

Extend your stay first in the historic city of Edinburgh. This will provide an opportunity to explore the city as well as a chance to journey outside of town to see some of the nearby areas. Learn about the history of the region from your guide and take in the gorgeous scenery while you explore Scotland!

**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021** 

# **♥** Edinburgh, Scotland

Upon arrival at Edinburgh airport, meet with your chauffeur for a transfer to the city center to drop-off your bags at the Bonham Hotel. Head out to explore the city at your own leisure.

Head to the hotel this afternoon for check in. The remainder of the day is yours to relax with dinner included at the hotel this evening.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight: Bonham Hotel (or similar)

**DAY 2: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14** 

# Edinburgh, Scotland

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel, before a private walking guide will give you an introduction to the historic city of Edinburgh. Take a stroll through the narrow closes of the **Old Town** and visit **Edinburgh Castle**, overlooking the city.

**Edinburgh Castle** is a stronghold for over 3,000 years. In its dominating position overlooking the capital city, the grandeur and historical significance of Edinburgh Castle has made it a globally famous icon of Scotland and part of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site. Situated on top of an extinct volcano, gaining stunning views across the City of Edinburgh, the castle has witnessed many of the defining events of Scottish history and has dominated its surroundings with majesty for centuries.



Enjoy lunch at a local pub or cafe (own expense).

You will have some time at leisure this afternoon before you make your way to the Scotch Whiskey Experience for an early evening tour followed by a 3-course dinner in their Amber Restaurant. The tour includes a visit to the replica distillery, as you become part of the whiskey making process. Along the way you'll hear the stories behind this magical craft, with expert tour guides and whiskey advisors with you every sip of the way.

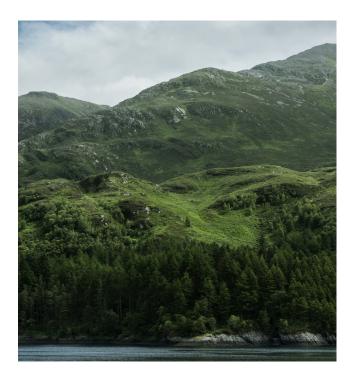
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#### **DAY 3: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15**

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After breakfast at the hotel, meet your private driver guide in the lobby and depart for a day tour to **Stirling** and the **Trossachs**.



Head first to the **Trossachs National Park** to join a sheepdog and duck demonstration at the Scottish Wool Center in Aberfoyle. In the heart of the Trossachs, you'll find the Scottish Wool Centre. Three times each day, the shepherds and their working border collie dogs will entertain you in a large grassy paddock. Several breeds of sheep can be viewed in smaller pens. See the dogs putting our ducks through their paces too, in an agility demonstration.

After the show, continue to **Loch Katrine**, which is the perfect place for a stroll along the shore and lunch or a coffee in the café at Trossachs Pier on your own arrangement.

After lunch, head onward to Loch Katrine. This 13km-long fresh water loch in the heart of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. Set in the center the loch has served as the main fresh water supply for the city of Glasgow for over 150 years. The name Loch Katrine comes from the Gaelic cateran meaning Highland robber, the most famous of which was born on the loch's northern shores, famous folkloric hero Rob Roy MacGregor.



End the day with a visit to Stirling. Stop for a visit at **Stirling Castle**, one of the largest and most important in Scotland. Explore the castle and grounds with your guide. Many Scottish Kings and Queens were crowned at Stirling, including Mary, Queen of Scots, in 1542. A palace and fortress, the impressive architecture and grand history are a delightful place to explore.

Dinner is on your own arrangement this evening after your return to the city.

Meals: Breakfast

**Overnight:** Bonham Hotel (or similar)

### **DAY 4: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Head to the Edinburgh airport today for your return to the U.S. and your connecting flights home.

### **PROGRAM INFO**

Date & Length: 4 days October 13-16, 2021

**Extension cost:** \$1,699 per person. Single supplement: \$599.

**Inclusions:** Flight to Edinburgh, group airport transfers; baggage handling; meals as mentioned; local guide for tours and transfers; and accommodations based on double occupancy.

**Not Included:** Hotel incidentals, tips to guides and drivers, and meals not mentioned.

To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form. Return no later than 90 days prior to departure or within five days of receiving the information.







#### **Bonham Hotel**

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The Bonham Hotel is a luxury boutique hotel and one of the coolest hotels in Edinburgh offering an uplifting contemporary ambiance within the classic timelessness of a Victorian town house. Overlooking tree-lined gardens in Edinburgh's West End, the hotel is just a short walk from the city's many excellent shops & boutiques, the financial district & Edinburgh Castle. The Bonham Hotel features 49 individually decorated bedrooms in a striking contemporary style. Boasting Edinburgh's most contemporary restaurant—Restaurant at The Bonham—offering French style cooking using the finest seasonal Scottish produce.

All rooms come with super comfortable Hypnos beds, luxurious bed linens, Mini fridges with complimentary water & fresh milk, welcome trays with tea and coffee, a Segafredo Espresso Machine and bathrobes & slippers, and of course complimentary Wi-Fi

Within a 10 minute walk of The Bonham Hotel you will reach the bustling shopping area of Princess Street, with many big name high street stores along with great views of Edinburgh Castle and Princes Street Gardens or turn on to upmarket George Street which is full of luxury restaurants, cocktail bars and designer shops.

