

## Discover Scotland

## with optional 3-Night London Pre Tour Extension

# Highlights...

Bagpipe Demonstration • Whisky Tasting • Isle of Skye • Loch Ness • Orkney Islands • Dunrobin Castle • Sheepdog Demonstration • Edinburgh Castle • Scottish Cooking Demonstration



10 Days • 15 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 7 Dinners

### **Cultural Connections**

- Visit a family-run Highlands farm and watch sheepdogs at work in the mountain wilderness.
- Learn how the bagpipe, that quintessentially Scottish instrument, has become such an integral part of the country's culture.
- Discover the Neolithic ruins on Orkney and how they have shaped the island today.

## Must-See Highlights

- Take a cruise on Loch Ness and search for the elusive Nessie.
- Journey through the stunning Isle of Skye while soaking up the dramatic views.
- Visit magnificent Edinburgh Castle, a stone fortress perched high above the city.

### **Culinary Experiences**

- Listen to bagpipes as you savor modern Scottish fare.
- Enjoy an interactive cooking demonstration at one of Edinburgh's premier culinary institutions.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

An overnight flight transports you to a country of stunning landscapes, lively cities, and stirring history.

### Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland

Arrive in Glasgow, Scotland's Victorian city. With no planned activities today, you can explore Glasgow at leisure. Tonight, your Scotlish adventure begins with a visit to the National Piping Centre. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, join your fellow travelers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. *Today dinner will be included.* 

### Day 3: Glasgow - Ballachulish

This morning, bid Glasgow farewell as you travel to your next destination. First, stop at a local whisky distillery for a guided tour and tasting. After some free time for lunch in a nearby town, you can relax aboard the motorcoach and admire the verdant green hills and mountainside waters as you arrive at your remote countryside hotel, situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

### Day 4: Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish

This morning, journey to the stunning Isle of Skye, also known in poetry and song as Eilean a' Cheò (The Misty Isle). Upon arrival in Armadale, a local from the island joins you to share the history of this magical place and what it is like to live there today. A visit to the capital of Portree allows some time to explore before taking the scenic route back to Broadford. End your day by returning to Ballachulish via the Skye Bridge and a scenic drive along the "Road to the Isles." Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

## Day 5: Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso

Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain's most famous bodies of water. Keep your eyes open — you never know when Nessie might appear! Travel off the beaten path to Thurso, one of Scotland's most remote towns on the North Coast. Embrace the rustic environment of the Scotlish Highlands as you settle in for your two-night stay. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

### Day 6: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso

Grab your windbreaker – it's time for an adventure on the Orkney Islands.\* Ferry to this former Viking stronghold off the northernmost coast of Scotland, where artists admire the ever-changing clouds rolling across the sky like a time-lapse at double speed. On the crossing, feel the wind in your hair as you view the abundant bird life and, if you're lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this ethereal place that few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae and discover the remains of a Neolithic village built before the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Continue on toward the prehistoric Standing Stones of Stenness, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Make your way through the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

### Day 7: Thurso - Inverness

As you make your way back from the northern coast, visit the majestic Dunrobin Castle,\*\* which dates back to the 1300s. The castle is built in the style of a French château and is home to the Duke of Sutherland. Next, it's your choice! Step into history at the atmospheric Culloden Battlefield, where the Jacobite Rising came to a tragic end -OR- visit the imposing Inverness Castle on a self-guided tour, now home to a fascinating museum of the battles of the Highlands. Enjoy an overnight stay in Inverness, capital of the Highlands. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Begin your day with a visit to a family-run farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure to explore on your own. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions with a "wee dram" in hand. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.* 

#### Day 9: Edinburgh

Today, visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh's new town before your local expert takes you on a walking tour up to the magnificent castle. Enjoy an afternoon of free time. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. Today breakfast will be included.

#### Day 10: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included.

### Experience It! The National Piping Centre

Now it's time for some distinctly Scottish music as you visit the National Piping Centre. From your very first steps into this remarkable building, you'll be charmed by the unique sounds of the bagpipe. Join an expert who leads you through the museum to gain insight into the history of this intriguing instrument. Discover its true importance to Scottish culture, past and present. After a short demonstration, you might get the chance to try it for yourself! Now that you've worked up an appetite, enjoy dinner at the Centre's lovely farm-to-table restaurant. Savor a modern take on traditional Scottish cuisine and then cap off your evening like a true Scotsman — with a wee dram of whisky!

Your itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Maldron Hotel, Glasgow
Days 3, 4	Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish
Days 5, 6	Pentland Hotel, Thurso
Day 7	Best Western Palace Hotel, Inverness
Days 8, 9	Radisson Blu, Edinburgh
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

# Important Tour Information:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

#### Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Isle of Skye visit is a long day on the coach due to the nature of the roads and the distance covered to show the best of the islands scenery.

Inclusions and activities are subject to the weather conditions of the Highlands and may be changed at short notice.

This tour consists of many long days of coach travel. There will be days when traveling is over 8 hours with included stops, so expect earlier starts and longer days.

\*Weather conditions may sometimes prevent operation of the ferry to the Orkney Islands. In these cases, your Tour Manager will substitute activities on the mainland.

Due to the remoteness of the Highlands region, hotels are carefully chosen, yet also reflective of the rustic nature of the landscape. All hotels selected in the Highlands region are 3-star properties. Most of the hotels do not have elevators, requiring travelers to navigate stairs to reach their room. Rooms in these hotels are smaller than average. Older properties may not have air conditioning.

Most dinners featured on your tour of this region will be hosted at your hotels as they are the best and most convenient dining venues available, particularly in the remote Highlands.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Our air travelers will arrive into Glasgow airport. Our arrival transfers will depart from this airport for your hotel.

Our air travelers will depart from Edinburgh airport. Our departure transfers will depart from your hotel for Edinburgh airport.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

# Travel Requirements:

## IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

An ETA is required for travel to the UK. Applications are accepted online or through the UK ETA app. For more information, please visit: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta.

Extend your vacation with...

Optional 5 Days 3-Night London Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,399.00 double, \$1,899.00 single, land only

3 Meals: 3 breakfasts

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dunrobin Castle is open from April to October. When it is closed you will visit Fort George or similar.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to the United Kingdom. Begin in England and enjoy a 3-night stay in London.

#### Day 2: London, England

Experience London, the esteemed capital of England. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

#### Day 3: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube. Take a walking tour around the exterior of St. Paul's Cathedral, then continue over the Millennium Bridge to take in the charms of the South Bank. See Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and the Golden Hinde Clipper before continuing your walk into Southwark. The walking tour ends at the famous Borough Market. (B)

#### Day 4: London

Start your day at the Tower of London. Be sure to take advantage of your included ticket to peek into the city's storied past and uncover the secrets of this 11th-century fortress. The afternoon and evening are free to discover more of London independently. (B)

#### Day 5: London - Glasgow, Scotland

Wish London goodbye as you take a high-speed train through the English countryside to Scotland to join your fellow travelers. (B)

# Important Tour Extension Information:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 travelers is not met to operate.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

The walking tour of London is approximately two and a half hours with periods of standing up to thirty minutes.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

# **Tour Extension Travel Requirements:**

An ETA is required for travel to the UK. Applications are accepted online or through the UK ETA app. For more information, please visit: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta.

# Important reservation information:

\*Airfare: For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure; cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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