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Scotland

STIRLING

featuring the Royal
Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Revel in the colorful pageantry of the **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**.
- ▶ Cruise on **Loch Lomond** and admire the captivating beauty of **The Trossachs National Park** in the Highlands.
- ▶ Marvel at majestic **Edinburgh Castle**.
- ▶ Witness **St Andrews' gems** — its cathedral, castle and the Old Course, golf's home.
- ▶ Take in commanding vistas from the ramparts of **Stirling Castle**.
- ▶ Experience a **haggis ceremony** and a joyful **ceilidh**, a party filled with folk music and dancing.
- ▶ Sip a dram of single malt **Scotch whisky** on a distillery tour.



Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Discover Scotland's remarkable beauty and heritage on this small-group, seven-night journey based in historic Stirling, gateway to the Highlands! Walk in the footsteps of royalty at Stirling Castle and Scone Palace. Travel to Loch Lomond and The Trossachs to admire lake and mountain views that have inspired poets from Burns to Wordsworth. See Edinburgh's UNESCO World Heritage Old and New Towns, stroll along the famed Royal Mile and much more. A favorite highlight is sure to be the glorious Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo staged in front of Edinburgh Castle, featuring military bands from across the globe and lively dancers!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Edinburgh, Scotland. 🌐

Day 2 | Edinburgh, Scotland | Stirling

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to Stirling and check in to the Stirling Highland Hotel.

Once you've settled in, join your Travel Director for a short orientation stroll in the area around the hotel. This evening, gather at the hotel for a Welcome Reception and Dinner, featuring a traditional haggis ceremony and spirited Highland dancing.

Day 3 | Stirling

Enrichment: Medieval Scotland. Gain insights about Scotland's struggle for freedom and hear stories of its famous figures, Robert the Bruce and William Wallace.

Stirling. Stirling is situated in a very historic area of Scotland. On a guided tour, visit the Bannockburn battlefield where Robert the Bruce exploited its marshy ground to win a decisive battle in the war for Scottish independence. Next, tour beautiful Stirling Castle, the early childhood home of Mary, Queen of Scots. Walk through the Great Hall and the royal chambers, then take in stirring vistas from the ramparts, followed by time to explore the grounds.

Free Time: Get acquainted with charming Stirling.

🌐 **AHI Connects: Meet the People.** Chat with residents about everyday life in Scotland.

Relish a delectable dinner in Stirling tonight.

Day 4 | Loch Lomond & The Trossachs | Luss

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs. Delight in the spectacular scenery of this national park known for its pristine lochs and munros, or mountains. In Balloch, embark on a scenic cruise on Loch Lomond. Later, stop in the little village of Luss, filled with slate cottages originally built for workers at the nearby slate quarries. Savor a delicious lunch on the lakeshore in Luss, then

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drive through the heart of The Trossachs and pause along your route to appreciate the picturesque views.

Day 5 | St Andrews

Enrichment: The Stewart Line and the Jacobite Rebellions. Examine the period from Mary, Queen of Scots, through the rise and fall of the Stewart line, to the onset of the Jacobite Rebellions.

St Andrews. Begin with a stop at the National Wallace Monument built to honor William Wallace. Continue to St Andrews to explore its medieval castle ruins perched at the edge of the sea with your guide. Head next to the ruins of the 12th-century St Andrews Cathedral, and envision its scale and grandeur from the remnants that still stand. Finally, see the Old Course, golf's most iconic turf, where the sport has been played for more than 600 years.

Try tasty specialties during lunch in St Andrews.

Free Time: See more of the town center or browse in the shops before returning to Stirling.

Day 6 | Edinburgh

Edinburgh. On your route this morning, stop to see the Forth Bridge, a multispan cantilever bridge that opened in 1890, which was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive in Edinburgh, one of Europe's most distinguished capitals that boasts grand architecture and a dynamic cultural scene. On a panoramic tour, see the medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town, then take a break for lunch. Afterward, walk down the celebrated Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle, home to royalty for centuries and an important military stronghold. On a guided tour, view the crown jewels, the Stone of Destiny and more. *(Active)*

Free Time: Enjoy some time for sightseeing and dinner on your own before rejoining the group to attend the Tattoo performance.

Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This evening, revel in the impressive Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, performed on the wide esplanade in front of the floodlit Edinburgh Castle. First staged in 1950, this magnificent annual spectacle of music and dance combines military bands from around the world, regimental pipes and drums, colorful Highland dancers and fireworks.



Day 7 | Stirling | Perth | Crieff

Free Time: Enjoy the morning at leisure in Stirling.

Scone Palace and the Glenturret Distillery. Visit Scone Palace in Perth, where Scottish kings, including Robert the Bruce, were crowned. Take a guided tour of the beautifully appointed rooms, then meander through the lovely grounds and perhaps try to find your way through the Murray Star Maze! Your next stop is Scotland's oldest working distillery, the Glenturret Distillery in Crieff. Delve into their time-honored methods of making fine whisky and savor a tasting.

Day 8 | Stirling

Enrichment: Scotland Today. Discuss current political issues and events shaping the country.

Free Time: Create your own agenda! Maybe you'll stay in Stirling, visit nearby distilleries or spend the day in Glasgow. Your Travel Director can help with planning. At tonight's Farewell Reception and Dinner, take part in a ceilidh, a fun Celtic party with music and dancing. Learn some classic Scottish songs and dances!

Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport in Edinburgh for the return flight to your gateway city.

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- 7 nights in Stirling, Scotland, at the first-class Stirling Highland Hotel.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

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