

Scotland: Land of Lore & Legend

Highlights...

Glasgow • Scottish Highlands • Sheepdog Demonstration • Isle of Mull • Isle of Iona • Urquhart Castle • Cawdor Castle • Whisky Tasting & Dinner • Edinburgh



11 Days • 14 Meals: 9 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners

Cultural Connections

- See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm.
- Walk the trails of Glencoe, where dramatic peaks and valleys echo clan legends.
- Immerse yourself in the history of tartan as told by Highland women.

Must-See Highlights

- Discover Cawdor Castle, a medieval fortress linked to Macbeth and Highland history.
- Explore the culturally rich city of Glasgow.
- Ferry to the Isle of Iona and visit Iona Abbey.

Culinary Experiences

- Enjoy Scottish treats on a Highland farm overlooking Loch Lomond.
- Toast with the famous "water of life" during a whisky-inspired dinner in Edinburgh.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Rolling landscapes of green hills and rocky coastlines. Lively cities of friendly locals and the renowned "water of life." This is Scotland, where legends live long and storybook pages come to life.

Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland

Welcome to Glasgow, a cultural trove of art, music, and history. Get ready to experience the eclectic architecture, friendly locals (Glaswegians), and rich traditions that make this city such a fascinating place. As arrival times will vary, the day is yours to explore at your own pace — maybe visit one of the many museums or galleries or simply relax and take in the local scene. Settle into your hotel before joining your fellow travelers this evening for a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Glasgow

Soak in the rich culture of Glasgow. Join a local guide on a walking and motorcoach tour that leads you through historic George Square and the beautiful Beaux-Arts style architecture that surrounds it; to Provand's Lordship, the oldest surviving house in the city; the medieval Glasgow Cathedral; prestigious Blythswood Square; and the futuristic-looking Science Centre. After lunch on your own in central Glasgow, enjoy the rest of the day free to discover the city as you like. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Glasgow - Luss - Oban - Loch Melfort

Leave the city behind, traveling along sloping fields towards Loch Lomond. Visit a family-run farm with spectacular views of the lake and surrounding hills, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration, and enjoy Scottish snacks. Next, arrive in Luss and explore this quaint lakeside village of stone cottages and bright flowers, taking time for lunch on your own. Then, it's off to Oban, where a local guide will lead you on a walking tour of this coastal town and important fishing port. Continue to Loch Melfort and settle into your hotel for the next two nights. Take in a stunning view of the ocean from the hotel before wandering the grounds, home to friendly Highland cows and neighboring the National Trust's Arduaine Gardens. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Loch Melfort - Isle of Mull - Isle of Iona - Loch Melfort

It's time to island hop! Setting off from Loch Melfort, take the ferry from Oban to the Isle of Mull, a picturesque island that is the largest of the Inner Hebridean Islands. Continue to the Isle of Iona, one of Western Europe's oldest Christian religious centers. Journey to Iona Abbey on foot and enjoy free time to explore the tranquility of the grounds on your own before returning to Oban and back to your hotel in Loch Melfort. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Loch Melfort - Inverness

Geological wonders await you in the Highlands. Head to the National Nature Reserve in Glencoe and stop at the visitor center to learn about the spectacular Glencoe mountain range, then walk the trails and experience this unique landscape for yourself. After lunch, continue on to Loch Ness. Wander the undulating ruins of legendary Urquhart Castle and imagine all that transpired inside the walls of this 13th-century medieval fortress. Afterwards, travel to Inverness, capital of the Highlands, to settle into your hotel for the night. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Inverness

This morning, step back in time as you explore Cawdor Castle, a romantic 14th-century stronghold steeped in Shakespearean legend and Highland history. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Delve into the poignant history of the Jacobite uprising at Culloden Battlefield **-OR-** explore Inverness Castle, where an immersive experience brings Highland culture, heritage, and stories to life. After, the remainder of the day in Inverness is yours to soak in the atmosphere of this Highland hub. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: Inverness - Edinburgh

Discover the story of the local pioneering women who created the ethical clothing company, Prickly Thistle, and learn the true story of tartan as told by a Highland woman. After, make your way to the picturesque town of Pitlochry, take some time for lunch on your own, and then board a high-speed train to finish your day in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 9: Edinburgh

This morning, join a local expert for a three-hour walking tour of Edinburgh's hilly Old Town and discover more about the lore and legends of the capital city. After your tour, the afternoon and evening are yours — perhaps take the opportunity to visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 10: Edinburgh

The day is yours to explore as you wish. Perhaps you'll take a stroll among the Georgian architecture of the New Town or journey to Leith for a visit to the royal yacht *Britannia*. Or you might take advantage of the optional excursion to Stirling Castle, an iconic landmark in Scotland's history, followed by a brief stop at the Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures. Gather in the evening for a whisky-inspired farewell dinner highlighting the flavors of Scotland and toast to your Scottish explorations. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 11: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Wish Scotland a fond farewell as you depart for home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It! Isle of Iona

Step off the ferry and onto one of Scotland's most sacred sites – the Isle of Iona – home to one of the oldest Christian religious centers in Western Europe. Walk its grounds and visit Iona Abbey, a 13th-century church built on the site where the world-famous *Book of Kells* is said to have been created. Admire the church's medieval architecture and the museum's collection of stone crosses and carvings, then wander through the graveyard where ancient Scottish kings are said to have been laid to rest. The peace and tranquility you find here will stay with you long after you've left.

Your itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow
Days 4, 5	Loch Melfort Hotel, Arduaine, Oban
Days 6, 7	Best Western Palace Hotel, Inverness
Days 8 – 10	Edinburgh Marriott Hotel Holyrood, Edinburgh
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Explorations: These small group tours give travelers access to the world in a truly authentic way. On these active, immersive journeys, travelers connect with the cultures of the world on a deeper, more meaningful level in ways that are hard to replicate. The group size is kept small, allowing these journeys to be the most active, engaging, and rewarding experience possible.

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 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 16 people (maximum of 24).

The Edinburgh walking tour is 3 hours covering approximately 3 miles of up and down hilly terrain.

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.

In order to fully experience the destination, some of our hotels on these tours are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches. In these cases, you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area.

In order to experience all that we have included on this tour, there will be a minimum of four full days of touring, starting at 8:30 a.m. and returning to the hotel at 6:00 p.m.

Travelers arriving in Edinburgh on certain dates in August will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show.

- Days of features are interchangeable.
- Some historic buildings may not have elevators.
- Please be aware that not all hotels in Scotland have air conditioning, especially in older properties.
- When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Scotland are often smaller in size.
- Hotel rooms in Scotland may be smaller than those in your home country.
- The Loch Melfort Hotel is a 3-star property chosen for its scenic location and authentic experience.
- Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.
- Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple accommodations are not available.
- High-speed commuter trains and local ferries are both used on this program and are subject to timetable changes beyond our control.
- Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this tour. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.
- To complete your tour, we include round-trip 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.
- Our departure transfers will depart from your Edinburgh hotel to the Edinburgh airport.
- Our air travelers will arrive into Glasgow airport and depart from Edinburgh airport.
- 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.
- If you choose to arrange your own air, please note you must arrive into Glasgow airport no later than 4:00 p.m. If your flight arrives into Edinburgh airport, you must arrive no later than 2:00 p.m.

Travel Requirements:

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, at the approximate cost of £16, subject to change based on governing authority. 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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