Scotland: The Land That Inspired Outlander

Experience Scotland, the home of Jamie Fraser, Clan Mackenzie, Gaelic, kilts, and some of the most beautiful and inspiring scenery in the world. This handy plan will help you follow in the footsteps of Claire and discover a magical mix of mountains, lochs, forests and glens, and a land steeped in fascinating history, culture and heritage.

1. **Romantic Edinburgh**
   - Wander the atmospheric cobbled streets and narrow wynds of the Royal Mile and Edinburgh’s Old Town, where Claire and Jamie reunited after 20 years. Packed full of history, the buildings here have remained largely unchanged for centuries.

2. **Highland Folk Museum**
   - Delve into 18th century Scotland at the Highland Folk Museum, a living history site offering a unique insight into the life of Highland people. With live actors and restored buildings, learn how they lived and worked.

3. **Research your roots**
   - Roam the streets of Inverness where Claire’s adventure unfolds while on her honeymoon, and if you have roots in the Highlands like Frank did, head to the Highland Archive Centre and uncover your family’s Scottish heritage.

4. **Standing stones**
   - Venture beyond Inverness in search of the mysterious Craigh na Dun, which swept Claire back in time. Clava Cairns could be just the place - it’s one of Scotland’s most evocative stone circle sites. Visit and experience its mystical atmosphere.

5. **Urquhart Castle**
   - Spend a delightful day cruising the calm waters of Loch Ness looking out for its famous and elusive resident - Nessie, and explore the magnificent ruins of Urquhart Castle – a perfect spot for a picnic in a dramatic Highland setting.

6. **Glenfinnan Monument**
   - Set amidst superb Highland scenery, Glenfinnan Monument near Fort William is a tribute to the Jacobite clansmen who fought alongside Bonnie Prince Charlie in the 1745 Jacobite Rising. At the visitor centre, learn about this fascinating and tumultuous chapter in Scotland’s history.

7. **Culloden Battlefield**
   - Culloden Battlefield, where Claire and Jamie said their goodbyes, is not to be missed. Soak up the rich history and haunting atmosphere, and imagine hearing gunfire on the battlefield. Ponder for a moment and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the last battle ever fought on British soil.

8. **Dramatic landscapes**
   - A journey along the Caledonian Canal and Great Glen is a romantic one, offering a magical mix of native Caledonian pine forest in Glen Affric, glistening lochs, and enchanting moorland. Enjoy it on foot or from horseback, as the newly-weds did after their wedding, and admire scenic landscapes and great wildlife along the way.

9. **Glenfinnan Monument**
   - The romantic and unspoilt towns of Strathpeffer and Beauly are where clans Mackenzie and Fraser of the Highlands once lived. Relax in their picturesque ancestral lands, amongst tranquil rolling hills, or explore the ruins of ancient Beauty Priory, a burial site of many Fraser chiefs and where Claire met the seer.

10. **Historic Edinburgh**
    - No Outlander experience will be complete without a visit to the National War Museum at Edinburgh Castle, the Palace of Holyroodhouse or the National Museum of Scotland – all great sources of information and inspiration about Scotland’s dramatic past.

11. **Clans’ ancestral lands**
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