

OCTOBER 18-27, 2024

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# whisky lovers' TOUR OF SCOTLAND

FEATURING THE MUSIC OF HUGH MORRISON & RICK EWING

Join us as we explore Scotland through the lens of, and pay homage to, what was once the most popular drink in the world – *Uisge Beatha*, “the water of life”. And in the meantime, take in the splendor and magnificence of some of Scotland’s greatest sites. You know you’ve been wanting *and waiting* to do this! And you don’t have to be a whisky-lover to love this tour! And neither do your friends!

TRAV DAY	Oct 18 Friday	<b>Arrive in Glasgow.</b> Enjoy a relaxed evening at the Leonardo Hotel Glasgow. Sleep off your jet-lag. Be ready to kick off the tour the next morning after breakfast at the hotel! <b>Overnight at the Leonardo Hotel Glasgow.</b>
DAY 1	Oct 19 Saturday	<b>Glasgow-Skye.</b> Meet the group over breakfast, then board the bus and off we go. Leaving the hotel, we head north and west through Argyll with Skye half a day away. We traverse the Trossachs National Park stopping by the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, and then another at the picturesque pass of Glencoe. From there, it’s up to Fort William for lunch, then north to Invergarry and west all the way to Kyle of Lochalsh where we’ll cross on to Skye. Keep your cameras ready. From there, it’s a short drive to Broadford. <b>“Meet-and-Greet” Dinner and overnight at the Dunollie Hotel.</b>
DAY 2	Oct 20 Sunday	<b>Skye.</b> Today we explore <i>Ellan Skiannach</i> , the ‘Winged Isle’. We leave the hotel and head northwest to the west coast of Skye and <b>Dunvegan Castle</b> , the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland and ancestral home of the Chiefs of Clan MacLeod for 800 years. We’ll tour this award-winning castle and delight in the beauty of its magnificent formal gardens before driving to Portree, the capital of Skye, for lunch and an afternoon of retail therapy, and then we’ll return to Broadford. Expect some music this evening in the hotel bar. <b>Dinner and overnight at the Dunollie Hotel.</b>
DAY 3	Oct 21 Monday	<b>Broadford-Inverness.</b> We bid our final goodbyes to Broadford and begin our trek to Inverness. We’re barely on our way when we stop for a visit at <b>Eilean Donan Castle</b> , Scotland’s most striking and most photographed castle, at the convergence of Loch Duich, Loch Long, and Loch Alsh. Then we head east across the Highlands to Loch Ness, following its western shore north to <b>Urquhart Castle</b> , the ruin of the great Loch-side castle held by Clan Grant until it was wrecked by Williamite forces in 1690. We come, at last, into Inverness, the “Capital City of the Highlands” and check into the Craigmonie Hotel, and enjoy an after-dinner <b>Highland Malt Whisky Experience</b> replete with Scotch Whisky, music, and history. <b>Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Craigmonie Hotel.</b>
DAY 4	Oct 22 Tuesday	<b>Tain.</b> Our morning drive from Inverness has us skirting the Beauly Firth <i>en route</i> to the Muir of Ord and the <b>Glen Ord Distillery</b> , our first distillery and the only remaining single malt whisky distillery on the Black Isle, and home of <i>The Singleton of Glen Ord</i> . After our visit, we push deeper northward into the Highlands, past Dingwall and Tain, all the way to Golspie and the magnificent <b>Dunrobin Castle</b> , the family seat of the Earl of Sutherland and Clan Sutherland. Inspiration for the Castle’s splendid gardens came from the Palace of Versailles, and they have changed little in the 150 years since they were planted. Then we return to Inverness. Expect music this evening at the Rose Street Foundry. <b>Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Craigmonie Hotel.</b>
DAY 5	Oct 23 Wednesday	<b>Aberdeen.</b> After breakfast, we take a short drive to Culloden Moor to visit the <b>Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre</b> to discover the true story of the 1745 Jacobite Rising and its tragic end. From there, we head northeast to Elgin, the “Gateway to Speyside”, and then south through the storied Whisky Trail and east to Huntly, historic home of <i>The Gordon Highlanders 75<sup>th</sup> and 92<sup>nd</sup> Regiment</i> , where we stop for lunch. We finish our drive to Aberdeen – Scotland’s third city, on the fringe of the great North Sea – and check into our hotel. We’ll have a whisky-tasting at the hotel, courtesy of Ian Logan, Manager of Spirits for <i>Duncan Taylor Scotch Whisky</i> , and then our second group-dinner. Expect music tonight at Drummonds. <b>Dinner and overnight at the Mercure Caledonian Hotel.</b>
DAY 6	Oct 24 Thursday	<b>Arbikie-Dunottar.</b> Today begins with a drive heading south to Stonehaven to visit perhaps the single most stunning ruin in Scotland, the medieval fortress of <b>Dunottar Castle</b> . The site is one of great strategic and defensive value, and while records of sieges of Dunottar date back to the late 7 <sup>th</sup> century, the Castle we’ll see came eight centuries later and figured prominently in Scottish history for more than 300 years. Then it’s on to Montrose where we’ll visit the <b>Arbikie Highland Estate Distillery</b> , Scotland’s first (and only) rye whisky distillery in nearly 200 years. We’ll have lunch at their café before our visit – which will range from views of their golden crop-fields to a tutored tasting of their 1794 and Limited Edition Highland Rye Single Grain drams. We then return to Aberdeen. Expect music this evening in the hotel bar. <b>Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Mercure Caledonian Hotel.</b>
DAY 7	Oct 25 Friday	<b>Aberdeen-Edinburgh.</b> After breakfast, we bid our last adieu to Aberdeen and venture south once again to Angus and Arbroath, home to <b>Arbroath Abbey</b> , the final resting-place of King William the Lion, and site of the signing of the 1320 Declaration of Scottish Independence. We’ll drive into Dundee in time for lunch, and then push on to Edinburgh, where we’ll head over to the top of the Royal Mile to visit the <b>Scotch Whisky Experience</b> . <b>Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Novotel Edinburgh Centre.</b>
DAY 8	Oct 26 Saturday	<b>Edinburgh.</b> Today is a free day in Edinburgh. We suggest a Hop-On/Hop-Off Edinburgh Tour Bus-Pass. See Edinburgh Castle, the majestic landmark that dominates Edinburgh’s skyline, perched on an extinct volcano; the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen’s official residence in Scotland; or the Royal Mile, the famous cobbled street that links the Palace and the Castle and is full of historic buildings and places of interest. Other noteworthy landmarks include the National Monument, Scotland’s memorial to those who died fighting for the United Kingdom in the Napoleonic Wars; the Scott Monument honoring Sir Walter Scott, one of Scotland’s greatest writers; the Burns Monument, a tribute to Scotland’s National Bard; the National Gallery; the Royal Scottish Academy; the Camera Obscura; or Greyfriar’s Bobby. At some point, be sure to drop by and visit to Edinburgh’s oldest public house this afternoon, the Sheep Heid Inn, established in 1360. We wrap up the week with an evening of dance, storytelling, music, and great Scottish food with the <b>Spirit of Scotland Show and Dinner</b> . <b>Overnight at the at the Novotel Edinburgh Centre.</b>
TRAV DAY	Oct 27 Sunday	<b>Edinburgh Airport to USA.</b> After breakfast, we transfer to Edinburgh Airport for our flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Scottish Tradition we wish you a “Fair faw, an’ haste ye back!”

## **Your Tour Package Includes the Following:**

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Scottish Driver and Guide
- 9 Nights' accommodations as follows (or similar):

Glasgow	<a href="#">Leonardo Hotel Glasgow</a> (★★★★)	1 Night
Kyle	<a href="#">Dunollie Hotel</a> (★★★)	2 Nights
Inverness	<a href="#">Craigmonie Hotel</a> (★★★)	2 Nights
Aberdeen	<a href="#">Mercure Aberdeen Caledonian Hotel</a> (★★★★)	2 Nights
Edinburgh	<a href="#">Novotel Edinburgh Centre</a> (★★★★)	2 Nights
- Full Scottish Breakfast daily
- Four Dinners: Dunollie Hotel (2), Mercure Aberdeen Caledonian Hotel (1)  
the Spirit of Scotland Show & Dinner in Edinburgh
- Admission to: Dunvegan Castle, Eilean Donan Castle, Urquhart Castle,  
the Highland Malt Whisky Experience, the Glen Ord Distillery, Dunrobin Castle,  
the Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre, Dunottar Castle, the Arbikie Distillery,  
Arbroath Abbey, the Scotch Whisky Experience, and the Spirit of Scotland Show & Dinner
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- 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 arriving at the Leonardo Hotel Glasgow on October 18, 2024).**

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***We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance.  
This insurance will cover you in the event of death to the said traveler,  
or someone in their immediate family, (mother, father, sister, brother, children, etc.)  
Additionally, any serious illness or other ailments (with a doctor's note)  
saying that traveler cannot attend trip, would also be covered.  
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Please contact [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com) to purchase insurance.***

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

**The Second Deposit of \$550.00 per person is due May 1, 2024.**

**The Final Payment is due September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

**(Reminders will be sent.)**

**If you want a single room, there is an additional single-supplement charge of \$999.00.**

**(Limited number available.)**

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