## Florida State University OLLI presents... Discover Scotland

featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo with Optional 3-Night London Pre Tour Extension August 1 – 10, 2021



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10 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

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

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow
Days 3, 4	Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish
Days 5, 6	Pentland Hotel, Thurso
Day 7	Mercure Inverness, Inverness
Days 8, 9	Radisson Blu Edinburgh, Edinburgh
	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: Sunday, August 1, 2021 Overnight Flight** An overnight flight transports you to a country of stunning landscapes, lively cities and stirring history.

**Day 2: Monday, August 2, 2021 Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Glasgow, Scotland's Victorian capital city. Start your Scottish adventure with a visit to the National Piping Centre. 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 lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

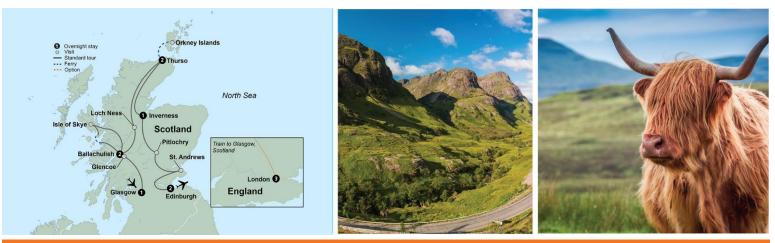
**Day 3: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Glasgow - Glencoe - Ballachulish** This morning, bid Glasgow farewell as you travel to one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. Continue on to the Highlands, making your way through the breathtaking scenery of Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Admire the verdant green hills and mountainside waters as you arrive at your remote countryside hotel situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (*B*, *D*)

Day 4: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 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 Sound of Sleat. Then, visit Armadale Castle & 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 5: Thursday, August 5, 2021 Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso** Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying 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! 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: Friday, August 6, 2021 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 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 Stonehenge. Make your way through the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. *(B, D)* 

**Day 7: Saturday, August 7, 2021 Thurso - Inverness** As you make your way back from the northern coast, visit Culloden Battlefield. On this spot in April 1746, a half-hour battle changed the course of Scotland's history. You'll also stop at the majestic Dunrobin Castle\*\*\* which dates back to the 1300s. Take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland's east coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in Inverness, capital of the Highlands. (*B*, *D*)



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#### Day 8: Sunday, August 8, 2021 Inverness - Pitlochry - St. Andrews -

Edinburgh Begin your day with a visit to 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. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure before traveling 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. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions. (B, D)

Day 9: Monday, August 9, 2021 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 10: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 Edinburgh - Tour Ends Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)

#### Experience It! The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Since 1950 the iconic Edinburgh Military Tattoo has dazzled millions of spectators with performances from musicians, pipers, drummers, singers and dancers. This epic show, unique every year, takes place at the haunting Edinburgh Castle illuminated under the open sky. In the past, the show's themes have paid tribute to nature, the Queen's 90th birthday, and Scotland's homecoming, to name a few. This international festival comes alive with performers from a multitude of countries and audience members from around the world. Military pageantry and cultural celebrations, culminating with a spectacular fireworks display, set the stage for an amazing evening.

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#### Book Now rates valid until Feb 02, 2021, valid on air inclusive packages only.

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

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.

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 pre-scheduled times.

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

In order to highlight Scotland's natural beauty, this trip features multiple days of remote destinations in the Highlands. The route includes winding roads with some occasional backtracking.

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.

\*Armadale Castle and Gardens is open from April to October. On other dates a visit to Eilean Donan Castle will be substituted.

\*\*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.

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

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

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 straightaways to a couple hills or 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.

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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 26, 2021 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 02, 2021. Deposits are refundable up until February 02, 2021.

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