



FEATURING THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

# SCOTLAND ~ STIRLING

**August 14-22, 2017**

**\$2,995**

VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include the AHI FlexAir (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional cost (limited availability).

From deep glacial lakes shrouded in mist to rugged highland hills, Scotland's legendary landscape has always set a scenic stage for epic adventure. Through the centuries, an intricate blend of Celtic, Norse and Norman cultures have intermingled like the weave of a tartan plaid to fashion colorful seaside towns and fairy-tale castles.

Discover the very best of Scotland by walking in the footsteps of freedom fighter William Wallace, tracing the pathways of Bonnie Prince Charlie and leaving your own footprints along the "bonnie banks of Loch Lomond."



## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

- **Seven nights** in Stirling, Scotland, at **The Stirling Highland Hotel**, a first-class hotel.

### Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception and Dinner**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony** followed by a **Farewell Dinner**.

### Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy seven breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals; plus wine with the Welcome and Farewell Dinners.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

## MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **See two UNESCO World Heritage sites:** The Old and New Towns of Edinburgh, and the Forth Bridge.
- Discover the unique and storied culture of Scotland's breathtaking **Highlands** and pastoral **Lowlands**.
- Visit Scotland's noble castles: **Stirling Castle, Edinburgh Castle and Scone Palace**.
- Attend a stirring performance of the **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**.
- Discover the historic cities of **St. Andrews** and **Edinburgh**.
- Learn the secrets of Scotland's ancient whisky artistry during a visit to **The Famous Grouse Experience**.

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## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Edinburgh, Scotland.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

### DAY 2 ~ EDINBURGH/STIRLING

Upon arrival, transfer† to Stirling and the Stirling Highland Hotel.

Enjoy afternoon tea.

Tonight, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner featuring a traditional haggis ceremony and Highland dancers.

### DAY 3 ~ STIRLING

**Educational Focus: Medieval History.**

**Excursion: Stirling.** Explore the historic city of Stirling. Visit the site of the Battle of Bannockburn, where Robert the Bruce defeated the English to gain Scottish independence in 1314. Discover the majesty of Stirling Castle. The castle has witnessed fierce battles and endured at least 16 sieges.

**Educational Focus: Meet the People.**

### DAY 4 ~ LOCH LOMOND/ THE TROSSACHS

**Excursion: Loch Lomond and the Trossachs.** Visit the town of Luss on the “bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.” Continue through Aberfoyle and Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, which stretches from Loch Lomond into the heart of the Trossachs.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy lunch in Luss.

### DAY 5 ~ ST. ANDREWS

**Excursion: St. Andrews.** En route to St. Andrews, see the Wallace Monument, built to honor Scottish hero William Wallace. Continue to St. Andrews, the birthplace of golf. See St. Andrews Cathedral and the ruins of a 12th-century castle that has served as the main residence of the bishops and archbishops of St. Andrews, the administrative center of the Church of Scotland and a prison. Stop at the Old Course, where golf was first played 600 years ago.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy lunch in St. Andrews.

### DAY 6 ~ EDINBURGH

**Educational Focus: The Stuart Line and the Jacobite Rebellions.**

**Independent Exploration:** The morning is at leisure in Stirling.

**Excursion: Edinburgh and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.**

Visit the Forth Bridge, one of the oldest cantilever bridges. One of Europe’s most distinguished capitals, Edinburgh fostered the 18th-century Scottish Enlightenment. The city is a showcase of medieval structures in historic Old Town and Georgian buildings in the New Town. Journey along the Royal Mile in Old Town. Visit Edinburgh Castle and High Street. This evening, witness the matchless spectacle of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy some time at leisure for exploring and dinner on your own.

### DAY 7 ~ PERTH/CRIEFF

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy the morning at leisure.

**Excursion: Scone Palace and The Famous Grouse Experience.** Visit Perth and Scone Palace, where Scottish kings were crowned until the 13th-century. Continue to Glenturret Distillery in Crieff to enjoy The Famous Grouse Experience and a whisky tasting.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 8 ~ STIRLING

**Educational Focus: Scotland Today.**

**Independent Exploration:** The day is at leisure for you to explore Scotland on your own.

Attend a Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner and ceilidh, a traditional Celtic music, dance and storytelling party.

### DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.†

**NOTE:** The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

### ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

**Dinner in Stirling.** Savor a delicious dinner of local specialties prepared with the best Scottish ingredients on Day 5.

## ACCOMMODATIONS



### THE STIRLING HIGHLAND HOTEL

Stirling

Located in the heart of Stirling only 500 yards from Stirling Castle, the Stirling Highland Hotel dates from 1854 and was formerly the town’s high school. The hotel retains many of the original features of the property, including an observatory with a telescope. There is a spa, an extensive fitness center, an indoor heated swimming pool, a soothing spa pool, a sauna, a steam room and a squash court. Dine on traditional and international gourmet cuisine at Scholars Restaurant, or munch on appetizers and light meals in the stately Headmaster’s Study. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



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