Before we begin, let’s talk a little about The Highlands & Skye

The Highlands, in the far north of Scotland, is made up of seven smaller regions: Caithness, Sutherland, Ross & Cromarty, Inverness, Loch Ness & Nairn, Skye & Lochalsh, Lochaber, Badenoch & Strathspey.

The Highlands really is the Scotland of your imagination - a beautiful and inspiring region of ancient landscapes with a fascinating history, all set against world-renowned backdrops such as Ben Nevis and Loch Ness.

Explore the many mountains, lochs and glens, the stunning islands and stretches of coastline and follow the country’s renowned Whisky Trail.

The Isle of Skye, Scotland’s second largest island - also happens to be one of the most beautiful and romantic islands in the country. Explore this dramatic countryside and you’ll be enchanted by intriguing tales of its turbulent history from its imposing castles to tiny croft houses.

Skye is renowned for its mountains, in particular the stark peaks of the famous Cuillin range. It’s also where you’ll find the astonishing geology of the Trotternish peninsula where massive landscapes centuries ago resulted in the most fantastic rock formations and formations.

Whatever part of the Highlands you choose to visit, you will be assured of one thing - a genuine, warm Scottish welcome!

Let’s have a look at The Classics

The Highlands has played a leading role in many "old favourites", which may have been forgotten over time. How many of these have you watched - and what are your favourites?

2001: A Space Odyssey

Braveheart
Breaking the Waves
Dog Soldiers
Flash Gordon
Highlander
Local Hero
Loch Ness
Mrs Brown
Monty Python and the Holy Grail

The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes
The Quest for Fire
Rob Roy
The 39 Steps
The Silver Darlings
Train spotting
Winter Solstice
Wicker Man
The World Is Not Enough

Find out more on the back of this map on how to share your favourite movie moments.
Filming locations in The Highlands

The Highlands, Aka Gòdhean, of Scotland have long been a film-friendly location for films and television shows. The rugged landscapes, castles, lochs, and charming towns make it a perfect setting for dramas, thrillers, and comedies. From the Sandra Bullock thriller "Bird Box" to the Scottish version of the hit TV show "Outlander," the Highlands offer a wide range of filming locations that showcase the unique beauty of Scotland. Whether you're a fan of classic films or modern TV series, you're sure to find something to love about the filming locations in The Highlands.

Did you know?
- The water in Loch Ness (19) is nearly double that of all the lakes in England and Wales combined. Films include: "Loch Ness" (1981) & "The Titfield Thunderbolt" (1953).
- Eilean Donan Castle (13) is one of the world's most photographed castles. Films include: "Highlander" (1986) & "The World Is Not Enough" (1999) & "What We Did On Our Holiday" (2014).
- The Highland coastline stretches for 3,047 miles (4,894km), and consists of some of Scotland's most beautiful beaches. Films include: "Local Hero" (1983) & "We Bought a Zoo" (2011).
- The Highlands are also known for their rich literary heritage, with authors such as Robert Louis Stevenson and Robert Burns having lived and worked in the area, providing a wealth of素材 for filmmakers.

Using This Map
- Coloured ring indicates movie genre and number indicates location.
- Multi-coloured ring indicates multiple genres filmed at this location.

Gaelic Culture

Do you know? 
- The Highlands have a rich culture and history, with a distinct language and unique traditions that have been preserved over centuries. Films include: "Rob Roy" (1995) & "Centurion" (2010), & A Lonely Place to Die (2011).

The Highlands on film

A Lonely Place To Die (2011)
- Cocklewater Beach: The wild beach on which Alston and Blackthorne's bodies are discovered.
- Eilean Donan Castle: The iconic castle features in the opening sequence.
- Glen Coe: The moody landscape and rolling hills are used throughout.

Quest For Fire (1981)
- Glen Coe: The location is used for the opening sequences.
- Eilean Donan Castle: The castle is used for the opening shot.
- Ruach na Bruth: The moody landscape is used throughout.

Rob Roy (1995)
- Eilean Donan Castle: The castle is used for the opening shots.
- Glen Coe: The moody landscape and rolling hills are used throughout.

Skyfall (2012)
- Glen Coe: The iconic castle is used for the opening shots.
- Eilean Donan Castle: The castle is used for the opening shots.

The 39 Steps (1935)
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The Dark Knight Rises (2012)
- Loch Ness: The location is used for the opening shots.
- Eilean Donan Castle: The castle is used for the opening shots.

The Eagle (2011)
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Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975)
- Glen Coe: The iconic location is used throughout.
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Drama

Being Human (2010)
- Screen: The location is used for the opening shots.
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Harry Potter Series (2001-2011)
- Loch Ness: The location is used for the opening shots.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009)
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Skye. Locations like nowhere else on Earth.

From fantasy landscapes to ancient battlefields and prehistoric sites, Skye has it covered. Largest of the Inner Hebrides islands Skye, Eilean nan Claidheach, is dominated by the dramatic Black and Red Cuillin and Paps of Jura mountain ranges which have provided the backdrop to many commercials, television programmes, and of course films.

Skye has made many cinematic appearances, sometimes it makes a brief cameo such as during the Old Man of Storr at the start of Prometheus. On other occasions it's a major star where it played the fantasy world of Stardust, or portrayed itself in Made of Honour and Seachd: The Inaccessible Pinnacle.

Skye has also doubled for late medieval Japan in 47 Ronin and will be seen again in the latest film adaptation of Shakespeare's Scottish Play, Macbeth, starring Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard.

Action / Adventure

Snow White And The Huntsman (2012)

The Quiraing: The strange otherworldly look of this area adds to the fantastical feel of this film.

Old Man of Storr: A group of climbers can be seen in a scene of this iconic rock formation.

Science Fiction

Flash Gordon (1980)

Breakish: Flash Gordon and Dale Arden board a light aircraft quickly following the Merrick launches the attack on Earth.

Prometheus (2012)

The Quiraing: The film begins with dramatic aerial footage of this area and northern Skye.

Old Man of Storr: The first kiss scene containing the star map is a spectacular high rock formation in the film.

The Land That Time Forgot (1975)

The Quiraing: The Merrick's turned into sea cliffs at the end of this fantasy film as the hero casts his magic prop to plummets into the ocean.

Romance

Made of Honour (2006)

Dunvegan: Scenic backdrop.

Portree: Scenic backdrop.

Kylefells: Scenic backdrop.

47 Ronin (2012)

The Quiraing: The site of the film's gigantically computer-generated snow Buddhas.

West Point: The coastal of freedom, Japan.

Sleven Kris: Scenic backdrop.

Stardust (2007)

The Quiraing: Featuring twice in the film this magical location perfectly with the film's overall theme.

The Fairies Glen: The evil Laima encounters the caravan of Scottish fairies with a disco ball.

Loch Cuvia: Scenic backdrop.

Drama

Breaking The Waves (1996)

The Quiraing: A final of this iconic area of Skye was used for a "Shaping Heaven" in film.

West Point: Location of the graveyard seen at the film's climax.

Macbeth (2015)

The Quiraing: Scenic backdrop.

Seachd: The Inaccessible Pinnacle (2007)

Cuilfin Deep: This well-known peak is the focus of the film.

Eilean Siar: Scenic backdrop.

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