

Best of Scotland

7 Days

1 Country

10 Meals

Experience the Best of Scotland from Edinburgh Castle to the eclectic streets of Glasgow. Revel in the romance and history of the Scottish Highlands and contemplate the mysterious depths of Loch Ness, before toasting bonnie Scotland's lochs, glens and legendary locals.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Edinburgh with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Glasgow and Stirling
- **Visit** Edinburgh Castle, Pitlochry, the Isle of Skye, Glasgow Cathedral, Culloden Battlefield, Stirling Castle and a whisky distillery.
- **View** the 18th green at St. Andrews, the Glenfinnan Monument, Eilean Donan Castle, Loch Ness, Glencoe, Necropolis and George Square in Glasgow
- **Tickets** for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates

● Start ● End ● Overnight ● Sightseeing

Connect With Locals, Ledard Farm

Day

1 Welcome to Edinburgh Get lost in the narrow lanes of Edinburgh – the Scottish capital with a mystical air combining ancient heritage with the verve of a modern city. Spend your day at leisure delving into its rich history and embracing the warm culture of the Scots, before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception with a light meal and drinks. **(WR) Hotel: Novotel Centre/Marriott**

2 Discover Enchanting Edinburgh Join your *Local Specialist* this morning for an intriguing sightseeing tour of the city. Ascend Castle Rock and visit Edinburgh Castle, which watches over the surrounding city from its elevated vantage point. Stroll through the Old Town along the Royal Mile and see the stunning Palace of Holyroodhouse, before enjoying time at leisure to soak up the city's festive atmosphere. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. **(B)**

3 Venture into the Scottish Highlands Tread in the footsteps of the world's golfing greats and head to St. Andrews en route to the glorious Scottish Highlands. A scenic drive takes us north and across the Firth of Tay, past the city of Dundee to Pitlochry. After lunch, enjoy some free time to explore its riverside setting or join an Optional Experience to Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Murray. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cosy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands. **(B, D) Hotel: Laggan/Craiglynnne**

Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

4 Explore Culloden, Loch Ness and the Isle of Skye Continue your journey to the tragic battlefield of Culloden. Pay tribute to the brave men who lost their lives in the Jacobite Uprising, then travel past Scotland's infamous Loch Ness. The solitary beauty of Eilean Donan Castle will leave you speechless before you continue to the coast and cross to the Isle of Skye. Heather-clad peaks provide a stunning backdrop for our scenic drive across the Sleat Peninsula. Indulge in some free time for lunch before boarding your ferry in Armadale and crossing to Mallaig, back on the mainland. **(B, D)**

5 Journey to Thriving Glasgow Our first stop today sees us commemorate World War II history at the Commando Memorial near Fort William, from which we admire spectacular views of Britain's highest peak – Ben Nevis. We journey through the volcanic ruins and precipitous mountains that lie just beyond Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. Here we remember the MacDonald clansmen who were massacred in 1692. Join a wildlife cruise on Loch Lomond, a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®* Experience. Continuing towards the River Clyde, we arrive at our final stop for the day – Glasgow. **(B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza**

6 Walk the Walls of Stirling Castle *Madainn mhath!* While your Gaelic may be a little rusty, your orientation tour around this edgy city will be anything but. Begin your day seeing Glasgow's iconic sights. Enjoy views of the Necropolis, the regal George Square and River Clyde, for over 200 years the centre of shipbuilding. Continue to Stirling, to see its hilltop fortress, which stands as a symbol of national pride. Stirling Castle was once the seat of Scottish kings and queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots. View the Wallace Monument from the castle walls, paying tribute to the Scottish hero who fought for Scotland's independence. Later, *Dive*

Into Culture at a whisky distillery and enjoy a *wee dram* before joining the Wood family at their 15th-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard to *Connect With Locals* over a home-cooked *Be My Guest* Farewell Dinner, amidst tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-tapping *ceilidh* tunes. **(B, BMG, 🍷, 🍷)**



Highland fun on a Scottish farm. The Wood family's 15th-century farm is the venue for a *ceilidh*, complete with hearty Highland fare, foot-tapping tunes and the legend of Rob Roy. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

7 Farewell Glasgow The rugged beauty and warmth of Scotland's people forever in your memory, we enjoy one last hearty breakfast with our travel companions before wishing them and your Travel Director a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 4 - 26 August 2023

One of the most spectacular annual events is the Edinburgh Tattoo. It is simply not to be missed. Military bands from around the world take to the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle to play rousing tunes culminating in the haunting melody of the Lone Piper. The Tattoo is run for charitable causes and has donated over £5 million to military and civilian charities and organisations.

Trafalgar includes tickets and arrangements for our guests for every trip in this brochure that stays in Edinburgh during the Tattoo.



See below for a selection of departure dates. Speak to your Travel Agent or search 'Best of Scotland' on trafalgar.com for all available departures and pricing.

2023

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- **Edinburgh Tattoo 4 - 26 August 2023:** We've included Tattoo tickets when you're in Edinburgh during these dates. See Edinburgh Military panel for further details.
Edinburgh Tattoo dates for 2024 subject to change.
- These departures may vary in itinerary, hotels, and inclusions in line with seasonal changes.
- ★ **Festive Meal:** New Year's Eve dinner has been arranged for this departure. Join us in Britain to celebrate the festive season.

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