

## **The Scottish Highlands**

### **Cathy and Warren Cooke**

When Cathy and I travel, more often as not the objective is wildlife (especially bird) photography. But not always.

Another passion is History.

In October we enjoyed a magnificent trip through the Scottish Highlands. History was a focus — for example, a visit to Stirling Castle (photo #1) and the site of the important 1297 Battle of Stirling Bridge (#2). The wild Highlands (##3-5) are sensational and filled with crags and glens and old castles such as Dunvegan (#6), home of Clan Macleod, the ancient Eilean Donan (photo #7), and on and on.

And despite the basic, somewhat serious focus of the trip, we couldn't help having fun visiting a few popular culture sites, including the Jacobite Steam Train aka Hogwarts Express aka Harry Potter train (#8) [yup, we rode on it], several locations known to "Outlander" fans such as Lallybroch [actually Midhope Castle] (#9) and the Culloden battlefield, and, ending up in the Edinburgh area, the legendary and mysterious Rosslyn Chapel, which appears at the end of the movie "The DaVinci Code" (#10).

And there was haggis with tatties and neeps.

And Scotch.

Wonderful trip.

Warren Cooke

**See the photos below:**

Stirling Castle – Warren and Cathy



## Site of the Important 1297 Battle of Stirling Bridge



## Wild Highlands



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**Kilt Rock and Mealt Falls on the Isle of Skye**



## Dunvegan Castle Home of Clan Macleod



**Ancient Eilean Donan**





**Jacobite Steam Train aka Hogwarts Express aka Harry Potter Train**



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