

# The Women's Travel Group

Smart Tours for Women

Savings for Solo Travelers

11 Days – 10 Nights

**\$4,899**

Land only - per person  
in DBL occupancy

The Women's Travel Group presents:

## SCOTLAND HERITAGE TOUR

Travel Dates: AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 06, 2020

11 days - 10 nights accommodation, sightseeing, some meals – LAND ONLY



Join us on this voyage through Scotland. You will visit major cities: Edinburgh, Glasgow and will also sample Castles, Cathedrals, National Parks and Scottish activities. Marvel at the grandeur and historical significance of Edinburgh Castle, a globally famous icon of Scotland. Visit St Andrews Cathedral with the power and wealth of the bishops, and the setting for many important events of Scottish history. Explore the beautiful gardens of Drummond Castle and join kilted Safari Rangers on a journey into a secret Scotland. See Trossachs National Park, featuring some of the finest scenery in Scotland. Enjoy a sheepdog demonstration. Board the Strathspey Railway, a steam service through the stunning Cairngorms National Park. Hop on a cruise of Loch Ness looking for Nessie, the most famously known fabled Monster. Visit Inverness Cathedral and Johnston's of Elgin Cashmere Visitor Centre. Travel to Isle of Skye to discover the history of the Islands through the story of Clan Donald, its most powerful clan, at the award-winning museum.

### Main program includes:

- 10 nights at a good 4-star hotels, all rooms with private bath or shower
- Daily breakfast at hotel; 3 lunches and 6 dinners including a glass of wine, soft drink – tea – coffee.
- One bottle of water on excursions' days in coach

**Included Visits:** Edinburgh Castle; Palace of Holyroodhouse; St Andrews Cathedral; St Andrews Castle; Drummond Castle Gardens; Culloden Battlefield; Urquhart Castle; Eilean Donan Castle; Armadale Castle

- Highland Safari on day 4
- Sheepdog demonstration on day 5
- Steam train one-way from Aviemore to Broomhill (standard class) on day 5
- Loch Ness cruise on day 7
- Storytelling experience at Clansman Centre on day 7
- Ferry from Armadale to Mallaig on day 8
- Modern motor-coach with driver
- English-speaking guide
- Service charges and taxes at existing rates
- Portage of one piece of luggage in and out of hotels

### Not included:

- International & Domestic Air Fare
- Meals and beverage not mentioned in itinerary
- Personal expenses (Mini bar – Laundry – Phones –etc.)
- Travel Insurance
- Everything not mentioned under "Price includes"
- Tips to assistants, drivers, guides and tour manager ( 3.50 GB per day / per person for the Guide , 2.50 GBP per day /per person Driver)
- Items of personal nature (Landry – dry cleaning – minibar etc...)

Hotels or Similar	Location	# of nights	Category
Apex Grassmarket Hotel	Edinburgh	3 nights	4 star
Kingsmills Hotel / Jurys Inn	Inverness	3 nights	4 star
Bridge of Orchy Hotel	Fort William / Bridge of Orchy	2 nights	4 star
Hotel Indigo	Glasgow	1night	4 star
TBC	Edinburgh (near airport)	1night	4 star

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## ITINERARY

**Day 1: Wednesday August 26, 2020 - Departure from the USA** on your overnight flight to Scotland. (Flights are NOT included and need to be purchased separately)

**Day 2: Thursday August 27, 2020 – Edinburgh!** Upon arrival, proceed through customs and collect your luggage. A Women's Travel Group professional guide will personally greet you 2:00 pm (one group transfer). While the rooms are getting ready, enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh, the inspiring capital of Scotland. From the historical close of the Old Town to the large avenues of New Town, see a city of contrasts and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Along its main thoroughfare, Princes Street, you will witness Edinburgh Castle, majestically dominating both Old and New Town. See Calton Hill and its National Monument, giving Edinburgh its nickname: the "Athens of the North". Then make your way to our hotel for check in and time for rest. Tonight, enjoy a welcome drink and dinner at the hotel with other Women's Travel Group members. Overnight in Edinburgh. (Dinner)

**Day 3: Friday August 28 2020 – Edinburgh.** Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, visit Edinburgh's Castle rock, a stronghold for over 3000 years. In its dominating position overlooking the capital city, Edinburgh Castle is a globally famous icon of Scotland and part of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site. On top of an extinct volcano, gaining stunning views across the City of Edinburgh, the castle witnessed many of the defining events of Scottish history. Spend some time for optional lunch. After lunch, visit Palace of Holyroodhouse. Founded as a monastery in 1128, the Palace of Holyroodhouse is The Queen's official residence in Scotland and is closely associated with Scotland's turbulent past. Mary, Queen of Scots lived here between 1561 and 1567. Successive kings and queens have made Holyroodhouse the premier royal residence in Scotland. At the end of Edinburgh's Royal Mile and against the spectacular backdrop of Arthur's Seat, visitors can explore the 14 historic State Apartments and the ruins of Holyrood Abbey. The Queen's Gallery at the Palace of Holyroodhouse hosts a program of changing exhibitions from the Royal Collection. This evening, have dinner and a drink at a local pub/restaurant.

**Optionally** This evening, enjoy the **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo event (@ 9:00 pm)**. The Edinburgh Tattoo is a kaleidoscope of music, dance and entertainment, set against the iconic backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. See your evening burst into life with a colorful blend of Scottish pipe and drum bands, highland dancers and performers from across the world. A unique mix of military tradition and global cultures. Tickets and ticket prices will be available. Please ask us at the time of booking if you wish to attend. Overnight in Edinburgh. (B,D)

**Day 4: Saturday August 29 2020 – St Andrews.** This morning after breakfast, enjoy a day trip to St Andrews. Upon arrival, visit St Andrews Cathedral. The remains of what was Scotland's largest and most magnificent church still show how impressive St Andrews Cathedral must have been in its prime. St Andrews Cathedral dominated the medieval Church in Scotland, from its construction in the 12th century until the Protestant Reformation in 1560. It occupied a site used for worship since the 8th century AD, when the relics of St Andrew, Scotland's patron saint, are said to have been brought here. The cathedral buildings are surrounded by a graveyard, and encircled by the most complete and imposing monastic enclosure walls in Scotland. Spend time at leisure for lunch and shopping. Visit St Andrews Castle. To the north of St Andrews stand the ruins of the city's castle, the main residence of the bishops and archbishops throughout the Middle Ages. Its scale demonstrates the power and wealth of the bishops, and it was the setting for many important events which determined the course of Scottish history. Some of the key moments leading up to the Scottish Reformation in 1560 were played out within its precinct. Return to Edinburgh. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Edinburgh. (B,D)

**Day 5: Sunday August 30 2020 – Cairngorms National Park & Inverness.** After breakfast depart Edinburgh and travel to Inverness, via Perthshire and Cairngorms National Park. En-route, explore the beautiful gardens of Drummond Castle. Enter through the iron portcullis to see a magnificent Italianate parterre celebrating family heraldry, and the famous sundial by John Milne, master mason to Charles I. First laid out in the 17th century by the 2nd Earl of Perth, the gardens were refreshed in the 1950's by Phyllis Astor, Countess of Ancaster, forming amongst the finest gardens in Europe. Drummond has all the attributes of an Italian Renaissance Garden, including symmetry, terracing, cypresses and fountains. Enjoy the native Red Deer. We take an exhilarating Land Rover Safari past the new Red Deer Centre and its gold panning area. The Safari Experience explores magnificent views and untouched 250,000 acres of Highland Perthshire Estates. Experienced kilted Safari Rangers take us on a unique journey into a secret Scotland, reaching heights of nearly 3000 feet. Search for rare wildlife including famous grouse, the elusive mountain hare, the majestic red deer and the soaring golden eagle. Dinner at our hotel this evening. Overnight in Inverness. (B,D)

**Day 6: Monday August 31 2020 – Cairngorms National Park.** Breakfast at the hotel. This morning enjoy a sheepdog demonstration. During a 45-minute demonstration amidst some of the most beautiful scenery, you see up to eight dogs working as a team guiding sheep and ducks through various obstacles. Every dog has its own set of commands enabling visitors to see just how each respond to individual whistles and each move by the dogs is explained by their handler. Meet the collie pups, bottle-feed the orphan lambs and take part in shearing a sheep. Later enjoy a short steam train ride from Aviemore to Broomhill. For a stunning day in the heart of the Highlands, join The Strathspey Railway, a steam service through the stunning Cairngorms National Park, the home of Britain's highest mountain range and an area of outstanding natural beauty. You will be taken back to a ten-mile-long 1950s branch line between Aviemore, Boat of Garten and Broomhill where, remarkably, little has changed since 1863 when the Victorians brought a railway to this splendid area. Enjoy lunch at a local pub/restaurant. Continue to visit Culloden Battlefield, scene of the 1746 Battle of Culloden between the Jacobite and the British armies. As the last battle fought on British soil, Culloden marks the beginning of the dismantlement of the structure of Highland society. In the aftermath of the battle, kilts and tartans were banned. It was here that the Jacobite army fought for a Stuart king to reclaim the throne of Britain from the Hanoverians. Listen to accounts from genuine characters involved in the Battle, experience the battle in a 360 degrees theater, get a bird's eye view of the forces and tactics at play. Overnight in Inverness. (B,L)

**Day 7: Tuesday Sep 1 2020 – Scottish Highlands.** Breakfast at the hotel. **visit Inverness Cathedral:** The Cathedral began as the Mission in 1853, on the opposite side of the River Ness. The Cathedral is built of Red Tarradale Stone, with a Nave of five bays divided by columns of Peterhead granite. **Visit Johnston's of Elgin Cashmere Visitor Centre.** At the Johnston's of Elgin visitor centre, a five-star visitor attraction, join experienced tour guides as they take you around the Johnston's factory and see how products are made for the world's leading luxury brands in Scotland's last vertical mill. Manufacturing for over 200 years, here is the only Scottish mill to transform cashmere from fiber to garment. Return to your hotel. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Inverness. (B)

**Day 8: Wednesday Sep 2 2020 – Loch Ness & Urquhart Castle.** Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, depart for Fort William. En-route, enjoy a cruise of Loch Ness. Loch Ness is a freshwater loch (lake) most famously known for its fabled Loch Ness Monster. Aside from its monstrous connection, there are many interesting facts. Although it isn't the biggest or deepest loch in Scotland, it holds more water than Wales' and England's' lakes combined! The very dark color of the water is due to the peat washed into the loch from the surrounding hills. As well as exploring Loch Ness from above by cruise, you can explore under the water via Google Earth. A safe and dry way to find Nessie! After, visit Urquhart Castle. Control of the castle passed back and forth between the Scots and English during the Wars of Independence. The last of the government troops garrisoned here during the Jacobite Risings blew up the castle Urquhart's iconic ruins remain, offering glimpses into medieval times. Enjoy **lunch** at a local pub/restaurant. After lunch enjoy a storytelling experience at the Clansman Centre JV. The clansman center is one of the most unique attractions in Fort Augustus. Here you will get a real glimpse into what life was like in 18th century Scotland. Besides a shop, which specializes in Celtic and locally produced crafts, step inside the recreated interior of a Highland turf house, where an authentically dressed clansman brings the past back to life. This unique looking character explains how families ate, lived and survived here in days of old. He will take you through the clan system and local culture, demonstrates the Highland dress (all the mysteries of kilt, plaid and tartan) and teach you the art of killing or maiming, using ancient weapons. Far from a history lesson, this is an entertaining, interactive and informative experience. Continue to Fort William. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Fort William. (B,L)

**Day 9: Thursday Sep 3 2020 – Isle of Skye.** Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Fort William this morning and travel to Isle of Skye. En-route, visit Eilean Donan Castle. Eilean Donan Castle is one of the most recognized in Scotland. Strategically located on its own little island, overlooking the Isle of Skye, at the point where three great sea-lochs meet, and surrounded by the majestic splendor of the forested mountains of Kintail, Eilean Donan's setting is breath-taking. Crossing the bridge to today's castle, you understand why Bishop Donan chose the tranquil spot in 634AD to settle on it and create a monastic cell. The castle was reconstructed as a family home between 1912 and 1932. Travel on to Isle of Skye by road bridge. Continue to Armadale. Have **lunch** at Armadale Castle restaurant. After, visit Armadale Castle. Located in Armadale, just a short walk from the ferry terminal, Clan Donald Skye is a 20,000-acre highland estate on the Sleat peninsula in south Skye. Once part of the traditional lands of Clan Donald, the Estate's principal focal points are the restored historic gardens, and the beautiful walking trails threading through the 40 acres of woodland. In the Museum of the Isles, discover the history of the Highlands and Islands through the story of Clan Donald, its most powerful clan. Travel by ferry from Armadale to Mallaig. Continue to Fort William. Overnight in Fort William. (B,L)

**Day 10: Friday Sep 4 2020 – Fort William to Glasgow.** Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, travel from Fort William to Glasgow. Journey through the Trossachs National Park. The National Park encompasses 720 sq miles and is split into four distinct areas. It is a place of rolling lowland landscapes in the south to high mountains in the north, and has many lochs and rivers, forests and woodlands. Enjoy some free time for lunch on own in the beautiful village of Luss. Continue to Glasgow for dinner. Overnight in Glasgow. (B,D)

**Day 11: Saturday 5th September 2020 – Glasgow – Edinburgh.** Breakfast at the hotel. Today spend the day at leisure exploring Glasgow. We recommend the open-top double-decker bus on a City Sightseeing hop-on hop-off tour. Visit the museums or you may enjoy time at the Princes Square shopping center, voted Scotland's favorite building by the public in 2016. The building is a 19th century merchants square – ideally located in the heart of Glasgow city center. Fabulous ambiance with great selection of shops, restaurants and coffee. Please note that you will be able to leave your luggage at the reception after your breakfast. Later in the afternoon, transfer to Edinburgh hotel near airport and **dinner** at your hotel this evening. Overnight in Edinburgh near the airport. (B,D) (We will endeavor to secure a hotel that has a free shuttle to the airport, but this cannot be guaranteed).

**Day 12: Sunday 6th September 2020 – Farewell.** Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Edinburgh airport under own arrangement or continue to London by flight or train. In London we recommend the Radisson Blu Mercer Street Hotel, central locally, modern and near all the theaters.  
**NOTES:** This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

**Pricing: Tour price is \$4,899 per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add \$950.** The price does not include tips, travel insurance, passports fees as well as items of a personal nature. This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, upstairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

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