

October 10-22, 2021



\$3655

Per Person (sharing)

Land Only

(Group air will be available from Newark Airport for \$1195 departing Oct 9/return Oct 22)

PRIVATE TOUR – JEWELS OF SCOTLAND

Greg Tamblyn & Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 10 – Sunday: Glasgow Airport - Glasgow

Morning arrival at Glasgow Airport where after clearing customs we meet our professional Scottish driver guide and group escort. Travel into the heart of the city for a panoramic tour. George Square which is considered by many to be Glasgow's City Centre is a great place to start seeing the sights. The Square was designed and built in the late 19th century at the height of Glasgow's prosperity. The Victorian buildings, including the splendid City Chambers are a grand reminder of yesteryear and are a point of pride for the city. We may pass by Glasgow Cathedral, also called the High Kirk of Glasgow, St. Kentigern's or St Mungo's Cathedral, where the patron saint of Glasgow, Saint Mungo, allegedly built his church. The tomb of the saint is in the lower crypt. In the shadow of Glasgow Cathedral is the Provand's Lordship, built in 1471, which stands as a medieval-period historic house museum located at the top of Castle Street and is the oldest remaining house in Glasgow, the cathedral itself being the oldest building. Today the house is furnished with a collection of 17th century Scottish furniture donated by Sir William Burrell. **Welcome dinner and overnight at the Apex City Hotel in Glasgow**

Day 2, October 11 – Monday: Glasgow

After breakfast we continue exploring Glasgow. The equestrian Wellington Statue is a statue of Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, located on Royal Exchange Square in Glasgow, Scotland. We then visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. The most famous painting on display at Kelvingrove is the Salvador Dali masterpiece 'Christ of St John of the Cross'. Time permitting, we visit the Glasgow City Chambers and the Glasgow Science Centre. The afternoon is free for you to explore on your own. **Overnight at the Apex City Hotel in Glasgow**

Itinerary continued on next page

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour until end of Day 11, including all transfers, sightseeing and services of professional Scottish driver and licensed Scottish tour guide
- Professional luxury group transfer on Day 13 from Edinburgh Hotel to Edinburgh Airport
- Accommodations for 12 nights (as follows or similar in standard rooms)
 - Apex City Hotel, Glasgow (3 Nights) ****
 - Ben Nevis Hotel & Leisure Club, Fort William (2 Nights) ***
 - Holiday Inn Express, Inverness (3 Nights) ***
 - Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry (1 Night) ****
 - Apex City Hotel, Edinburgh (3 Nights) ****
- Full Scottish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
- 3 hotel dinners in Glasgow, Fort William and Pitlochry
- Dinner at Hootenanny Pub in Inverness with transfer
- Scottish Evening with dinner and entertainment in Edinburgh with transfer
- Admission to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, Jacobite Steam Train, Loch Lomond Birds of Prey, Lochness Centre & Exhibition, Findhorn Foundation, Dornoch Cathedral & Ruins, Dalwhinnie Distillery, Doune Castle, Linlithgow Palace, The Royal Yacht Britannia, Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle and Rosslyn Chapel
- Ferry tickets and Isle of Arran tour
- Jacobite Steam Train (Harry Potter) Fort William-Mallaig
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage 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

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Day 3, October 12 – Tuesday: Glasgow - Isle of Arran Tour - Glasgow

Today after breakfast we travel by ferry to the Isle of Arran, often called “Scotland in Miniature”. Once on the island travel around the northern tip past Lochranza Castle to reach the Machrie Moor Standing Stones in a landscape rich in prehistoric archaeology. These most fascinating monuments date to a time when the moor was a centre for ceremonial and burial activity. This period spans the Neolithic to the early Bronze Age (about 3500 to 1500 BC). The Isle of Arran Heritage Museum is situated at Rosaburn where you can see displays on various aspects of life on Arran in the past.

Overnight at the Apex City Hotel in Glasgow

Day 4, October 13 – Wednesday: Glasgow - Fort William

Today you will begin your tour of the Highlands by traveling north up the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond through some stunning scenery. We visit the Loch Lomond Birds of Prey Centre which houses over thirty-four Birds of Prey and Owls. Continue to Inveraray. Take a wander around the Edinburgh Woollen 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. You may wish to stop at Brambles for refreshments and some home baking – they boast they have the best coffee in town. You will reach Oban, the unofficial capital of the West Highlands and a busy working port as fishing and pleasure craft rub shoulders in the harbor. Often described as the ‘Gateway to the Isles’, Oban is the main port for ferries departing to the Inner Hebrides. This thriving community boasts one of the most picturesque settings to be found, with houses clinging to steep hillsides surrounding the calm bay and dominating the skyline is McCaig’s Tower, a coliseum-style monument. Continue to Fort William. **Dinner and overnight at the Ben Nevis Hotel & Leisure Club in Fort William**

Day 5, October 14 – Thursday: Fort William - Jacobite Steam Train - Fort William

After breakfast, all aboard! The Jacobite runs 41 miles between Fort William and Mallaig, passing through an area of great scenic beauty including alongside Loch Eil, Glenfinnan Viaduct and Arisaig. The route is also the same shown in the Harry Potter films. The company running the Jacobite service provided Warner Brothers with the train used as the Hogwarts Express in all the movies and allowed them use of the Jacobite’s route for filming. Once we arrive in Mallaig, our driver will meet us to take us back to Fort William.

Overnight at the Ben Nevis Hotel & Leisure Club in Fort William

Day 6, October 15 – Friday: Fort William - Inverness

After breakfast depart and travel to Inverness. We then visit the Loch Ness Centre and Exhibition. Discover the history of Loch Ness from the ice age to the third millennium in a seven room, themed, automated walk through. Explore the history of the loch and the many mysteries and explorations that have surrounded its past. Learn about the rumors, the hoaxes and the truths and discover what may really live in Loch Ness. Using a highly effective mixture of animations, lasers and special effects, visitors can experience the history of the monster by exploring Scotland’s geological past and folklore. Continue to Inverness and enjoy a panoramic tour on arrival.

Overnight at the Holiday Inn Express in Inverness

Day 7, October 16 – Saturday: Inverness

After breakfast we travel to Findhorn Foundation. It is a village in Moray, Scotland and located on the eastern shore of Findhorn Bay and immediately south of the Moray Firth. On a guided tour hear how the community began and developed while having an in-depth look at our ecological architecture (including the famous whisky barrel houses and Nature Sanctuary), pottery and weaving studios, gardens and much more. Dinner this evening at local pub with transfers.

Overnight at the Holiday Inn Express in Inverness

Day 8, October 17 – Sunday: Inverness

After breakfast depart Inverness and travel to Dornoch. We visit Dornoch Cathedral and Ruins. The first service was held in 1239 and it continues today as a parish church. Originally Roman Catholic rites were observed but since the Reformation it has been part of the Church of Scotland. The Cathedral has many interesting features, not least the gargoyles on the exterior. We may also visit the Witch’s Stone. In the garden of a cottage in Littleton, on the way to Dornoch beach, stands a small stone marked with the year 1722. This is known as the Witch’s Stone and marks the spot where the last execution in Scotland for witchcraft took place. The year marked is wrong, it was 1727 that Janet Horne met her fate on this spot. She was accused of using witchcraft to turn her daughter into the devil’s pony - the reason for being accused however may have been the fact that Janet’s daughter had a deformed hand. **Overnight at the Holiday Inn Express in Inverness**

Day 9, October 18 – Monday: Inverness - Pitlochry

After breakfast travel south through the mountains of the Cairngorms National Park. Your route takes you over the Drumochter Pass (1500 ft above sea level). Your first stop may be at Dalwhinnie Distillery where you can take an opportunity to sample the ‘Gentle Spirit’ of the glen. ‘The Meeting Place’, was where, in the past, drovers from the north and west would meet before driving their cattle southwards. Here you can try something a little different – The Chocolate Pairing. Your next stop is House of Bruar, nestling at the side of the famous Bruar Falls, for a variety of shopping opportunities in Scotland’s most prestigious country store. There is also a fabulous ‘country kitchen’ restaurant if you wish some refreshments. Travel into the Highland resort town of Pitlochry. **Dinner and overnight at the Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry**

Day 10, October 19 – Tuesday: Pitlochry - Edinburgh

After breakfast depart Pitlochry. Today we enjoy a few “Outlander” filming locations. Our first stop is Doune Castle. Appearing in many Season 1 episodes of Outlander, Doune Castle is used as Castle Leoch, the seat of Clan Mackenzie. Originally built in the 13th century, Doune Castle suffered much damage in the Wars of Independence. It was later rebuilt in its current form in the 14th century. Our next stop is Linlithgow Palace. Linlithgow Palace, in the town of Linlithgow, 15 miles west of Edinburgh, was used to represent the infamous Wentworth Prison. It is here that Jamie is tortured and raped by Captain ‘Black Jack’ Randall. The ruins of the palace can be found in the town of Linlithgow, Scotland. Arrive in Edinburgh where we enjoy a panoramic tour including a visit to The Royal Yacht Britannia and Edinburgh Castle. **Overnight at the Apex City Hotel in Edinburgh**

Day 11, October 20 – Wednesday: Edinburgh

This morning we depart to the “Heart of Scotland”, Stirling’s Historic Castle, home of the Stuart Kings and 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 English took place at Stirling Bridge, followed 17 years later by Robert Bruce’s triumph at Bannockburn. A tour of this intriguing castle – steeped in history is 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. We then make our way to Rosslyn Chapel. Rosslyn Chapel is where the Da Vinci code was filmed. It took 40 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 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. Tonight you will enjoy a Scottish Evening with dinner and entertainment. **Overnight at the Apex City Hotel in Edinburgh**

Day 12, October 21 – Thursday: Edinburgh on your own

Spend today exploring the capital on your own. ***You no longer have a driver guide.*** There's no better way to find out about Edinburgh's majestic and inspiring history than by a hop-on hop-off bus tour. Each tour is tailor-made to offer a distinctive and entertaining experience and provide a great introduction to Scotland's Capital City. At the top of the Royal Mile and overlooking Princes Street Gardens and the New Town is Edinburgh Castle. In 1566, Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James VI in the royal palace within the castle and the tiny bed-closet still survives. Most importantly to Scots, in 1996 the Stone of Destiny, Scotland's coronation stone, was placed in the Crown Room alongside the nation's Crown Jewels, (the Honours of Scotland), following its return from Westminster after a space of 800 years. Travel along the Grassmarket, a paradise of independent merchants and eateries with a rich history. Stop to visit Greyfriars Bobby, the loyal Skye Terrier who remained by his master's grave for fourteen years. Travel down the Royal Mile past St Giles Cathedral, the historic City Church of Edinburgh with its famed crown spire. Also known as the High Kirk of Edinburgh, it is the Mother Church of Presbyterianism and contains the Chapel of the Order of the Thistle (Scotland's chivalric company of knights headed by the Queen). Continue past the Scottish Parliament building to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence of the Queen in Scotland. The palace was home to Mary Queen of Scots for six years and houses beautiful tapestries and paintings. Now take the opportunity to compare the old and the new by taking a trip around the New Town through Charlotte Square to the Georgian House to experience the elegance of 18th-century living in Edinburgh's New Town. Designed in 1791 by Robert Adam, Scotland's foremost 18th-century architect, Charlotte Square was one of the most fashionable and desirable residential addresses in the New Town. Alternatively, you may wish to visit Ocean Terminal and view the Royal Yacht Britannia where presidents, kings and queens were entertained. It was, first and foremost, the home away from home of the Royal family when entertaining abroad. **Overnight at the Apex City Hotel in Edinburgh**

Day 13, October 22 – Friday: Edinburgh - Edinburgh Airport

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



Reservation Application

Greg Tamblyn's Private Tour – Jewels of Scotland
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Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 10-22, 2021 Greg Tamblyn's Jewels of Scotland tour

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

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: June 10, 2021

Name (as on passport): _____ DOB: _____

Companion Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (cell): _____

E-mail: _____

Other passengers traveling with me: _____

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

Single Supplement: \$989 (Limited number available) Yes: _____

(You must pay single rate if not traveling with a companion. Please advise if you need a roommate.)

CC#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CC Signature: _____ Sec Code: _____

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