

April 18-24, 2027



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# JOIN LARRY KIRWAN ON A TOUR OF SCOTLAND!

Hammond Tours Presents:

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## Daily Itinerary

**Day 1, April 18 – Sunday: Edinburgh – Stirling – Perth – Pitlochry – Inverness.** At Edinburgh Airport we are met by our Scottish Driver Guides. — the tour departs Edinburgh Airport at 9am. We depart Edinburgh and travel to Stirling, and moody, magnificent, oft-besieged **Stirling Castle**, long associated with the Mary Queen of Scots who spent much time there after her kidnapping. She eventually ended up in England within the power of her cousin, Queen Elizabeth. Onward to ‘The Fair City’ of **Perth**, situated on the banks of the Tay, Scotland’s longest river. The jewel in Perth’s crown is undoubtedly **Scone Palace** (pronounced ‘scoon’), home of the Stone of Destiny for 500 years, where every Scottish king was crowned. We continue into the Highlands, passing beautiful lochs, glens and craggy hills until we reach **Inverness**, the capital of the Highlands and to **Loch Ness** itself. **Welcome Dinner and Overnight at Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness**

**Day 2, April 19 – Monday: Inverness – Culloden – Inverness.** Because of the setting of Inverness and the Kingsmills Hotel we’ve decided to use it as a base and spend a second night. In the morning we’ll set off for one of the highlights of the tour, **Culloden Battlefield**. The Battle of Culloden was the final confrontation of the 1745 Jacobite Rising. On April 16, 1746, the battle pitted the Jacobite forces of Charles Edward Stuart against an army loyal to the British government, commanded by the Duke of Cumberland. One of the most sacred spots in Scotland’s history, the Highlanders supporting the House of Stuart were defeated and Bonnie Prince Charlie was forced to flee the country, and the power of the Clans was destroyed. A Battlefield Guide will escort us and give a demonstration of the arms used during the battle. Always an emotional visit, we’ll then head back to the **Uile Bheist Distillery and Brewery** in Inverness for a tour and some fortification. **Overnight at the Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness**

**Day 3, April 20 – Tuesday: Inverness – Urquhart Castle – Fort William.** This promises to be one of the best mornings for clearing one's head, as we'll take the **Jacobite Cruise** for an hour down beautiful **Loch Ness** to ancient **Urquhart Castle**, situated on a strategic rocky peninsula where many battles were fought. Who knows, we may even catch a glimpse of Nessie the Monster herself. We'll tour Urquhart Castle and take in the sights from its vaunted battlements. Then on to lunch in Fort Augustus at the junction of Loch Ness & the Caledonian Canal. As we head south the scenery is both striking and beautiful, and we'll make a number of photo stops. **Ben Nevis** – the largest mountain in the UK – will now be a presence and we'll soon arrive at **Fort William**. Much of Braveheart was filmed locally. Fort William is a bustling town of many bars and much music so after our second dinner together, we'll hit the streets and discover what this burgh is all about. **Group Dinner and Overnight at the Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William**

**Day 4, April 21 – Wednesday: Fort William – Glenfinnan – Mallaig – Fort William.** This will be our main sightseeing day. We'll always be in sight of magnificent Ben Nevis as we head for **Glenfinnan**. This area may seem familiar – especially if you've seen the Harry Potter movies. We may even catch a view of the Hogwarts Express crossing the **Glenfinnan Viaduct**. There's an other-worldly atmosphere that reeks of wild Scottish magic. We'll pass by Loch Eil on the Road to the Isles and end up in **Mallaig** and its working harbor. Some say the fish caught and cooked locally is the best in Scotland, so we'll stop for lunch and explore the small town. Across the bay we'll see the **Isle of Skye** where Flora MacDonald took Bonnie Prince Charlie after Culloden and helped him escape to France. It's easy to summon up this history and the cataclysmic loss of the clans at Culloden from this vantage point. Then it's back to bustling Fort William for a night on the town. **Overnight Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William**

**Day 5, April 22 – Thursday: Fort William – Glencoe – Edinburgh.** We'll say farewell to Ben Nevis Hotel and Mountain and head towards **Glencoe** where one of the great tragedies of the Williamite Wars took place in 1692. Listen to the Celtic Crush favorite **Cold Glencoe** by Rise. Glencoe is often called the Glen of Weeping. We'll eventually leave the Highlands behind and travel through Argyll to the Central Lowlands stopping along the way to view the world's most famous Loch. Celtic Crushers will know **Loch Lomond** through the magnificent recording by Runrig. The area is renowned for its beauty and tranquility. But Edinburgh is calling. What can I say about this city except that when I first set foot in it I felt like I had come home. We'll enjoy a panoramic tour of the city as we approach. Straight away you'll spot **Edinburgh Castle** which has stood guard over the city since 1085. And when we arrive on the cobblestone streets of the Old Town we'll wonder why other cities have not taken the same care of their historic areas. The house of John Knox, one of the founders of Presbyterianism, still stands pristine, while shops that sold to rebel Jacobites still conduct business. The Castle itself has been wonderfully preserved, as you'll see when we take our guided tour. I was once stunned to be taken into the room where Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to her son, James VI, he of the King James Bible. We can then stroll down the **Royal Mile** where you'll catch echoes of Robbie Burns, Robert Louis Stevenson and Walter Scott all of whom strode the same cobblestones – not surprising since Edinburgh was known as the Athens of the North. No doubt we'll find a traditional pub and welcome ourselves to this beautiful, redemptive city. **Overnight Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh**

**Day 6, April 23 – Friday: Edinburgh.** This will be our traditional Free Day when you can hit The Streets of Edinburgh as sung by **The Proclaimers**. We'll supply you with day passes for the **Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tours**, as we do in Dublin. Our driver/guides will have given you suggestions of what to see in Edinburgh. I tend to stick around **Old Town and The Royal Mile**, so well preserved you feel like you're stepping back into history. The coffee shops are welcoming, and you might also find the **Elephant House** where J.K. Rowling wrote Harry Potter. And as the shadows deepen we'll gather for a final farewell dinner. Later, no doubt, we'll hit the Streets of Edinburgh for one last pint of beer or glass of your new favorite Scottish Whiskey. **Group Dinner and Overnight at Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh**

**Day 7, April 24 – Saturday: Edinburgh – USA.** Those traveling home or further afield will be transported by bus to **Edinburgh Airport**. This is a sketch of our long days and nights of fun and laughter that will leave you with warm memories and friends for life. But I promise that this trip to Scotland will nourish your soul and add immeasurably to your life!

## **INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR**

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation from April 18 (depart Edinburgh Airport) through April 22 (arrive Edinburgh)
- Services of a professional Scottish Guide from April 18 (depart Edinburgh) through April 23 (arrive Edinburgh)
- One group departure transfer from Edinburgh Hotel to Edinburgh Airport on departure

## **ACCOMMODATIONS — 6 NIGHTS FIRST-CLASS HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)**

**Inverness – Kingsmills Hotel \*\*\*\* 2 Nights** [www.kingsmillshotel.com](http://www.kingsmillshotel.com) (April 18 & 19)

**Fort William – Ben Nevis Hotel \*\*\* 2 Nights** [www.strathmorehotel.com](http://www.strathmorehotel.com) (April 20 & 21)

**Edinburgh – Apex Grassmarket Hotel \*\*\*\* 2 Nights** [www.apexhotels.co.uk](http://www.apexhotels.co.uk) (April 22 & 23)

- **Full Scottish breakfast daily** (except arrival day)
- 3 hotel dinners included (1 Inverness, 1 Fort William, 1 Edinburgh)
- Fully escorted sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary

## **ADMISSIONS INCLUDED:**

Stirling Castle, Scone Palace, Culloden Battlefield with guide and demonstration, Uile Bheist Distillery tour, Jacobite Cruise with admission to Urquhart Castle, Edinburgh Castle

## **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Airfare
- Items of a personal nature
- Meals not specified as included
- Sightseeing not indicated as included
- Gratuities for your Driver-Guide (at the discretion of the traveler)

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## **Reservation & Payment Information**

To reserve your place on this tour, please complete the reservation application at [www.hammondtraveltours.com](http://www.hammondtraveltours.com)

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person is required to confirm your reservation.

A single supplement of \$995.00 applies for travelers requesting a private room.


### **Payment Schedule**

- Second payment of \$550 per person due October 1, 2026
- Final payment due December 15, 2026

*Payment reminders will be sent prior to each due date.*

### **Contact Information**

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### **Cancellation Policy**

If written cancellation is received:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: \$250 per person
- 119–60 days prior: \$800 per person
- 59 days or less: 100% cancellation penalty

We strongly recommend purchasing Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. For coverage options, please visit [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com)

Insurance may cover cancellation due to death, serious illness, or other covered medical circumstances affecting the traveler or immediate family member (with proper documentation). Personal circumstances not listed in the policy are not covered.

**Hammond Tours and Larry Kirwan are not responsible for loss, damages, or injuries that may occur while on tour.**