



North Coast 500 Tour

Scheduled Departure

April 24th – May 4th, 2025



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Planned Day by Day Itinerary

April 24th – Departure from home airport – overnight flight to Scotland

April 25th – Arrival Inverness - transfer to our city center hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure for you to explore the city, take a stroll along the River Ness, visit the Inverness Museum and Art Gallery to explore the collections about Highland life and culture or maybe you want to visit Scotland's largest secondhand bookstore, Leakey's. Join our tour group this evening for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

April 26th – Inverness - the majority of the day is for you to enjoy all that Inverness has to offer. Late afternoon we transfer as a group out to Dingwall, just north of Inverness, for our stay at Tulloch Castle. We will dine together this evening in the hotel restaurant. (B,D) Optional excursions can be arranged to visit Culloden Battlefield, Clava Cairns or do a Loch Ness cruise.

April 27th – Tulloch Castle - day at leisure Enjoy a full day for reading, relaxing, walking, playing games, exploring the castle or catching up on sleep. Optional local tours or transfers to Inverness will be available. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening in our hotel. (B,D)

April 28th – Tulloch Castle to Thurso. We set off on our road adventure today! Highlights include a visit to Dunrobin Castle, the home to the Earls and Dukes of Sutherland since the 1300s and wandering among the 200 mysterious stones at Hill O'Many Stanes. We end our day in the harbor town of Thurso where we will have time to find our evening meals on our own. (B)

April 29th – Thurso to Thurso. Our day trip from Thurso will include seeing the ruins of Castle Sinclair and time for a photo with the world-famous Journey's End sign at John O'Groats. We will return to our hotel in Thurso by late afternoon where you will be free to explore for a bit and dine on your own again this evening. (B)

April 30th – Thurso to Lochinver This morning we continue our 500-mile journey heading west across the top of Scotland. We visit the impressive Strathnaver museum to learn about life in the area and the brutal Highland Clearances. We will take a walk down to mythical, and sometimes eerie, Smoo Cave, one of the largest sea caves in Britain. We then stop for lunch and a bit of shopping for local made wares in Durness before we continue our roadtrip and end our day in the harbor town of Lochinver. You can enjoy dinner at the hotel or opt for a stroll around town to find your meal. (B)

May 1st – Lochinver to Ullapool Today will be a day full of scenic drives! For those with geological interests it's also a day to explore the fascinating natural wonders of the area with a visit to Knockan Crag Nature Reserve where you can look at the mystery of how old rock can sit on top of much younger rock! Trust us when we say that even non rockhounds will enjoy this visit! We end our day in charming Ullapool where you will have a bit of time to explore and find your evening meal. (B)

May 2nd – Ullapool to Applecross We begin our day with a visit to Inverewe Garden. See plants from around the world in this stunning sub-tropical garden located in the most unusual location, on a rocky peninsula in northwest Scotland! We continue our day which will include beautiful beaches, an Iron Age Fort, a waterfall, a Viking Parliament site and more! What a day it will be! We overnight at the secluded Hartfield House complex. (B)

May 3rd – Applecross to Inverness We start our day with a bit of adrenaline as we travel the Bealach na Ba Pass (Pass of the Cattle). The steepest road ascent in the UK! We continue around Loch Kishorn, take a little walk at Rogie Falls and then make our way into Inverness where we end our road trip adventure this evening with a farewell dinner together in our hotel before turning in early to pack for our journey home tomorrow. (B, D)

May 4th – Flights home Transfer to the Inverness airport for flights

(B) = included breakfast (D) = included dinner

Highlights: **Small group – maximum of 8 participants!** “Scotland's Route 66.” 500 miles of some of the most dramatic and amazing scenery in Scotland. Rugged mountains, secluded beaches, charming villages, open farm fields, amazing ruins and more. It is one of the world's most beautiful road trips.

What's included: 9 nights lodging, tour transportation, breakfast daily (except day of arrival and departure), 4 dinners, service of professional agency tour manager and local historian/guide while in Scotland, sightseeing as indicated on itinerary

What's NOT included: airfare (we can assist with booking your air or you can book your own), daily lunch, 5 dinners, items of personal nature, and gratuities to local guide and driver

Accommodations: due to the nature of this tour the group may be split into multiple accommodation options for each evening. All lodging will be 3-4 star Scottish Tourist Board approved hotels, inns, guesthouses or B&B's. **We spend one evening in a property where the majority of rooms have shared facilities. A limited number of ensuite rooms for this night are available at additional cost.** Your property assignment will be advised at time of travel document distribution 30 days prior to departure

To reserve your space complete the attached booking form and call or email:

Anchor Full Service Travel at 763-691-1416 or Tawnya@anchorfullservicetravel.com

Price is based on double occupancy (2 people sharing a room), is subject to change and availability until booked and confirmed. A limited number of single rooms are available. Single supplement \$600. Nonrefundable deposit of \$500 per person is due at time of booking with balance due February 21st, 2025. Travel insurance is available at additional cost and is highly recommended.

\$3575 per person land only based on double occupancy

Estimates were used in calculation of trip cost. If exchange rates or published fares warrant a price increase, that increase will be passed onto traveler at time of final payment. This itinerary could be greatly influenced by weather, traffic or other unexpected delays. Travel adjustments, if necessary, will be made accordingly by your tour staff with the best interest of entire group in mind. Refunds will not be issued due to unexpected changes in itinerary. While we do our best to accommodate all, this tour does involve walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs, some inclines and hills. Most of the lodging properties used during this tour incorporate old, historic buildings and do not have an elevator. Participants should be able to leisurely walk for at least 30 minutes without a break. Please speak to your agent if you have any mobility difficulties. It is recommended that guests dress in warm, layered clothing and wear flat, comfortable shoes. The order of sights visited may be altered or substitutions be made at the discretion of the tour, driver and guide. **All lodging, except for one night, will have private bathroom** (not guaranteed to be in room) with shower only. Bathtubs are limited. Wi-Fi is limited in many areas of the highlands as well as in some areas of hotels. Connectivity during this tour may be limited.

If you are traveling solo and would like to be paired with a same gender roommate let us know and we will try to match you. Air from your home departure airport is available. Please ask for a quotation. Nonrefundable \$500 tour deposit is due at the time of booking. Final payment due: March 1st, 2025. Once confirmed cancellation/change penalties will apply. Land cancellation penalties: nonrefundable deposit. March 1st - March 24th = 50% cancellation penalty. March 24th - April 16th = 75% cancellation penalty. April 17th - departure = nonrefundable. Travel insurance is optional and additional but highly recommended. Ask your agent for details.

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Please register me for:

- ☐ Double occupancy • \$3575 per person
- ☐ Single • \$3575+600 single supplement

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal name: _____

Name for name badge: _____

Passport #: _____

Passport expiration date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal name: _____

Name for name badge: _____

Passport #: _____

Passport expiration date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: (Name) _____ (Phone) _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double Bed OR Twin Beds

Roommate Name: _____ OR Single Supplement: ____Yes ____No

Travel Insurance *(please check one)*

- ☐ I have been advised of the cost of travel insurance and would like to purchase a policy. Premium will be included with my deposit.
- ☐ I wish to decline the travel insurance offered.

Deposit Payment Information *(please check one)*

- ☐ Enclosed is my \$_____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable).
- ☐ Please charge \$_____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa/American Express

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Card ID Code *(last three digits in signature box on the back of the card)*: _____

If preferred, you may call us (763-691-1416) with your credit card information.

_____ Initial to acknowledge you understand that Federal law prohibits the carriage of certain hazardous materials in your luggage or on your person aboard aircraft and could result in a fine or imprisonment. Visit www.tsa.gov for more information.

Prices in this brochure were effective on 11.01.24. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible until the time of final invoicing due to exchange rates, an increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers travelling in the group. I agree to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____