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EDINBURGH, THE HIGHLANDS AND ICONIC CASTLES

GLORIOUS
SCOTLAND

2023 TOUR

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**The birth-place of Valour, the country of Worth;
Wherever I wander, wherever I rove,
The hills of the Highlands for ever I love."**

- Robert Burns (1759-1796)

Glorious Scotland is a country that never fails to delight, and with this in mind Transcendent Travel is pleased to offer "Glorious Scotland" including visits to the Highlands, iconic castles, gardens, and sites that make Scotland such a spectacular country to explore.

The tour will begin in Edinburgh where guests will stay conveniently near the legendary Royal Mile. Our time in Edinburgh will include an exclusive private tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse and an unforgettable gala evening onboard Britannia the former yacht of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Following our time in Edinburgh, we will head to the iconic Glamis Castle as well as the magnificent Dunnottar Castle on Scotland's rugged coastline.

Then we head into the Highlands where we will stay for two nights in Fonab Castle, regularly voted one of the UK's top castle hotels.

While in the Highlands we will discover the lovely village of Ballater, the glorious gardens at Crathes Castle as well as an unforgettable visit to the area of Royal Deeside, which surrounds Balmoral Castle — the private and cherished Highland home of the Royal Family.

Our time in Scotland wouldn't be complete without a visit to Stirling Castle, where we will explore the famous castle used for the crowning of many of Scotland's Kings and Queens.

Along the way, expect some unique touches such as live Scottish music, local culinary delights, whiskey, and all the things that make Scotland special.

Memorable traveling is all about creating a blend of unique experiences, paired with delicious meals and superior accommodations. In this tour you can be assured of the combination of all three — alongside our personal touches, which will ensure your enjoyment of the entire experience.

I do hope you will join us for this memorable tour, where we will explore together the places that make Scotland such a wonderful country.

To unforgettable travel!

ANDREW LANNERD
TOUR DIRECTOR

"QUOTES"

FROM TRANSCENDENT'S PAST TOUR PARTICIPANTS:

"You really hit the mark on hotels, restaurants, travel arrangements, and everything else!"

"Thank you for providing us with an experience we will never forget"

"You were the best tour guide I've ever had"

"You made me a convert to group travel"

"We had such a wonderful time and you were an amazing host"



DAY 1 Itinerary *Monday*

- MORNING AND AFTERNOON ARRIVALS INTO EDINBURGH
- LATE AFTERNOON: OLD EDINBURGH HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR
- 6:30PM: WELCOME TO SCOTLAND DINNER, FOLLOWED BY LIVE SCOTTISH MUSIC
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE KIMPTON CHARLOTTE SQUARE HOTEL, EDINBURGH

Details

This morning and afternoon, guests will arrive to Edinburgh's top-rated Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel, conveniently located in the heart of Edinburgh near the iconic Royal Mile. Guests can take a few hours to rest or begin discovering Edinburgh.

Our first official group event will be a Welcome to Scotland dinner followed by an evening of live Scottish Music at one of Edinburgh's legendary pubs.



The Royal Mile

DAY 2 ITINERARY *Tuesday*

- A FULL SCOTTISH OR CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST TO START THE DAY
- A PRIVATE TOUR OF THE GARDENS AT THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
- A VISIT TO THE MAGNIFICENT STATE ROOMS AT THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
- LUNCH AND THE AFTERNOON AT YOUR LEISURE TO EXPLORE EDINBURGH
- A PRIVATE GALA EVENING ONBOARD *BRITANNIA*, THE FORMER YACHT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE KIMPTON CHARLOTTE SQUARE HOTEL, EDINBURGH

DETAILS

After breakfast, we will walk down Edinburgh's legendary Royal Mile to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, once the home of Mary, Queen of Scots. Presently, it is the official Scottish residence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. After our private guided tour of the lovely gardens, used each July by Her Majesty The Queen, we will head into the magnificent State Rooms including the ancient rooms once used by Mary, Queen of Scots.

Lunch and the afternoon will be at your leisure to explore Edinburgh. After a great afternoon exploring, we will head to nearby Leith and board the Royal Yacht *Britannia* for our unforgettable evening onboard - *full event details are on page 5.*



A PRIVATE GALA EVENING ONBOARD

The Royal Yacht Britannia

On Tuesday evening, four participants will experience an unforgettable private evening onboard the Queen's private yacht and home which took Her Majesty and her family around the World representing the United Kingdom.

As we arrive, we will be piped up the red carpet using the royal entrance reserved for Her Majesty and her personal guests.

We will then enjoy a champagne and canapés reception in the Queen's Drawing Room, where guests will be able to relax and even sit on furniture personally selected for the rooms by Her Majesty.

After the reception, we will enjoy a private, expert-led tour of the yacht taking us to all areas including the private Royal Bedrooms, staff quarters, and official rooms used to entertain many of the world's Heads of State.

Then, just like Her Majesty's guests, we will process into the State Dining Room, to be seated at the royal mahogany table with the finest china, linens and crystal and where we will enjoy a 4-course dinner prepared onboard by the ship's top-rated culinary team.

After dinner, we will hear from Royal Yacht expert, Ian Shapiro who will fascinate us with stories of the history of Britannia and other royal yachts.



INSIDER TIP FROM ANDREW

"This experience will be beyond special, and exclusive. Not many people get to experience this, and I'm sure this will be the highlight of the tour for many."



The Queen's Drawing Room



DAY 3 Itinerary *Wednesday*

- A FULL SCOTTISH OR CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST TO START THE DAY
- TRAVEL FROM EDINBURGH TO GLAMIS CASTLE
- TOUR OF GLAMIS CASTLE AND GARDENS
- LUNCH AT YOUR LEISURE AT GLAMIS
- TRAVEL TO DUNNOTTAR CASTLE
- TIME TO EXPLORE DUNNOTTAR CASTLE (ON SCOTLAND'S MAJESTIC COASTLINE)
- EVENING GROUP DINNER
- OVERNIGHT AT ARDOE HOUSE HOTEL & SPA, NEAR ABERDEEN

details

After breakfast we will depart Edinburgh for Glamis Castle, one of Scotland's finest castles, and ancestral home of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Still the home of the Strathmore family, Glamis is renowned for the ancient castle, and exquisite gardens. Following a few hours at Glamis, we will head to the iconic Dunnottar Castle located right on the rugged coastline. We will continue on to our lovely overnight accommodations, the top-rated Ardoe House Hotel & Spa located near Aberdeen.



DAY 4 Itinerary *Thursday*

- DELICIOUS BREAKFAST AT ARDOE HOUSE HOTEL & SPA
- TRAVEL TO CRATHES CASTLE AND GARDENS IN THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS
- TIME TO EXPLORE CRATHES CASTLE AND ITS LOVELY HIGHLAND GARDENS
- CONTINUE ON TO BALLATER, LOCATED ON THE EDGE OF BALMORAL ESTATE
- LUNCH AND SHOPPING AT YOUR LEISURE IN BALLATER
- LATE AFTERNOON EXPLORING AND RELAXING AT FONAB CASTLE
- ELEGANT SCOTTISH EVENING DINNER IN THE LIBRARY AT FONAB CASTLE
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT FONAB CASTLE HOTEL

details

After breakfast, we will head further into the heart of the Highlands to experience the wonderful gardens and interiors at Crathes Castle. Then we're off to the wonderful village of Ballater on the edge of the Queen's Balmoral Estate. Guests will explore the town's many shops which have been supplying the Royal Family for generations. As you stroll thru Ballater, you soon discover the peace and beauty of this Highland hideaway.

This afternoon, we will arrive at Fonab Castle where we will be guests for the next two nights. Take time to relax with a book in the library or drawing room, take a stroll thru the wonderful grounds or just relax in this, your very own Highland oasis.

Tonight we will dine in full Scottish fashion in the lovely dining room at Fonab (with perhaps a Scottish surprise or two to add to the fun!).

After dinner, enjoy a Scotch before bed -- then walk up the grand staircase to your luxurious castle bedroom.



Fonab Castle, our Highland home for two nights!

DAY 5 Itinerary *Friday*

- BREAKFAST AT FONAB CASTLE
- VISIT TO CRATHIE KIRK CHURCH, THE PARISH CHURCH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II
- AFTERNOON HIGHLAND WILDLIFE SAFARI
- VISIT TO THE PICTURESQUE TOWN OF PITLOCHRY
- ELEGANT SCOTTISH EVENING DINNER IN THE LIBRARY AT FONAB CASTLE
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT FONAB CASTLE HOTEL

details

Today guests will explore the area around Balmoral Castle, the much loved retreat of the Royal Family, including a stop at Crathie Kirk, and an afternoon Highland wildlife safari. Then it's back to our Highland home, **Fonab Castle**, where we will enjoy another memorable dinner together.



River Dee



Balmoral

DAY 6 Itinerary *Saturday*

- A LUXURIOUS BREAKFAST AT FONAB CASTLE HOTEL
- TRAVEL TO SCOTLAND'S LEGENDARY STIRLING CASTLE
- TIME TO EXPLORE THE CASTLE AND ITS TREASURES
- CONTINUE ON TO EDINBURGH
- CHECK-IN TO THE KIMPTON CHARLOTTE SQUARE HOTEL IN EDINBURGH
- A MEMORABLE GROUP DINNER IN THE HEART OF EDINBURGH
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE KIMPTON CHARLOTTE SQUARE HOTEL, EDINBURGH

details

Today guests will explore Scotland's most famous castle, Stirling. A visit to Stirling is unforgettable, as many of the major events in Scotland's history have taken place within its walls. After ample time to explore, we will head back into Edinburgh where we will enjoy another memorable dinner together in full Scottish-style.

THE GLORIOUS SCOTLAND TOUR ENDS WITH TONIGHT'S OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS



TOUR DETAILS

This is a land-only package. Airfare to and from the United Kingdom is **NOT** included.



INCLUSIONS:

- 11 superior meals
- 6 nights of deluxe accommodations divided between Edinburgh, Aberdeen and The Highlands
- Superior motor coach transportation between tour destinations
- Guides, tours, and admission fees at tour venues

SPECIAL EXTRAS INCLUDED IN YOUR ITINERARY:

- Curator/expert led tours at various times
- Wine included with all group dinners
- Snacks at various points during the tour
- Welcome goodie bag with various gifts/niceties

EXCLUSIONS:

- Airfare to/from the United Kingdom
- Meals over and above the 11 included in the tour package
- Personal expenses
- Mixed drinks
- Insurance (this may be purchased via Transcendent Travel for a fee - see page 12)

PASSPORTS:

Every tour member must have a valid passport that will be in effect for at least six months after the date of the conclusion of the tour.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Space is extremely limited on this tour, and because of the exclusivity of the included events, we are unable to add participants once the maximum has been reached. Should you wish to add additional hotel nights prior to or at the conclusion of the tour, please specify when making your tour reservation.

PRICE: \$4,595
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

PRICE: \$5,595
SINGLE OCCUPANCY

All pricing is based on double occupancy. Upon request, we will make every effort to match a single guest with another party interested in sharing a room.

Due to the exclusive nature of the hotels involved, including hotels with a limited number of rooms, we are only available to offer a limited number of single occupancy rates. Those are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at \$5,595.

PLEASE NOTE: Single rooms in the United Kingdom are often much smaller than double rooms. Paying a single supplement does not guarantee you a full size double room. We will do our best to accommodate mobility requests and needs. Because of the age of many of the buildings on the itinerary, there will not be an elevator at every stop nor in every hotel.

Each day will involve a good deal of walking, and ability to maneuver steps. Please make us aware of any special needs when booking.

At the time of booking please inform us of any special dietary requests (vegetarian, allergies, etc.).

As a tour participant you agree that your image may be used by Transcendent Travel in any way deemed appropriate, but not limited to, publication in newspapers, magazines, and other print media, use in broadcast media, television or video projects, publication via the Internet, and use in marketing materials used by Transcendent.

Tour pricing is based on the current exchange rate of \$1.30 to the UK pound. Should the exchange rate rise above \$1.60 to the pound within 120 days prior to the start of the tour, Transcendent reserves the right to bill each tour participant an additional \$500 USD in order to cover the additional expense.

PAYMENTS

Transcendent Travel is pleased to offer several payment options. The options will be governed in part by the date you book your tour and the date the tour commences. Please refer to our web site: “transcendent-travel.com” or call us at 1-866-654-7508.

Should any payment be in arrears more than one payment period and no payment arrangement entered into, Transcendent reserves the right to cancel a passenger’s participation in the tour and to retain all payments to-date.

FORM OF PAYMENT

All forms of payment are available at no extra charge: Check, Money Order or Credit Card. All payments should be made out to: Transcendent Travel Services, LLC.

All payments should be mailed to:

Transcendent Travel Services, LLC
P.O. Box 3181 | New York, NY 10185-3181

Credit/Debit Card payments may be made by calling **1.866.654.7508** or online at **www.transcendent-travel.com**.

WORRY FREE TRAVEL

We want you to feel comfortable when booking a tour with Transcendent Travel, so we have a flexible **Cancel for Any Reason** policy up until 90 days prior to the tour departure date. This relaxed policy allows for ease of mind when planning your tour experience with us.

RIGHT TO RESCHEDULE

Should world conditions affect the staging of the tour (e.g., natural disasters, including, but not limited to, pandemics; war; terrorism), Transcendent Travel reserves the right to schedule the tour to a later date. In the event a tour participant is not willing to reschedule, and it is within 90 days of the tour start date, all deposits and/or tour payments will be returned to such tour participant who has signed up, less any non-refundable expenses actually incurred by Transcendent.

COVID-19

The health and safety of our customers is always our top priority. Each tour will have Covid-19 guidelines in place based on local requirements. As local ordinances are being updated regularly, we will share our policies closer to the tour start date.

We reserve the right to update these on an ongoing basis per the available data and recommendations of local authorities. Before each tour, tour participants will be informed of the latest COVID-19 protocols in place and local destination laws. If borders are closed or we have any doubts about the health and safety of a destination and cannot operate a tour, we will give you first notice on a later set of dates. Any refunds will be determined in accordance with our Worry Free Travel and Right To Reschedule Policies noted above.

TOUR GUIDE

Should the original tour director be unable to lead the tour on behalf of Transcendent Travel, Transcendent reserves the right to engage another competent tour director to lead and execute the tour.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Transcendent recognizes that circumstances occur where it may be necessary to cancel participation in the tour. Substitutions are encouraged so that cancellation fees can be avoided. For substitutions made within 30 days of a tour date, an additional substitution fee of \$400 will apply.

ITINERARY VARIATION

Transcendent Travel reserves the right to vary itineraries and/or destinations and to substitute hotels if circumstances warrant. Venues, attractions and destinations may be adjusted or modified at the sole discretion of the tour planners and Transcendent. Should you miss meeting the start of the tour, or any event during the tour duration, all financial responsibility to catch up with the tour will fall on the participant.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

Those items listed in the exclusions, as well as laundry, valet service, food not included, after-hours tea, coffee, alcoholic beverages, or other expenses of a personal nature or any other items not specified on the itinerary are not included in the tour price.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Transcendent Travel Services, LLC is strictly limited. Transcendent is not liable for (i) delays, losses, changes in routing, hotels, transportation services, and/or sightseeing or accidents incurred by said persons or operators to passengers and baggage from whatsoever cause and/or (ii) delays, losses or damages incurred or suffered including but not limited to monetary losses and physical and mental injuries as a result of any tour participant contracting COVID -19 while on the tour and/or any interruption or cancellation of the tour including without limitation losses arising from arrangements for early arrivals, late stays and/or personally arranged tours.

Transcendent also reserves the right to change the routing, hotels, and/or sightseeing and any service offered, should local conditions in our opinion warrant; the extra cost, if any, must be paid by the passengers. The right is reserved to refuse any person on this tour.

The transportation companies concerned are not responsible for any act or omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. This passage contract in use by the carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the carrier(s) and the purchasers of the tour and/or passengers. All additional expenses caused by war, natural disasters, landslides, strikes, weather delays, illness or accidents are the responsibility of the passengers.

INSURANCE

For a \$200 fee per traveler, we are pleased to offer our customers medical insurance as we travel together. Travel Medical Insurance is highly recommended, and may be purchased directly from Transcendent Travel.

Insurance via Transcendent covers the following:

- Medical Coverage up to \$50,000
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) \$25,000 for Primary & Spouse; \$5,000 for Dependent Children
- Emergency Medical Evacuation/Repatriation \$500,000
- Emergency Medical Reunion \$50,000
- Return of Mortal Remains Up to \$50,000

The purchase of medical insurance is optional, but highly recommended. We will be pleased to answer any questions you have about this coverage and will provide you with a copy of the policy.

***This policy does not cover tour participant cancellation, it covers the individual during the duration of the tour.**

Should you choose NOT to purchase the insurance, any fees or costs incurred by the individual traveler that otherwise would have been covered by insurance are the responsibility of the individual traveler. In addition Transcendent Travel is not liable for any charges not covered by the insurance policy/vendor. All insurance inclusion and exclusion information will be provided to the traveler in advance of travel.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Transcendent Travel at info@transcendent-travel.com
or call toll-free 1.866.654.7508.



My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here;
My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer;
A-chasing the wild-deer, and following the roe,
My heart's in the Highlands wherever i go.

- **Robert Burns (1759-1796)**



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IS
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