

Confirmation #: 532475  
Name: Brenda Newsome  
Tour Name: Newsome Travel  
Tour Date: Sep 16 - Sep 24, 2021

Thu, Sep-16

**DEPART THE UNITED STATES**

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Fri, Sep-17

**EDINBURGH ARRIVAL**

After landing at Edinburgh Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities before meeting your CIE Tours guide, who will welcome you to Scotland. Transfer to your Dunblane hotel, check in and settle into your room. Enjoy a delightful cup of afternoon tea along with a fine assortment of pastries to snack at your hotel before spending the remainder of the afternoon free. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink followed by dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HYDRO HOTEL, DUNBLANE

Sat, Sep-18

**STIRLING CASTLE**

Motor a short distance to visit Stirling Castle, which has been featured largely throughout Scottish history. Many grand celebrations and milestones for the Stewart family were held at the castle as it was a favored residence for the monarchy. Next, travel through Trossach National Park, which was designated by Scottish Parliament in 2002 as one of two national parks. Return to your hotel, where you will have some time on your own before dinner with your group.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HYDRO HOTEL, DUNBLANE

Sun, Sep-19

**URQUHART CASTLE**

Leaving Dunblane, travel through the haunting Rannoch Moor and into the Glencoe Region, an area known for the Massacre of Glen Coe in 1692. During the Massacre, the Campbells slaughtered many of the Macdonald clan. Stop at Urquhart Castle to see what once was the largest castle in Scotland. Near the ruins of the castle, board a boat and set off on a leisurely cruise across the mysterious waters of Loch Ness. Savor the loch's facts and legends with the on-board audio. Do not forget to look out for Nessie with help from the on-board sonar! Travel to your nearby hotel, where you will check in for dinner and overnight stay.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: NESS WALK HOTEL, INVERNESS

Mon, Sep-20

**SPEYSIDE DISTILLERY**

This morning, visit Cawdor Castle, the reputed place where Duncan, Thane of Cawdor was murdered and then immortalized in Shakespeare's play "Macbeth." Continue on to shop at Johnston of Elgin, a woolen mill that produces cashmere garments. Then stop at Tomatin Distillery, which showcases the distinctive legacy of Tomatin that began in 1897. Also, enjoy a tasting of this fine whiskey with your fellow travelers. Return to your hotel in time for dinner.

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Tue, Sep-21

### **GLAMIS CASTLE**

Travel through the lush countryside of Aberdeenshire to visit Glamis Castle, the legendary setting of the story, "Macbeth" and childhood home of the Queen Mother. Then journey to St. Andrews and check into your luxury hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. You could play a round of golf, visit a spa or even hone your archery skills. In the evening, you are free to sample the fine local cuisine.

OVERNIGHT: FAIRMONT HOTEL, ST. ANDREWS

Wed, Sep-22

### **ST. ANDREWS SIGHTSEEING**

After breakfast, embark on a guided walking tour of St. Andrews. Visit St. Andrews Castle, which is situated on a high cliff top and overlooks the sea. The castle was the main residence of the bishops and archbishops and has parts dating from the 13th century. Next, visit St. Andrews Cathedral, which founded in 1160 and then consecrated in 1318. The cathedral was by far the largest church in Scotland before its destruction at the reformation. Afterwards, travel a short distance to the lively city of Edinburgh and check into your hotel. Tonight, you are free to dine at one of the many restaurants or pubs scattered throughout the city.

OVERNIGHT: DUNSTANE HOUSE HOTEL, EDINBURGH

Thu, Sep-23

### **EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS**

Set off on a guided tour of Edinburgh to see some of the city's magnificent highlights. During your tour, you will travel through the Old Town and along the Royal Mile. If time permits, you will also see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, St. Giles Cathedral and even the National Museum of Scotland. Take a public tour of the imposing Edinburgh Castle, perched high above the city on volcanic rock and dominates the skyline. The castle has been involved in many historical conflicts from the War of Scottish Independence to the Jacobite Rising in 1745 and even acted as a military prison during both World Wars. Then you may like to do a bit of shopping before a farewell dinner at the Contini George Street Restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: DUNSTANE HOUSE HOTEL, EDINBURGH

Fri, Sep-24

### **RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES**

Transfer to Edinburgh Airport and check in for your flight. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before flying back to the United States.



Notes:

**Short Overview** - The driver is available for up to eight hours a day for touring. Gratuity is not included (driver and/or tour director). For a more detailed look at our **Terms and Conditions**, please see **Page 4** of your contract.

**Hotels** (or similar)

Doubletree by Hilton Hydro Hotel, Dunblane	2 nights
Ness Walk Hotel, Inverness	2 nights
Fairmont Hotel, St. Andrews	1 night
Dunstane House, Edinburgh	2 nights

**Highlights**

- Afternoon tea at Doubletree
- Scenic cruise on Loch Ness
- Guided walking tour of St. Andrews
- Guided tour of Edinburgh

**Visits**

All visits are outlined on the above itinerary and included in the cost unless otherwise stated.