



Welcome aboard Collins Tours' 10-Day Majestic Scotland Tour! Outlined below is a thrilling itinerary built for this exceptional getaway dedicated to showcasing the country's rich culture, stunning landscapes, and legendary history. Explore the vibrant cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, the rugged beauty of the Isle of Skye, and the historic charm of Inverness. With all the activities, excellent locations, quality hotels, and local professional step-on-guides included, I am sure you will agree we have put together an exciting vacation, all this to ensure a carefree and inspirational getaway for you! Carefully review the **"Important Information"** section (final page) to ensure you understand all the rules for international travel. Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you and assisting in creating an exciting and well-managed tour of Scotland.

- Sincerely, Greg Collins President & CEO

Day 1 – Wednesday, Sept 16 – Overnight flight to Glasgow

For those who purchased the Collins Tours All-Inclusive Air Package, make your way to your local airport for your assigned flight connecting your Air Canada flight to Glasgow via Toronto's Pearson International Airport. **NOTE: 1st checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). 2nd bag is additional based on weight and size. Additional fees apply for overweight bags. Carry-on luggage is free, with a maximum weight of 22lbs per bag. Visit www.aircanada.com for more details on luggage fees. Any additional luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights.**

Day 2 – Thursday, Sept 17 – Arrive in Glasgow, voco Grand Central Glasgow by IHG Hotel (Welcome Reception)

- Upon arrival in Glasgow this morning, each passenger will proceed through UK Customs & Immigration and then to the luggage area to collect your luggage. Your tour manager will meet in the baggage claim area after you collect your own luggage. We make our way to our deluxe motorcoach, have all luggage loaded and make our way to our first city centre hotel together, the 4-star voco Grand Central Glasgow by IHG hotel in Glasgow City Centre. Located adjacent to Glasgow Central Station and steeped in 19th-century railway history, our hotel offers unrivaled glamour combined with convenience.
- Please note: While an early check-in request has been made, hotel rooms are not guaranteed until 3:00p.m. During this time, the surrounding area offers several convenient options. A short walk from the hotel brings you to Buchanan Street, Glasgow's main shopping avenue, known for its mix of designer boutiques, well-known brands, and lively atmosphere. Nearby Princes Square, set within a beautifully restored historic building, features elegant shops and inviting cafés. For those interested in local landmarks, George Square is also within easy reach, offering striking architecture, pleasant cafés, and access to notable sites such as the City Chambers and the Gallery of Modern Art.
- Relax while your tour manager checks in all guests and distributes room keys when available.
- Take time to freshen up before our "Welcome Reception" including a glass of wine or beer and light appetizers - a chance to meet your fellow travelling companions **(included)**.
- Following our reception, the remainder of the evening and dinner is at your leisure in fantastic and magical Glasgow, Scotland!

Day 3 – Friday, Sept 18 – **voco Grand Central Glasgow by IHG Hotel, Glasgow (B, Welcome D)**

- After some well-deserved rest, wake up to a delightful Scottish buffet breakfast served at the hotel **(included)**.
- Today we will meet our step-on guide for a 4-hour tour of Glasgow, giving us a well-rounded introduction to the city as we drive through its historic neighbourhoods and modern cultural areas. You will see many of Glasgow’s key highlights, from its grand Victorian buildings to its lively public squares. One of our stops will be Glasgow Cathedral, an impressive medieval landmark that has stood for centuries. Just beside it is Provand’s Lordship, the oldest surviving house in Scotland. This guided tour offers a clear and engaging look at the history and character that define Glasgow.
- Explore the city this afternoon at your leisure.
- You will have time to freshen up before meeting the group for our delicious “Welcome Dinner” including a glass of wine or beer. We will raise a toast to a wonderful journey ahead and the new friends joining us on this experience!



Day 4 – Saturday, Sept 19 - **Glasgow – Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness (B)**

- Enjoy another Scottish hot buffet breakfast this morning **(included)** before we check out of our hotel. Please remember to cover any personal incidental charges prior to departing.
- Today we will make our way from Glasgow to Inverness, travelling into the heart of the Scottish Highlands. This drive offers some of the most dramatic scenery in the country, with misty mountains, sweeping glens, and mirror-like lochs unfolding as we head north. We pass by the shores of Loch Lomond and through the rugged landscapes of the Trossachs, where the scenery becomes wilder and more striking with every mile. It is a truly memorable journey that showcases the Highlands at their most impressive.
- We expect a late afternoon arrival at our hotel, elegant 4-star The Kingsmills Hotel in Inverness, where we will enjoy a two-night stay. Your tour manager will once again check the group in, have bags sent to your rooms and distribute your keys.
- Dinner this evening is on your own.



Day 5 – Sunday, Sept 20 – **Inverness (B) *Optional Whisky Tasting Excursion***



- After another Scottish hot buffet breakfast **(included)**, we all meet our local guide to travel to the Scottish Highlands touring the area known for its mysterious folklore as well as its mountainous peaks!
- We will continue our day with a visit to Urquhart Castle on the shores of Loch Ness **(entrance included)**, for some pictures overlooking the famed lake.
- Later this afternoon, join your tour manager and fellow travellers or an **optional whisky tour**. This tour offers a chance to learn how Scotland’s national drink is crafted, from pure spring water to the final spirit aging in oak barrels. You will take part in a guided tasting that highlights the rich flavours and character of Highland whisky. Do not

miss this enjoyable way to immerse yourself in local culture and savour a true taste of Scotland **(price TBA)**.

- We return to our hotel this afternoon where you have time to relax or enjoy Inverness at your own pace.
- Dinner this evening is on your own.

Day 6 – Monday, Sept 21 – Inverness – Kings Arms Hotel, Isle of Skye (B, D)

- Time for another Scottish breakfast **(included)**. Be sure to cover any personal incidental hotel charges (ie movie rental, phone calls) before leaving the hotel.
- Meet your tour manager and board the motor coach as we travel from Inverness to the Isle of Skye, ending our day at the Kings Arms Hotel in Kyleakin.
- Today's beautiful drive that takes us through classic Highland scenery, with wide glens, winding roads, and mountain views along the way. We will stop for lunch en route (your expense) before continuing toward the Skye Bridge, where the landscape becomes even more striking. As we arrive on the Isle of Skye, you will get a first glimpse of the island's rugged beauty and dramatic coastline. It is a day to sit back, enjoy the scenery, and look forward to our stay on one of Scotland's most famous islands.
- Welcome to The Kings Arms Hotel based in Kyleakin, a pretty village on the Isle of Skye with panoramic views across the Kyle of Lochalsh to mainland Scotland, where we will enjoy a two-night stay. Your tour manager will once again check the group in, have bags sent to your rooms and distribute your keys.
- Tonight join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a delicious 3-course dinner in the hotel **(included)**.

Day 7 – Tuesday, Sept 22 – Isle of Skye (B, D) *Optional Dunvegan Castel & Gardens Excursion*

- Another delightful Scottish breakfast awaits you this morning **(included)**.
- Today join your tour manager and fellow travellers for an **optional excursion to Dunvegan Castle and Gardens**, one of the Isle of Skye's most treasured landmarks. Dunvegan Castle is the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland and has been the ancestral home of the Chiefs of clan MacLeod for 800 years. This historic site sits in a stunning waterfront setting and offers a rich look into centuries of island history. Inside, you will find beautifully preserved rooms and fascinating clan stories, while the surrounding gardens provide peaceful paths, vibrant flowers, and views across the water. It is an enjoyable and memorable way to experience the heritage and natural beauty of Skye, and a wonderful addition to your visit on the island. **(Price TBA)**
- Tonight join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a delicious 3-course dinner in the hotel **(included)**.



Day 8 – Wednesday, Sept 23 – Isle of Skye - voco Edinburgh – Haymarket Hotel, Edinburgh (B)

- Enjoy another Scottish hot breakfast this morning **(included)** before we check out of our hotel. Please remember to cover any personal incidental charges prior to departing.
- Today's drive sees us leave the Isle of Skye by crossing the bridge back to the mainland, trek across the Highlands with its mesmerizing landscape filled with lakes.
- We expect a late afternoon arrival at our hotel, elegant 4-star the Haymarket Hotel in Edinburgh, where we will enjoy a two-night stay. Your tour manager will once again check the group in, have bags sent to your rooms and distribute your keys. You will have time to freshen up before dinner.

Day 9 – Thursday, Sept 24 – **Edinburgh (B, Farewell D)**



- Following breakfast this morning, **(included)** join our local step-on guide as they show us Old Town, Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle (please note we will not be going inside), and more!
- We will have time for lunch on the Royal Mile after our morning tour on your own (your expense).
- Enjoy some free time this afternoon and explore the city and take in the sites of the historic centre. Perhaps a visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse or a difficult but rewarding hike to the top of Arthur's Seat is on your bucket list.
- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers for our "Farewell Dinner" with a glass of wine or beer **(included)**. It is your opportunity

to share stories with your new friends and begin to plan your next adventure with Collins Tours! ***Note: For a smooth departure tomorrow morning, your tour manager will arrange your flight check-in for everyone who has reserved the group airfare package with Collins Tours***

Day 10 – Friday, Sept 25 – **Edinburgh to Canada (B)**

- After a final breakfast **(included)**, those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air will be transported to Edinburgh International Airport for flights back to Canada.
- Thank you for joining Collins Tours for what has been a wonderful experience throughout Scotland. We hope to see you again soon!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are **ONLY** a guideline and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, and other "Acts of God," can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events. No refunds or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrence.
- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least **THREE MONTHS AFTER** your departure date. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension: 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag). Second checked bag is \$100 CAD each way.
- Currency used in Scotland is the **British Pound Sterling**.
- **MANDATORY & IMPORTANT:** As of January 8, 2025, many guests are now required to present a UK Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) when traveling to the UK by ship or plane. Applications must be completed online. The ETA is valid for two years or until the passport used in the application expires. Each traveller will need to get their own ETA by. Travellers without an approved ETA will be denied boarding. For more details and to apply, visit www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta
- Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- All liquids and gels that you are planning to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag and kept in your carry-on. Keep prescription medication in original container or carried with you.
- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage and/or personal items.
- Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any flight delays, schedule changes, flight gate changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above, yet may cause similar outcomes or delays.
- Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind for these additional expenses, loss of use, or loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if

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any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate person’s travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance or trip cancellation and trip interruption insurance. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchased in advance.

- REMEMBER, your tour manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest.
- **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done.
 - **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**
 - Collins Tours tour manager - from \$7.00-\$10.00 per person, per day
 - Bus driver £4 -£5 per person per day
 - Private city tour guides- £3 per person, per day

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- Isle of Skye – Kings Arms Hotel – King St, Kyleakin, Isle of Skye IV41 8PH. PH: +44 1599 534109
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