

SAMPLE SCOTTISH ITINERARY

Day #1

UNITED STATES TO GLASGOW

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation

Day #2

GLASGOW ARRIVAL & BALLACHULISH

Land in Glasgow and after you disembark, pass through customs and immigration checks at the airport. Your guide will meet you in the Arrivals Hall, welcome you to Scotland and assist in transferring you to your motor coach. Depart Glasgow and drive north to take a cruise on the celebrated Loch Lomond, Scotland's longest loch. Enjoy wonderful scenic views as you travel through the islands, one of which is the burial place of the Chiefs of the Clan MacGregor. Then cross the desolate Rannoch Moor before driving through the splendid Glen Coe with towering mountains on either side. This region is remembered for the Massacre of Glen Coe in 1692 when the Campbells slaughtered many of the Macdonald clan. Continue motoring to Ballachulish to check into your hotel, which is set amid wonderful scenery on the shores of Loch Linnhe. Enjoy some time to relax and settle in before joining your group for dinner. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ISLE OF GLENCOE HOTEL, BALLACHULISH



Day #3

EXCURSION TO THE ISLE OF SKYE

This morning drive along the "Road to the Isles" through some of Scotland's loveliest scenery to the port of Mallai. Here take the ferry to the Isle of Skye, and then visit the remains of Armadale Castle. Armadale Castle was home to the MacDonald's chief as early as the seventeenth century. Many eclectic guests have stayed at the castle over the years and as you tour the grounds learn about these individual. Today, not much remains of the castle abandoned in 1925, except for the visitor center, museum, and gardens. After your visit, travel to Inverness to check in for dinner and your overnight stay.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CRAIGMONIE HOTEL, INVERNESS

Day #4

LOCH NESS CRUISE, CULLODEN & CAWDOR CASTLE

After breakfast, head south to Fort Augustus to take a boat ride on Loch Ness, which will give you an opportunity to enjoy the lovely scenery and also look for the famous monster, "Nessie." Continue along the shoreline of Loch Ness through Farr and Craggie to visit Culloden Moor, to tour the Visitor Centre. Walk around the battlefield where, on April 16, 1746, British Government forces defeated the army of Prince Charles Edward Stuart in just one hour and ended hopes of restoring the Jacobite Stuarts to the British throne. The brutal measures imposed after the battle signaled the end of the distinctive Highland way of life and culture. Then drive northeast to visit Cawdor Castle with its extensive gardens. This family home for over 600 years is the reputed place of the murder of Duncan, Thane of Cawdor, immortalized in Shakespeare's play "Macbeth." Return to Inverness in time for dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CRAIGMONIE HOTEL, INVERNESS

Day #5

WHISKEY TASTING & ABERDEEN HIGHLIGHTS

Leaving Inverness, motor through Spey Valley to visit a local whiskey distillery, where you can see the process of whisky production and sample the finished product at the end of the tour. After you visit travel to Aberdeen and upon arrival embark on a panoramic tour of the principal sites of the city. Aberdeen, which is called the Granite City as the granite buildings glisten in the sunshine. It is a center for fishing and oil industries. Next, check into your hotel and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure for independent pursuits. In the evening join your group for dinner and then enjoy a singing performance as arranged by your tour leader.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THISTLE CALEDONIAN HOTEL, ABERDEEN



Day #6

GLAMIS CASTLE & ST. ANDREWS PANORAMIC

Depart Aberdeen and travel south through the lush countryside of Aberdeenshire to visit Glamis Castle, the legendary setting of “Macbeth” and childhood home of the Queen Mother. At Perth, cross the modern Tay Bridge, one of the longest road bridges in Europe, to St. Andrews where golf originated. Upon arrival embark on a guided sightseeing tour to see the highlights. See the famous Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the British Golf Museum, which tells the story of British golf from its origins to present day. Also view St. Andrews Castle, which was founded in 1200 as a fortress and home of the Bishop of St. Andrews and St. Andrews Cathedral, which founded in 1160. After your tour, drive across the Forth Bridge into Edinburgh, Scotland’s historic capital city. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of

the day at leisure for independent activities. Tonight, dine with your fellow travelers at the hotel.

After dinner, enjoy a walking ghost tour of Edinburgh, the best way to explore the Old Town of Edinburgh! Hidden courtyards and gardens are explored and their stories dramatically revealed to bring Edinburgh’s glorious past to life.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: RADISSON BLU, EDINBURGH

Day #7

EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING

After a hearty Scottish breakfast, set off on a tour of Scotland’s capital city. Start your sightseeing with a drive through the heart of the city along Princes Street, famous for its shops on one side and gardens on the other. See the 18th century New Town with its broad streets, spacious squares and elegant town houses. Then drive along the Royal Mile and see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of Her Majesty The Queen. Then take a guided tour of the imposing Edinburgh Castle, perched high above the city on volcanic rock. The afternoon is at leisure for you to browse, shop or sightsee independently. The balance of the day and evening are free for independent activities and dining.

OVERNIGHT: RADISSON BLU, EDINBURGH

Day #8

ROSSLYN CHAPEL & EDINBURGH FREE TIME

This morning drive south of the city to Roslin to visit Rosslyn Chapel, which attracts over 25,000 visitors every year. Founded by Sir William Sinclair in the 15th century, this medieval chapel is rich in unusual carvings and symbolism. This foundation was originally intended to spread intellectual and spiritual knowledge, and the extravagance of their construction depended on the wealth of their founder. This evening enjoy a Scottish dinner in the hotel restaurant with your group. After dinner, enjoy a singing performance as arranged by your tour leader.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: RADISSON BLU, EDINBURGH

Day #9

RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Sadly, your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Edinburgh Airport in plenty of time to check in for your transatlantic flight or your connecting flight. You may choose to do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft for your transatlantic flight. Enjoy your flight across the Atlantic Ocean back to your hometown in the United States.

