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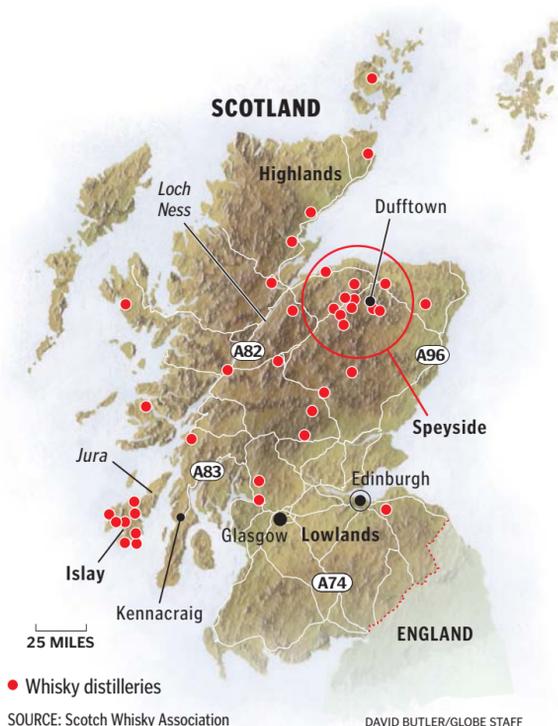


## A PLACE, DISTILLED

ALL THE EARTH'S ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT FOR MAKING WHISKIES DISTINCT AND MEMORABLE



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**DUFFTOWN** — Good Scotch whisky is a road trip in a bottle.

Pour a glass, close your eyes, breathe in, and be reminded of the place where waves turn the seaside into a rough and craggy path for the strolling thinker.

Another glass may contain a wall of smoke that overwhelms the senses, or a delicate wisp that transports you to a bog where heather becomes peat.

A whisky tour through Scotland is a firsthand taste of the rocks and wind, fire and sea, mud and flowers that are a distillation of this thornily self-reliant part of the United Kingdom.

There is no single best place to tour. Scotch whiskies are divided into several main groups, each with typical flavor profiles. There's the heather, salt, and fruit of the Highlands; easygoing Lowlands; smoky and complex Speysides; and the peaty and medicinal acquired tastes of Islay.

The best idea might be to pick an area or a few favorite distilleries and draw up an itinerary with a map. It's hard to go wrong as long as you have a car, a tweed

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**On Islay (top), a road is sure to pass one of the island's eight distilleries. Glenfiddich barrels in Dufftown and Glenfarclas storage in Ballindalloch.**

## The bolder, the more beautiful

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**ARLINGTON** — We drive past the water park called Hurricane Harbor and the red brick exterior of the Texas Rangers ballpark before we get our first glimpse of Cowboys Stadium.

TEXAS

"Where's E.T.?" I say to Bill Bury as I stare in amazement at this spaceship-like orb that has landed in the parking lot here about 20 miles from Dallas. The fritted glass glows a silvery blue, a mix of the team's colors.

Bury chuckles and says that this stadium is certainly built for the new millennium. As project manager

behind the three-year construction, he knows every nook and cranny of the building and its chief influences. Not only did he escort Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his family to football and baseball stadiums across the country, but he also went overseas to have a look at London's 90,000-seat new Wembley Stadium and even an airport in Lyon, France. It was a trip to Mitsubishi Corp. in Japan that led to the stadium's signature piece.

"That's what we call the chandelier," says Bury, pointing to an immense video board suspended high above the field. The four-sided behemoth, stretching

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The Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House in the downtown Dallas Arts District.

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