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## Discover Scotland

May 6 – 15, 2018

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**10 Days • 14 Meals:** 8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Bagpipe Lesson, Whisky Distillery, Isle of Skye, Armadale Castle, Loch Ness, Orkney Islands, Dunrobin Castle, Sheepdog Demonstration, St. Andrews, Choice on Tour, Edinburgh Castle, Scottish Cooking Experience

**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow , Glasgow
Days 3, 4	Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish
Days 5, 6	Pentland Hotel, Thurso
Day 7	Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey
Days 8, 9	Radisson Blu Edinburgh, Edinburgh

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Sunday, May 6, 2018 Overnight Flight** An overnight flight transports you to a country of stunning landscapes, lively cities and stirring history.

**Day 2: Monday, May 7, 2018 Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Glasgow, Scotland’s Victorian capital city. Start your Scottish adventure with a visit to the **National Piping Centre**. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, it’s your chance to give it a go! Then, join your fellow travelers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre’s farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

**Day 3: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Glasgow - Glencoe - Ballachulish** Enjoy a leisurely morning in Glasgow before visiting one of Scotland’s renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world’s finest. Continue on to the Highlands, through the breathtaking scenery of Glencoe and Rannoch Moor, before arriving at your hotel situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (B, D)

**Day 4: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish** Take a stunning drive along the “Road to the Isles” and over the Skye Bridge to the legendary Isle of Skye, also known in poetry and song as Eilean a' Cheò (The Misty Isle). Enjoy dramatic views of the Cuillin Hills. Then, visit Armadale Castle & Gardens\* and the Museum of the Isles to learn about island life and the history of Skye. Conclude your visit with views of the isle from yet another vantage point during a ferry crossing back to the mainland. Returning to Ballachulish, see Glenfinnan where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied the clansmen for battle during the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. (B, D)

**Day 5: Thursday, May 10, 2018 Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso** Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a **cruise on Loch Ness**, one of Britain’s most scenic bodies of water. Keep your eyes open — you never know when Nessie will appear! Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Your day concludes in Thurso. (B)

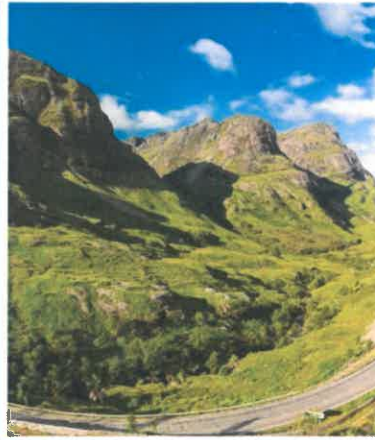
**Day 6: Friday, May 11, 2018 Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso** A day of adventure awaits as you voyage by ferry to the Orkney Islands\*\* – once a Viking stronghold off the coast of Scotland. On the crossing you’ll see abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this magical place that very few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae where you will discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Next, pass the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Visit the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B, D)

**Day 7: Saturday, May 12, 2018 Thurso - Eastern Highlands** Today you will visit **Culloden Battlefield**. On this spot in April 1746, a half-hour battle changed the course of Scotland’s history. We also stop at the majestic Dunrobin Castle\*\*\* which dates back to the 1300s. Take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland’s east coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in the Eastern Highlands. (B, D)

**Day 8: Sunday, May 13, 2018 Eastern Highlands - Pitlochry - St. Andrews - Edinburgh** Begin your day with a visit to a family-run farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure before traveling to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf. See the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. End your day in Scotland’s capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

**Day 9: Monday, May 14, 2018 Edinburgh** Today it’s your choice! Perhaps you’ll choose to get acquainted with this regal capital on a locally guided panoramic city tour; explore both the Old and New





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towns before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse,\*\*\*\* the Queen’s official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots. Or, for a different perspective, maybe you’d rather join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot; descend into the city’s vast underground vaults and uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. Both choices include a **visit to Edinburgh Castle**, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. **Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience** at one of Scotland’s premier culinary institutions. With a “wee dram” in hand, toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

**Day 10: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 Edinburgh - Tour Ends** Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)

**Experience It! The National Piping Centre**

Now it’s time for some distinctly Scottish music as we visit the National Piping Centre. From your very first steps into this remarkable building you’ll be charmed by the unique sounds of the bagpipe. Join an expert who will lead you through the museum to gain insight into the history of this intriguing instrument. Discover its true importance to Scottish culture, past and present. Then, it’s your chance to learn how to play! After a short demonstration, give it a try for yourself. Receive your chanter (the piece of the bagpipe that creates the melody) for a bit of practice. Once you get the hang of it, you’ll have the opportunity to try out the full instrument. Now that you have worked up an appetite, enjoy dinner at the Centre’s lovely farm to table restaurant. Savor a modern take on traditional Scottish cuisine and then cap off your evening like a true Scotsman — with a wee dram of whisky!

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