

October 17-24, 2020



\$3200

Per Person (sharing)*

*Land in Edinburgh to allow less travel time from Glasgow and more time touring the Scottish capital

**Land Only
Tour Available for \$2279**

GRAHAM & ZIG'S SPECTACULAR SCOTTISH ADVENTURE

Hammond Tours Presents:

Tour Includes:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 17 – Saturday: USA - Scotland

Depart USA for the overnight flight to Scotland. Dinner is served while in flight.

Day 2, October 18 – Sunday: Edinburgh

You will arrive at Edinburgh Airport and be met by your driver and Scottish guide. We then will enjoy a panoramic tour of the Royal Seat of Edinburgh at the bottom of the famous 'Royal Mile', the Palace of Holyrood, the official residence of the Queen in Scotland. The palace was home to Mary Queen of Scots for six years of royal intrigue, history – and of course, beautiful tapestries and paintings. Edinburgh is one of the world's great ancient cities. Travel up the 'Royal Mile' and through the 'Old Town' past the Scottish Parliament buildings. Stop to visit Greyfriars Bobby – the loyal Skye Terrier who remained by his master's grave for fourteen years (or Greyfriars Pub). You are then taken to your overnight accommodation at the Holiday Inn Express City Centre – a short walk to the castle, museums, historic 'closes' St. Giles, and vast array of traditional Scottish Pubs (including Graham and Zig's favorite – Deacon Brodie's). The rest of the day is free to explore on your own. **Introductory tour dinner and overnight at the Holiday Inn Express City Centre Hotel in Edinburgh**

Day 3, October 19 – Monday: Edinburgh

After a hearty Scottish breakfast we will travel to Rosslyn Chapel. The stunning view across Loch Tummel to the Munro (a Scottish mountain higher than 4000 ft.) Schiehallion is one of the most famous in Scotland. The Rosslyn Chapel is where The Da Vinci Code was filmed. It took forty years to build. The stone carvings are stunning masterpieces of the stonemason's craft and make the church unique and practically every surface of the Chapel is covered. People travel from all over

- Roundtrip airfare from NYC area airport (Flight schedule announced 90 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers, sightseeing and services of professional Scottish driver and licensed Scottish tour guide
- Accommodations for 6 nights (as follows or similar in standard rooms)
 - Holiday Inn Express City Centre Hotel, Edinburgh (2 Nights) ***
 - Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling (1 Night) ***
 - Alexandra Hotel, Oban (2 Nights) ***
 - Hallmark Hotel, Glasgow (1 Night) ****
- Full Scottish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
- Introductory Dinner in Edinburgh
- Admission to the Dalwhinnie Distillery, Oban Distillery, Stirling Castle, Rosslyn Chapel and the Scotch Whiskey Experience Tour
- Ferry fee per individual to Mull and Iona
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of 1 suitcase per person (plus 1 carry-on bag)
- All driver's expenses (except tip to the Driver/Guide)
- Hotel taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

- Any items of a personal nature
- Dinners and items not mentioned as included
- Sightseeing not indicated as included

Itinerary continued on next page

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the world to see the intricate carvings, and there are many different interpretations of their meanings. Myths, legends and Hollywood fiction writing have given Rosslyn a unique sense of mystery and wonder. Then it is onto visit the “Scotch Whiskey Experience” where we take the renown tour of the distillery. But first we take in the history and lovely scenery – past the Midlothian countryside, a well-kept Scottish secret. The Whisky Experience is a real experience (who knew?). We will enjoy a tasting and explanation of various malts and blended Scotch Whisky. It is an unequalled sensory trip into all things whisky, right in the heart of Edinburgh – near the storied “Castle on the Rock”! Learn about Scotch whisky production on a barrel car ride, taste a few dram, and visit the world’s largest collection of Scotch Whisky! Some of you may want to visit the castle on your own while others may want to walk the ancient cobbled streets and shop. For those of you who are game – Zig and Graham’s traditional “hike up Arthur’s Seat” will be on the menu... ‘Doon’ the “Mile”, past Holyrood Palace and Parliament, Holyrood Park and gardens, up the mountain to the most awesome of Scottish sites; Edinburgh, the Firth of Forth, the Forth bridge and a 360 degree vista of the surrounding southern and northern Highlands. A few evening jars at Deacon Brodie’s for the craic, and a short-stagger to your hotel – rounds up a perfect Scottish day in the “Royal Burgh” (*pass the Tylenol and Pepto*). **Overnight at the Holiday Inn Express City Centre Hotel in Edinburgh**

Day 4, October 20 – Tuesday: Edinburgh - Stirling

After a full Scottish breakfast, the first part of the morning allows for one more brief peek at the city and a mid-morning departure to the “Heart of Scotland” – historic Stirling Castle – home the Stuart Kings and birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots. The Stirling region is a source of much national pride, being the setting for two of Scotland’s most important battles for independence: William Wallace’s victory over the King Edward’s army took place at Stirling Brig (bridge), followed 17 years later by Robert Bruce’s triumph over the English at Bannockburn. The tour of Stirling’s intrigue-laden and reputed castle – steeped in history; home barracks to the British Army’s famed “Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders” regiment. Around the castle you can walk to the ancient Abbey and burial grounds dating back to the 8th century. A visit to the Wallace Monument and Tower – with its unparalleled view of the historic “glen of battles” and surrounding mountain ranges, leaves one speechless, and breathless (post the climb up the tower ☺). Because of the 256 steps up the monument’s tight stone staircase – this is for people in reasonable physical condition – therefore not for everyone. Due to this imperative, the fee for the monument-tower is 12 pounds extra; or free if you elect to take in a leisurely walk the grounds and views, or a visit to the information centre - food counter. Either choice, is spectacular, nonetheless. Stirling City and University – all built with local quarried stone – is unrivalled in all of Scotland. A few jars in the awesome hotel pub to debrief the day’s events, is the craic for sure. **Overnight at the Golden Lion Hotel, in the shadow of Stirling Castle**

Day 5, October 21 – Wednesday: Stirling - Oban

Scottish breakfast done – we now travel through the Highlands past the historic city of Perth on our way to the famed Dalwhinnie Distillery – Scotland’s ‘highest distillery’. The view alone is worth the drive, but we will also settle for a tour and a wee taste ☺! We will tour the distillery which will give you an explanation of the traditional art of malt whisky distilling, and why their whisky, rock-filtered from the highest loch in Scotland, is the very best. Afterwards sample two Dalwhinnie single malts with specially selected chocolate that combines beautifully with the whisky. A distiller’s tour guide will give you advice on the best way to appreciate whisky and suggest other food combinations. Scotch aficionados will love this! This tour had to be specially arranged – given the time of year. Graham’s favorite Highland location is the “Glen of Weeping” in the famed “Glen of Coe” (Glencoe) strath. Nothing compares to this hauntingly majestic view – dripping in Highland heritage and Clan history, home of the MacDonalds of Glencoe.

“...cool was the snow that sweeps Glencoe and covers the grave o’Donald and cruel was the foe that raped Glencoe and murdered the House of MacDonald...”

Road To The Isles – Oban

*“...Sure by Tummel and Loch Rannoch and Lochaber I will go
By heather tracks wi’ heaven in their wiles.
If it’s thinkin’ in your inner heart the braggar’s in my step.
You’ve never smel’t the tangle o’ the Isles...”*

The “Road to the Isles” is best journeyed through the Argyll Highland Region and to the famed “Port to the Hebrides” – Oban. A common and recurring theme, on this our 11th tour of Scotland, is a visit to any of the Hebrides. Ferry rides to the Hebridean Islands are ever increasing in price – but cannot be ignored. Hence this perfect home base for the next two nights. This fishing/ferry port has the very best in seafood eateries. There are castles within a short walk, as well as the McCuaig circular monument on the hill overlooking the port and islands in the distance. What a town! One could stay here a month and not see it all in its natural splendor. **Overnight at the Alexandra Hotel in Oban**

Day 6, October 22 – Thursday: Oban - Isle of Mull - Isle of Iona

After another full Scottish breakfast today we will catch the ferry across to the statuesque Isle of Mull. This mountainous island rivals Skye in every aspect – rocky crags and shoreline, waterfalls, wildness and game, rivers and streams, seat of MacLean of Clan MacLean, strongholds, castles etc...but not the traffic we’ve seen the last few years in Skye. Here you will take in the scenery as you travel to Fionnphort to catch the little ferry across to the tranquil Isle of Iona – steeped in history and the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland – where you disembark to visit Iona Abbey: Founded by St. Columba in 563 AD, and the resting place of 48 Scottish Kings. Follow in the footsteps of St. Columba and 14 centuries of pilgrims; also burial place to Viking Lords, Irish Kings and Saints. Iona boasts of impossibly Caribbean-like turquoise waters, tropical trees, arctic flowers, dazzling beaches, hidden coves, ancient Celtic Crosses and monumentally sacred sites. This holy island will be etched in your memory forever! Wee shops of woolens, Barbour coats, tartan abound. Pubs, restaurants and “chippies” in Oban are nonpareil. **Overnight at the Alexandra Hotel in Oban**

Day 7, October 23 – Friday: Oban - Glasgow

*“... near the steep, steep side o’ Ben Lomond,
where in purple hue, the Heiland hills we view
and the moon shinin’ out frae the gloaming...”*

Today after breakfast, we return to Oban and visit the popular Oban Distillery where you can enjoy a highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky—much different than Dufftown/ Speyside whiskies. Once you’ve seen the process – from barley to maturation – it’s fair to say your appreciation will find new depths, or heights ☺. After Oban, we travel southwest and “take the high-road” to the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond, and the “Trossachs” – home to Rob Roy MacGregor, and Clans MacFarlane and Lamont. Here you will have the opportunity to make a brief stop in Luss to take in the stunning views of the Loch from the pier. There has been a settlement on this site since medieval times although much of the current village dates from the 18th and 19th centuries, having been developed to house workers from nearby slate quarries. Around Loch Long and over ‘The Rest and Be Thankful’ mountain to stunning Inveraray – seat of Clan Campbell and home to this year’s world pipe band champions – The Inveraray and District Pipe Band. Take a wander around the Edinburgh Woolen Mill for a wonderful selection of traditional and contemporary knitwear, high street fashions and many gifts and souvenirs or browse some of the unique shops situated on the main street, especially the Loch Fyne Whisky Shop where you may even be offered a dram. That’s right – more whisky!! You may wish to stop at Brambles for refreshments and some home baking – or wee cuppa. Then it is onto Glasgow (in English: the green place), Scotland’s largest city. Glasgow is a city of industrial revolution shipping and departure port of tens of thousands of immigrants to Canada and the USA as well as excellent shopping, restaurants, and traditional pubs. **Overnight at the Igh-end Hallmark Hotel in Glasgow**

Day 8, October 24 – Saturday: Scotland - USA

Private group transfer (one transfer) to Glasgow or Edinburgh Airport for flight home!

“...will ya no d’aw’a tae bide ’a wa, awn noo came back again...”



Reservation Application

Graham & Zig's Spectacular Scottish Adventure October 17-24, 2020

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 17-24, 2020 Graham & Zig's Scottish Adventure Tour (GGB2020)

Enclosed is a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250 per person)

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

2nd Deposit of \$550 due by April 17, 2020

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 17, 2020

Name (as on passport): _____ DOB: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Other passengers traveling with me: _____

Room Type - Twin (2 beds): _____ Double (1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

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