



SPLENDID SCOTLAND

Inspiring World-Class Cinema & Literature
with MPR's Euan Kerr
June 19 - 30, 2022



Join MPR News Editor and former Cube Critic Host Euan Kerr on an enchanting 12-day tour of his native Scotland! Experience sweeping glens, crystal-clear lochs, iconic castles and rolling highlands: providing inspiration for many a poet, artist, musician and filmmaker. The journey begins in the vibrant capital of Edinburgh and ends in the culturally rich city of Glasgow. Engage in lively discussions of Scottish films and books from Euan's custom-curated list over delicious meals and perhaps a wee dram. See famous film locations, savor fine Scottish whisky and gain an in-depth appreciation for Scotland. See for yourself what one Scottish writer describes as "the sights for which eyes were invented". Space is limited on this amazing journey, so don't "fouter about"...reserve your space today!

TRIP AT A GLANCE

3 Nights Edinburgh
2 Nights Dunblane
2 Nights Inverness
2 Nights Glencoe
2 Nights Glasgow



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“Look to your consciences and remember that the theatre of the world is wider than the realm of England.”

Mary Queen of Scots



HIGHLIGHTS

Lively discussion covering the great films, history and literature of Scotland ❖ Whiskey and beer tastings ❖ Tour the many castles of Scotland ❖ Hop on an old steam train ❖ Explore Tantallon, Blackness and Sterling Castle ❖ Travel with like-minded globetrotters who love film, literature, public radio, adventure and life-long learning.

IT'S INCLUDED

- With MPR host Euan Kerr
- An expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- All breakfasts plus ten multi-course traditional meals
- Eleven nights at four-star and superior three-star hotel accommodations
- A fun pub crawl featuring some of the finest beers in Scotland
- Private transport throughout your journey
- All entrances to castles, forts, museums and activities listed
- A suggested movie and reading list
- Lively discussions on Scottish history, literature and film
- A group of fellow like-minded friends who share your passion for learning and fun

TRIP FACTS

12 Days / 11 Nights

\$5,795 per person double occupancy

\$1,295 single supplement

Journey begins: June 19, 2022 at 6pm in Edinburgh

Journey ends: June 30, 2022 after breakfast in Glasgow



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YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS

Day 0: Saturday, June 18 – Depart for Scotland no later than today!

Day 1: Sunday, June 19 - Arrive in Edinburgh

Relax and freshen up before meeting your host and Scottish guide for a welcome to Scotland feast at approximately 6pm. *Sleep in Edinburgh (D)*

Day 2: Monday, June 20 – The heart of Edinburgh

Today, our journey takes us further through cobbled alleys, elegant streetscapes, handsome squares and quiet parks of Edinburgh. Enjoy an in-depth walking tour, which includes the birthplace of the city: Edinburgh Castle. You'll also enjoy a visit to the National Museum of Scotland. We'll end our walk just in time for you to enjoy an included lunch followed by a free afternoon to explore the Edinburgh's charms at your leisure.

Royal family enthusiasts may wish to visit the Royal Yacht Britannia. A former floating home of the Queen, there is an excellent exhibit here about the history of royal yachts and photographs of Britannia's intriguing history. *Sleep in Edinburgh (B, L)*



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The Jacobite Train

“The view of Edinburgh from the road before you enter Leith is quite enchanting: it is, as Albert said, fairy-like and what you would only imagine as a thing to dream of, or to see in a picture.”

Queen Victoria

Day 3: Tuesday, June 21 – Explore Edinburgh and an afternoon Whiskey tasting

There is so much to enjoy in Edinburgh: Together we’ll stroll down the Royal Mile to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, stop at Deacon Brodies pub (named for the man believed to have inspired Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde), or visit the Writers' Museum to see artifacts from the lives of Walter Scott, Robert Burns, and Robert Louis Stevenson. Take in the Scotch Whisky Experience to learn more about one of the biggest industries in Scotland, and maybe try a wee dram. Visit St Giles Cathedral, where a tossed stool became pivotal to the Scottish Reformation and check out Cockburn Street, site of a major battle in *Avengers: Infinity War*. *Sleep in Edinburgh* (B, L)

Day 4: Wednesday, June 22 – North to Stirling Castle

Stirling Castle was the key to the kingdom of Scotland, dominating a vast volcanic rock above the River Forth, at the meeting point between Lowlands and Highlands. Over the centuries an ancient stronghold grew into a great royal residence. During the Wars of Independence, which were civil wars among the Scots as well as a struggle between Scotland and England, the castle changed hands eight times in 50 years. Infamous deeds took place here, including the murder of the Earl of Douglas by James II. It was also a childhood home of some of the most famous people in Scottish and British history, such as Mary Queen of Scots and James VI and I. Nowadays, Stirling Castle is famous internationally as one of Scotland's must-see visitor attractions. *Sleep near Cairngorms National Park* (B,D)



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“For my own part, I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel’s sake”.
Robert Louis Stevenson

The Jacobite rising of 1745, also known as the Forty-five Rebellion or simply the '45, was an attempt by Charles Edward Stuart to regain the British throne for his father, James Francis Edward Stuart.

Day 5: Thursday, June 23 - Blair Castle and the Crannog Center

This morning we set off for the Scottish Crannog Centre. This impressive museum highlights life in the Iron Age. Here we can walk in the footsteps of the original Crannog dwellers and get a taste of the by-gone village life with demonstrations of textiles, cooking, ancient crafts and technologies. There will also be an opportunity to paddle into prehistory in a replica log boat and go inside a Crannog Roundhouse. After lunch, encounter 700 years of history at Blair Castle, the only castle in Britain with a private army. Take a garden tour with the hotel gardener and touch a massive Redwood tree before dining at the hotel tonight. *Sleep near Cairngorms National Park (B, D)*

Day 6: Friday, June 24 – North to historic Inverness

Inverness makes a strong argument for best representative of the “real” Scotland. It’s a brilliant combination of iconic landscapes and history: King Macbeth hailed from here and the famous battle of Culloden was fought only a few miles away. At the same time, it possesses a welcoming and modern spirit of outward-looking Scotland. *Sleep in Inverness (B, L)*



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The lovely Blair Castle

Day 7: Saturday, June 25 – A Day in Inverness

Today we'll set out to discover the town's many sights. Visit the Victorian Market, sample some beers in a local pub and enjoy the lively atmosphere. You'll also have some free time to relax and enjoy! Let's meet up this evening for a pub crawl and a light dinner.

Sleep in Inverness (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, June 26 – West to the Isle of Skye

After breakfast, we set out to discover the stunning Isle of Skye, famous for its breathtaking scenery and landscapes. It's also known for its rich history, including clan warfare, the infamous 'Bonnie Prince Charlie,' and the Jacobite Rebellion.

The Isle of Skye is also a great destination for wildlife watching, with the white-tailed sea eagle at the top of bird watchers' lists. Otters, seals, whales, dolphins and red deer are just some of the other impressive creatures that can be seen on and around the Isle of Skye.

Sleep in Glencoe (B, L)



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Discover Stirling Castle

Day 9: Monday, June 27 - Exploring Glencoe and the Jacobite Train

Glencoe is famous for its surrounding landscape; it is home to some of the most spectacular mountains in the UK and has been featured in films such as James Bond's *Skyfall* and several Harry Potter movies. Today you'll have the opportunity to explore this region on foot, mountain bike, horse or train.

Described as the greatest railway journey in the world, the Jacobite Train 84-mile round trip takes you past a list of impressive extremes, beginning near the highest mountain in Britain, Ben Nevis, and Britain's most westerly mainland railway station, Arisaig. From here, on a clear summer's day, you can see the "Small Isles" of Rum, Eigg, Muck, Canna and the southern tip of Skye. The train continues on from here, passing Morar and the silvery beaches used in the films *Highlander* and *Local Hero*. *Sleep in Glencoe (B, L)*

Day 10: Tuesday, June 28 - Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park

After a hearty breakfast, we head south. En route to Glasgow we stop to visit one of Scotland's prettiest parks. Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park contain a diverse geography that includes 21 munros (Scottish mountains), two forest parks, 22 lochs, and over 50 designated special nature conservation sites that are home to a variety of wildlife. Loch Lomond itself is the largest inland stretch of water in Great Britain by surface area. Today you'll go cruising on a lake in a historic steamship, and see Rob Roy's gravestone. Arrive in Glasgow in the late afternoon. *Sleep in Glasgow (B, D)*



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Day 11: Wednesday, June 29 - Discover Glasgow, Speedboat and Tall Ship

After breakfast, we'll begin our tour of central Glasgow with a boat tour along the River Clyde. We'll see the city's famous landmarks, including the red sandstone Victorian buildings, delightful parks, and Glasgow Cathedral. Our city tour concludes with a visit to the beautifully restored Tall Ship at Riverside and the nearby maritime museum. We understand that some of our fellow passengers may be getting up early in order to catch their flight home, so today, let's enjoy a hearty farewell lunch and toast to our splendid journey! *Sleep in Glasgow (B, L)*

Day 12: Thursday, June 30 - Return home with a lifetime of memories!

Our journey ends this morning after breakfast at the hotel in Glasgow.

RESERVATIONS AND QUESTIONS

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Itinerary Details Subject to Change



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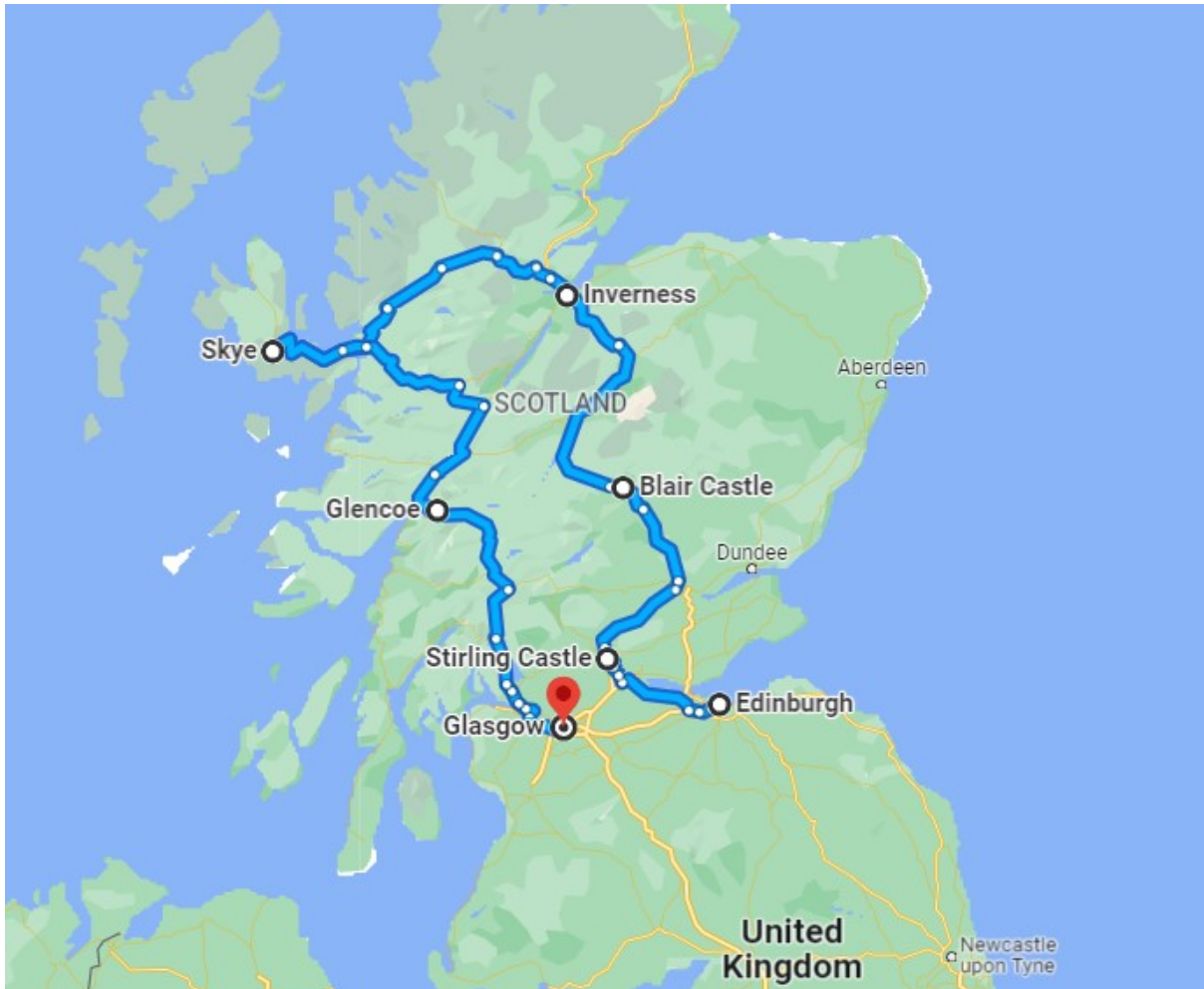
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MEET YOUR HOST! MPRs Euan Kerr

Euan Kerr has worked at MPR News since 1985, except for a period in the early 1990s when he returned to his native Scotland to work for the BBC. At MPR he has been a reporter, a host of Cube Critics, a producer and is currently an MPR News Editor. Born in Glasgow, Euan and his wife make their home in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Your journey!



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Recommended Books and Films

Recommended Books

- **Lion in the North** (John Prebble) - A concise history of a very complicated place written by one of the great chroniclers of Scotland's past.
- **Scotland: The Autobiography** (Edited by Rosemary Goring) Contemporary accounts of major moments in 2,000 years of Scottish history.
- **Kidnapped** (R.L. Stevenson) The great Scottish adventure novel, which is also an exploration of 18th century political tension, and a travelogue around the country
- **44 Scotland Street** (Alexander McCall Smith) Written as a chapter a day novel for the Scotsman newspaper, this captures the contemporary sensibilities of Scotland's capital.
- **Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner** (James Hogg) A classic 19th century novel which satirizes the philosophical and religious turmoil which dominated Scotland for centuries.

Recommended Films

- **Whisky Galore** (1949): Classic Ealing comedy about an island without whisky because of war-time rationing, which receives an unexpected gift when a storm wrecks a cargo ship bound for the USA loaded with the spirit on the rocks. Interesting fact: 'galore' is one of the few Scots Gaelic words to make it into English.
- **Local Hero** (1983): Bill Forsyth's whimsical story about an American sent to Scotland to secure a beautiful beach for an oil terminal finds himself caught between his job and a new found love of place.
- **Trainspotting** (1996): Danny Boyle's gritty adaptation of Irvine Welsh's bestselling novel about drug addicts in Edinburgh gives a view of the city that is both unsettling and at times hilarious.
- **The Angel's Share** (2012): Social commentator Ken Loach combines working class reality with whisky mystique in this crime caper about a young hoodlum who discovers he has a taster's palate and a plan to get his hands on to some very rare, and invaluable, whisky.
- **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie** (1969): Who needs Downton Abbey when you can see Maggie Smith in this Oscar winning adaptation of Murial Spark's classic novel about a charismatic teacher at an Edinburgh girls' school.
- **The Edge of the World** (1937): Based on the true story of the evacuation of the island St Kilda, once Britain's most remote community, this film launched the career of director Michael Powell as well as several actors who became staples of British cinema.

Also filmed in Scotland: Skyfall, Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (2011), Outlander, Harry Potter, Braveheart, Rob Roy, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, The Da Vinci Code!



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The Carbonfund.org motto, “Reduce what you can; offset what you can’t” fits perfectly with Earthbound Expeditions’ long-established philosophy of supporting locally-owned businesses, promoting education and embracing the concept of “slow” travel.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Packing: Porters are available at the hotels, but there may be times when you need to handle your own luggage, so please do not over-pack. It’s summer time in Scotland, so you may wish to bring a light rain jacket.

Physical requirements: In order to make the most of your trip, you should be able to walk independently for one to two miles, often over uneven cobblestones and be able to stand for a period of time during walking or museum tours or visits to other sights. You must also be able to maneuver luggage onto trains and motorcoaches.

Dress: June is one of the best times to visit Scotland as the temperatures are mild, the rain is minimal, and the daylight hours are long. We suggest “casually smart” dress and you may leave your formal attire and family jewels at home!

Travel Insurance: Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

Concerts and Events: If a planned concert or event is cancelled for any reason, another concert or event will be included in its place. This is not cause for refund.

Terms and Conditions: All guests must read the fine print. Click [here](#) for the full terms and conditions.

Hosted Journeys: The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

About Earthbound Expeditions: Founded by Matthew and Danna Brumley in 1997, Earthbound Expeditions has over 100 years of combined experience. Our team frequently is out in the field, meeting guests and looking for new and exciting activities. Note: Matthew and Danna Brumley have personally guided over 150 tailor-made journeys worldwide.



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