

Scotland: Highlands and Islands

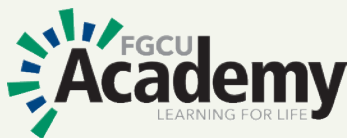
September 9-20, 2024

12 days for \$5,896 total price from Fort Myers
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Dear Friends,

Travel with us on an exclusive 12-day small group journey 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 18th-century Georgian "New Town," the medieval "Old Town" and the Royal Mile. Tour Holyrood and enjoy ample free time for exploring independently.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

John Guerra
Director, FGCU Academy

FGCU RESERVATION FORM – SCOTLAND: HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

To reserve your place on tour, **please call FGCU Academy at 239-434-4838, or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu.** Please have the information outlined below available to share with an FGCU Academy representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to FGCU Academy'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: **FGCU Academy**
Attn: John Guerra
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Naples, FL 34102

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ☐

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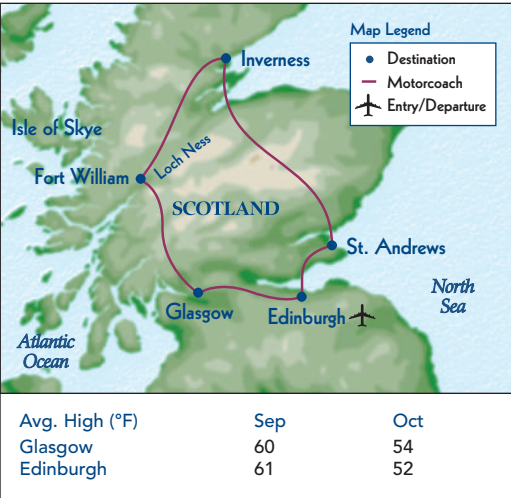
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“My heart’s in the Highlands,” said Robert Burns – as will you, as we travel from city to country, mainland to island, on this sweet journey. From loch to loch and glen to glen, we encounter stunning natural beauty and welcoming clans, while city life 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 19th and early 20th 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	Inverness	Macdonald Drumossie Hotel Inverness	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/Inverness 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 13th 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 Inverness on Scotland's northeast coast and cultural capital of the Highlands. *B,D*

Day 7: 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: Inverness/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 18th-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

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– 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*



Urquhart Castle overlooks Loch Ness.

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:
September 9, 2024

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

Newark	\$5,596
Boston, Philadelphia	\$5,796
Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Fort Myers, Washington, DC	\$5,896
Charlotte, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,996
Los Angeles, Manhattan (KS), Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Wichita	\$6,096
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,695

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).

For information and reservations, please contact John Guerra at FGCU Academy at (239)-434-4838 or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu

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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.

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Medical Conditions: If you or a member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and make this known to us before you book. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of our participants, but are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. **Smoking:** Smoking is **NOT** permitted in the hotels, on motorcoaches, or on other modes of transport used by the group.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Macdonald Drumossie Hotel

www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/drumossie

Set on nine acres of parkland near the Moray Firth, the Drumossie Hotel is an art deco resort just ten minutes from Inverness city center. This 44-room hotel also features a restaurant, bar and lounge, terrace, and a garden. Amenities include laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee) and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, minibar, coffee- and tea-making facilities, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Old Course Hotel

www.oldcoursehotel.co.uk/accommodation/old-course-hotel

The world-famous Old Course Hotel sits adjacent to the 17th fairway of the renowned The Old Course at St. Andrews, the spiritual "home of golf." In fact, Phil Mickelson's misplayed tee shot during the 2015 Open Championship came to rest on the balcony of room 130. The elegant hotel offers six dining options (including the Jigger Inn, golf's most famous 19th hole), fitness center, indoor swimming pool, spa, rooftop hot tub, laundry service, and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Each air-conditioned guest room includes private bath with hair dryer, tea- and coffee-making facilities, minibar, TV, and phone.

Tigerlily Edinburgh

www.tigerlilyedinburgh.co.uk

Sitting in the heart of Edinburgh's city center, the unique Tigerlily Edinburgh has become one of Edinburgh's most talked-about hotels. This contemporary hotel boasts stylish, comfortable common areas decorated in a variety of bright colors, and features a popular restaurant and bar, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, and laundry service. Each of the 33 air-conditioned guest rooms has private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Grand Central Glasgow

www.big.com/hotels/in/uk/glasgow/glasgow-hotel.html

The historic Grand Central Glasgow was built adjacent to the Central railroad station in 1883. The 186-room hotel has played host to stars like Charlie Chaplin and Frank Sinatra and boasts a prime "style mile" location in the heart of bustling Glasgow, close to local attractions, restaurants, and shopping. Amenities of the recently renovated hotel include a restaurant, a marble-floored champagne bar, laundry and drycleaning services (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, tea- and coffee-making facilities, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Nevis Bank Hotel

www.nevisbankinn.co.uk

Perched near the River Nevis in the scenic Fort William region just one mile north of the Fort William town center, this 20-room hotel provides travelers comforts in a modern setting. An on-site restaurant and bar caters to all tastes with a wide range of food and drink, both contemporary and traditional. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, coffee- and tea-making facilities, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, TV, and phone. Please note that lodging alternatives are limited in this area of Scotland, while your stay in this locale should be enjoyable, the standard of accommodation at this hotel will be simpler than elsewhere on your tour. Also, because of the unique nature of this hotel, room sizes and views vary, and there is no elevator.



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