

DAY 1

Our guests will arrive at Edinburgh Airport this morning, where they will be met by our local Language speaking Blue Badge Guides who will escort the guests to their waiting coaches. Guests will transfer to Edinburgh City Centre for lunch on arrival. Today, lunch will be served at the beautiful restaurant, the Dome in Edinburgh.

The Dome is a magnificent building, located in the heart of Edinburgh and which dates back over 200 years. The site of the Dome was originally the site of the Old Physicians Hall, built and designed by James Craig, the celebrated planner of Edinburgh's New Town. At one time a former bank, the building has been tastefully restored to provide a stylish setting for dinners, meetings etc... As guests enter through the Corinthian Portico, they can savour the elegance, comfort and service that the Dome offers today. The building is a wondrous sight - with ornate ceilings, sculptured panels and wonderful stained glass windows.



This afternoon, guests will get to know Edinburgh a little better enjoying a panoramic guided tour of Edinburgh by coach, followed by a visit to Edinburgh Castle.

The guests will enjoy a tour of the New Town of Edinburgh first of all. North of the green space of Princes Street Gardens is the New Town, where neo-classical symmetry and grand facades were planned and built from the mid 18th century onwards. Imposing buildings such as the Royal Scottish Academy and the National Gallery of Scotland, along with the impressive columns of the unfinished National Monument on Calton Hill dominating the skyline to the east of Princes Street, all add to the unique atmosphere of this city for so long addressed as the Athens of the North.

Next, the group will move onto the Old Town. This part of the city grew around the Castle Rock, fortified over two millennia. It expanded down the glacier-formed slope to the east (which became the Royal Mile), to end by the craggy foot of the ancient royal hunting forest now called Holyrood Park. The Queen's official Scottish residence, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, now stands here in the shadow of Arthur's Seat, the city's own distinctive landmark, which is visible for miles. The Royal Mile is also home to many of the city's most important and impressive buildings such as St Giles Cathedral and the City Chambers. The tour will also take in the Grassmarket that lies in the shadow of Edinburgh Castle, which was a hive of activity in days gone by and was also where criminals were hung!



Later transfer to Edinburgh Castle for a visit. Edinburgh Castle is one of the most famous castles in the world. The castle stands on an extinct volcano, which has been a fortress from time immemorial. From here, guests will also be able to enjoy superb views across the city of Edinburgh before transferring to their hotel.

Transfer to the hotel late afternoon and check in for three nights.

This evening transfer to the Royal Mile, located in Edinburgh medieval Old Town where you will be met by a local storyteller. You will be taken on a short tour of the cities Old Town and discover some of Edinburgh's most haunted locations. The tour will end with a dinner in the unique Marlin's Wynd.



Set in the heart of Edinburgh's Historic Old Town, the splendid vaulted cellars of Marlin's Wynd provide a stunning venue for private functions. Dating back to 1530, Marlin's Wynd is thought to be named after John Meroulin, the French stonemason who was responsible for the paving of the Royal Mile in the early 16th century. The vaults are, in effect, part of the North Bridge which once linked two areas of Edinburgh. As the city's population grew, the need for accommodation meant that every conceivable inch of land was used - including the arches under the spans of the bridges. After years of neglect and ignorance, the vaults of Marlin's Wynd have been restored to life. Splendidly refurbished, the stone walls are hung with tapestries and glow with candle-light.

DAY 2

Option 1: Taxi Treasure Hunt

This morning our guests will have the chance to take part in a taxi style treasure hunt of Edinburgh City Centre, using traditional British style black taxi cabs.

Taxi! Is a black cab treasure hunt that will have teams reaching into their own imagination, thinking on their feet and working towards a common goal. They will drive through Scotland's most exciting city visiting unusual locations and attractions as they endeavour to work out a myriad of clues, visit a range of check points and perform a number of hilarious tasks.

Team Transport

Each team will have its own black cab – complete with driver!

Team Issue

Each team will also be issued with the following:

- £5.00 cash, for scavenger hunt items, all to be receipted.
- Polaroid Camera with a ten shot instant film.
- Road Map of area
- Instructions and clues
- Clipboard with pad of paper and pencil

Clues / Tasks

Clues and check points will be many and varied providing a set number of points depending on the distance to travel, the complexity of the task to be performed or the difficulty of the clue to be solved. There are three categories:

Information Hunt: Teams are given a long list of questions for which they must find the answers by visiting areas of historic or local interest.



Photo Hunt: Using a Polaroid camera, teams must take photos of the poses listed. E.g. Team in a Rolls Royce, On a castle, Up a tree etc.

Scavenge Hunt: Again from a list, teams must collect as many of the items as possible and return with them. E.g. A haggis, Stone of Destiny, Grass from Murrayfield, celebrity signature etc.



There is far too much for teams to do in the time available and so teams must plan their route carefully to maximise their time and win the highest number of points

The taxi rally will end in the city centre and guests will have lunch. The rally winners will be announced over coffee.







Option 2: Traditional Highland Games at your Country Retreat

Guests will transfer to a private estate for a traditional Scottish Highland Games. The games arena would be located in the grounds of your chosen country estate with some beautiful picturesque views.

Watch a 15 minute demonstration by your instructors or professional games men called 'Heavies' who will perform 'highland' activities. Now it's your turn! It is fun to watch your colleagues try their skills at the various traditional games.

Enjoy a morning of highland activities in the arena involving participation or simply watching the demonstrations.

<p>Fun Field Caber Tossing Shot Putt Haggis Hurling</p>		<p>Skill and strength are needed to throw the caber (a tree trunk), haggis or shott putt for them to land correctly.</p>
<p>Archery</p>		<p>In search of Robin Hood! Using the finest of equipment with tuition on hand, team members attempt to amass the highest possible score</p>
<p>Bag piping & Highland Quiz</p>		<p>This ancient instrument has been played for years. Now you have the chance to marvel at its unmistakable sound... or do you?</p>
<p>Tug O' War finale</p>		<p>The ultimate test of strength and skill as your selected team work together to overcome the opposition. A great teamwork activity.</p>

Lunch



Enjoy a rustic and informal BBQ with a traditional spit roast and beers.

Following lunch, there is the option to transfer to the nearby Glenkinchie Whisky Distillery to discover the art to making Scotland's national drink. There will of course be the opportunity to sample the whisky at the end of a tour.



Outside of Edinburgh, to the south of the Firth of Forth, Glenkinchie Distillery was established in 1824 in the Glen of Kinchie, from which it derives its name. The Lowland malt made here was originally produced for the English market where the preference was for a whisky with less "bite" than that from the Highlands.

This is a fairly small distillery, but guests will still have the opportunity to view each stage of the whisky making process.

Return to Edinburgh following the whisky tour and tasting.

Option 3: Wilderness Scotland Outdoor Activities

Today the group will be split up into smaller groups in order to participate in a variety of outdoor and adventurous activities as listed below;

Mountain Biking in the beautiful Burnhan woods at Dunkeld countryside – 15 mins transfer from the hotel

This activity is flexible and adaptable to all ages and abilities therefore enjoyable for all group dynamics.

White Water Rafting on the River Tay/Tummell (30 from hotel)

Open River and Loch Canoeing on the beautiful and picturesque River/Loch Tay, where the more adventurous of the group can really get out and experience all that the Scottish Wilderness has to offer.



Mountain Walking/Hiking



With our unique blend of personal experience within the corporate and the outdoors adventure sectors, we will create and deliver an exciting and professional carbon-neutral experience, tailored to the needs of your group.

Accompanied by your very own Mountain Ranger the group will take a leisurely hike through the beautiful Perthshire Mountains and fill your lungs with the healthy fresh air.

Canyoning – Climbing, Abseiling and Cliff Jumping down into a river(30 from hotel)

With all of these options they include a full day accompanied by a qualified guide, all equipment and a filling and healthy picnic lunch or a pub/restaurant lunch is included.

Return to Edinburgh City Centre late afternoon.
This evening dinner will take place at one of the following venues.

Dinner Option 1: Scotch Malt Whisky Society

The Society’s newest venue is a beautifully restored Georgian townhouse on one of the New Town’s main thoroughfares, handy for those visiting, living or working in the city centre. Queen Street houses are renowned for their magnificent views across the waters of the Firth of Forth. No 28 is no exception and its suites of elegant rooms range over three floors reached by a sweeping staircase which ascends to a cupola framed by exquisite plasterwork.

The group will enjoy their very own private whisky tasting in this Edinburgh’s finest whisky club where the group can relax and enjoy the Scotch Malt Whisky’s best whisky and their fine Scottish cuisine.



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Dinner Option 2: Tigerlily, George Street



This chic and informal venue is ideal for a Thursday evening out in Edinburgh’s trendy George St. in the New town. There is a choice of frankly dazzling dining areas are perfect for large groups. Prefer a more intimate gathering? The exclusive private dining area fits the bill without feeling isolated from the rest of the restaurant.

DAY 3

Option 1: The Trossachs Programme

The guests will leave the hotel this morning and make their way West to the Trossachs National Park, which at this time of year comes alive with colour and wildlife. Here the group will take a private charter of the Sir Walter Scott Steam Ship and explore all of the natural landscape the Trossachs has to offer.

The perfect place to enjoy the timeless beauty of The Trossachs. Magnificent landscapes shaped by nature, and immortalised in poetry by Sir Walter Scott.

Cruise Loch Katrine to fully enjoy its magnificent setting, which has enchanted visitors for generations. Explore its secret corners on Ellen's Isle, take in the view from Lady of the Lake, or enjoy the special experience of a classic steamship cruise on board Sir Walter Scott. Tea/Coffee and homemade shortbread will also be served on board.

After the relaxing cruise the group will be taken further west to the town of Aberfoyle where they will enjoy a beautiful



lunch in the Forest Hills Hotel.

Before or after lunch the group will enjoy a really spectacular demonstration of a Working Sheepdog and Duck Herding!!

All groups thoroughly enjoy this activity as they themselves have to try and recreate what the dogs have successfully completed. A fun filled after lunch activity!



Working Sheepdogs offers visitors a unique opportunity to watch working dogs in action! See up to eight dogs working as a team manoeuvring sheep and ducks through various obstacles.

Every dog has its own set of commands enabling visitors to see how each dog responds to its individual whistles. Each move by the dogs is explained by their handler, Neil, during the 45 minute demonstration.

Later, guests may also enjoy a demonstration of the ancient art of Falconry.

This form of hunting, known as the ancient sport of kings is among the oldest traditions in Scotland. Participants will be introduced to a variety of birds with the handler delighting the group with a number of demonstrations. The session will conclude with all participants handling and flying one of these magnificent birds.

This activity is participative and the group will learn how to handle the birds as well as admire their beauty.



Option 2: Highland Safari

Today, our guests will get to experience some of the beautiful scenery that Scotland has to offer during as well as participating in a range of activities. Depart Edinburgh and head north to Perthshire an area of stunning scenery. On arrival the team will greet the group and Donald will introduce the group to the day's events over a morning coffee and shortbread.

Then, the group will travel West towards Glenlyon, the longest and reputedly most beautiful Glen in Scotland. The group will enjoy clay target shooting and instruction amidst this fantastic backdrop where guests will be taken through an exciting range of targets to test their shot and with expert tuition, guests will see their aim improve rapidly.

Climb aboard your Safari Land Rover with your kilted LANTRA off road driving Instructor and head into the hills high above Highland Perthshire. Experience the thrill of this 4 x 4 Off Road Trailing at heights of 2000 – 3000 feet. Learn new skills as you forge your way through mountain burns and up heather clad slopes.

This exclusive 4 x 4 trail passes Mountain Lochans and ancient settlements travelling through forests and moors on private hill roads. Armed with our binoculars and telescope, you may be lucky enough to see the Golden Eagle high overhead searching for mountain Hares and Red Grouse. This is the home of the wild red Deer; fearsome yet majestic.



Enjoy the breathtaking scenery overlooking the market town of Aberfeldy on to Loch Tay and Ben Lawers, Perthshire's highest mountain. At a scenic outcrop, sample a memorable dram' of Dewars whisky. The trailing course is exciting, adventurous and fun and leads guests to the lunch venue which is a cosy Marquee set in a wooded glade of old pines at 1600ft.

It's an exclusive location high above the Appin Valley with views of Glenlyon, Scotland's longest glen and Schiehallion; The Fairy Mountain. Here enjoy a delicious lunch. This can be as simple as a tasty picnic or a delicious

buffet– dining in this amazing location is something you will never forget.

Enjoy some splendid New World boutique wines and refreshing chilled beers. Served by kilted Ghillies and wines are personally selected from our local winery.

Donald, in keeping with true Highland hospitality, offers the group a whisky toast followed by piping demonstration after lunch.

Return to Edinburgh via a local whisky distillery.



Discover the fine qualities of the single malt whisky and how this is carefully mixed to also form the blended brand. During the visit we will see the fascinating manufacturing processes involved in making whisky and of course there will be an opportunity to taste the whisky, which is made here. The VIP tour which we propose includes tastings of 4 different whiskies, from the distillery plus a miniature of whisky for each guest to take home.

This evening a full Scottish Kilt outfit will be delivered to each room for the men and a tartan sash and Celtic brooch for the ladies. Tonight a gala dinner will take place at one of the following venues:

Gala Dinner Option 1: Winton House



The Setons built the tower house of Winton in the 15th Century on land granted to them by David I c.1152, mentioned in a charter to them from William the Lion in 1169. Architecturally, Winton is one of the most important houses in Scotland. This is due largely to the work of William Wallace, the King's Master Mason. Wallace was responsible for adding the famous carved twisted chimneys and the beautiful plaster ceilings at the start of the Scottish Renaissance. Winton has been furnished in fitting style having belonged to one of East Lothian's most powerful heiresses, Constance Nisbet Hamilton, whose estates covered some of the country's best farmland and golfing ground including Muirfield.

On arrival at Winton House, you will be welcomed by a Piper in full Scottish dress and escorted into the House for pre-dinner drinks. This is usually champagne, but whisky and other drinks are available if preferred. Dinner will consist of four courses and coffee. The chef is a local farmhouse wife who was once Scottish Chef of the year. A half bottle of wine and mineral water are included in the dinner package. A bagpiper will greet the guests on arrival and we would include the ceremony of the Address to the Haggis during dinner.

Gala Dinner Option 2: The Signet Library

Situated in the very heart of Edinburgh's Old Town, close to St Giles Cathedral, The Signet Library belongs to the Writers to the Signet whose original task was to supervise the use of the royal seal. The library, begun in 1810 to a design by Robert Reid with principal interiors by William Stark, originally comprised a Lower Library for the Society and an Upper Library for the Faculty of Advocates. The entrance hall and stair were then reconstructed by William Playfair and again by William Burn thereby linking the two. Today the building lends itself as a magnificent setting for an evening function. Drinks receptions are held in the lower library then guests proceed up the stairway hung with handsome portraits, including two by Raeburn, into the Upper Library for dinner. This room with its cupola depicting Apollo and the Muses, poets, orators and philosophers has been described as the prettiest room in Europe.



Gala Dinner Option 3: The Royal Yacht Britannia



For over forty years The Royal Yacht *Britannia* proudly served the British Royal Family and sailed over one million miles on nearly a thousand official visits. *Britannia* is now permanently berthed in Edinburgh and was recently voted ‘Most Excellent Venue UK 2004’ by Condé Nast Johansens. Dinners and receptions are hosted in the elegant State Apartments on board, where an exceptional level of cuisine, service and hospitality is offered. Entertaining on board *Britannia* is no different today from when she was on state duty welcoming royalty and world leaders. The same meticulous attention to detail is observed and the same high standards of service are rigorously followed. Add to this the finest cuisine freshly prepared by the Executive Chef in the Royal Galley and your guests are guaranteed to feel like royalty.

From the moment they receive their invitation cards, embossed with *Britannia*’s crest, the group will feel privileged and you can be assured that the memory of the time they spend on board will stay with them long after the event has passed.

As the group walks along the red carpet, the sense of occasion builds. *Britannia*’s Pipe Major welcomes them aboard via the Royal Brow and into the State Apartments for a reception. Guided tours provide a unique insight into what life was like on board. As the call goes out for dinner, the grand mahogany doors are opened to reveal the magnificent State Dining Room, set with candelabra and flowers.

After a sumptuous meal, you may choose to entertain your guests with a former admiral’s stories or a spectacular Beat the Retreat from a military band on the quayside.

DAY 4

Option One: Firth of Forth Cruise

Leave the city centre and go west towards the picturesque coastal town of South Queensferry. Here the guests will have the opportunity to take a boat cruise out on the Firth of Forth. Guests will see the architecturally iconic Forth Road and Rail Bridges. Enjoy freshly brewed tea/coffee and shortbread on board.



During your tour you’ll find plenty of opportunities to see a wide variety of marine wildlife including many seabirds, seals and watch out for the occasional porpoise. Use our on-board binoculars* available from the bar to get a close-up view!

Although sightings are rare; dolphins and killer whales (orcas) have been spotted quite recently in the Firth of Forth. You never know what you might see!

Lunch will take place at Orocco Pier.



Orocco Pier, a wonderful location overlooking the Forth road and rail bridges, which link Edinburgh to Fife.

The relaxed and informal restaurant offers a mouth-watering selection of contemporary dishes, perfectly complimented with the extensive wine list. The freshest of foods and the finest ingredients, seafood is a speciality, are prepared by the chef and his experienced team. The wide and varied menus allow you to nibble on a tempting light bite or indulge in a more substantial meal. With a tempting choice of dishes to suit every mood, occasion and appetite the only difficulty will be choosing what to order.

Option 2: Golf Clinic

Scotland is the home of golf and this morning you have the opportunity to relax and enjoy a fun morning participating in a golf clinic. Your professional golf pros will entertain you and teach you the skills required in Scotland's most popular sport. This activity is suitable for golfers of all abilities – from beginners to those who are more skilled who can pick up some extra tips and tricks from the golf professionals. Lunch will be served at the golf course or resort following the golf clinic.



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