

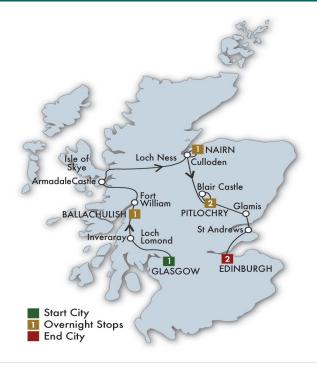
# Scottish Dream

Starting at **\$1,959**\*

### Hit Scotland's highlights—and its **Highlands**

Check the must-sees off of your wish list on this good-value Scotland tour, which is an ideal introduction to the bustling cities and breathtaking landscapes.





#### Trip Highlights:

- Loch Lomond Cruise Inveraray Castle
- St Andrews
- Scottish Sheepdog Demonstration
  Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- · Isle of Skye
- Blair Athol Distillery

- Hilton Glasgow Grosvenor
- Isles of Glencoe Hotel
- Muthu Newton Hotel
- Atholl Palace Hotel
- Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

# 2020 Scottish Dream - 8 Days/7 Nights

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### Day 1 Glasgow City Tour

Your Scotland tour begins at 2:30 PM at your Glasgow hotel. Set out on a tour of central Glasgow's highlights including red sandstone Victorian buildings, delightful parks, Glasgow Cathedral, and the River Clyde, once important for shipbuilding. Visit the extensive and varied art collections in Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Chat with your tour director and fellow travelers over a welcome drink. The evening is free for you to dine independently.

#### Day 3 Isle of Skye | Loch Ness

Travel on the scenic "Road to the Isles", stopping for photos at the Glenfinnan Monument, surrounded by spectacular Highland scenery. Ferry to the Isle of Skye to visit the romantic ruins of Armadale Castle, taking some free time for lunch. Back on the mainland, travel along the shores of Loch Ness. End the day at your hotel in Nairn, a lovely manor house set on spacious grounds near the North Sea. (B. D)

#### Day 5 Blair Castle | Whisky Tasting

Visit Blair Castle, home of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl. Delve into the history of Mary, Queen of Scots, Bonnie Prince Charlie, and how Queen Victoria's famous stay led to the creation of Europe's only private army, the Atholl Highlanders. Go behind the scenes at Blair Athol Distillery for a tour and sample of the finished product. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring the gardens, hotel museum, or browsing around Pitlochry. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Edinburgh Castle | Edinburgh Tour

Explore Edinburgh to compare and contrast the wide streets and elegant mansions of the Georgian 200-year-old "New Town" with the narrow lanes and medieval townhouses along the Royal Mile, the oldest part of the city. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle with its splendid views of the city. The rest of the day is free for shopping, dining, and exploring the exciting things to do in Edinburgh. August 2 – 23 departures enjoy the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B)

#### Day 2 Loch Lomond Cruise | Inveraray Castle

Embark on a short cruise of Loch Lomond to appreciate the beauty of this famous loch and admire panoramic views. Browse around the town of Inveraray and have lunch on your own before taking a guided tour of Inveraray Castle, featured in Downton Abbey. Journey across Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe, often considered one of Scotland's most spectacular and beautiful places. Continue to Ballachulish on the shore of Loch Leven. (B. D)

#### Day 4 Culloden Battlefield | Sheepdog Trials

A short distance from Nairn is the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre where the British government forces defeated the army of Prince Charles Edward Stuart, popularly known as Bonnie Prince Charlie. Walk around the moorland and the visitor center. Continue through majestic Highland scenery to a local farm for a demonstration of trained dogs herding sheep. Travel through the high peaks of the Grampian Mountains to your gracious manor-style hotel near Pitlochry. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Glamis Castle | St Andrews

Travel through lush countryside to visit Glamis Castle, the legendary setting of Macbeth and childhood home of the late Queen Mother. This majestic building is filled with priceless artifacts and furnishings. Head to St Andrews, the "Home of Golf," to see the famous Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the Old Course. Enjoy free time to browse around this medieval town. In Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, enjoy a traditional Scottish evening with dinner, haggis, bagpipes, kilts, and Highland dancing. (B, D)

#### Day 8 Tour Ends in Edinburgh

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner



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