Best of Scotland

September 5-11, 2024
7 Days-6 Nights 1 Country

$3,498 per person based on double occupancy land only
$4,398 per person based on single occupancy land only
Includes: First class hotel accommodations, 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners, admissions, luxury motorcoach, ferry to Isle of Skye, expert travel director, Vegas PBS host.

Travel from Scotland's capital Edinburgh to Glasgow, the battlefields of Culloden and Glasgow, past the loch and glens of the Scottish Highlands.

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A $200 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO BOOK with balance due by June 1, 2024.
Day 1 | Welcome to Edinburgh

Get lost in the narrow lanes of Edinburgh – the Scottish capital with a mystical air that combines ancient heritage with the verve of a modern city. Spend your day at leisure delving into its rich history and embracing the warm culture of the Scots, before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for a light meal and drinks.

Meals: Dinner
Hotel: Novotel Centre

Day 2 | Discover Enchanting Edinburgh

Join your Local Specialist this morning for an intriguing sightseeing tour of the city. Ascend Castle Rock and visit Edinburgh Castle, which watches over the surrounding city from its elevated vantage point. Stroll through the Old Town along the Royal Mile and see the stunning Palace of Holyroodhouse before enjoying time at leisure to soak up the city’s festive atmosphere.

Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Novotel Centre

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Rosslyn Chapel** - We’ll drive out of Edinburgh to the tiny village of Rosslyn, where we’ll hear the inside story of the famous Rosslyn Chapel from a Local Specialist. One of Scotland’s most unusual 15th-century buildings, Rosslyn is famed for its associations with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and now ‘The Da Vinci Code’.
Adult: 27.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

**Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen** - Enjoy a scenic drive to the ancient village of Torphichen, associated with Scottish kings and Knights Templar. At the Torphichen Inn, your arrival will be toasted by our gracious host before enjoying an excellent dinner of local specialties and entertainment.
Adult: 69.00 GBP

**Ceilidh Evening and Dinner at Ghillie Dhu** - Experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu, where we’ll be welcomed by a Scottish piper and enjoy a welcome drink before settling in for a delicious three-course meal and live Ceilidh music. And you can’t miss the iconic Piping in the Haggis ceremony, a true highlight of the Scottish experience.
Adult: 79.00 GBP
Day 3 | Venture into the Scottish Highlands

Tread in the footsteps of the world’s golfing greats and head to St. Andrews en route to the glorious Scottish Highlands. A scenic drive takes us north and across the Firth of Tay, past the city of Dundee to Pitlochry. After lunch, enjoy some free time to explore its riverside setting or join an Optional Experience to Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Murray. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cozy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Laggan

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Pitlochry, Visit of Blair Castle - Set in its own grounds against a backdrop of glorious scenery, we’ll discover the ancient home of the Dukes of Atholl, home to Europe’s last remaining private army. Unique amongst Scottish castles, Blair has hosted royalty from Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Victoria.
Adult: 28.00 GBP

Highland Farm Experience - Visit a real Highland sheep farm and meet Neil the Shepherd and his border collies. He’ll show you how he uses different whistles to command each dog to carry out different tasks. You’ll also have the opportunity to try your hand at feeding the lambs and discover his training techniques. Weather permitting. Adult: 22.00 GBP

Day 4 | Explore Culloden, Loch Ness and the Isle of Skye

Continue your journey to the tragic battlefield of Culloden. Pay tribute to the brave men who lost their lives in the Jacobite Uprising, then travel past Scotland’s infamous Loch Ness. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Dundreggan Rewilding Center, to learn about the preservation of the fragile Caledonian pine forest and rare animal species. The solitary beauty of Eilean Donan Castle will leave you speechless before you continue to the coast and cross to the Isle of Skye. Heather-clad peaks provide a stunning backdrop for our scenic drive across the Sleat Peninsula. Indulge in some free time before boarding your ferry in Armadale and crossing to Mallaig, back on the mainland.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Laggan/Craiglynne
Day 5 | Journey to Thriving Glasgow

Our first stop today sees us commemorate World War II history at the Commando Memorial near Fort William, from which we admire spectacular views of Britain’s highest peak – Ben Nevis. We journey through the volcanic ruins and precipitous mountains that lie just beyond Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. Here we remember the MacDonald clansmen who were massacred in 1692. Join a cruise on Loch Lomond. Continuing towards the River Clyde, we arrive at our final stop for the day – Glasgow.

Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Crowne Plaza

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Loch Lomond Boat Trip** - Discover the wild beauty of the 'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond'. As we cruise across the loch, the skipper will share stories of the area and point out Rob Roy's cave as you relax and savour the stunning scenery. Adult: 20.00 GBP

**Glasgow City Evening** - You’ll enjoy a chance to experience a night out in the city of Glasgow. Your Travel Director will take you for an evening of good food, drinks, and undoubtedly interesting conversation. Adult: 58.00 GBP

**Music City Tour and Meal** - Join us tonight for a chance to explore more of Glasgow, get beneath its skin and learn about its music scene and folk culture. After a guided walking tour, we'll enjoy a two-course dinner with live music from the city’s up-and-coming folk performers. Afterwards, an informal trad folk session will see us through the night. Adult: 70.00 GBP

Day 6 | Walk the Walls of Stirling Castle

Madainn mhath! While your Gaelic may be a little rusty, your orientation tour around this edgy city will be anything but. Begin your day seeing Glasgow's iconic sights. Enjoy views of the Necropolis, the regal George Square and River Clyde, for over 200 years the center of shipbuilding.

Later, we Dive Into Culture at a whisky distillery and enjoy a wee dram. Continue to Stirling, to see its hilltop fortress, which stands as a symbol of national pride. Stirling Castle was once the seat of Scottish kings and queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots. View the Wallace Monument from the castle walls, paying tribute to the Scottish hero who fought for Scotland’s independence. After we join the Wood family at their 15-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard to Connect With Locals over a home-cooked Be My Guest Farewell Dinner, amidst tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-tapping tunes.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Crowne Plaza
Day 7 | Farewell Glasgow

The rugged beauty and warmth of Scotland’s people forever in your memory, we enjoy one last hearty breakfast with our travel companions before wishing them and your Travel Director a fond farewell.

Meals: Breakfast

Please Note:
- All optional experiences can only be booked upon arrival.
- The overall activity level of this tour requires walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-3 hours). You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation, and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you will not be able to access all the sites on this tour.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED: Airfares (unless otherwise stated), passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Ask your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist for further details.

DEPOSIT: A non-refundable deposit of $200 is due at time of booking.

FINAL PAYMENT: Required by June 1, 2024.

CANCELLATION FEES: Your $200 Deposit is non-refundable in: the case of cancellation at any time after booking. After final payment, from 60 to 30 days prior to departure, a 50% penalty is assessed. From 29 to 2 days prior, an 80% penalty is assessed. Cancellations 1 day prior or day of departure are assessed 100% of the tour payment. The purchase of travel insurance is highly recommended to avoid cancellation penalties.

AMENDMENTS: Fees may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

REFUNDS: No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any sightseeing, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilized.

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PASSPORT AND VISAS: You must have a valid passport with 6 months validity from date of return. For Visa requirements, contact your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist.

HOTELS: The hotels listed in the itinerary are listed as a guide only and are subject to change.

PORTERAGE: for one suitcase is included in the trip price on arrival and departure from each trip hotel. Refer to https://www.trafalgar.com/en-us/frequently-asked-questions for details of luggage allowances.

TRANSFERS: Your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist can provide details of arrival and departure transfers.

DOCUMENTATION: Documentation will be emailed approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: apply to this special departure. Full terms and conditions are available from https://www.trafalgar.com/en-us

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ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS: All pricing is based on double occupancy. If a single room is required, the appropriate single supplement will need to be paid. Single rooms are subject to availability. Triple rooms may be available on request.

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