

9 Days

Scotland



HIGHLIGHTS

- Glasgow
- Highlands
- Loch Lomond
- Glencoe
- Loch Ness
- Culloden Moor
- Edinburgh
- Trossachs
- Stirling Castle
- Wallace Memorial
- Edinburgh Castle
- St Andrews
- Golf Museum

INCLUDED

- Return Flights
- Tour Director
- Football Coordinator
- City sightseeing tours
- Licensed local guides
- Hotel accommodation
- Breakfast & dinner daily
- Private motor coach
- Entrance fees
- 2 Rugby games
- 1 Rugby practice
- Awards dinner

Day 1 > Overnight Flight to Scotland

Day 2 > Glasgow City Walk

Home of Scottish Opera, Scottish Ballet, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, and the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow is the center of contemporary Scottish culture and a hotbed of trendy restaurants, boutiques and pubs. Glasgow grew around a church built in the mid-6th century, but many of its most impressive buildings are from the 19th century, when an industrial boom led to a building frenzy. Your Tour Director will lead you to some of the city's most famous sites, passing Glasgow's blend of modern and traditional architecture. See the Venetian-style colonnaded façade of the city chambers, take in the statuary at George Square.

Day 3 > Highlands, Loch Lomond & Glencoe

Head for the hills (well, the Highlands, actually). On the way, you'll pass the largest expanse of fresh water in Britain. Loch Lomond is five miles wide at its broadest point and has more than 30 islands in the middle of it, three of which are inhabited. It's a favorite recreational spot for the Scots and is full of native wildlife.

Drive through historic Glencoe.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY GAME ONE

Day 4 > Loch Ness & Culloden Moor

The idea that Loch Ness is inhabited by some sort of mysterious aquatic beast has been around for more than 1,500 years. If the monster does exist, the misty Loch, which is 24 miles long and as deep as 700 feet, would be the perfect place for Nessie to hide.

Culloden Moor witnessed one of Scotland's most devastating military losses in 1746, when the troops of Prince Charles Edward Stuart faced the British army commanded by General Cumberland. The battlefield's Visitor Center provides a fascinating and detailed account of the poorly matched battle.

Day 5 > Stirling Castle & Wallace Memorial

Stirling Castle. The site of the battles in "Braveheart" this huge gray stone castle towers over the countryside from its position up high on a cliff, enabling its inhabitants to survey the main north-south and east-west routes across Scotland. The castle has been strategically important to Scotland for centuries and has passed back and forth between Scottish and English control innumerable times. Mary, Queen of Scots was crowned in the castle. The castle is architecturally and artistically beautiful, with Renaissance and medieval elements and breathtaking views. Then journey into the valley where Braveheart William Wallace held off British advances at the Battle of Stirling Bridge. The excursion includes a visit to the towering Wallace Monument, where the hero's sword stands on display.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY GAME TWO

Day 6 > Edinburgh Sightseeing & Castle

Edinburgh Castle, the historical and emotional heart of the city, is just one of the many sights you will see on this tour, led by a licensed professional guide. Make your way along the Royal Mile, the main thoroughfare of the 16th and 17th centuries. (It's actually one mile and 107 yards long--from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyrood House). As you make your way along cobbled streets, you'll see a handful of the several thousand buildings officially protected in Edinburgh because of their architectural or historic importance. The 200-foot spire of the Sir Walter Scott monument soars above the East Princes Street Gardens. Grand figures from Scottish history adorn its heights, make sure you also look down -- the figure below the marble statue is Scott's favorite dog, Maida.

Day 7 > Game Day & Post-Game Party

Enjoy a game against your Scottish competition and relax afterwards and make new friends at the post-game party.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY GAME TWO

Day 8 > St Andrews & Awards Dinner

Set on Scotland's picturesque coastline, St. Andrews is a renowned university town as well as the birthplace of golf. Pass by the buildings of St. Andrews University, founded by Mary Queen of Scots in the 16th century. Prince William is one of the most famous alumni. Passing along the restored medieval streets, you'll see the ruins of St. Andrews Castle. Also included is a visit to the British Golf Museum.

Complete the tour with our special awards dinner this evening and reminisce with your fellow travelers over some 'neeps' and 'tatties' as well as the Scottish speciality of Haggis.

Day 9 > Flight Home

