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FERRIES TO/FROM NORTH

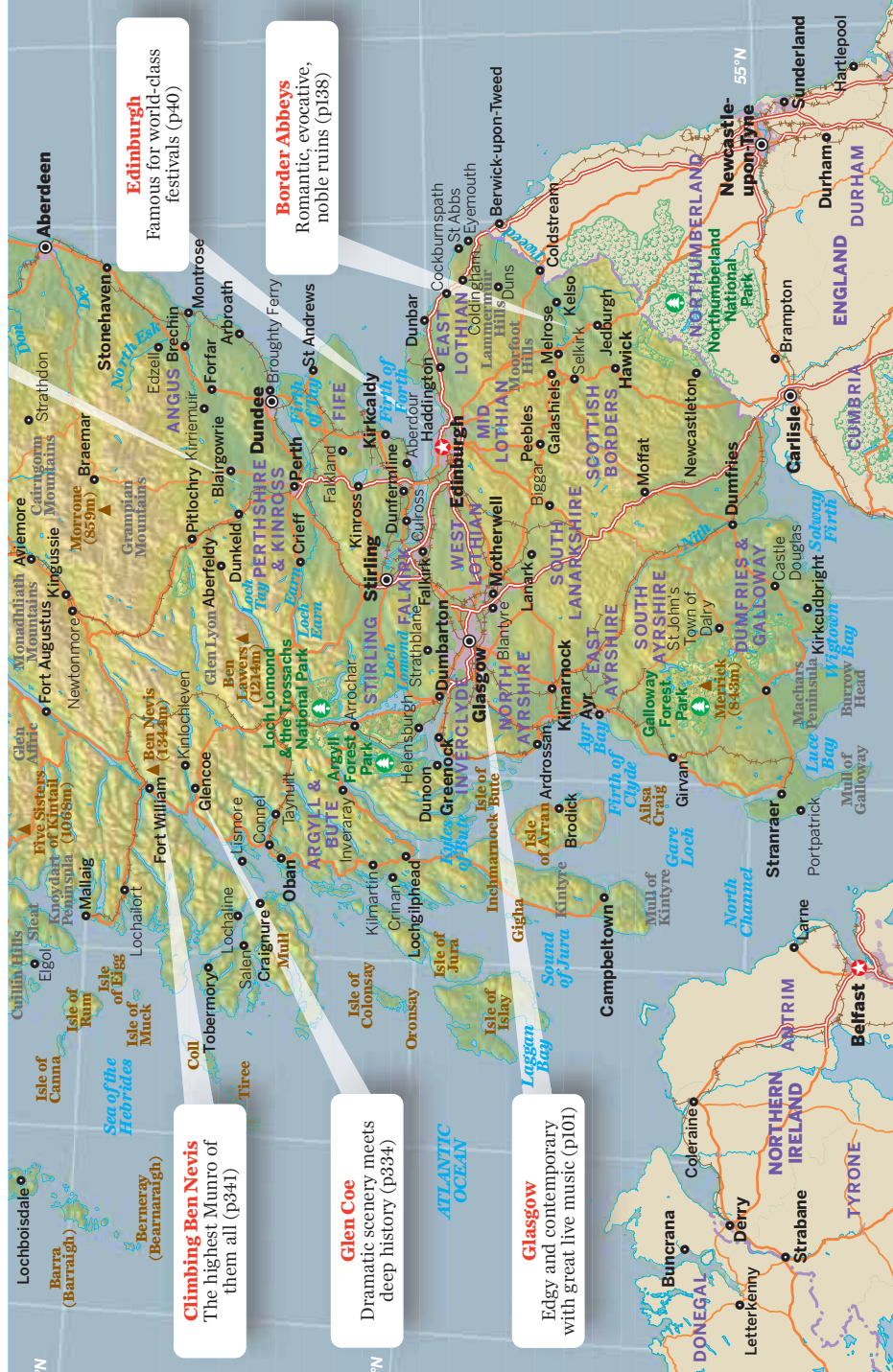
CROSSING	DURATION	FREQUENCY
Belfast–Stranraer	3 1/2hr	2-4 daily
Belfast–Stranraer	1 1/2hr	4 daily
Larne–Carrigan	1 1/2hr	8 daily
Larne–Carrigan	1hr	2 daily (Mar–S)
Larne–Troon	1 1/2hr	2 daily (Mar–S)

Train
Travelling to Scotland by train is generally faster and more comfortable than the bus, but it's more expensive.

Sea
Coastal

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Edinburgh
Famous for world-class festivals (p140)

Border Abbeys
Romantic, evocative, noble ruins (p138)

Climbing Ben Nevis
The highest Munro of them all (p341)

Glen Coe
Dramatic scenery meets deep history (p334)

Glasgow
Edgy and contemporary with great live music (p101)

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North East

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OUR STORY

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Melbourne, London and Oakland, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.

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