) sometimes all in one day
- Rewearable base layers
- Mid-layers that mix and match
- Waterproof outer layer
- Shoes that can handle damp ground
- Minimal “outfit” outfits - functionality wins here

Isle of Skye

add this if

You have more time, are comfortable with longer drives, and want dramatic scenery.

what changes

- Windier conditions
- Fewer dining options
- More casual dress overall

packing considerations

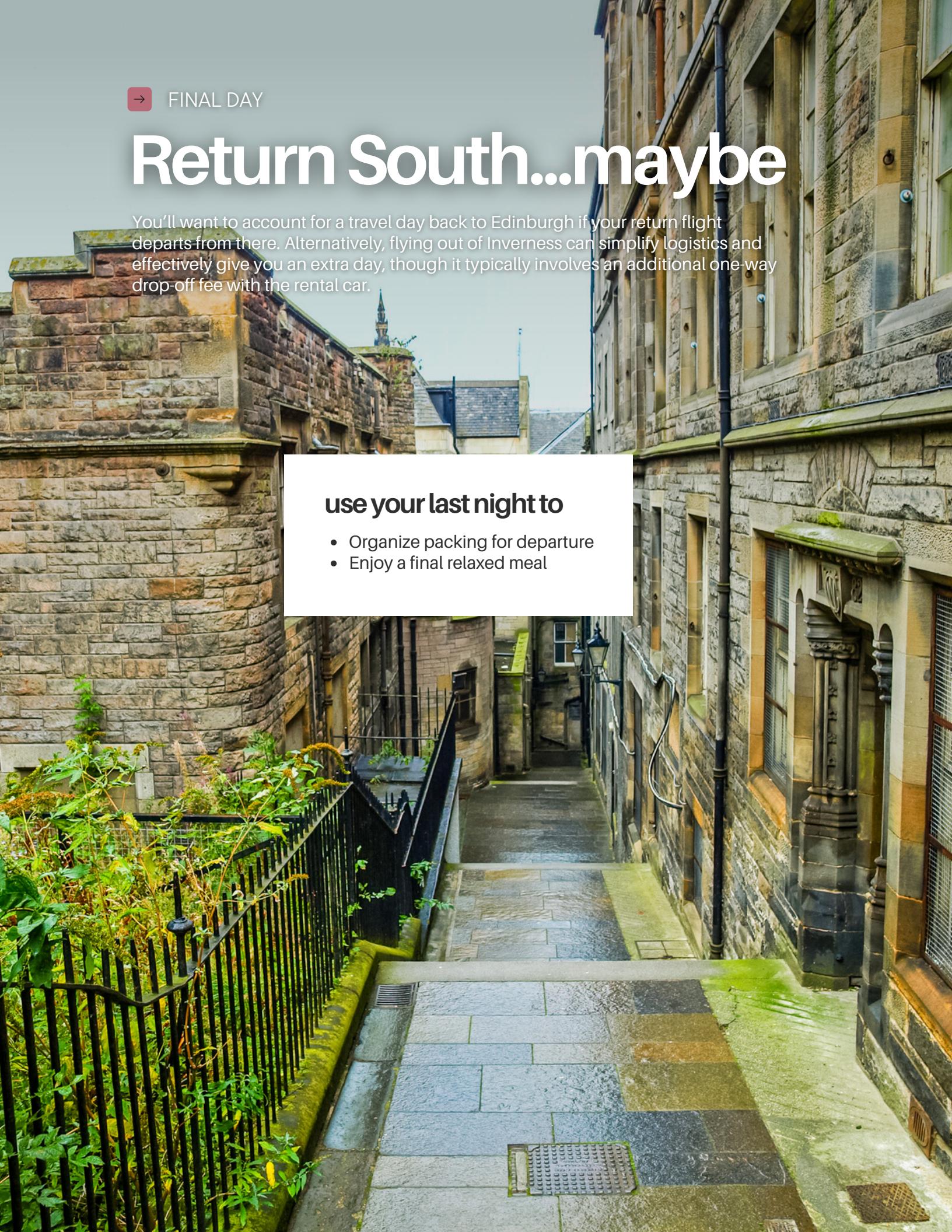
- One extra weather-ready outfit
- Fewer "city" pieces

Return South...maybe

You'll want to account for a travel day back to Edinburgh if your return flight departs from there. Alternatively, flying out of Inverness can simplify logistics and effectively give you an extra day, though it typically involves an additional one-way drop-off fee with the rental car.

use your last night to

- Organize packing for departure
- Enjoy a final relaxed meal



Packing List

travel + transit core

Tip: Pack neutral, mix-and-match pieces. Wear the same outfit on the plane both ways, and choose wrinkle-resistant layers for car days that transition easily into walking around town.

- Leggings
- Wide leg pant
- Versatile sweatshirt
- Tees (2)
- Long sleeved tees (2)
- Tanks (2)
- Lightweight, waterproof jacket w/ hood
- Comfortable sneakers



accessories + essentials

- Scarf
- Warm hat + gloves
- Jewelry
- Crossbody bag
- Neutral baseball hat
- Undergarments
- Warm, breathable socks
- Pajama sets (2)

sightseeing + exploring

Tip: Plan outfits that work day to night when there isn't time to change. Neutral pants, a button-down, and a light sweater can take you from sightseeing to dinner—swap sneakers for flats or loafers, add a scarf or jewelry, and you're instantly more polished.

- Neutral pants (2)
- Button down shirt
- Crewneck or turtleneck sweater
- Cardigan sweater
- Denim
- Waterproof sneakers or hiking shoes
- Moto/ bomber jacket or blazer (optional, choose one)
- Leather loafers, ballet flats or low block-heel ankle boots (choose one)

