



SCOTLAND

BAGPIPES, KILTS AND BEATLES

Air and Land 9 Days, 8 Nights Including Hotels, Meals, Day Trips,
and Airfare From New York

With and Optional Extension to Durham, and Liverpool



Step into the Heart of Scotland – Where History, Legends, and Natural Beauty Await! Embark on a journey that takes you beyond the postcard-perfect landscapes and into the heart of Scotland's soul. From the moment you set foot in this land of misty Highlands, medieval castles, and shimmering lochs, you'll be transported into a world where history comes to life and every landscape tells a story. Walk in the footsteps of kings and warriors at Stirling and Edinburgh Castles, set sail on Loch Lomond's glistening waters, and experience the pulse of Scottish culture through bagpipes, whisky, and warm Highland hospitality. With a weeklong stay in Stirling, you'll enjoy a leisurely yet immersive experience, exploring the best of Scotland without the hassle of packing and unpacking. Witness the dramatic beauty of Glencoe, feel the energy of Glasgow's vibrant streets, and uncover the royal legacy of Edinburgh. For those craving even more adventure, opt for exploring the legendary St Andrews coastline and a journey into Northern England, where Durham Cathedral, Bamburgh Castle, and Liverpool's Beatles heritage await.

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PROGRAM INCLUDED FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR** Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** 7 nights first-class hotels
- **MEALS** 10 included meals - 7 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- **THE PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: tour of Stirling and its castle, tour of Glenturret Whisky Distillery, tour of Loch Lomond and the Falkirk Wheel, tour of Loch Katrine and cruise, The Trossachs and Doune Castle, tour of Pitlochry, Glencoe and Fort William. Optional tours available
- **JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY** Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as learning to play Bagpipes at the National Piping Centre, visit a Highland sheep farm, learning and sampling Scotch Whisky and dinner in a traditional Scottish Pub
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR/HOST** Assistance of a professional Tour Director/host during tours and transfers
- **FIRST-CLASS MOTORCOACHES** Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO NORTHERN ENGLAND INCLUDED FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** 2 nights in a first-class hotel
- **MEALS** 2 included - 2 breakfasts
- **THE PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Tour of Berwick Upon Tweed and Bamburgh Castle, city tour of Durham and its Cathedral, city tour of Liverpool and the Beatles Story, and much, much more
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **FIRST-CLASS MOTORCOACH** Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the mostly unexplored Scotland • A relaxing one-destination program – Stirling, Home of Mary Queen of Scots • Experience Glasgow and Edinburgh • Learn to play Bagpipes • Explore famed Trossachs • Loch Katrine cruise • Learn about Scotch Whisky and sample some • Discover the natural beauty of Loch Lomond • Delight in the postcard-perfect Stirling Castle • See the beautiful lower Scottish Highlands • Edinburgh • Travel back to medieval times with a visit to Edinburgh Castle • Experience the engineering marvel of the Falkirk Wheel • View the world-famous Royal Yacht Britannia • Experience a traditional Scottish Pub • Marvel at Doune Castle • Pitlochry • Glencoe • Fort William • Sheep dog demonstration • Experience Durham and Liverpool • Durham Cathedral • Charming town of Berwick Upon Tweed • Bamburgh Castle • Delve into Yorkshire Dales • Liverpool city tour • The Beatles Story and much, much more.





Edinburgh Castle



Bamburgh Castle

Day 1 Depart USA - The Journey Begins Your Scottish adventure begins as you board your overnight flight, heading toward a land of legendary castles, mystical lochs, and warm hospitality. Relax, and dream of the history and landscapes awaiting you.

Day 2 Welcome to Scotland - Arrive in Stirling Arrive in Glasgow, Scotland, and prepare to be enchanted by the unmistakable charm of this vibrant city nestled amidst the stunning Scottish landscape. From the moment you step off the plane, you'll be greeted by the warm hospitality and rich cultural tapestry that define Scotland. Onwards to arrive in Stirling, often called the "Gateway to the Highlands," and your home for the next seven nights. This charming town played a pivotal role in Scotland's history, with battles fought and won on its land. After checking into your hotel, the rest of the day is yours to unwind. You might stroll through the old town, admire the medieval architecture, or visit the Church of the Holy Rude, where Scottish kings were once crowned. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. Afterward, immerse yourself in the sounds of bagpipes echoing through the air as you breathe in the tantalizing scents of traditional Scottish fare wafting from cozy pubs and bustling markets. Whether you're drawn to the majestic beauty of the Highlands, the captivating allure of Glasgow's art and music scene, or the storied streets of Edinburgh, your journey through Scotland promises to be an unforgettable adventure steeped in beauty, history, and wonder. (D)

Day 3 Stirling Castle - Loch Lomond - Falkirk Wheel This morning, explore the magnificent Stirling Castle, one of Scotland's most impressive fortresses. Immerse yourself in the castle's rich history. Perched on a volcanic crag, it is celebrated for its history and strategic importance. As one of Scotland's largest and most significant castles, it has served as a royal residence and military stronghold, crucial in the nation's past. Notable for its associations with figures like Mary, Queen of Scots, and William Wallace and its impressive architecture such as the Great Hall and Royal Palace, the castle offers breathtaking landscape views, attracting history buffs and visitors alike. Later, head to the breathtaking Loch Lomond. See the shimmering waters, surrounded by rolling hills and dramatic peaks, as you learn about the legends and wildlife of the area. The peaceful beauty of Loch Lomond has long inspired poets and musicians, and today, it becomes part of your own story. Next, prepare to be amazed by the engineering marvel during a photo stop of the Falkirk Wheel, a true testament to human ingenuity. Onwards, you see the iconic Kelpies Horse sculptures, standing proudly against the horizon. (B)

Day 4 Stirling - Whisky - Loch Katrine - The Trossachs - Doune Castle For those seeking a deeper dive into Scotland's culture, today offers an optional tour full of Highland charm. On our "Journey of Discovery" you visit Glenturret Distillery, Scotland's oldest working whisky distillery, where you'll uncover the secrets of whisky-making and enjoy a tasting of its finest single malts. Continue to Loch Katrine for a scenic cruise, gliding past landscapes that have inspired some of Scotland's most significant literary works. Stop at the Trossachs Woollen Mill, where you may have the chance to meet a Highland cow up close before venturing to Doune Castle. This striking medieval fortress has been a film and television star in Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Outlander, and Game of Thrones. (B)

Day 5 Stirling Today, enjoy a day at leisure or take an optional tour and journey to Edinburgh, where medieval history meets modern vibrancy. A guided panoramic tour will introduce you to the city's highlights, from the cobbled streets of the Royal Mile to the grandeur of the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Explore the imposing Edinburgh Castle, home to the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the legendary Stone of Destiny. As the crowning jewels of your adventure, enter Edinburgh Castle, standing sentinel over the city, and the Royal Yacht Britannia, the epitome of royal luxury and maritime history. From the heights of castle walls to the elegant decks of the Britannia, this tour promises an unforgettable immersion into Edinburgh's royal legacy. As the day winds down, enjoy some free time in Edinburgh (B)

Day 6 Stirling - Pitlochry - Glencoe - Fort William Venture into the Scottish Highlands, where breathtaking landscapes and deep-rooted traditions await. Stop in the charming Victorian town of Pitlochry, known for its scenic surroundings and welcoming atmosphere. Travel through the hauntingly beautiful Glencoe Valley, where rugged mountains and deep glens tell tales of ancient battles. Visit Fort William, nestled at the foot of Ben Nevis, the UK's highest peak. One of today's highlights is our "Journey of Discovery" an authentic sheepdog demonstration, where expert shepherds and their highly trained dogs showcase the skill and tradition of Highland sheep farming. This evening enjoy a lively Scottish pub dinner, soaking in the warm hospitality and character. (B,D)

Day 7 Stirling Today, enjoy a day at leisure. Maybe chase a "haggis" down the street, shop for a kilt or your family tartan, or embark on an unforgettable journey through Scotland's enchanting landscapes with our optional day tour to uncover the treasures of Scotland's east coast, where quaint charm meets rich history. Our journey begins in the historic town of St Andrews, famed for its prestigious

golfing heritage and stunning coastal vistas. Explore the hallowed halls of the golf museum, tracing the sport's illustrious past through artifacts and exhibits. Then, venture along the scenic coastline of Fife, where picturesque villages like Pittenween and Crail beckon with their colorful harbors and timeless allure. Lose yourself in the serenity of these hidden gems, where every winding street reveals a new story waiting to be told. (B)

Day 8 Stirling - Glasgow Embark on a captivating journey through Glasgow on our guided panoramic city tour, where every corner reveals a piece of Scotland's rich heritage. As you traverse through the bustling streets, you'll encounter iconic landmarks such as the imposing Glasgow Cathedral, a masterpiece of medieval architecture, and the striking modernity of the Riverside Museum, showcasing the city's industrial past. Marvel at the grandeur of George Square, adorned with statues and surrounded by elegant Victorian buildings, before soaking in the serene beauty of the River Clyde. From the majestic Glasgow University to the eclectic charm of the West End, each turn reveals a new facet of Glasgow's dynamic character, leaving you captivated by its timeless allure. Then onwards, enjoy our "Journey of Discovery" to explore the iconic National Piping Centre, home to the fascinating Museum where you gain an immersive insight into the traditional art of Bagpipes. Delight in a captivating demonstration and seize the chance to try piping yourself, immersing in the authentic Scottish experience. Enjoy a farewell Scottish dinner this evening, reminiscing about the incredible journey through Scotland's landscapes, castles, and traditions. (B,D)

Day 9 Stirling to the USA As your time in Scotland ends, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. With unforgettable memories of lochs, castles, whisky, and warm Scottish hospitality, you depart with a newfound connection to this extraordinary land. Until next time-haste ye back! (B)



Light tour: There is easy walking throughout the day. Plan to get on and off the coach/boat, with light walking tours, some stairs, and uneven surfaces, through cities and sights such as museums.

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OPTIONAL NORTHERN ENGLAND AND LIVERPOOL EXTENSION

Day 9 Stirling - Durham, England Embark on a captivating journey as we depart from the enchanting city of Stirling and venture south across the border into England. Our first stop is the charming town of Berwick Upon Tweed, where history and beauty converge along the banks of the river. Enjoy a leisurely lunch amidst the picturesque surroundings before continuing our adventure. Depending on the tides, we'll journey across the causeway to the mystical Holy Island, where ancient ruins and serene landscapes await exploration. Then, behold the majestic Bamburgh Castle (where the Last Kingdom and Indiana Jones were filmed), perched proudly atop a rugged cliff, offering panoramic views of the Northumberland coast. As the day unfolds, we'll go to Durham, where the awe-inspiring Durham Cathedral beckons with its towering spires and timeless grandeur. After a day filled with discovery, settle into your hotel and relish in the memories of our unforgettable journey through history and beauty. (B)

Day 10 Durham – Liverpool Area Embark on an unforgettable journey as we bid farewell to the historic city of Durham and set our sights on the vibrant streets of Liverpool. En route, immerse yourself in the breathtaking natural beauty of Northern England's Yorkshire Dales, where rolling hills and picturesque landscapes stretch as far as the eye can see. Upon arrival in Liverpool, prepare for a guided city tour that will take you on a captivating exploration of this iconic city. Delve into the legendary story of the Beatles at the acclaimed Beatles Story Museum, and marvel at the awe-inspiring architecture of the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. After a day of discovery, check into your hotel. (B)

Day 11 Liverpool Area to the USA Bid farewell to the Liverpool area this morning as you make your way to the airport for your departure. Reflect on the cherished memories and unforgettable moments you have experienced during your delightful program to Scotland and the hidden gems of Northern England. Return home with a heart filled with joy and a treasure trove of stories to share with your loved ones. (B)

(B) - Breakfast, (L) - Lunch, (D) - Dinner.

Hotel (when listed) and Itinerary are subject to change. Quest Voyager reserves the right to make corrections or adjustments to the travel program as necessary.