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Blair Castle

Scotland - Art, Architecture, Royals & Romantic Castles

September 19 to October 1, 2026 ♦ From \$8,800 per person

Celebrate the spirit of Scotland – a land of proud traditions, bold creativity, royal legacies and breathtaking beauty. From vibrant Glasgow to historic Edinburgh, this journey reveals Scotland’s many faces. In Glasgow, we explore the legacy of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, visit the acclaimed Burrell Collection and travel to Mount Stuart, a neo-Gothic masterpiece on the Isle of Bute. We then immerse ourselves in majestic landscapes, cruising Loch Lomond and raising a glass at a Highland distillery. With handpicked hotels, fine cuisine and warm hospitality, discover Scotland through its art, architecture, legend and enduring traditions.

What’s Included

- ♦ Airport transfers from Glasgow Airport and to Edinburgh Airport*
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Travel to & from all excursions
- ♦ All excursion costs
- ♦ Porterage where available
- ♦ 2 bottles of water per person per day

*Supplement applies for transfers from all other airports and all other locations, including central London.

**Please note that the availability of the 3-course table d’hôte dinner may vary depending on the hotel, as some establishments offer a set menu.

Itinerary

September 19: Depart your home city and arrive the next day in Glasgow

September 20: Arrival

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

September 21: Kelvingrove Museum & Glasgow

This morning, we explore Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, a cherished Scottish landmark in a stunning Spanish Baroque-style building. Highlights include Renaissance masterpieces, Salvador Dalí’s *Christ of Saint John* of the Cross and artifacts telling Scotland’s story. A curator-led talk enriches our understanding of its history and role in celebrating Scottish heritage.

In the afternoon, we embark on a panoramic tour of Glasgow. Passing Georgian squares, the River Clyde, Glasgow Cathedral and more, we uncover the city’s vibrant history through tales of shipbuilding, industry, music and revolution.

Meals: Breakfast

“Taste the true flavour of Bonnie Scotland.”

September 22: Pollock House & Burrell Collection Museum

The day starts with a visit to Pollock House, a Georgian mansion in Pollock Country Park. Formerly home to the Maxwell family, it showcases Scottish aristocratic life with ornate interiors, fine furniture and Spanish art by El Greco and Goya. Guests can explore the gardens or woodland paths before returning to the hotel for free time.

In the afternoon, we visit the Burrell Collection, a renowned museum in the same park. It features Sir William Burrell’s diverse private collection, including Chinese ceramics, Islamic art, medieval stained glass, Impressionist paintings and ancient artifacts. The day concludes with dinner at the museum’s restaurant after exploring the exhibits.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

September 23: Hill House Helensburgh & Loch Lomond

We visit Hill House in Helensburgh, a renowned 1902 Scottish domestic building by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, blending Art Nouveau and Scottish tradition with stencilling, stained glass and elegant furniture. Lunch at Loch Lomond Arms Hotel in Luss offers scenic views and in the afternoon, we cruise Loch Lomond, Britain’s largest inland water stretch, passing islands and peaks in a classic Highland scene that has inspired for centuries. This evening, we check into the Cameron House Hotel, our base in Loch Lomond for the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

September 24: Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute

This morning, we head to Wemyss Bay to take the ferry to Rothesay, crossing the Firth of Clyde to the tranquil Isle of Bute. Our destination is Mount Stuart, a neo-Gothic mansion surrounded by 300 acres of landscaped grounds. With a guide, we explore this stunning late 19th-century house, showcasing vaulted ceilings, stained glass, marble and astrological symbolism, concluding with afternoon tea. Later, we return via ferry to Loch Lomond and our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

September 25: Inveraray Castle & Trossachs National Park Scenic Drive

After breakfast, we check out and head west to Loch Fyne for a private tour of Inveraray Castle, the ancestral seat of the Dukes of Argyll. With fairytale turrets and façades, this Scottish baronial castle is set against wooded hills and glistening water. Inside, its rooms feature tapestries, fine furniture, family portraits and a striking armoury hall.

In the afternoon, we take a scenic drive through



Inveraray Castle

Trossachs National Park, a region of lochs, hills and forests that has long inspired artists. We stop at Queen’s View Viewpoint, reportedly loved by Queen Victoria.

We arrive later in the charming town of Dunkeld, where we settle into our hotel for the next chapter of our Scottish journey.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

September 26: Blair Castle & Blair Athol Distillery

We take a private tour of Blair Castle, home to the Dukes and Earls of Atholl for over 750 years. Highlights include 18th-century interiors, a Victorian ballroom, portraits, weapons and heirlooms. Outside, landscaped gardens and wooded grounds offer tranquility, with red deer and Highland cattle often nearby.

In the afternoon, we visit the historic Blair Athol Distillery in Pitlochry. The Signature Tour reveals how its rich, smooth single malt is crafted using copper stills and Highland water, ending with a tasting of its warm, mellow whisky.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

September 27: Scone Palace, Dunfermline Abbey & Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum

Leaving Dunkeld, we head south to Scone Palace near Perth, where Scottish kings like Macbeth and Robert the Bruce were crowned. Now home to the Earls of Mansfield, it boasts rich interiors, fine furniture and portraits. In the afternoon, we visit Dunfermline, Scotland’s former capital. Dunfermline Abbey, resting place of King Robert the Bruce, houses his tomb beneath the tower. Nearby, the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum showcases the philanthropist’s life in his childhood home.

Tonight, we check into our hotel and dine in style aboard the *Fingal*, Edinburgh’s luxurious floating hotel, in their elegant 2AA Rosette restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Royal Yacht Britannia

September 28: Edinburgh, St Giles Cathedral & Holyrood House

This morning, we head into the heart of atmospheric Edinburgh for some free time, followed by a visit St Giles’ Cathedral, boasting soaring Gothic architecture and a magnificent Thistle Chapel.

Next is a private tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the monarch. Walking through its grand halls and intimate chambers, we are immersed in centuries of royal history – from the turbulent times of Mary, Queen of Scots, to the elegant State Apartments still used by the King today.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Holyrood House

September 29: Royal Yacht Britannia, Edinburgh Castle & Spirit of Scotland Dinner Show

This morning, we step aboard a true icon of British heritage – 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.

In the afternoon, we make our way up the Royal Mile to the mighty Edinburgh Castle, perched dramatically on its volcanic rock. With a knowledgeable guide, we explore the castle’s storied past – from ancient sieges to royal births – and take in breathtaking views across the city skyline. We stand before the Stone of Destiny and the Honours of Scotland, symbols of sovereignty steeped in myth and memory.

Later, a special evening event awaits – the Spirit of Scotland Dinner Show, with traditional music, highland dancing and a taste of classic Scottish fare.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



September 30: Mellerstain House & Floors Castle

Our final day starts at Mellerstain House near Gordon, a masterpiece partly designed by Robert Adam. We explore its elegant classical interiors, featuring plasterwork ceilings, refined color schemes and impressive art and furniture collections. Next, we visit Floors Castle in Kelso, Scotland’s largest inhabited castle and home to the Duke of Roxburghe. A guided tour reveals opulent rooms adorned with tapestries, antiques, paintings and personal touches of a lived-in home.

In the evening, we return to Edinburgh for a farewell dinner at Prestonfield House, a baroque mansion with candlelight, rich décor and exquisite cuisine – a perfect end to our Scottish journey.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

October 1: Departure

A private transfer will take you 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.

Tour Highlights

- ♦ Curator-led talk at Kelvingrove Museum
- ♦ Panoramic guided tour of Glasgow
- ♦ Dinner at the Burrell Collection Museum
- ♦ 1 lunch & 1 dinner at local restaurants
- ♦ Scenic cruise on Loch Lomond
- ♦ Guided tour & afternoon tea at Mount Stuart House
- ♦ Private guided tour at Inveraray Castle
- ♦ Scenic drive through the Trossachs National Park
- ♦ Scenic stop at Queen’s View Viewpoint
- ♦ Private guided tour of Blair Castle
- ♦ Signature tour & tasting at Blair Athol Distillery
- ♦ Guided tour at Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum
- ♦ Private guided tour of Royal Yacht Britannia
- ♦ Private guided tour at Holyrood House
- ♦ Dinner aboard the Fingal 2AA Rosette floating restaurant & hotel
- ♦ Admission to the Spirit of Scotland Dinner Show
- ♦ Guided tour & afternoon tea with Prosecco at Edinburgh Castle
- ♦ Guided tour of Floors Castle