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SCOTLAND TOUR

## HIGHLANDS, ISLE OF SKYE and EDINBURGH

**11-NIGHTS, 27 SEPTEMBER – 08 OCTOBER 2021**

### **Highlights of the tour:**

*Scotland is steeped in history and stunning scenery - perfect for many movie locations – and is well known for its pioneering engineers and artists.*

*The heather covered Highlands is the location of many ancient castles and battlefields filled with history and drama, battles not only between clans but against the “auld” enemy – the “Sassenachs” or the English! Over the sea to the Isle of Skye, the largest of the western isles and ancestral home to the MacDonald and MacLeod clans, with dramatic mountains and breathtaking coastal views. Edinburgh, of course, is always buzzing. The Royal Mile has Edinburgh Castle at the top- and Holyrood Palace one mile away, at the bottom of the hill and loads of good shopping in between. It’s also home to the retired HMY Britannia, the royal yacht of Queen Elizabeth II.*

### **Tour Price: \$3,500 per person sharing**

**Single Supplement :** *(one person in a double room) \$1,050*  
**Flights not included.**

### **Included in the cost of the tour:**

- *Pick up and drop off at Edinburgh Airport.*
- *11-nights accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis in 4-star accommodation.*
- *All land transport whilst on the tour.*
- *Entry to all tour sites as specified in the itinerary.*
- *9 x Lunches.*
- *5 x Dinners.*

### **Optional Extra : (enquire separately)**

- ✓ *Additional days before or after the tour can be arranged.*

*This is an intimate tour limited to 14 guests only (a minimum of 8 guests). For more information and your registration form, please feel free to e-mail or call. Your deposit and completed booking form will secure your place on the trip, without disappointment.*



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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Flight departure from the US to Edinburgh, United Kingdom**

**The itinerary is based on an element of flexibility, taking into account any Covid-19 restrictions that may still be in place.**

### **DAY 1 Arriving into Edinburgh on Monday September 27, 2021**

The Best Tours will meet you at the airport and transport you to your Highlands hotel. The balance of the day is at your leisure in this beautiful village on the loch, with an afternoon activity available.


 Dunalastair Hotel, Kinloch Rannoch (3 nights)

### **DAY 2 & 3 – The Scottish Highlands**

Our two days in the Highlands will include an opportunity to blow your own piece of glass at Caithness Crystal; a spot of shopping in the picturesque village of Pitlochry, a Whisky tasting and a visit to Blair Castle. All in the most breathtaking scenery of Loch Tummel and Loch Rannoch, where the opening scenes from “Outlander” at Craigh Na Dun were filmed.

### **DAY 4 – Road, Rail and Ferry to the Isle of Skye**

Unlike Bonnie Prince Charlie we do not need to walk the “Road to the Isles” but it will be an early morning drive to Ft William, at the foot of Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the UK. There we board the Jacobite Express Steam Train for a scenic journey across the Glenfinnan Viaduct, as featured in the Harry Potter movies as the gateway to Hogwarts, to the coastal town of Mallaig. A short ferry ride gets us over to Ardsar on the Isle of Skye with a visit to Armadale Castle, home to the MacDonalDs of Sleat and now a romantic ruin, sitting on 40 acres with amazing views of the Sound of Sleat.

 The Inn at Àird a' Bhàsair (2 nights)

### **DAY 5 - The Isle Of Skye**

Today is spent exploring Skye, visiting, Dunvegan Castle, the seat of the MacLeod clan. Lunch is at an 18<sup>th</sup> Century inn on the shores of Loch Bay. The afternoon offers an opportunity for more walking to Neist Point Lighthouse for those who wish to do a bit more rugged exploring, or a visit to Tallisker Distillery – or both!

### **DAY 6 & 7 - Inverness**

This morning we travel across the “Skye Bridge” towards Inverness via the lovely seaside village of Plockton. This will be the day someone will see Nessie while cruising Loch Ness to Urquhart Castle.



The next day, we are transported back in time to the 1745 Jacobite rebellion and the fateful battle of Culloden. For those who have seen the 'Outlander' series you will have some idea of the great tragedy of the battle. For the whisky aficionados there is an opportunity to visit The Macallan distillery, or return to Inverness for an afternoon at leisure



Mercure Hotel, Inverness (2 nights)

### **DAY 8 - To Sterling and Edinburgh**

We head south towards Edinburgh and on the way visit the Wallace memorial and Stirling Castle which is steeped in the historical roles played out in the region by William Wallace in the late 1290's and Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland in the early 1300's. A visit to the Bannockburn battlefields and an opportunity to participate in a virtual battle between the Scots and the English in 1314, always lends excitement to the visit



Kildonan Lodge, Edinburgh (4 nights)

### **DAY 9 - 11 , Edinburgh**

Over the next 3 days we have a number attractions scheduled, whilst being as flexible as possible to individual preferences. These include

- Rosslyn Chapel (as featured in Dan Brown's book and movie "The Da Vinci Code")
- The Royal Yacht Britannia, the floating palace of Her Majesty the Queen, now sadly decommissioned, but still a fascinating glimpse of life aboard this magnificent vessel. Coffee, tea and scones will be served on board the ship.
- Holyrood Palace, Queen Elizabeth's official home in Edinburgh, where you can visit the palace and the Queen's Gallery at your own pace.
- Edinburgh Castle.
- The Falkirk Wheel. This amazing piece of engineering is a giant wheel that lifts boats, including the one you'll be in, from a lower canal to another, more than 100 feet above.
- There is engineering in art too at the "Kelpies" – an artistic evolution of engineering. These statues were erected in metal to honor the hard work done by the local Clydesdale horses during the industrial revolution of Scotland and are the world's largest equine statues.

There will also be time to just explore Edinburgh, the Royal Mile, Lawn Market in the Old City and Princess Street and the Georgian Squares in the New Town.

### **DAY 12 - Departing Edinburgh on Friday October 8th, 2021**

After breakfast, you will be transported to Edinburgh Airport to catch your international flight back to the USA