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 Minimal activity


 Moderate activity

 OE Oceania Exclusive

 BB Beyond Blueprints

 GG Go Green

 Easy activity


 Strenuous activity

 OS Oceania Select


 CD Culinary Discovery

 GL Go Local

 Evening excursion

 Meal included

 ADA Accessible

 FW Food & Wine Trails

 WT Wellness Tour

Newcastle, Uk

TYN-001 NEWCASTLE HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Jun 13, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$119.00



OVERVIEW

Take in Newcastle's renowned surplus of architectural highlights on a driving tour of this riverfront city with ancient roots. The Romans, William the Conqueror, the Victorians and countless generations of university students have all left their marks here. So, too, did the ancestors of George Washington – whose stunning manor house you'll visit during this excursion. Washington Old Hall is a relatively modest-sized property, allowing for an intimate glimpse into America's first president's background; its beautiful Jacobean gardens – complete with their own honeybee hive – invite a relaxing stroll. A drive through Newcastle's impressive Victorian heart, known as Grainger Town, brings you past rows of stately Georgian buildings, many of them listed historic landmarks. Perched high atop a column along Grey Street is a monumental statue of Earl Grey, the English prime minister whose name is forever tied to a blend of tea originally devised to counteract the lime aftertaste of the water on his family estate. An even loftier landmark is the crown-shaped spire of St. Nicholas Cathedral, dominating Newcastle's skyline for the last 500 years. Driving by, you may even sight the grotesque Vampire Rabbit that stares out menacingly from an adjacent doorway.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a guided orientation drive through Newcastle upon Tyne, a city thriving since Roman times.
- See architectural landmarks like Grey's Monument and the elegant Victorian skyline of Grainger Town.
- Pass St. Nicholas Cathedral and learn the fascinating story of how it survived a Scottish siege in 1644.
- Tour Washington Old Hall, the manor house and gardens owned by George Washington's ancestors.
- Take some free time to explore this stylish city further before the coach ride back to the pier.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; bring a jacket or umbrella in case of rain.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes just over 1 hour of easy-to-moderate walking, plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. There are some steps to negotiate and the garden has uneven and natural surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating.

TYN-002 NEWCASTLE ON YOUR OWN

Date: Jun 13, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$89.00



OVERVIEW

Explore stylish, thriving Newcastle at your own pace, setting out from the historical city center, an area so vibrant you may not even wander elsewhere. This is a city abundant in both ancient architectural heritage and industrial-era character – a university town of galleries, restaurants, pubs, medieval lanes and modern riverfront museums. You'll travel by coach from the pier, tracing the banks of the Tyne River crossed by

several famous bridges. Dropped off in the heart of Newcastle, you'll have about three hours to pursue whatever attractions and districts interest you most. Exploring Grainger Town's hundreds of elegant Victorian buildings should be at the top of your list, along with craning your neck to see monumental Prime Minister Earl Grey, standing high atop his column but not sipping tea. St. Nicholas Cathedral also can't be missed, with its skyline-dominating, crown-shaped spire. For shopping, historic Central Arcade is a great option. For a dose of Roman history, visit the surprisingly intact remains of Hadrian's Wall, built by the emperor's orders in the year 122. For art appreciation, consider the classic Laing Gallery, modern BALTIC Contemporary Art Center or the eclectic craft-and-café vibe of The Biscuit Factory. Newcastle will keep you busy.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic drive along the Tyne River from the pier to Newcastle's attraction-rich historic center.
- Step out into this vibrant city with about three hours to explore it on your own agenda.
- Don't miss must-sees like Grainger Town, the beautiful Victorian district loaded with landmark buildings.
- Pursue your passions: shopping, museums, gallery-hopping, pubbing, admiring Hadrian's Wall or just strolling picturesque streets and watching a day in Newcastle unfold.
- Rejoin your coach at the appointed time for the return drive to the pier.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a jacket or umbrella in case of rain.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this self-directed tour is at guests' discretion. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

TYN-006 DURHAM DALES & BLANCHLAND

Date: Jun 13, 2023 Time: 08:45 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$109.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a captivating drive through Durham Dales, a pastoral wonderland only interrupted by the occasional tiny village – like the one you'll explore at your leisure. The Dales are a landscape of wild moorlands, rugged mountains and serene river valleys in the west of County Durham. Unbroken hilly expanses and country roads meandering through patchwork fields define the North Pennine region's immense beauty, while scattered villages and farms little changed from how they appeared centuries ago create its historic interest. In verdant Derwent Valley, a vast reservoir attracts ardent sailors, fishermen and birdwatchers intent on spotting the greylag geese, teals and tufted ducks who congregate here in sizable numbers. In immensely scenic Blanchland village, the population count is not nearly as large – barely 150 souls reside among the medieval stone buildings in this hamlet so idyllic that period films are frequently shot here. With an hour or two to spend on your own, you'll get a delightful sense of what it's like to live in Blanchland – strolling its streets, interacting with the welcoming locals and soaking up the irrepressibly timeless atmosphere that prevails in this unspoiled corner of England.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a panoramic coach drive into Durham Dales, a landscape of moorlands, mountains and market towns.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Travel along meandering country roads where sheep and cattle graze and the farms are centuries old.
- See the fertile Derwent Valley, its large reservoir a gathering place for anglers and waterfowl.
- Spend time in Blanchland, settled in the 12th century and seemingly little changed since then.
- Admire the town skyline built almost entirely of local stone and bask in the allure of its North Pennine setting.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a jacket or umbrella in case of rain.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is panoramic in nature, with walking primarily done at guests' discretion during free time in Blanchland. The walk from the coach parking area to the town center takes about 10 minutes, and there are steps and cobbled surfaces to negotiate within the village. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

TYN-004 ALNWICK CASTLE-A HARRY POTTER CONNECTION

Date: Jun 13, 2023 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$139.00



OVERVIEW

Travel to iconic Alnwick Castle, real-life home of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland and stand-in for Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in two Harry Potter films. Located an hour north of Newcastle near England's border with Scotland, this imposing 12th-century fortress brims with star quality inside and out. Owned by the Percy family for over 700 years, Alnwick – it's pronounced "Annick" – has undergone many home improvements over the centuries, including the addition of numerous towers, a moat and a luxurious Gothic residential wing. Inside, you'll encounter lavish rooms filled with period furniture, including a pair of ornate Cucci cabinets originally made for Louis XIV. The library holds nearly 14,000 books, some of them read by a Percy ancestor with too much time on his hands while imprisoned in the Tower of London. Masterworks by Canaletto, Van Dyck, Claude and Titian adorn the walls, and the Grand Staircase is made of solid Carrara marble, each 12-foot-long step carved from a single stone. The Alnwick grounds are just as breathtaking, as you'll discover on a stroll through the elaborate gardens and parkland. Overall, the atmosphere here would qualify as magical even without the Harry Potter connection.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle in for a drive across pastoral Northumberland to visit a destination with star qualities.
- Tour Alnwick Castle, home to the Percy family for seven centuries and Hogwarts School for two films.
- Wonder at the spectacular marble staircase and wander among rooms brimming with museum-grade furnishings and paintings.
- Admire the castle's 14,000-book library and learn about the colorful stories and history lived here.
- Take a walk through Alnwick's parkland and imagine a pitched Quidditch battle taking place overhead.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a jacket or umbrella in case of rain.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes nearly two hours of moderate walking that includes steps and stairs inside the castle, and uneven ground and steep inclines on the castle grounds. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating.

TYN-003 BEAMISH OPEN AIR MUSEUM

Date: Jun 13, 2023 Time: 09:15 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Step back into another era at the Beamish Museum, where dozens of original buildings from the past are present. This captivating 300-acre attraction includes a wide array of historic structures, reassembled brick by brick in the open countryside to form an Edwardian town and colliery – complete with farms, railways, tramways, a co-op shop, a pub, a printer and a chapel. The result is a living museum of the early 1900s, where the townspeople wear period costumes and are employed in professions of their era. To set the proper tone for your visit, you'll begin with a delightful orientation ride by double-decker tram down Main Street. Then, with about two hours of free time, you can wander Beamish at will. Visit the stables, step inside the Motor & Cycle Works, stop in at the Sweet Shop where tempting confections are still made according to original recipes. Inside the bank, the currency is antique and the vaults are wisely located in the cellar, while the gruesome surgical equipment on display in the dentist's office might make you want to head for a cellar yourself. And the town railway station takes its visitors back to the start of the 20th century.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle in for a relaxed drive into the Northumberland countryside to visit 300-acre Beamish Museum.
- Tour an entire open-air town of meticulously reconstructed structures from the 1800s and early 1900s.
- Enjoy an orientation ride down the main street on a historic double-decker tram.
- Wander in and out of period farm buildings, stores, a bank, a dentist's office, trade shops and more.
- Chat with locals in period dress, working at Edwardian-era tasks throughout this living museum.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a jacket or umbrella in case of rain.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is primarily at guests' discretion. Various buildings and exhibits have stepped access. The walking terrain varies; some is uneven by nature and steep slopes are involved, though these can be avoided. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

TYN-007 HADRIAN'S WALL AND ROMAN FORT

Date: Jun 13, 2023 Time: 09:15 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$119.00



OVERVIEW

This inspiring coach excursion visits the famous wall Roman emperor Hadrian ordered built in the second century and explores one of the

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ancient forts along its length. The hills west of Newcastle once marked the northern border of the Roman Empire in Britain. In 122 A.D., Hadrian decided a stout defensive wall was required in order to protect his territory from the barbarians to the north. Nearly 2,000 years later, sections of this impressive barrier are still standing along the small highway now known as Military Road. You'll trace its course, stopping at Heddon on the Wall to admire and photograph the longest and best-preserved stretch of Hadrian's imposing construction – originally 73 miles long and 15 feet high with a tower every third of a mile, but now mostly in remnants that keep marauding cows out of his ex-Empire. You'll also tour Chesters Roman Fort, one of the finest remaining examples of the garrisons erected at regular intervals along the wall. A stroll around its excavated officers' quarters, baths and steam room – warmed from underground – will spark your imagination as you contemplate what life must have been like for Hadrian's far-flung legionnaires.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Venture by coach into the rolling hills that once defined the Roman Empire's frontier border in England.
- Travel a road that parallels the course of Hadrian's Wall, erected nearly 2,000 years ago to keep the northern barbarians at bay.
- Visit Heddon on the Wall to take in the longest and most-intact stretch of this defensive barrier.
- Explore Chesters Fort, a well-preserved example of the Roman garrisons built along the wall.
- Stop at Housesteads viewpoint to see Chesters Fort once again, perched high on a now-distant ridge.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a jacket or umbrella in case of rain.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking over a hilly and uneven path. The visited sites are situated on field-like terrain. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not considered suitable for those with mobility concerns.

TYN-005 HISTORIC DURHAM AND CATHEDRAL

Date: Jun 13, 2023 Time: 10:00 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$109.00



OVERVIEW

Feast your eyes on glorious landmarks as you visit Durham and tour its iconic 11th-century cathedral, arguably England's finest example of Norman architecture. Lying about an hour south of Newcastle, across a green rolling landscape, Durham seems to have lost all track of modern time. Even with a gaggle of university students in town to help keep things lively, little has changed over the centuries along Durham's winding, cobbled streets and the leafy banks of the River Wear that loops through town. One architectural gem above all stands out here: Durham Cathedral, built in 1093 to house the relics of St. Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede. You'll tour this dramatic UNESCO-listed structure, laden with superb design details including its carved nave pillars, bishop's throne, and stone rib vaulting – the first in any European cathedral. Even the later stained-glass windows are fantastic. Just nearby, beautiful cloisters and the grassy Palace Green offer views of Durham Castle. So immense it would be hard to miss, this building is another standout, one of the grandest Romanesque structures left in England. An hour or so of free time to explore the town's medieval streets introduces some delightful spontaneity to the experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle in for a drive through pastoral North East England to visit a medieval throwback.
- Tour UNESCO-listed Durham Cathedral, revered both for its relics of saints and its quintessential Norman design.
- Admire the dramatic volume and impressive design details of this venerable 11th-century landmark.
- Visit the cloisters and Palace Green for views of stunning Durham Castle, commissioned by William the Conqueror.
- Take some free time to wander Durham's picturesque cobbled lanes and riverbanks at your leisure.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a jacket or umbrella in case of rain.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 75 minutes of moderate walking plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. An uphill walk to the cathedral, uneven floors, and stairs and cobblestone surfaces are involved. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

Edinburgh (South Queensferry), Scotlar

SQU-009 LEISURELY EDINBURGH

Date: Jun 14, 2023 Time: 07:30 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$109.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a relaxing narrated spin through Edinburgh, capturing the capital's ancient essence through its most iconic landmarks. One thing to keep in mind: in this Gothic cityscape, Old Town is truly medieval and even New Town hails from the 18th century. Brooding moodily above it all, stacked on a granite outcrop that no enemy could easily scale, Edinburgh Castle anchors the Royal Mile, a famous ridge-top stretch that runs down through several very scenic streets to end at Holyrood Palace, the Queen's official residence when in Scotland. Touring the streets of Old Town is a phenomenally atmospheric experience – you are transported back to what life here looked like centuries ago, when residents of all social classes shared the same "tenement buildings" crowded along the narrow ridge. Be ready for a startling contrast when you cross over by bridge to stately Prince Street, lined with handsome gardens on one side and "modern" Georgian architecture on the other. Holyrood's royal parklands remain the city's foremost green oasis, with serene ponds and plentiful waterfowl. A stop at the park's highest point, Arthur's Seat, provides a fabulous photo opp, with views that overlook all of Edinburgh and far beyond.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by comfortable coach on a rolling survey of the one-of-a-kind cityscape that is Edinburgh.
- See signature cathedrals, medieval buildings, tiny alleyways and other landmarks along the Royal Mile, spanning between Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace.
- Cross over what was once a boggy ravine to New Town, its rectangular blocks lined with handsome Georgian architecture.
- Drive through tranquil Holyrood Park – once Mary, Queen of Scots' hunting grounds – and up to epic city views from Arthur's Seat, sitting on an extinct volcano.

HELPFUL HINTS

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a rain jacket or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is panoramic in nature with optional limited walking at the photo stop. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them.

SQU-004 ST. ANDREW'S - HOME OF GOLF

Date: Jun 14, 2023 Time: 08:00 AM
Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Enthusiasts won't want to miss this pilgrimage to St. Andrews and the legendary links known simply as the Old Course. Enjoy a picturesque drive from the pier into the North Sea coastal county of Fife, branching off the main road onto country byways with fine pastoral views as you get ever closer to St. Andrews. On arrival, you'll make a brief stop at the atmospheric ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral, its great east window and surviving 12th-century foundations presenting one of Scotland's most photographed scenes. Your tour continues with a panoramic drive through this bustling market town, before arriving at its most enduring claim to fame: The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. Founded 1754, The Club is the headquarters of world golf and holds supreme sway in all golfing matters. After your exterior view of the Club, you'll have time for a guided short stroll around areas of the Old Course, or to browse in one of the many small specialist shops selling golfing memorabilia and togs here. Or to simply breathe in the sea air as you ponder the drama these noble fairways and greens have seen.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic drive across Fife's rolling hills en route to the market town of St. Andrews.
- Stop for photos at the impressive ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral, once largest and greatest in the land.
- Gaze on the storied exterior of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, where the Game began.
- Take a guided short stroll around part of the Old Course, the most venerable links in the world.
- If you wish, indulge in some St. Andrews memorabilia or classic clothing at the specialty shops.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour can include up to 1.5 hours of walking, the amount depending on guests' discretion. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The order of sites visited may vary.

SQU-002 ROYAL MILE WALKING TOUR

Date: Jun 14, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM
Duration: 4.25 Hrs Price: \$139.00



OVERVIEW

Walk Edinburgh's glorious Royal Mile, the medieval thoroughfare that stretches from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The walk will commence at the castle's esplanade in the shadow of the imposing

fortress, the city's oldest building. While descending the Royal Mile, you will pass a litany of historical buildings such as Gladstone's Land, the former townhouse of a wealthy merchant that has been restored to its 17th-century splendor. You will also see Lady Stair's House, a literary museum dedicated to the works of Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson, both of whom were born in Edinburgh. Upon reaching the end of the street, you will enjoy free time, during which you might explore Holyroodhouse, the British monarch's official residence in Scotland. In the 18th century, famed novelist Daniel Defoe hailed the Royal Mile as "the largest, longest and finest street in the world." It remains extraordinary even today.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll the Royal Mile, the thoroughfare that links Edinburgh Castle and Holyroodhouse.
- Pass one historical building after another for an idea of city life through the centuries.
- Spend free time around Holyroodhouse, where you might tour the royal residence or shop.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes nearly 3 hours of walking, at times over uneven and cobblestone surfaces; it is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for those with mobility concerns. The order of sites visited may vary. The tour does not include entrance to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. There are cobble stones and uneven hilly terrain. Not suitable for people with walking difficulties.

SQU-005 SCONE PALACE, CROWNING PLACE OF SCOTTISH KINGS

Date: Jun 14, 2023 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$139.00



OVERVIEW

Travel deep into the Scottish heartland, and the country's history, to visit a great Gothic palace where kings have been crowned since time immemorial. Scone Palace is where Macbeth, King of Scots bled to death, and where Robert the Bruce was crowned King in 1306 after slaying William Wallace. The legendary Stone of Scone, aka the Stone of Destiny, was part of the coronation seat here until late in the 13th century – when it was seized by King Edward I and used in England's coronations for the next 500 years. Against this rich historical backdrop, your Scone Palace tour becomes even more momentous as you visit the ceremonial dining room laden with precious ivories, the drawing room with walls clad in silk, the library overlooking parkland pastures and the River Tay, and the Ambassador's room where an 18th-century royal bed sports three magnificent coats of arms of King George III. Then there are the Inner Hall's beautiful carved oak fireplaces and the Royal Gallery, its 142-foot length of Scottish oak walked by many a king. Before leaving, you'll also have some time to explore the palace grounds landscaped with formal gardens and lawns where splendid peacocks wander free.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel deep into the Scottish landscape by coach, with the River Tay and Grampian Mountains for scenery.
- Tour Scone Palace, steeped in legend and the setting for king-making ceremonies for over 1,000 years.
- Learn the story of the Stone of Scone, used as the coronation seat here for centuries until England nabbed it in 1296.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

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Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Walk through the palace’s interior rooms, laden with history and decorated in regal medieval style.
- Explore the palace grounds, where commanding river prospects beckon and peacocks roam.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately one hour of walking. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The order of sites visited may vary.

SQU-007 BRAVEHEART COUNTRY & STIRLING CASTLE

Date: Jun 14, 2023 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$279.00



OVERVIEW

Visit two essential landmarks from Scotland’s valiant and at times blood-soaked history. This is, after all, a land of mighty fortresses on rocky heights, and great halls within towering strongholds where great men discussed affairs of state against backdrops of regal splendor. Foremost among these landmarks is one that pays homage to Robert the Bruce’s hard-fought battles to drive the English from Scotland and be recognized as rightful king inside his own country. His campaign reached its climax at the 1314 battle at Bannockburn – your first stop on this fascinating tour. Here at the Heritage Center you’ll encounter an informative ‘Kingdom of the Scots’ exhibition and a multimedia presentation of the Battle of Bannockburn presented amidst a colorful atmosphere of heraldic banners. Barely four miles away, rising abruptly from the flat plains is a fortress-crowned rock with the grey town of Stirling clinging to its sides. Stirling Castle has appropriately been called the key to Scotland, bitterly fought over and staunchly defended over many centuries. Your self-guided tour will acquaint you with this classic castle’s central turreted gatehouse, flanking towers and curtain wall – as well as the Great Hall, Renaissance-era Palace and Chapel Royal within.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the heart of Braveheart Country and visit the site of the pivotal 1314 Battle of Bannockburn.
- Tour the Heritage Center where Scottish history from Robert the Bruce to the Union of the Crowns of Scotland and England in 1603 is depicted via exhibits and multimedia.
- Travel through the grey hill-clinging village of Stirling to visit the Castle at its top – so strategic to whoever rules Scotland, it’s been called the key to the country.
- Enjoy a self-directed exploration of this medieval bastion, from its turreted gatehouse to its interior Palace and Chapel Royal.
- Capture outstanding views of the Highlands scenery from atop the Castle’s battlements.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1.5 hours of walking and is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before

participating. The order of sites visited may vary.

SQU-007OE OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - BRAVEHEART COUNTRY & STIRLING CASTLE



Date: Jun 14, 2023 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$399.00

OVERVIEW

Oceania Exclusive Tour For those travelers who prefer an added measure of intimacy and flexibility, we are pleased to offer our new Oceania Exclusive tours. With a minimum of 10 guests and a maximum capacity of just 16 guests, each tour benefits from a higher level of personal attention and the added flexibility and agility that come from traveling in a small group. Oceania Exclusive tours are available for a specially selected number of tours in almost every port we visit, in every corner of the world. Visit two essential landmarks from Scotland’s valiant and at times blood-soaked history. This is, after all, a land of mighty fortresses on rocky heights, and great halls within towering strongholds where great men discussed affairs of state against backdrops of regal splendor. Foremost among these landmarks is one that pays homage to Robert the Bruce’s hard-fought battles to drive the English from Scotland and be recognized as rightful king inside his own country. His campaign reached its climax at the 1314 battle at Bannockburn – your first stop on this fascinating tour. Here at the Heritage Center you’ll encounter an informative ‘Kingdom of the Scots’ exhibition and a multimedia presentation of the Battle of Bannockburn presented amidst a colorful atmosphere of heraldic banners. Barely four miles away, rising abruptly from the flat plains is a fortress-crowned rock with the grey town of Stirling clinging to its sides. Stirling Castle has appropriately been called the key to Scotland, bitterly fought over and staunchly defended over many centuries. Your self-guided tour will acquaint you with this classic castle’s central turreted gatehouse, flanking towers and curtain wall – as well as the Great Hall, Renaissance-era Palace and Chapel Royal within.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the heart of Braveheart Country and visit the site of the pivotal 1314 Battle of Bannockburn.
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SQU-010 THE TROSSACHS PANORAMA

Date: Jun 14, 2023 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$109.00



OVERVIEW

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

Join us on a coach excursion that passes key landmarks from Scotland's tumultuous past and travels through peaceful glens that rival the Highlands for natural beauty. In Scottish history, there's no more famous hero than William Wallace – more commonly known as Braveheart. On a drive west from the pier, skirting the Firth of Forth and the winding River Forth, you'll come upon an elaborately sculpted stone tower built in Wallace's honor at the height of the Victorian era. The National Wallace Monument sits atop Abbey Craig, where Braveheart rallied the Scots to a great victory in 1297. Nearby you'll see Stirling Castle, another huge symbol of national pride. For centuries, possession of this strategic fortress has been considered the key to ruling Scotland. Always bitterly fought over and staunchly defended, it overlooks the fields of Bannockburn, where Robert the Bruce prevailed against the English in a decisive battle for independence in 1314. Soon, the scenery grows more tranquil as the drive enters the Trossachs, a wonderland of wooded glens and sparkling lochs – once home to yet another Scottish folk hero, Rob Roy MacGregor. Some free time in Aberfoyle affords you an authentic taste of local village life.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel into the landscape of Scotland's battle-laced history, where William Wallace and Robert the Bruce fought key battles 700 years ago.
- Gaze up at the ornate National Wallace Monument and across the revered fields of Bannockburn.
- See formidable Stirling Castle, where numerous Scottish monarchs have been born, crowned and mourned.
- Shift gears to pastoral mode on a drive through the peaceful wooded wonderland of the Trossachs.
- Experience Rob Roy country and get a taste of Scottish village life during free time in Aberfoyle.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is primarily panoramic with limited, mostly optional walking at the stops. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them.

SQU-001 CITY OF EDINBURGH & CASTLE

Date: Jun 14, 2023 Time: 12:00 PM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$149.00



OVERVIEW

Survey Edinburgh's most famous landmarks by panoramic coach and tour the castle that has crowned Castle Rock for a millennium. It's said that ancient British tribes clustered their wooden huts on this same rocky outcrop, believing the windy heights brought greater security. Today, Edinburgh Castle is still secure enough to safeguard the Scottish Crown Jewels you will see on dazzling display during your inside visit. Entering through the main gate as warriors Robert the Bruce and William Wallace gaze down on you forebodingly, you'll pass from modern times to medieval – and soon find yourself immersed in a place of profound history. Just one example is seeing the Royal bedchamber where Mary, Queen of Scots gave birth to James VI – the King who united the thrones of Scotland and England in 1603. Returning to the present day, you'll travel by coach through Old Town, descending along the ridge known as the Royal Mile. This fabled route takes you along Castle Hill, Lawnmarket, High Street and Canongate, passing lofty St. Giles Cathedral, picturesque tenement houses and their tiny side "wynds," and the Palace of Holyrood House, official Scottish residence of the Queen.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in fine views of Edinburgh's most prepossessing landmarks, making your way around the city by panoramic coach.
- Travel the length of the Royal Mile and past the formal gardens and Georgian elegance of Princes Street.
- Ascend the Esplanade on foot to enter 1000-year-old Edinburgh Castle and tour the treasures and history within.
- Admire the Scottish Crown Jewels and visit the Royal Apartment where a legendary king was born.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1 hour of walking at Edinburgh Castle, at times over uneven and cobblestone surfaces and with a significant number of steps to negotiate. The tour is not suitable for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Due to traffic regulations, a drive past St. Giles Cathedral cannot be guaranteed. The order of sites visited may vary.

SQU-001OE OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - CITY OF EDINBURGH & CASTLE



Date: Jun 14, 2023 Time: 12:00 PM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$329.00

OVERVIEW

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Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

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HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

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Invergordon, Scotland

ING-001 DUNROBIN CASTLE

Date: Jun 15, 2023 Time: 09:30 AM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Settle back and enjoy wonderful coastal scenery enroute to your guided visit at an elegant castle on a hill overlooking the Moray Firth. Actually, Dunrobin looks rather more like a French chateau than the usual dark-stone Scottish castle; thank all the white stone and gleaming conical towers for that. At 189 rooms, it's the largest great house in the Northern Highlands and also one of the most ancient continuously-inhabited buildings in Britain, with sections dating back to the early 1300s. Like most medieval castles, Dunrobin started out as a fortress-like keep named after its originator, Earl Robin. After extensive home improvements made by the best architects during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, the splendid turreted castle you'll tour today is a absolute visual treat, inside and out. The building sits regally on its site, overlooking sprawling formal gardens that in turn overlook the sea. As grand as the interior is – including a portrait-lined main stairway that's 30 feet wide and 50 feet high, and a 10,000-volume library – the grounds are just as inspiring. Echoing the French style of the house that towers above them, these magnificent manicured gardens would look right at home in Versailles.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach across northeast Scotland to turreted Dunrobin Castle, a gleaming gem along its coast.
- Visit the Northern Highlands' largest, oldest and arguably most beautiful great house.
- Enjoy a guided tour of the castle's elegant interior, where every space is super-sized.
- Wander beautiful Versailles-style formal gardens, little changed from their original 1850 layout.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes some 2 hours of walking at the castle, over mostly even surfaces and with approximately 150 steps to be negotiated. The excursion is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

ING-003 SCENIC MOORLAND DRIVE & DORNOCH

Date: Jun 15, 2023 Time: 09:30 AM

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$169.00



OVERVIEW

This relaxed circular drive covers a wonderful cross-section of Highland scenery – from rugged hills and moors to curving coastlines and wooded vales. From Invergordon pier, you'll head north into an area of unspoiled natural beauty. Gentle farmland backed by rolling hills gives way to a climb up into the moorlands toward Struie Hill Viewpoint, famed for its "million-pound" panoramas across Dornoch Firth. Over on the other bank, the quaint hamlet of Spinningdale appears as we approach character-filled Dornoch on the North Sea coast. You'll have some free time to wander in this unpretentious town that offers a glimpse into everyday Scottish life in a setting little changed by the modern world. You might want to consider stopping in at the crafts center, touring a remarkably cozy cathedral that dates back to 1224, or visiting the less-cozy historic town jail. With the group reassembled for further journeying, you'll all feel certain you can smell malted barley in the air as we have a passing encounter with Glenmorangie Whisky Distillery. Transiting the ancient Highland burgh of Tain, we'll make for the windswept Easter Ross seaboard and a spin through remote fishing villages like Balintore and Shandwick enroute back to Invergordon.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an unhurried, highly scenic coach voyage around the Highland moors and coastal burghs.
- Stop for astounding panoramic vistas and enviable photos from Struie Hill Viewpoint.
- Pass many a wee Scottish village, like Spinningdale, Tain, Balintore and Shandwick
- Take some free time to wander in Dornoch, a classic Scottish town of tree-lined streets, mellow stone houses and charming local color.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour can include up to 90 minutes of walking, mainly at guests' discretion. The gravel path to reach Shin Falls is on an incline and guests should use caution. The tour is considered suitable for wheelchair guests who can make their way on and off the coach. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. The order of sites visited may vary.

ING-005OE OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - LOCH NESS & URQUHART CASTLE



Date: Jun 15, 2023 Time: 09:30 AM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$319.00

OVERVIEW

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Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

Ness. The loch is extremely beautiful, long and narrow with steep wooded banks and a depth of 900 feet in places. As you drive its shores, you'll likely be torn between ogling the spectacular setting and scouring the waters for signs of ever-shy Nessie. It's simply impossible not to look for her – or him. Once you reach the Ness-side village of Drumnadrochit, you'll visit iconic Urquhart Castle – a 14th-century fortified residence with an action-packed history. Blown up in 1692, it's been a truly magnificent ruin ever since – its jagged keep rising from crumbling walls against a backdrop of loch waters and rolling hills. After a panoramic spin through Inverness, you'll cross the elegant Kessock Bridge and reenter the Northern Highlands for still more marvelous scenery enroute back to Invergordon.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach across the Scottish Highland countryside and along its scenic sea inlets.
- Tour moody, magnificent Loch Ness – narrow, long, steeply banked and deep enough to hide Nessie.
- Visit and photograph the famously atmospheric ruins of Urquhart Castle along the loch's shore.
- Enjoy a panoramic tour of urbane Inverness, astride the river that flows from Loch Ness but with ample mystique of its own.
- Enjoy a higher level of personal attention and flexibility on this Oceania Exclusive small group tour.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1-3/4 hours of walking, including over uneven ground and with a significant number of steps to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and is not considered suitable for guests with mobility concerns. At Urquhart, the path down to the castle's lower level is steep in parts, but the panoramic views from the coach park are pretty amazing. The order of sites visited may vary.

ING-002 HIGHLAND CASTLES & LOCH NESS

Date: Jun 15, 2023 **Time:** 09:45 AM
Duration: 8.00 Hrs **Price:** \$319.00



OVERVIEW

Spend a marvelous day exploring two of Scotland's most renowned castles and in the thrall of legendary Loch Ness. Considered most romantic of the Highland castles, Cawdor Castle has sheltered the same family for 600 years – and perfectly combines history and home, legend and reality. Crossing an authentic drawbridge, you'll tour Cawdor's classic interior of low doorways, winding stairways, and windows set deep in massive walls. Despite all the stone, the atmosphere inside is so warm and personal you'll get a vivid sense of what life must have been like here during medieval times. Later, driving along the steeply wooded shores of Loch Ness, you'll likely be torn between ogling the spectacular setting and scouring the 900-foot-deep waters for signs of ever-shy Nessie. It's impossible not to look. Passing through the loch-side village of Drumnadrochit, you'll visit Urquhart Castle. A 14th-century fortress and residence with an action-packed history, this building has been a truly magnificent ruin for several centuries – its jagged keep rising from crumbling walls against a backdrop of loch waters and rolling hills. It's a serious wow, as will be the scenery during the glen and highlands drive back to Invergordon alongside Cromarty Firth.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Cawdor Castle, a medieval landmark considered the Highlands' most romantic ancestral home.

- Stroll lovely gardens and tour an interior that's classic "castle," yet has a warm, lived-in feel; you can practically smell banquet fare simmering in the period kitchens.
- Drive along the moody, magnificent banks of Loch Ness – and keep your eyes peeled.
- Tour and photograph the famously atmospheric ruins of Urquhart Castle along the loch's shore.
- Savor lunch at a local hotel in Inverness, known as the Capital of the Highlands.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2-3/4 hours of walking, at times over uneven ground and with some 160 steps to be negotiated. The excursion is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. At Urquhart, the path down to the castle's lower level is steep in parts, but the panoramic views from the coach park are pretty amazing. The order of sites visited may vary.

ING-008 INVERNESS ON YOUR OWN

Date: Jun 15, 2023 **Time:** 09:45 AM, 11:45 AM
Duration: 5.50 Hrs **Price:** \$109.00



OVERVIEW

This transfer is the ideal solution for independent-minded travelers who prefer to explore destinations at their own pace and discretion. From your ship in Invergordon, board a comfortable motor coach for a scenic journey to the center of Inverness, Capital of the Highlands. There's much to see and do in this historic town along the River Ness with its thriving cultural, crafts and dining scene. And you'll have about three hours of free time to discover whatever strikes your fancy here. While this is a self-guided experience, your coach escort will be happy to answer any questions you may have about how to make the best of your time here. Then, you're on your own. At a prearranged hour and location, you'll need to be back to rejoin the coach for the return drive to the pier. Plan this step wisely: those who run late for pickup must make their own way back to the ship, at their own expense.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Express your independence and keen traveler instincts by creating your own half-day in Inverness.
- Travel by coach across the Highlands countryside to a convenient spot in the center of town.
- Before striking out on your own for about 3 hours, make use of your coach escort's local knowledge to plan out your itinerary. Or just wander and let it happen naturally.
- Make sure to be back at the prearranged time and place for the coach return to Invergordon.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Amount of walking and level of exertion on this independent tour is at guests' discretion. Lunch and any attraction admission fees are at your own expense.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

ING-002OE OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - HIGHLAND CASTLES & LOCH NESS



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OVERVIEW

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ING-005 LOCH NESS & URQUHART CASTLE

Date: Jun 15, 2023 Time: 10:00 AM
Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

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make your way along the shores of Cromarty Firth and Beaully Firth enroute to the northern tip of Loch Ness. and heading for the each with its own charm as you take this scenic route towards world-famous Loch Ness. The loch is extremely beautiful, long and narrow with steep wooded banks and a depth of 900 feet in places. As you drive its shores, you'll likely be torn between ogling the spectacular setting and scouring the waters for signs of ever-shy Nessie. It's simply impossible not to look for her – or him. Once you reach the Ness-side village of Drumadrochit, you'll visit iconic Urquhart Castle – a 14th-century fortified residence with an action-packed history. Blown up in 1692, it's been a truly magnificent ruin ever since – its jagged keep rising from crumbling walls against a backdrop of loch waters and rolling hills. After a panoramic spin through Inverness, you'll cross the elegant Kessock Bridge and reenter the Northern Highlands for still more marvelous scenery enroute back to Invergordon.

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ING-007 CAWDOR CASTLE & CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD

Date: Jun 15, 2023 Time: 10:15 AM
Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$149.00



OVERVIEW

Grab your kilt and join us for a scenic excursion to the battlefield of Culloden Moor and an inside visit to enchanting Cawdor Castle. Your journey south from Invergordon follows the banks of the Cromarty Firth, crosses pastoral fields and woodlands, and skirts dolphin-filled Moray Firth enroute to the eerie, windswept site of the last battle fought on British soil. It was 1746 and Bonnie Prince Charlie's rebelling Jacobites famously lost at Culloden, ending their bid to reinstate a Stuart to the throne. A few miles further on is splendid Cawdor Castle, considered the most romantic in the Highlands. Cawdor has been home to the same family for 600 years, and it shows. Crossing an authentic drawbridge, you'll tour the castle's classic interior of low doorways, winding stairways, and windows set deep in massive walls. Despite all the stone, the sumptuous atmosphere is so warm and personal you'll get a vivid sense of what life has been like here ever since medieval times. The beautiful surrounding gardens add even more romance to the visit. Fruit orchards, flowers and veg grow in profusion along with theme plantings of all types. You'll have some time to roam and be beguiled here.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stand in the moorland where the Battle of Culloden took place 250 years ago, and Scotland's history changed forever.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Visit Cawdor Castle, a medieval landmark considered the Highlands' most romantic ancestral home.
- Tour an interior that's classic "castle," yet sumptuously furnished for an undeniably warm, lived-in feel.
- See rooms lined with family portraits, fabulous tapestries, even a fully-operational Old Kitchen.
- Outside, stroll Cawdor's grounds – a wonderland of themed gardens and wooded paths.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

No bags are allowed into the castle; photography is prohibited.

ING-006 A TASTE OF SCOTTISH WHISKY

Date: Jun 15, 2023 Time: 02:00 PM
Duration: 3.25 Hrs Price: \$169.00



OVERVIEW

Savor a personally guided tour of a Scottish Highlands venue that every whisky connoisseur has a soft spot for: Glenmorangie Distillery (or equivalent). These folks have been crafting their range of fine single malt whiskies for over 170 years, using methods as unchanging as the Dornoch Firth terrain that surrounds this scenic locale. Pure, mineral-rich water is still drawn from springs, the best malted barley brought in from local growers. And, most importantly, the "Sixteen Men of Tain" – the distiller's entire workforce – maintain a commitment to the art of whisky creation that has continued across generations of families and through wars, fire, drought and whatever else life might throw at them. Your distillery tour begins with an introduction to the natural ingredients and time-honored skills that make Glenmorangie so distinct. You'll see gleaming swan-neck copper stills – tallest in the Highlands – and casks of American oak. And, about 45 minutes into the experience, you'll be rewarded with a "wee dram" of whisky to sample. Later, at the historic Visitor Center, you can see a magnificent old working steam engine, artifacts from the distillery's past and a model still. Then, of course, there's the distillery shop to visit – most dangerous of the sights.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach across the Highlands to visit a site dear to every Scottish whisky-drinker's heart.
- Enjoy a personally guided tour of the historic Glenmorangie Distillery, with a wee dram to taste.
- Learn about the "Men of Tain" who make the delicious spirits here, and see their copper swan-neck stills and the oak casks Glenmorangie ages in.
- Spend awhile at the admiring the exhibits at the Visitor Center or shopping the tempting wares at the distillery store.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 1.5 hours of walking, along with a significant number of steps to negotiate. The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The order of sites visited may vary.

Lerwick (Shetland Islands), Scotland

LER-003 MOUSA ISLAND DISCOVERY

Date: Jun 16, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Travel by ferry across Mousa Sound to walk a tiny island brimming with Shetlands wildlife and wonder at a 2000-year-old castle. This uniquely exploratory tour commences with a drive south to Sandwick to meet up with Tom Jamieson, owner-skipper of the Mousa ferry and expert on local fauna. During a short crossing to Mousa Island you'll hear some area history, see period photos, and perhaps even sight Harbor Porpoises; these waters are visited by these threatened animals at certain times of year. Once on the island, your walk will bring you to world-famous Mousa Broch, a stone-built Iron Age castle with beehive chambers, impressive galleries, and a stairway up to a viewpoint for stunning vistas of this island and back across to Mainland. During your time here, Mousa's abundant animal life awaits discovery. This is a great place to spot shy-but-curious seals, even more bashful otters, and large flocks of breeding seabirds including Storm Petrels, Artic Terns, Artic Skuas and Great Skuas – known to swoop ferociously when defending their nests. Adding to its curious character, this wild sanctuary is actually part of a working farm; you'll see and learn more about this during your walk around Mousa.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cross by local ferry to tiny offshore Mousa – an islet brimming with wildlife and character.
- Be on the lookout for porpoises while enroute, and seals basking on the beaches once you land.
- Explore Mousa Broch, one of the British Isles' best-preserved Iron Age forts, perhaps climb its tower.
- Encounter seabirds from bold Great Skuas to graceful Artic Terns, some of nature's greatest travelers.
- Walk the island to fully discover its diverse fauna and its dual role as part of a working farm.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes or sneakers are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1.75 hours of walking, including over uneven ground on Mousa Island where there may also be some inclines. The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

LER-001 JARLSHOF & SCENIC MAINLAND DRIVE

Date: Jun 16, 2023 Time: 08:45 AM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

On this scenic drive you'll explore an ancient Viking village site, visit a wool-knitting center, cross the moors and meet a famous pony or two. Far north and close enough to Norway to speak Scottish with a Scandinavian accent, the Shetlands have been dramatically shaped by the sea – and only somewhat tamed by the hearty people who live here. Your drive down through Mainland, largest of the 100-island archipelago, will offer stunning vistas of the Atlantic Ocean and North Sea. At Jarlshof, you'll independently explore the remnants of a community of stone houses where Norsemen resided in the 7th century; hidden for centuries, a violent storm in 1905 uncovered this remarkable site. At the Hoswick Visitor Center, you'll be introduced to Shetland history and culture through interpretive displays and demonstrations of the Islanders' traditional knitting skills – with the opportunity to browse a wide variety of original cashmere

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

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Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

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Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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and lambs' wool items offered for sale. Of course, no trip to these islands is complete without a chance to meet a few delightful and inquisitive Shetland ponies. Sporting shaggy coats and flowing manes, they'll likely show up looking for treats as your coach stops for photos.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a panoramic drive across the stunning Mainland island landscape.
- Explore the remains of a Viking village at an archeological site with Stone, Bronze and Iron Age roots.
- Visit a village history center where the islands' legendary knitting skills are the center of attention.
- Have a likely encounter with Shetland ponies equipped with a natural coat for the most severe weather.
- See tiny seaside farms where Shetland sheep graze, and peat bogs still harvested for home heating.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1.75 hours of walking, including over uneven ground at Jarlshof, where a considerable number of steps are also involved. The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. The order of sites visited may vary.

LER-004 THE SCENERY OF WESTERN SHETLAND

Date: Jun 16, 2023 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00



OVERVIEW

Experience spectacular sea cliffs, heather-clad moors, hidden beaches, idyllic farms, Celtic crafts and a forbidding castle ruin on this island drive. Crossroads of the northern seas, Shetland is unlike anywhere else in Scotland. A sense of the sea is ever-present, woven deeply into the island's maritime heritage. Farming, too, is tightly intertwined with the isles' story. On this wide-ranging panoramic jaunt, you'll see cliffs lined with seabirds, coves curtained with wild-flowers, distinctive black and brown Shetland sheep grazing in pastures enclosed by tidy stone walls, pastoral streams and lochs – as well as a workshop specializing in locally crafted jewelry in charming little Weisdale Voe. In the islands' former capital, you'll stop for photos at famous Scalloway castle, a hulking ruin built in 1600 by a notorious despot who extorted crushing taxes and fines from the region's residents before his excessive cruelty was properly punished. After he hung, his imposing bastion was left to rot. Today it's a silent, photogenic curio lording over a busy fishing port. The scenery is far more tranquil as you cross the fertile Tingwall Valley, boasting uninterrupted farmland views with only the occasional church standing out against the horizon.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle in for a guided panoramic journey across the Shetlands landscape – from wild to domesticated.
- See coasts lined with magnificent cliffs, coves and beaches, tiny farms sheltering by the sea-edge.
- Pass through farmland crisscrossed with stone walls, where Shetland sheep graze in tranquility.
- Stand beneath the ominous shadow of Scalloway Castle, a 17th-century despot's refuge gone to seed.
- Stop to visit Shetland Jewelry, where silver and gold are wrought into Celtic and Viking designs.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This excursion involves limited walking, mainly at guests' discretion during stops. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, can make their way on and off the coach, and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned only to participate to the extent of their personal ability. The order of sites visited may vary.

LER-002 LERWICK WALKING TOUR & FORT CHARLOTTE

Date: Jun 16, 2023 Time: 09:15 AM

Duration: 2.00 Hrs Price: \$119.00



OVERVIEW

Set foot into seafaring Lerwick on a leisurely guided stroll that captures the unique history of this remote Shetlands outpost. Founded rather unofficially in the 17th century as a below-the-radar marketplace for passing herring ships, today this is the capital and administrative center of the Shetlands – and home to a third of its population. Chief harbor landmarks include the town's trademark lodberries – flat rock piers built by early merchants so that goods could be unloaded directly into warehouses – and the old Tolbooth building, an award-winning restoration that now houses Lerwick's lifeboat station. Atop a rise, you'll encounter Shetland-style recycling: an upturned former ferry now serving as roof to a garage. A walk along a web of steep, narrow lanes leads to Town Hall – where the Shetland's story is depicted in intricate stained-glass. A visit to Fort Charlotte is a study in multiple identities. Built high above Bressay Sound in 1782, it was armed for battle with guns at each of its five corners yet never found an enemy to shoot at. Over time the bastion went on to serve as a base for the Royal Navy Reserve, the town jail and courthouse, a customs house and a coast guard station.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Get an intimate picture of Lerwick life as you explore its landmarks on foot, led by a seasoned guide.
- Learn the significance of the town's lodberries, tolbooth and mercat cross.
- Wander along steeply scenic lanes up to a high point where the best sea views await.
- Visit a Town Hall built in 1862, with Lerwick's growing status proudly represented in stained glass.
- At the guided walk's end, consider staying on to explore further and shop for knitwear on your own.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a solid 2 hours of walking, at times over uneven surfaces and steep rises, with some 45 steps to be negotiated. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. The order of sites visited may vary.

LER-005 SHETLAND PONIES & SCALLOWAY CASTLE

Date: Jun 16, 2023 Time: 09:15 AM

Duration: 2.25 Hrs Price: \$119.00



OVERVIEW

This excursion begins with an orientation spin through Lerwick, then brings you to two of Shetland's most famous attractions. Founding in the

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1600s and known for its lodberry piers and restored tolhouse, Lerwick wasn't always the Shetlands' capital; it took over that title in 1708. You'll actually pay a call on the town that lost that designation. Scalloway deserved to lose out, if the character of its notorious castle owner is any indication. The hulking ruins of Scalloway Castle lord over this now-busy fishing port – a silent, photogenic reminder of Earl Patrick Stewart, the early 17th-century despot who extorted crushing taxes and fines from island residents before his excessive cruelty was properly punished – by hanging. After your exterior visit to this forbidding bastion, the charm of a drive through the Tingwall Valley for an encounter with wooly Shetland Ponies will surely hit the spot. The venue you'll visit is operated by a dedicated Shetland pony enthusiast who breeds the highest quality animals; Carol or a member of her staff will share their knowledge of these delightful, inquisitive ponies and arrange an informal introduction. The drive back through Mainland's peat- and heather-covered landscape will offer spectacular vistas and further cultural insights.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a panoramic drive through Lerwick as you see its sights and learn about its colorful early days.
- Take in the ruins of Scalloway Castle, from which a 17th-century despot once terrorized the region.
- Enjoy a fun encounter with inquisitive and furry Shetland ponies, bred by a dedicated enthusiast.
- Cross through moorlands where heather flourishes and peat is still harvested for heating island homes.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to renovations of the Scalloway Castle an exterior visit will be made. This tour includes approximately 1.25 hours of walking and is considered suitable for wheelchair guests who can make their way on and off the coach. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. The order of sites visited may vary.

Kirkwall (Orkney Islands), Scotland

KOI-006 SOUTH ISLAND PANORAMIC

Date: Jun 17, 2023 **Time:** 08:30 AM, 01:30 PM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs **Price:** \$99.00



OVERVIEW

Experience the beauty of a drive through Orkney's southern islands, stopping at sites with wartime history and a village where the shopping is peaceful. You'll depart Kirkwall to the south, hugging the coast along Scapa Flow as you learn why action seen here during World Wars I and II make this one of the world's best-known stretches of water. Heading across the Churchill Barriers, a series of four rock causeways that link Orkney's main island to smaller south islands previously only reachable by ferry, you'll first arrive at Lamb Holm. While uninhabited, this tiny islet is home to the Italian Chapel – converted from a raw corrugated metal hut into a place of hand-painted beauty by Italian prisoners during World War II. You'll be touched by your visit here, as are the "Camp 60" ex-prisoners and their descendants who still come to visit. Further south is the island of South Ronaldsay and its pretty village of St. Margaret's Hope. Stopping here for a while, you'll learn more about the people behind that name and have some time to meander streets lined with handsome stone cottages or perhaps do a little impromptu shopping at the excellent craft workshop.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Head south hugging the coast of Scapa Flow, whose waters have famous tales to tell.
- Cross to the southern islands via the Churchill Barriers, causeways built to block enemy access to the Scapa Flow.
- Visit a beautiful Italian Chapel built on an uninhabited islet by Italian prisoners during WWII.
- Spend awhile wandering or craft shopping in the charming stone village of St. Margaret's Hope.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; bring a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is primarily panoramic in nature with limited optional walking at the stops. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

KOI-004 NORTH ORKNEY EXPLORATION

Date: Jun 17, 2023 **Time:** 09:00 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs **Price:** \$179.00



OVERVIEW

Travel across Orkney's largest Island on an exploratory journey that uncovers landmarks made by ancient man and wild nature – and comes with tea. Your panoramic drive takes you along Mainland island's west coast, passing through gently rolling countryside with the Northern Isles dotting the horizon in the distance. Passing dramatic Eynnhallow Sound, a stretch of water where the Atlantic meets the North Sea, you'll pause for spectacular vistas and photo ops as the flat-topped tidal island known as the Brough of Birsay comes into view. A visit to a local tearoom for refreshments will help you calm down a bit from that thrill before heading into the Heart of Neolithic Orkney – a UNESCO World Heritage site recognized for some ancient archaeological thrills of its own. Your visit to one of the them, the Standing Stones of Stenness, will leave you wondering who raised these tall Neolithic slabs 5,000 years ago, and how they did it. The return drive to Kirkwall traces the north shore of Scapa Flow; your guide will share stories of the ancient Vikings and 20th-century Germans who have made this one of the world's best-known stretches of water.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive through rolling Mainland island scenery to catch breathtaking photo ops at Brough of Birsay.
- Travel into the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO-listed region rich with archeological treasures.
- Visit the 5,000-year-old Standing Stones of Stenness and imagine how they came to be.
- Drive along the coast of Scapa Flow, whose calm waters have tumultuous tales to tell.
- Enjoy a refreshing, mid-excursion tearoom break.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, weather-appropriate clothing; bring a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking, with some soft and

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Easy activity

Strenuous activity

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Evening excursion

Meal included

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Food & Wine Trails

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uneven ground involved at the Standing Stones of Stenness. While the tour is available to guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them, some guests may wish to stay aboard the coach at that stop. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. The order of sites viewed or visited may vary.

KOI-001 ANCIENT TREASURES OF ORKNEY

Date: Jun 17, 2023 Time: 09:30 AM, 12:00 PM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$139.00



OVERVIEW

Venture into the historical heartland of Orkney to visit pre-historic landmarks and the intriguing Scapa Flow. You'll head from Kirkwall across Mainland island, passing through a gently rolling landscape and into the UNESCO-designated Heart of Neolithic Orkney – a World Heritage site recognized for its ancient archaeological wealth. The drive brings you past the Standing Stones of Stenness, four tall Neolithic slabs with sharply angled tops; if time permits, the coach will stop here for a closer view. Not far away, the Ring of Brodgar awaits – you'll spend awhile admiring this huge ceremonial circle of standing stones somehow raised in place 5,000 years ago. You'll also visit Skara Brae, a village of clustered dwellings dating to about that same era. Buried for millennia, they were only revealed from under the sand dunes by a chance storm in 1850. Nearby is Skail House, a 1620 manor built on top of an ancient Pre-Norse burial ground. Following the coast of Scapa Flow, one of the world's best-known stretches of sheltered water, you'll encounter some far more modern history; this is where the German naval fleet scuttled itself soon at World War I's end. WWII saw calamitous action here, too.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel into the region known as the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- See 5,000-year-old landmarks including the Standing Stones of Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar, and the Neolithic village of Skara Brae.
- Drive along the coast of Scapa Flow, whose waters once sheltered Viking ships yet have more chilling modern tales to tell.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, weather-appropriate clothing; bring a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking with some steps and stairs, rough ground and narrow paths. The sites included are only partially wheelchair accessible; however, the tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. No filming or photography is permitted inside Skail House. The order of sites viewed or visited may vary.

KOI-007 SOUTH PANORAMA & HIGHLAND PARK DISTILLERY

Date: Jun 17, 2023 Time: 10:00 AM

Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Join us for a panoramic drive that showcases several Orkney landmarks and makes a visit to a renowned Scotch whisky distillery. The highly scenic route heads south from Kirkwall along the road overlooking historic Scapa Flow, a sheltered inlet surrounded by protective islands – though they couldn't protect it from a U-boat in 1939. That led to the construction

of the Churchill Barrier causeways you'll cross over to see the southern islands, constructed by Italian prisoners of war. The Italian Chapel you'll visit on Lamb Holm was built by those prisoners, too. In their spare time, they converted a plain corrugated metal hut into a place of hand-painted beauty that is truly moving. The artist who painted its delicate wrought-iron tracery and frescoes even returned years later to restore the original work. Switching to a less reverent behavior, you'll enjoy a guided tour of Highland Park Distillery, makers of Orkney's signature whisky for over two centuries. You'll learn about the unique character of Highland Park's 12-year-old single malt and its special relationship to the local peat beds, and walk past the floor maltings, peat kiln and viewing warehouse. Then it's time for your reward: a 'wee dram' of their delicious product.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Head south from Kirkwall along the Scapa Flow coast, whose waters have famous tales to tell.
- Cross to the southern islands via the Churchill Barriers, causeways built to block enemy access to the Scapa Flow.
- Visit a beautiful Italian Chapel built on an uninhabited islet by Italian prisoners during WWII.
- Tour and sample at Highland Park Distillery – where Orkney peat, Viking roots and distillers' passion meet and award-hogging whiskies result.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, weather-appropriate clothing; bring a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, sturdy walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy walking and standing, with a few steps to negotiate. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Guests must be at least 18 to participate in the tasting. Those who are arriving at Kirkwall between mid-June and mid-August (exact dates to be confirmed) are advised that your call coincides with the "silent season" at the Highland Park Distillery. The silent season occurs once a year and lasts three weeks. This is the period when whisky production ceases and most employees take a vacation, and routine maintenance is carried out. Tours are still offered during this time, and you will learn all about the whisky-making process, but the tour is slightly different from when the distillery is in full-production mode.

Ullapool, Scotland

ULP-003 WEST HIGHLAND DRIVE LOCHINVER

Date: Jun 18, 2023 Time: 08:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Duration: 3.25 Hrs Price: \$149.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a leisurely coach journey through the western Highlands, gazing out at a landscape of moorland and lochs and stopping every so often to fully drink in its stunning beauty. As soon as you depart relatively-civilized Ullapool, the terrain quickly grows more wild and rugged. Red sandstone peaks tower above silvery lochs and grey-green moors and the views in every direction become more impossibly picturesque. Even in this rather inhospitable landscape, unexpected pockets of warmer-growing plants flourish thanks to the balmy Gulf Stream waters that pass near this coast. Traversing the heather and grass terrain of Inverpolly National Nature Reserve, be on the lookout for red deer, wildcats, eagles and peregrine falcons. Later, a photo stop at Ardvreck Castle reveals a once-mighty

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Easy activity

Strenuous activity

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bastion left in a state of romantic ruin for centuries. After following the shoreline of Loch Assynt for a time and passing the county's highest mountain, you'll wind up in Lochinver, a pretty west coast harbor town surrounded by a maze of little lakes known as "lochans." Enjoy a brief exploratory stroll at your leisure here before embarking on the scenic return to Ullapool and your ship.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle in for a comfortably-paced panoramic coach tour of Scotland's western Highlands.
- Experience a rugged, timeless landscape of moors, lochs and sandstone mountain peaks.
- See wild Inverpolly Nature Reserve and stop to admire what's left of ancient Ardvreck Castle.
- Take a stroll in tranquil Lochinver, tucked on a large coastal loch and surrounded by smaller ones.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing including a waterproof outer layer.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is mostly panoramic in nature with limited optional walking at stops made. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned only to participate to the extent of their personal stamina and ability.

ULP-001 KNOCKAN CRAG HIKE

Date: Jun 18, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Hike the staggeringly beautiful trails of Knockan Crag, a set of ancient cliffs that taught 19th-century geologists the secret of what happens when continents collide. A walk across these exposed layered rock formations in the Highlands north of Ullapool lets you see 500 million years of geological history in a single glance – even touch it with your own hands. After an enlightening orientation of the crag's geology in the Rock Room interpretive center, you'll venture out along the trails. The hike will bring you past the famed Moine Thrust, where the darker rocks on top were discovered to be much older than the lighter-colored ones beneath them. The explanation of this phenomenon set the 19th-century scientific world afire – since it provided rock-hard evidence for the first time that the earth's crust can shift sideways in response to enormous collision forces within its underlying tectonic plates. Well-understood now, the idea that these thrust tectonics could be responsible for building mountains – including the Alps and Himalayas – was utterly revolutionary at the time. Your present-day trek involves quite a bit of single-file walking, at times over steep rocky terrain, but the amazing views are well worth it.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Depart the pier by coach and be quickly immersed in the rugged beauty of the Highlands.
- Begin your visit to Knockan Crag Nature Reserve with an enlightening orientation in the Rock Room interpretive center.
- Set out on an expertly guided trail hike into a spectacular line of cliffs whose rock formations reveal powerful tectonic forces at work millions of years ago.
- Anticipate a slightly arduous trek – that delivers views and scenery worth every bit of the effort.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing including a waterproof outer layer.
- Flat, sturdy hiking shoes are required.
- Bring a hat, bottle of water from the ship, and sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of hiking over uneven natural surfaces, with some steep inclines and steps involved. Participants should be in good physical condition and have sufficient agility to proceed in single-file formation over narrow sections of hiking path. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns and the cruise line and ground operator reserve the right to deny participation to any guests they deem unsuited to the tour's activity level.

ULP-004 INVEREWE GARDENS & COASTAL DRIVE

Date: Jun 18, 2023 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 5.75 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Follow one of Scotland's most gorgeous coastal routes to lush Inverewe Garden, a flourishing botanical oasis created out of a barren, rocky shoreline in 1862. You'll head out by panoramic coach, tracing the shorelines of Loch Broom, Little Loch Broom, Gruinard Bay and Loch Ewe – fringed with pebbled beaches and Highlands villages. Mesmerizing though this landscape is, Inverewe Garden will still come as a complete head-turner. Visiting this natural paradise today, it's hard to imagine it was once a barren promontory battered by brutal winds and salt spray. The transformation began when Osgood Mackenzie bought the property in 1862, established 100 acres of pines to shelter it, brought in rich soil and began planting. Thanks to visionary planning and the warming effects of the Gulf Stream, Inverewe has blossomed into a subtropical wonderland despite sitting well north of Moscow's latitude. As you stroll its tree-lined paths, look for rare Wollemi pines, Himalayan blue poppies, olearia from New Zealand and rhododendrons from China and India. Exotic flowers are almost always in bloom, including many species from South America. Luckily, the Mackenzie family continued to seed this garden for generations, then ceded it to the National Trust for all to enjoy.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a stunning coach journey along the shores of several Western Highlands lochs and bays.
- Take in a pristine coastal landscape dotted with rocky beaches and traditional Scottish villages.
- At Inverewe Garden, step off the coach and into a surprisingly verdant subtropical world.
- Stroll garden pathways where exotic flora from around the world thrives despite being further north in latitude than Moscow.
- Learn how one man's vision was able to transform a windswept promontory into this green paradise.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing including a waterproof outer layer.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, bottle of water from the ship, and sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes nearly 3 hours of walking and standing. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Due to gradients and tree roots, not all areas will be accessible to those in a wheelchair. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned only to participate to the extent of their personal stamina and ability.

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Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

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ULP-002 CORRIESHALLOCH GORGE & LOCH BROOM

Date: Jun 18, 2023 Time: 09:30 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00



OVERVIEW

Revel in rugged beauty on a drive along Loch Broom to visit a waterfall gorge considered one of the Scottish Highlands' most impressive natural wonders. Your coach will head south from the pier, tracing the shoreline of lovely, mountain-surrounded Loch Broom. Your destination is Corrieshalloch Gorge National Nature Reserve, a geological marvel carved out of the surrounding rock by a thunderous torrent of melt-water released at the end of the last Ice Age. The powerful River Droma still thunders through this tree-shrouded chasm, plunging down over 325 feet in a series of dramatic falls, tallest of which is the Falls of Measach, a sheer plummet of 150 feet. It's a spectacular sight to see and hear up close, which you will soon do. Your guided woodland walk toward the waterfall leads across a suspension bridge that offers excellent views into the gorge, while a second bridge provides wonderful views of the lush cloak of ferns, mosses and liverworts that somehow manage to hang on to the steep ravine walls and riverbed boulders. After your invigorating walk, a return drive through wild Dundonnell Forest and tea at the Dundonnell Hotel make for a relaxed excursion finish.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a remarkably scenic coach trip along Loch Broom and into the Highlands mountain terrain.
- Visit majestic Corrieshalloch Gorge, a geological wonder carved out of the rock during the last Ice Age.
- Take a walk through the woods and over a pair of suspension bridges to a dramatic waterfall.
- Enjoy outstanding views of the primeval gorge and its sheer walls covered with lush growth.
- Drive back through a wild forest area, stopping for tea and a stroll at the Dundonnell Hotel.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing including a waterproof outer layer.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, bottle of water from the ship, and sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about an hour of walking and standing. At the gorge, the walk from the coach park to the suspension bridge is approximately 10 minutes over uneven gravel and sand surfaces. It is then necessary to cross the slightly swaying bridge and continue walking another 5 minutes in order to reach the second viewpoint. A significant gradient must be negotiated in order to visit the bottom of the gorge. However, nice views can be obtained without actually crossing the bridge. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with mobility concerns.

Oban, Scotland

OBN-003 GLENCOE SCENIC DRIVE

Date: Jun 19, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM, 02:00 PM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$119.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a spectacularly picturesque drive to the village of Glencoe, following a mostly coastal route along Loch Linnhe and Loch Leven. Few parts of the Western Highlands are quite so scenic, as you will drive through a hauntingly beautiful landscape forged by ice-age glaciers, past the islands

of Lismore and Shuna and on into Glencoe. Despite a few seaside villages, most of this area is uninhabited and it is easy to imagine what life was like there centuries ago. Glencoe is still known first and foremost as the site of a treacherous clan massacre in 1692. You will discover more about the history of Glencoe and the indigenous flora and fauna at the village's visitor center. Wild mountain goats and red deer stag can often be seen in the distance. Later, you can reflect on the day over a beverage and scones at the Ballachulish Hotel, a landmark on Loch Leven since the 19th century.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle in for an extraordinarily scenic drive along the coast to remote Glencoe.
- Browse Glencoe's visitor center to learn about the area's history, flora and fauna.
- Linger over a beverage and scones at the 19th-century Ballachulish Hotel on Loch Leven.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is primarily panoramic in nature with walking at the guest's discretion during stops. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

OBN-004 ARDUAINE GARDENS

Date: Jun 19, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM, 11:30 AM
Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Stroll the winding paths of Arduaine Gardens, a botanical oasis on a rocky promontory at the head of the Sound of Jura. The wild, windswept site was nearly treeless and without much other vegetation when James Arthur Campbell began the garden in 1895. Thanks to his passion for horticulture and the warmth of the nearby North Atlantic Drift, the gardens flourished, even plants from other parts of the world that don't typically grow in Scotland. For instance, you may see Chilean firebush, giant Himalayan lilies, conifers from Africa and Catalina Ironwood, a tree endemic to the islands off the coast of California. Something is in bloom year-round at Arduaine, such as yellow lupines, powder-blue forget-me-nots and bright-red camellias. You can choose from two paths—one into the lower garden that surrounds the ponds and the other into the woodland garden that features a detour to an elevated viewpoint that overlooks the Sound of Jura.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend two delightful hours strolling through serene Arduaine Gardens.
- See a huge variety of plants from other countries that don't usually thrive in Scotland.
- Admire the bright splashes of color, as flowers are in bloom year-round.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is available to guests with limited mobility who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

OBN-005 SCOTTISH CLAN AND CASTLE

Date: Jun 19, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM, 01:30 PM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

OVERVIEW

Discover how feuding Scottish clans fortified their lands with forbidding castles and hear the stories behind them. As an introduction to the area's historical architecture, you will first pause for photos of McCaig's Tower, an oddity on a hill above Oban that resembles Rome's Colosseum. Castle Stalker may be even more photogenic as it rises above a rocky islet that guards the mouth of Loch Laich. The Clan MacDougall built the castle in the 1440s, but the Clan Stewart modified it into the version that stands today. Over the centuries, Castle Stalker was used as a hunting lodge for James IV, a garrison for troops and as a backdrop for movies such as "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." The MacDougalls also built Dunstaffnage Castle, as you will learn while touring the 13th-century stronghold. Not long after, Robert the Bruce gave the castle to his allies as a reward for helping him defeat the MacDougalls.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Behold McCaig's Tower, a Roman Colosseum-like structure that dominates Oban's skyline.
- Snap photos of Castle Stalker, a fortification that the Clan MacDougall built in the 1440s.
- Visit Dunstaffnage Castle, a MacDougall stronghold until Robert the Bruce defeated the clan.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1 1/2 hours of walking. It is available to guests with limited mobility who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

OBN-001 INVERERAY CASTLE & GARDENS

Date: Jun 19, 2023 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00



OVERVIEW

Tour iconic Inveraray Castle and gardens, the ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll, Chief of the Clan Campbell. Built in the mid-1700s to replace an earlier version of the castle, green-hued Inveraray castle overlooks Loch Fyne and is decorated with priceless furnishings. The Armoury Hall alone contains 1,300 historically valuable weapons ranging from Lochaber axes to Brown Bess muskets. It also boasts the highest castle ceiling in Scotland. As you browse the castle's Entrance Hall and areas such as the Tapestry Drawing Room and the Saloon, you will see personal effects, photographs and paintings that lend insight into the family history. Fans of "Downton Abbey" may recognize the castle as the setting for the episode in which the Granthams visited their cousins. Part of that episode was shot in the estate's gardens, which you will also meander through. Rhododendrons, azaleas and towering conifers thrive there. A leisurely lunch follows at the beautiful Loch Fyne Hotel.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the castle that has been ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll since the 1700s.
- Browse rooms with furnishings that lend insight into the Clan Campbell.
- Meander through the castle gardens, where scenes from "Downton Abbey" were shot.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking along with 3 flights of

stairs in the castle. It is available to guests with limited mobility who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

OBN-002 NEVIS RANGE GONDOLA

Date: Jun 19, 2023 Time: 09:15 AM
Duration: 6.25 Hrs Price: \$279.00



OVERVIEW

Ride a gondola to the summit of Aonach Mor and enjoy sweeping views of the mountainous Scottish Highlands. Originally built for skiers, the gondola now runs year-round, and after the snow melts the surrounding countryside becomes even more beautiful. The gondola has windows on all four sides, providing panoramic views in every direction that only get better the higher you go. On the way up, you can expect to see the Great Glen between the mountains and Ben Nevis, the highest peak in the British Isles. If the day is clear, you can see as far as the Inner Hebrides. Following free time on the summit to take in the fresh mountain air, you will ride down on the gondola. The views will be a bit different as the shadows will have changed with the sun's position. Later, you will stop in a pub for a snack and a pint of beer.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take the gondola to the top of Aonach Mor, a towering mountain in the highlands.
- Enjoy sweeping views of the surrounding mountains that only get better the higher you go.
- Pause for a pint of beer and a pub snack in the village of Glencoe.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes limited walking. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

OBN-006 OBAN DISTILLERY WALKING TOUR

Date: Jun 19, 2023 Time: 12:45 PM, 01:45 PM
Duration: 2.00 Hrs Price: \$99.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Oban distillery, which has been producing single-malt scotch in small quantities since 1974. Although ownership has changed hands several times over the centuries, the distilling process has remained pretty much the same. Each drop of whisky passes through two copper stills, which are rested after every run to protect the purity and taste of the scotch. Oban is one of Scotland's smallest distilleries with only seven employees, each a master in his craft. Their scrupulous attention to detail and reverence for tradition result in a scotch with layers of complexities and rich flavors that reflects the environment. While sampling drams of two different whiskies, each aged 14 years in American white-oak barrels, you will taste the honeyed spices of the Western Highlands and the subtle smoke and salt of the harbor air. Afterwards, you will walk through Oban and along the waterfront as the guide describes the landmarks.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the Oban distillery, which has produced scotch whisky in the same way since 1794.
- Sample drams of two different Oban scotches, whose rich flavors reflect the environment.
- Enjoy a guided tour of Oban, which grew up around the waterfront distillery.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

Holyhead, Wales

HOY-001 CONWY CASTLE

Date: Jun 20, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$169.00



OVERVIEW

Take an excursion into medieval times in the town of Conwy, where the walls and much else of its stunning namesake Castle have stood for over 700 years. From Holyhead, your journey will take you across the island of Anglesey and along the North Wales coast for a guided tour of Conwy's landmark fortress. Considered one of the most impressive of Edward I's several Welsh strongholds, construction began in 1283 and required six years and two thousand builders to complete. That might be explained by how thick and tall its ring of defensive walls were – and still are. The entire medieval village of Conwy is enclosed within their 1400-yard span, and they average 30 feet in height and up to 15 feet in thickness. Add 21 towers and 3 gateways to that tally – and that's before we even discuss the mass of the castle itself. Although partially in ruins, enough of the castle remains intact to create a dramatically atmospheric vision as it overlooks the River Conwy. Following your castle tour, wander the village's ancient cobbled streets at your leisure or join the guide for a half-hour walking stroll. Either way, you'll almost believe time travel is possible.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach to the walled medieval village of Conwy to tour its picturesque 13th-century castle.
- Explore the ruined central structure, much of it still intact enough to get a clear sense of its layout.
- Wander a cobbled village where the calendar stopped centuries ago, or even walk a section of the 1400-foot castle ramparts that completely enclose it.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of walking, some of it over uneven and cobbled surfaces, with a slope and steps required to access the castle. Participants should be in good physical condition. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Order of sites visited may vary.

HOY-005 SNOWDONIA

Date: Jun 20, 2023 Time: 08:30 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Experience Snowdonia the easy way on this panoramic coach excursion that promises Welsh countryside views and thrilling mountain scenery throughout. The journey begins with a spin through Anglesey and across the Menai Strait, hugging the coast to Caernarfon and its famous castle

where the first Prince of Wales was born in 1284; Prince Charles's investiture took place here 685 years later. Turning inland, the scenery begins to get wilder as Snowdonia National Park approaches, its magnificent mountain landscape filling the horizon. Traveling deep into the park, a stop for awe and snapshots will be made at lakeside Llanberis, then it's all uphill from here as the coach heads for Llanberis pass. Skirting the base of 3,560-foot Snowdon, highest peak south of the Scottish Highlands, this is another ideal vantage point for photography. After a time, we'll arrive at Betws-y-Coed, a picture-perfect little village with a stone bridge and the River Llugwy running through it. Like the hill walkers who frequent this spot, take some free time to stretch your legs, maybe do a bit of shopping or enjoy a cup of tea before it's time to head back to Holyhead – via the scenic route, of course.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel to and through Snowdonia National Park by coach, stopping for photos at points along the way
- Enroute, pause for views of Caernarfon Castle, built in the 13th century for the first Prince of Wales.
- Enter the park and see some its most impressive scenery, including Llanberis, Llyn Padarn Lake, Llanberis Pass, and Mount Snowdon in the distance.
- Stop in picturesque Betws-y-Coed village for a leg stretch and some shopping or a bit of refreshment.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is at guests' discretion. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, can make their own way on and off the coach. Guests must be self-sufficient or if assistance is required, must travel with a companion who can provide this.

HOY-007 CAERNARFON CASTLE

Date: Jun 20, 2023 Time: 08:45 AM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Take a memorable visit to Caernarfon Castle, built as the seat of power for Britain's first Prince of Wales over 700 years ago. Departing the pier, you'll cross Anglesey and the Menai Strait with the dramatic peaks of Snowdonia as backdrop. Arriving in Caernarfon, you'll have no trouble spotting the day's destination. Sporting some 13 polygonal towers, a pair of gates and many feet of imposing battlements – all at the mouth of the Seiont River – this is unquestionably the most magnificent of the Welsh castles built by order of Edward I, aka "Longshanks" of Braveheart fame. It's also extremely well preserved for its age, despite having endured many a siege over the centuries, not to mention the onslaught of countless camera crews in 1969 as young Prince Charles was crowned Prince of Wales here. Caernarfon's symbolic status was cemented when Edward made sure his son, that original Prince of Wales, was born here in 1284. The Prince succeeded to the throne as Edward II in 1307 and reigned for 20 years, though things did not end at all well. But that's another story. You'll enjoy a guided visit inside this landmark castle, with some free time to explore further independently.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic drive across Anglesey and along the Menai Strait with Snowdonia's peaks as backdrop.
- Take fascinating guided tour of Caernarfon, most impressive of Edward I's ring of Welsh strongholds.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Enjoy free time to explore the castle further at your leisure or shop for mementos of your visit.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking which includes a gradual slope to reach the castle. Once inside, there are steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate. At guests' discretion, a visit to the towers is possible; however, steep spiral stairs are involved. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns should evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

HOY-004 PORTMEIRION

Date: Jun 20, 2023 Time: 09:15 AM

Duration: 6.50 Hrs Price: \$389.00



OVERVIEW

Spend a day immersed in beauty on a drive through Snowdonia National Park enroute to an extended tour of romantic Portmeirion village. Setting off from the pier, you'll cross Anglesey and traverse the Menai Strait, then begin to encounter awesome Snowdonia scenery and mountain vistas as your panoramic coach works its way southward to the day's feature destination. The world-famous Italianate fantasy village of Portmeirion was built over a 50-year span ending in 1976, the dream project of eccentric Welsh architect, Sir Clough Williams-Ellis. His concept was to demonstrate how a magnificent natural setting can be developed without spoiling it. His superb achievement at Portmeirion is now recognized as one of the most successful British architectural projects of the 20th century. Following an hour-long escorted walk, you'll have time to wander the village streets at your leisure. A specialty of the shops here is Portmeirion china; this distinctive tableware, often with botanical themes, has become very much a collector's item. To fortify you for the coach return to Holyhead, you will be served a relaxing lunch at the atmospheric Castell Deudraeth, a bistro restaurant in the Victorian castle that overlooks Portmeirion.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel through the majestic terrain of Snowdonia National Park by panoramic coach.
- Arrive at Portmeirion, which will feel like you just landed in a splendid old Italian fishing village.
- Enjoy a guided walk through this world-famous architectural experiment in site-sensitive development.
- Spend some independent time exploring the village further, perhaps shopping for its collectible china.
- Savor your included lunch, served in an atmospheric bistro in Portmeirion's Castell Deudraeth.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves approximately 1 hour of moderate walking, including some slopes and uneven surfaces. Any additional walking during free time is at guests' discretion. Tour is not recommended for those with walking or mobility concerns. The drive to Portmeirion is 90 minutes in each direction.

HOY-006 ANGLESEY COASTLINE

Date: Jun 20, 2023 Time: 01:15 PM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Soak up the scenery of coastal Wales on this panoramic half-day jaunt that brings you fully around the Isle of Anglesey. On this unhurried circular journey, you'll see the South Stack lighthouse, perched bravely on an offshore islet amidst turbulent seas. A lookout over sea cliffs where thousands of puffins, fulmars, guillemots and razorbills nest. Quiet, beachy seaside resorts like Newborough and Aberffraw – which somehow spent the 7th to 13th centuries as capital of North Wales and home to the Princes of Gwynedd. You'll learn of rich history passed on from Viking, Celtic and medieval settlers, and skirt along the Menai Strait that separates Anglesey from the North Wales mainland. In Beaumaris village, you'll be treated to outside views of stunning Beaumaris Castle – last and largest of the famous ring of 13th-century Welsh castles built by Edward I. You'll pass through Cemaes, facing down the Irish Sea along the isle's wildest, most unspoiled stretch of coastline. And have a short while to stroll the town with the world's longest name: it's 58 letters and unpronounceable to all but the most purebred Welsh, but usually shortened to just "Llanfairpwll" or "Llanfair PG" for convenience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a panoramic survey drive that circles the unspoiled Isle of Anglesey in Wales' far northwest.
- Travel miles of scenic coast roads, some along tranquil dune-wrapped beaches, others far wilder.
- Spot puffins, guillemots or other seabirds in great numbers, roosting on rocky sea cliffs.
- Pass through seaside resorts with history and encounter Beaumaris Castle, a stunningly beautiful World Heritage site.
- Pick up some woolens or just stroll awhile in the town with the world's longest name.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is at guests' discretion. There is a steep incline to negotiate from the coach to the viewing area at South Stack. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned only to participate to the extent of their personal stamina and ability.

HOY-002 ANGLESEY'S BEAUMARIS CASTLE

Date: Jun 20, 2023 Time: 01:30 PM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Travel across green Anglesey by coach to visit a stunning moated castle, last-built of Edward I's 13th-century defensive dream – the so-called "Ring of Steel." Begun in 1295, it was planned to be the largest and most impregnable of his many Welsh strongholds. But Edward, popularly known as Longshanks, became distracted by big trouble brewing up north with the Scots, and Beaumaris was never finished. Still, it's often recognized as the most technically perfect castle in Britain – including by UNESCO, who has designated it a World Heritage site. The castle sits in a lovely pastoral setting, with the mountains of Snowdonia forming an impressive backdrop in the distance across the water. The structure is nearly symmetrical and has two "walls within walls" encircling it – a radical architecture for the time, which even today presents a formidable appearance. Your guided tour includes a visit to the small castle chapel; its vaulted ceiling and lancet

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

windows make it one of Beaumaris’ true highlights. Following the castle tour, a short stroll leads to a nearby hotel where coffee and cakes await. After that, a guided walk through historic Beaumaris village precedes the drive back to Holyhead.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a drive across Anglesey to Beaumaris Castle, renowned for its architectural design and beauty.
- Tour this unfinished but spectacular example of true 13th-century high tech construction.
- Explore from moated ramparts, visit a gracefully vaulted chapel and wander the vast green courtyard.
- After the castle tour, join your guide for a leisurely highlights stroll through quaint Beaumaris village.
- Savor complimentary coffee and cakes served at a nearby village hotel.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking, mostly over flat grass walkways. There are up to 50 steps in the towers and walkways to reach viewpoints; however, these are at guests’ discretion. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns should evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Order of sites visited may vary.

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes. No heels in the house, please.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking, with 2 flights of stairs in the castle. While the stairs are not steep or narrow, not all have handrails. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns should evaluate their personal level of ability before participating.

HOY-003 PENRHYN CASTLE & GARDENS

Date: Jun 20, 2023 Time: 01:30 PM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

On this excursion, you’ll cross Anglesey and the Menai Strait to reach North Wales, and a fabulous fairytale-style castle that’s younger than it looks. In a country with over 600 castles, it seems like every aspiring family wanted to have one. And the wealthy Pennant family was no different. So, in 1837 they moved into Penrhyn, their freshly built Norman-style castle that looks like something straight out of the Elizabethan era. Arrayed on 100 acres of prime coastal parkland, it’s the object of your tour today – and there’s quite a lot to see inside. Now owned by National Trust, the interiors retain the lived-in look of a 19th-century residential castle. The style is richly gothic with a distinctly Moorish flavor, and the home’s substantial collection of old masters and family portraits is considered the finest in Wales outside Cardiff’s National Museum. A recently restored Victorian kitchen and domestic rooms add further interest to your visit. The grounds are also an impressive example of classic estate living; discover their formal gardens, semi-wooded walks and a Victorian walled garden at your leisure following your guided tour of Penrhyn’s interior.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a drive across Anglesey and the Menai Strait to Penrhyn Castle along the North Wales coast.
- Tour this 1837 “fantasy castle” built in the style of a much older era and lived in by a prosperous family.
- See the elaborate period interiors, which include a one-ton slate bed made for Queen Victoria, elaborate carvings and plasterwork, and a world-class collection of old master paintings.
- Walk ornate staircases and discover the much older spiral staircase and vaulted basement.
- Explore the estate’s elaborate gardens and winding, wooded pathways.

HELPFUL HINTS

Minimal activity	Moderate activity	OE Oceania Exclusive	BB Beyond Blueprints	GG Go Green
Easy activity	Strenuous activity	OS Oceania Select	CD Culinary Discovery	GL Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	FW Food & Wine Trails	WT Wellness Tour

General Information

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Transportation - Licensed and insured late-model coaches, mini-vans, automobiles, watercraft and other modes of transportation are utilized.

Guides - Licensed, English-speaking local guides accompany all tours.

Admission Fees - Shore excursions include all required admission fees, where applicable.

Meals & Refreshments - Meals and/or refreshments are included only when indicated in the shore excursion description.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- Shore excursions operate rain or shine.
- Minimum participation levels are required to operate shore excursions, so please sign up as early as possible. Excursions may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met. To ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance.
- Packages - Unlimited Passport Collection and Your World Collection - are fully refundable prior to embarkation of your cruise. Packages cancelled after embarkation will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- À la carte excursions are fully refundable until 36 hours in advance of the excursion. Excursions cancelled less than 36 hours in advance will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- In the event of a port cancellation, guests who have purchased an Unlimited Passport Collection or Your World Collection package will receive a pro rata refund for that port based on the price paid. Guests who have purchased an à la carte excursion for a cancelled port will receive a full refund.
- No refunds or credits will be given for individual Your World Collection excursions not taken, unless the excursions are cancelled by Oceania Cruises.

PRICES, ITINERARIES & GENERAL INFORMATION

- All pre-reserved shore excursions receive priority confirmation over those booked on board.
- In order to receive maximum pre-cruise savings, you may pre-purchase shore excursions up until 7 days prior to your sail date.
- The discount of 25% off à la carte excursion prices that is offered with the Your World Collection is subject to a minimum number of excursions that must be purchased. This minimum is based on the number of port days on your cruise.
- Shore excursion prices are subject to change to meet unexpected cost increases or currency fluctuations. Once excursions have been purchased, pricing is guaranteed and not subject to change.
- During local or national holidays, access to certain facilities (such as museums or archaeological sites) may be limited or denied. In such instances, adjustments in the shore excursion itinerary will be made to minimize inconvenience to guests.
- Some shore excursions have limited availability, reserve your excursions early to avoid disappointment.
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Minimal activity



Moderate activity



Oceania Exclusive



Beyond Blueprints



Go Green



Easy activity



Strenuous activity



Oceania Select



Culinary Discovery



Go Local



Evening excursion



Meal included



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Wellness Tour