



The Wonders of Scotland Tour

August 1 - 16, 2020

Your Lakeshore/Cardinal Tours Exclusive Departure includes:

- Transfers to/from Pearson International**
- Round Trip Economy Airfare**
- Modern Touring Coach, Hotel Portorage,**
- First Class Hotel Accommodation for 14 Nights,**
- 14 Full Scottish Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 9 Dinners,**
- Including "A Taste of Scotland Dinner",**
- Reserved Seats for the Edinburgh Tattoo**
- Admissions listed in Itinerary**
- Driver Gratuity - Fully Escorted**

Tour Pricing

Double Occupancy: \$6,895.00

Single Supplement: \$ 900.00

Including Airfare and All Taxes

Terms and Conditions

A deposit of \$750.00 per person is due at time of booking plus any insurance requirements. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure (June 2, 2020). All payments are non refundable.

We carry a full line of insurance coverage.

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"The Lowlands, the Highlands, the Islands and the Edinburgh Tattoo"



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A 16 Day Tour of Scotland including the Edinburgh Tattoo

This tour is exclusive to Lakeshore Tours and Travel and Cardinal Coach Tours and is the result of refining previous tours. The aim is to provide a variety of experiences; historical, cultural, visual, artistic and also include free time so that you may pursue individual interests at a leisurely pace. Built into this tour are opportunities to learn about the customs and culture including indulging in the unique tastes of Scotland as well as witnessing their dances, songs and language. To do this we go into the hinterlands; the staggeringly beautiful and rugged highlands, mysterious Orkney and the legendary lowlands. To our knowledge no other tour provides such a wealth of opportunities in one tour. So please join us and immerse yourself in this beautiful and historical country.

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PROPOSED ITINERARY

**Saturday August 1 - Day 1 Home Town to Glasgow In-flight Meals**

We start our exciting journey to Scotland today. We have arranged for transfers to Pearson International where we will board our flight to Glasgow. Pick up times will be advised closer to our departure date.

Sunday August 2 - Day 2 Glasgow D

Upon arrival in Glasgow we will be met by our tour driver. After gathering our luggage and clearing customs, we will depart for an orientation tour of Glasgow. We check in to the Apex City of Glasgow Hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to explore the city - dinner at the hotel this evening.

Monday August 3 - Day 3 Glasgow to Edinburgh B, D

Enjoy a free morning to explore Glasgow. This afternoon our coach will take us to Edinburgh where we meet our local guide for a tour of the city including Edinburgh Castle and St. Giles Cathedral prior to checking in to The Best Western Plus Bruntsfield Hotel for three nights.

Tuesday August 4 - Day 4 Linlithgow, Rosslyn & Edinburgh B, D

We start this day with a visit to Linlithgow Palace; built in the fourteenth century as an ideal military base for securing the supply routes between Edinburgh Castle and Stirling Castle and later it was the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots. A short drive then finds us at Rosslyn Chapel, built in the fifteenth century and shrouded in mystery. It became the climactic focal point in the recent novel *'The Da Vinci Code'*. Our final stop will be her Majesty's Royal Yacht Britannia, the former yacht of the Royal Family. After a quick stop at our hotel, we are off to a ceilidh for a "Taste of Scotland" dinner with entertainment.

Wednesday August 5 - Day 5 St. Andrews B

Today we venture off to the city of St. Andrews and visit the Cathedral, followed by free time to explore and enjoy lunch on your own, returning to Edinburgh in the afternoon. Use the rest of the day to discover Princes Street or the Royal Mile.

Thursday August 6 - Day 6 Edinburgh to Inverness B, D

We check out of our hotel this morning and our first stop is Pitlochry and a visit to Blair Athol Distillery. This afternoon we travel through the Cairngorms National park, a mountain range, in the Eastern Highlands. This afternoon we enjoy a ride on the Strathspey Railway to Broomhill. Continuing on to Inverness, we check into our hotel, The Best Western Palace Hotel, for three nights.

Friday August 7 - Day 7 Macbeth, Barrels and Ballinalloch B

This morning we visit Elgin and the ruins of the magnificent cathedral with quite a story to tell. We'll then visit Baxter's Highland Village and this afternoon to the Speyside Cooperage where over 150,000 casks and barrels are made annually. This should amaze you! Finally we visit Ballinalloch to see where the lady laird lives in her fairytale castle.

Saturday August 8 - Day 8 Clava Cairns and Urquhart Castle B

Our first stop today is the Battlefield at Culloden and Visitors Centre where in 1746 the English forces brutally crushed the Jacobites. Set in a beautiful wooded vale are the Clava Cairns. You will be among the few to visit this 4000 year-old site. Enjoy some free time and lunch, we'll make a photo stop at Fort Augustus before making our way to Urquhart Castle, in its day, one of the largest strongholds of medieval Scotland. Perhaps you will spot "Nessie", the legendary Monster, as we cruise the murky waters of Loch Ness back to Inverness.

Sunday August 9 - Day 9 Inverness to Orkney B, D

This morning we embark on our journey to the Orkney Islands. Our first stop is Dunrobin Castle which resembles a French chateau continuously inhabited since the 1300's. While there, we may see a falconry display. We are then bound for the Castle of Mey, a favourite retreat of the late Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Later this afternoon we board a ferry and sail across the Pentland Firth to St. Margaret's Hope on Orkney. Upon arrival we check into The Orkney Hotel for three nights.

Monday August 10 - Day 10 Back Through Time B, D

Today we travel the Orkney Mainland where we pick up a local guide for the day. At a leisurely pace with stops that include the Broch of Gurness, the incredible Skara Brae and the Ring of Brodgar. And you thought the pyramids were ancient! Before we return to the hotel we will experience Maeshowe, a 5,000 year old Neolithic chambered tomb with all its mysteries.

Tuesday August 11 - Day 11 War and Whisky B

With a local guide we see what Italian POWs created from scrap at the Italian Chapel and then spend some time at Highland Park, the most northerly of Scotland's distilleries producing arguably the finest of single malts. Returning to Kirkwall we enjoy a short walking tour of the city and a visit to St. Magnus Cathedral. The balance of the afternoon and evening is at leisure.

Wednesday August 12 - Day 12 Orkney to Fort William B, D

After a leisurely breakfast we catch the ferry at Stromness back to the mainland. Our drive today takes us through the heart of the northern highlands, with a stop here and there for a Kodak moment and a visit to the visitors' centre at the Falls of Shin, where you might catch a glimpse of fish struggling upstream. We make our way southward arriving at The Moorings Hotel in Fort William for two nights.

Thursday August 13 - Day 13 A Day in Skye B, D

We spend the entire day on the Isle of Skye, the largest and most northerly island in the Inner Hebrides. After a photo stop at Mealt Waterfall and Kilt Rock we will check out the brewery and pottery shops of the village of Uig. We work our way northward over the 'top' of Skye and make a few stops to enjoy the extraordinary scenery with photo stops at Eilean Donan Castle and the Commando Memorial.

Friday August 14 - Day 14 Cruise on Loch Lomond B, L, D

We start the day continuing south through Glen Coe, considered one of the most spectacular and beautiful places in Scotland. After an included lunch, we then travel to Trossachs National Park and cruise along the "bonnie banks" of Loch Lomond and south through to Dryman where we check into The Winnock Hotel for one night.

Saturday August 15 - Day 15 Edinburgh Tattoo B

It is our last full day in Scotland. This morning head for Falkirk with a photo stop at the 30 metre high statues of "The Kelpies". We then make our way back to Edinburgh where you will have free time this afternoon after checking into the Leonardo Edinburgh Murrayfield Hotel for our last night. We complete our journey to Scotland by enjoying a spectacular evening performance of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Sunday August 16 - Day 16 Return Home to Canada B, In-flight Meals

Our tour ends after a final hearty Scottish breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Glasgow airport for our return flight home. Upon arrival at Pearson International Airport we will be met by our transfer to return us to our original pick-up points.

Welcome home!!

