

# FITZGERALD TOURS Presents -SCOTTISH ISLES & GLENS Aug 3–15, 2017

## 12 Days / 11 Nights / 21 Meals

\$3,615 LAND ONLY PRICE (per person based on double occupancy)

#### Single room supplement \$636

Cost of tax & surcharges are subject to change until entire group is confirmed and ticketed.

#### **Tour Highlights:**

- Scottish Evening in Edinburgh
- Eilean Donan Castle
- Two-Night Stay on Isle of Orkney
- 5,000-Year-Old Village of Skara Brae
- Mount Stuart House on Isle of Bute
- Magnificent Highland Scenic Drives

#### For More Information Contact:

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### This Fully Inclusive Escorted Coach Tour Features:

- Sightseeing by luxury coach
- Professional tour director
- 11 nights in hotels listed
- Full breakfast daily (B) except on day 1
- 9 dinners (D) including
  - Scottish Evening in Edinburgh
  - 8 table d'hote dinners
- Welcome get-together drink
- Tour of Edinburgh
- Loch Katrine steamboat cruise and cruise on Loch Ness
- Ferry rides to Isles of Arran and Orkney
- Sheep herding demonstration by border collies at Leault Farm
- Blair Athol Distillery whisky tasting and tour
- Reserved seats for Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on July 29 to August 14 departures

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- Visits and admissions to Mount Stuart House, Eilean Donan Castle, Dunvegan Castle, Kilt Rock, Inverewe Gardens, John o'Groats, Skara Brae, Ring of Brodgar, St Magnus Cathedral, Italian Chapel, Dunrobin Castle, Urquhart Castle, Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre and Edinburgh Castle
- Audio headsets and group photo
- Deluxe carry-on backpack, ticket wallet, luggage tags & strap
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & porterage for one suitcase per person
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches and in hotel lobbies

#### First Class & Highland Hotels

- The Winnock Hotel Drymen, near Glasgow (2 nights)
- The Balmacara Hotel near Kyle of Lochalsh (2 nights)
- The Royal Hotel Ullapool (1 night)
- Kirkwall Hotel or Ayre Hotel Kirkwall (2 nights)
- Columba Hotel Inverness (2 nights)
- Apex Grassmarket Hotel Edinburgh (2 nights)

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### IRELAND , SCOTLAND , ENGLAND , WALES

### 12 Day Scottish Isles and Glens Tour Itinerary

#### Day 1: Glasgow Arrival & Loch Katrine Cruise

Your Scottish trip starts at 3:00 pm when you meet your tour director at your hotel, located in the village of Drymen, 20 miles north of Glasgow. Set out from your hotel and take a short drive through part of the Trossachs, often called "The Highlands in Miniature". Embark on the steamboat "Sir Walter Scott" for a short cruise on Loch Katrine to admire lovely scenery. Return to your hotel and relax for a time before joining your tour director and travel companions for a welcome drink before dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Isle of Bute & Mount Stuart House

Journey across a scenic Highland route and over the mountain pass of "Rest & Be Thankful." A short ferry ride will bring you to the Isle of Bute where a drive around the coast will reveal stunning sea and island scenery. Take a guided tour of the highly-decorated chambers of Mount Stuart House, built in the Iate 1870s for the 3rd Marquess of Bute. See the many Victorian comforts that were highly innovative for the era. Spend some time in Rothesay, the main town on the island. Return to your hotel for free time to relax before dining in your hotel once more. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Loch Lomond & Eilean Donan Castle

Travel alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its unsurpassed beauty. Journey through Glen Coe, often considered one of Scotland's most spectacular and beautiful places. Drive through Fort William and stop at a woolen mill for some refreshment and shop for Scottish goods. Continue your journey north to visit the romantic Eilean Donan Castle. The first fortified castle was built in the 13th century, rebuilt several times and partially ruined in 1719. Check in to your charming family-owned hotel near Kyle of Lochalsh. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Isle of Skye & Dunvegan Castle

Today explore the Isle of Skye and its Bonnie Prince Charlie associations. He fled to the island after his defeat at Culloden Moor. Travel to Dunvegan Castle, stronghold of the Chiefs of MacLeod for nearly 800 years, making it the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland. View priceless family heirlooms and stroll through formal gardens. Stop in Portree for a look at brightly-painted houses that cluster around the bay. Return to your hotel for free time before dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Inverewe Gardens & Ullapool

Enjoy Highland scenery as you drive north along the west coast to visit Inverewe Gardens, where a haven of trees and shrubs was created from 50 acres of bleak headland in 1862. The varied plantings thrive due to the warmth of the Gulf Stream. Continue to Ullapool, an active fishing and ferry port that was built in 1788 to provide a living for the people in this region. Take a brief drive around the town and check in to your hotel. (B, D) Day 6: Highland Scenery & Isle of Orkney

Today explore the northernmost section of the Highlands which is sparsely populated with remote hamlets. See huge tracts of bogland, rugged mountains, coastline and vast areas of open land. Learn about the Highland Clearances, a tragic period of history when many peasants were forced off the land and emigrated to the United States, Australia and other countries. Continue to John O'Groats, the most northern place on the British mainland and take a nearby ferry to the Isles of Orkney, enjoying dinner on board. Check in to your hotel in central Kirkwall. (B, D) Day 7: Orkney Sights & Skara Brae

Today explore the Isles of Orkney. Drive across the Churchill Barriers, created during World War II to deter German submarines. Discover the charm of the tiny Italian Chapel, built from two Nissen huts with elaborate paintings. View the Ring of Brodgar, a group of prehistoric standing stones. Visit Skara Brae, a 5,000-year-old village with remains of dwellings and then return to Kirkwall to see 12th century St Magnus Cathedral. Enjoy leisure time in the afternoon and evening to browse around the town and dine independently. (B)

#### Day 8: Dunrobin Castle & Inverness

Return by ferry to the mainland and drive down the east coast to visit Dunrobin Castle, dating to 1275 but renovated in the mid-1800s. With 189 rooms this is the largest mansion in northern Scotland. Visit chambers containing priceless artifacts, including the dining room, music room and library with over 10,000 volumes. Take a walk through the well-tended castle gardens. Continue south to your hotel in the center of Inverness, the principal town in the Highlands. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Urquhart Castle & Culloden Battlefield

Cruise into Loch Ness to visit the picturesque ruins of Urquhart Castle, once Scotland's largest castle which was destroyed in Jacobite wars. Stop at the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre to learn about the conflict where Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated in 1746, which ended the clan system in Scotland. Walk around the moor and see monuments to the various regiments who lost men. Stop for photos at Clava Cairns, a prehistoric burial place with a circle of standing stones that inspired the "Outlander" books. Return to Inverness in time to relax, shop or walk alongside the River Ness in front of your hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Sheepdog Trials & Whisky Tasting

Drive past the majestic scenery of the Cairngorm Mountains to visit Leault Farm where skilled dogs obey commands to round up sheep. Continue south to Pitlochry to visit Blair Athol Distillery, Scotland's smallest, which isset in a picturesque location outside the town. See how whisky is distilled and enjoy a tasting at the end of the tour. Drive to your hotel in Edinburgh and then head to a Scottish Evening where you'll dine on excellent Scottish cuisine followed by a lively show. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Edinburgh Castle & City Tour

This morning discover Edinburgh on a sightseeing tour. See the wide streets and elegant mansions of the 200-year-old Georgian "New Town" and walk along a section of the Royal Mile, the oldest part of the city where some houses reach 11 stories tall. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle to see historic buildings, the Stone of Scone and the Scottish Crown Jewels. Also appreciate great panoramic views over the city from the ramparts. The afternoon and evening are free. On July 29 to August 14 departures enjoy the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle. (B)

#### Day 12: Tour Ends in Edinburgh Your tour ends after breakfast. (B)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

#### INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!!

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For reservations please complete the form below and include your deposit of \$250 per person.

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