

# Scotland Whisky, Lochs and Castle Tour

7 Nights / 8 Days

Group Travel



## Day 1 ARRIVAL

Transfer to Glasgow city centre hotel where accommodation has been arranged for two nights. Dinner at the hotel.

## Day 2 ROBERT BURNS COUNTRY

Today visit the wonderful region of Ayrshire famous as the birth place of Robert Burns. This morning visit Culzean castle. Culzean is a romantic 18th century Castle built by Robert Adam for David Kennedy, 10th Earl of Cassillis. It perches on the cliff edge above the Firth of Clyde with ever-changing views of Arran and the Ailsa Craig. This afternoon explore Robert Burns country. Return to Glasgow where accommodation and dinner is arranged.

## Day 3 SCOTLAND'S LOCHS

Travel north to the magnificent banks of Loch Lomond, Scotland's largest body of inland water and probably the countries most beautiful loch. The journey continues north through Glen Coe, a stunning valley renowned for its beauty and history. This afternoon follow the Caledonian Canal north towards Loch Ness where there is the opportunity to visit Urquhart Castle. Urquhart Castle, beside Loch Ness in Scotland's Great Glen, is an impressive ruin. Continue to Inverness where accommodation has been arranged for two nights.



## Day 4 INVEREWE GARDENS AND SCOTLAND'S WEST COAST

Visit the magnificent west coast driving via mystical Loch Maree and Gairloch to the tropical gardens of Inverewe.

This garden is spectacular. Created from 1865 on the shores of the sea loch, Loch Ewe, it covers the entire Am Ploc Ard peninsular.

After the visit drive to the busy fishing resort of Ullapool then the Corrieshalloch Gorge, which is a 200 feet ravine into which the Measach Falls plunge 150 feet. Return to Inverness for dinner and overnight in the Inverness area.

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## Day 5 SCOTLAND'S WHISKY TRAIL

This morning visit the Speyside Cooperage centre. Savour the sights, sounds and smells of the bustling workshops and why not have a go at building a 'demonstration' cask. Watch the skilled coopers and apprentices at work.

The journey continue through magnificent Speyside and the "Scotch Malt Whisky Trail". Visit one of Scotland's most impressive distilleries and discover the traditions used to make Scotland's national drink. There will of course be the opportunity to sample the whisky.

Continue to the city of Aberdeen where accommodation has been arranged for one night.

## Day 6 GLAMIS CASTLE AND ST ANDREWS

Visit Glamis castle one of the most impressive castle dwellings in Scotland. With a history which dates back to the 14th century and childhood home of Her Majesty the Queen Mother and birthplace of Princess Margaret, it has maintained its close connections with the Royal Family. Continue to St Andrews, world renowned for its golf courses. St Andrews also boasts Scotland's oldest university founded in 1410, and the imposing clifftop ruin of a 12th century cathedral

There will be free time to explore the town on foot. In the afternoon transfer to Edinburgh where accommodation has been arranged for 2 nights.

## Day 7 ENCHANTING EDINBURGH

Edinburgh really is two cities. We have the Old Town, which is built around the Castle and down along the Royal Mile to Holyrood Palace. We will see the 16th century Old Town, steeped in history with the Grassmarket and buildings of note such as St Giles Cathedral, the City Chambers and John Knox House.

In contrast there is the New Town, which was built in the classic Georgian Style, at the end of the 18th century. Visit Edinburgh castle, which stands on a volcanic rock towering over the city. The afternoon is free to explore Edinburgh on foot. This evening transfer by coach to a traditional Scottish pub for a informal farewell dinner.

## Day 8 DEPARTURE

Transfer to Edinburgh/Glasgow airport for the return flight.

SCHEDULED TOURING DEPARTURES