

# Packing for your Vacation in Scotland

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Clothes	Outer Wear	Footwear
<b>LAYERS</b> The secret to what clothes to bring to Scotland can be summed up in one word – Layer up using thin tops with a woolly jumper/sweater on top. If you get too warm you can shed a layer, if too cold add it on again	<b>WATERPROOF JACKET</b> This doesn't have to mean cumbersome and heavy. These days a light waterproof, quick drying jacket can be found almost everywhere and it won't take up a lot of space in your luggage either.  Make sure the waterproof jacket also has a hood as umbrellas tend to be useless.  Throw in a beanie hat instead of an umbrella.	<b>FLAT</b> You will find yourself walking a lot more in Scotland than at home. For this flat footwear is essential e.g. trainers (sneakers) or pumps or hiking boots.
<b>T-Shirts</b> - You will likely find yourself warm or hot inside and so t-shirts come in handy. And, hey, you never know you might even be hot outside too!  <b>Long sleeved t-shirt.</b> This type of top are something you will wear a lot. They can be used as a base layer or as is.		<b>Hiking Boots</b> - If you plan on visiting the highlands you will probably be tramping across the countryside. For this hiking boots are essential.  If you just take hiking boots it covers all the above. Wear them on the flight to save the baggage weight
<b>Jumper/Sweater</b> - A thin but warm (wool if you have) jumper, or sweater, is essential. I also like a <b>hoodie</b> type of top but would suggest bringing that along with a jumper  <b>Jeans</b> - most people can't go without them, me included. Bring them.  <b>Shorts</b> – if travelling between May and September it may be sunny and even hot. You will be glad you brought a pair with you.	<b>Fleece</b> - A fleece is always a warm and light jacket to bring. I would definitely recommend you bring one fleece.	Flip flops are easy and light to pack and if it is sunny you will find useful
<b>WHAT NOT TO BRING</b> One thick jumper, use the layering system to keep warm. A large jumper takes up a lot of space in luggage and takes a long time to dry if it gets wet.	<b>Hiking Trousers</b> – light weight and dry easily which makes them a great addition to your luggage if you already have them. Some become shorts if it gets hot too, giving you options.	Girls: Only bring <b>heels</b> if you plan on going to a fancy do. The restaurant dress codes are relaxed unless stated. In the countryside anything is accepted even those hiking boots!
	<b>WHAT NOT TO BRING</b> A thick canvas type of jacket when wet will take an age to dry and will take up a lot of your baggage weight allowance.	<b>WHAT NOT TO BRING</b> Umbrella – the wind generally renders these useless, instead rely on your beanie and hood from the waterproof jacket.

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- Passport
- VISA (if required)
- Flight tickets/booking refs
- Travel Insurance
- Plug adaptor
- Chargers for phone/tablet/laptop
- Driving Licence
- Student/Senior card
- Other holiday documentation e.g. hotel booking, itinerary etc.

**NON-ESSENTIALS** (can be bought in Scotland if you forget)

- Toiletries
- After shave/perfume
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hairbrush
- Lip balm

## VALUABLES

- Travel money/credit card
- Tablet/Camera
- Phone/headphones

## CLOTHING

- Underwear
- Sleepwear
- Socks
- Long sleeved T-shirts
- T-shirts
- Jumper/sweater x2
- Hoody
- Jeans
- Shorts (summer only)
- Other trousers/pants

## OUTERWEAR

- Waterproof jacket
- Beanie hat
- Waterproof trousers
- Fleece

## FOOTWEAR

- Hiking Boots
- Trainers/sneakers
- Pumps
- Flip flops

## EXTRAS

- Guidebook

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