



Pre-Trip Preparation

An Outlandish Extra PDF

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A Novel Holiday Travel Guidebook

Outlandish Scotland Journey

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Refresh Your Memory

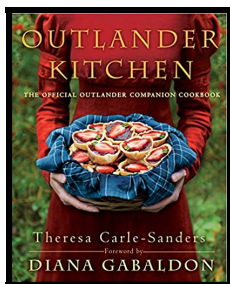
During the month(s) before you set out on holiday:

- Refresh your memory of the original Outlanderverse by rereading Diana Gabaldon's first three novels—*Outlander*, *Dragonfly in Amber*, and *Voyager*. Thanks to Diana's dedicated research, you'll also be reminded of the accurate historical information associated with the real-world places you'll be visiting.
- Binge-watch Seasons One and Two of the Starz *Outlander* TV series—and, at least the first 8 episodes of Season Three—to refresh your memory of Ron Moore's Outlanderverse vision.

If you'll be accompanied by other Outlanderites—or have friends and family interested in binge-watching *Outlander* with you—consider organizing one or more **Outlandish Potluck Parties!**

(**TIP:** If there will be several parties, secure a different host for each. It's way too much work for one person to host all Outlandish Parties.)

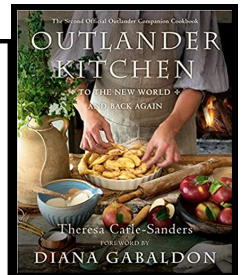
Search "**Outlander Party Ideas**" to gain inspiration for party decorations, favors, and food.



Diana Gabaldon shared **Outlander Kitchen's** photo.

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How cool is this?!? The Outlander Kitchen Cookbook is a #1 New Release on Amazon today! Thanks so much to all of you for your support--and HUGE congratulations to Theresa Carle-Sanders, whose book it is!



One of the best websites to visit is **Outlander Kitchen**. Not only does Theresa offer fantastic party ideas, her recipes are fabu!

<http://outlanderkitchen.com/posts/starz-outlander-premiere-party-menu-a-potluck-gathering>

<http://outlanderkitchen.com/posts/outlander-on-starz-premiere-party-menu-ladies-afternoon-tea>

<http://outlanderkitchen.com/posts/outlander-on-starz-premiere-menu-season-2>

<http://outlanderkitchen.com/posts/rachel-hunters-dog-treats-for-rollo>

Theresa's *To the New World and Back Again: The Second Official Outlander Companion*

Cookbook will be published in June of 2020, and is already available for pre-order on Amazon.

Here's a site filled with great ideas: <https://outlanderpartyideas.blogspot.com/>

Sadly, the **Professional Fangirls'** website—with its free Outlander Party Printables page—is no longer available.

Ok. One more party ideas site we found: <https://ornatesplendor.blogspot.com/2017/09/outlander-premiere-party-season-3.html>

Share Your UK Outlandish Scotland Journey Itinerary with Family and Friends

After securing all reservations and solidifying your UK Outlander Trip itinerary, prepare a file to share with family and friends.

Your shared **Outlander Holiday Itinerary** file can be bare-bones-simple, containing only the information vital to communicating with you while you're traveling in the UK. Or, it can include extra info, such as which Outlandish Places you'll be visiting each day, along with their website addresses.

VITAL ITINERARY INFO TO SHARE

Flight Information

Family and friends tend to worry if they can't track your flights to be sure that your plane arrived safely. Include the airline and flight number for each flight you take when going to and returning from the UK—as well as any flights you'll be aboard while traveling within the UK.

Personal Contact Information

Your UK Cell Phone Number

If the cell phone number you'll be using while in the UK is different from your normal number, let folks know what it is. If it's *not* different from your regular cell phone number, tell folks that they can reach you at the same number they normally do.

Whether or not your UK cell phone number is different from what folks normally dial, it is important to notify them about the expenses associated with calling—or texting—you while you're in the UK.

Examples:

- I'm charged only 5 cents to receive a text message, but it costs me 50 cents to send one. Please don't worry when I don't reply to a non-emergency text message. I'll Email you as soon as I get to a place where free WiFi is available.
- Calling my UK cell phone will cost you more than calling a UK land line. Instead, call my hotel/B&B and leave a message. I'll Email you as soon as I'm in for the night and you can call me at the hotel/B&B then.
- My UK phone plan charges me for incoming calls, even when I don't answer them—even if my phone is OFF! **Please only call my cell phone in an emergency.**
- **Please do not send me any Emails with attachments.** Data roaming charges are very, very expensive while I'm in the UK. Text me if you have something to send. I'll Email you when I have a free WiFi connection and you can Email me the attachment then.

UK Time Zone Information

Obviously, you'll not want people calling you at 3 am UK time to chit chat! To prevent that from happening, provide family and friends with a link to the World Time Zone map. Additionally, it's a

good idea to assure them that you'll return the favor when **you** call *them*.

<https://www.worldtimezone.com/>

If you think folks might need a simpler, more specific Time Zone reference, consider including lines from the list below in the itinerary you share with those living in the different zones:

US and Canadian Time Zones Relative to the UK Time Zone

Atlantic Time Zone = 4 hours behind UK Time. When it is 12 noon here, it is 4 pm in the UK.

Eastern Time Zone = 5 hours behind UK Time. When it is 12 noon here, it is 5 pm in the UK.

Central Time Zone = 6 hours behind UK Time. When it is 12 noon here, it is 6 pm in the UK.

Mountain Time Zone = 7 hours behind UK Time. When it is 12 noon here, it is 7 pm in the UK.

Pacific Time Zone = 8 hours behind UK Time. When it is 12 noon here, it is 8 pm in the UK.

Alaska Time Zone = 9 hours behind UK Time. When it is 12 noon here, it is 9 pm in the UK.

Hawaii Time Zone = 11 hours behind UK Time. When it is 12 noon here, it is 11 pm in the UK.

Provide Dialing Instructions for Those who may be Calling a UK Phone Number

Copy and paste the information below into your shared itinerary:

To Call a Number in the UK from a Phone in the US or Canada

Dial 011 (the international access code for the US or Canada)

Dial 44 (the country code for the UK)

Dial the UK number—*skipping* the first zero (0)!

For Instance: To reach the US Embassy in London at **020749 99000** when calling from the US, dial 011 – 44 – 207 – 499 – 9000. Ignore the “0” that begins a UK phone number.

Share Your Country's UK Embassy and Consulate Contact Information

US Outlanderites:

- The US Embassy in London

<https://uk.usembassy.gov/>

Closed on weekends, weekday major holidays (US and UK) and UK Bank Holidays.

Business and 24-Hour Emergency Telephone: 020-7499-9000

From the US, dial **011-44-207-499-9000**

The US Consulate in Edinburgh, Scotland provides only **non-emergency** services for US citizens visiting Scotland. In an emergency, call the US Embassy in London.

Canadian Outlanderites:

Visit the links below to obtain phone numbers, addresses, and operating hours info for the

Canadian Embassies in London and Edinburgh.

<http://canada.embassyhomepage.com/>

<https://www.embassypages.com/missions/embassy23740/>

Outlanderites from Other Countries:

Consult your government's website to find the phone numbers and addresses for your Embassies and Consulates in the UK. Alternatively, visit the websites below.

<https://www.embassypages.com/uk>

<https://www.visitscotland.com/about/practical-information/embassies-consulates/>

Include the Web-Based Email Address You'll be Using During Your Trip

This is only important if it's different from the Email address people commonly use to contact you.

BTW: Before leaving home, be sure that the web-based Email server you'll be using while on holiday is programmed with the Email addresses for everyone you'll want to correspond with. (CD Miller learned this lesson the hard way—*ACK!*)

Provide the Internet Address of Your Outlandish Scotland Journey Blogsite

If you'll be blogging at the end of each day, friends and family will be eager to read what you write and see the photos you post.

Additional options for Internet communication are provided in our **UK Internet Access PDF**.

<http://OutlandishScotland.com/UKinternetAccess.pdf>

Provide the Phone Number and Email Address for Each Place You'll be Lodging

Identify the day(s)/date(s) you'll be staying there, as well as the time you anticipate arriving and leaving. It helps to also include your host's name(s), if a B&B.

Provide Website Addresses (Links) for the Places You'll be Visiting

This last itinerary entry suggestion isn't vital, but it could be fun!

Since you can Email your itinerary file to all and sundry, providing website links to the places you'll be visiting will allow family and friends to electronically pop to those places on the same day that you'll be physically visiting them. Be sure to identify the day(s)/date(s) you'll be there.

Information to Share with Others Checklist

- Flight Information
- Your UK Cell Phone Number
 - Include information regarding expenses associated with calling it.
- UK Time Zone Information
- Dialing Instructions for Calling a UK Phone Number
- Your Country's UK Embassy Contact Information
- The Web-based Email Address You'll be Using
- The Internet Address of Your Outlandish Scotland Journey Blogsite
- The Phone Number and Email Address (Host Names) for Each Lodging
- List the Outlandish Places You'll be Visiting on Each Day, Along with Their Website Addresses (Links)