

Scotland ~ Arran, the Edinburgh Military Tattoo & The Braemar Gathering

August 25th - September 3rd, 2023



Limited to 20 participants
Don't miss this special opportunity. Space is VERY limited!

The ultimate Adventure in Scotland! Two epic bucket list travel items on one tour!

Highlights Include:

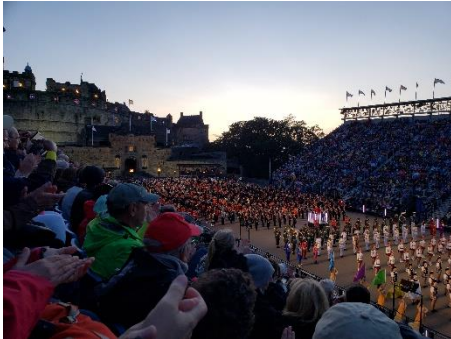
The Edinburgh Military Tattoo
Braemar Highland Gathering and Games
The Isle of Arran
Kilmartin Glen, Blair Castle & Gardens,
1 night Castle stay, 2 nights at a 280-acre Country House Estate,
Breathtaking Highland Scenery covered in blooming heather and more!

To reserve your place or for further questions please contact
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Day by Day itinerary

August 25th – afternoon departure on overnight flight to Edinburgh. Dinner and light breakfast will be served on board.

August 26th – mid day arrival in Edinburgh. After a group transfer to our Old Town hotel, you will have a bit of free time to rest, explore and grab dinner before making your way to Edinburgh Castle for an evening performance of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Reservations for a pre-show dinner are recommended. Ask your agent for assistance.



Holiday Inn Express Edinburgh Royal Mile

August 27th – spend the full day exploring the hustle and bustle of Edinburgh during the Fringe Festival! Often called “the single greatest celebration of arts and culture on the planet”. Enjoy street performers along the Royal Mile, book tickets to a Fringe performance, visit the many museums in Edinburgh, the Castle, Holyrood Palace, enjoy some downtime to get over your jetlag or join an optional day tour or walking tour. The day is yours to enjoy.

Day Tour options will be available in mid-April
Holiday Inn Express Edinburgh Royal Mile (B)

August 28th – leaving Edinburgh this morning we head west for a visit to Dean Castle & Country Park, historical stronghold of the Boyd family for over 400 years. You will have time to explore this recently restored and modernized property. Outlander fans will recognize Dean castle from season 2 as Beaufort Castle, home to Jamie’s Grandfather, Lord Simon Fraser of Lovat. We will continue to the ruins of Dunure Castle. Once a Kennedy Family stronghold, it’s more recent role was in Outlander season 3, on Selkie’s Island when young Ian was kidnapped. We will then pay a visit to the birthplace of Scotland’s most loved poet, Roberts Burns before boarding the ferry for our journey to the Isle of Arran.

Brodick - guesthome or similar (B)

August 29th – Arran is often referred to as “Scotland in miniature” due to the Highland Boundary Fault running right through the island dividing it into dramatic highlands on one side and green lowlands on the other. We will enjoy a scenic drive around the island, a visit to Brodick Castle and Gardens, a whisky distillery and Lochranza Castle ruins before boarding our afternoon ferry to Tarbert on the Kintyre peninsula. This evening we check into Stonefield Castle Hotel with time for a walk around the grounds or drink overlooking Loch Fyne before your included dinner.

Stonefield Castle Hotel (B, D)

August 30th – Today we explore the pre-historic sites of Kilmartin Glen. The area is dotted with standing stones, cairns, stone circles, cup and ring carved stones, castles, and the Iron Age hill fort of Dunadd, the ancient seat of the Gaelic Kingdom of Dal Riata. After lunch at the impressive Loch Awe Hotel our day will continue with a visit to St. Conan’s Kirk which is unique for having examples of almost every style of church architecture. From Norman doorways, Gothic Buttresses, a Celtic cross, a Saxon tower and even a stone circle. We will then make a stop at the ruins of Kilchurn Castle before ending our day in the charming highland village of Aberfeldy with time for you to find dinner on your own this evening.

Townhouse Aberfeldy (B, L)

August 31st – Our first visit this morning will be to Blair Castle, the ancestral home of Clan Murray and home to Europe’s only legal private army, the Atholl Highlanders. After time to explore the castle, we will then visit Killiecrankie, a beautiful river gorge and Soldier’s Leap, a spot where a Redcoat Soldier leapt 18 feet across the river while fleeing the Jacobites! You will have time to find lunch or do some shopping in Victorian Pitlochry before we make our way to our home for the next



two nights, Dunkeld House Hotel. We have left a bit of free time this afternoon. You might want to stroll along the river, take a dip in the heated indoor pool, book afternoon tea, or for the Outlander fan, maybe a stroll through the woodlands will look familiar as North Carolina? Included dinner, on your own, this evening at the hotel.

Dunkeld House Hotel (B,D)

September 1st – Our first stop of the day will be at the site of a former Pictish kingdom, crowning place of 42 Kings of Scotland, and home to the Stone of Scone, Scone Palace. There will be plenty of time to tour the Palace, the Abbey, enjoy lunch in the café (why not have a scone at scone!?) and see if you can get lost in the unique, star maze. We will then continue our day with a visit to Lindores Abbey Distillery for a tour and tasting. We will end our day with a stop at one of only two Irish-style round towers in Scotland, the Abernethy tower. Mid afternoon arrival back to Dunkeld House will allow for some free time before our group dinner this evening.



Dunkeld House Hotel (B,D)



September 2nd – Today will be your day to experience the excitement and atmosphere of a Highland Gathering and Games! We will venture from our hotel to one of the most famous events, the Braemar Gathering. In 1848 Queen Victoria attended and Royal patronage is still present today. You will see events such as the caber toss, the tug of war, Highland dancers, Pipe Bands, the hill race and more. Late afternoon we will depart from Braemar, bid farewell to our guide Hugh, and make our journey south for our last night near Edinburgh airport. It will be an evening arrival for us after a full busy day. Grab room service, pack and prepare for our journey home.

Moxy Hotel, Edinburgh Airport (B)

September 3rd – A short walk from hotel to Edinburgh airport and our flight back to the United States.

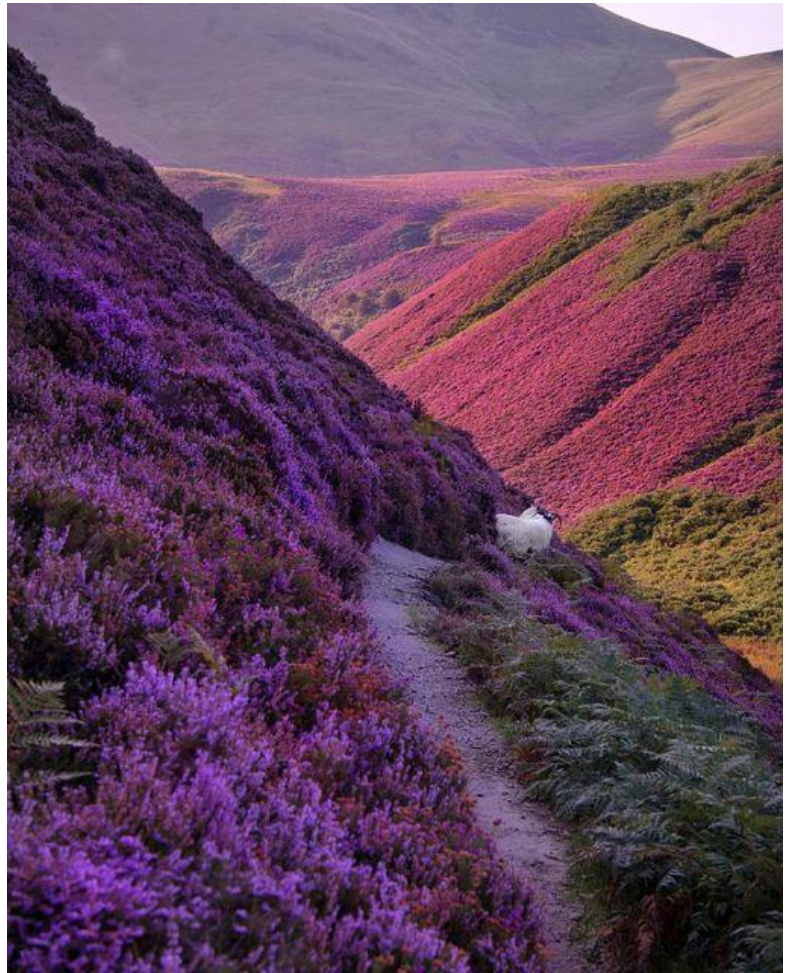
This itinerary is subject to change due to weather, site availability, traffic, or other unexpected delays. Adjustments, if necessary, will be made accordingly by your group leader with the best interest of entire group in mind. While we do our best to accommodate all, this tour does involve walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs, some inclines, and hills, embarking and disembarking a ferry and many hotels do not have an elevator. Please speak to your agent if you have any mobility difficulties for further discussion.

Tour Cost
\$3225 per person
Based on double occupancy

Limited number of SINGLE rooms available at additional cost of \$1020

Included: 8 nights lodging, tour transportation, breakfast daily (except day of arrival), 3 dinners, 1 lunch, admission to Braemar Gathering, ticket to Edinburgh Tattoo, professional agency guide along with local historian and guide while in Scotland, entrance fees for sightseeing indicated on itinerary.

- NOT included: airfare, daily lunch, 5 dinners, items of personal nature, gratuities to local guides/drivers, recommended trip protection



Price is land only, per person and based on double occupancy (two people sharing a room). Limited single rooms are available at additional cost of \$1020. 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. \$500 tour deposit is due at the time of booking. Balance is due June 25th, 2023. Once confirmed cancellation/change penalties will apply. Land cancellation penalties: nonrefundable deposit. June 25th – August 4th = 50% cancellation penalty. August 4th – August 18th = 75% cancellation penalty. August 19th – departure = nonrefundable. Travel insurance is optional and additional but highly recommended. Ask your agent for details. Organizers reserve the right to modify itinerary if necessary. To help you budget for during trip expenses NOT included in the tour rate: lunch daily, items of personal nature (shopping, snacks, drinks during meals) any additional tours or evening activities you choose to partake in (Edinburgh ghost tours, day tours and walking tours, Scottish dinner shows etc), gratuities to driver and guides. Tipping is at your discretion and is not mandatory.

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