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# Scotland: Highlands and Islands

August 17-28, 2024

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Join Ohio State Alumni tours on an exclusive 12-day small group tour to Scotland. Discover Scotland's enduring appeal, traveling from city to country and loch to glen, all while encountering stunning natural beauty and historic treasures.

Starting in Glasgow, see the city's unique architecture and take a private tour of Pollok House, ancestral home of the Maxwell clan. Then set off for the scenic Scottish Highlands, stopping by the banks of Loch Lomond, Great Britain's largest lake. Visit beautiful Glencoe and take a full-day excursion to the Isle of Skye, known for its strong Gaelic influence. At Loch Ness, the lake best known for its alleged monster, enjoy a boat ride, then explore Urquhart Castle's evocative ruins. Your final destination is stately Edinburgh, where exploration includes the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Georgian "New Town," the medieval "Old Town" and the Royal Mile. Tour Holyrood and enjoy ample free time for exploring independently.

Space is limited to 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today and let Ohio State Alumni Tours help you transform your travel dreams into cherished experiences and memories.

All the best,

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**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RESERVATION FORM:  
SCOTLAND: HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS**

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 1-888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

**If you prefer**, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**  
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I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

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*“My heart’s in the Highlands,” said Robert Burns – as will you, as we travel from city to country, mainland to island, on this sweet journey. From loch to loch and glen to glen, we encounter stunning natural beauty and welcoming clans, while city life serves up the colorful past – and cosmopolitan present.*



## Day 1: Depart U.S. for Edinburgh, Scotland

**Day 2: Arrive Edinburgh/Glasgow** We arrive today in Edinburgh and transfer by coach to Glasgow, where we check in at our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. Late this afternoon we gather with our tour director for a briefing on the journey ahead. Then we enjoy a welcome dinner at either the acclaimed National Piping Centre or the well-appointed Corinthian Club. *D*

**Day 3: Glasgow** This morning’s tour highlights “Glasgow Style,” the city’s distinct architecture of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Though Glasgow has a rich medieval history, very few structures from that time survive; it is the Victorian-era buildings of red or blond sandstone with long lines that define the city’s historic built environment. Among the stand-out buildings we see: Glasgow Central Station, the Royal Exchange, and Glasgow City Chambers. We also visit Sir John W. Simpson’s immensely popular Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, housing an excellent collection of arms and armaments, and European artwork, including Salvador Dali’s “Christ of St. John on the Cross.” Following our city tour we visit Pollok House, ancestral home of the Maxwell clan and now a museum with the United Kingdom’s greatest collection of Spanish art. We take a privately guided tour of the Edwardian country house after we enjoy lunch here. We return to our hotel mid-afternoon; the remainder of the day is at leisure. *B,L*

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Well-paced journey through Scotland • Glasgow touring • Glasgow’s unique architecture • Private guided tour of Pollok House • Beautiful Scottish Highlands scenery, including Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, Glencoe, Loch Ness • Evocative ruins of Urquhart Castle • Isle of Skye excursion • Historic Culloden Moor • Medieval St. Andrews • Edinburgh touring, including Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood • Pleasing mix of guided touring and time for independent exploration

| Day  | Itinerary                 | Hotel                    | Rating           |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1    | Depart U.S. for Glasgow   |                          |                  |
| 2-3  | Glasgow                   | Grand Central Hotel      | First Class      |
| 4-5  | Fort William              | Nevis Bank Hotel         | Not rated        |
| 6-7  | Aviemore                  | Macdonald Aviemore Hotel | First Class      |
| 8    | St. Andrews               | Old Course Hotel         | Deluxe           |
| 9-11 | Edinburgh                 | Tigerlily Edinburgh      | Sup. First Class |
| 12   | Depart Edinburgh for U.S. |                          |                  |

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.*

## Day 4: Glasgow/Loch Lomond/Glencoe/Fort William

We leave Glasgow this morning by motor-coach, bound for the scenic Highlands, Scotland’s sparsely populated historic northern region. We stop by the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, Great Britain’s largest lake and part of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. We tour the island-dotted loch by coach before continuing on to Glencoe, one of Scotland’s most beautiful spots with deep valleys flanked by steep-sided mountains, rushing rivers, and dramatic waterfalls. Then we travel on to Fort William, the Highlands’ second largest settlement, arriving late afternoon. *B,D*

Cover photo: Eilean Donan Castle, which we visit on Day 5, stands as one of Scotland’s most beautiful fortresses.





We'll visit the Glenfinnan Monument honoring "Bonnie Prince Charlie" on Day 5.

**Day 5: Fort William/Isle of Skye** We embark on a full-day excursion to the Isle of Skye, the largest of Scotland's Inner Hebrides known for its vivid history, strong Gaelic influence, and stunning scenery. En route, we make a photo stop at Glenfinnan Monument honoring "Bonnie Prince Charlie" for his leadership in the Jacobite Rising of 1745. Then we board a ferry for Armadale on the southern tip of the Isle of Skye, where our touring begins with a visit to Armadale Castle and Gardens, where we have lunch. Next we set out on a scenic drive through the imposing Cuillin Hills (or "Black Cuillin"). Returning to the mainland via the Skye Bridge, we stop to visit iconic Eilean Donan Castle then dine tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

**Day 6: Fort William/Loch Ness/Aviemore** We depart today for the Northern Highlands, stopping en route at fabled Loch Ness. We enjoy a boat ride on the 23-mile-long lake best known for the unearthly creature alleged to live in its deep waters. We also visit the ruins of lakeside Urquhart Castle, one of Scotland's most popular attractions. Dating to at least the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the castle sits surrounded by water on three sides, giving it a once-formidable advantage in battle. Then we travel on to the historic Culloden Moor battle site. After time on our own to tour the museum here, we tour the hallowed grounds, site of the last battle of the Jacobite Rising in 1746. Early this evening we arrive in Aviemore, a quaint Highlands village and our home for the next two nights. *B,D*

**Day 7: Aviemore/Highlands** Our exploration of the Highlands continues on today's excursion along the Pictish Trail, sites connected with the late Iron Age/early Medieval Celtic people who once lived here. We visit striking Dunrobin Castle & Gardens, where we see a falconry demonstration, then embark on

a tour and tasting at a small local distillery that has been producing hand-crafted single malt whisky for generations. We continue our drive along the scenic coastal road flanked by small farms with sheep, cows, and Shetland ponies before returning to our hotel, where we enjoy dinner together tonight. *B,D*

**Day 8: Aviemore/Kincraig/Pitlochry/St. Andrews** Today's first stop is Kincraig, where we watch a sheep-dog demonstration with working border collies, known for their herding abilities. We travel on to the holiday town of Pitlochry in the heart of Scotland, where we enjoy some free time before continuing on to legendary St. Andrews late this afternoon; dinner tonight is on our own in this charming town. *B*

**Day 9: St. Andrews/Edinburgh** Home of Scotland's oldest university (St. Andrews) and renowned as the home of golf, where the game has been played for some 600 years, delightful – and compact – St. Andrews measures just one mile across. This morning we embark on a walking tour of the medieval seaside town, followed by lunch together then free time to explore on our own. Later this afternoon we continue on our way to Edinburgh. Dinner tonight is on our own in the Scottish capital, which boasts a robust culinary scene. *B,L*

**Day 10: Edinburgh** Our morning tour of this stately city built on seven hills features both the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Georgian "New Town" and the medieval "Old Town" – together, the districts form a UNESCO site. In the Old Town, we pay an inside visit to Edinburgh Castle, symbolic heart of the country. We also travel the Royal Mile, the warren of medieval streets that form the thoroughfare stretching from the castle to Holyrood Palace, official residence of the Queen when in Scotland. This afternoon is at leisure to



WHEREVER WE ARE, IT IS  
BUT A STAGE ON THE WAY  
TO SOMEWHERE ELSE ...”

– ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

discover Edinburgh as we wish; museums, galleries, and shops abound. *B*

**Day 11: Edinburgh** This morning we again encounter the Royal Mile, with its mix of attractions, shops, and restaurants. We tour Holyrood, as it is called, and see where British royalty schemed and slept as we tour the State Apartments. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. Tonight we celebrate our Scotland sojourn over a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 12: Depart for U.S.** We transfer this morning to the Edinburgh airport for our return flights to the U.S. *B*



Scotland is home to more than 1,000 castles.

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 19 meals: 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Edinburgh skyline, from Calton Hill

### Tour Departs: August 17, 2024

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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| Newark   | \$5,796 |
| Boston, Philadelphia   | \$5,996 |
| Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, DC          | \$6,096 |
| Charlotte, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa  | \$6,196 |
| Los Angeles, Manhattan (KS), Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Wichita | \$6,296 |
| Land Only (transfers not included)   | \$4,895 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$701, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,295. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and price is subject to change).

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Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited tour director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

**Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

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**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assumes no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase nonrefundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

**Eligibility:** Alumni, their families, and friends may travel on this tour by meeting Ohio State Alumni Tour eligibility requirements.

**COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols:** The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.



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