

## WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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# SCOTLAND

Majestic, Mysterious, Magnificent!

with Women of the Midwest!

August 1-11, 2024



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 see pods of Bottlenose Dolphins at Inverness. Conservation, wildlife, innovation, and renewable energy tell the story of 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 me for a bonnie good time!

Lisa Anderson, Ambassador  
Women of the Midwest



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

## Kelvingrove Museum & Gallery



### August 1, 2024 - Thursday 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.

### August 2, 2024 - Friday Edinburgh - Glasgow

Halò Scotland! We arrive at Edinburgh Airport where our private guide and coach await. We will make our way to Glasgow (45 minutes) and take a panoramic tour of the city to see the most iconic sights, 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

### August 3, 2024 - Saturday Luss - Inveraray Castle - Ft. William

A hearty breakfast will give us plenty of energy for today's activities. First, discover Glasgow's hidden history (or rather, HERstory) during a women-focused walking tour. Glasgow's East-End women 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 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 neat row of cottages and the long beach, popular for picnics and paddling when the sun is out. Inveraray Castle is next: a fairy tale castle with green walls, enchanting gardens, and one of Scotland's

## Eilean Donan Castle



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 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

### August 4, 2024 - Sunday

**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. The Isle of Skye has countless ways to enchant us with its mountain ranges, miles of dramatic coastline, and captivating history. We will stop to enjoy lunch and return to the mainland by a bridge, stopping for photos at the picturesque Eilean Donan Castle. We continue along the 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

### August 5, 2024 - Monday 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

## Jacobite Steam Train



wonderful creatures this morning in the Moray Firth near Inverness. Yes, we are off to yet another once-in-a-lifetime experience that 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 at Dunkeld and check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. You will love this property which sits right on the bank of the River Tay. Feel free to take an evening stroll! B | D

### August 6, 2024 - Tuesday Pitlochry

We take our time to enjoy a delicious breakfast before spending a leisurely day discovering the most iconic sights in the 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 fine silk and porcelain collection is unique. The gift shop is also worth a visit! Oh, and do not miss the gardens. 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 fairy tale 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

## Edinburgh Eatery



isn't complete without shopping for local souvenirs - we recommend stopping at a special shop, a local family business whose range of beautiful jewelry and giftware will blow you away. Return to Dunkeld for a relaxing dinner and overnight. B | D

### August 7, 2024 - Wednesday Glamis Castle – St. Andrews - Edinburgh

Today, after breakfast, we will discover Glamis Castle. The inspiration for Shakespeare's Macbeth, the childhood home of the Queen Mother, the 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 to explore the ruins of St. Andrews Castle and Cathedral and enjoy the epic views. We arrive in Edinburgh late this afternoon for a leisurely evening. B | L

### August 8, 2024 - Thursday 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,

## Local Souvenirs



really!), and King of Scotland, James VI, Edinburgh Castle is one of the most breathtaking and instantly recognizable fortresses today. Crowning the city atop a 340-million-year-old brooding volcanic crag, with fabled chapels, vaults, museums, and its 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. The highlight of this afternoon is The Royal Yacht Britannia, the iconic former "holiday home" to the Royals, now permanently docked in Leith, Edinburgh. Wander the ship's five 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! The evening is yours to enjoy more of Edinburgh. B | L

### August 9, 2024 - Friday Edinburgh

This morning, we have arranged for you to experience Holyrood Palace, the King's official residence in Edinburgh! Free time in the afternoon to further explore the city at your own pace and purchase souvenirs. Shopping in Edinburgh is amazing; there is something for everyone! In the evening, a "Taste of Scotland" awaits, combining an entertaining Scottish show including bagpipes, fiddles, and dance with a delicious traditional meal. B | D

### August 10, 2024 - Saturday Edinburgh

A full day to enjoy Edinburgh. Enjoy a laidback breakfast, and then head out to your favorite spots of the city. Whether it is the

## Calton Hill Edinburgh



stylish George Street shopping experience, mysterious closes along the Royal Mile, or simply sitting back and people-watching in one of the parks or cafes, there's something to do for everyone. B | L

### August 11, 2024 - Sunday Traveling home

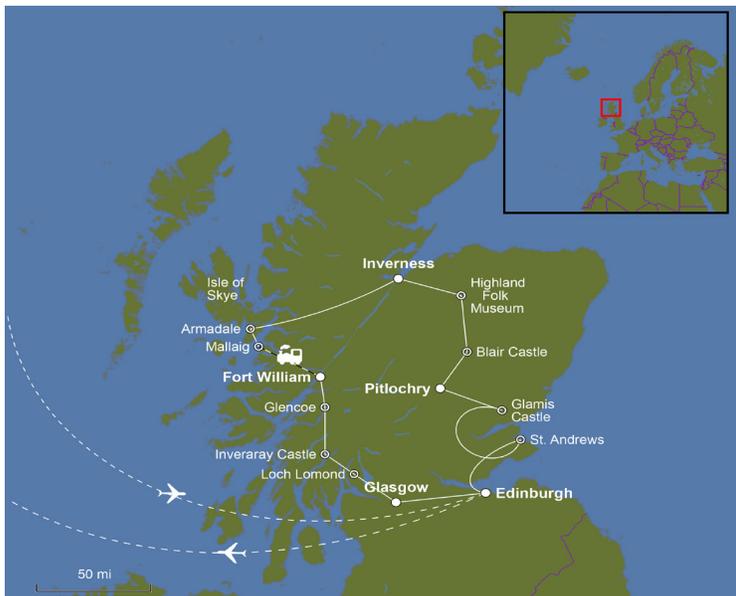
All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Edinburgh airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across The Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B | Meals and entertainment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

*Itinerary subject to change.*

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



## Scottish Eggs



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**Package Price:**

Per person in shared double room: \$4,795  
 Per person in a single room: \$6,295\*

\*Limited single rooms.  
 Triple rooms are not available.

We offer "Pair & Share" service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on April 1, 2024, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

**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:**

Group airfare becomes available by the end of September 2023. All registered travelers will be notified.

**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. *Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.*

**Accommodations** (final accommodation 90 days prior):

- Glasgow - Jurys Inn or similar
- Ft. William - Nevis Bank Inn or similar
- Inverness - Kingsmills Hotel or similar
- Dunkeld - Dunkeld House Hotel or similar
- Edinburgh - Apex Waterloo Place Hotel or similar

**EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:**

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card!

**SAVE 3.5%!**

*This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.*

**Included:**

- 9 nights during the tour in Scotland at local 4-star hotels
- 9 x breakfast
- 3 x lunch in a local pub
- 5 x dinner in hotels, 3-course meal, tea & coffee included
- 1 Scottish Dinner Show
- Welcome drink in Glasgow
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Jacobite Steam Train ticket, standard ticket
- Dolphin watching cruise
- CalMac ferry: Mallaig to Armadale, economy passage
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour guide in Scotland
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, Aug. 1-11, 2024
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of May 18, 2023

**Not Included:**

- Airfare
- 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 \$10-\$12 in total 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**:

August 1, 2024	Omaha* - Chicago O'Hare	11:21 AM - 12:59 PM
August 1, 2024	Chicago O'Hare - Edinburgh	6:45 PM - 8:25 AM (August 2, 2024)
August 11, 2024	Edinburgh - Chicago	11:30 AM - 2:05 PM
August 11, 2024	Chicago O'Hare - Omaha*	7:52 PM - 9:29 PM

**\$1,685 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).

If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers at Chicago O'Hare around the same time as the arrival of our Omaha group on August 1.

On August 11, we aim to have you depart around the same time from Edinburgh as the Omaha group.

### **Important notes about seat assignments and upgrades:**

Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. Premium seating (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed at this time only. Women of the Midwest/Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days before your departure. Thus, we cannot promise the availability of specific seating on the aircraft.

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All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.

Air schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

