

Scotland September 9-19, 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this trip physically demanding?

This journey is designed for travelers who enjoy walking and being outdoors, but it is **not** physically strenuous. Most walking is optional, unhurried, and done at a comfortable pace. There will be opportunities to sit, rest, and simply enjoy the surroundings at nearly every stop. If you're generally mobile and enjoy gentle exploration, this trip is a good fit.

I'm traveling solo. Will I feel comfortable?

Absolutely. Many travelers on small-group journeys come on their own, and this experience is intentionally designed to feel warm and inclusive. You'll never feel singled out or alone unless you *want* quiet time. Solo travelers often tell us this is one of the easiest, most enjoyable ways to travel.

What's included in the \$5,330 price?

Your investment includes:

- 10 days of travel through mainland Scotland, the Hebrides, and Orkney
- A comfortable, **private coach reserved exclusively for our group**
- Ferry crossings, cruises, and island transfers included in the itinerary
- Carefully selected comfortable accommodations
- Thoughtful pacing and curated experiences throughout the journey
- A hosted, small-group experience limited to 20 or so travelers

(Flights, most meals other than breakfast, and personal expenses are not included.)

Why did you choose such a small number of people?

Because size changes everything. With a group of 20ish, we can travel more comfortably, move more easily, and create a relaxed, personal atmosphere. Conversations are natural, logistics are smoother, and there's space for both connection and quiet. This is a deliberate choice — not a limitation.

Why a private coach instead of a standard tour bus?

The private coach is one of the most important elements of this journey. It allows us to:

- Have better control of our schedule and pace
- Avoid large crowds and rigid timelines
- Travel together without strangers joining the group
- Create a sense of continuity and comfort

It's one of the biggest reasons this journey feels so different from traditional tours.

What happens if the trip doesn't reach 20 travelers?

This journey requires a minimum of 15 travelers to proceed at the listed price. If that number isn't reached, you'll be notified well in advance, and any refundable funds will be fully refunded or applied to another trip of your choosing.

How much walking will there be each day?

Walking varies by day and by location. Some days involve gentle strolling through villages or historic sites; others may include short walks over uneven ground at ancient sites. There is always flexibility, and no one is required to participate in every activity.

Is this trip suitable for couples and friends traveling together?

Yes. Couples, friends, and solo travelers all fit comfortably into this group dynamic. Many of the most enjoyable conversations and connections happen across travel styles.

What kind of accommodations can I expect?

Accommodations are chosen for **comfort, location, and character** rather than uniformity. Expect clean, welcoming hotels and inns that reflect the regions we're visiting. This is comfort that supports the journey.

What about meals?

Some meals are included, while others are left open so you can explore on your own or with fellow travelers. This balance allows for flexibility and personal choice — whether that's a quiet café, a pub dinner, or a shared meal with the group.

How do I know if this journey is right for me?

If you value:

- Thoughtful pacing
- Small groups
- Comfort without stiffness
- History, story, and sense of place

...then this journey was likely designed with you in mind.

The best way to know is simply to reach out. I'm always happy to talk it through with you personally.

Final Note: This journey isn't about seeing everything, although we'll see at least twice as much compared to typical tours. It's about experiencing the *right* things — well. If Scotland has been quietly calling you, this may be the answer.