



MARCO POLO JOURNEYS

Scottish Highlands & the Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2020

9 days from \$7,795

Limited to 18 guests

Discover the rich heritage and dramatic beauty of Scotland, taking in refined cities steeped in time-honored tradition, heathered highlands shrouded in the mists of legend and the vibrant pageantry of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

A&K Advantages

Enjoy premium access and seating at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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 a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Hotel du Vin Glasgow | Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 GLASGOW | PRIVATE DISTILLERY TOUR

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 battlesite 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 | EXPLORE YOUR WAY

This morning, explore your way with a choice of activities including a bike ride to Tentsmuir Forest, a private tour and tasting at a local whisky distillery, or a sea kayaking excursion along the craggy coastline. 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 private 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 | THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

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. Later, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant is prelude to the precision and pageantry of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a stirring display of martial music and military-style maneuvers celebrating its 70th season. Sit back in your premium grandstand seat and watch magnificent performances that symbolize Scottish culture and history and their influence around the world.

The Balmoral | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 DEPART EDINBURGH

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart.



Dates & Prices

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

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
Aug 03 - Aug 11, 2020	\$7,795	\$2,495	Limited Availability
Aug 10 - Aug 18, 2020	\$7,795	\$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: end of Military Tattoo performance at 10:30 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](#).