



SCOTLAND: THE EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO - A MARCO POLO JOURNEY (2024)

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Small Group Journeys, Marco Polo Small Group Journeys



Europe, Scotland



9 days from AU\$15,375 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Witness the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo with premium access that includes a private dinner before the show, a whisky tasting and priority premium seating
- Set out on a four-wheel-drive safari into the wild Highlands and enjoy a picnic lunch amid stunning natural landscapes
- Gain access to areas usually off limits to the public during an exclusive experience at majestic Inverary Castle
- Learn the history of design in Scotland at the recently opened V&A Dundee, a showcase of ingenuity
- Board the majestic Royal Yacht Britannia in Edinburgh for a private before-hours visit



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Glasgow, Scotland

Arrive in Glasgow, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, gather with fellow guests for cocktails and a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Hotel du Vin Glasgow / Meals: D

Day 2: Glasgow | Hidden Gems

Make an exclusive before-hours visit to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, home to one of Europe's great art collections. Next, explore the legacy of great Scottish architect, designer and artist, Charles Rennie Mackintosh at the distinctive Mackintosh Queen's Cross church. Eat lunch at the Willow Tea Rooms, another Mackintosh design emblematic of the local Arts and Crafts movement of the early 20th century. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Hotel du Vin Glasgow / Meals: BL

Day 3: Inverary | Home of a Laird

Journey to Inverary Castle, passing Loch Lomond along the way. Upon arrival, set out on a private guided walk through this aristocratic residence, for an exclusive A&K experience, followed by lunch. Then, drive through the Highlands and past Loch Tay to your hotel beside scenic Loch Rannoch.

Dunalastair Hotel Suites / Meals: BLD

Day 4: Kinloch Rannoch | A Highlands "Safari"

Ride Like a Local into the Highlands by 4x4 vehicle on a wilderness safari, absorbing the scenic views of lakes, forests and mountains, and keeping watch for native wildlife, such as red deer, mountain hare and golden eagle. Then, enjoy a picnic lunch in this idyllic location, followed by free time to relax, cast a fishing line, peruse local art galleries and craft shops, or simply marvel at the natural grandeur surrounding you.

Dunalastair Hotel Suites / Meals: BLD

Day 5: Dundee & St. Andrews | Scottish Innovation

Travel to Dundee to discover the recently opened V&A Dundee, a museum that showcases the history of Scottish design, technology and innovation. Enjoy time for lunch at your leisure, and then proceed on a unique Chef's Table experience at the Scotch whisky distillery at Lindores Abbey, called whisky's spiritual birthplace, where you indulge in a tasting. Continue to the lovely coastal town of St. Andrews, site of the Open and regarded as the home of golf. After an introduction to the historic town, savour a Scenic Sundowner overlooking the iconic Old Course, and then check in to your hotel set on the famed links.

Old Course Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 6: St. Andrews | Explore your Way

This morning, explore your way with a choice of activities. Bike to a Nature Reserve, meandering through St. Andrews links on surfaced tracks and along the shores of a lovely estuary, a private tour and tasting at a local gin distillery, or a sea kayaking excursion along the craggy coastline. Relax during an afternoon and evening at leisure.

Old Course Hotel | Meals: B

Day 7: Edinburgh | Traditional Afternoon Tea

Today, journey to Edinburgh, Scotland's elegant capital. Begin your visit with a tour of Holyrood Palace. Continue up the Royal Mile to the historic Signet Library, where you are invited to one of Edinburgh's most substantial afternoon teas, featuring savoury side dishes and sweets that make for a satisfying lunch. Afterwards, explore Edinburgh Castle with an expert local guide and take in the stunning views over the city and beyond. Later, check in to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

The Balmoral | Meals: BL

Day 8: Edinburgh | The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Begin your day with a private, before-hours visit to the Royal Yacht 'Britannia', a proud vessel that served as a floating home to the Royal Family for over 40 years. Enjoy a panoramic overview of the local sights before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Later, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant is a prelude to the precision and pageantry of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a stirring display of martial music and military-style manoeuvres that has taken place for over 70 years. Sit back in your premium grandstand seat and watch magnificent performances that symbolise Scottish culture and history and their influence around the world.

The Balmoral | Meals: BD

Day 9: Depart Edinburgh

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: end of Military Tattoo performance at 10:30 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Included with every Marco Polo Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations (Where Available)
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access (Where Available)
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Old Course Hotel, St Andrews



With 144 rooms including 35 suites, the Old Course Hotel is recognised as one of Europe's leading resorts. It borders the renowned 17th Road Hole of the Old Course and is a combination of classical and contemporary, with a lot of the décor designed by French designer Jacques Garcia.

Apart from the obvious golfing heritage, the hotel is also known for its magnificent gourmet scene. There are six unique dining and drinking experiences to enjoy during your stay, from the award-winning Scottish produce at the Road Hole Restaurant, to the Road Hole Bar that is famous for its selection of over 300 whiskies. Wherever you choose to dine, you can be sure of exceptional panoramic views of St Andrews and stunning coastline.

Only a short stroll from the historic university town St Andrews, it's a fantastic retreat for golfers and non-golfers alike.

Why we like it

- AA 5 Red Star awarded hotel
- 11 golf courses around the hotel, including its own championship course
- The only PGA-approved pro shop in St Andrews which includes a custom-fit service on irons and drivers
- Six unique dining and drinking experiences available

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- **Our top tip:** head to the Road Hole Bar on a Friday or Saturday evening, to enjoy the resident pianist with a relaxing drink

The Balmoral, Edinburgh



The Balmoral is a grand railway hotel at Edinburgh's most prestigious address. A landmark in the centre of the city, the historic building's grand clock still dominates the skyline, while its enviable location, stunning views, warm hospitality and world-class facilities provide the perfect retreat. Many of the rooms have views of Edinburgh Castle and the Old Town and dinner in the Michelin-starred Number One restaurant is a treat. Unwind in the award-winning spa and enjoy the timeless elegance of its 188 rooms and suites each with spacious marble bathroom.

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Jul 29, 2024 - Aug 6, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,375 pp	AU\$5,070	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Aug 5, 2024 - Aug 13, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,375 pp	AU\$5,070	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Aug 12, 2024 - Aug 20, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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