

PODCAST EPISODE #73 - DAY TRIPS FROM EDINBURGH BY TRAIN

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Intro [00:00:02]:

Welcome to the UK travel planning podcast. Your host is the founder of the UK travel planning website, Tracey Collins. In this podcast, Tracey shares destination guides, travel tips, and itinerary ideas as well as interviews with a variety of guests who share their knowledge and experience of UK travel to help you plan your perfect UK vacation. Join us as we explore the UK from cosmopolitan cities to quaint villages, from historic castles to beautiful islands, and from the Trest Countryside to Seaside Towns.

Tracy Collins [00:00:39]:

Hi, and welcome to this week's episode of the UK travel planning podcast. This week, Doug and I thought we would chat about some of the places you can easily visit on a day trip from Edinburgh by train. Hello there. If you are considering based in yourself in Edinburgh for a few days, then why not incorporate a day trip or two into your itinerary? Obviously, there are quite a few tour options available, but we thought we would share our favorite trips by train that you can take independently. We do have a detailed article, which took wrote, which covers even more day trips from Edinburgh by train. But for this podcast, we've picked a selection from the article. I will link to that full article in this week's show notes atuktravelplanet.com/forward/episodes73. So do do pop over there for even more Scottish travel in for inspiration.

Tracy Collins [00:01:25]:

But, for this episode, let's talk about some of our favorite day trips from, Edinburgh by train, shall we?

Doug Collins [00:01:31]:

Yeah. It's a good idea. We've taken all of these ones at some point. So the first one we looked at was the train trip to Saint Andrews, which We get asked about a great deal,

Tracy Collins [00:01:42]:

don't we? I think so. It seems to be probably one of the well, it is one of the most popular, definitely, day trips From Edinburgh.

Doug Collins [00:01:48]:

Yep. So it's a it's a university town, north of Edinburgh, and it's, well, St Andrew is the home of golf.

Tracy Collins [00:01:56]:

I was gonna say it's really famous for Golf. And it's also really famous because that is where Prince William met Kate. So there's a lot of associations with that, and, I believe in the new episodes of The Crown, I think well, we woah. We're actually in Saint Andrews this summer, when when and they had been recording the new episodes of The Crown, on the the Netflix series. So I know a lot of people enjoy having a a wander around, around Saint Andrews. And, I mean, I think probably the the biggest draw card is Definitely the golf course.

Doug Collins [00:02:25]:

Oh, most definitely.

Tracy Collins [00:02:26]:

And we did have to stand at the Svilcann Bridge and get that iconic photo.

Doug Collins [00:02:31]:

Of The Stonebridge.

Tracy Collins [00:02:32]:

Yeah. So I will put a I will put that in the show notes actually so you can check that out. So, getting to Saint Andrews, though, is Actually, surprisingly easy, isn't it?

Doug Collins [00:02:41]:

It is. It's really easy. It's a single train journey from Edinburgh. So The there's no actual station train station at St Andrews, which seems to catch a few people out. The the name of the train station is Lucas Or Lucas, depending on your pronunciation. And it's just over between 55 minutes to 1 hour 15 minutes in each direction by train. And it's a very straightforward, and there's so many trains daily. So it's, no no problems at all.

Doug Collins [00:03:09]:

So what you need to do, you Join with your ticket, and then about 10 minutes into that, you go over the very famous Forth Vale Bridge, which is over the stretch of water called the further Forth. And it's not easy Josep?

Tracy Collins [00:03:21]:

The UNESCO World Heritage.

Doug Collins [00:03:22]:

Isn't that lovely? Yeah. And it's, it's a cantilever, bridge, which was completed in 18/89.

Tracy Collins [00:03:29]:

And it is. It's a beautiful bridge to go over as well. And there are plenty of trains every day from Edinburgh, Waverly to Luca, so don't worry about that. Actually it's a direct service, so no changes. So you get on the train, and you get off at Lucas at the side of it.

Doug Collins [00:03:42]:

That's right. Because it's it's on the same train line as you take from Red River if you're taking it the coastal route Around, Aberdeen, Dundee Yeah. Obviously up to Inverness.

Tracy Collins [00:03:52]:

Yeah. And, actually, when you arrive at Lucas as well, there's plenty of bus. When you come out the The train station. You have this bus there's actually taxis if you wanna get taxis, but they're also buses.

Doug Collins [00:04:02]:

That's right. Yeah. And there's multiple buses. There's taxis there, and it's Literally right next to the car park next to the station, isn't it?

Tracy Collins [00:04:08]:

Yeah. Very, very easy. And that took I think it took us about 12 minutes to get into Saint Andrews. So what we did is we booked a a walk in tour of Saint Andrew's. So I'd recommend doing that as well because that was a great way to Have a look around Saint Andrews and learn a lot about the history and, obviously, some of those kind of famous places where where Kate and and, William would hang out. That's just quite cool. And obviously go and have a look at the golf course as well.

Doug Collins [00:04:33]:

And that's another thing that's actually in St Andrews itself. There's the, ruins of the cathedral, And there's a castle there as well.

Tracy Collins [00:04:41]:

Yeah. It's it was it's a really, pretty, little city. It's a city town. Cathedral, so it's probably is it town? Yeah. Okay. To do this. It's a town. Town to visit.

Tracy Collins [00:04:50]:

Yeah. And, yes. So so we know that's a really popular place for for, for visitors The test for Edinburgh to go to. There's some really nice ice cream as well that you can buy there as well. Can you remember the name of the place we went?

Doug Collins [00:05:01]:

I can't. It's very famous.

Tracy Collins [00:05:02]:

I will link to that in the show notes. Yes. I think Think oh, I can't remember now you've said it. Oh, I've got it. So Antonette's or something like that?

Doug Collins [00:05:10]:

Yeah. Something like that.

Tracy Collins [00:05:10]:

Yeah. Yeah. It was really nice.

Doug Collins [00:05:11]:

Yeah. Every flavor under the You can think

Tracy Collins [00:05:14]:

of it. Very famous, and and a lot of people well, we were there in June, and their queues were just about the the door, weren't there?

Doug Collins [00:05:20]:

Yes, anyway.

Tracy Collins [00:05:21]:

Yeah. So So what's the 2nd, choice that we've decided to talk about in this episode?

Doug Collins [00:05:26]:

Well, it's, again, one that comes up very often. It's the, short journey from Edinburgh to Glasgow. So that takes about 50 minutes to an hour and a half depending which train you catch, how many stations It stops off. But it's very, very straightforward. And, again, there's multiple services each day.

Tracy Collins [00:05:44]:

Yeah. And there's loads of things to see in Glasgow. In fact, it's it's A fantastic city to visit, to be honest. I know everybody goes to Edinburgh, but really, Glasgow also deserves to be on your itinerary. And I actually have got a For one day itinerary for Glasgow on the website. Again, I'll link to that in the show notes. But seriously, don't write off Glasgow because everybody goes Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Edinburgh. Yes.

Tracy Collins [00:06:05]:

Edinburgh is beautiful, and you will enjoy it. But actually, going to Glasgow is totally worth it. There's there's some fantastic museums there. The Kelvingrove Art Kelvin Grove Art Gallery and Museum is worth going to. We went to the Riverside Transport Museum, didn't we, when we were there, which was brilliant. We We did the hop on and hop off bus to get ourselves around Glasgow, which we really enjoyed. You really can't miss either going to the cathedral and the Necropoli, which is on the top of the hill overlooking Glasgow, which is fabulous. Very interesting place to go and visit.

Tracy Collins [00:06:37]:

Very atmospheric, and so don't miss that off. And there's some wonderful street art in Glasgow as well,

Doug Collins [00:06:42]:

isn't it? There is. And we we took in the street art, and then we actually found ourselves in the Willow Tea Tea Rooms as well, didn't we?

Tracy Collins [00:06:47]:

We did. Yeah. We did. So if you're a fan of Art Deco and Charles Rennie Macintosh, you really need got the Willow Tea Rooms, Highly recommend it. I think you had had Hagus swim there, didn't you?

Doug Collins [00:06:57]:

Of course.

Tracy Collins [00:06:58]:

I did. Yeah. So Glasgow so you can literally just go and have have a day or half a day really in Glasgow, if you wanted to, you're from Edinburgh. But one other, destination you could incorporate into that day or, actually, you could do it On its own if you wanted to. And to be honest, we've done Glasgow on its own and the other destination that you're about to talk about.

Doug Collins [00:07:17]:

Yes. At Falkirk, you've got the, the famous Kelpies

Tracy Collins [00:07:21]:

Horses. Yes. So they're 30 meter high equine sculptures, and they can find it in the Helix Park. Actually, you can see them you can see them from the train on the right hand side if you look out from Edinburgh. Yeah. And they're they're a short taxi ride away from the train station. There are buses as well. Actually, the 1st time we ever went, I think either the buses went on or we'd missed them or something, so we decided that we walk to the Kelpies.

Tracy Collins [00:07:44]:

Not a good idea.

Doug Collins [00:07:44]:

I have a mistake.

Tracy Collins [00:07:45]:

Yeah. They're a little bit further away than than we had anticipated,

Doug Collins [00:07:49]:

weren't they? Yes. Most definitely.

Tracy Collins [00:07:51]:

Yeah. And also close by, you've got The Falkirk Wheel, which is a rotated boat lift, a lift which connects the Forth and Clyde Canals with the Union Canal. Really worth seeing. Quite Quite amazing, isn't it?

Doug Collins [00:08:03]:

This is whether you have an interest in engineering our or canals, it's still worth looking at because it's actually a work of art. It's very, very clever.

Tracy Collins [00:08:11]:

Yeah. And, honestly, I the Kelpies are so beautiful, and the everybody really should try and get opportunity To see them, they they really are. I remember the 1st time I saw, the Kelpies on television, and I turned to Doug and said, I have to go and see them. Mhmm. And they are magnificent. Really, they're The 2 horse head sculptures. They're 30 meters high, so just imagine that, and they are stunning. Again, I'm gonna put some photos in the show notes.

Tracy Collins [00:08:38]:

But really, definitely, if you can get yourself out to Falkirk, go and see the Kelpies.

Doug Collins [00:08:42]:

I said in the lit up as well at certain times.

Tracy Collins [00:08:45]:

Yeah. Yeah. Yep. Yeah. In the evening time, you're gonna get them as well beautifully lit up. So hopefully, we we'll we're hoping in January that we'll get a to to go to Edinburgh in

Glasgow, and we'll definitely try and fit a visit into Falkirk to go and see the Kelpies at night.

Doug Collins [00:09:00]:

Yeah. Most definitely.

Tracy Collins [00:09:02]:

Because they'll they'll be absolutely fantastic. So that kinda covers 3. So we've already given you Edinburgh to Saint Andrews via Lucas, Edinburgh to Glasgow is its own day trip, and then Edinburgh to Falkirk. You could Kinda do Edinburgh, Glasgow and incorporate Falkirk?

Doug Collins [00:09:20]:

Yes. You do both.

Tracy Collins [00:09:21]:

Yeah. If you really wanted to.

Doug Collins [00:09:22]:

On how early you start in the morning.

Tracy Collins [00:09:23]:

Yeah. Yeah. So that's that's 3 that we've talked about. So The 4th trip that Doug wanted. And this is because you wrote this article, so I'm kinda deferring to you on these. But, the 4th.

Doug Collins [00:09:35]:

Yeah. This is a journey I've done quite a few times. It's from Edinburgh to Inverness. Now you've got the 2 choices. You can go More or less more of a central route via Perth, Pitlochry, and Aviemore, or you can take the coastal route, which is on the northeast, and it's via Aberdeen. And it takes much longer. It can take up to about 5 hours that way. But part of the way that you're hugging the coast, and you've just got the spectacular views.

Doug Collins [00:10:04]:

So that's one way, and you can also get Inverness, if you take as I say, you can go via Pinlockery, let and Aviemore. Yep. And so there's plenty to see that way. Lots of parks.

Tracy Collins [00:10:13]:

How long does that take, that one?

Doug Collins [00:10:16]:

Well, the the Aberdeen route takes the longest, and that's about 5 hours each way. Or via Perth And, Pillock in Aviemore, that could take about 3 to 3 and a half hours to 4 depending which ones you catch.

Tracy Collins [00:10:28]:

So they're probably best done in the summer then, but when you've got the Glentadis.

Doug Collins [00:10:32]:

That's right. I mean, alternatively, you can, I mean, it depends on which you like sitting on the train? You know what I do

Tracy Collins [00:10:38]:

Well, I know you'd just Go there back in the day. We're happy with that.

Doug Collins [00:10:40]:

I'm happy to do that. But you can also if you have an early start, you can actually do a circular trip.

Tracy Collins [00:10:45]:

Oh, okay.

Doug Collins [00:10:45]:

You can take the coast well, Whichever way you wanna do it. The coastal trip up to Inverness and then come back down the more central route.

Tracy Collins [00:10:52]:

Oh, okay. So I suppose if you did that, that would Give you so that's 5 hours. So that's about 8 and a half hours on the train. So you probably still can't give yourself a couple of hours in inverness.

Doug Collins [00:11:01]:

Oh, easily. Easily. Yeah. I mean, it depends how much you wanna do with them. And I I took, you take your refreshments with you, but there's multiple train options,

Tracy Collins [00:11:10]:

really.

Doug Collins [00:11:10]:

Okay. And some with changes and some Without change, it depends because some some people would love to change trains. It depends. Yeah. But, you know, there's options.

Tracy Collins [00:11:19]:

So if you decided to take the route Via Aberdeen to Vanessa. You say that's a

Doug Collins [00:11:25]:

coastal route? On on and off until you get right to the Toxaw Forest in Elgin. It sort of comes inland a little bit. But part of the way, it's Hugging the Coast.

Tracy Collins [00:11:32]:

Yeah. Okay. And then if I decided to go oh, I mean, I know you also mentioned that there's a, Scenic Heritage Really?

Doug Collins [00:11:41]:

That's right. And particularly for the whiskey lovers amongst us. I don't drink anymore, but yes. Then the mainland train station place called Keith, And that's about 65, minutes from Aberdeen. And you can get up and break up your journey there. And you can you're in whiskey country here. You can catch the same train, or diesel train depending on the timetable from Keytown Station to Dufftown. And this is the famous, scenic heritage railway, Keith and Dothan railway, known as the Whiskey line.

Doug Collins [00:12:12]:

The line runs about 11 miles. Now Keith Towne Station is about 20 minutes walk from the mainline train station, so a little bit of a walk there. But the line takes you over the Glenfiddich Viaduct and to the Glenfiddich Distillery, not to mention beautiful scenery, both sides of the train along that along that

Tracy Collins [00:12:28]:

way. Mhmm.

Doug Collins [00:12:29]:

And then there's a whiskey tour you can take at the world's Mold Whiskey Capital.

Tracy Collins [00:12:34]:

Mhmm. Yep.

Doug Collins [00:12:35]:

Yeah. And this is, obviously, the Glenfiddich Distillery Visitor Centre. Wonderful trip. Wonderful day. So it depends. So you can either just stick on the train or you can just head straight to Keith, and you can do that. Depends what you what you like.

Tracy Collins [00:12:48]:

I was gonna say, so you could actually, I guess with this particular route, you could rather than head all the way to Inverness, which you've got the option to, you could just actually hop off at Aberdeen, or you should hop off at Keith.

Doug Collins [00:13:00]:

Right? Yeah. The things the things to say along the way. Aberdeen's interesting as well. I've worked in Aberdeen for a little while, so I know the whole area there is beautiful.

Tracy Collins [00:13:09]:

Okay. Okay. And then if I decided to take the route via Perth, pit Pitlockery, Blair, Atholl, and Aviemore. Yep. So how what would that route be like?

Doug Collins [00:13:18]:

Well, Perth is located it's on the River Thames about one half Fowles from Edinburgh. This whole area, you're heading up through national parks. It is just wall to wall beauty. And Yeah. We would need to do a podcast for 3 hours for me to just list the places you can actually get off at. But, in Perth, you you go via there. You got The famous Black Watch Castler Museum there, and nearby is actually the Scone Palace.

Tracy Collins [00:13:42]:

Okay.

Doug Collins [00:13:44]:

And Pitloch and Blair Atholl. The this the train stations are you need to check the the times because they don't all stop at every station.

Tracy Collins [00:13:53]:

And they're about an hour and 45 minutes from

Doug Collins [00:13:56]:

Edinburgh. Roundabout.

Tracy Collins [00:13:57]:

So you could actually again just go from Edinburgh to Pitloch if you wanted to for the day.

Doug Collins [00:14:01]:

Yes. So that's it. And I think Think we have.

Tracy Collins [00:14:02]:

We have. Yes. I was gonna I remember going to see the fish ladder.

Doug Collins [00:14:05]:

That's right. And there's the, nearby there is the Blair Atholl distillery.

Tracy Collins [00:14:09]:

Yep. See the

Doug Collins [00:14:09]:

Bella Whisky here. Yes. The Herradol, distillery, and, yeah, Blair Castle and Gardiner.

Tracy Collins [00:14:16]:

Beautiful. Okay. So lots of choices there. And then, Aviemore?

Doug Collins [00:14:20]:

Yeah. That's about 3 hours from, Edinburgh, and this is in the Cairngorms National Park. I don't know where Start with the beauty there. It's just stunning. I mean, that area is very much, like a winter sport, a winter area, but they got bruised that Away. And there's another steam railway that way. There's the stat Strathspey railway. That steam changed from Perth to Broomhill, which About 92 miles and takes close a couple of hours.

Doug Collins [00:14:46]:

Okay. Yeah. Love lovely. Lovely train journey.

Tracy Collins [00:14:48]:

So there's kinda loads of options on So those that that kind of circular route that you're talking about, there's lots of potential places that you could To just go for the day.

Doug Collins [00:14:58]:

Oh, that's right. You can Yeah. Yeah. That's right.

Tracy Collins [00:15:00]:

So but if you decided that you wanted to kind of you'd go by train through all those, but if your intention was to go to Inverness, obviously, you could Just go through take the train through all those places Yeah. Whichever route, and then stop off in Inverness. Now Inverness is the largest city in the Scottish Highlands, And and it's where the River Ness joins the Moray Firth, and it's a city that we visit very often, isn't it? We've been there quite a few times.

Doug Collins [00:15:23]:

Yes. It's it's beautiful. Beautiful. Yep.

Tracy Collins [00:15:25]:

So, it's actually a great base if you're gonna visit the Highlands anyway is to base yourself in Inverness. There is a hop on, hop off bus as well, so you could actually, you don't actually need transportation in terms of a car. You could actually get yourself up to Inverness by Train from Edinburgh and actually base yourself there and do some trips from there. So there's obviously tours available, but the hop on hop off bus will take you to places like clava cairns, which is a Bronze Age Cairn, Culloden Battlefield, which, of course, most people always talk to us about want to go and visit. And then you've got Loch Essen Castle Erquitt. There's lots of tours out there as well and boat trips around Oh,

Doug Collins [00:16:04]:

on Fort George, the artillery fort or fortification, that's, So worth a visit?

Tracy Collins [00:16:08]:

Yeah. So I guess if you want to do Inverness, you can do it in a day trip. Absolutely you can. Or you could go and sort of base yourself up there. And then from there and, actually, I guess, if we we'll talk about it at another point, we'll talk about our, rail itinerary for Scotland. You could actually base yourself in a mist and then catch the train to the Isle of La Colche and then well, you can't go by train to the Isle of Skye. No. But you can get The train line to the Caliper coast.

Doug Collins [00:16:38]:

And then there's bus.

Tracy Collins [00:16:39]:

There's buses from there, and there are actually tours that will pick you up there from that point and take you around the Alice Sky, and we've done that. I I remember we did 1st time I did that was years ago, and I was blown away how beautiful it is up there. Yeah. So that's the 4th option, but, obviously, with that 4th option, it's giving you lots of other Yeah. Lots lots

Doug Collins [00:16:56]:

of combinations of those. Yeah.

Tracy Collins [00:16:58]:

Yeah. So the 5th, option, we've got is going towards the Scottish Borders. So this is the Edinburgh to Tweed Bank?

Doug Collins [00:17:06]:

That's right. It's the borders railway. It's heading in the the opposite direction back down towards the the English border. So Tweed Bank is village located southeast of Galla Shields on the Scottish borders. So the change unit's So about 1 hour each way. So if you haven't got a lot of time, you just want a little train excursion from Edinburgh, this is a perfect choice for you. There's no changes. It's a direct service.

Tracy Collins [00:17:30]:

Yep. Yep. And, again, is that a nice scenery along that route as well?

Doug Collins [00:17:33]:

Oh, it's stunning. Yeah. Yeah. It's beautiful.

Tracy Collins [00:17:35]:

Okay. So if if I decided that rather than head north Mhmm. I wanted to go south towards the borders Yes. And I decided to do this This particular day trip, as you say, it's only an hour each way, so that's pretty good. So what what would I could what could I do? What could

Doug Collins [00:17:50]:

I see? Well, there's a very good, Home of Scottish author, sir Walter Scott. It's it's house called Abbotsford House, which is owned just outside Tweedbank itself, and that is an impressive mansion house. And, depending on the time of year, it's got lovely gardens. And also very close by is, Melrose Abbey. That's just about 15 minutes from Twi Bank, and it's on the historic ruins of Saint Mary's Abbey, which is famous for its architecture, And the interred heart of Robert the Bruce.

Tracy Collins [00:18:23]:

Oh, okay. Wow. Okay. So is that enough to keep me busy for a day then?

Doug Collins [00:18:28]:

Oh, there's a there's a lot see that, I mean, there's other things you got, we'll see is it there's a the leader foot, a viaduct, and driver, Abbey. It's also close by. Yeah.

Tracy Collins [00:18:38]:

Okay. So that's So fairly easy to do. Yeah. So then, that that was the 5th one. We're gonna do 1 more day trip, from Edinburgh by train. So a final itinerary suggestion in this episode of the podcast, there there are others, so do check those out in our article on the So it's to go from Edinburgh to Stirling.

Doug Collins [00:20:14]:

That's right. It's about an hour, train journey in each direction. And you go via the Kelpies, at Falkirk, which We've already mentioned. Alternatively, you can also stop at Llanlithgow, and that's a historic palace in West Lothian. And it's the birthplace of Mary Queen of

Tracy Collins [00:20:33]:

Scots. Okay. And it's only 20 minutes from Edinburgh. Is that right?

Doug Collins [00:20:36]:

Yeah. That's right.

Tracy Collins [00:20:37]:

Yep. Okay. So that's a really easy little. If you want to just go to Linlithgow and not bother go to Stirling, you can just do that. Interest. Yeah.

Doug Collins [00:20:43]:

Yeah. That's it. And then when you get to Stirling, Stirling train station's in the city center. But But it's one thing we found in Stirling that's quite hilly,

Tracy Collins [00:20:51]:

isn't it? Certainly is. Yes. It is. Well, you tend to find castles on the top of hills.

Doug Collins [00:20:56]:

Generally speaking. And train stations at the

Tracy Collins [00:20:58]:

Yeah. That's true. That's true. So, obviously, if you wanna go to Stirling, I guess that you're gonna wanna go to see the castle, which is worth a A 100% worth going to see. We highly recommend

Doug Collins [00:21:08]:

that. That is it's really, really excellent castle to visit, that is. And then close by, you've got the National Wallace Monument that the commemorative, building for the 13th century hero, William Wallace.

Tracy Collins [00:21:20]:

Oh, K. That's true. And, also, I'm just gonna mention, if you were going to still that you probably do wanna go to the castle, is that there are buses

Doug Collins [00:21:27]:

That's right.

Tracy Collins [00:21:27]:

That you can catch up to to see the castle itself.

Doug Collins [00:21:30]:

That's right. And also out to the Wallace Monument, and there's also the Battle of Bannockburn experience.

Tracy Collins [00:21:36]:

Yeah. So visitor center is there. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. So so there's plenty of things to do. So I guess and that's only an hour away. So, again, that's a fairly easy day trip.

Tracy Collins [00:21:46]:

So if you're thinking about basing yourself in Edinburgh, and we know it's, you know, such a popular city with people to stay in, and you think, oh, I've given myself 5 days, And I I wanna take some day trips out. Certainly, you can see how close and easy it is to do many many many destinations, isn't it?

Doug Collins [00:22:05]:

That's right. In the likes of Stirling Castle, I think if it's such a thing, it's like a hidden gem of a castle, I think, because it's You get less people there, I think, than Edinburgh.

Tracy Collins [00:22:14]:

Yes.

Doug Collins [00:22:14]:

True. And so but there's so much to see actually in Stirling itself. You've got the old town jail as well right next to the castle, which is also worth The Visit. Yep. And, Yeah. And you're just 1 hour from Loch Lomond there as well.

Tracy Collins [00:22:26]:

Okay. So that's another great destination to visit. So I think, you know, we do have a podcast episode in which we share our road trip itinerary for Scotland, And but Dougherty actually has put together actually multiple articles about train trips around Scotland. And recently, they put together one Which is, a circular route from Edinburgh, starts in Edinburgh, ends in Edinburgh by train. I will just temper that by saying that you cannot get from, Malais over to Skye and around Skye by train. There's alternative methods for that. So, basically, you have to take a ferry, and You can hire a car, or if you really want to, you could take a bus on Sky. The main thing is to get yourself back to that the Calais, and then you can pick up the train line.

Doug Collins [00:23:10]:

That's it. That's the way to do it. And also just word of advice is the it's too long for one day from Edinburgh to Fort William. Yes. Yes. That that is not achievable.

Tracy Collins [00:23:19]:

Yeah. We do get asked that actually quite often because I know a lot of people want to do the, Glenfinnan viaduct and the It's a flight. So if you actually wanna do that, your best bet to do that is by tour Yeah. Because you're not gonna be able to do that by train.

Doug Collins [00:23:33]:

No. There's not a lot of trains daily between, Glasgow And Fort William.

Tracy Collins [00:23:38]:

Yeah. Yeah. But I highly recommend that you do consider doing that. But if you are either take if you are pushed for time, Then take a tour from Edinburgh, and I have got an article about best tours as well from Edinburgh. So, yeah, that's your best way to Build that into your itinerary and do book that very early on because that they do get booked up quickly because it's very, very popular. Yeah. But it's good to know that there are so many destinations in Scotland which are within reach on a day trip from Edinburgh.

Doug Collins [00:24:06]:

That's right. Just need Plan it, and it obviously depends on the time of the year that you're visiting Scotland to how much you could do in one day.

Tracy Collins [00:24:13]:

Yeah. Absolutely. Absolutely. Yes. Because you gotta remember, in winter, it's gonna be darker. There's less hours of daylight, and, obviously, the weather is gonna be more inclement. And you've got, rain and snow and all sorts of And everything else. And everything else that kicks off.

Tracy Collins [00:24:25]:

So yeah. So you do need to consider that. But, certainly, in the summer months, you can travel really well by train around.

Doug Collins [00:24:31]:

They certainly can't.

Tracy Collins [00:24:32]:

Yeah. So thanks for joining us again for this episode of the podcast. Thank you. And, as I've mentioned before, you can find all the links to the different articles that Doug has written and more information about how to get around Scotland by train on the website. Obviously, we've got best day trip article, about the day trips from Edinburgh by train to look at. We've got articles about Glasgow, about Saint Andrews, about Sterling. We cover a huge amount of information about, exploring Scotland. So do pop over to the website, uktravelplanning.com/forward/episodes73 for the show notes and for many other resources to help you plan your visit to Scotland.

Tracy Collins [00:25:16]:

Anyway, that just leaves us to say for this episode. And until next week, happy UK travel planning.