



Couples Tour Preliminary Itinerary

Dates: 11-19 August, 2023

Day 0...

Depart your home city for EDI or GLA- at your leisure. You may wish to arrive a day or two early to breathe some Scottish air and blow the jet-lag away. Flights booked independently.

Day 1. 11 Aug

10:am Gather at designated hotel near **Edinburgh** airport (TBD)

Tour Edinburgh Castle

Explore Edinburgh's Royal Mile

Sit quietly in the hallowed halls of St Giles Cathedral

Tour Palace of Holyroodhouse

Travel to **St Andrews, Scotland**

Traditional Scottish dinner: Forgan's Bistro or Rufflets hotel (TBD)

Get a good night's sleep in the beautiful **Rufflets Hotel**

Day 2. 12 Aug

Breakfast in our hotel

Enjoy a relaxing morning in our hotel gardens

St Andrews Walking tour, including St Andrews Cathedral and St Andrews Castle

Lunch* and explore this charming village, birthplace of golf

Travel to **Balmoral Castle**- tour and pay our respects to Her Majesty

Royal Lochnagar Whisky Distillery tour- *What's a trip to Scotland without sampling a wee dram?*

Drive thru **Cairngorms National Park**

Scottish dinner & music in local Pub

Inverness overnight – Gen Mhor Hotel on the banks of the River Ness

Day 3. 13 Aug

Enjoy a robust Scottish "brekkie" in our hotel

Journey along **Loch Ness**- keep a look-out for Nessie!

Soak in the beauty of **Glencoe Valley**

Tour **Eilean Donan Castle**

Explore the magical **Isle of Skye**

Savor the world's finest fish and chips lunch* in the picturesque fishing village of **Portree**

Cross over Skye Bridge as we journey on to

Stirling

Dinner and sleep Stirling **Dunblane Hilton hotel**

Day 4. 14 Aug

Breakfast in our hotel dining room

Stop along the way to skip stones *on the bonnie, bonnie banks of **Loch Lomond***

Drive through **Northumberland National Park**

Dinner, explore the stunning grounds and sweet dreams in the magnificent **Matfen Hall Manor**

Day 5. 15 Aug

Relax and breathe the fresh air

Breakfast overlooking the golf course

Play a round of Golf* or enjoy a Spa Treatment* of your choice

Enjoy the gorgeous grounds

Dinner in our hotel dining room

Sleep with a smile, Matfen Hall Manor

Day 6. 16 Aug

Breakfast at the Manor

Journey to **York**

Tour the magnificent York Cathedral, explore the “Shambles”, inspiration for Harry Potter’s Diagon Alley. Grab lunch* in a quaint café.

Haworth, home of the Bronte sisters

Enjoy a ramble through the cobblestone village, a refreshing walk on the moors, or tour **Bronte**

Parsonage

Visit **St Michaels and All Angels Church**

Dinner in the village- The Hawthorne

Sweet dreams the **Ashmount & Weavers Inns**

Day 7. 17 Aug

Tuck in to a full Yorkshire breakfast before catching a **morning train**; sit back and enjoy the gorgeous English countryside as we zip down into London

Dinner and spectacular view of all of London from the 32nd floor of the Shard

Day 7 & Day 8: Explore London at your leisure...!

Customize your days in this great city. Choose 2-4 events from below and we’ll make all the arrangements:

Rest well both nights in the luxurious **London County Hall Marriott or Waldorf Hotel**

- Tour Buckingham Palace
- Westminster Abbey
- Houses of Parliament
- Tower of London
- Explore the inner workings of the Tower Bridge
- Kensington Palace
- Churchill's War Rooms
- The British Museum
- The Royal Mews @ Buckingham Palace
- Victoria & Albert Museum
- Natural History Museum
- Queens Portrait Gallery
- Sherlock Holmes Museum
- London Eye
- Harrods Department store

Day 8. 18 Aug-

Our final night- Dinner together & West End theater production of Phantom of the Opera
Sweet dreams- The County Hall Marriott or Waldorf Hotel

Day 9. 19 Aug

Breakfast in our hotel

Tour complete- with memories to last a lifetime

Taxi* to Heathrow Airport for your journey home, or... continue the adventure!

“*” indicates individual purchase