

American Celebration of Music in Scotland

Tour #2 (7 nights / 9 days)

Day 1

Departure via scheduled air service to Edinburgh, Scotland

Day 2

Edinburgh

(D)

Arrive in Edinburgh

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach

Late Afternoon hotel Check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner, and overnight

Edinburgh, with its striking medieval and Georgian districts, overlooked by the volcanic sill of Arthur's Seat to the south and the Calton Hill to the north, is widely regarded as one of Europe's loveliest capitals. The city is famous for the arts (it was once known as the "Athens of the North"), a preeminence reflected in its hosting every year of Britain's largest arts extravaganza, the Edinburgh Festival. Its museums and galleries display the riches of many cultures

Day 3

Edinburgh

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day guided sightseeing tour of Edinburgh includes a tour of Edinburgh Castle, which along with its rock, is probably the best known view in Edinburgh. It has been a royal residence since the 11th century, although the majority of buildings you will see are those resulting from its use as a military garrison. See the Honours of Scotland (including the Scottish Crown Jewels) and the Royal Scots Regimental Museum. Also see Arthur's Seat, Charlotte Square, St. Giles, the Royal Mile, Sir Walter Scott Monument, St. Andrew Square and other landmarks

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for shopping and sightseeing

Evening dinner, and overnight

Day 4

Edinburgh / Stirling

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

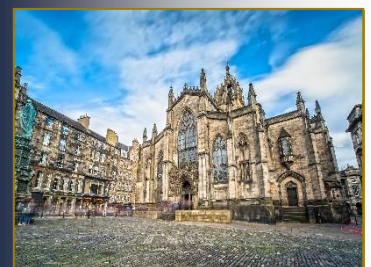
Full day excursion to the Scottish Highlands, including a visit to Stirling with entrance to the Castle. Over the centuries, Stirling has been a much-disputed stronghold, occupying a strategically important position in the Forth valley. The earliest inhabitants were probably of Welsh descent, and it is thought that the name Stirling is a corruption of the term "Place of Striving." No fewer than 15 battlefields lie within close proximity of the castle

Lunch, on own

Return to Edinburgh

*Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Scotland**

Evening dinner and overnight



Day 5 **Perth / Pitlochry / Inverness** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Inverness via Perth and Pitlochry
Excursion to Perth. Framed by two splendid public parks and the striking Tay Street promenade, Perth city center enjoys a scenic location
Lunch, on own
Next, visit Pitlochry. Known for its real hospitality, clear sparkling air, beautiful scenery, and rich clan history. It is a nice and relaxing stop
Continue to Inverness
Evening dinner, and overnight

Inverness is the administrative center for the Highland region, which consists of Nairn, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland and Caithness, which are old counties of Inverness. Given the town's favorable location at the gateway to the Northwest Highlands, Inverness has become a busy tourist center and it makes a good starting point for excursions

Day 6 **Inverness** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Enjoy a half-day tour of Inverness, including St. Andrew's Cathedral (entrance included), the Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, and see Inverness Castle. Travel 13 miles outside of town to visit Cawdor Castle. With its turreted central tower, moat and drawbridge, Cawdor was built as a private fortress by the Thanes of Cawdor. It is most famous for being the 11th century home of Shakespeare's MacBeth and the scene of his murder of King Duncan, but it is historically unproven that either actually came here. The medieval tower was built around the legendary hollytree
Lunch, on own
Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Scotland*
Evening dinner, and overnight

Day 7 **Loch Ness / Fort William** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Fort William. Stop at Loch Ness for a one-hour boat cruise. Loch Ness is undeniably one of the most famous lakes in the world. It is also, certainly, a place of outstanding natural beauty, but it has to be admitted that the worldwide fame of Loch Ness owes more to the legend of its famous occupant, the Loch Ness Monster - or "Nessie" - than the breathtaking location of the loch itself
Lunch, on own
Continue to Fort William for evening dinner, and overnight

Fort William lies on the shore of Loch Linnhe in the shadow of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. The town makes an ideal touring centre from which to discover the beauty of the surrounding countryside. The fort referred to in the town name was built by William of Orange in the middle of the 17th century but it was demolished in 1890 to make way for the new railroad line

Day 8 **Glasgow** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Glasgow
Lunch, on own
Enjoy a half-day of sightseeing of the city, including entrance to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, one of Scotland's most popular museums. With 22



themed, state-of-the-art galleries displaying an astonishing 8,000 objects, the extensive collections are wide ranging and internationally significant
*Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Scotland**
Evening Farewell Dinner, and overnight

Glasgow is Scotland's largest and most highly populated city. In the 1980's and 1990's, Glasgow transformed itself into a vibrant post-industrial city. The city centre, with its ornate Victorian buildings is the stage for the new Glasgow, sparkling with nightlife, shopping, pubs and restaurants that are just about unmatched anywhere else in Scotland

Day 9 **Depart for home** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to the Glasgow or Edinburgh Airport for return flight

**Subject to confirmation*

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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