

WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST
Travel Solo Together

SCOTLAND

Majestic, Mysterious, Magnificent!

with Women of the Midwest!

August 5-15, 2025



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Come along with me to the land of Harry Potter, King Arthur, Mary Queen of Scots, Macbeth, St. Andrew's, and ... dolphins?! Yes, we are talking about Scotland, and we will see pods of Bottlenose Dolphins at Inverness. Conservation, wildlife, innovation, and renewable energy tell the story of modern Scotland. Our journey also takes us to castles, and, who knows, we might even spot the Loch Ness monster in the Scottish Highlands!

We will explore the mystical and magical world of Harry Potter, as the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is thought to be located in the Highlands of Scotland. We can let our imagination run wild as we board the Jacobite Steam Train, known as the Harry Potter Train. All Aboard from Platform 9 ¾!

Scotland is just a tad smaller than South Carolina and an enthralling destination for history buffs, culture fans, romantic souls, adventure seekers, sports enthusiasts, food and whiskey connoisseurs, and those just wanting to enjoy its unspoiled scenery and beauty. It is also the birthplace of golf, bagpipes, tartans, and tweeds, steeped with a spectacular heritage.

Come and explore this beautiful country on the Women of the Midwest journey.
Join me for a bonnie good time!

Barb Wallingford, Ambassador
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888.549.1186. Space is limited.

Kelvingrove Museum & Gallery



August 5, 2025 - Tuesday

Traveling to Scotland

Our wonderful adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Edinburgh. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation.

August 6, 2025 - Wednesday

Edinburgh - Glasgow

Halò Scotland! We arrive at Edinburgh Airport, where our private guide and coach await. We will make our way to Glasgow (45 minutes) with a couple of interesting photo stops. The first stop is at the Kelpies (the largest equine sculptures in the world), and the second at the Falkirk Wheel (the world's first and only rotating boat lift). Upon arrival in Glasgow, we will enjoy a light lunch and then take a panoramic tour of the city. We have also included a visit to the spectacular Kelvingrove Museum and Gallery with the renowned Salvador Dali masterpiece "Christ of St. John of the Cross." Check in to the hotel for dinner and overnight. B (during flight) | L | D

August 7, 2025 - Thursday

Luss - Inveraray Castle - Ft. William

A hearty breakfast will give us plenty of energy for today's activities. First, discover Glasgow's hidden history (or rather, HERstory) during a women-focused walking tour. Glasgow's East-End women have always had to be industrious and resourceful simply to survive. This walk focuses on some of their achievements and struggles and the radical nature of the area that gave birth to them. We will learn about the women of the Templeton factory, the suffragettes, the brazen women of Glasgow Green, Battling Betty, and many, many more! Then, depart Glasgow towards the breathtaking Loch Lomond and make a

Inveraray Castle



short photo stop in the picturesque village of Luss, where you will fall in love with the neat row of cottages and the long beach, popular for picnics and paddling when the sun is out. Inveraray Castle is next: a fairy tale castle with green walls, enchanting gardens, and one of Scotland's most exquisite stately homes dating back to the 15th century. Wander through French tapestries, fabulous examples of Scottish, English, and French furniture alongside countless precious artworks. Continue to 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! Dinner and overnight in Ft. Williams. B | D

August 8, 2025 - Friday

Harry Potter Train - Isle of Skye - Inverness

After a filling breakfast, we will head to the local train station and board the legendary Jacobite Steam Train, known to some as the "Harry Potter Train". Forty-one miles from Fort William to Mallaig ...this journey will take your breath away! We will cross the 21-arched Glenfinnan viaduct, which overlooks Loch Shiel and the Jacobite monument (if we are lucky, the train may pause on the viaduct to allow you to take in the magnificent view). Upon arrival in Mallaig, we board the ferry for a short crossing to the magical Isle of Skye, where the romantic ruins of Armadale Castle await to tell the story of Clan Donald. The Isle of Skye has countless ways to enchant us with its mountain ranges, miles of dramatic coastline, and captivating history. We will stop to enjoy lunch and return to the mainland by a bridge, stopping for photos at the picturesque Eilean Donan Castle. We continue along the beautiful shores of Loch Ness; watch out for the famous monster! We arrive at our hotel in Inverness in the

Jacobite Steam Train



evening. Dinner at the hotel. B | D

August 9, 2025 - Saturday

Dolphins - the Highlands - Dunkeld

When you think of Scotland, dolphins may not be the first thing that comes to mind. You will, however, have the opportunity to see these wonderful creatures this morning in the Moray Firth near Inverness. Yes, we are off to yet another once-in-a-lifetime experience that gives you the unique opportunity to see pods of Bottlenose Dolphins in their natural habitat from a unique perspective. Our boat is built with conservation in mind, and there is little disruption to the dolphins. After this awesome experience, we will drive south to the Highland Folk Museum - a living history museum with perfectly preserved houses and artifacts from the Scottish Highlands, a real treat for those interested in the history of rural life. Arrive at Dunkeld and check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. You will love this property, which sits right on the bank of the River Tay. Feel free to take an evening stroll! B | D

August 10, 2025 - Sunday

Pitlochry

We take our time to enjoy a delicious breakfast before spending a leisurely day discovering the most iconic sights in the area. We start with a visit to Blair Castle, the opulent and luxurious residence of the Atholl family, who have owned it for over 700 years. There are thirty rooms to explore; the only problem you will have is seeing everything you want to ...! The castle's fascinating 18th-century interior and magnificent Scottish baronial architecture are stunning, and the fine silk and porcelain collection is unique. The gift shop is also worth a visit! Oh, and do not miss the gardens. Wander through the enchanting

St. Andrews



grounds, from the captivating Hercules Garden, a nine-acre walled garden, and Diana's Grove, a tranquil space known for its Grand Fir that stands over 60 meters tall. It is a true fairy tale setting to wrap up this exceptional Scottish experience. The nearby Blair Athol Distillery (one of Scotland's oldest) invites us for a fun and informative tour, concluding with a taste of the fruity, smooth 12-year-old single malt. A visit to Pitlochry isn't complete without shopping for local souvenirs - we recommend stopping at a special shop, a local family business whose range of beautiful jewelry and giftware will blow you away. Return to Dunkeld for a relaxing dinner and overnight. B | T | D

August 11, 2025 - Monday

Glamis Castle – St. Andrews - Edinburgh
Today, after breakfast, we will discover Glamis Castle. The inspiration for Shakespeare's Macbeth, the childhood home of the Queen Mother, the birthplace of Princess Margaret, and home today of the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, this proud Baronial Glamis Castle in rural Angus is one of the finest monuments to Scottish heritage. Over 600 years old, with its unmistakable silhouette of quaint turrets and ancient battlements, this castle has more than a story or two to tell ...! And like all great castles, once we have exhausted the interior décor, there is the chance to go off and explore the glorious gardens and grounds including the fabulous walled garden, the truly magical nature trail, and if you dare, the Macbeth trail, made up of the play's most notorious figures sculpted from the Oak, Douglas Fir, and Noble Fir trees grown on the Estate. We will continue to St. Andrews, where lunch will be enjoyed. St. Andrews is famous for its university attended by many of the Royals, and, of course, known as the home of golf. We

Hairy Highland Coo



will explore the ruins of St. Andrews Castle and Cathedral and enjoy the epic views of the North Sea. We arrive in Edinburgh late this afternoon to check into our hotel for an evening at leisure. B | L

August 12, 2025 - Tuesday

Edinburgh
Breakfast is served, and then we are off to discover the secrets of Edinburgh Castle. Playing a central role in Scotland's extraordinary history and one-time home of Mary Queen of Scots, King Arthur (yes, really!), and King of Scotland, James VI, Edinburgh Castle is one of the most breathtaking and instantly recognizable fortresses today. Crowning the city atop a 340-million-year-old brooding volcanic crag, with fabled chapels, vaults, museums, and its own Scottish Crown. Drink in the spectacular views across the city to the Pentlands and beyond – this is truly the iconic jewel of Scotland. A panoramic tour will take us around some of the most important city landmarks, finishing at a local restaurant where lunch is served. Free time until the early evening, where we have arranged a special after-hours visit to Holyrood Palace, the King's official residence in Edinburgh! Simply an unforgettable experience; you will soon understand why! B | L

August 13, 2025 - Wednesday

Edinburgh
This morning, we will visit another highlight: The Royal Yacht Britannia, the iconic former "holiday home" to the Royals, now permanently docked in Leith, Edinburgh. Wander the ship's five decks, explore the Crew's Quarters and State Apartments, and discover the rooms and halls where world leaders, bygone stars, and kings and queens danced from dusk

Calton Hill Edinburgh



till dawn; oh, what a joy! Our last visit today is perched atop a tiny hill with a big view, and ready to offer up (some of!) the secrets made very, very famous by The Da Vinci Code. Leave the world you know at the entrance, step through the arched doorway, and into the mysterious and otherworldly Rosslyn Chapel. We will also make time for a stroll through Roslin Glen, a picturesque park close to Rosslyn Chapel. In the evening, the "Taste of Scotland" awaits, combining an entertaining Scottish show including bagpipes, fiddles, and dance with a delicious traditional meal. B | L | D

August 14, 2025 - Thursday

Edinburgh
A full day to enjoy Edinburgh. Enjoy a laidback breakfast, and then head out to your favorite spots of the city. Whether it is the stylish George Street shopping experience, mysterious closes along the Royal Mile, or simply sitting back and people-watching in one of the parks or cafes, there's something to do for everyone*. B

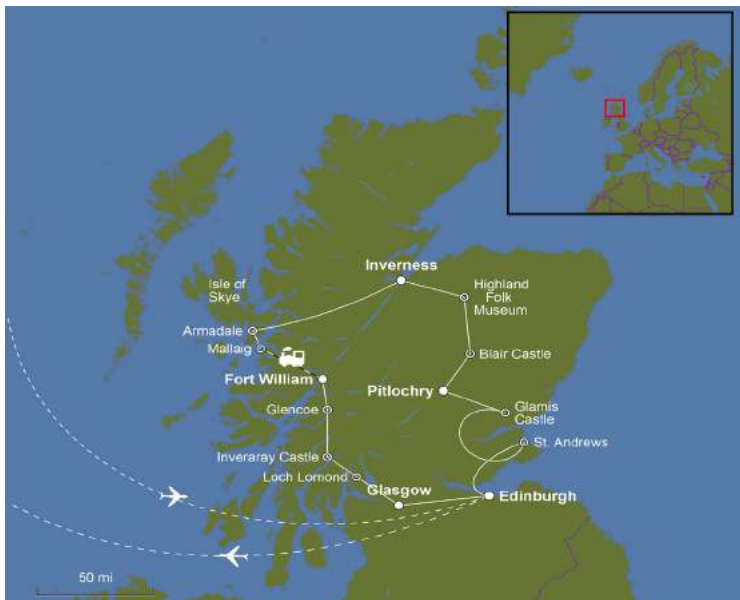
August 15, 2025 - Friday

Traveling home
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 west across The Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B | Meals and entertainment during flights

The itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

**We are in Edinburgh during the Military Tattoo. When group tickets become available, we will let you know and offer this extraordinary performance as an optional excursion*



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Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$5,195
 Per person in a single room: \$6,995

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share"-service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on April 17, 2025, and is non-refundable. The balance can be paid in cash or by check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:
 Register at least eight (8) months prior to departure and receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas. We walk between 3 and 5 miles over the course of a day. Add to this the walking outside the group activities. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

Group airfare:

Group airfare becomes available by the end of September 2024. All registered travelers will be notified.

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.*

Accommodations (final accommodation 90 days prior):

- Glasgow - Sandman Signature Hotel or similar
- Ft. William - Whispering Pine Lodge or similar
- Inverness - Kingsmills Hotel or similar
- Dunkeld - Dunkeld House Hotel or similar
- Edinburgh - Yotel Hotel or similar

Included:

- 9 nights during the tour in Scotland at local 4-star hotels
- 9 x breakfast
- 4 x lunch in a local pub
- 5 x dinner in hotels, 3-course meal, tea & coffee included
- 1 Scottish Dinner Show
- Welcome drink in Glasgow
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Jacobite Steam Train ticket, standard ticket
- Dolphin watching cruise
- CalMac ferry: Mallaig to Armadale, economy passage
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour guide in Scotland
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, August 5-15, 2025
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of July 7, 2024

Not Included:

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag. Your first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Gratuities to guide and driver (estimate \$15 in total per day)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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