



LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

## Scotland: Edinburgh & the Highlands 2020

9 days from \$6,795

Limited to 18 guests

Discover the rich heritage and dramatic beauty of Scotland, from its refined cities steeped in time-honored tradition to its heathered highlands shrouded in the mists of legend.

### A&K Advantages

Stay at the Old Course Hotel, set on the links at St. Andrews

Tour Edinburgh, where you enjoy a private, before-hours visit to the majestic Royal Yacht Britannia

See Culloden Moor, battlefield of the Jacobite struggle

Drive through the Great Glen, past Glencoe and Fort William to Loch Ness and Urquhart Castle

Indulge during a tour and tasting at a Scotch whisky distillery

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Arrive in Glasgow, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, gather with fellow guests for cocktails and a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Hotel du Vin Glasgow | Meals: Dinner

## DAY 2 GLASGOW | HIDDEN GEMS

Enjoy an exclusive before-hours visit to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, home to one of Europe's great art collections. Next, explore the art of distilling as you cross the Erskine Bridge for a private tour of the Auchentoshan Distillery. Return to the city for lunch at the Willow Tea Rooms, emblematic of the local Arts & Crafts movement of the early 20th century. Spend the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Hotel du Vin Glasgow | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3 INVERNESS | ALONG THE GREAT GLEN

Venture to the shores of scenic Loch Lomond and embark on a private cruise across its waters, before continuing to Fort William, gateway to the Western Highlands. After time for lunch, proceed through the Great Glen past Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain. Pass Fort Augustus and travel to Loch Ness, home of fabled "Nessie." Stop to view the picturesque ruins of Urquhart Castle before proceeding to your historic country house hotel. Tonight, celebrate Scottish tradition at your hotel, starting as the resident bagpiper plays you into dinner.

Culloden House | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 4 INVERNESS | INTO THE HIGHLANDS & BARREL MAKING

Start your day with a visit to Clava Cairns, a Bronze Age stone formation used as a setting for the *Outlander* series. Stop at Speyside Cooperage to discover the ancient art of barrel making, learning how coopers shape, shave and char oak casks for whisky. After lunch at a traditional local pub, explore Johnston's Cashmere Mill. Return to Inverness, to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Culloden House | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 5 INVERNESS & ST. ANDREWS | ACROSS THE MOORS

Visit Culloden Moor, the historic battle site where the Jacobite army of Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated in 1746. Enjoy A&K-exclusive access to this poignant site before opening hours. Continue to Glamis Castle, the setting for Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, childhood home of the Queen Mother and, legend has it, one of the most haunted castles in Britain. After lunch, enjoy a tour and a stroll through its beautiful gardens. Then, journey to the lovely coastal town of St. Andrews, regarded as the home of golf and site of the Open, the world's oldest professional golf championship. After an introduction to the historic town, check in to your hotel set on the famous links.

Old Course Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 6 ST. ANDREWS | DESIGN YOUR DAY

Today, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

**Bike to a Nature Reserve** along a quiet path that leads to Tentsmuir Forest and a lovely beach.

**Enjoy an Enhanced Whisky Tasting** on a private tour of a modern distillery making craft whiskies.

**Embark by Sea Kayak** on an excursion along the craggy local coastline, looking out for seals and other wildlife. Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure.

Old Course Hotel | Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 7 EDINBURGH | TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

Today, journey to Edinburgh, Scotland's elegant capital. Begin your visit with a tour of Holyrood Palace (subject to cancellation in the event of an official function). Continue up the Royal Mile to the historic Signet Library, where you are invited to one of Edinburgh's most substantial afternoon teas, featuring savory side dishes and sweets that make for a satisfying lunch. Afterward, explore Edinburgh Castle with an expert local guide and take in the stunning views over the city and beyond. Later, check in to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

The Balmoral | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 8 EDINBURGH | A PRIVATE VISIT TO HER MAJESTY'S YACHT

Begin your day with a private, before-hours visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, a proud vessel that served as a floating home to the Royal Family for over 40 years. Enjoy a panoramic overview of the local sights before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather for a farewell dinner at a fine local restaurant.

The Balmoral | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 9 DEPART EDINBURGH

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.



## Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
May 25 - Jun 02, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,195	Available
Jun 08 - Jun 16, 2020	\$6,995	\$2,495	Call for Availability
Jul 06 - Jul 14, 2020	\$6,995	\$2,495	Available
Aug 31 - Sep 08, 2020	\$6,995	\$2,495	Call for Availability
Sep 07 - Sep 15, 2020	\$6,995	\$2,495	Available
Sep 21 - Sep 29, 2020	\$6,995	\$2,495	Call for Availability

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).