WFSU Public Media presents... **Discover Scotland** *featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo* August 6 – 15, 2022



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10 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Scottish Cooking Experience, Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Choice on Tour, Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews, Sheepdog Demonstration, Dunrobin Castle, Orkney Islands, Loch Ness, Isle of Skye, Armadale Castle, Whisky Distillery, Bagpipe Lesson

| ITINERARY AT A GLANCE | |
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| Day 1 | Overnight Flight |
| Days 2, 3 | Radisson Blu Edinburgh, Edinburgh |
| Day 4 | Best Western Palace Hotel Inverness, Inverness |
| Days 5, 6 | Norseman Hotel, Wick |
| Days 7, 8 | Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish |
| Day 9 | Maldron Hotel Glasgow, Glasgow |
| | On some dates alternate hotels may be used. |

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Day 1: Saturday, August 6, 2022 Overnight Flight An overnight flight transports you to a country of stunning landscapes, lively cities and stirring history.

Day 2: Sunday, August 7, 2022 Edinburgh, Scotland -Tour Begins Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland's stunning capital city. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions. Later, with a "wee dram" in hand, toast the beginning of a wonderful journey. (D)

Day 3: Monday, August 8, 2022 Edinburgh Today it's your choice! Choose to get acquainted with this regal capital on a locally guided panoramic city tour, exploring both the Old and New Towns before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse,* the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots - **OR**- for a different perspective you may join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot; descend into the city's vast underground vaults and uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. Both choices include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. Later this evening, take your seat at the spectacular, world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, one of Scotland's greatest events. (*B*)

Day 4: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 Edinburgh - St. Andrews -Pitlochry - Eastern Highlands Travel to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf. See the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. Next, stop at Pitlochry, a vibrant Victorian town. Discover its Old World appeal as you explore this popular resort town on your own. Visit a family-run farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Enjoy an overnight stay in a quaint town in the Eastern Highlands, surrounded by Scottish wilderness. (*B, D*)

Day 5: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 Eastern Highlands -Thurso Today you will visit Culloden Battlefield. On this spot in April 1746, a half-hour battle changed the course of Scotland's history. Next, make a stop at the majestic Dunrobin Castle** which dates back to the 1300s. Later, take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland's east coast. Travel off the beaten path to Thurso, one of Scotland's most remote towns on the North Coast. Embrace the rustic environment of the Scottish Highlands as you settle in for your 2-night stay. (B)

Day 6: Thursday, August 11, 2022 Thurso - Orkney Islands -Thurso Grab your windbreaker – it's time for an adventure on the Orkney Islands.*** Ferry to this former Viking stronghold off the northernmost coast of Scotland, where artists admire the ever-changing clouds rolling across the sky like a time-lapse at double speed. On the crossing, feel the wind in your hair as you view the abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this ethereal place that very few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae and discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Continue on toward the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar, reported to be older than



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Stonehenge. Make your way through the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (*B*, *D*)

Day 7: Friday, August 12, 2022 Thurso - Loch Ness -Ballachulish As you make your way back from the northern coast, journey through unspoiled landscapes through the Highlands. Enjoy a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain's most scenic bodies of water. Keep your eyes open – you never know when Nessie will appear! After your cruise, visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle. Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes), before arriving at your remote countryside hotel situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (*B*, *D*)

Day 8: Saturday, August 13, 2022 Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish Take a stunning drive along the "Road to the Isles" and over the Skye Bridge to the legendary Isle of Skye, also known in poetry and song as Eilean a' Cheò (The Misty Isle). Enjoy dramatic views of the Cuillin Hills. Then, visit Armadale Castle and Gardens**** and the Museum of the Isles to learn about island life and the history of Skye. Conclude your visit with views of the isle from yet another vantage point during a ferry crossing back to the mainland. Returning to Ballachulish along the same road, see Glenfinnan, where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied the clansmen for battle during the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. (*B*, *D*)

Day 9: Sunday, August 14, 2022 Ballachulish - Glencoe -Glasgow Begin your day with a breathtaking drive in the heart of Scotland, passing through Glencoe and crossing Rannoch Moor. Arrive at one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. This evening, visit the National Piping Centre to learn about the Great Highland Bagpipe. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, it's your chance to give it a go! Then, join your fellow travelers for a joyous farewell dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant and toast the end to your Scottish adventure.

(B, D)

Day 10: Monday, August 15, 2022 Glasgow - Tour Ends Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)



PLEASE NOTE:

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Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective immediately and until further notice, all guests will be required to bring one of the following: **proof of vaccination** (official vaccination certificate in paper or electronic form), **proof of recovery from COVID-19** or a **negative test result** (FDA Approved diagnostic) for a test performed 72-hours or less from the start date of the tour with you on tour to verify information you will be providing to Collette when filling out the Wellness Declaration upon arrival.

Days and features are interchangeable.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

*The Palace of Holyroodhouse may close occasionally when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions.

**Dunrobin Castle is open from April to October. When it is closed you will visit Fort George or similar.

Weather conditions may sometimes prevent operation of the ferry to the Orkney Islands. In these cases, your Tour Manager will substitute activities on the mainland. *Armadale Castle and Gardens is open from April to October. On other dates a visit to Eilean Donan Castle will be substituted.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Due to the remoteness of the Highlands region, hotels are carefully chosen, yet also reflective of the rustic nature of the landscape. Most of the hotels do not have elevators, requiring guests to navigate stairs to reach their room. Rooms in these hotels are smaller than average.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air passengers will arrive into Edinburgh airport. Our arrival transfers will depart from this airport for your hotel. Our air passengers will depart from Glasgow airport. Our departure transfers will depart from your hotel for Glasgow airport.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of January 31, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 07, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until February 07, 2022.

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