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Experience the Exceptional...

- Every Scottish castle, loch and glen has a legend surrounding it and we take you on an exceptional journey through Scotland and captivate you with those stories.
- We embrace our roots and ancestry and discover the proud history and scenic beauty of Scotland.
- We experience real Highland games, a Ceilidh, the Edinburgh Festival and the famous Edinburgh Tattoo.
- We meet the locals and enjoy music evenings presented by the great Marian Burns, Karl Perigo and John Cameron as they join with the locals in singalongs, stirring ballads and a wee dram of whisky!
- We immerse ourselves in Scotland's fabled history and nature. We are proud to claim our Scottish heritage and the ancestors who, with courage, travelled across the world to a brave new land but never lost their pride and their fervour of all things Scottish. Now we have the chance to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors!

PLEASE NOTE:

This trip links with the Bavaria/Oberammergau tour one and with the Ireland trip.

Contact us for special pricing if you wish to combine trips.



YOUR HOSTS ON THIS TRIP:



John Cameron



Marian Burns



Karl Perigo

PLACES WE STAY

Principal Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow

This hotel is located in a landmark Victorian building and was one of Glasgow's most prestigious hotels in its heyday, hosting residents as famous as Frank Sinatra, and Winston Churchill. In recent years it has had a complete renovation and once again stands proudly to serve visitors to Glasgow.

Marcliffe Hotel, Aberdeen

This refined hotel in a Victorian manor house features grand accommodation and a restaurant serving some of Scotland's finest products. Set amidst mature trees in eight acres of wooded grounds, it is perfectly placed for exploring Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

Inverness Palace Hotel, Inverness

Best Western Inverness Palace Hotel & Spa is located on the banks of Inverness opposite Inverness Castle. It is just a few minutes' walk to the town centre.

Eilean Iarmain Hotel and Ardvassar Hotel, Isle of Skye

We will stay at both of the above hotels as there's no hotel big enough for us on Skye. Overlooking the Sound of Sleat channel, Eilean Iarmain is a quaint hotel and whisky distillery. The Ardvassar Hotel is a former coaching inn with sea & mountain views.

Glenspean Lodge Hotel, Fort William

Majestically situated in the Scottish Highlands, within 5 acres of gardens and woodland, Glenspean Lodge has been a famous landmark in an area of outstanding natural beauty since the 1800's. Built as a private hunting lodge, for the Laird Macintosh of Macintosh it is ours exclusively for our stay.

Apex City Quay Hotel and Spa, Dundee

The Hotel & Spa is frequently rated #1 in Dundee by guests on TripAdvisor and combines a modern place to stay with award-winning spa facilities, a restaurant, bar and meeting rooms.

Principal George St Hotel, Edinburgh

A modern classic, inspired by Scotland's heritage, the 5-star Principal Edinburgh on George Street has been welcoming hotel guests since 1881. At its heart are five listed Georgian townhouses, built in 1775 as homes for its most illustrious citizens.



DUBAI (4 nights - stopovers return including early check in) **- Sheraton Mall of Emirates Hotel**

We begin and end our tour with flights to and from Dubai on Emirates.

As we arrive into Dubai early in the morning, we have arranged another nights' accommodation so we can go to our rooms immediately.

On return we arrive into Dubai late at night so we will again have access to our rooms immediately.

**Note today we fly to Edinburgh and coach the short distance across to Glasgow. The flights are more suitable for our schedule this way.*

GLASGOW (3 nights) **- Principal Grand Central Hotel**

Glasgow is a port city on the River Clyde in Scotland's western Lowlands. It is famous for its Victorian and Art Nouveau architecture and its prosperous history in the 18th-20th century due to trade and shipbuilding.

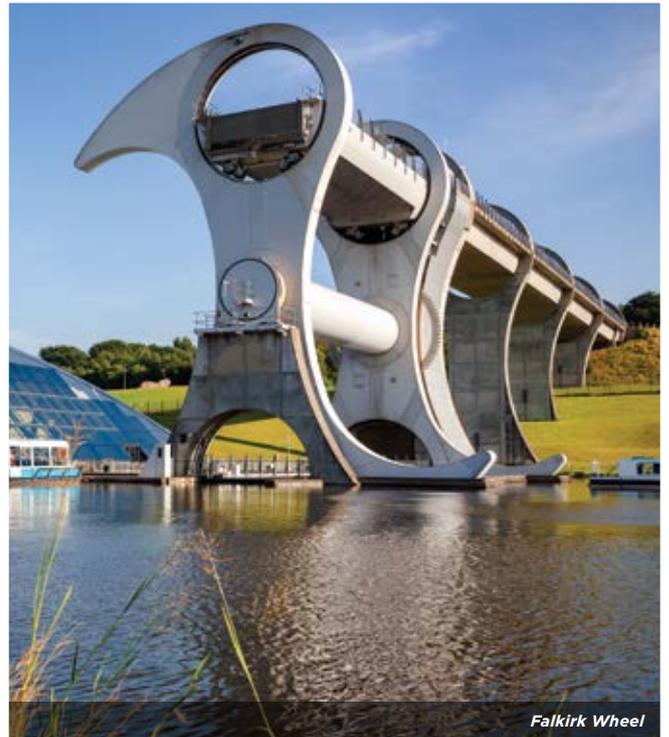
HIGHLIGHTS in Glasgow include:

- City tour of the great architecture, including Glasgow Cathedral, the oldest house in Glasgow, the Italian Centre, the lighthouse, and Buchanan St.
- Lunch at a quaint pub along the way.
- Welcome dinner and music provided by Marian, Karl and John.
- Visit Robbie Burns' house, museum, and birthplace and several sites of relevance to the poet in and around the area.
- Lunch at the Robbie Burns cafe, before setting off to Kelvin Grove Art Gallery, a favourite location for Antiques Roadshow.
- Show at Kings Theatre or similar - depending on availability.

EN ROUTE TO ABERDEEN

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Ride on a canal boat at Falkirk, plus a ride on the Falkirk Wheel.
- Lunch at the charming village of Culross.
- Visit the great Abbey of Dunfermline as well as the ruins of the former Royal Palace.
- Visit the Abbey Church, where Robbie Burns and many famous members of the Scottish Royal Line are buried.



ABERDEEN (2 nights) **- Marcliffe Hotel**

Aberdeen is a port city in northeast Scotland, where the Dee and Don rivers meet the North Sea. It's known as the 'Granite City' for its many enduring grey-stone buildings.

HIGHLIGHTS in Aberdeen include:

- Walking tour of Aberdeen to see the old town, the Maritime Museum, Cathedral of St Macher and the William Wallace statue.
- Free time to explore the city on your own.
- A private concert from fabulous Marian this evening.

EN ROUTE FROM ABERDEEN TO INVERNESS

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Visit to Fort George, the mightiest fortification built in Great Britain, designed to keep the Jacobites in line!
- Visit to the Cameron Highlanders' Regimental Museum.
- Visit to the Battle of Culloden site and Museum and visitors centre.

INVERNESS (3 nights)

- Inverness Palace Hotel

Inverness is a city on Scotland's northeast coast, where the River Ness meets the Moray Firth. It's the largest city and the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands. Its Old Town features 19th-century Inverness Cathedral, the mostly 18th-century Old High Church and an indoor Victorian Market selling food, clothing and crafts.

HIGHLIGHTS in Inverness include:

- Visit to Cawdor Castle, said to be the setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth.
- Walking tour of the old town of Inverness including the Victorian markets, the cathedral and Inverness Castle.
- Driving tour of some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery: Torridon National Trust Estate, with highland cattle and then to Shildaig for lunch and a wander, then back via Lochcarron.

EN ROUTE TO ISLE OF SKYE

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Drive through the Great Glen to see if we can spot the Loch Ness monster.
- Cruise on Loch Ness to see what we can spot from the boat using sonar, plus visit the Loch Ness Visitor's Centre.

For people who want to arrive in Fort William earlier than Friday night for the Clan Cameron gathering we will arrange transport from Inverness. You would therefore miss the Skye days and have 5 nights in Fort William.

ISLE OF SKYE (2 nights)

- Eilean Iarmain Hotel and Ardvasar Hotel

The Isle of Skye, connected to Scotland's northwest coast by bridge, is known for its rugged landscapes, picturesque fishing villages and medieval castles. It is the largest island in the Inner Hebrides.

HIGHLIGHTS in Isle of Skye:

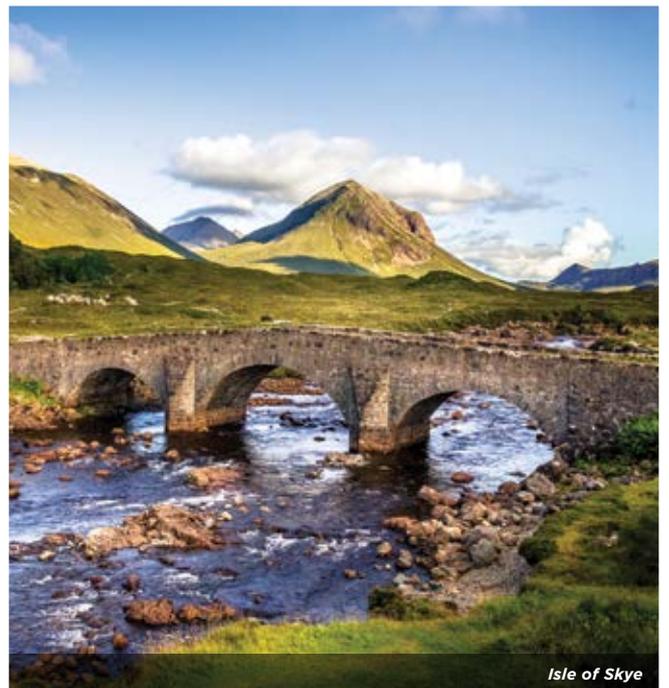
- *Sights of Isle of Skye* coach tour including lunch.
- Distillery tour of Talisker Whisky Distillery, the oldest distillery still operating on the Isle of Skye.
- Dinner and music from our escorts with some local musicians joining in and jamming with Marian and Karl.



Inverness Castle



Eilean Donan Castle



Isle of Skye

EN ROUTE TO FORT WILLIAM

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- We catch a ferry, *Over the Sea from Skye*, from Armadale to Mallaig.
- We board the famous Jacobite Express steam train for a one-way train journey in style including a Jacobite High Tea along the way. For those of you who have seen the Harry Potter films, the Jacobite stars as the Hogwarts Express!

FORT WILLIAM (3 nights) - Glenspean Lodge Hotel

Fort William is a town in the western Scottish Highlands, on the shores of Loch Linnhe. It's known as a gateway to Ben Nevis, the U.K.'s highest peak, and Glen Nevis valley, home to Steall Falls. It is also the home of the Cameron Clan!

HIGHLIGHTS in Fort William include:

- Visit the West Highland Museum.
- Attend the Clan Cameron Gathering events being held at Achnacarry Estate, home of the Camerons! A chance to see Highland games, dancing and pipe bands up close.
- Attend the evening Ceilidh celebrations. Do you think we can stop Marian joining in! We hope not!
- For those who do not wish to join in the celebrations today we can organise an alternate tour to Isle of Mull and Duart castle, returning via Glencoe.
- Free time to enjoy this lovely town.
- Tour up the approaches of Ben Nevis, highest peak in the U.K with lunch and a visit to Kilmallie Church.
- Dinner and concert from our hosts at our hotel.

EN ROUTE TO DUNDEE

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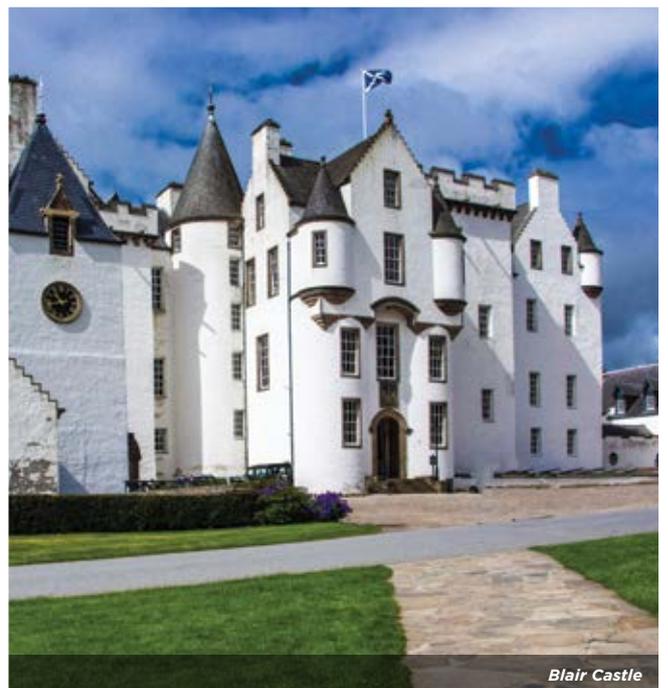
- Visit the mighty Blair Castle for tour of castle and grounds plus lunch. This is one of the greatest castles in Scotland.



Jacobite Steam Train



Operatunity at Gathering 2009



Blair Castle

DUNDEE (2 nights)

- Apex City Quay Hotel

Dundee, a creative and dynamic city in the North-East of Scotland, situated on the Firth of Tay.

HIGHLIGHTS in Dundee include:

- Driving city tour of Dundee, visiting many of the revitalised parts.
- Tour of HMS Unicorn and then RRS Discovery, Scot's Antarctic Expedition ship and then the brand new museum attached to it.
- Visit the V & A Museum, the first branch of the famous Victoria and Albert Museum outside of London.

EN ROUTE TO EDINBURGH

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Glamis Castle, home of the beloved Queen Mother, now open to the public. Castle tour and then free time to wander the gardens.
- Tour onwards via the pretty village of Glamis, over the famous Firth Bridge.

EDINBURGH (4 nights)

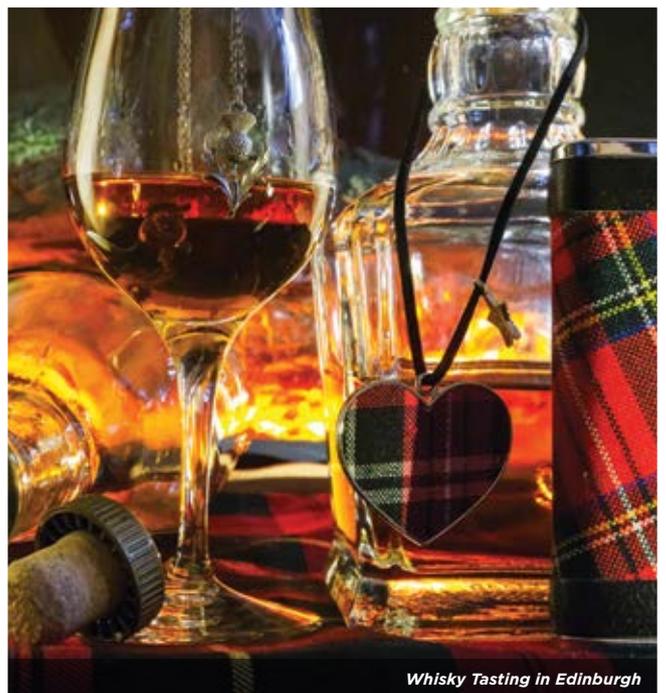
- Principal George St Hotel

Edinburgh is Scotland's compact, hilly capital. It has a medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town with gardens and neoclassical buildings. Looming over the city is Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, used in the coronation of Scottish rulers.

HIGHLIGHTS in Edinburgh include:

- A show, opera or play as part of the Edinburgh Festival.
- Dinner and show Taste of Scotland, at Prestonfield House.
- The spectacle of the Edinburgh Tattoo, one of the most iconic shows in the world and we see it from excellent seats!
- Walking tour of the old town, Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle.
- Visit to Rosslyn Chapel, famous from the *Da Vinci Code* book, and one of the most remarkable buildings in Scotland.
- Free time to wander on your own and take in the atmosphere of this gorgeous city and the festival with its street parades and buskers.

- Visit the Royal Yacht Britannia, dubbed the most popular attraction in all Scotland with tea and scones in the Royal Deck Tea Room.
- Visit Glenkinchie Distillery (John's favourite whisky) for a tour and tasting.
- Final gala dinner with music from our wonderful escorts!
- Visit to Stirling Castle, stopping at the site of the famous Battle of Bannockburn.



Whisky Tasting in Edinburgh



\$17,640 *per person
twin share*

Single Room supplement add \$4,690

Initial Deposit on booking	\$2,000
Second Deposit due 21 January 2020	\$3,000
Final Balance due 07 April 2020	

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- Airfares Emirates Auckland - Dubai - Edinburgh // Edinburgh - Dubai - Auckland including all taxes.
- 25-day grand tour of Scotland to retrace and remember your Scottish roots and heritage!
- All accommodation at historic hotels, in beautiful settings: Dubai (4 nights includes early check-ins), Glasgow (3 nights), Aberdeen (2 nights), Inverness (3 nights), Isle of Skye (2 nights), Fort William (3 nights), Dundee (2 nights), Edinburgh (4 nights)
- Numerous musical experiences including private concerts with Marian Burns and Karl Perigo some with local musicians, Edinburgh Tattoo, Edinburgh Festival show, Taste of Scotland show, Highland Games visit and Clan Cameron events and Ceilidh.
- Historic experiences including tours to the battle of Bannockburn site, Fort George, site of the Battle of Culloden, Robbie Burns' birthplace and grave, and Cawdor Castle, said to be the setting of Shakespeare's Macbeth.
- Numerous tours to historic towns and houses including Alloway, Torridon National Trust Estate, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen old town and Inverness.
- Glorious scenic drives and rides including Isle of Skye sights and ferry, Jacobite Express Steam Train, Loch Ness boat tour and Ben Nevis.
- All tours and entrances as listed on itinerary including Stirling Castle, the Great Abbey of Dunfermline, Edinburgh Castle, Blair Castle, Royal Yacht Britannia, Rosslyn Chapel, Eilean Donan Castle.
- All breakfasts, 1 morning tea, 1 high tea, 7 lunches and 9 dinners and whisky tastings plus all tips, taxes, portorage.
- Hosted by John Cameron, Marian Burns and Karl Perigo.

MODERATE WALKING TOUR

This tour requires a better level of fitness with no wheelchairs or walkers. Generally, there may be times when we can't get the coach close.

We also will have much longer flights and long walks through airports.

Please note: No booking will be accepted for this trip without the initial deposit.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- Deposits refundable until final payment date minus any costs incurred, or an administration fee of up to \$300.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Travellers are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance for all international trips.
- Please refer to terms & conditions on our booking form.



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