

OUTLANDER FILM LOCATIONS

— SEASON ONE —

Craigh na Dun or Castle Leoch may have been a figment of Outlander author Diana Gabaldon's imagination but this fascinating world of standing stones, romantic castles and sweeping scenery was inspired by real places and heritage. Not only that, the TV adaptation was filmed entirely on location in Scotland. Follow this map and discover the sites in Scotland that double for the fictional land of Claire and Jamie.

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DOUNE CASTLE

The stunning Doune Castle, near Stirling, plays a leading role in the show substituting for the fictional Castle Leoch – home to Colum MacKenzie and his clan in the 18th century episodes. It also features in the 20th century episode where Claire and Frank visit the castle in ruins on a day trip.

Once a royal residence, Doune Castle – although now in a ruined state – is still full of charm. Take a tour and find out how grand banquets would have once been prepared in the kitchen and servery as well as admiring its striking 100 ft high gatehouse and beautifully preserved great hall.

KINLOCH RANNOCH

Dunalastair Estate near Kinloch Rannoch, in Perthshire, provides the famous backdrop to Claire's mysterious disappearance through the standing stones. Even though you won't find the Craigh na Dun stone circle there, you can still admire the area's awe-inspiring mountain scenery which features in the background of the scene.

Take a trip to the area and the nearby Rannoch Moor and discover an idyllically-located land that is dotted with innumerable lochs, streams, rivers and rocky outcrops, and surrounded by breathtaking Munros – mountains that rise over 3,000 ft. Wonder through this wilderness and be at one with nature.

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CULROSS

The rustic town of Culross in Fife is a unique example of what a town in Scotland would have looked like during the 17th and 18th centuries. It saw its Mercat area transformed into the fictional village of Cranesmuir – the home of Geillis Duncan and her husband Arthur. A stroll along the town's charming cobbled alleyways is about as close to stepping back in time to the 18th century as you can get.

Behind the impressive historic Culross Palace is where you can find the gorgeous herb garden that Claire works in in the grounds of the fictional Castle Leoch. It's planted with lawns, herbs and vegetables of the period – a real highlight for a true Outlander fan.

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GLENCORSE OLD KIRK

The charming Glencorse Old Kirk near Edinburgh, nestled in the grounds of the Glencorse House in the foothills of the picturesque Pentland Hills, is where Claire and Jamie tie the knot.

With its lush parkland, lake and splendid garden, it's a wonderfully atmospheric venue, if not one of the most romantic wedding venues imaginable for an Outlander fan.



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TULLOCH GHRU

The hilly and wooded area of Tulloch Ghru hosts several key scenes from the series, including the journey Claire takes with Jamie and the Highlanders from Craigh na Dun to Castle Leoch, as well as featuring in the opening credits.

Located just outside Aviemore, it's on the doorstep of the Cairngorms National Park – Britain's largest national park. A popular holiday destination, the area is packed with ancient remnants of the Caledonian Forest and spectacular wildlife while boasting truly stunning scenery.



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FALKLAND

You can recreate one of the first scenes of the TV series in the town of Falkland in Fife, which substitutes for 1940s Inverness.

See if you can recognise the familiar cosy look of *Mrs. Baird's Guesthouse* in *The Covenant-er Hotel* – your heart is guaranteed to start racing with excitement the instant you see it, and you can stand by the Bruce Fountain where Frank witnesses the ghost of Jamie looking up at Claire in the first episode. *Campbell's Coffee Shop* is just across the road or further down the street is *Fayre Earth Gift Shop* which stood in for *Farrell's Hardware and Furniture Store* where Claire stops to look at the window stocked with authentic period merchandise.



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7 HIGHLAND FOLK MUSEUM

Replicas of 18th century turf-roofed Highland crofts at the Highland Folk Museum in Newtonmore made the ideal choice for period scenes, including in and around the MacKenzie village. They also provide the background for the scene where Claire, Jamie and his clansmen shelter in the first episode, and later when Dougal collects the rent.

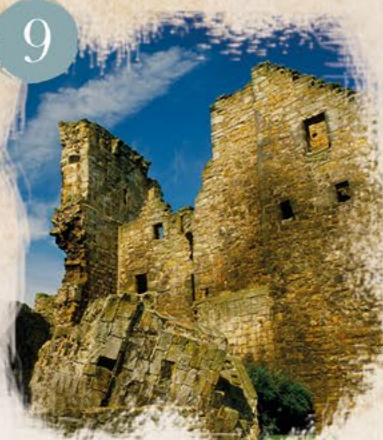
The Highland Folk Museum brings to life the domestic and working conditions of earlier Highland people. Learn how Scottish Highlanders lived, how they built their homes and how they dressed in a friendly and welcoming environment.



8 BO'NESS & KINNEIL RAILWAY

The Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway in West Lothian was transformed to double as a wartime London railway station where Claire and Frank say their goodbyes.

Tour this heritage railway and explore Scotland's largest railway museum, before taking advantage of the chance to board a preserved vintage steam train or diesel-hauled train.



9 ABERDOUR CASTLE

The delightful 12th century Aberdour Castle doubles as Sainte Anne de Beaupré's monastery in France which Jamie flees to; the castle's Old Kitchen and Long Gallery were used for filming.

Situated on the Fife coast, this splendid ruined castle was once a luxurious Renaissance home, and is amongst the oldest standing masonry castles in Scotland.



10 HOPETOUN HOUSE

The splendid Hopetoun House, situated in South Queensferry on the outskirts of Edinburgh, doubles as the stately home of Duke of Sandringham. It's considerably superior in real life to how it appears in the TV show as some of its wings were digitally erased.

The house is one of Scotland's finest examples of the work of Scottish architects Sir William Bruce and William Adam; you can still admire much of its original 18th century furniture and wall coverings when you tour the site.



12 BLACKNESS CASTLE

Standing looking out over the Firth of Forth near Edinburgh is impressive Blackness Castle. This 15th century fortress provides the setting for the Fort William headquarters of Black Jack Randall as well as featuring in the heart-wrenching scene of Jamie's incarceration.

The castle was built by one of the most powerful families in Scotland, the Crichtons, and is often referred to as 'the ship that never sailed' due to its ship-like shape.



11 LINLITHGOW PALACE

The majestic ruins of Linlithgow Palace, once a favoured royal residence of the Stewart kings and queens and the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots, stands in for the prison entrance and corridors in the scene where Jamie is imprisoned.

This wonderful 15th century ruin still brings a sense of awe when entering through its gates into its elegant cobbled courtyard. It also offers a great insight into what life in such a vast palace must have been like.



13 GEORGE SQUARE, GLASGOW

The historic George Square in Glasgow was turned into a 1940s set to film Frank's spontaneous proposal to Claire.

While you may not find old-fashioned vehicles and trench-coat wearing men when you visit, you will instantly feel as if you stepped back in time as the area boasts many ornate buildings with fine period features.



14 TROON

The quaint seaside town of Troon in Ayrshire is the setting for the scene where Claire, Jamie and Murtagh arrive at the coast and board a 17th century ship to deliver Jamie to the Abbey of Sainte Anne de Beaupré in France.

Overlooking the Isle of Arran, Troon is a wonderful destination for a relaxing seaside holiday. Explore the town's bustling harbour, which is a popular fishing port and a sailing centre, or enjoy its stunning, sandy beaches with magnificent views.



15 PRESTON MILL

In the village of East Linton is the picturesque Preston Mill - one of the oldest, working, water-driven meal mills in Scotland. It provided the backdrop for a number of scenes set in the 1940s.

Tour the mill to see and hear the mechanisms in action, or catch an exhibition on the history of Preston Mill and the people who lived and worked here.



16 POLLOK COUNTRY PARK

It is at the Pollok Country Park where Claire searches for medicines and herbs to treat the ill in the show. It also doubles as the grounds surrounding the fictional Castle Leoch.

Pollok Country Park was once voted the best park in Britain and Europe, and its extensive woodlands and gardens offer an excellent playground, packed with curious wildlife and great range of activities, including golf.

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