

September 27 to October 6, 2019



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Moderate
Pace



Country Roads of Scotland

Travel through 8,000 years of Scottish history, from medieval Edinburgh to the majestic Orkney Islands and the Isle of Skye. Across the windswept Orkney Islands lie relics spanning human history, from pagan stone circles to reminders of wartime tragedy. Travel through stunning landscapes with its misty valleys and glens, lochs and rushing waters. Enjoy a Farm-to-Table experience at Ballindalloch Castle, one of Scotland's few remaining inhabited castles.

Highlights & Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers, CAA Thorold office to Toronto airport
- Return airfare with taxes, Toronto to Edinburgh/Glasgow to Toronto with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, economy class
- Accommodations in Edinburgh, Inverness, Thurso, Isle of Skye, Glencoe and Glasgow
- Breakfast daily and six dinners
- Farm-to-Table experience at Ballindalloch Castle
- City tour of Edinburgh, including a visit to Edinburgh Castle
- Tour of the Orkney Islands
- See Scott Memorial, Palace of Holyroodhouse, St Andrews Old Course, Inverness Castle, Loch Ness, John O'Groats, Eilean Donan Castle, Ben Nevis, World War II Commando Memorial, Glencoe, Loch Lomond and St Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow
- Visit to the Victorian town of Pitlochry, and the Culloden Visitor Centre
- Whiskey tasting in Wick
- Gratuities to the Insight Travel Director and coach driver
- Services of a CAA Host
- Baggage handling with gratuities



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\$4,949 double

\$5,859 single



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Day 1 - Depart for Scotland

Overnight flight, Toronto to Edinburgh.

Day 2 - Arrive in Edinburgh

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The day is yours to explore before joining your travel director for a welcome dinner with wine.

Accommodations: Malmaison Hotel Edinburgh or similar

Day 3 - Edinburgh

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Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then wander the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. In the Old Town, visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and Scotland's Crown Jewels, the Honours of Scotland. At the bottom of the Royal Mile stands the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the Queen. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 4 - St. Andrews & Inverness

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Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and journey to St. Andrews for an orientation. Travel across the Tay and continue to charming Pictlochry for a visit. Pass Blair Atholl and the Grampian Mountains on the way to the Spey Valley. Stop at Ballindalloch Castle and Gardens, inhabited by the same family since the 16th century. You will be treated to an authentic Farm-to-Table experience, in the tradition of Scottish tea and scones. Continue to Inverness, where your luxury hotel is set within four acres of manicured grounds.

Accommodations: Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness or similar

Day 5 - Culloden, Loch Ness & Thurso

B, D

See Culloden Moor where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was crushed in 1746 and visit the Culloden Visitor Centre. Continue along the shores of Loch Ness and keep your eyes peeled for the legendary monster! Follow the rugged coast north to Wick and pause at the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of whisky and learn about the production of this national drink.

Accommodations: The Pentland Hotel, Thurso or similar

Day 6 - Orkney Islands

B, D

Start the day by driving to the most northern point of the British mainland, John O'Groats. Board the ferry to the Orkney Islands where the countryside is breathtakingly majestic and the tranquility supports a quieter pace of life. Your Local Expert accompanies you as you visit the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious

Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners during World War II. Return to your hotel for dinner.

Day 7 - Sea to Skye

B, D

Travel through the stunning landscapes along the northern coast with its white sandy beaches, and further inland to misty valleys and glens, lochs and rushing waters. Then it's 'Over the Sea to Skye,' the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. On the way to Broadford, hear romantic tales of how young Flora MacDonald helped rescue Bonnie Prince Charlie and see the dramatic Cuillin Hills.

Accommodations: The Dunollie Hotel, Isle of Skye or similar.

Day 8 - Scottish Highlands & Glencoe

B, DW

Cross to the Kyle of Lochalsh and stop for a photo at Eilean Donan Castle, which under a clear sky offers a perfect reflection in its loch. Continue to the WWII Commando Memorial with views of Ben Nevis. You'll enjoy spectacular scenery en route to the Valley of Glencoe, its dramatic peaks still echoing with the ghastly cries of massacred clansmen. Delight in market-fresh Scottish ingredients and wine as you join your newfound friends for a sumptuous Celebration Dinner. Don't be surprised if, by the end of the evening, you're 'Toasting to the Lassies' or singing 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Accommodations: Ballachulish Hotel/Isles of Glencoe Hotel & Leisure Centre or similar.

Day 9 - Bonnie Banks & Glasgow

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Spend time around peaceful Loch Lomond or the 'Queen of Scottish Lochs' according to Sir Walter Scott. Perhaps experience the beauty and tranquility of the loch with an optional cruise before continuing to Glasgow. An orientation drive through the city will show you the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. Then the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore as you wish.

Accommodations: Holiday Inn Glasgow - City Centre Theatreland or similar.

Day 10 - Depart Glasgow

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Your travels come to an end after breakfast. Departure from Glasgow airport and arrive in Toronto.

B - Breakfast

D - Dinner

DW - Dinner with Wine

AT - Afternoon Tea

Terms and Conditions

How to book: Reservations may be made through any CAA Niagara office. A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is due at time of booking. Balance of payment is due June 27. Bookings made after June 27 will require full payment at time of booking. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. Ask for details.

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90 days or more prior	Deposit non-refundable
89 to 30 days prior	50% non-refundable
29 to 0 days prior	100% non-refundable

The day of departure is excluded when calculating cancellation charges. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of cancellation insurance.

Moderate Pace: Must be able to walk 20 minutes, including steps.

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