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Blair Castle

Scotland - Art, Architecture, Royals & Romantic Castles

September 19 to 30, 2026 ◆ From \$8,800 per person *

From the cultural dynamism of Glasgow to the historic splendour of Edinburgh, this elegant journey reveals Scotland's many faces. We begin in Glasgow, a city alive with artistic energy and architectural innovation. Explore the legacy of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, visit the acclaimed Burrell Collection and travel to the spectacular Mount Stuart, a neo-Gothic masterpiece set on the Isle of Bute. Cruise the tranquil waters of Loch Lomond and raising a glass at a traditional Highland distillery. With hand-picked hotels, fine Scottish cuisine and warm hospitality throughout, this is Scotland at its most inspiring. Join us on this unforgettable journey through art, architecture, legend and legacy.

What's Included

- Return airport transfers*
- 3 nights at the Voco Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow
- 2 nights at the Cameron House Hotel, Loch Lomond
- 2 nights at the Dunkeld House Hotel, Dunkeld
- 1 night at the Fingal Hotel, Leith
- 3 nights at the Intercontinental Edinburgh the George, Edinburgh

- Welcome drink & canapés
 - Full English/Continental breakfast each day
 - 3-course table d'hôte dinner on 6 nights at the hotels (with after-dinner tea & coffee)**
 - Services of a tour director throughout your stay
 - Travel to & from all excursions
 - All excursion costs
 - Porterage where available
- *Supplement applies for transfers from all other airports and all other locations, including central London.

Itinerary

Sept. 19 Depart your home city and arrive the next day in Glasgow Airport

Upon arrival at Glasgow Airport, a private transfer will take you to our hotel for the next three nights, the Voco Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow. In the evening, join the group for a welcome drink and canapés, followed by dinner.

Meals: Dinner

Sept.20: Kelvingrove Museum & Glasgow

This morning, we step into the grand halls of Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, one of Scotland's most beloved cultural landmarks. Housed in a stunning Spanish Baroque-style building, the museum is home to a dazzling array of treasures, from Renaissance masterpieces and the iconic Salvador Dalí Christ of Saint John of the Cross to artifacts that trace the story of Scotland itself. We enjoy a special curator-led talk, offering insight into the building's rich history and its role in celebrating Scottish heritage and identity.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

In the afternoon, we set out on a panoramic guided tour of Glasgow, a city known for its bold spirit, architectural splendour and cultural creativity. As we travel through elegant Georgian squares, along the banks of the River Clyde and past landmarks such as Glasgow Cathedral, the University and the iconic Glasgow School of Art, we gain a deeper appreciation of the city's vibrant past and its modern-day energy. With stories of shipbuilding, industry, music and revolution, today offers a captivating glimpse into the beating heart of Scotland's largest city.

Meals: Breakfast

Sept. 21: Pollock House & Burrell Collection Museum

The morning begins with a visit to the elegant Pollock House, a grand Georgian mansion tucked away in the leafy expanse of Pollock Country Park. Once the family home of the Maxwell family, the house offers a glimpse into the lives of the Scottish aristocracy, with richly decorated interiors, fine furniture and an impressive collection of Spanish art, including works by El Greco and Goya. There's time to enjoy the beautifully kept gardens or perhaps take a stroll along the nearby woodland paths before we return to our hotel for some free time.

In the afternoon, we continue to the Burrell Collection, one of Scotland's most remarkable museums. Set within the same park, the recently renovated museum houses the extraordinary private collection of shipping magnate Sir William Burrell. The range is astonishing – from Chinese ceramics and Islamic art to medieval stained glass, French Impressionist paintings and ancient artifacts. As part of our evening experience, we sit down to dinner in the restaurant after exploring The Burrell Collection.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Sept. 22: Hill House Helensburgh & Loch Lomond

We make our way to Hill House in Helensburgh, one of the most celebrated domestic buildings in Scotland. The house is a masterpiece of early 20th-century design. As we step inside, we'll be struck by the perfect balance of simplicity and detail – delicate stencilling, stained glass and elegant furniture all come together in a harmony of Art Nouveau and Scottish tradition. The house is currently enclosed in a protective steel frame, allowing a fascinating view of conservation work in progress while preserving this architectural treasure for future generations.

Enjoy a relaxing lunch at the Loch Lomond Arms Hotel, nestled in the village of Luss with views of the surrounding hills and waters. INext take to the water for a scenic cruise on Loch Lomond, the largest inland stretch of water in Britain. We are reminded why this loch has inspired poets and travellers for centuries – it's a truly timeless Highland scene.

This evening, we check into the Cameron House Hotel, our base in Loch Lomond for the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Kelvingrove Museum

Sept. 23: Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute

Travel to Wemyss Bay, where we board the ferry to Rothesay to reach the peaceful Isle of Bute. there's a sense of stepping into another world – quieter, greener and somehow gentler. Our destination is Mount Stuart, a magnificent neo-Gothic mansion set within 300 acres of landscaped grounds and gardens.



Royal Yacht Britannia

Soaring vaulted ceilings, stained glass, rich marble and astrological symbolism all combine to create a space that feels more cathedral than country house. After our tour, we enjoy a traditional afternoon tea.

Meals: Breakfast, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

Sept. 24: Inveraray Castle & Trossachs National Park Scenic Drive

Journey to the shores of Loch Fyne for a private tour of Inveraray Castle. With its fairy-tale turrets and grand façades, the castle is a fine example of Scottish baronial architecture, set against a backdrop of wooded hills and glistening water.

In the afternoon, we enjoy one of the most picturesque drives of the tour as we pass through the Trossachs National Park. We arrive later in the charming town of Dunkeld, where we settle into our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Sept. 25: Blair Castle & Blair Athol Distillery

Visit the stately Blair Castle, nestled in the heart of Highland Perthshire and home to the Dukes and Earls of Atholl for over 750 years. Our private tour reveals a fascinating blend of Scottish history, aristocratic heritage and personal stories. From the fine 18th-century interiors to the grand Victorian ballroom, each room is filled with portraits, weapons and treasured heirlooms. Outside, the landscaped gardens and wooded grounds offer a peaceful setting, with red deer and Highland cattle often seen roaming nearby. See the Blair Athol Distillery, one of Scotland's oldest working distilleries. Here we enjoy a Signature Tour with a tasting.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Sept. 26: Scone Palace, Dunfermline Abbey & Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum

Travel to Scone Palace, once the ancient crowning place of Scottish kings, including Macbeth and Robert the Bruce.

Next visit the striking Dunfermline Abbey, resting place of many Scottish monarchs. Just a short stroll away is the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum, set in the humble weaver's cottage where the great philanthropist and industrialist was born.

Tonight, we dine in style aboard the Fingal, Edinburgh's luxurious floating hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

Sept. 27: Royal Yacht Britannia, St Giles Cathedral & Spirit of Scotland Dinner Show

Step aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia, once the floating residence of Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family for over 40 years. Our private tour takes us through the elegant State Apartments, the cozy crew quarters and even the gleaming engine room. As we wander the decks, imagine the royal voyages across the globe, the glittering receptions and quiet family moments that unfolded at sea. This is a rare and intimate glimpse into royal life.

Next visit St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh. Later this evening we enjoy a special evening event – the Spirit of Scotland Dinner Show. With traditional music, highland dancing and a taste of classic Scottish fare.

Sept. 28: Holyrood House & Edinburgh Castle

Tour the Palace of Holyroodhouse the official Scottish residence of the monarch.

This Afternoon visit the mighty Edinburgh Castle, perched dramatically on its volcanic rock.

We finish the day with a touch of indulgence – afternoon tea with Prosecco

Meals: Breakfast, Afternoon Tea

Sept. 29: Mellerstain House & Floors Castle

Visit to the exquisite Mellerstain House, set amidst the gentle Borders landscape. Wander through the richly furnished rooms, note the plasterwork ceilings, delicate colour schemes and remarkable collections of art and furniture.

Continue to Floors Castle in nearby Kelso, the largest inhabited castle in Scotland and the grand seat of the Duke of Roxburghe.

We return to Edinburgh for a farewell dinner at Prestonfield House, a baroque mansion where candlelight, rich décor and exquisite cuisine create the perfect setting to reflect on our Scottish journey.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Sept. 30: Departure

A private transfer will take you back to Edinburgh Airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: the order of excursions is subject to change and guided tours are subject to restrictions.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I make a booking?

Call National Trust Tours at **888-484-8785** to register by phone (preferred method) **Monday - Friday from 9am to 5pm (EST)** or register online at www.nationaltrusttours.com.

***Please note:** featured prices are inclusive of the National Trust membership discount. **If you are not a National Trust Member, there is a \$150 increase on the prices shown.**

When are payments due?

When you confirm your booking with us, a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to secure your place. The final balance payment must be paid to us no later than 90 days prior to the tour departure date. Of course, full payment can be made at the time of booking if you prefer and for bookings made less than 8 weeks before the tour departs this will be a requirement.

How can I pay?

We accept debit and credit cards for deposits and full payment.

What paperwork will I receive?

When your booking is confirmed, we will email you a booking confirmation document along with a copy of our full Terms and Conditions and the reading list. Approximately 28 days prior to the tour, we will prepare and send you our Travel Pack with your finalized information and tour itinerary details.

Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, this is essential; we can only accept a booking on the basis that you have taken out a full and comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover the full duration of your trip. We will ask you to confirm this to us. If you choose not to take out travel insurance, this is done so against our advice and at your own risk; we will ask you to sign a declination form indemnifying us from any responsibility or cost in the event of medical emergency or repatriation. Information on travel insurance will be sent to you upon tour confirmation. USI Travel Insurance Services offers a plan designed specifically for National Trust Tours travelers. For details, please contact National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785.

Do I need a passport and visa?

It is your responsibility to ensure you have a full passport and we recommend that it is valid for 6 months after the return date of your trip. At the time of printing, tourist visas are not required for US or Canadian citizens visiting the UK for under 90 days solely for the purpose of tourism. If you are not a US or Canadian citizen or you are combining your visit with business, it is your responsibility to check the requirements for visiting the UK, you can do this by visiting the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) website to determine whether you need a visa to enter the United Kingdom.

Are there single traveler room supplements?

Yes, you can contact us to enquire about single supplement prices. Please book early as single rooms sell fast.

Are room upgrades available?

All of the hotels on these tours have been hand-picked for their high quality of accommodation and service. However, in some instances room upgrades are available and we would be happy to assist you to arrange these should you be interested. For more information on the hotels please visit our website.

Can you arrange extra hotel nights?

Yes, if you decide to arrive a few days before the start of the tour or leave a few days after the end of the tour, we are happy to arrange extra nights' accommodation. However, this service is only available at hotels that feature in the tour on which you are traveling and a \$35 administration fee is charged for this service.

Are meals included?

All breakfasts are included on all tours. Certain lunches and dinners are also included and you should study the tour itinerary in this brochure to determine what meals are included on your chosen tour. Meals not mentioned are not included and all beverages are at your own expense throughout the tour.

What do I do about any dietary requirements?

Please inform us at the time of booking, we will pass your information on to the hotel, property or restaurant who will do their best to accommodate your requirements.

How many passengers will be in the Albion Journeys tour group?

Typically, between 10 and 30.

What is the role of the Tour Director?

Our friendly Tour Director will meet you for a welcome dinner at the beginning of each tour. Their role is to facilitate the smooth organization of all operational aspects of the tour. If you have any queries or experience any issues during the tour, they are there to assist you.

Will the excursions change?

Please note that we plan our tours far in advance and the order and availability of excursions may be subject to change. In the event of a property not being available to visit, we will substitute with a similar visit, and you will be informed of the full details.

How much walking will there be on these tours?

As much or as little as you like. Any included guided tours will operate at a fairly relaxed pace, as with many historic houses and gardens, you may experience some uneven flooring and steps along the way. Of course, you will always have the option to explore any venue by yourself at your own pace. If you have any specific concerns, please contact us.

What are the arrangements for luggage?

The standard luggage allowance is one item of hand luggage and one suitcase per person restricted to a maximum weight of 20kgs (44 pounds). We do provide portage at each of the hotels used on our tours where available, however, as with all things of a personal nature, it is your responsibility to ensure your suitcase is loaded onto the vehicles we use throughout the tour.

What clothing should I bring?

Comfortable leisurewear is recommended for the daytime. In the evening many participants prefer to wear smarter dress for dining. While gentlemen may choose to wear a jacket in the restaurant in the evening, at most hotels this is not obligatory, we will of course inform you if any hotel does have a dress code. It is advisable to bring layered clothing and a light waterproof jacket. We recommend sturdy footwear when visiting gardens as the ground may be soft underfoot. Many historic properties request ladies do not wear high heels which may damage flooring.

Can you arrange my flights to the UK?

Albion Journeys do not arrange your air travel for our tours; this is your responsibility and gives you the flexibility to decide on your own routing.

What should I budget for tipping?

While it is not compulsory, it is customary to tip the coach driver and Tour Director as well as offering a small gratuity to the transfer drivers to acknowledge the services they have provided. As a guideline we suggest a rate of £5 (about \$6.50 as of this printing) per day for your coach and transfer drivers and £10 (about \$13 as of this printing) per day for your Tour Director. Gratuities for hotel staff and the tour guides you may meet at properties are at your discretion.

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It is important that you read the following booking conditions extract and the full booking conditions shown on our website at albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions. These online booking conditions form the basis of your contract with us. Please read them and the extract below carefully as they apply to all bookings you make with us unless otherwise specified.

1. VACATION PAYMENT: When you make a booking you must pay a deposit for every person named on the booking. Deposits per person and the balance due date (the period before the departure date on which your full balance normally becomes due) are:

Deposit	Balance due date
\$1,000 (USD)	90 days before departure

If you cannot make a payment by card at the time of booking, please speak to one of our Reservations staff to discuss other options. You can make payments against your balance anytime between making the booking and the balance due date. If the balance is not paid on time we reserve the right to treat your booking as canceled by you and apply cancellation charges as set out in clause 3 below. For bookings made after the balance due date, the full amount is due at the time of booking.

2. OUR AGREEMENT: A contract is formed when we issue to you the booking confirmation document and terms and conditions. It is important you read through these and any other documents you receive and advise us of any inaccuracy within 14 days of the document date. By accepting the booking is correct you agree to our terms and conditions.

We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracy in any document within 14 days of our sending it out. This contract and all matters arising out of it will be governed by English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

3. VACATION CANCELLATION BY YOU: If you want to cancel your booking after we have confirmed it with you either verbally, over the telephone or by email, you can do so over the phone or in writing. The following cancellation charges will apply:

91 days or more prior to departure	\$1,000 (USD)
90 days or less before departure	100% of the program cost is non-refundable

If any member of your party is prevented from traveling, that person may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you) providing we are notified no less than two weeks before departure.

Full terms and conditions will be provided with your booking confirmation. They are also available on request or via our website: albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions.

Bookings are accepted on the basis that you have read and understood them.

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