



## SCOTLAND: THE EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Europe, Scotland



9 days from AU\$18,360 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Witness the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo with premium access that includes a private dinner before the show, a whisky tasting and priority premium seating
- Set out on a four-wheel-drive safari into the wild Highlands and enjoy a picnic lunch amid stunning natural landscapes
- Gain access to areas usually off limits to the public during an exclusive experience at majestic Inveraray Castle
- Board the majestic Royal Yacht Britannia in Edinburgh 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. Tonight, gather or cocktails and a welcome dinner at the hotel.

***Hotel du Vin Glasgow | Meals: D***

### **Day 2: Glasgow | Esteemed Art Collection**

Enjoy a walking tour of Glasgow that reveals the glory of the city's industrial heyday. Then, explore the renowned collection of art and artifacts housed at the Burrell Collection. Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure.

***Hotel du Vin Glasgow | Meals: B***

### **Day 3: Inveraray | On the Shores of Loch Lomond**

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. Take in views of the majestic Glenfinnan Viaduct, a masterpiece of Victorian rail engineering, before settling into your castle hotel, Enjoy a Scenic Sundowner overlooking the majestic Highlands landscape before a gourmet dinner.

***Inverlochy Castle | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 4: Inverness | Historic Battle Sites & Fabled "Nessie"**

Journey through the Great Glen, passing Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain. Travel to Loch Ness, home of fabled "Nessie." Stop to view the picturesque ruins of Urquhart Castle before continuing to Inverness, capital of the Highlands, for lunch with traditional Scottish entertainment. Visit Culloden Moor, the historic battle site where the Jacobite army of Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated in 1746. Continue to nearby Clava Cairns, a Bronze Age stone formation used as a setting for the *Outlander* series. Return to Inverlochy.

***Inverlochy Castle | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 5: St. Andrews | Tasting Whisky Where it was Born**

Cross the rugged Highland interior to Aberfeldy, where you embark by 4x4 vehicle on a wilderness safari, absorbing the scenic views of lakes, forests and mountains, and keeping watch for native wildlife. Then, enjoy a picnic lunch in this idyllic location. 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 and site of the Open, the world's oldest professional golf championship. Check in to your hotel set on the famous links.

***Old Course Hotel | Meals: BLD***

### **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 an expert local guide and take in the stunning views over the city. Later, check in to your hotel.

***The Balmoral | Meals: BL***

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## Day 8: Edinburgh | The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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. Later, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant is a prelude to the precision and pageantry of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a stirring display of martial music and military-style manoeuvres that has taken place for over 70 years. Sit back in your premium grandstand seat and watch magnificent performances that symbolise Scottish culture and history and their influence around the world.

### *The Balmoral | Meals: BD*

## Day 9: Depart Edinburgh

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

### *Meals: B*

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## Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

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

Last group event: end of Military Tattoo performance at 10:30 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

### Inverlochy Castle



A member of Relais & Châteaux, this atmospheric country house hotel is uniquely located amongst the glens, lochs and mountains of Scotland's West Highlands. Built in 1863, the castle played host to Queen Victoria and today prides itself on its elegant surrounds and friendly efficient service. Each of the 17 bedrooms, all with private bathroom, have their own individual design and character, along with splendid views of the grounds and surrounding mountains. Dining at Inverlochy is an experience with modern British cuisine served in period style dining rooms. A host of activities are available from the hotel including golf, riding, white water rafting, mountain biking, shooting, fishing and off-road driving.

## 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

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## 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

### Jul 28, 2025 - Aug 5, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$18,360 pp</b>	AU\$7,645	AU\$0	Available

### Aug 4, 2025 - Aug 12, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$18,360 pp</b>	AU\$7,645	AU\$0	Available

### Aug 11, 2025 - Aug 19, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$18,360 pp</b>	AU\$7,645	AU\$0	Available

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