Isle of Skye Hike the slopes of the Cuillin Hills beneath knife-edge ridges, sea-kayak around sheltered coves and fall in love with pretty harbour town Portree.

The Highlands Time for a Highland fling: towering Ben Nevis, glowering Glen Coe and glittering Loch Ness. Prepare for spectacular views. 2½ hrs to Portree Edinburgh Historic Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh's winding medieval alleyways and (some of) the city's 700 pubs and bars can be squeezed into a day.