Discover & Explore

Scotland

With the Madera Chamber of Commerce

Departing November 11, 2014

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Discover & Explore Scotland

10-Day Journey

Highlights:
- Round trip scheduled airfare
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotel while overseas
- Hotel luggage handling
- 8 nights Hotel
- Includes breakfasts daily
- A unique opportunity to meet with business leaders
- Tours of Glasgow, Edinburgh, Loch Lomond, Isle of Skye, Inverness & Stirling
- Visit to Falkland Palace & St. Andrews (optional)
- Discovery Program guide

Special Chamber Rate!

DAY 1: USA - Scotland
We begin our discovery trip today with our flight to Scotland. Sit back, relax and enjoy all the in-flight amenities. (In-flight meals)

DAY 2: Glasgow Arrival
Arrive in Scotland today, where we will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel. From its rugged sea-sprayed islands to its stately castles drenched in history, Scotland’s treasures are diverse and compelling. Discover Scotland and you'll find the country is a fantastic mix of stunning landscapes, combined with a thriving arts and culture scene, and topped off with a colourful history of epic battles and historic castles. This afternoon tour Glasgow, renowned as one of Europe’s foremost visitor destinations. Its outstanding variety of museums, galleries and performance venues led to the city being one of the first to be designated European City of Culture.

DAY 3: Loch Lomond & Glasgow
Today visit gorgenous Loch Lomond. Described by many as Queen of Scottish Lochs and ‘Gateway to the Highlands’, Loch Lomond measures 23 miles long and five miles wide, making it the single largest expanse of fresh water in Great Britain. Wildlife, a mysterious floating island, stately homes, ruins - Loch Lomond has them all in abundance, all just waiting to be explored. Loch Lomond’s location makes stops at Callander, Dukes Pass & Aberfoyle very convenient. After lunch we visit Glasgow, known for its rich history as being the second city of the British Empire and famed for its shipbuilding and engineering. (B)

DAY 4: Glasgow - Skye - Inverness
After breakfast you will transfer to the Isle of Skye and enjoy an afternoon tour. Striking landscapes, intriguing rock formations, and dramatic waterfalls will capture your attention on your drive around the Trotternish peninsula. Then, follow the spectacular coastal route, stopping for photos of waterfalls and gorges. Recently voted 4th best island in the world by National Geographic magazine this island ensures awe-inspiring landscapes and experiences at every moment. Afterwards we will transfer to Inverness. (B)

DAY 5: Inverness & Loch Ness - Stirling
After breakfast you will enjoy a tour to Inverness, the bustling capital and principal cross-roads of the Highlands of Scotland which is located at the head of the Great Glen and on the shores of the Moray Firth. Along the way, we will...
Day by Day:

Day 1: Board your transatlantic flight
Day 2: Arrive in Scotland and transfer to your hotel
• Remainder of day at your leisure
Day 3: Loch Lomond & Glasgow
• Breakfast at your hotel
• Tour to Loch Lomond
• Tour of Glasgow
Day 4: Glasgow - Skye - Inverness
• Breakfast at your hotel
• Drive to Isle of Skye
• Isle of Skye tour
• Transfer to Inverness
Day 5: Inverness & Loch Ness - Stirling
• Breakfast at your hotel
• Tour of Inverness & Loch Ness
• Transfer to Stirling
Day 6: Stirling
Stirling is Scotland’s heritage capital, where the Wars of Independence were fought and won. A visit to Stirling Castle, an immensely impressive castle which stands 250 ft above the flat plain atop the plug of an extinct volcano. Enjoy a visit to the National Wallace Monument. One of the country’s most magnificent sights, it is a monument dedicated to Scotland’s national hero - William Wallace. You will also visit the Battle of Bannockburn site, known for being a significant Scottish victory in the Wars of Scottish Independence. (B)

Day 7: Edinburgh
This morning, we will have breakfast and then depart on a sightseeing tour of the city of Edinburgh. Few cities make such a strong impression on the visitor as Edinburgh. Scotland’s capital is without doubt one of the most beautiful and elegant cities in Europe. A locally guided tour of this regal city includes Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyrood. Learn the secrets of making Scotch whisky during a tour and tasting at a typical distillery. (B)

Day 8: Falkland Palace/St. Andrews - Optional
Today will be a day at leisure for you to relax or explore on your own. Or you may wish to take an optional visit to Falkland Palace. Set in the picturesque village of Falkland, this palace was used as a country residence by Stuart kings and queens including Mary Queen of Scots. Falkland Palace remains an atmospheric and lovely Renaissance building. A fun fact; Falkland Palace is also home to the oldest real tennis court in Britain, originally built for King James V in 1539. Afterwards you will visit St. Andrews. A charming and historic town that attracts visitors from all over the world. St Andrews is known worldwide as The Home of Golf, and also boasts Scotland’s oldest university. The Medieval centre of St Andrews consists of a series of narrow alleys and cobbled streets with shops, restaurants and cafés. (B)

Day 9: Day at leisure
Today you will have the entire day at leisure. You may choose to revisit and further explore on your own some of the previously visited sites. This is a great time to do some shopping or you can simply choose to relax in this beautiful country. (B)

Day 10: Scotland - USA
Say good-bye to Scotland as we transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B, In-flight meals)
Return to:
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Make checks payable to:
Chamber Discoveries

Payments: A $450 per person deposit is required to hold your space on the trip. The final statement will be emailed to you. Your final payment is due July 24, 2014, 110 days prior to departure.

Rate: $3,799 per person double occupancy. Chamber member/Past Traveler discount is $100 = $3,699. Single supplement, add $700. Fuel surcharges, additional taxes and other fees are included and guaranteed once deposit is received.

*Book & Save: Simply make your deposit by March 31, 2014 and make your balance of payment by check, and you will receive a $100 per person discount. Members, combine Book & Save with member discount for a total of $200 in savings.

Complimentary Pickup: Transportation to and from Madera Chamber.

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