

## WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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# SCOTLAND - Majestic, Mysterious, Magnificent!

with Women of the Midwest!

September 3-12, 2022



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Come along with me to the land of Harry Potter, King Arthur, Mary Queen of Scots, Macbeth, St. Andrew's and ... dolphins?! Yes, we are talking about Scotland, and we will get to see pods of Bottlenose Dolphins at Inverness. Conservation, wildlife, innovation and renewable energy tell the story of a modern Scotland. Our journey also takes us to castles, and who knows, we might even spot the Loch Ness monster in the Scottish Highlands!

We will explore the mystical and magical world of Harry Potter, as the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is thought to be located in the Highlands of Scotland. We can let our imagination run wild, as we board the Jacobite Steam Train, known as the Harry Potter Train. All Aboard from Platform 9 ¾!

Scotland is just a tad smaller than South Carolina and an enthralling destination for history buffs, culture fans, romantic souls, adventure seekers, sports enthusiasts, food and whiskey connoisseurs, and those just wanting to enjoy its unspoiled scenery and beauty. It is also the birthplace of golf, bagpipes, tartans, and tweeds, steeped with a spectacular heritage.

Come and explore this beautiful country on the Women of the Midwest journey.  
Join us for a bonnie good time!

Lora Black,

Ambassador for Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.

## Kelvingrove Museum & Gallery



## September 3, 2022 - Saturday

### *Traveling to Scotland*

Our wonderful adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Edinburgh. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation.

## September 4, 2022 - Sunday

### *Glasgow*

Halò Scotland! We arrive at Edinburgh Airport where our private guide and coach await. We will make our way to Glasgow, with a couple of exciting stops on the way. First stop: the Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures, standing 100 ft tall and weighing more than 300 tons each: a man-made wonder and a feat of engineering. Just a few minutes down the road is the Falkirk Wheel, the only rotating boat lift in the world, a magnificent, mechanical marvel being recognized as an iconic landmark worthy of Scotland's traditional engineering expertise. Make sure to take plenty of photos! Upon arrival to Glasgow, we will be taken on a panoramic tour to see the most iconic sights of Scotland's largest city including a visit to the spectacular Kelvingrove Museum and Gallery with the renowned Salvador Dali masterpiece "Christ of St. John of the Cross". Check in to the hotel for dinner and overnight. B (during flight) | D

## September 5, 2022 - Monday

### *Glasgow - Luss - Inveraray Castle - Ft. William*

A hearty breakfast will give us plenty of energy for today's activities. First, discover the hidden history (or rather, HERstory) of Glasgow during a women-focused walking tour. The women of Glasgow's East End have always had to be industrious and resourceful, simply to survive. This walk focuses on some of their achievements and struggles, and the radical nature of the area which gave birth to them. We will learn about the women of

## Eilean Donan Castle



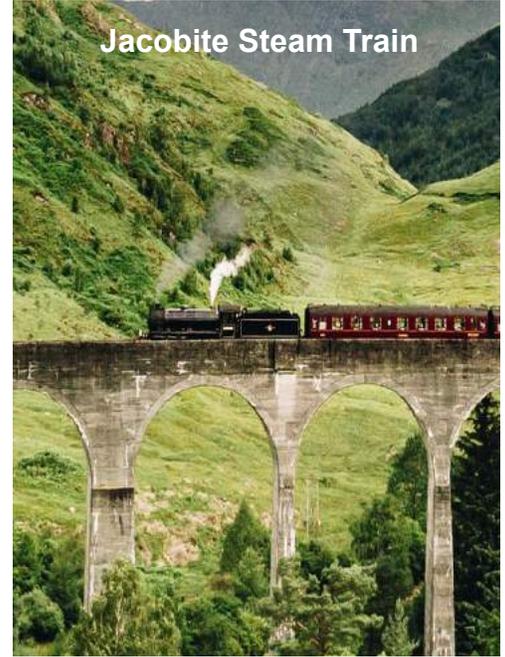
the Templeton factory, the suffragettes, the brazen women of Glasgow Green, Battling Betty, and many, many more! Then, depart Glasgow towards the breathtaking Loch Lomond, and make a short photo stop in the picturesque village of Luss, where you will fall in love with the near row of cottages and the long beach, popular for picnics and paddling when the sun is out. Inveraray Castle is next: a fairytale castle with its green walls and enchanting gardens, and one of Scotland's most exquisite stately homes dating back to the 15th century. Wander through French tapestries, fabulous examples of Scottish, English, and French furniture alongside countless precious artworks. Continue on to Glencoe, a hauntingly stunning glen that witnessed some of Scotland's most gruesome history. Many films feature Glencoe; James Bond's Skyfall and, of course, Harry Potter! Dinner and overnight in Ft. Williams. B | D

## September 6, 2022 - Tuesday

### *Harry Potter Train - Isle of Skye - Inverness*

After a filling breakfast, we will head to the local train station and board the legendary Jacobite Steam Train, known to some as the "Harry Potter Train". Forty-one miles, from Fort William to Mallaig, this journey will take your breath away! We will cross the 21-arched Glenfinnan viaduct which overlooks Loch Shiel and the Jacobite monument (if we are lucky, the train may pause on the viaduct, to allow you to take in the magnificent view). Upon arrival in Mallaig, we board the ferry for a short crossing to the magical Isle of Skye where the romantic ruins of Armadale Castle await to tell the story of Clan Donald. Isle of Skye has countless ways to enchant us with its mountain ranges, miles of dramatic coastline, and captivating history. We will make a stop to enjoy lunch and return to the mainland by bridge, stopping for photos at the picturesque Eilean Donan Castle. We continue along the

## Jacobite Steam Train



beautiful shores of Loch Ness; watch out for the famous monster! We arrive at our hotel in Inverness in the late afternoon. Dinner at the hotel. B | D

## September 7, 2022 - Wednesday

### *Dolphins - the Highlands - Dunkeld*

When you think of Scotland, dolphins may not be the first thing that comes to mind. You will, however, have the opportunity to see these wonderful creatures this morning in the Moray Firth near Inverness. Yes, we are off to yet another once-in-a-lifetime experience which gives you the unique opportunity to see pods of Bottlenose Dolphins in their natural habitat from a unique perspective. Our boat is built with conservation in mind and there is little disruption to the dolphins. After this awesome experience, we will drive south to the Highland Folk Museum - a living history museum with perfectly preserved houses and artifacts from the Scottish Highlands, a real treat for those interested in the history of rural life. Arrive to Dunkeld and check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. You will love our choice of accommodation which sits right on the bank of the River Tay! B | D

## September 8, 2022 - Thursday

### *Pitlochry*

We take our time to enjoy a delicious breakfast before spending a leisurely day discovering the most iconic sights in the local area. We start with a visit to Blair Castle, the opulent and luxurious residence of the Atholl family, who have owned it for over 700 years. There are thirty rooms to explore, the only problem you will have, is seeing everything you want to ...! The castle's fascinating 18th-century interior and magnificent Scottish baronial architecture is simply stunning and the collection of fine silk and porcelain is unique. The gift shop is

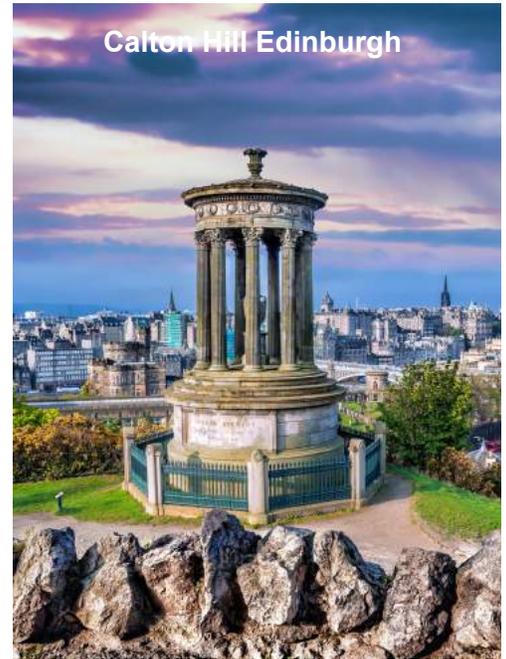
Edinburgh Eatery



Local Souvenirs



Calton Hill Edinburgh



also worth a visit! Oh, and do not miss the gardens. Take a wander through the enchanting grounds, from the captivating Hercules Garden, a nine-acre walled garden; and Diana's Grove, a tranquil space known for its Grand Fir that stands over 60 meters tall. It is a true fairytale setting to wrap up this exceptional Scottish experience. The nearby Blair Athol Distillery (one of Scotland's oldest!) invites us for a fun and informative tour, concluding with a taste of the fruity, smooth 12-year-old single malt. A visit to Pitlochry isn't complete without shopping for some local souvenirs - we recommend a stop at a very special gem shop, a local family business whose range of gorgeous jewelry and giftware will blow you away. Return to Dunkeld for a relaxing dinner and overnight. B | D

### September 9, 2022 - Friday

#### *Glamis Castle – St. Andrews - Edinburgh*

Today, after breakfast, we will discover Glamis Castle. The inspiration for Shakespeare's Macbeth, childhood home of the Queen Mother, birthplace of Princess Margaret, and home today of the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, this proud Baronial Glamis Castle in rural Angus is one of the finest monuments to Scottish heritage. Over 600 years old, with its unmistakable silhouette of quaint turrets and ancient battlements, this castle has more than a story or two to tell ...! And like all great castles, once we have exhausted the interior décor, there is the chance to go off and explore the glorious gardens and grounds including the fabulous walled garden, the truly magical nature trail, and if you dare, the Macbeth trail, made up of the play's most notorious figures sculpted from the Oak, Douglas Fir, and Noble Fir trees grown on the Estate - you won't regret it! On to St. Andrews, famous for its university attended by some of the Royals, and, of course, known as the home of golf.

We invite you explore the ruins of St. Andrews Castle and Cathedral and enjoy the epic views around. We arrive in Edinburgh late this afternoon for a leisurely evening. B | L

### September 10, 2022 - Saturday

#### *Edinburgh*

Breakfast is served and then we are off to discover the secrets of Edinburgh Castle. Playing a central role in Scotland's extraordinary history and one-time home of Mary Queen of Scots, King Arthur (yes, really!), and King of Scotland, James VI, Edinburgh Castle is one of the most breathtaking and instantly recognizable fortresses in the world today. Crowning the city atop a 340-million-year-old brooding volcanic crag, with fabled chapels, vaults, museums, and its very own Scottish Crown. Drink in the spectacular views across the city to the Pentlands and beyond – this is truly the iconic jewel of Scotland. A panoramic tour will follow and take us around some of the most important city landmarks, finishing at one of the local restaurants where lunch is served. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure: shop, explore the museums and galleries, or simply enjoy people-watching in one of the many cafes. In the evening, we have arranged for you to experience a private tour of Holyrood Palace, the Queen's official residence in Scotland, after opening hours. You have no idea what awaits and a glass of bubbly is included! Dinner at leisure. B | L

### September 11, 2022 - Sunday

#### *Edinburgh*

The highlight of this morning is The Royal Yacht Britannia, the iconic former "holiday home" to the Royals, now permanently docked in Leith, Edinburgh. Wander the ship's 5 decks, explore the Crew's Quarters and

State Apartments, and discover the rooms and halls where world leaders, bygone stars and kings and queens danced from dusk till dawn, oh what a joy! Free time in the afternoon to further explore the city at your own pace and purchase your last souvenirs. Shopping in Edinburgh is amazing; there is something for everyone! In the evening, a "Taste of Scotland" is arranged, combining an entertaining Scottish show including bagpipes, fiddles, and dance with a delicious traditional meal. B | D

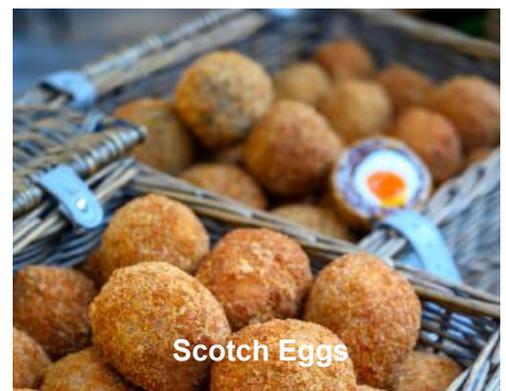
### September 12, 2022 - Monday

#### *Traveling home*

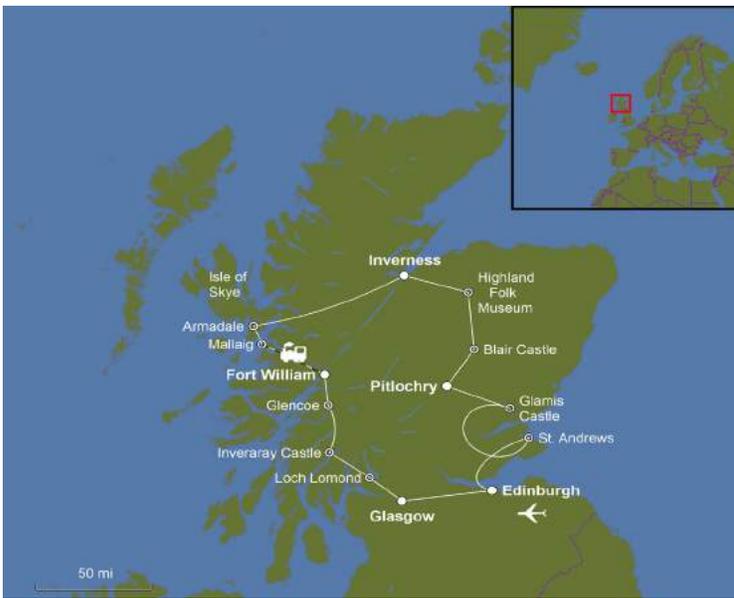
All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Edinburgh airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across The Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B | Meals and entertainment during flights

*Itinerary subject to change.*

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



Scotch Eggs



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**ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:**  
<https://fs28.formsite.com/vLu8mE/WMWSCO22/>

**Package Price:**

Per person in a shared double room:	\$3,995
Per person in a single room:	\$4,995

A limited number of single rooms available. Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share" service. Ask us to assist with finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Balance is due on May 3, 2022, and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

Registering for this tour signifies that you agree with our terms and conditions found at [executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours](http://executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours).

**Travel Insurance:**

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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**Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4**

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

**Group airfare:**

We offer group airfare. Pricing and specific itinerary will be available by the beginning of January 2022. All registered travelers will be notified. Estimate \$1,400 for your roundtrip ticket, economy class, including taxes and fees.

**Visa/Passport requirements (per 9/29/2020):**

U.S. citizens must have a valid passport to enter the United Kingdom and can enter visa-free for tourism stays of up to 90 days. It is the traveler's responsibility to make sure all documentation needed to enter the United Kingdom is as per current regulations. We recommend you check [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) at least 90 days prior to your departure.

*The price quoted is based on a GBP/USD exchange rate of 1.40 (1 GBP = 1.40 USD). We reserve the right to adjust the price at final payment if the exchange rate increases.  
 The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 travelers.*

**Included:**

- 8 nights during the tour in Scotland at local 4-star hotels (names will be announced 30 days prior to departure)
- 8 x breakfast
- 2 x lunch in a local pub, one soft drink or beer included
- 5 x dinner in hotels, 3-course meal, tea & coffee included
- 1 Scottish Dinner Show
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Jacobite Steam Train ticket, standard ticket
- CalMac ferry: Mallaig to Armadale, economy passage
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour guide
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, September 3-12, 2022
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of August 30, 2021

**Not Included:**

- Airfare, estimate \$1,400 per person, economy class
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag. Your first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Gratuities to guide and driver (estimate \$8 per day)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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## JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with United Airlines:

September 3, 2022	Omaha* - Chicago	3:15 PM - 4:52 PM
September 3, 2022	Chicago - Edinburgh	6:15 PM - 7:50 AM (September 4, 2022)
September 12, 2022	Edinburgh - Chicago	11:30 AM - 2:10 PM
Spetember 12, 2022	Chicago - Omaha*	7:52 PM - 9:29 PM

\$1,225 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha, please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed at this time. Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft or availability for upgrades.

Mileage credit for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.

All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.  
Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

## RESERVE YOUR AIRFARE WHEN SIGNING UP!

