



SCOTLAND: EDINBURGH & THE HIGHLANDS - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Europe, Scotland



9 days from AU\$15,605 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Explore Scotland's heritage, trying your hand at the bagpipes in a fun workshop at the National Piping Centre
- Gain access to areas usually off limits to the public during an exclusive experience at majestic Inveraray Castle
- Savour a tasting at the Scotch whisky distillery in Lindores Abbey, whisky's "spiritual birthplace"
- Board the majestic Royal Yacht 'Britannia' for a private before-hours visit during an exploration of Edinburgh



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Glasgow, Scotland

Arrive in Glasgow, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, gather with fellow guests for cocktails and a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Hotel du Vin Glasgow | Meals: D

Day 2: Glasgow | Magic of the Pipes

Set out on a walking tour of Glasgow that reveals the glory of the city's industrial heyday. Then, explore the art of the bagpipes during an interactive workshop at the National Piping Centre. Eat lunch at a local restaurant, and then enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Hotel du Vin Glasgow | Meals: BL

Day 3: Inverness | Along the Great Glen

Venture along the shores of scenic Loch Lomond to Inveraray Castle, seat of the Dukes of Argyll. Walk through this aristocratic residence with a private guide on an exclusive A&K experience, before continuing to Fort William, gateway to the Western Highlands, for lunch. Proceed through the Great Glen past Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain. Pass Fort Augustus and travel to Loch Ness, home of fabled "Nessie," before continuing to Inverness, capital of the Highlands.

Ness Walk | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Inverness | Into the Highlands & Barrel Making

Visit Culloden Moor, the historic battle site where the Jacobite army of Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated in 1746. Proceed to nearby Clava Cairns, a Bronze Age stone formation used as a setting for the Outlander series. Stop at Speyside Cooperage to discover the art of barrel making, learning how coopers shape, shave and char oak casks for whisky. After lunch at a local pub, explore Johnston's Cashmere Mill, then return to Inverness for a traditional Scottish Night dinner at your hotel.

Ness Walk | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Inverness & St. Andrews | Wildlife & Whisky

Drive through Cairngorms National Park, home to the United Kingdom's only freely grazing reindeer herd. At Rothiemurchus, a family estate in the heart of the forest, view wildlife with a park ranger. Enjoy time for lunch at your leisure in charming Pitlochry, and then proceed on a unique Chef's Table experience at the Scotch whisky distillery at Lindores Abbey, called "whisky's spiritual birthplace," where you indulge in a tasting. Continue to the lovely coastal town of St. Andrews, regarded as the home of golf. After an introduction to the historic town, savour a Scenic Sundowner while overlooking the iconic Old Course. Check in to your hotel set on the famous links.

Old Course Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 6: St. Andrews | Design Your Day

Today, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Bike to a Nature Reserve**, meandering through St. Andrews links and along the shores of a lovely estuary.
- **Savour a Tutored Gin Tasting** and enjoy a signature gin and tonic at a top local distillery.
- **Walk St. Andrews' Old Course**, guided by a former caddy, to learn the secrets of the "Grand Old Lady" of golf.

Relax during an afternoon and evening at leisure.

Old Course Hotel | Meals: B

Day 7: Edinburgh | Traditional Afternoon Tea

Journey to Edinburgh, Scotland's elegant capital. Begin your visit with a tour of Holyrood Palace. Continue up the Royal Mile to the historic Signet Library, where you are invited to one of Edinburgh's most substantial afternoon teas, featuring savoury side dishes and sweets that make for a satisfying lunch. Afterward, explore Edinburgh Castle with a local expert and take in stunning views over the city. Later, check in to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

The Balmoral | Meals: BL

Day 8: Edinburgh | A Private Visit to Her Majesty's Yacht

Begin your day with a private, before-hours visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, a proud vessel that served as a floating home to the Royal Family for over 40 years. Enjoy a panoramic overview of the local sights before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather for a farewell dinner at a fine local restaurant.

The Balmoral | Meals: BD

Day 9: Depart Edinburgh

Transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Included with Every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Old Course Hotel, St Andrews



With 144 rooms including 35 suites, the Old Course Hotel is recognised as one of Europe's leading resorts. It borders the renowned 17th Road Hole of the Old Course and is a combination of classical and contemporary, with a lot of the décor designed by French designer Jacques Garcia.

Apart from the obvious golfing heritage, the hotel is also known for its magnificent gourmet scene. There are six unique dining and drinking experiences to enjoy during your stay, from the award-winning Scottish produce at the Road Hole Restaurant, to the Road Hole Bar that is famous for its selection of over 300 whiskies. Wherever you choose to dine, you can be sure of exceptional panoramic views of St Andrews and stunning coastline.

Only a short stroll from the historic university town St Andrews, it's a fantastic retreat for golfers and non-golfers alike.

Why we like it

- AA 5 Red Star awarded hotel
- 11 golf courses around the hotel, including its own championship course
- The only PGA-approved pro shop in St Andrews which includes a custom-fit service on irons and drivers
- Six unique dining and drinking experiences available

- **Our top tip:** head to the Road Hole Bar on a Friday or Saturday evening, to enjoy the resident pianist with a relaxing drink

The Balmoral, Edinburgh



The Balmoral is a grand railway hotel at Edinburgh's most prestigious address. A landmark in the centre of the city, the historic building's grand clock still dominates the skyline, while its enviable location, stunning views, warm hospitality and world-class facilities provide the perfect retreat. Many of the rooms have views of Edinburgh Castle and the Old Town and dinner in the Michelin-starred Number One restaurant is a treat. Unwind in the award-winning spa and enjoy the timeless elegance of its 188 rooms and suites each with spacious marble bathroom.

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

May 19, 2025 - May 27, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,605 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Jun 9, 2025 - Jun 17, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,605 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Jun 23, 2025 - Jul 1, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,605 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Jul 7, 2025 - Jul 15, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,605 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Jul 21, 2025 - Jul 29, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,605 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 1, 2025 - Sep 9, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,605 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 8, 2025 - Sep 16, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,605 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 15, 2025 - Sep 23, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,605 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 22, 2025 - Sep 30, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,605 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Oct 13, 2025 - Oct 21, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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