American Scientific Affiliation Presents...

Discover Scotland
With Military Tattoo

Departure Date: August 6, 2007

8 Days • 14 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

Highlights...

Edinburgh Castle • St. Andrews • Dunrobin Castle*
Orkney Islands • Loch Ness • Isle of Skye • Stirling Castle
Land Only Rates*...
Double $1,872 pp
Single $2,288
*Please note the above rates are based on a minimum of 38 passengers traveling in your group.

Includes...
Hotel Transfer to the airport at the end of the tour

Not included in Price...
Cancellation Land Waiver and Insurance of $170 per person

** COLLETTE EXPERIENCES **
*Edinburgh sightseeing includes Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace.
*Search for the infamous Loch Ness Monster from the beautiful shores of Loch Ness.
*Learn the art of producing Scotch whisky during a distillery tour and tasting.
*Experience the Orkney Islands during a full day guided excursion.
*Witness the remarkable skills of working Scottish sheep dogs.

** Day 1: Edinburgh **
A morning tour of the regal city of Edinburgh includes a guided tour of the famous Edinburgh Castle, the city’s landmark and home of the Scottish crown jewels. Also enjoy a visit to the Palace of Holyrood House*, the Queen’s official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of your day is at leisure to further explore the museums and shops of the Scottish capital independently. Tonight you will enjoy a spectacular performance of the world-famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (D)

** Day 2: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Aviemore **
★This morning you travel to St. Andrews, the historic home of golf. See the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course.★ Your next stop is at Pitlochry, a vibrant Victorian town surrounded by the most glorious mountain scenery in Europe. There is time to explore before visiting the Edradour Whiskey Distillery, the smallest distillery in Scotland, where you will enjoy a tasting of Highland malt whisky. Continue to Aviemore, Scotland’s premiere highland resort. (B, D)

** Day 3: Aviemore - Thurso **
Begin your day with a stop at the Culloden battlefield, scene of the last major battle fought on the mainland of Britain. ★Follow the coast road to visit the majestic Dunrobin Castle*, built in 1275. Visit the formal gardens overlooking the North Sea and enjoy a fascinating falconry display.★ Your day ends at Thurso, the gateway to the Orkney Islands. (B, D)

** Day 4: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso **
Enjoy a full day adventure to the Orkney Islands. Traveling to Gill’s Bay, you board a ferry for the one hour crossing. On the crossing you will see seabirds, perhaps porpoises and seals, and if you are very lucky, the family of otters that live in Gill’s Bay! Visit the Italian Chapel and Skara Brae, where you will see the remains of a Neolithic village which was built at the same time as Cheops Pyramid 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 5: Thurso - Loch Ness - Ballachulish **
Today you enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you travel through Inverness and continue to Loch Ness, one of Britain’s most scenic bodies of water. Enjoy a brief stop at Urquhart Castle to take in the panorama. Keep your eyes open - you never know when Nessie will appear! Travel through the Great Glens, passing many of the famous lochs. Continue through Fort William before arriving at your hotel on lovely Loch Linnhe, an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean. (B, D)

** Day 6: Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish **
Travel along the Road to the Isles, stopping at Glenfinnan where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied the clansmen for battle during the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. At Mallaig, board a ferry for the half-hour crossing to the Isle of Skye. ★Visit the Armadale Castle Gardens and the Museum of the Isles*, where you will learn about island life and the history of Skye.★ Enjoy dramatic views of the Cuillin Hills before arriving in Portree, the tiny island capital, for some leisure time. You will return to the mainland by bridge. (B, D)

** Day 7: Ballachulish - Falkirk **
Your first stop this morning features a delightful sheep dog demonstration and the opportunity to learn about Scottish farming. Continue on to Stirling Castle, first erected 900 years ago and formerly used as a royal residence for the House of Stewart - this is where Mary, Queen of Scots, was crowned in 1543. Join your fellow travelers tonight for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

** Day 8: Falkirk - Glasgow - Tour Ends **
This morning you will travel to Glasgow where your tour of Scotland comes to a close. (B)
Your Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1  Mt. Royal Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Edinburgh
Day 2  Aviemore Highland Resort, Aviemore
Day 3, 4 Royal Hotel, Thurso
Day 5, 6 Ballachulish Hotel or Isles of Glencoe Hotel, Ballachulish
Day 7  Macdonald Inchyra Grange Hotel, Falkirk

On some dates alternate hotels may be used

Please Note:
*When Dunrobin Castle is closed you will visit Blair Castle or similar. The Falconry display is available only when Dunrobin Castle is available.

Armadale Castle and Gardens is open from April to October. On other dates a visit to Dunvegan Castle will be substituted.

*The Palace of Holyrood House may occasionally be closed when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions.

Groups arriving in Edinburgh between August 2 - 24, 2007 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show.

Days and features are interchangeable.

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Important Reservation Information

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