# **Itinerary & Optionals**

## 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 Welcome Reception with a light meal and drinks.

MEAL(S)HOTELWelcome ReceptionJurys Inn

### 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. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

#### MEAL(S)

**Breakfast** 

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

#### **Dinner And Drive To Historic Torphichen**

Enjoy a scenic drive to the ancient village of Torphichen, associated with Scottish kings and Knights Hospitaller. At the Torphichen Inn, your arrival will be toasted by our convivial host before enjoying an excellent dinner of local specialties and entertainment.

Adult Price: GBP56.0\*

\* The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.

#### 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, Rossyln is famed for its associations with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and now 'The Da Vinci Code'.

Adult Price: GBP22.0\*

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### 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 river-side setting. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cosy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast **HOTEL**Dinner Highlander

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

# **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 Price: GBP15.0\*

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### 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 Price: GBP20.0\*

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# DAY 4 EXPLORE CULLODEN, LOCH NESS AND THE ISLE OF SKYE

Follow the Great Glen towards Fort Augustus where we stop to view Loch ness, keeping a keen eye out for the elusive 'Nessie'. The soul-stirring sight of Eilean Donan Castle is our last stop on the mainland before we cross the bridge to the isle of Skye. The tragic battlefield of Culloden will be our final stop of the day, where we pay tribute to the brave men who lost their lives in the Jacobite Uprising.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast

Dinner

### 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. Continuing towards the River Clyde, we arrive at our final stop for the day – Glasgow.

MEAL(S) HOTEL

Breakfast Hilton Garden Inn City Centre

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

#### **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, a drink, and undoubtedly interesting conversation.

Adult Price: GBP37.0\*

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#### **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 Price: GBP15.0\*

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# DAY 6 WALK THE WALLS OF STIRLING CASTLE

Journey 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. Later, join the Wood family at their 15th-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard to Connect With Locals over a home-cooked Farewell Be My Guest experience, amidst tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-tapping ceilidh tunes during lunch. Then head to Glengoyne whisky distillery. Here we'll Dive Into Culture and learn how whisky is made, followed by a chance to sample a wee dram.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast

Be My Guest

# **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. Find out more about your free airport

transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

MEAL(S) Breakfast