

Scotland

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Discover the variety of *Scotland...*

A very warm welcome to our latest collection of tours to Scotland. At Brightwater, we are delighted to bring to you these superb breaks and pride ourselves on expertise knowledge of the depth and breadth of this incredible country, renowned for its rugged highlands, stunning landscapes, ancient castles and distinctive culture.

We've made sure to include a variety of holidays, giving you the chance to uncover a diverse wealth of wonders, including the stunning Scottish Islands, iconic railway journeys over charming lands and fine horticultural masterpieces. From glorious gardens and sublime scenery to historic houses, art treasures and bustling cities, Scotland has it all.

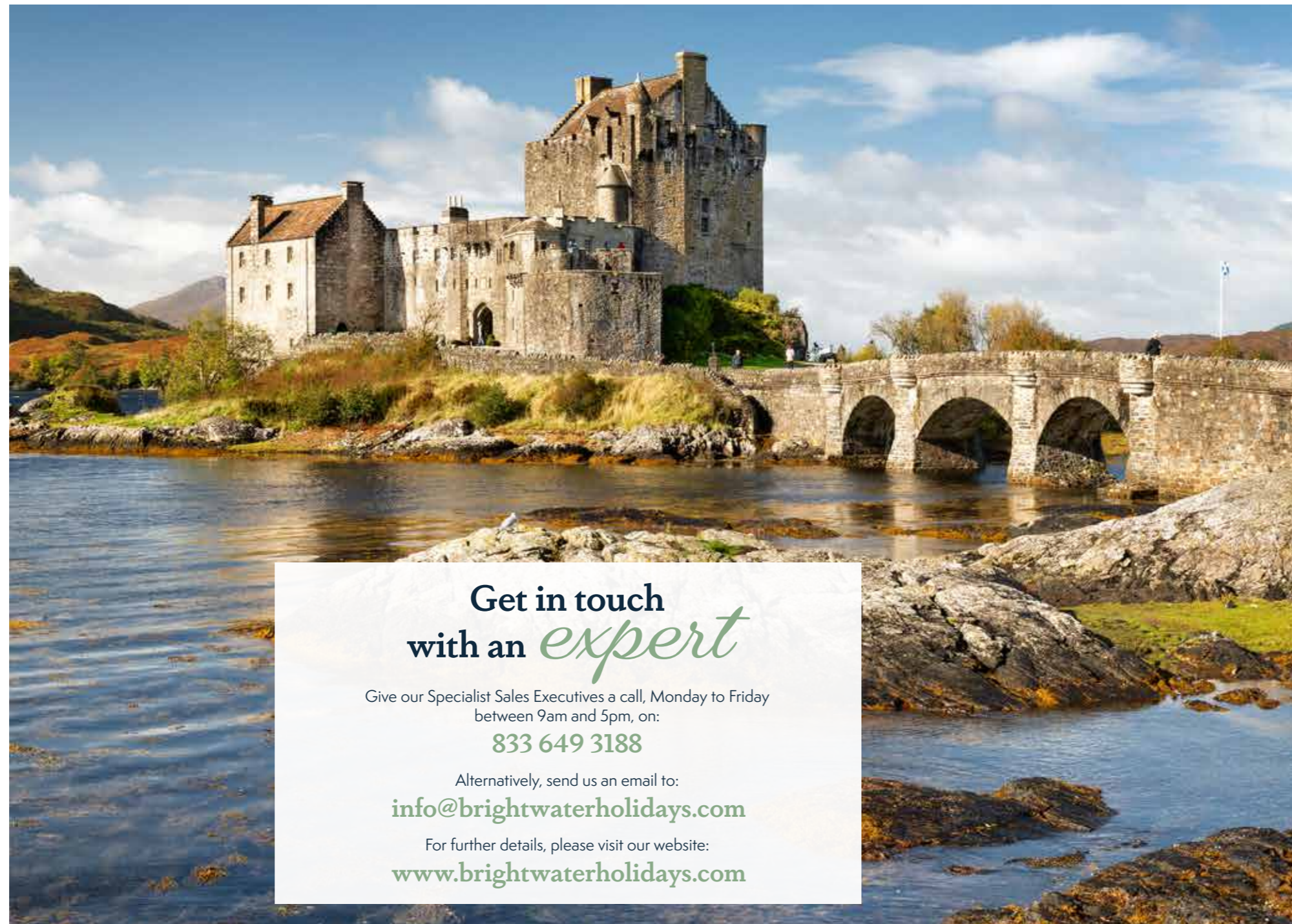
There is plenty of choice – embark on a Highland Wildlife Safari or enjoy a tranquil escape on a tour of the Outer Hebrides and discover incredible ancient monuments, such as 5000-year-old standing stones. Iconic views over Loch Shiel from the Glenfinnan Viaduct can be admired on our Scottish Railways tour, while the exciting Gardens of Wester Ross takes us to Inverewe, widely regarded as one of Scotland's greatest gardens, flourishing with exotic plants, native wildlife and glorious views. There are plenty more new tours to consider too, whether you'd like to attend the Scone Palace Fair, explore the Castles, Palaces and Abbeys of Eastern Scotland or admire the gems of Western Scotland aboard the Lord of the Glens.

Our knowledgeable and experienced tour managers will take you on a journey through Scotland's geography and history while at the same time ensuring your holiday is relaxing as possible.

Wherever you choose, exciting voyages and new discoveries await. We do hope to have the pleasure of your company very soon.

Best wishes,

Alison Wilson
Managing Director



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Explore more with *Brightwater* Holidays

We get you more

Our experience and excellent relationships mean that a tour with Brightwater Holidays is often unlike one that you will get with other operators. Many of our tours include private access behind the scenes, tours by the estate or garden owners themselves and of course the in-depth knowledge that comes from our expert Tour Managers.

We are passionate about Scotland

As a Scottish holiday brand with over 30 years' experience of organising holidays to Scotland, we know that we can offer you something that others cannot. From the country's awe-inspiring mountain ranges and rugged coastlines dotted with historic castles and weathered villages to bustling cities such as Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland's appeal is endless. Our expertise and knowledge of Scotland can be found in our diverse holiday collection which includes island hopping in the Outer Hebrides, fascinating insights into ancient wonders plus art and architecture in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Look out for the **NEW TOUR** badge throughout this brochure.

Expect quality & comfort

You can be assured of excellent quality and comfort on a Brightwater holiday, as we only select trusted hotels to provide the best possible stay, along with travel from easy-to-reach pick-up points.

So much included

Enjoy exceptional value with your accommodation, travel and excursions to must-see highlights and hidden gems - all included in the price of your holiday. Many holidays have a selection of meals included, just look out for the details against each individual holiday.

You are in *expert* hands



An *enchanting* destination all year round...

Spring

A time of blossoming beauty and long-awaited renewal, spring in Scotland offers the perfect chance to get outdoors and explore. The rugged landscapes take on a majestic character in these months as Mother Nature lays on spectacular displays: shades of purple, yellow and more carpet the countryside and animals such as golden eagles, puffins, red squirrels and orcas appear once again.

Spring highlight: Scotland's Northern Edge featuring the NC500

With quieter crowds, pleasant weather and more wildlife spotting opportunities, spring is a delightful time to meander along the famous North Coast 500, one of the most scenic routes in the world. The landscapes begin to re-awaken once more, with primroses and bluebells dotting the roadside and vivid colours transforming landmarks such as the Castle of Mey. Returning birdsong echoes through magical forests and red deer can be seen grazing in the woodlands too. See page 25 for full details.

Summer

Summer is peak season in Scotland, bringing warmer sunshine, longer days and a joyful mix of events, festivals and traditions such as the Highland Games and military tattoos. Historic cities buzz with activity, while the rural lands and coastal gems offer scenic backdrops for memorable escapes. It's easy to see why the late Queen Elizabeth II chose to spend this time of year in Scotland, so why not follow in the royal family's footsteps and enjoy a summertime trip to Balmoral as part of our Tall Ships tour?

Summer highlight: Tall Ships in Aberdeen

One of the most exciting events of the coming summer is the Tall Ships in Aberdeen, providing a wonderful chance to see these historic vessels up close in the harbour and at sea after the first leg of the race, enjoy the fun-filled entertainment, delve into the nautical heritage and perhaps even chat to members of the crews. As the only UK host port in 2025, this unique city is the place to be in July! See page 15 for full details.



Autumn

As the summer fades, autumn colours begin to blaze in high definition across Scotland. Dappled sunlight filters through storybook forests, charming villages boast a cosy atmosphere and the trees showcase tones of warm yellows, rusty oranges and fiery reds. This special season offers the perfect time to enjoy scenic drives, delve into Scottish legends at historic sites and enjoy outdoor pursuits before the long winter months set in.

Autumn highlight: Autumn Tints of Dumfries & Galloway

The south-western corner of Scotland comes alive in autumn, as the vibrant colours transform the foliage into breathtaking displays. On this delightful break, we discover a range of constantly changing gardens throughout Dumfries and Galloway, such as the Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden, one of the best examples of its kind in Scotland, and Logan Botanic Garden, renowned for its mild climate, well-planned borders and fine terraces bursting with seasonal hues. See page 28 for full details.

Winter

Scotland, and particularly its islands, takes on a special character in winter with steely seas and dramatic skies. Although temperatures can be chilly, the weather often creates stunning winter wonderlands (think frozen lochs, snow-capped mountains and dustings of sparkly frost), with the Northern Lights sometimes visible too! From Hogmanay dinners to Burns Night and more centuries-old events, there is still plenty to celebrate during the colder months, and you can always warm up with a wee dram of whisky.

Winter highlight: Up Helly Aa – Shetland's Festival of Fire

Taking place every January in Shetland, Up Helly Aa Festival is one of the most iconic events in the Scottish calendar, which celebrates the lengthening of the days and the coming of another year. As darkness falls, the squads begin to assemble for the torchlight parade, snaking through the streets of Lerwick and building up to the Viking longship burning ceremony – it's a real spectacle not to be missed! See page 36 for full details.

Your *holiday* starts here

Scotland tours

Your holiday in Scotland starts from the moment you join your easy-to-reach coach pick-up point (as detailed on every tour page). Then simply sit back, relax and let us take care of the driving for you. Full details will be provided of where and when we will pick you up with your holiday confirmation.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to travel at your own pace, you can make your own way and join the tour at the first visit or the hotel, allowing for greater flexibility and choice. A seat will still be reserved for you on the coach for excursions, so you can really make the most of exploring the local area. Please note that if you choose to join your holiday at the hotel then you may miss any en-route visits or tours.



Regional Coach pick-ups

Our coach tours have local pick-up points available. Please see each tour page for further details of where you can join.



Rail/Air departures

Connecting rail/air from many regional stations/airports are available on request to join our tours - please contact us for more information.



Scotland's enduring legacy – a glimpse into Scotland's storied past...

Scotland is home to many famous castles, each with its unique history and charm. These magnificent structures continue to captivate visitors with their historical significance, architectural beauty and the legends that surround them, from Dunvegan Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland to the ghostly Glamis Castle with connections to Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Balmoral Castle – Historic Houses of Aberdeenshire (pg 31) & Tall Ships in Aberdeen (pg 15)

Balmoral Castle is a royal residence located in Aberdeenshire. It has been a favourite retreat for the British royal family since it was purchased by Queen Victoria in 1852. The castle and its extensive grounds are open to the public during certain times of the year, allowing visitors to experience the royal lifestyle.

Duart Castle – Mull, Staffa and Iona (pg 23), Scenic Journeys of the Highlands and Islands (pg 13) & Lord of the Glens Cruises (pg 11)

Located on the Isle of Mull in Scotland, Duart Castle is a historic fortress with a rich history dating back to the 13th century. It is the ancestral home of the Clan Maclean and stands majestically on a crag overlooking the Sound of Mull. The surrounding grounds provide stunning views and a chance to explore the natural beauty of the area.

Brodick Castle – Arran, Scotland in Miniature (pg 22) & Autumn Tints of Arran (pg 23)

Brodick Castle is surrounded by beautiful gardens and woodland, offering stunning views over Brodick Bay and the Firth of Clyde. Visitors can explore the well-preserved interiors, which include a collection of period furniture, artworks and other historical artefacts.

Castle of Mey – Scotland's Northern Edge the North Coast 500 (pg 25)

The Castle of Mey is located on the north coast of Scotland, near the village of Mey in Caithness. Originally built between 1566 and 1572 by George Sinclair, the 4th Earl of Caithness, the castle has a rich history that spans several centuries. In 1952, the castle was purchased by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, who lovingly restored it and used it as a holiday residence.



Explore by rail and sea

Experience the diverse and picturesque landscapes of Scotland from the comfort of the Lord of the Glens. Enjoy a full programme of shore excursions to various scenic spots including historic sites, castles and places of local interest to explore the rich cultural and natural heritage of Northern Scotland. Whether you're a keen historian, nature enthusiast, or simply looking for your next adventure, this is a fantastic opportunity to visit most northern parts of Scotland by boat and land.

Take in the tranquil island of Iona, sail through the Caledonian Canal to Inverness or explore the bustling harbour of Oban. There is plenty of choice and so much nature to see in this truly spectacular part of Scotland.

Beautiful Scotland is also home to some of the most spectacular railways in the world, with shimmering lochs, dramatic mountains and enchanting forests creating incredibly scenic backdrops.

On our fantastic range of breaks, you can expect iconic journeys such as the West Highland Line aboard the Jacobite Steam Train, which crosses the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct, along with the Kyle of Lochalsh Line and more.



NEW TOUR



Lord of the Glens

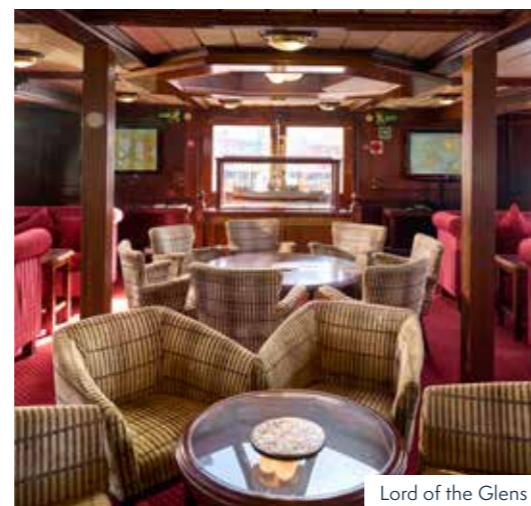
Gardens of Western Scotland Cruise aboard the Lord of the Glens

 **DEPARTURE POINT:** Inverness

Scotland boasts a diverse collection of gardens which are home to a vast collection of plants from around the world, in spectacular natural settings. Experience the rich diversity of Scotland's west coast gardens and explore botanical beauty on this horticultural extravaganza. Visit some of the area's best kept secrets including Attadale in Wester Ross, the RHS Partner Garden of the Year in Scotland in 2023, Ardchattan Priory garden which was originally planted by medieval monks, Lip na Cloiche a remote hidden garden on Mull, Abriachan Garden and Cawdor Castle Gardens dating back to the 14th century. Other highlights include Neptune's Staircase, Glenfinnan and Armadale Castle.

The MV Lord of the Glens has 26 beautifully appointed and well-equipped state cabins, all with windows and en-suite facilities. The 'Robert Louis Stevenson' restaurant presents cuisine using local and freshly sourced produce whilst the 'Sir Walter Scott' bar and lounge on the upper deck provides for magnificent all-around panoramic views of the Highland scenery.

 **8 DAYS** from \$5,035



Lord of the Glens

SAVE \$140 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Seven nights' accommodation in a lower, middle or upper deck twin en-suite cabin on a full board basis
- ▶ Return coach transfers from Inverness
- ▶ Visits include: Attadale Gardens, Armadale Castle, Lip na Cloiche, Ardchattan Priory Garden, Glenfinnan, Neptune's Staircase, Fort Augustus, Abriachan Garden & Cawdor Castle

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
Lower Deck	\$5,175	\$5,035
Middle Deck	\$6,155	\$6,015
Middle Deck Superior	\$6,995	\$6,855
Upper Deck	\$6,995	\$6,855

Single Supplement On request



Lord of the Glens

Lord of the Glens - Voyage Through the Heart of Scotland

 **DEPARTURE POINT:** Inverness

 **7 DAYS** from \$3,250

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Six nights' accommodation in a lower, middle or upper deck twin en-suite cabin on a full board basis
- ▶ Return coach transfers from Inverness
- ▶ Visits include: McCaigs Tower, Duart Castle, Isle of Iona, Tobermory, West Highland Railway, Glenfinnan Viaduct, Loch Ness, Culloden and Clava Cairns

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
Oban to Inverness 17 Apr & 12 Oct		
Lower Deck	\$3,355	\$3,250
Middle Deck	\$4,195	\$4,090
Middle Deck Superior	\$4,895	\$4,790
Upper Deck	\$4,895	\$4,790

Single Supplement from \$1,960

This six-night aboard the Lord of the Glens sails from Oban to the Isle of Mull, featuring some of the remote and breathtakingly beautiful scenery of Scotland's west coast, and then through the Caledonian Canal to Inverness. Highlights include Loch Ness, Loch Oich and Loch Lochy and Thomas Telford's engineering masterpiece Neptune's Staircase, a series of eight interconnected locks that raises vessels from sea-level to the canal. In between our cruising, there is also a full programme of shore excursions including visits to the tranquil little island of Iona, colourful Tobermory on the Isle of Mull and the Glenfinnan Viaduct.

Lord of the Glens - Secrets of the Highlands & Islands

 **DEPARTURE POINT:** Inverness

 **8 DAYS** from \$4,895

SAVE \$140 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Seven nights' accommodation in a lower, middle or upper deck twin en-suite cabin on a full board basis
- ▶ Return coach transfers from Inverness
- ▶ Visits include: McCaigs Tower, Duart Castle, Isle of Iona, Tobermory, West Highland Railway, Glenfinnan Viaduct, Loch Ness, Culloden, Clava Cairns, Isle of Eigg, Clan Donald Centre and Eilean Donan Castle on the Isle of Skye

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh 19 May & 22 Sep		
Lower Deck	\$5,035	\$4,895
Middle Deck	\$5,875	\$5,735
Middle Deck Superior	\$6,715	\$6,575
Upper Deck	\$6,715	\$6,575

Single Supplement from \$2,800

This seven-night cruise also combines both fresh and saltwater cruising, as the Lord of the Glens sails through the Caledonian Canal from Inverness to the islands of Skye and Mull and the bustling harbour of Oban and onwards to the Isle of Skye, before concluding in Kyle of Lochalsh. Once again there is a full programme of shore excursions including visits to Armadale on the Isle of Skye, the little islands of Eigg and Iona, colourful Tobermory and the 13th century Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull; the romantic and much-photographed Eilean Donan Castle, the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct, the Culloden Battlefield visitor centre and the prehistoric Clava Cairns.

*Early booking offer - book by 25th November 2024



The Jacobite steam train

A Classic Scottish Steam Break

4 DAYS from \$1,045
NO/LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Stonehaven, Forfar, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh

Steam locomotion has an enduring fascination for many of us and combined with the wonderful scenery of Scotland it becomes utterly irresistible. The Jacobite steam train, from Fort William to Mallaig, is one of the longest steam-hauled rail journeys available in Britain today, an 84-mile round trip through some spectacular scenery that also includes the 21-arch Glenfinnan Viaduct. A gentler pace is set as we sail 'Doon ra Watter' on the world's last seagoing paddle steamer, the PS Waverley*, still elegantly plying her trade on the Clyde. There can be no better way to enjoy the gentle beauty of the Argyll hills and the Kyles of Bute than from the deck of this grand old lady. We also enjoy a taste of steam as we cruise aboard the newly restored SS Sir Walter Scott on the calm waters of Loch Katrine amid the spectacular scenery of the Trossachs, and take a trip on the Falkirk Wheel, the world's first rotating boat lift and a modern engineering marvel.

*Please note that the itinerary is subject to confirmation of the Waverley's sailing schedule. The Waverley does not sail in Apr, May & Oct therefore we will enjoy a cruise on Loch Lomond and a visit to Inveraray Castle instead.

"An amazing holiday, well planned and enthusiastically guided. A lot packed in to a few days but I never felt rushed."

Guest - May 2024

WHAT'S INCLUDED		
▶	Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Arrochar Hotel or Stirling Highland Hotel	
▶	Comfortable coach and standard class rail travel on the Jacobite steam train	
▶	Visits include: Falkirk Wheel, Jacobite steam train, PS Waverley* and a cruise on SS Walter Scott on Loch Katrine	
▶	Services of an expert tour manager	
STIRLING HIGHLAND HOTEL		
DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON		
Early booking offer*	Was	Now
23 - 26 May	\$1,295	\$1,225
Single Supplement		\$225

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*		
ARROCHAR HOTEL		
DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON		
Early booking offer*	Was	Now
24 - 27 Apr	\$1,115	\$1,045
8 - 11 May	\$1,185	\$1,115
25 - 28 Jun	\$1,325	\$1,255
21 - 24 Aug	\$1,325	\$1,255
10 - 13 Oct	\$1,115	\$1,085
Single Supplement		\$130
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IN APRIL		



Ivatt Loco No 46512

Scenic Scottish Railways

4 DAYS from \$1,185

DEPARTURE POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth

The north of Scotland is blessed with some wonderfully scenic railway lines. The challenge of building railways through difficult terrain was taken up by the great engineers of the Victorian age. Their legacy is in the sweeping curves and majestic viaducts of the single track lines which cross wild moors and lonely glens. Highlights on this short break include a visit to the much-photographed Eilean Donan Castle, a ride aboard the Jacobite steam train that takes us over the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct and a visit to Boat of Garten on the Strathspey Line, which you may recognise from the BBC series, Monarch of the Glen.



Eilean Donan Castle

"Lovely and friendly hotel and staff. Excellent food with many choices. Excellent food choices. Excellent coach driver."

Guest - May 2024

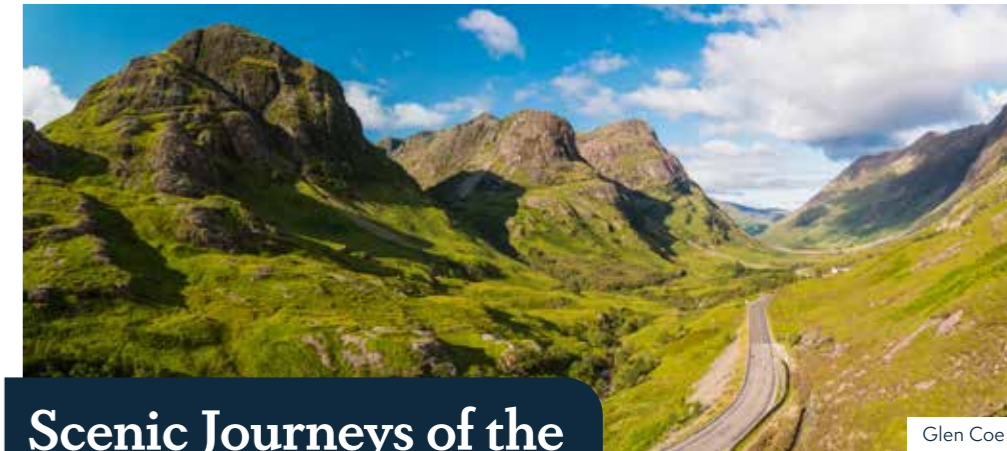
SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Carrbridge Hotel, Carrbridge (or similar)
- ▶ Comfortable coach and standard class rail travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: Strathspey Railway, train journey from Inverness to Wick and Kyle of Lochalsh, Eilean Donan Castle and a return journey on the Jacobite steam train
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
7 - 10 May	\$1,325	\$1,255
27 - 30 Aug	\$1,395	\$1,325
24 - 27 Sep	\$1,365	\$1,295
15 - 18 Oct	\$1,255	\$1,185
Single Supplement		\$190



Glen Coe

Scenic Journeys of the Highlands and Islands

7 DAYS from \$2,690

DEPARTURE POINT: Glasgow

The Highlands and Islands of Scotland provide such a wealth of scenic journeys that it can be a daunting prospect to work out how best to take them all in. This tour aims to provide the answer to this Caledonian conundrum with an itinerary that ticks off a whole host of visual gems. At the same time it provides a series of relaxing, undemanding journeys driving through Glen Coe, travelling by train along the West Highland Line, a round trip on the historic Jacobite steam train and cruise along Loch Linnhe, in the shadow of Ben Nevis.



The Jacobite steam train

"Good, interesting guide and lovely people on the trip. Saw many places and appreciated the space of Scotland."

Guest - June 2023

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Six nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: three nights in the Fort William area and three nights at the Carrbridge Hotel, Carrbridge (or similar)
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel, ferry crossings and standard class rail travel
- ▶ Visits include: Duart Castle and Tobermory, Neptune's Staircase, cruise on Loch Linnhe and Loch Ness, journey on the Jacobite steam train and Cairngorm funicular railway
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

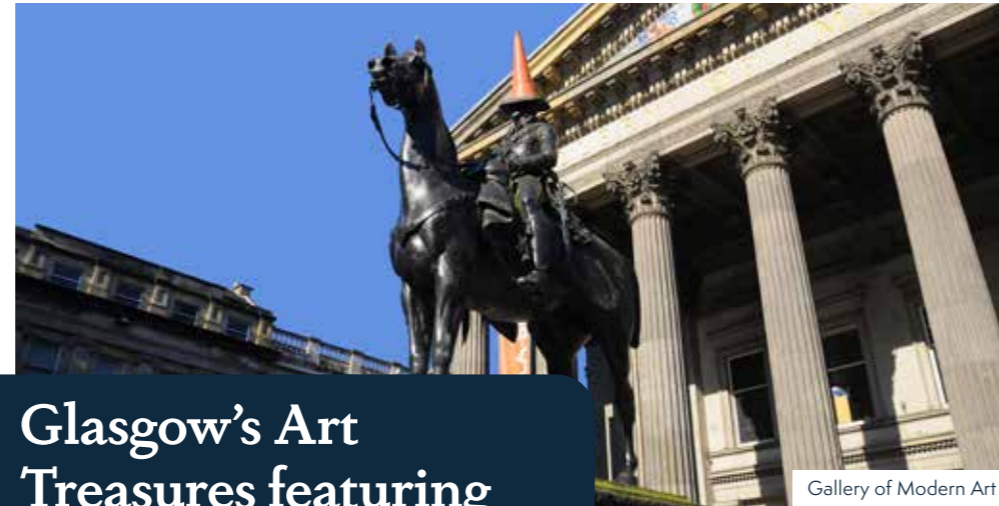
DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
15 - 21 Jun	\$2,795	\$2,690
7 - 13 Sep	\$2,795	\$2,690
Single Supplement		\$275



Scotland's Cities

The cities of Scotland are diverse, with variety on offer and each with its unique charm. Discover the stunning architecture of Edinburgh, a city steeped in history with a medieval Old Town and Glasgow, a lively metropolitan with contemporary artistic flare, showcasing world-class pieces at the Gallery of Modern Art. Further north, there's Aberdeen, a relaxed coastal city, rich in seafaring history and culture.



Gallery of Modern Art

Glasgow's Art Treasures featuring the Burrell Collection

4 DAYS from \$905
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Stonehaven, Forfar, Dundee, Perth, Edinburgh, Glasgow

Re-opened in March 2022 after an ambitious refurbishment, Glasgow's Burrell Collection allows visitors for the first time to explore all three floors in the building, set out as galleries, visible stores and special exhibition spaces. This incredible collection holds treasures from all over the world, including 5,000-year-old porcelain from China, paintings by renowned French artists including Manet, Cézanne and Degas, and medieval artefacts such as stained glass, armour and tapestries. Our tour includes visits to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, where notable works of art from across Britain and Europe are featured alongside a diverse collection of exhibits; the Hunterian, Scotland's oldest public museum, the Gallery of Modern Art located in the centre of Glasgow, Holmwood House and the House for an Art Lover, built in the 1990s to a design by Charles Rennie Mackintosh from 1901.

"Overall, a very good holiday visiting some of Glasgow's main attractions. The choice was very good and made us want to return at some point to see more. Excellent guide and driver."

Guest - March 2024

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Best Western Garfield House Hotel, Glasgow
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: Gallery of Modern Art, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, the Hunterian Museum, Burrell Collection, Holmwood House and House for an Art Lover
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
21 - 24 Mar	\$1,115	\$1,045
5 - 8 Sep	\$975	\$905

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Glasgow

The Architecture of Glasgow and Edinburgh

4 DAYS from \$1,185
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh

Lying just 45 miles apart, Scotland's two largest cities enjoy a healthy rivalry and are often contrasted with each other. In terms of their architecture, Glasgow's city centre is predominantly Victorian, with vast edifices built on a grand scale to reflect its status as the 'Second City of the Empire'. In contrast, Edinburgh is most noted for its Georgian architecture, in particular the elegant terraces and wide streets of the New Town, though it also boasts a historic Old Town. Visits in Edinburgh include the 500-year-old Gladstone's Land, the controversial Scottish Parliament building and the fascinating Georgian House, while in Glasgow we have a private guided tour of the impressive City Chambers, visit the humble Tenement House and discover the city's social history at the People's Palace.



Royal Mile Edinburgh

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Best Western Garfield House Hotel, Glasgow
- ▶ One afternoon tea
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: Gladstone's Land, St Giles' Cathedral, Scottish Parliament, Palace of Holyroodhouse, The Georgian House, National Gallery of Scotland, private tour of Glasgow City Chambers, The Tenement House and Riverside Museum
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
28 - 31 Mar	\$1,255	\$1,185
10 - 13 Oct	\$1,255	\$1,185

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



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Tall Ships in Aberdeen

4 DAYS from \$1,045

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen

The Tall Ships Race is a great sporting event which offers youngsters a fantastic opportunity to challenge themselves and learn new skills, but for those of on dry land it also offers a wonderful spectacle. Whether it's having a good look at the ships while in harbour or watching as they leave harbour and hundreds of square yards of snowy white sails are unfurled. It is a truly uplifting sight!

Our tour is timed to coincide with the arrival of the Tall Ships in Aberdeen and the first of our opportunities to view the ships at close quarters. A visit to the fascinating Maritime Museum adjacent to the harbour where the ships will be berthed is followed by another chance to move from ship to ship and enjoy the various activities associated with the event.

We then take the opportunity to explore the surrounding countryside, characterised by rich farmland and rolling hills, with visits to Castle Fraser, the most elaborate Z-plan castle in Scotland, and the late Queen's summer residence Balmoral Castle, now most poignantly associated with the last days of Her Majesty's life and reign.



Castle Fraser

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed breakfast at the 4-star Mercure Aberdeen Caledonian
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: Maritime Museum, Castle Fraser, Balmoral Castle and an opportunity to view the Tall Ships and enjoy the Parade of Sail as they leave Aberdeen
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
19 - 22 Jul	\$1,115	\$1,045
Single Supplement		\$315

*Early booking offer - book by 25th November 2024



The Scottish Islands

Miles of unspoilt white sands, clear waters, towering mountains, fairy pools, colourful towns, charming harbours and ancient landmarks; the Scottish Islands are a magical destination for a peaceful escape. With each island holding its own unique character and providing the feeling of being a world away from the mainland, it's no wonder that the late Queen Elizabeth II and her family would cruise around the Western Isles annually, away from prying eyes.

From gems such as Iona and Arran, known as Scotland in miniature, through to the windswept Outer Hebrides, there is plenty to choose from and interests to immerse yourself in, whether that's knitting in Shetland or experiencing the iconic Viking festival, Up Helly Aa!



Luskentyre

A Grand Tour of the Outer Hebrides

5 DAYS from \$1,570
6 DAYS from \$2,130

PICK-UP POINTS: Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

Whether you choose our five or six day itinerary, our best-selling grand tour takes in all the beauty and diversity of this very special environment with ten different islands and four ferry trips included. Two comfortable hotels ensure that this holiday is as relaxing as possible while at the same time offering great variety and the sense of a true journey of discovery which will live long in the memory. Our odyssey begins as we travel via Glencoe, Fort William and Glenfinnan to Mallaig. From here we take the ferry to Lochboisdale in South Uist and cross the causeway to Benbecula, the 'stepping stone' between the Uists, before visiting the islands of Eriskay, Vatersay and Barra.

A captivating journey follows as we travel through the magnificent mountain scenery of Harris, the rolling moorland of Lewis, and on to Stornoway. We continue with visits to the Standing Stones of Callanish (*the main Callanish site will be closed from 1 Sept 2024 until early 2026 and we will visit the nearby smaller circles instead), the tranquil little Norse Mill and the distinctive Black Houses at Gairrannan.

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES 5-DAY ITINERARY

- Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: two nights at the Dark Island Hotel, Benbecula and two nights at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway (one dinner and one breakfast served on board the ferry)
- Comfortable coach travel and all ferry crossings
- Visits include: Isle of Barra and Cockleshell Beach, Islands of Eriskay and Vatersay, St Clement's Church, Standing Stones of Callanish*, Black Houses of Gairrannan and Norse Mill at Shawbost
- Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON BENBECULA TO STORNOWAY

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
14 - 18 Apr	\$1,675	\$1,570

STORNOWAY TO BENBECULA

17 - 21 Aug	\$1,815	\$1,710
6 - 10 Oct	\$1,675	\$1,570
Single Supplement		\$280

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES 6-DAY ITINERARY

- Five nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: two nights at the Dark Island Hotel, Benbecula and three nights at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway (one dinner and one breakfast served on board the ferry)
- Comfortable coach travel and all ferry crossings
- Visits include: Isle of Barra and Cockleshell Beach, Islands of Eriskay and Vatersay, St Clement's Church, Standing Stones of Callanish*, Black Houses of Gairrannan, Norse Mill, Lews Castle and Museum and St. Columba's Ui Church
- Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON BENBECULA TO STORNOWAY

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
8 - 13 Jun	\$2,375	\$2,270
20 - 25 Jul	\$2,375	\$2,270
10 - 15 Aug	\$2,235	\$2,130
Single Supplement		\$350



Lerwick

Orkney & Shetland by Air

5 DAYS from \$2,830

DEPARTURE POINTS: Aberdeen or Edinburgh

You asked and we listened! As it's a long way by road and sea, we have launched this alternative itinerary that explores the glorious and wild Orkney and Shetland Isles by air.

Over the course of five memorable days, we will explore lands steeped in history, wildlife and stunning scenery, far from the jostling crowds as we lose ourselves in the haunting beauty of the Orkney and Shetland Isles. Many people have landed there before you - some as early as 3000 BC. Most famous of all were the Vikings, but they were not alone and all around you will find historical treasures. Both islands, but particularly Shetland, in summer have virtually no darkness and the beauty of this 'Simmer Dim', as it is called locally, has to be seen to be realised.



The Italian Chapel

"Great itinerary. Varied, with visiting historical sites and beautiful landscapes - beaches, cliffs and wildlife."

Guest - August 2024

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Two nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Busta House Hotel, Shetland and two nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Kirkwall or Shore Hotel, Orkney
- Flights from Aberdeen to Sumburgh, Sumburgh to Kirkwall, and Kirkwall to Aberdeen (Edinburgh flight supplement £225pp)
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Visits include: Sumburgh Head, Jarlshof, Scalloway, Lerwick, Mousa, Churchill Barriers, Italian Chapel, Maeshowe, Standing Stones of Stenness, Barnhouse, Skara Brae and Skail House
- Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
5 - 9 May	\$2,935	\$2,830
16 - 20 Aug	\$2,935	\$2,830
Single Supplement		\$385



St Ninian's Isle

Highlights of Orkney & Shetland

6 DAYS from \$2,480

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen

Sail away to lands steeped in history, wildlife and stunning scenery – the Orkney and Shetland isles. Many people have landed there before us, some as early as 3000 BC. Most famous of all were the Vikings, but they were not alone and all around you historical treasures can be found. Both Orkney and Shetland have their own identities - Orkney is green and fertile, while Shetland has rugged cliff and sea loch landscapes. However, both share a colourful history of Picts, Norsemen, ancient antiquities and seafaring legends – bound together with an independent spirit that sets them apart from the rest of Scotland. We sail with Serco Northlink Ferries aboard their modern, purpose-built vessels overnight from Aberdeen to Lerwick, and then there are two full days to tour Shetland. After rejoining the ship for an evening sailing to Kirkwall, we have two days to explore Orkney.

"Informative and enjoyable. Great company"

Guest - August 2024

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- One night's dinner, bed and breakfast at the Scalloway Hotel, Shetland and three nights' bed and breakfast (plus two dinners) at the Kirkwall or Shore Hotel, Orkney
- All ferry crossings, including one night's accommodation in two-berth inside cabins on Serco Northlink Ferries MV Hrossey/Hjalftland on the outward sailing
- One breakfast and two dinners on board ship
- Visits include: Scalloway, Jarlshof, Sumburgh Head, Lerwick, Maeshowe, Standing Stones of Stenness, Barnhouse, Skara Brae, Skail House, Churchill Barriers and the Italian Chapel
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
12 - 17 May	\$2,655	\$2,550
26 - 31 May	\$2,655	\$2,550
20 - 25 Aug	\$2,655	\$2,550
29 Sep - 4 Oct	\$2,585	\$2,480
Single Supplement		\$630
Outside Cabin Supplement		\$80



Jarlshof

An Archaeologist's View of Orkney and Shetland

6 DAYS from \$2,410

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Dundee

The islands of Orkney and Shetland are littered with archaeological remains. People first came here over 5,000 years ago and many of their remains survive. Research is ongoing here and excavations by archaeologists continue to uncover new information. The islands are therefore of enormous interest to anyone who enjoys first-hand contact with ancient settlements and buildings as well as the people who once lived here.

During our time on Shetland we will visit the uninhabited island of Mousa with its 2,000-year-old full size broch, the Prehistoric and Norse Settlement of Jarlshof; St. Ninian's Isle with its 6th century church and the ruined castle of Scalloway. We then travel to Orkney where we visit the Italian Chapel and the Churchill Barriers; Maeshowe, the finest chambered tomb in Western Europe; the stone circles of Stenness and Brodgar and the famous site at Skara Brae as well as Skaill House. En route to Aberdeen, we will stop for a photo opportunity at Dunnottar Castle, a cliff-top fortress dating back to the 3rd century.

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ One nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Scalloway Hotel, Shetland and three nights' bed and breakfast (plus two dinners) at the Kirkwall or Shore Hotel, Orkney
- ▶ All ferry crossings, including two dinners and one night's accommodation in two berth inside cabins on Serco Northlink Ferries MV Hrossey/Hjaltland on the outward sailing
- ▶ Visits include: Mousa, Jarlshof, Sumburgh Head, St Ninian's Isle, Scalloway, Tingwall Valley, Churchill Barriers, Italian Chapel, Stenness and Brodgar, Maeshowe, Skara Brae, Skaill House
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an archaeological expert as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
14 - 19 Apr	\$2,515	\$2,410
25 - 30 Aug	\$2,795	\$2,690
Single Supplement		\$630
Outside Cabin Supplement		\$80



Bressay Island

Shetland and its Outer Isles

5 DAYS from \$2,060

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Dundee, Forfar, Stonehaven, Aberdeen

If you want to get away from it all, Shetland is the place to be. As close to Norway as it is to Scotland, Shetland is rugged and remote, with a raw natural beauty, a unique culture and wonderful wildlife. There are over a hundred islands here, only 16 of which are inhabited, each with its own individual character, and our tour offers the opportunity to visit four of them, providing a real taste of the diversity of this amazing archipelago, not to mention the simple pleasure of travelling by boats, both large and small, as the indomitable inhabitants of these islands have done for hundreds of years.

We visit the little island of Mousa, whose Iron Age broch is the best-preserved example anywhere in the world, the Shetland Croft House Museum which gives an insight into a typical 19th century croft, while Jarlshof provides a unique archaeological time-capsule, spanning 3,000 years of successive settlements. Finally we have a tour of the northernmost islands of Yell and Unst, a day of stunning seascapes and air so fresh it takes your breath away.

"Excellent. Very well organised. Excellent and highly efficient tour guide."

Guest - August 2024

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Busta House Hotel and two nights in two-berth inside cabins on Serco Northlink Ferries
- ▶ Visits include: Shetland Croft Museum, Jarlshof, Mousa and a full day tour to the northern isles of Yell and Unst
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
9 - 13 Aug	\$2,165	\$2,060
Single Supplement		\$490
Outside Cabin Supplement		\$80



Westray, Orkney islands

Undiscovered Orkney

5 DAYS from \$2,270
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Inverness

An archipelago of 70 islands, each with their own distinctive charm, Orkney is home to boundless history and natural beauty. Based in Kirkwall, on the mainland, we will discover the landmarks and landscapes of the North and South Isles. On Westray, we relive Orkney's Viking past; on Mainland, we discover Neolithic Orkney; and on Hoy, we enjoy dramatic scenery as we sail across the Scapa Flow. Over the years we have explored almost every nook and cranny of Orkney, yet these beautiful islands contain many more secrets and hidden gems that demand to be discovered.

"I loved the tour, our tour manager David MacLennan was excellent."

Guest - August 2024

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3-star Kirkwall or Shore Hotel, Orkney
- ▶ Visits include: Scaun Natural Arch, Quooygrew, Kirk of St Mary, Castle O'Burrian, Westray Heritage site, Noltland Castle, Dwarfie Stane, Rackwick Bay, Scapa Flow Museum, Martello Tower, Naval Cemetery, Maeshowe, Skara Brae, Standing Stones of Stenness, Pier Arts Centre, Highland Park Distillery and the Timespan Museum and Arts Centre
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel and all ferry crossings
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
28 Jul - 1 Aug	\$2,375	\$2,270
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT		



Neolithic settlement



Dun Carloway Broch

Ancient Stones of the Outer Hebrides

5 DAYS from \$1,850
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Inverness

In about 1800 BC, at around the time that the Middle Kingdom of Ancient Egypt was flourishing, an equally vigorous civilisation was leaving its mark on the far flung islands of the Outer Hebrides. In the company of a specialist guide we will tour a succession of sites, from Lewis in the north to Harris in the south. Highlights include the Bosta Iron Age Village, the Standing Stones of Callanish* and St Clement's Church at Rodel.

**The main Callanish site will be closed Sept 2024 until early 2026 we will visit the nearby smaller circles instead.*

"The best part of the package was the expert guiding input by Carol Knott. Overall the tour was well organised and hence low stress and enjoyable for us. Fully met expectations."

Guest - July 2024

SAVE \$75 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway
- ▶ Visits include: Bosta Iron Age Village and museum, Standing Stones of Callanish*, St Columba's Uì Church, St Clements Church, Genealogy Centre, Lewis Castle, Carloway Broch, Black Houses, Norse Mill and Clach an Trushal
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel and all ferry crossings
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
22 - 26 Apr	\$1,955	\$1,850
2 - 6 Sep	\$2,235	\$2,130
Single Supplement		\$275
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IN APR		



Callanish Standing Stones



Fair Isle knitting

Knitting in the Shetland Isles

6 DAYS from \$2,410

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen

Even those who think they know all there is to know about the art of knitting can pick up a thing or two in the scenic Shetland Isles, and we're not just talking about those pesky dropped stitches! There are workshops aplenty, both starting off our mornings and rounding off our afternoons. These present the perfect opportunity to hone our skills - and perhaps even learn some new ones - under the watchful eye of experienced local tutors.

"I really enjoyed it. A great chance to experience Shetland and Fair Isle knitting in its homeland."

Guest - September 2023

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Five nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: three nights at the Scalloway Hotel and two nights in two-berth inside cabins on ferry
- ▶ Three lunches
- ▶ Three knitting workshops with expert local tutor
- ▶ Visits include: Jarlshof, Sumburgh Head, Textile Gallery of the Shetland Museum and Archives, Shetland Textile Museum, Nielanell Design Studio at Sandwick and Hoswick Visitor Centre, Hoswick Woollen Mill, Island of Foula and Scalloway
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
18 - 23 Sep	\$2,515	\$2,410
Single Supplement		\$525
Outside cabin supplement:		\$80



Jarlshof



Blackwaterfoot

Arran, Scotland in Miniature

5 DAYS from \$1,850

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Stonehaven, Forfar, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

Often described as "Scotland in Miniature", Arran has a blend of Highland and Island scenery with granite peaks and deep glens to the north of the island, contrasting with its rolling and lush farmlands to the south. From our base in Blackwaterfoot, we visit Brodick Castle and its wonderful gardens, we enjoy a circular tour of Arran that passes through Whiting Bay, Lamlash, Corrie and Sannox, and we can look forward to both a tour and a tasting at the Isle of Arran Distillery.



Brodick Castle

"Enjoyable. Good hotel at Blackwaterfoot, Arran. Food excellent and variation in the daily menus with generous portions. Morag, the guide was perfect."

Guest - August 2024

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3-star Best Western Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot
- ▶ Return ferry crossings
- ▶ Visits include: A circular tour of Arran, Isle of Arran Distillery and Brodick Castle and Gardens
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
19 - 23 May	\$1,955	\$1,850
8 - 12 Jun	\$1,955	\$1,850
11 - 15 Aug	\$1,955	\$1,850
13 - 17 Sep	\$1,955	\$1,850
Single Supplement		\$455
Optional excursion Gigha:		\$120



Duart Castle

Mull, Staffa and Iona

4 DAYS from \$2,130

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Stonehaven, Forfar, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

The Isle of Mull is a place of tumbling burns, high peaks, dramatic views, and a silent, lonely beauty. We will explore some of the highlights of the island including the multi-coloured buildings that line the waterfront of the island's principal town, Tobermory. We sail on a wildlife cruise that takes us to the Treshnish Isles, and the little island of Staffa, whose natural cathedral of basalt columns is one of the wonders of the west coast. We also visit Duart Castle, the 13th century home of the Chief of Clan MacLean and the sacred isle of Iona.



Tobermory

"As usual with my Brightwater holidays, always very enjoyable with excellent tour managers & very competent coach drivers."

Guest - June 2024

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at a comfortable hotel on the Isle of Mull
- ▶ One packed lunch
- ▶ Visit include: A visit to Isle of Iona and the Abbey, Tobermory, a wildlife cruise to the Treshnish Isles and Staffa, Fingla's Cave and Duart Castle
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel and all ferry crossings
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
28 Jun - 1 Jul	\$2,235	\$2,130
6 - 9 Sep	\$2,235	\$2,130
Single Supplement		\$590



Brodick Castle

Autumn Tints of Arran

4 DAYS from \$1,325

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Stonehaven, Forfar, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

As you board the ferry at Ardrossan, you see the distinctive silhouette of Goat Fell rising dramatically from the clear waters of the Firth of Clyde giving a foretaste of your destination whose unique magic never disappoints. Only 56 miles around its coastline, the small villages are compared to 'jewels on a necklace' strung out like pearls around the island. From Blackwaterfoot we will visit Whiting Bay, Lamlash, Brodick - the capital of Arran, the pretty village of Corrie under the shadow of Goat Fell and Sannox before passing the '12 Apostles' at Lochranza. Brodick Castle leaves a lasting impression, as the tall stately building beckons with the glow of warm sandstone. The setting is staggering and its garden is a mass of year-round colour, especially at this time of year when trees don their autumn cloaks and the foliage blazes with reds, golds and ambers.



Lochranza on the Isle of Arran

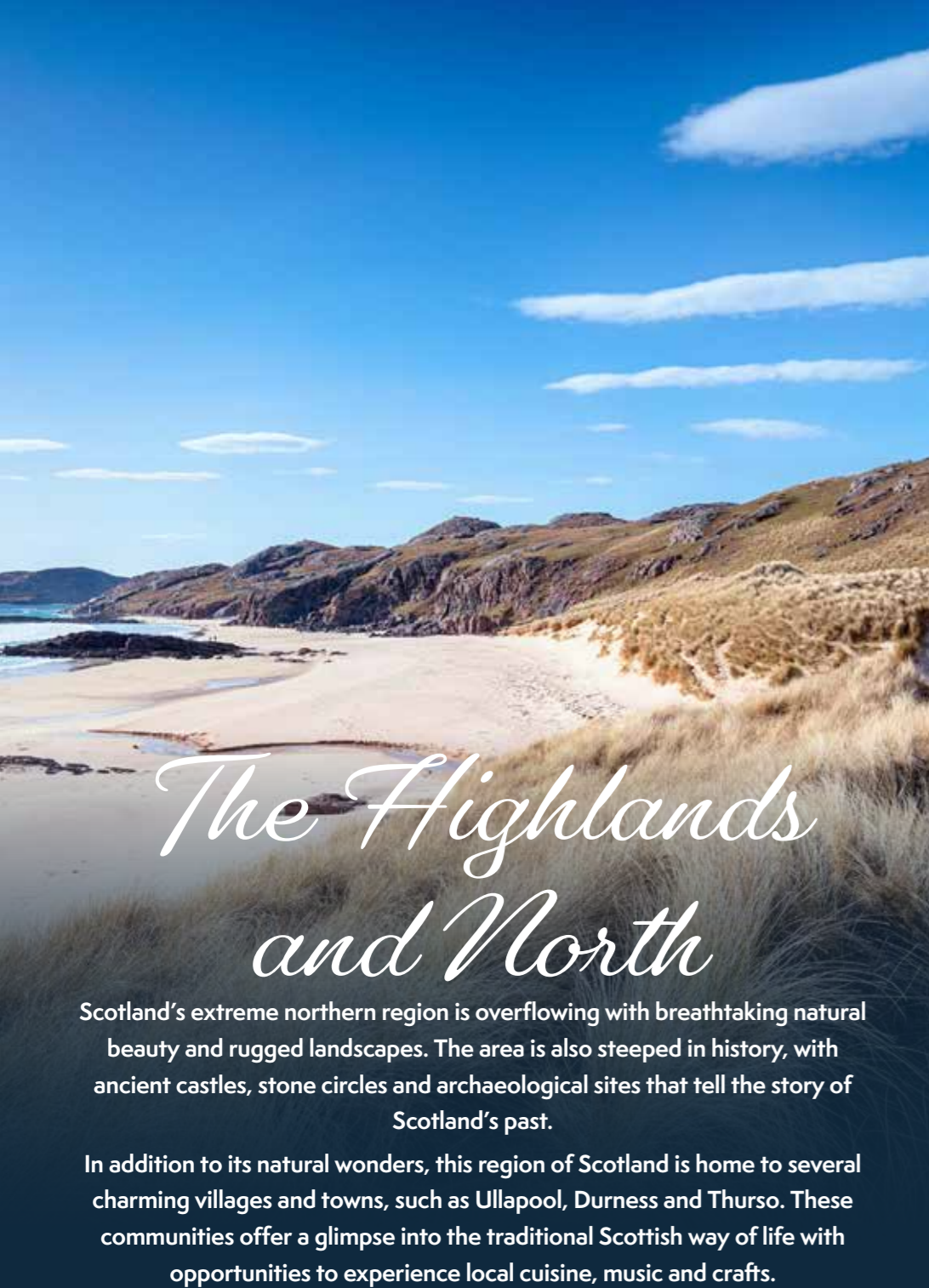
SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot
- ▶ Comfortable coach and all ferry crossings
- ▶ Visits include: Brodick Castle gardens and a tour of the island of Arran including a visit to Whiting Bay, Lamlash, Brodick, Corrie, Sannox, Catacol and Pirnmill
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
15 - 18 Oct	\$1,395	\$1,325
Single Supplement		\$350



The Highlands and North

Scotland's extreme northern region is overflowing with breathtaking natural beauty and rugged landscapes. The area is also steeped in history, with ancient castles, stone circles and archaeological sites that tell the story of Scotland's past.

In addition to its natural wonders, this region of Scotland is home to several charming villages and towns, such as Ullapool, Durness and Thurso. These communities offer a glimpse into the traditional Scottish way of life with opportunities to experience local cuisine, music and crafts.



Dolphins, Moray Firth

Highland Wildlife Safari

4 DAYS from \$1,325
LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth

Scotland's natural environment is second to none with a more diverse range of habitats than almost any other country of comparable size. This tour of the Highlands aims to provide close encounters with a wide range of wildlife, all set against a backdrop of magnificent scenery.

"It was a very positive experience overall. The nature reserves we visited were excellent in their presentation and the Rangers were enthusiastic and knowledgeable."

Guest - June 2024



Red Squirrel

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Carrbridge Hotel, Carrbridge (or similar)
- ▶ One lunch
- ▶ Visits include: Loch of the Lowes Wildlife Reserve, Highland Wildlife Park, a Dolphin cruise, House of Aigas Field Centre, Beinne National Nature Reserve, Inverewe Gardens, Abernethy National Nature Reserve and Pitlochry Dam and Fish Ladder
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
25 - 28 Jun	\$1,395	\$1,325
Single Supplement		\$170



Smoo Cave

Scotland's Extreme North West

4 DAYS from \$905
LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Inverness

The rugged and remote north-west coast of Scotland takes on a majestic character in the early spring and autumn months as Mother Nature lays on a spectacular display of beauty. The coastal views and landscapes are breathtaking and the warmth of our highland hotel is very welcoming at these times of year.

"Superb trip, hoping to travel again in the near future. I always recommend Brightwater tours to friends."

Guest - March 2024



Achmelvich beach

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3-star Kinlochbervie Hotel
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visit include: Lochinver, Oldshoremore, Durness, Cocoa Mountain, Smoo Cave and Tongue
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
13 - 16 Mar	\$975	\$905
18 - 21 Mar	\$1,115	\$1,045
8 - 11 Apr	\$1,015	\$945
18 - 21 Apr	\$1,015	\$945
7 - 10 Oct	\$975	\$905
Single Supplement		\$170



Ardreck Castle

Scotland's Northern Edge featuring the North Coast 500

5 DAYS from \$1,570
LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Inverness

On the northern edge of Scotland, where ancient rock meets restless sea, the views are among the most spectacular to be found in the British Isles. Dunnet Head in particular, the most northerly point on the mainland, offers extensive sea views, as do the cliffs at Duncansby Head. Following much of the North Coast 500, one of the world's most scenic road trips, along this iconic route you can experience an array of stunning beaches, historic castles the breath-taking landscapes of the wild Northern Highlands. Highlights of the tour include the Castle of Mey, the impressive Smoo Cave and the NW Highlands Geo Park.

"Thoroughly enjoyed holiday. The whole trip was well organised and appeared to run smoothly and without any hitches."

Guest - May 2024



John O'Groats

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: two nights at the Station Hotel, Thurso (or similar) and two nights at the 3-star Kinlochbervie Hotel
- ▶ Visits include: Duncansby Head, John O'Groats, Castle of Mey, Dunnet Head, Tongue, Smoo Cave, Knockan Crag, NW Highlands Geo Park, Ardreck Castle, Lochinver and Highland Stoneware
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
6 - 10 May	\$1,815	\$1,710
9 - 13 Jun	\$1,675	\$1,570
8 - 12 Sep	\$1,675	\$1,570
Single Supplement		\$170

*Early booking offer - book by 25th November 2024



Gardens, Castles & History of Scotland

Scotland is not only famous for its incredible natural beauty but also its rich, often turbulent history and distinctive culture. Its imposing symbols of the past are fascinating to discover, with ancient castles, grand houses and impressive abbeys dotting the rugged landscapes, all with a story to tell.

Follow in the footsteps of royalty and uncover the crowning place of Scottish kings at Scone Palace or delve into legends at fortresses such as Glamis Castle, said to be the setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth. Many of these estates boast fine gardens, with plenty more horticultural gems to admire throughout the country too, from stunning rhododendron varieties to vibrant autumnal displays.

*Early booking offer - book by 25th November 2024

NEW TOUR



Attadale Gardens

Gardens of Wester Ross

 5 DAYS from \$1,500

 PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth

Join us on our tour which strings together some of the best gardens in one of the most beautiful and scenic parts of the country.

An undoubted highlight of our tour will be our visit to Attadale Gardens, a true gem of a garden which was voted RHS Partner Garden of the Year for Scotland in 2023. Here we will have an exclusive private visit and will enjoy a light lunch in the dining room of the main house, which is not normally open to the public.

Other visits include a three acre private garden on the outskirts of Inverness, a trip to Skye where we enjoy the award-winning formal garden of Dunvegan Castle and Inverewe, unquestionably one of the most outstanding gardens in the country – this tour is a real treasure trove of treats for anyone who enjoys beautiful gardens and wonderful scenery.

YOUR TOUR MANAGER
DAVID HURRION

Join David as he discovers the wonderful gardens of this picturesque corner of Scotland.



Inverewe gardens

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed and full breakfast at the Old Inn, Gairloch
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: Oldtown of Leys, Coreshalloch Gorge, Dundonnell House Garden, Inverewe, Dunvegan Castle, Raasay Walled Garden, Attadale Gardens, Gairloch Museum and Kinlochlaich Garden and Plant Centre
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist David Hurrion as tour manager**

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
30 May - 3 Jun**	\$1,605	\$1,500
5 - 9 Jun	\$1,605	\$1,500
Single Supplement		\$275

NEW TOUR



Drumlanrig Castle

Autumn Tints of Dumfries and Galloway

4 DAYS from \$1,045
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

As the summer fades, autumn colours begin to blaze in high definition in the south-western corner of Scotland. As the warm yellows, rusty oranges and fiery reds consume the foliage we explore the region's most delightful gardens. Highlights of the tour include Dumfries House home to the Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden; Glenwhan Gardens, Logan Botanic and a visit to Brightwater tour manager Colin Crosbie's own garden of Dalswinton Mill.



Dumfries House Walled Garden

YOUR TOUR MANAGER
COLIN CROSBIE



Colin leads tours for Brightwater Holidays all over the world but on this occasion he is literally in his own back yard, as a visit to his own garden is included.

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the 3-star Holiday Inn Dumfries
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: Dumfries House and the Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden, Burnside, Glenwhan Gardens, Logan Botanic Garden, Millhall, Threave Estate, Corsock House, Dalswinton Mill and Drumlanrig Castle
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
26 - 29 Oct	\$1,115	\$1,045

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Logan Botanic Garden

Gardens of Dumfries and Galloway

4 DAYS from \$1,255

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

In the south-western corner of Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway is home to some of the country's most attractive gardens. The artistic highlight of our tour is undoubtedly Dumfries House, actually in Ayrshire and which King Charles helped to save. One of the Adam Brothers' finest achievements, the stunning interiors showcase a unique collection of Chippendale furniture, while the walled garden is one of the most exciting new garden developments in all of Scotland.

We see something rather different at Broughton House – an artist's garden at the restored former home of 'Glasgow Boy' E. A. Hornel, which shows the influence of his time in Japan and is always full of colour. Further highlights include Drumlanrig Castle, one of the most important Renaissance buildings in Scotland, and Crawick Multiverse, a gem hidden among the rolling hills of Dumfriesshire.

Former Head Curator of RHS Garden Wisley Colin Crosbie will lead our July and September departures.

"Dumfries and Galloway. Excellent gardens. Superb guide in Colin Crosbie."
Guest - July 2024

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4-star Cairndale Hotel
- ▶ Visits include: Dumfries House and the Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden, Glenwhan Garden, Logan Botanic, Broughton House, Ellenbank, Threave Estate, Drumlanrig Castle and Crawick Multiverse
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager (**Colin Crosbie in July and September)

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
1 - 4 Jun	\$1,325	\$1,255
20 - 23 Jul**	\$1,325	\$1,255
14 - 17 Sep**	\$1,325	\$1,255

Single Supplement \$275



Castle Kennedy - Rhododendrons

The Best Rhododendron Gardens in the World?

4 DAYS from \$1,255
LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

Visit the gardens of Galloway in May and one plant species catches the eye ahead of all others – the Rhododendron. Though of course native to eastern Asia and the Himalayas, rhododendrons seem to thrive particularly well in the mild climate of south-western Scotland. With over 1,000 species to choose from they have long attracted gardeners for their extravagant show of blossom in the spring, in myriad shades of red, pink and purple. We will see some magnificent specimens as we tour the gardens specially selected for their rhododendron displays, along with azaleas, magnolias, pieris and other flowering shrubs.



Castle Kennedy

"A very worthwhile learning experience. I took numerous photos of the seven beautiful gardens which I often peruse. All the gardens were explained in detail by obvious expert gardeners."
Guest - May 2024

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed, and breakfast at the 3-star Fernhill Hotel, Portpatrick
- ▶ Visits include: Millhall, Glenwhan Gardens, Castle Kennedy, Logan Botanic Garden, Logan House, Threave Estate and Corsock House
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
7 - 10 May	\$1,325	\$1,255

Single Supplement \$130



Scone Palace

Gardens of Perthshire and the Scone Palace Fair

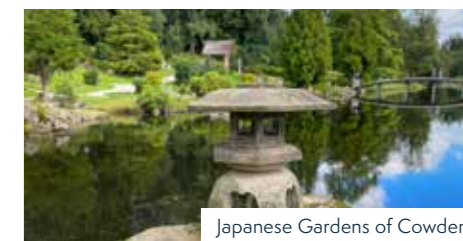
4 DAYS from \$1,255
LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth

Join us as we visit some of the most notable gardens in Perthshire from the formal gardens of Drummond Castle to the oriental inspired Japanese Garden at Cowden, near Dollar. Each garden brings a sense of tranquillity set in some of the most picturesque countryside in Scotland. The highlight of our tour is a day spent at the marvellous Scone Palace Garden Fair, where we can not only enjoy some informative talks from guest speakers as well as TV presenter and Scone Palace's very own Brian Cunningham. In the afternoon be sure to join Viscount Stormont, the heir to Scone, on one of the tours of the family's private garden taking place, which is usually closed to the public.



Drummond Castle



Japanese Gardens of Cowden

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3-star Pitlochry Hydro Hotel
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: Branklyn Garden, Scone Palace Garden Fair, Drummond Castle, Cluny House and the Japanese Garden at Cowden
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Early booking offer*	Was	Now
29 May - 1 Jun	\$1,325	\$1,255

Single Supplement \$170

*Early booking offer - book by 25th November 2024

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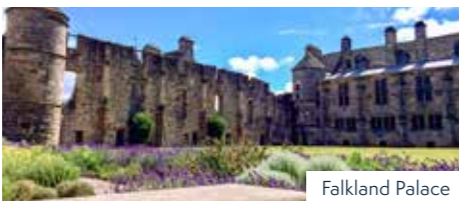
Stirling Castle

Castles, Palaces and Abbeys of Eastern Scotland

4 DAYS from \$1,325
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh

The East of Scotland is home to a fine collection of Royal Palaces and historical castles. Our tour begins at the birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots – Linlithgow Palace, which was also used as a rest stop between Edinburgh and Stirling Castle, the latter of which is also on our agenda. Heading north into Angus, we visit Glamis Castle, said to be the setting for Shakespeare’s Macbeth. The Royal connection continues as this was the birthplace of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. Scone Palace, set in the heart of Perthshire countryside is the ancestral home of the Earls of Mansfield and is most famous as the crowning place of Scottish Kings. Built in red sandstone with a castellated roof, it is a great example of Gothic Revival style in Scotland. Continuing with connections to Mary, Queen of Scots we visit one of her places of refuge - Falkland Palace and also the site of her imprisonment, Loch Leven Castle. Our final visits include Culross Palace with its maze of passageways and painted ceilings and Dunfermline Abbey and Palace, resting place of many Scottish royals but possibly most notably Robert the Bruce.



Falkland Palace

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights’ dinner, bed breakfast at the Salutation Hotel, Perth
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: Linlithgow Palace, Stirling Castle, Glamis Castle, Scone Palace, Falkland Palace and Gardens, Loch Leven Castle, Culross Palace and Dunfermline Abbey and Palace
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

	Early booking offer*	Was	Now
3 - 6 Jun		\$1,395	\$1,325
15 - 18 Jun		\$1,395	\$1,325

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Dunrobin Castle

Castles and Palaces of the Highlands

4 DAYS from \$1,185

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth

This tour takes us through some of the most stunning and dramatic landscapes of Scotland. We head north to the village of Blair Atholl, where we find Blair Castle nestled in the Perthshire countryside. The castle is the ancestral home to Clan Murray and the historical seat of the Dukes of Atholl. We then skirt around the western edge of the Cairngorms National Park to our hotel in Carrbridge. From here we visit Cawdor Castle, immortalised in William Shakespeare’s Macbeth as the scene of Duncan’s murder. Another highlight will be our trip to the chateau-style Dunrobin Castle with its magnificent example of a 19th century garden laid out on terraces descending to the sea. Our final visit is to Scone Palace, which has been the seat of parliaments as well as the crowning place of the Kings of Scots.



Cawdor Castle

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights’ dinner, bed and breakfast at the Carrbridge Hotel, Carrbridge (or similar)
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: Blair Castle, Inverness, Cawdor Castle, Dunrobin Castle and Scone Palace
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

	Early booking offer*	Was	Now
20 - 23 Jul		\$1,255	\$1,185
Single Supplement			\$210

“Excellent! A great guide and coach driver..”

Guest - May 2023



Balmoral

Historic Houses of Aberdeenshire

4 DAYS from \$1,325

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Dundee

Aberdeenshire is dotted with historic houses and castles, many of them outstanding examples of Scots Baronial architecture. Each one has a fascinating story to tell with countless legends and several royal connections including Balmoral, sadly now remembered as the place where Her Majesty The Queen passed away.

“A very enjoyable break; excellent guide and driver; excellent accommodation and meals; good itinerary”

Guest - June 2024



Haddo House

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights’ dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4-star Ardoe House Hotel, Aberdeen
- ▶ Visits include: Drum Castle and Gardens, Haddo House, Fyvie Castle, Castle Fraser, Craigievar Castle, Balmoral and Crathes Castle
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

	Early booking offer*	Was	Now
9 - 12 Jun		\$1,395	\$1,325
Single Supplement			\$210



Aberlemno Pictish Stone

In the Footsteps of the Picts

4 DAYS from \$1,115
LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh

Living beyond the northern frontier of the Roman Empire, the people of northern Scotland in the Dark Ages were known as the Picts – a name given by the Romans meaning the ‘painted, tattooed ones’. They were renowned as one of the most warlike of the Celtic barbarian tribes of Europe, successfully attacking the Roman army, and yet few of their homes or forts have ever been found. They did, however, leave behind some of the finest carved stones and jewellery from early medieval Europe.

“The holiday exceeded my expectations as there was much more to see than I’d expected. Our guide, Peter Yeoman, was really good.”

Guest - June 2024



Aberlemno Pictish Stone

SAVE \$70 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights’ dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star Links Hotel, Montrose
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Visits include: National Museum of Scotland, Aberlemno, a stone carving demonstration, St Vigean’s Museum of Pictish Sculpture, Eassie, Perth & McManus Museum’s, St Andrews and East Lomond Hillfort
- ▶ Services of an archaeological expert as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON


	Early booking offer*	Was	Now
1 - 4 Aug		\$1,185	\$1,115
Single Supplement			\$85




“Excellent! Loads of interesting places visited and of course the experience of seeing Up Helly Aa. Very well organised thanks to Alastair when plans had to change due to the weather.”

Guest - January 2024

Up Helly Aa - Shetland's Festival of Fire

 7 DAYS from \$2,270pp

 PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth, Dundee, Forfar, Stonehaven, Aberdeen

A wander through the streets of Lerwick is normally a quiet, peaceful experience, but take a walk there at the end of January and it's quite likely that you will bump into a squad of very large, bearded Vikings, in gleaming chain-mail and winged helmets. Later, the Vikings and their fancy-dressed followers fill the narrow streets, their flaming torches

illuminating the winter skies, their boisterous songs filling the air. A 30-foot Viking longship is carried aloft before it is set alight with a thousand blazing brands. As the sky over Lerwick shimmers with heat and light, fireworks explode and the gloom of winter is lifted for another year.

A 4-DAY TOUR BY AIR IS ALSO AVAILABLE DEPARTING ON 27 JAN FROM \$2,445pp (\$2,340pp IF BOOKED BY 25/11) - PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

SAVE \$105 PER PERSON*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed and full breakfast at the Sumburgh Hotel, Sumburgh
- ▶ Two nights' accommodation in two-berth cabins on Serco Northlink Ferries Hrossey or Hjaltland with dinner and full breakfast
- ▶ Visits include: Scalloway, Jarlshof and Sumburgh Head, Yell and Unst, Foula, Sandness and a full day in Lerwick at the Up Helly Aa festival
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel and all ferry crossings
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

	Early booking offer*	Was	Now
25 - 31 Jan		\$2,375	\$2,270
Single Supplement			On request
Outside cabin supplement			\$80
Busta House Hotel supplement			\$340

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