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# Splendid Scotland

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Sail on Loch Katrine aboard the historic steamship *Sir Walter Scott*



Visit the Scottish Crannog Center on the shores of Loch Tay

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart your gateway city on an overnight flight to Glasgow, Scotland.

**DAY 2 Glasgow, Scotland:** Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to become acquainted with your new surroundings until the welcome dinner at the hotel. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 Glasgow – the Highlands:** Your exploration begins with a panoramic tour of Glasgow, Scotland's largest city and 'capital of design'. Pass through George Square and the Victorian District, and make a photo stop at St. Mungo's Cathedral, the oldest building in the city. Depart the city and journey to the Highlands as you travel through the picturesque Trossachs with statuesque mountains, stunning scenery, and peaceful lochs (lakes). This area has been recognized for its exquisite beauty since Sir Walter Scott penned "Rob Roy" and "The Lady of the Lake" in the 19th century. Sail on Loch Katrine aboard the historic steamship *Sir Walter Scott* and enjoy the serene area that reflected his spirits in verse. After the cruise, continue to the hotel in Perthshire for dinner and an evening at leisure. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 4 Loch Tay:** This morning, visit the Scottish Crannog Center on the shores of Loch Tay, for a fascinating journey into Scotland's history. Ancient loch-crannogs were built in the water as defensive homesteads and symbols of wealth. Walk in the footsteps of the original Crannog dwellers and immerse yourself in village life with original artefacts and demonstrations of ancient crafts and technology. This afternoon, discover the art of whisky-making. Known for producing the world's greatest

whisky's, Scotland is split into five distinctive whisky-producing regions, each with its own unique characteristics and colorful history. Find out how water, wind and temperature impact the production process as you tour a local distillery and enjoy a sample of Scotland's favorite beverage. **Meal: B**

**DAY 5 Inverness and Loch Ness:** Today's adventure begins as you travel to Inverness, capital of the Highlands, for a visit to a kiltmaker. Discover the history, tradition, and culture of the kilt, meet the people who make them and see a handmade kilt demonstration. Continue on to the ruins of Urquhart Castle, formerly the greatest castle in the Highlands, to experience a glimpse of medieval life. From this site, one can also enjoy the magnificent scenery and stunning views over the Great Glen and Loch Ness, a large, deep, freshwater loch. Keep an eye out for Nessie! Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. **Meal: B**

**DAY 6 Highlands – Edinburgh:** It's time to make your way back to the lowlands with touring enroute. In Stirling, a unique blend of an historic town and contemporary university make it the best small city in Scotland. Visit Stirling Castle, home of the Stuart Kings and Mary Queen of Scots. Having undergone a complete renovation, this royal palace has been returned to its Renaissance splendor. Upon arrival in St. Andrews, home of the famous golf course and the oldest university of Scotland, visit the ruins of its impressive cathedral, overlooking the North Sea. Arrive in Edinburgh for an evening at leisure and the final three-nights' accommodation. **Meal: B**

**DAY 7 Edinburgh / Rosslyn Chapel:** Welcome to Edinburgh, where centuries of history meet a vibrant, cosmopolitan city



The ruins of Urquhart Castle overlooking Loch Ness

with dramatic scenery and striking architecture. During the panoramic city tour, see the historic Old Town and the elegant Georgian New Town, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit the city's icon, Edinburgh Castle, perched high atop a hill, offering panoramic views of stately mountains, rolling hills and lovely countryside. Inside the castle, stand in awe of the Scottish Crown Jewels, featuring the crown, sword, and scepter, which are among the oldest regalia in Europe. After free time for lunch on your own, depart for Roslin, a tiny village outside Edinburgh, where you visit Rosslyn Chapel. This 15th-century church is famous for its decorative art and mysterious associations with the Knights Templar and the Holy Grail. This evening, dinner is included. **Meals: B, D**

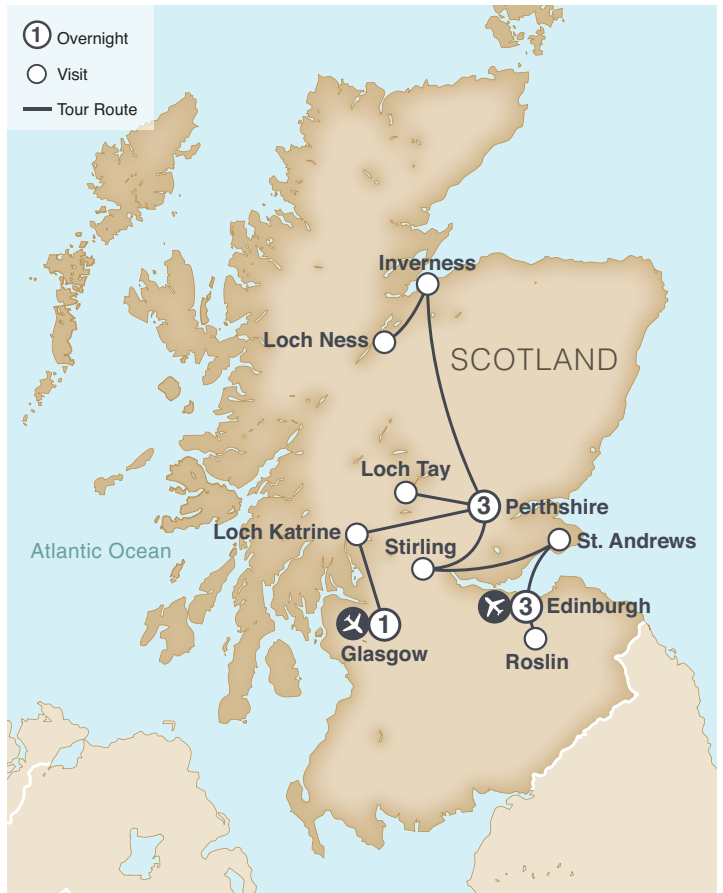
**DAY 8 Edinburgh:** Begin the final day with an excursion to Abbotsford House, the beautifully restored home of one of Scotland's literary heroes - Sir Walter Scott. Built over 200 years ago, filled with tranquil gardens and lush grounds, it is a perfect showcase for Scott's creative ambitions. Explore the historic house that inspired Scott's greatest poems and novels. Return to Edinburgh for the remainder of the day at leisure. **Meal: B**

**DAY 9 Edinburgh - USA:** It's time to leave Scotland and transfer to the Edinburgh airport for your flight home. **Meal: B**

Itinerary subject to change.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

- Day 2** – Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow, Scotland
- Days 3 through 5** – Dunkeld House, Perthshire, Scotland
- Days 6 through 8** – Voco Edinburgh – Haymarket, Edinburgh, Scotland



**Tour Highlights**

- 10 Meals: 7 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises and Tours
- Panoramic tour of Glasgow
- Experience the beauty of the Highlands
- Boat ride on Loch Katrine aboard the historic *Sir Walter Scott* steamship
- Entrance to the Crannog Center
- Whisky tasting at a local distillery
- Discover the history of kilts and witness their creation by a local artisan
- Stunning views over Loch Ness from the visit to Urquhart Castle
- Interior visits to Stirling Castle, Abbotsford House, and Edinburgh Castle
- Visit the ruins of St. Andrew's impressive cathedral

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Visit Stirling Castle, home of the Stuart Kings and Mary Queen of Scots

| Tour Departure | Per Person Twin | Single Room add |
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| March 23, 2024 | \$4,369         | \$1,359         |

**Includes Round Trip Air from Tampa International Airport, Local or home pick-up to Tampa International. Land and River Cruise**

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#### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$299 per person

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- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 40% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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