SCOTLANDI

JULY 9-18, 2022

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TOUR 10 Days | 9 Nights

expert guide, lodging, breakfasts + 5 special meals, transportation, admission to all sites, museums, highland games, castle ceilidh, & whisky distillery tour, service charges & local taxes, locked-in price

\$3299*



EXTENSION 2 Days 2 Nights

service charges & local taxes, locked-in price

\$299*

MAIN TOUR ITINERARY



"OUTLANDER" VILLAGE & HIGHLAND GAMES

Welcome to Scotland! We go straight to historical Culross, a lovely small town that has appeared in the hit series "Outlander." From there, we'll head to the Alva Highland Games - bagpipes, traditional dancing, and athletic events, including caber tossing. We then stop at Old Stirling Bridge before arriving in Stirling's Old Town, former capital of Scotland and our base for the next few nights (Overnight: Stirling Highland Hotel; Meals: Welcome Dinner).

ROB ROY COUNTRY - LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS

Today we tour the Trossachs, an area known as the "Highlands in Miniature." We follow in the footsteps of the famous bandit Rob Roy as we eat lunch in a pub he used to visit (you can try haggis if you like!) and visit his grave at Balquhidder. We'll enjoy the natural beauty of the Falls of Dochart and then of lochs & glens as we take a wee cruise along the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond (Overnight: <u>Stirling Highland Hotel</u>; Meals: Breakfast & Lunch).





KINGDOM OF FIFE - ST. ANDREWS & FISHING VILLAGES

From one former capital of Scotland to another, we drive from Stirling to St Andrews in the Kingdom of Fife today. On the way, we will see the charming fishing villages of the East Neuk of Fife and their historic harbors. We continue to the Home of Golf and Scotland's first university (founded in 1413) - St. Andrews. A pilgrimage destination in the Middle Ages, the great cathedral fell into ruin after the destruction of the Reformation. Stories of intrigue and murder haunt the clifftop castle nearby with its mines and countermines below that are still open for exploration. (Overnight: Stirling Highland Hotel; Meals: Breakfast).

STIRLING, THE STEWARTS, & AFTERNOON TEA

Today, we'll visit Stirling Castle at the top of the Old Town, with its magnificent views over the surrounding landscape. The Great Hall and Chapel were at the heart of Royal Life over centuries, while the Royal apartments are presented just as they would have been during the Stewart era when they established their dynasty here. After exploring the castle and visiting the Church of the Holy Rude, where many kings and queens were baptized, we'll enjoy a quintessentially British experience - afternoon tea, a veritable feast of sandwiches, scones and cakes (Overnight: Stirling Highland Hotel; Meals: Breakfast & Afternoon Tea).





THE WARS OF INDEPENDENCE, CASTLES, & A CEILIDH

First, we investigate the Wars of Independence as we visit the Wallace Monument, memorial tower to William Wallace (of Braveheart fame), and then Bannockburn, where Robert the Bruce repelled the English army in 1314. Next, we'll visit Doune Castle, famous from its appearances in Outlander, Game of Thrones, & Monty Python and the Holy Grail! After an early dinner, we'll go to Linlithgow Palace (home to Mary Queen of Scots) for a traditional ceilidh - an evening of Scottish music & dancing (Overnight: Stirling Highland Hotel; Meals: Breakfast and Dinner).

THE HIGHLANDS: FROM CELTIC CULTURE TO CLAN FEUDS

Today, we head for the Highlands! In Argyll, the home of Celtic culture, we visit Loch Awe home to Kilchurn Castle, seat of the notorious Clan Campbell, and St Conan's Kirk, a lovely chapel combining centuries of Scottish art traditions. We'll pass the sea lochs of the West Coast and Castle Stalker, better known as Castle Aaargh by Monty Python fans! We'll end today in Glencoe, a site of immense beauty with a haunted past. We'll learn how political tensions and old grievances led to the 1692 MacDonald massacre, an act that violated the sacred code of Highland hospitality. Tonight, we stay in Glencoe at the Clachaig Inn, a great spot for whisky sampling at the local pubs (Overnight: Clachaig Inn; Meals: Breakfast).





HIGHLAND LEGENDS

This morning, we'll pass Ben Nevis, Britain's tallest mountain, and through Fort William on our way to Glenfinnan, a monument marking Bonnie Prince Charlie's landing that ignited the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. Behind us, rumbles the West Highland Train Line - best known for its starring role as the Hogwarts Express in Harry Potter. Next, we'll cruise on Loch Ness whose depths are full of legends and lore. Keep your eyes peeled for Nessie! Our boat will dock by the medieval ruins of historic Urquhart Castle. As we head south to Perthshire, we'll enjoy spectacular views along the way to our hotel in Pitlochry, where we'll have chances to enjoy live music both nights of our stay (Overnight: McKay's Hotel; Meals: Breakfast).

THE JACOBITES, CULLODEN, & THE CLEARANCES

After a tour of the Blair Athol Distillery with whisky sampling, we head to the Highland Folk Museum, a reconstruction of various phases in Highland history and rural life. A highlight is the traditional crofting village, completely reconstructed. Next, we drive to the battlefield at Culloden, where the Jacobite cause met its end in 1746 in the last battle fought on British soil. This defeat led to the violent suppression of Highland culture and ended traditional clan life. Our final visit will be to the "standing stones" of Clava Cairns before heading back to enjoy more Scottish folk music (Overnight: McKay's Hotel; Meals: Breakfast).





FROM THE HIGHLANDS TO THE LOWLANDS

Today we bid a fond farewell to Perthshire with a final look at its natural wonders - including the majestic 600-year-old Birnam Oak of Shakespearean lore! We'll also see the Fortingall Yew that overlooks the village long rumored to be the birthplace of Pontius Pilate! Our culinary send-off is a traditional three-course Scottish Sunday roast lunch. Then we travel onwards through the Lowlands to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh. Our final night is spent in its Old Town, on the Royal Mile leading from Edinburgh Castle to Holyrood Palace (Overnight: Ibis Royal Mile-Hunter Square Hotel; Meals: Breakfast & Sunday Roast Lunch).

HASTE YE BACK!

This morning, some of us will bid a fond farewell to Scotland and catch our final glimpses of the capital city as we transfer you back to the Edinburgh airport for your flight home. For those who have opted to take advantage of our Edinburgh extension, you're just getting started and have two whole days ahead of you to explore Edinburgh at your leisure and your own pace. Either way, we know you will have fallen in love with Scotland just as we have. Haste Ye Back again soon, friends (Meals: Breakfast).



Scotland 2022: Clans, Castles, & Kilts

INCLUDED

- FREEDOM! Yes, we have designed an excellent program and will take you to explore some of the most important cultural and historical sites in Scotland, but we will also give you FREEDOM to explore these sites and time to engage with the local culture.
- Friendly, small groups (15-30), half the size of most tour groups
- 9 nights' accommodations in hand-picked, centrally located hotels
- All breakfasts + 5 other special meals
- All entry fees to sites and museums
- Tour manager to keep the group on schedule and to problem solve for you
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PRICING

Main Tour 10 days, 9 nights

- \$3299 per person in a double room
- \$599 single supplement

Edinburgh Extension 2 days, 2 nights*

- \$299 per person in a double room
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Full Payment Due March 31, 2022

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