

SCOTLAND

Highland Coos and Cattle,
Castles, Clans, and Coopers

with Nebraska Cattlemen!

July 26 - August 4, 2023



Dear Friends,

Nebraska Cattlemen and Past President Ken Herz are excited to invite you to join us on an exceptional tour of Scotland.

It's a renowned destination for history lovers, culture fans, romantic souls, adventure seekers, and those just wanting to enjoy unspoiled scenery and beauty. The lush, beautiful country is bursting with green spaces and forests, towering mountains, and vast lochs. There are lowlands known for their fertile farmland and thick forests, Highlands with their towering peaks, and islands with beautiful beaches and far-reaching sea views.

It is home to nearly 800 islands, three official languages, the Loch Ness Monster, and the unicorn - the official animal of Scotland. The Scots are a nation of innovators and have fueled the passions of artists, writers, and adventurers for centuries. Scotland is home to haggis, tartans, whisky, woolen sweaters and tweeds, and five-star cuisine. Castles and country houses, museums and nature reserves, and film locations are just a few of the sights and experiences waiting for you in Scotland.

Come join us, do not hesitate!

Sincerely,
Ken Herz



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Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.

Falkirk Wheel



July 26, 2023 - Wednesday Traveling to Scotland

Depart from Omaha or Denver and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic to Edinburgh. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your Scottish adventure!

July 27, 2023 - Thursday Edinburgh - Glasgow

Arrive at Edinburgh Airport in the morning. We are met by our guide and driver at Edinburgh Airport, and we are off to Glasgow with some exciting stops along the way! Our first stop is at The Kelpies, the largest equine sculptures in the world. Standing 100 ft tall and weighing more than 300 tons each, the magical Kelpies are a man-made wonder and a feat of engineering. The works of art created by artist Andy Scott have become iconic on the landscape after being modeled from real-life icons of times gone by. Just a few minutes down the road is the Falkirk Wheel, the world's only rotating boat lift. The Falkirk Wheel is a magnificent mechanical marvel constructed with 21st-century, state-of-the-art engineering. It is already recognized as an iconic landmark worthy of Scotland's traditional engineering expertise. Make sure to take plenty of photos! Upon arrival in Glasgow, we enjoy a walking tour highlighting Glasgow's outstanding architecture, as well as a late lunch in the city center. Check in to our hotel for a relaxing evening. B (during flight) | L

July 28, 2023 - Friday Luss - Glencoe - Loch Ness - Urquhart Castle - Inverness

After a hearty breakfast, we are off to Inverness, with some beautiful stops along the route. The first stop is at the picturesque conservation village of Luss, sitting on the western shore of Loch Lomond. This area dates back to medieval times,

Urquhart Castle



but much of the village you will see today was created in the 18th and 19th centuries to house workers from the nearby slate quarries. We will travel through Glencoe, a hauntingly stunning glen that witnessed some of Scotland's most gruesome history. Many films feature Glencoe: James Bond's Skyfall and, of course, Harry Potter! Prepare to fall in love and never want to leave this iconic landscape brimming with history, legend, adventure, myth - and loss. Next, Urquhart Castle! Explore over 1,000 years of thrilling history at one of Scotland's most majestic and dramatic settings on the shores of Loch Ness. Witness to some of the nation's most significant and compelling chapters in history, Urquhart was ravaged and rebuilt relentlessly over the centuries, but its indestructible five-story Grant Tower remains and offers simply spectacular views across the iconic Loch Ness. We will take a short cruise on the lake and maybe even spot Nessie. In the late afternoon, we arrive at our wonderful hotel in Inverness for dinner and a relaxing evening. B | D

July 29, 2023 - Saturday Clava Cairns - Sheep Dog Demo - Speyside Cooperage - Aberdeen

After a rich breakfast, we are off for a short drive to Clava Cairns, one of Scotland's most evocative prehistoric sites. Clava Cairns, or the Prehistoric Burial Cairns of Balnuaran of Clava, are a group of three Bronze Age cairns. It is said that the stone circle here was the inspiration for the Craigh na Dun time portal in the Outlander books. The Clava Cairns are about 4,000 years old and were built to house the dead. The cemetery remained a sacred place in the landscape for millennia and provides many clues to the beliefs of Bronze Age society. If you live in Scotland, you tend to get a bit bored about seeing sheep and sheepdogs, but one has to admit that the sheepdog demonstrations are something that we all thoroughly enjoy.

Speyside Cooperage



Today, you get to meet the dogs, learn about their training, and gain an understanding of the commands used to control them. Even if you have experienced this before, you will have fun at our sheep farm. Next up is one of the highlights of your journey in Scotland. In the heart of Speyside Malt Whisky Trail lies the Speyside Cooperage, the only working cooperage in the United Kingdom where you can experience the ancient art of coopering. Since 1947, it has produced the finest casks from the best American Oak. Today the cooperage continues to work and produce the age-old product, still using traditional methods and tools. Each year, it produces and repairs nearly 150,000 oak casks used by the surrounding Speyside Whisky distilleries, and distilleries throughout Scotland and the rest of the world. Do not miss the gift shop, you will find some fun souvenirs to bring home. We arrive at our hotel in Aberdeen in the late afternoon for a great dinner and a laid-back evening. A Scotch, anyone? B | D

July 30, 2023 - Sunday Beef Farm Experience

Breakfast is served in a relaxed pace. The Aberdeenshire Highland Beef Farm Experience is up today and includes a visit to the farm to meet and photograph the unique Scottish Highland cattle. We will join Grace on her farm and meet her majestic herd of Highland cattle, experience the beauty of one of Scotland's most iconic and native breeds of cattle, adored worldwide. The cattle on the farm are her absolute pride and joy, with their majestic horns and long flowing coats, magnificent hardy Scottish beasts. They live outdoors all year round in their native homeland on Lochton farm in the heart of Royal Deeside. You will receive a truly authentic Scottish experience at her farm; Grace is awesome! On arrival we will be piped in by their Piper, Grace will be there to greet us all and take us round the farm and share with us

Scottish Coos



her team of Pedigree Highland cattle. Before leaving the farm, Grace invites us to share in the Scottish hospitality. Taste her Aberdeenshire Highland beef, accompanied by refreshments of Scottish craft beer and Scottish Gin (also brewed on site), Scottish home made tablet and, of course, Scottish homemade shortbread, all made by Grace herself in the farm kitchen. You will really enjoy a stroll around town tonight. B | T | L

July 31, 2023 - Monday

Balmoral Castle - Single Malts - Pitlochry
Built for Queen Victoria in 1855, Scotland's finest castle Balmoral exudes unparalleled splendor and allure. The jewel in the crown that is the 50,000 acres Balmoral Estate. Balmoral Castle has been one of the private residences of the British royal family since 1852. Although we can still see the iconic Ballroom - the only room always open to the public where you can explore hundreds of artifacts belonging to the Royal Family - the real draw is the spectacular grounds and gardens. It's enchanting; make sure you don't miss the sensational rose garden, an absolute delight, ohh, and the gift shop! Next on the program is yet another special place; Blair Athol Distillery, one of the oldest working ones in Scotland, producing some of the finest single malts you're likely to find anywhere. Originally named "Aldour," after the Allt Dour burn that courses through the grounds from the slopes of Ben Vrackie and from which the distillery draws its water, we take a tour with a stop at the visitor center and walk-through exhibition. Enjoy tasting the fruity, smooth 12-year-old single malt in the copper Mashtun Bar bar and discover why it's one of Scotland's favorites! Check in to our hotel amid the wild wooded hills of Perthshire on the shores of Loch Faskally in Pitlochry for a wonderful evening. B | T | D

St Andrews



August 1, 2023 - Tuesday

Organic Farm - St Andrews - Edinburgh

Hugh Grierson Organic is part of a traditional family farm in Perthshire. They pride themselves in how they run the farm and the produce that comes from these traditional techniques. The farm first received organic status in 2002 and have moved into new areas of production that complement the meat products, namely organic potato crops, organic egg production, and organic table chicken. Almost everything that the animals on the farm eat is grown on-site. The farm also has its own in-house butcher. This butcher can provide special cuts that supermarkets don't normally cater for, including unconventional cuts such as the shin. We will have the opportunity to meet Hugh in person and taste some of his exquisite produce. Lunch is served at a special place in St. Andrews before we pay a visit to The Cathedral of St Andrew, a ruined Roman Catholic cathedral. It was built in 1158 and became the center of the Medieval Catholic Church in Scotland as the seat of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and the Bishops and Archbishops of St Andrews. It is the largest church to have been built in Scotland. Next, St Andrews Castle, a bishop's palace, a fortress, and a state prison during its 450-year history. And no visit to St Andrews without a closer look at the world-famous golf course and St Andrews university. We will arrive in Edinburgh late afternoon for an evening at leisure at our centrally located hotel. B | T | L

August 2, 2023 - Wednesday

Edinburgh

Our morning starts with a hearty breakfast before heading out to explore Edinburgh. Included stops today are the Castle, a Royal Mile walk with a beer and haggis tasting, a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, and finally, later in the day, a special after-hours visit and drinks reception at Holyrood Palace. It

Calton Hill, Edinburgh



doesn't get any better than this! B | T

August 3, 2023 - Thursday

Edinburgh - Farm Visits - Farewell Dinner

After breakfast, we invite you to join us for a unique farm visit to the Hardiesmill Farm. The highly respected family farm rears Scotch Assured pedigree purebred Native Aberdeen Angus in the traditional way, fed on grass and grass silage. Well-hung beef from the finest Border countryside. Their Aberdeen Angus is one of only two in all of Scotland meeting the exacting standards of Slow Food International's Ark of Taste. Their cattle are featured as the world's best steak on Steak (R)evolution. Hardiesmill Farm is currently rated between 2nd & 3rd in the world for their beef and is one of the few farms in the world that have reached level 5* on the WholeFood welfare rating! You will meet the owners, see the farm, and taste their exceptional products. Tonight's farewell dinner promises a once-in-a-lifetime experience as we dine at the world's leading whisky club, The Scotch Malt Whisky Society. Exquisite food and tastings accompanied by best friends. Cheers to Scotland, cheers to our group. B | T | D

August 4, 2023 - Friday

Return to the United States

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Edinburgh airport in plenty of time to check-in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B

Itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast T = Tasting
L = Lunch D = Dinner



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Package Price:
 Per person in a shared double room: \$4,595 members' price
 Per person in a single room: \$5,995 members' price
 An additional \$100 per person will apply for NCA Non-Members.

We offer "Pair-and-Share" service. Ask us to assist with finding your roommate if you would like to share a room!

Limited single rooms available, triple rooms are not available.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on May 26, 2023, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

Travel Insurance:
 We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.
Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

Air:
 Group airfare is available. See separate insert.

Tour Activity for this tour: LEVEL 1 2 3 4
 Level 3. This tour involves a considerable amount of activity such as substantial walking on cobblestoned streets, steep areas within the sites visited, and long times of standing (museums, sites). This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Expect to walk 3-5 miles within a day; pack your walking shoes to gain the fullest of this wonderful journey.

Visa/Passport requirements (per 12/06/2022):
 U.S. citizens must have a valid passport to enter the United Kingdom for stays of up to 90 days. It is the traveler's responsibility to make sure all documentation needed to enter is as per current regulations. We recommend you check www.travel.state.gov at least 90 days prior to your departure.

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 24 and a maximum of 30 travelers. We refer to our general Terms and Conditions found at executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours.

Included:

- 8 nights during the tour in Scotland at 3+- and 4-star hotels
- 8 x breakfast
- Tastings as per tour program
- 3 x lunch
- 4 x dinner
- Professional tour guide during all days in Scotland, July 27 - August 4, 2023
- All transportation as per tour program (private motor coach)
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Visits to farms mentioned in the tour program
- Headphones if required
- All local taxes and fees as per December 6, 2022

Not Included:

- Airfare
- Gratuities (estimate \$12-\$15 per person per day in total)
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Hotel Accommodations (standard rooms):

- Glasgow: Novotel Glasgow or similar
- Inverness: Kingsmills Hotel or similar
- Aberdeen: Jurys Inn Hotel or similar
- Pitlochry: Green Park Hotel or similar
- Edinburgh: Marriott Courtyard Hotel or similar

Final accommodations are confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.

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Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions found at executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours

GROUP AIRFARE INFORMATION

Group airfare (economy class) with United Airlines is available at **\$1,575 per person**, economy class, including all taxes and fees.

From/to **Omaha:**

July 26, 2023	Omaha 8:00 AM - Chicago 9:30 AM
July 26, 2023	Chicago 1:00 PM - Newark 4:36 PM
July 26, 2023	Newark 8:10 PM - Edinburgh 8:05 PM (July 27, 2023)
August 4, 2023	Edinburgh 11:30 AM - Chicago 2:00 PM
August 4, 2023	Chicago 7:52 PM - Omaha 9:29 PM

From/to **Denver:**

July 26, 2023	Denver 2:10 PM - Washington D.C. (IAD) 7:30 PM
July 26, 2023	Washington D.C. (IAD) 10:35 PM - Edinburgh 10:45 AM (July 27, 2023)
August 4, 2023	Edinburgh 11:30 AM - Chicago 2:00 PM
August 4, 2023	Chicago 5:52 PM - Denver 7:21 PM

Ask us for airfare from a different hometown (a small difference in pricing may occur).

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).

Economy Plus seating upgrades may not be available when traveling on a group air contract.

If you have frequent flyer miles (MileagePlus), please note those may not be used to upgrade your seat when traveling on a group air contract. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

THE ABOVE ITINERARIES ARE SUBJECT TO SCHEDULE CHANGES!

