

Scotland 2025 Travel Tips to and from Legs 1, 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6 2025

For joining any 2025 expedition, I recommend avoiding London-Heathrow (LHR), instead flying to Glasgow (GLA) if possible. This avoids the congestion of Heathrow and frequently flights to Glasgow are less expensive because of lower landing fees.

Previous experience has shown that Lufthansa, United, Delta, American and Icelandic Air are the most dependable and British Air and Aer Lingus are the least dependable carriers. Icelandic Air accepts Alaska Air mileage points.

If your flight arrives in Glasgow after the last [Loganair](#) flight to your joining port has departed, Glasgow has several excellent and affordable airport hotels. My consistent favorite is the [Holiday Inn Glasgow Airport](#) located across the street from baggage claim.

Please purchase US \$50 worth of GB Pounds and 10 GB 1 pound coins for showers and laundry before joining. The airport is a quick and easy place to do this.

Leg 1 – 2025 April 30: Oban to May 9: Stornoway

Glasgow is the nearest airport to Oban. The Glasgow-Oban train is a scenic 3.5-hour journey. Safest plan (in terms of delays) is to arrive in Glasgow April 28, taking the purple #500 double decker bus from where you exit baggage claim to the Queen St. Station, spending the night at the adjacent [Carlton George Hotel](#) and catching a morning train to Oban. Spend the night of April 29 ashore in Oban, boarding Cloud 9 which will be moored at [North Pier Pontoons](#) adjacent to the [Columba Hotel](#) at 4pm on the 30th.

Oban hotel options: [Columba Hotel](#), [Ranald Hotel](#)

Leg 1 ends at 8am, May 9 and [Loganair](#) has direct Stornoway-Glasgow flights.

Leg 2 – 2025 May 11: Stornoway to May 20: Kirkwall

If possible, fly directly to Glasgow, then Glasgow-Stornoway on Loganair, arriving Stornoway by 4pm May 10th, spending the night ashore then boarding Cloud 9 in [Stornoway Marina](#) at 4pm May 11. Stornoway airport is close to town with a bus and taxis meeting each flight.

Stornoway hotel options: [Hebridean Guest House](#), [Lews Castle\(my fave!\)](#), [Royal Hotel](#)

Leg 2 ends at 8am, May 20th and [Loganair](#) has direct Kirkwall-Glasgow flights.

Leg 3 – 2025 May 22: Kirkwall to May 31: Stornoway

If possible, fly directly to Glasgow, then Glasgow-Kirkwall on Loganair, arriving by 4pm on May 21, spending that night in ashore before boarding Cloud 9 at [Kirkwall Marina](#) at 4pm on May 22. Kirkwall airport is close to town with a bus and taxis meeting each flight.

Kirkwall hotel options: [St. Ola](#), [Kirkwall Hotel](#), [The Albert Hotel](#)

Leg 3 ends at 8am May 31 and [Loganair](#) has direct Stornoway-Glasgow flights.

Leg 4 – 2025 June 2, 2025: Stornoway to June 11: Oban

If possible, fly directly to Glasgow, then Glasgow-Stornoway on Loganair, arriving by 4pm June 1st, spending that night ashore before boarding Cloud 9 at [Stornoway Marina](#) 4pm on June 2nd. Stornoway airport is close to town with a bus and taxis meeting each flight.

Stornoway hotel options: [Lews Castle \(my fave\)](#), [Hebridean Guest House](#), [Royal Hotel](#)

Leg 4 ends at 8am June 11th and there's a 9am scenic 3.5 hr train from Oban to Glasgow.

Leg 5 – 2025 June 13: Oban to June 22: Stornoway

Glasgow is the nearest airport to Oban. The Glasgow-Oban train is a scenic 3.5-hour journey. Safest plan (in terms of delays) is arrive Glasgow June 11th, taking the purple #500 double decker bus from where you exit baggage claim to the Queen St. Station, spending the night at the adjacent [Carlton George Hotel](#) then catching a morning train to Oban. Spend the night of June 12th ashore in Oban, boarding Cloud 9 at the [North Pier pontoons](#), adjacent to the [Columba Hotel](#) at 4pm on the 13th.

Oban hotel options: [Columba Hotel](#), [Ranald Hotel](#)

Leg 5 ends at 8am, June 22nd and [Loganair](#) has direct Stornoway-Glasgow flights.

Leg 6 – 2025 June 24: Stornoway to July 3: Oban

If possible, fly directly to Glasgow, then Glasgow-Stornoway on Loganair, arriving by 4pm June 23rd, spending that night ashore before boarding Cloud 9 moored in [Stornoway Marina](#) 4pm on June 24th. Stornoway airport is close to town with a bus and taxis meeting each flight.

Stornoway hotel options: [Lews Castle \(my fave\)](#), [Hebridean Guest House](#), [Royal Hotel](#)

Leg 6 ends at 8am July 3rd and there's a 9am scenic 3.5 hr train from Oban to Glasgow.

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