

JULY 23 – 31, 2026

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The Tullamore family takes to the skies yet again for a music- and fun-filled week in Scotland!
Seating is limited!



Come with us and explore the Orkney Islands AND the homes of Robert Burns and Walter Scott!
And MORE!!

DAY 1	July 23 Thursday	Arrive in Edinburgh for a Day To Yourself. We flip the script this year, and place the free day in Edinburgh at the start of the tour rather than end. So arrange your travel-plans as leisurely as you'd like, get to the <i>YOTEL Edinburgh</i> (in the city-centre), drop off your luggage with them, and spend the day exploring the " <i>Empress of the North</i> ". We recommend the <i>Hop-On/Hop-Off Edinburgh Tour Bus-Pass</i> . See <i>Edinburgh Castle</i> , the majestic landmark that dominates Edinburgh's skyline, perched on an extinct volcano; the <i>Palace of Holyroodhouse</i> , the Queen's official residence in Scotland; or the <i>Royal Mile</i> , the famous cobbled street that links the <i>Palace</i> and the <i>Castle</i> and is full of historic buildings and sites of interest. Other notable landmarks include the <i>National Monument</i> , Scotland's memorial to those who died fighting for the United Kingdom in the Napoleonic Wars; the <i>Scott Monument</i> honoring Sir Walter Scott; the <i>Burns Monument</i> , a tribute to Scotland's National Bard; the <i>National Gallery</i> ; the <i>Royal Scottish Academy</i> ; the <i>Camera Obscura</i> ; or <i>Greyfriar's Bobby</i> . At some point, be sure to drop by and visit to Edinburgh's oldest public house this afternoon, the <i>Sheep Heid Inn</i> , established in 1360. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the YOTEL Edinburgh.
DAY 2	July 24 Friday	Ayrshire and Burns Country. The model of this year's tour was to bookend it between tributes to Scotland's two greatest writers... the first of them being Robert Burns – the <i>Ploughman Poet</i> and Scotland's national bard. Our first full-day outing begins after a relaxed breakfast. We pile on the bus for a cross-country trek to Alloway to see the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum & Cottage – an amazing exhibition envisioned by the <i>National Trust</i> celebrating the enduring legacy of the poet. The drive there and back will be replete with picturesque photo-ops as we traverse Midlothian, Lanark, and Ayr... be sure to have your cameras ready. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the YOTEL Edinburgh.
DAY 3	July 25 Saturday	Inverness. On the heels of a late breakfast, we take our leave of Edinburgh (*we'll be back) and begin our journey to Inverness – the <i>Capital City of the Highlands</i> . Today's expedition is a meandering drive across Fife and Perth, and into the Highlands. We sightsee along the way – with photo-stops in Pitlochry, Killiecrankie, maybe <i>Blair Castle</i> , and probably the <i>Cairngorm National Park</i> . And we lunch along the way as well, and should arrive in Inverness in the late afternoon – where whatever remains of the day is yours to explore the city. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Best Western Palace Hotel.
DAY 4	July 26 Sunday	Thurso, Stromness, and Kirkwall. Early breakfast today before we bid farewell to Inverness (*we'll be back). Then we begin our greatly-anticipated Orkney excursion, heading north to Thurso at the northernmost reaches of Caithness, and arriving at its harbor of Scrabster. Once there, we take the <i>Northlink Ferry</i> , crossing the Pentland Firth and coming into Stromness on the Orkney mainland, and completing our drive to the 'capital' town of Kirkwall. We check into the <i>Kirkwall Hotel</i> , and there should be plenty of time to amble about town before our first group-dinner. Dinner with the group and overnight at the Kirkwall Hotel.
DAY 5	July 27 Monday	Neolithic Orkney. Our first full day in Orkney is dedicated to visiting three of the <i>UNESCO World Heritage Sites</i> that comprise " <i>The Heart of Neolithic Orkney</i> ": the Standing Stones of Stenness – the surviving stones from likely the oldest henge on the British Isles; the Ring of Brodgar – a henge and stone circle; and Skara Brae – a stone-built settlement. All of these sites date to between 2000 BCE – 3100 BCE. And all of them are within twenty miles of Kirkwall – so there won't be a lot of driving today. A visit to the fourth site, <i>Maeshowe</i> – a chambered cairn and passage grave, depends on the site's availability. Afterwards, we return to Kirkwall where you can spend the rest of the day at your leisure. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Kirkwall Hotel.
DAY 6	July 28 Tuesday	Highland Park Distillery. No Tullamore tour would be complete without a celebration of <i>uisge beatha</i> , the "water of life". And so it is that, after a lazy breakfast, we drive the entire mile-and-a-half to tour the Highland Park Distillery – where, since 1798, the local legend has been lovingly and carefully crafted. We're treated to an immersive introduction to both Orkney and to <i>Highland Park's</i> classic collection, plus a taste of one of their special releases. Then we return to the hotel where you're turned loose for lunch and afternoon to yourself to sport about town. Kirkwall's three most impressive sites are <i>St Magnus' Cathedral</i> , the <i>Bishop's and Earl's Palaces</i> , and the <i>Orkney Museum</i> . Dinner with the group and overnight at the Kirkwall Hotel.
DAY 7	July 29 Wednesday	Return to Inverness. After breakfast, we make our final departure from the city of Kirkwall, returning to Stromness to take the ferry back to Scrabster. Once there, we make the drive south through Caithness, Sutherland, and Ross-and-Cromarty – our sole purpose for the day being our return to Inverness. Upon arriving, we check into the <i>B&B HOTEL Inverness</i> , and the remains of the day are yours to do with what you will. If you haven't had enough whisky by now, consider booking an evening at <i>MacGregor's Bar</i> for their epic <i>Highland Malt Whisky Experience</i> . Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the B&B HOTEL Inverness.
DAY 8	July 30 Thursday	Glamis Castle - Edinburgh. After breakfast, we bid farewell, once and for all, to Inverness and make our way back the way we came to Edinburgh. The journey will be replete with stretch-breaks and photo-ops at appropriately lovely views. Our first leg ends at Aviemore on the northwest edge of the <i>Cairngorm National Park</i> . Our second leg ends in the village of Birnam for a two-hour stop to include some retail therapy and lunch... and maybe even a visit to <i>Birnam Arts</i> to see the <i>Beatrix Potter Exhibit</i> . Our third leg is a short jaunt to Glamis – where we'll tour the striking Glamis Castle of Macbethian fame. Our final leg is our return to <i>Auld Reekie</i> and the <i>YOTEL Edinburgh</i> – where we'll stay for another few nights. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the YOTEL Edinburgh.
DAY 9	July 31 Tuesday	Abbotsford and the Borders. The final bookend of the tour is our pilgrimage to the Scottish Borders where we pay tribute to poet, novelist, and historian Sir Walter Scott at his beautiful estate of <i>Abbotsford</i> . After that magnificent visit, we'll have lunch at the estate's <i>Ochiltree's Café</i> , and then (since we're in the neighborhood) head over to <i>Melrose Abbey</i> , the partly-ruined 12th-century Cistercian monastery. Then we return to Edinburgh. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the YOTEL Edinburgh.
YOUR POST-TOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS		Depart Edinburgh. After breakfast, there will be one coach-transfer to <i>Edinburgh Airport</i> for flights leaving that day. In the true Scottish Tradition we wish you "Fair faw, an' haste ye back!"

Your Tour Package Includes the Following:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle from July 24th – 31st, including all sightseeing and final transfer
- Services of professional Scottish Driver and Guide
- Nine nights' accommodations as follows (or similar):

Edinburgh	YOTEL Edinburgh (★★★★)	2 Nights
Inverness	Best Western Palace Hotel (★★★★)	1 Night
Kirkwall	Kirkwall Hotel (★★★)	3 Nights
Inverness	B&B HOTEL Inverness (★★★)	1 Night
Edinburgh	YOTEL Edinburgh (★★★★)	2 Nights
- Full Scottish Breakfast daily from July 24th – August 1st
- Two Dinners at the Kirkwall Hotel
- Admission to: the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum & Cottage, the Standing Stones of Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae, Maeshowes (as availability permits), the Highland Park Distillery, Glamis Castle, Abbotsford, and Melrose Abbey
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase per person at the Best Western Palace Hotel and Kirkwall Hotel
- All hotel taxes, service charges and tips (except to Driver/Guide)

THIS IS A LAND ONLY PACKAGE. YOU MUST ARRANGE YOUR OWN AIR TRAVEL.
(Your arrangements MUST have you ready to depart the YOTEL Edinburgh at 9:00 AM on July 24th, 2026).

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Additionally, any serious illness or other ailments (with a doctor's note)

saying that traveler cannot attend trip, would also be covered.

Any circumstances of a personal nature other than the aforementioned are not covered.

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A non-refundable Deposit of \$250.00 per person is due ASAP to secure your seat.

A Second Deposit of \$550.00 per person is due February 5th, 2026.

Final Payment is due April 23rd, 2026.

(Reminders will be sent.)

If you want a single room, there is an additional single-supplement charge of \$1425.00.

(Limited number available.)

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