

# Every Direct Flight from Inverness in 2027 (and When to Book Them)

## Why I wrote this

Here's something most Highlanders don't realise: in 2027 you can fly direct from Inverness to Frankfurt, Dublin, Tenerife, Majorca and a whole lot more. No A9. No M90. No crack-of-dawn drive to Glasgow.

I've been in travel for 38 years, and if I had a pound for every person who told me they "have to" fly from Edinburgh, I'd be writing this from a sun lounger. Sometimes they do. Often they don't. By the time you've paid for fuel, airport parking and a night in a Premier Inn, that bargain flight from the central belt isn't looking so clever.

So here it is: every direct route from Inverness announced for 2027, when they fly, what bags you get, and my honest advice on when to book. Keep it somewhere handy. Seats from a small airport go fast, and I'd hate for you to miss out.

## Where you can fly direct in 2027

Sixteen direct destinations from our wee airport: six abroad and ten around the UK and islands. Not bad at all.

| Destination    | Airline or operator                 | How often                                                     | Rough departure times from Inverness                            |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Amsterdam      | KLM                                 | 2 a day, year-round                                           | Early morning (about 6.20am) and early afternoon (about 1.15pm) |
| Dublin         | Aer Lingus Regional                 | 2 a week in winter; 4 a week from 14 March to 22 October 2027 | Mid to late afternoon (about 4pm to 5pm)                        |
| Frankfurt      | Discover Airlines (Lufthansa Group) | Saturdays only, June to 11 September 2027                     | Mid-afternoon (3.30pm)                                          |
| Palma, Majorca | TUI                                 | Once a week (Thursdays), summer season                        | Confirmed when you book                                         |

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gran Canaria       | MT Holidays (Murray Travel) | One Friday only, 19 March 2027 (packages)     | Confirmed when you book                                                                               |
| Tenerife South     | MT Holidays (Murray Travel) | Fridays, 26 March to 23 April 2027 (packages) | Confirmed when you book                                                                               |
| London Heathrow    | British Airways             | 2 to 3 a day                                  | Morning (about 7.50am to 8.30am), mid-morning (about 10.25am), mid-afternoon (about 3.20pm to 3.45pm) |
| London Gatwick     | easyJet                     | 2 to 4 a day                                  | Early morning (7am), afternoon (about 3pm and 4.45pm), evening (about 7.30pm)                         |
| London Luton       | easyJet                     | 1 to 2 a day                                  | Late morning to lunchtime (about 11.30am to 1.30pm) and evening (about 7.30pm to 8.30pm)              |
| Bristol            | easyJet                     | Around 4 a week, more in summer               | Morning or late afternoon (about 10am or 4.20pm)                                                      |
| Birmingham         | easyJet                     | 2 a week (Mondays and Fridays)                | Lunchtime (about 1pm)                                                                                 |
| Manchester         | Loganair                    | Around 6 a week                               | Early evening (about 6pm)                                                                             |
| Belfast City       | Loganair                    | Around 5 a week                               | Late morning to early afternoon (about 11am to 1.45pm)                                                |
| Stornoway          | Loganair                    | Most days                                     | Mid-afternoon (about 3.30pm)                                                                          |
| Kirkwall, Sumburgh | Loganair                    | Several a week                                | Varies; check Loganair                                                                                |

A word of warning: these times are from the autumn 2026 timetables, and airlines love to fiddle with their schedules every season. Treat them as a rough guide and always check before you book.

Routes and schedules change, so always check the airline's own website before you book.

Sources: [Inverness Airport](#), [Inverness Airport route list](#), [Dublin schedule](#), [Frankfurt announcement](#), [Tenerife dates](#), [Gran Canaria 2027](#).

Timetable sources: [FlightsFrom Inverness departures](#), [FlightStats Inverness departures](#), [Birmingham route launch](#), [Manchester frequency](#).

## What's new for 2027 (and why I'm excited)

I've not been this excited about flights from Inverness in years. Here's why.

**Frankfurt is brand new.** Discover Airlines, part of Lufthansa, flies every Saturday from June to 11 September, and it's the only non-stop between the two cities. The flight home leaves mid-afternoon, so for once there's no 4am alarm. Rhine cruise, Black Forest, a sneaky look at where the Christmas markets will be? Your call.

**Dublin goes up to four flights a week** from 14 March 2027, just in time for St Patrick's Day, and stays that way until 22 October.

**Tenerife is coming for Easter.** Murray Travel's MT Holidays has five Friday departures from 26 March to 23 April, right across the Easter school holidays. These are package holidays only, and with just five flights they won't hang about.

**Gran Canaria is back for one week only**, leaving on 19 March 2027. One week. If you fancy it, stop reading and book.

## Going further? Three back doors to the world

Here's the bit most people miss. Three routes from Inverness will get you almost anywhere on the planet on one ticket.

**Amsterdam (KLM).** Twice a day, every day. From Schiphol you can get to everywhere from Cape Town to Bangkok. Book Inverness to your final stop on one ticket and your bag goes all the way through, so you're not hauling a suitcase round Schiphol.

**London Heathrow (British Airways).** Your gateway to BA's long-haul network. Book it all as one ticket and if the Inverness flight runs late, it's BA's job to sort you out, not yours.

**Dublin (Aer Lingus).** My favourite secret. Aer Lingus flies from Dublin all over the US and Canada, and you clear US immigration in Dublin before you even get on the plane. You land in America like a local. No two-hour queue at JFK. Bliss.

**Mel's golden rule:** never, ever book two separate tickets with a tight connection. If your first flight is late and the second is a separate booking, the second airline doesn't have to rebook you. You'll be buying a brand new flight, and that's a very expensive cup of airport coffee.

## Where you can fly on to from the big hubs

Four of our routes land you at a proper big hub, and from there the world really is your oyster. Here are the best bits.

| Hub (from Inverness)                       | Direct destinations | Highlights                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Amsterdam (KLM)                            | About 270           | Europe: Paris, Rome, Barcelona, Madrid, Lisbon, Munich, Zurich, Prague, Istanbul. Further afield: New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Dubai, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai, Tokyo, Johannesburg, Rio de Janeiro, Curaçao |
| London Heathrow (British Airways)          | About 220           | New York, Washington, Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Toronto, Dubai, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Perth, Lagos, plus Madrid, Lisbon, Munich, Berlin, Vienna, Istanbul                                                    |
| Dublin (Aer Lingus)                        | About 200           | North America, including New York, Boston, Chicago, Washington, Orlando, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Toronto, plus European cities and sun spots                                                                                  |
| Frankfurt (Discover Airlines, summer only) | About 280           | Lufthansa's main hub, with flights across Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia                                                                                                                                                   |

Wondering where you can get to from Gatwick, Manchester, Bristol or the islands? That's one for club members. Reply to any of my emails and ask, and I'll tell you.

Destination counts are from FlightsFrom in autumn 2026 and change with the seasons.

**Good news:** through all four hubs you can book Inverness to your final destination on one ticket, so if a connection goes wrong, it's the airline's headache, not yours.

## When to book

My number one rule from a small airport: book early. Fewer seats means fares climb faster than they do from Edinburgh or Glasgow, and the cheap ones go first.

| Trip                                        | Book by                        | Why                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Gran Canaria (19 March)                     | Now                            | One departure only; packages sell out                  |
| Tenerife at Easter                          | Now                            | Five departures, and Easter is the first to go         |
| Dublin for St Patrick's Day                 | By December 2026               | Hotels in Dublin are the real cost that weekend        |
| Majorca, school summer holidays             | By January 2027                | One flight a week; families book in the new year       |
| Frankfurt (June to September)               | As soon as you know your dates | One flight a week, brand-new route, unknown demand     |
| Long-haul via Amsterdam, Heathrow or Dublin | 6 to 9 months ahead            | The Inverness leg is the first to sell out             |
| London and UK city breaks                   | Watch the sales                | easyJet and BA sales come round often; set fare alerts |

**School holidays.** The minute the schools break up, every price goes up. It's daylight robbery, but it's how it works. If you can travel outside them, do, and you'll save, sometimes a lot. The full list of dates is below.

**Fare alerts.** Set a free alert on Google Flights or Skyscanner for your route and dates. Let the deals come to you.

## Highland school holidays and Scottish bank holidays

Stick these on the fridge. These are the dates when Inverness flights fill up first and prices go through the roof. Book early for them, or go just before or after and keep more money for the holiday itself.

| Dates                         | Holiday          | Type           |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mon 12 to Fri 23 October 2026 | October holidays | School holiday |
| Mon 30 November 2026          | St Andrew's Day  | Bank holiday   |

| Dates                                      | Holiday                                       | Type                            |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wed 23 December 2026 to Tue 5 January 2027 | Christmas and New Year                        | School holiday                  |
| Fri 25 and Mon 28 December 2026            | Christmas Day and Boxing Day                  | Bank holidays                   |
| Fri 1 and Mon 4 January 2027               | New Year's Day and 2nd January                | Bank holidays                   |
| Mon 15 to Wed 17 February 2027             | February break and in-service day             | School holiday                  |
| Fri 26 March to Fri 9 April 2027           | Easter holidays                               | School holiday                  |
| Fri 26 March 2027                          | Good Friday                                   | Bank holiday                    |
| Mon 3 May 2027                             | Early May bank holiday                        | Bank holiday and school holiday |
| Thu 6 May 2027                             | In-service day                                | School closed                   |
| Mon 31 May 2027                            | Spring bank holiday                           | Bank holiday                    |
| Fri 2 July to Tue 17 August 2027           | Summer holidays (pupils return Wed 18 August) | School holiday                  |
| Mon 2 August 2027                          | Summer bank holiday                           | Bank holiday                    |
| Mon 13 September 2027                      | In-service day                                | School closed                   |
| Mon 11 to Fri 22 October 2027              | October holidays                              | School holiday                  |
| Tue 30 November 2027                       | St Andrew's Day                               | Bank holiday                    |
| Wed 22 December 2027 to Tue 4 January 2028 | Christmas and New Year                        | School holiday                  |
| Mon 27 and Tue 28 December 2027            | Christmas and Boxing Day (substitute days)    | Bank holidays                   |

Scotland doesn't have Easter Monday as a bank holiday, and not every employer gives bank holidays off. Sources: [Highland Council term dates 2026/27](#), [Highland Council term dates 2027/28](#), [Scottish Government bank holidays](#), [2027 substitute bank holidays](#).

## What bags you get for free (and where they catch you out)

That cheap fare isn't so cheap once you've paid to bring a suitcase. Here's what each airline flying from Inverness actually lets you take for free on its cheapest ticket, plus the sneaky bits to watch for.

| Airline (routes)                              | Free in the cabin on the cheapest fare                                                                         | Free hold bag?                                             | Watch out for                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| British Airways (Heathrow)                    | A cabin bag up to 56 x 45 x 25 cm plus a handbag or laptop bag up to 40 x 30 x 15 cm, 23 kg each               | Not on Economy Basic; one 23 kg bag on other economy fares | The most generous hand luggage of the lot                            |
| easyJet (Gatwick, Luton, Bristol, Birmingham) | One under-seat bag up to 45 x 36 x 20 cm, 15 kg                                                                | No, it's extra                                             | No separate handbag allowance; an overhead-locker bag costs extra    |
| KLM (Amsterdam)                               | Light fare: a cabin bag up to 55 x 35 x 25 cm plus a small bag, 12 kg in total. Basic fare: the small bag only | No, on Basic or Light; one 23 kg bag on Standard and Flex  | KLM's cabin bag is only 35 cm wide, narrower than most cases         |
| Aer Lingus Regional (Dublin)                  | A small under-seat item. On a Saver fare, your 10 kg bag goes in the hold free, or you pay to take it on board | A 10 kg bag on every fare                                  | The plane is small, so bigger bags may be taken at the aircraft door |
| Loganair (Manchester, Belfast, islands)       | One cabin bag up to 40 x 35 x 18 cm, 6 kg, plus a small handbag                                                | Yes on every fare: 15 kg on Fly, 23 kg on Fly Flex         | The 6 kg cabin limit is strict, and lockers are tiny                 |
| Discover Airlines (Frankfurt)                 | One cabin bag up to 55 x 40 x 23 cm, 8 kg                                                                      | Not on Economy Light; one 23 kg bag on Economy Standard    | Light is hand luggage only                                           |

| Airline (routes)                     | Free in the cabin on the cheapest fare                                 | Free hold bag?                                                      | Watch out for                                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| TUI (Majorca)                        | A cabin bag up to 55 x 40 x 20 cm, 10 kg, plus a small under-seat item | 20 kg on most package holidays (25 kg on some); none on flight-only | Check whether you've booked a package or flight-only |
| MT Holidays (Gran Canaria, Tenerife) | Check with Murray Travel                                               | Baggage is included in the package                                  | Confirm the weight when you book                     |

Airlines change their bag rules more often than I change my handbag, so these are correct as of October 2026. Always check your booking. **My tip:** if you need a hold bag, price up the next fare up too. It's often cheaper than adding a bag on its own.

Sources: [easyJet cabin bags](#), [British Airways allowances](#), [KLM fares](#), [Aer Lingus Regional](#), [Loganair allowances](#), [Discover Airlines](#), [TUI allowances](#), [MT Holidays packages](#).

## My honest tips (from 38 years of getting it wrong so you don't have to)

- **Work out the real cost, not the fare.** Add fuel, parking and a hotel to that Edinburgh price before you decide Inverness is "too dear". You might be surprised.
- **Don't turn your nose up at a package.** On the Canaries and Majorca flights, a package usually throws in bags and transfers, and you're ATOL protected if anything goes wrong.
- **Measure your cabin bag.** The Loganair and Aer Lingus Regional planes are small, and so are their lockers. Don't be the person repacking at the gate.
- **Get the train.** Inverness Airport has its own station on the Aberdeen line, with a shuttle bus to the terminal. Brilliant if you're coming from Nairn, Forres or Elgin.
- **Leave yourself a buffer.** One late flight shouldn't ruin a whole holiday. Give yourself plenty of time between flights, especially in winter.
- **Ask someone who's done it.** If a trip has more than one moving part, a quick question to someone who's been there saves you money and stress. That's what I'm here for.

## Fancy someone else doing the hard work?

Now you're in Mel's Travel Club, you'll get holiday deals that actually work from Inverness, every one checked by me, straight to your inbox. New route announced? Fare dropped? You'll hear it from me first.

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