Scotland & Fèis Ìle,

The Islay Festival

Culture, History, and the Highlands

MAY 22–JUNE 2, 2027



Finally! After years of trying to secure accommodation on the Isle of Islay during its famous whisky festival, we are thrilled to make this very special adventure a reality!

While Fèis Ìle may be best known for its whisky, this journey is about so much more than what's in the glass! Along with festival celebrations and fascinating distillery visits, we'll explore breathtaking Highland scenery, discover centuries of Scottish history, wander charming towns, enjoy traditional music and island culture, and experience some of Scotland's most beautiful beaches.

A very special small-group experience • Maximum 14 travelers

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"Every dram tells a story—of the land, the people and the traditions that shaped it."

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Highlands to Edinburgh

Time to settle in, explore independently and experience some of Scotland's most memorable places.

MAY 22	**Our Scottish Adventure Begins** Depart from your home airport on an overnight flight to Scotland.
MAY 23	**Welcome to Edinburgh!** Welcome to Scotland's magnificent and historic capital! After clearing customs and immigration, we will transfer to our city center hotel. Enjoy a leisurely orientation walk along the famous Royal Mile before the remainder of the day is yours to relax, settle in, or venture out for a little exploring. The choice is yours! Tomorrow we'll have a full day to discover more of this fascinating city.
MAY 24	**Edinburgh at Your Leisure**  Enjoy a full day discovering Edinburgh at your own pace! Explore the magnificent Edinburgh Castle, wander the historic closes and wynds of the Old Town, browse the shops and boutiques along the Royal Mile, or visit the Scotch Whisky Experience, home to the world's largest collection of Scotch whisky. Perhaps stop into a cozy pub for a traditional Scottish meal, discover a hidden gem, or simply soak up the history, charm, and lively atmosphere of Scotland's captivating capital. The day is yours to enjoy!
May 25	**Edinburgh - Your way, a day of choices!** Today is all about experiencing Scotland your way! Choose from a variety of unique experiences, with your selected adventure included in your tour price. Stay in Edinburgh and create your own Harris Tweed handbag at the Islander Workshop, discover the world of Scotch whisky at the Johnnie Walker Experience, or venture beneath the Royal Mile to uncover the fascinating secrets of The Real Mary King's Close. Prefer to explore beyond the city? A list of availabe day trips will be provided at time of booking. Whether your interests lie in whisky, history, creativity, or discovering hidden gems, the choice is yours! Your chosen experience is included in your tour price, with additional time to enjoy Edinburgh at your leisure as schedules permit.
MAY 26	**Edinburgh and Stirling**  Enjoy a leisurely morning in Edinburgh with time for some last-minute sightseeing, shopping, or simply soaking up the atmosphere of Scotland's historic capital. Early this afternoon, we journey to Stirling, a city rich in Scottish history and once home to kings and queens. You'll have time to visit magnificent Stirling Castle, one of Scotland's most important royal strongholds, and explore the charming streets of the historic Old Town. Overnight in Stirling.

ISLAND DAYS

Loch Lomond and Fèis Ìle

Travel into Scotland's western landscapes and the unforgettable atmosphere of Islay.

MAY 27	**Loch Lomond and the Journey to Islay** Today we are joined by our wonderful Scottish guide, Hugh Allison—author, historian and Highland storyteller—and our driver, Mark. Travel through the beautiful scenery surrounding Loch Lomond before continuing west to catch our afternoon ferry to Islay. Our exact route and sightseeing stops will be based on the 2027 ferry schedule. 
MAY 28	**Fèis Ìle** Today's plans will be based on the official festival program. Enjoy selected activities and the welcoming atmosphere that makes Fèis Ìle so special. It isn't all about whisky: celebrations may include traditional music, ceilidhs, parades, local food and cultural events, markets and crafters —all surrounded by Islay's villages, beaches and beautiful coastal scenery.
MAY 29	**Finlaggan and Bunnahabhain** Visit Finlaggan, once the center of the clan system and location of the Great Council of the Isles. It is one of the most historically significant sites in the Hebrides. We'll also visit Bunnahabhain Distillery, tucked along Islay's remote northeastern shoreline and surrounded by unforgettable island scenery.
MAY 30	**Islay to Stonefield Castle** Enjoy a leisurely morning before boarding our ferry back to the mainland. From here, we'll journey along the scenic Kintyre Peninsula, with its rugged coastline, rolling hills, charming villages, and sweeping views across the sea. This beautiful, lesser-traveled corner of Scotland offers spectacular scenery around every bend. Our day ends at beautiful Stonefield Castle, our castle hotel overlooking the tranquil waters of Loch Fyne. This evening, we'll gather for dinner together as a group. 

"More than a whisky festival—this is Scotland experienced through its landscapes, stories, traditions and people."



THE FINAL CHAPTER

Kintyre and the Highlands

Traditional whisky-making, Highland history and two relaxing nights at Stonefield Castle complete our journey.

MAY 31	**Campbeltown and Springbank Distillery** Travel to Campbeltown, once known as the "Whisky Capital of the World." Explore this historic coastal town and enjoy a fascinating visit to Springbank Distillery. Springbank is one of only a small number of Scottish distilleries that continues to malt its own barley using traditional methods. Seeing the historic malting floor offers a glimpse into a craft that has largely disappeared from modern whisky production. Return to Stonefield Castle this evening. 
JUNE 1	**Auchindrain and the Highlands** Visit Auchindrain Historic Township, the best-preserved example of a traditional Highland farming township and a remarkable window into everyday life in Scotland's past. Enjoy a beautiful afternoon in the Highlands before saying farewell to Hugh and continuing to our hotel near Edinburgh Airport for our final evening.
JUNE 2	**Homeward Bound** Transfer to Edinburgh Airport for flights home, taking with us wonderful memories of the Highlands, Edinburgh, Fèis Ìle and the beautiful islands and landscapes of western Scotland.

A Small-Group Journey

Space is limited. This group will not exceed 14 travelers, plus our Scottish guide, driver and tour manager.

LAND PRICE

$4,875

per person based on double occupancy • land only

Single supplement $1675

$1,500 per person nonrefundable deposit due at booking

Final balance due February 20, 2027

Your tour includes

- On-tour transportation, including airport and hotel transportation in Scotland, ferry crossings and coach travel
- 10 lodging; 3 Edinburgh, 1 Stirling, 3 Islay, 2 Stonefield Castle and 1 near Edinburgh Airport with private ensuite facilities
- Breakfast daily except the days of arrival and departure
- Two dinners
- Edinburgh Choice experience, Stirling Castle admission, Springbank Distillery tour, Auchindrain Historic Township
- Services of the agency tour manager for the duration of the tour
- Local guide services May 27–June 1

Important pricing and confirmation information

The price is an estimate until the 2027 ferry schedules are released and all tour components are booked and confirmed. The tour requires a minimum of 8 passengers and will not be confirmed unless that minimum is met by November 15th

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Tour Terms & Conditions | May 21 – June 2, 2027

Tour Pricing & Confirmation

The advertised tour price is an estimate until the 2027 ferry schedules are released and all tour components have been finalized and confirmed. Pricing is based on estimated exchange rates, transportation costs, and supplier rates. Should significant changes in exchange rates, published fares, taxes, or supplier costs warrant an adjustment, travelers will be notified prior to final tour confirmation. Registered travelers will have the opportunity to accept the revised price or cancel for a full refund of their deposit prior to tour confirmation.

A minimum of 8 paying travelers is required for this tour to operate. The minimum must be met by November 15, 2026. Should the minimum not be reached and Anchor Travel elects to cancel the tour, all deposits paid to Anchor Travel will be refunded in full.

Deposits, Final Payment & Cancellation Policy

A $1,500 per person deposit is required to secure your reservation. Hotel accommodations on Islay during Fèis Ìle are exceptionally limited and nonrefundable. It took us three years to secure this coveted hotel space! For this reason, deposits become nonrefundable once the tour is officially confirmed.

Final payment is due February 20, 2027 (90 days prior to departure).

Should you need to cancel your reservation after tour confirmation, the following cancellation penalties will apply:

Cancellation Date	Penalty
Through February 19, 2027	Loss of $1,500 per person deposit
February 20 – March 21, 2027	50% of total tour price
March 22, 2027 onward	100% of total tour price — no refunds

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Anchor Travel. Cancellation penalties are based on the total tour price per person, excluding separately purchased airfare and travel insurance. Any applicable cancellation charges for independent arrangements are subject to the terms of those suppliers.

Physical Requirements & Accessibility

While we do our best to accommodate all travelers, this tour involves walking on uneven surfaces, cobblestone streets, hills, and inclines, as well as climbing stairs at historic sites and attractions. Participants should be comfortable walking at a leisurely pace for up to 30 minutes at a time and navigating stairs without assistance. Some of our accommodations are in charming, historic properties that may not offer elevators (lifts). Guests must be able to carry their own luggage to their rooms, including up staircases, as luggage porterage is not included.If you have mobility limitations, accessibility concerns, or special dietary requirements, please advise Anchor Travel at the time of booking so we can discuss your individual needs and available accommodations.

Itinerary Changes

Travel in Scotland, particularly to the islands, can occasionally be influenced by weather, ferry schedules, traffic, or other unforeseen circumstances. While every effort will be made to operate the itinerary as planned, adjustments may be necessary. Our tour staff will make any required changes with the safety, comfort, and best interests of the entire group in mind. Visits, activities, and the order of sightseeing may be modified or substituted as circumstances require. Refunds will not be issued for minor itinerary changes or missed activities resulting from circumstances beyond our control, except where required by applicable law.

What's Not Included

Unless otherwise specified, the tour price does not include:

- International airfare from your home departure airport
- Daily lunches and 8 dinners
- Beverages with meals unless specifically included
- Personal expenses, shopping, snacks, and incidental purchases
- Optional sightseeing, additional site visits, or evening activities not specifically listed as included
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Travel insurance
- Luggage porterage at hotels

Solo Travelers & Room Sharing

Traveling solo? If you would like to share a room with another traveler of the same gender, please let us know! We are happy to try to arrange a roommate match, although this cannot be guaranteed. If a suitable roommate is unavailable, the applicable single-room supplement will apply.

Travel Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended to protect your travel investment against unexpected circumstances, including illness, injury, trip cancellation, interruption, medical emergencies, and travel delays. We encourage purchasing coverage at the time of your initial deposit, as certain benefits may be time-sensitive. Insurance coverage, eligibility, and reimbursement are subject to the terms and conditions of the policy selected. Not all circumstances are covered by every policy.

Air Arrangements

International airfare is not included in the advertised tour price. We are happy to assist with coordinating flights from your preferred home airport. Please request a personalized airfare quotation. We recommend waiting until the tour has been officially confirmed before purchasing nonrefundable airline tickets or making additional independent travel arrangements.

Tour Cancellation by Anchor Travel

Should Anchor Travel cancel the tour prior to departure, payments made toward the land tour will be refunded. Anchor Travel is not responsible for independently purchased airfare, travel insurance, or other arrangements outside the tour package, except where otherwise required by law.