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Scotland: Highlands and Islands

September 10-21, 2026

12 days from \$7,596 total price from Boston, New York

(\$6,895 air & land inclusive plus \$701 airline taxes and fees)



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Dear Mississippi Alumni and Friends,

Join us on a special 12-day small group tour to Scotland. Discover Scotland's enduring appeal, traveling from city to country and loch to glen, all while encountering stunning natural beauty and historic treasures.

Starting in Glasgow, see the city's unique architecture and tour the Burrell Collection, Glasgow's world-class collection of medieval artifacts. Then set off for the scenic Scottish Highlands, stopping by the banks of Loch Lomond, Great Britain's largest lake. Visit beautiful Glencoe and take a full-day excursion to the Isle of Skye, known for its strong Gaelic influence. At Loch Ness, the lake best known for its alleged monster, enjoy a boat ride, then explore Urquhart Castle's evocative ruins. Your final destination is stately Edinburgh, where exploration includes the 18th-century Georgian "New Town," the medieval "Old Town" and the Royal Mile. Tour Holyrood and enjoy ample free time for exploring independently.

We are pleased to be sharing this departure with alumni and friends from the University of Arkansas. Space is limited to 24 guests from both schools, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

Leanna P. Smith

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Assistant Director of Alumni Partnerships & Business Development
Mississippi State University Alumni Association

MISSISSIPPI STATE RESERVATION FORM – SCOTLAND: HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

To reserve your place, **please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.,**
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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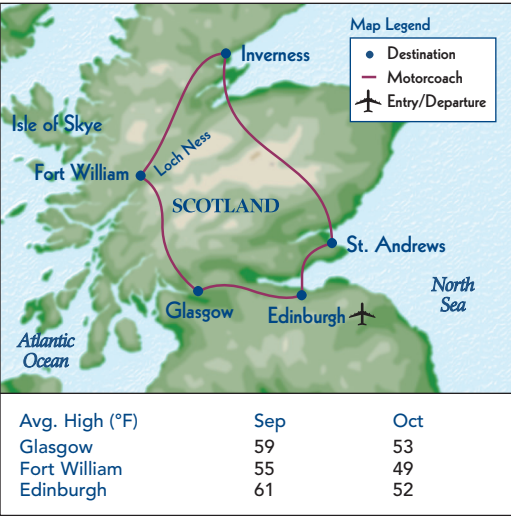
Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ☐

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Scotland: Highlands and Islands

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“My heart’s in the Highlands,” said the poet Robert Burns – as will you, as we travel from city to country and mainland to island on this sweet journey. From loch to loch and glen to glen, we encounter stunning natural beauty and welcoming clans, while city life serves up the colorful past – and cosmopolitan present.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Edinburgh, Scotland

Day 2: Arrive Edinburgh/Glasgow We arrive today in Edinburgh and transfer by coach to Glasgow, where we check in at our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. Late this afternoon we gather with our tour director for a briefing on the journey ahead. Then we enjoy a welcome dinner at either the acclaimed National Piping Centre or the well-appointed Corinthian Club. *D*

Day 3: Glasgow This morning’s tour highlights “Glasgow Style,” the city’s distinct architecture of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Though Glasgow has a rich medieval history, very few structures from that time survive; it is the Victorian-era buildings of red or blond sandstone with long lines that define the city’s historic built environment. Among the stand-out buildings we see: Glasgow Central Station, the Royal Exchange, and Glasgow City Chambers. We also visit Sir John W. Simpson’s immensely popular Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, housing an excellent collection of arms and armaments, and European artwork, including Salvador Dali’s *Christ of St. John on the Cross*. Following our city tour, we visit The Burrell Collection, Glasgow’s world-class collection of art featuring medieval artifacts, Chinese art, priceless tapestries, and paintings by Manet, Cézanne, and Degas. After lunch at a local restaurant, the remainder of the day is at leisure. *B,L*

Physical Activity Level

2 Easy/Moderate

Walk 1-3 miles per day, often uphill or on cobblestones; occasional long walks from motorcoach drop-off to sights and hotels; steep grades while walking in Edinburgh; some hotels do not have elevators

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Glasgow		
2-3	Glasgow	Grand Central Glasgow	First Class
4-5	Fort William	Nevis Bank Hotel	Not rated
6-7	Inverness	Macdonald Drumossie Hotel	First Class
8	St. Andrews	Old Course Hotel	Deluxe
9-11	Edinburgh	Tigerlily Edinburgh	Sup. First Class
12	Depart Edinburgh for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Day 4: Glasgow/Loch Lomond/Glencoe/Fort William

We leave Glasgow this morning by motorcoach, bound for the scenic Highlands, Scotland’s sparsely populated historic northern region. We stop by the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, Great Britain’s largest lake and part of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. We tour the island-dotted loch by coach before continuing on to Glencoe, one of Scotland’s most beautiful spots with deep valleys flanked by steep-sided mountains, rushing rivers, and dramatic waterfalls. Then we travel on to Fort William, the Highlands’ second largest settlement, arriving late afternoon. *B,D*



We'll visit the Glenfinnan Monument honoring "Bonnie Prince Charlie" on Day 5.

Day 5: Fort William/Isle of Skye We embark on a full-day excursion to the Isle of Skye, the largest of Scotland's Inner Hebrides, known for its vivid history, strong Gaelic influence, and stunning scenery. En route, we make a photo stop at Glenfinnan Monument, honoring "Bonnie Prince Charlie" for his leadership in the Jacobite Rising of 1745. Then we board a ferry for Armadale on the southern tip of the Isle of Skye. Our touring begins with a visit to Armadale Castle and Gardens, where we have lunch. Next we set out on a scenic drive through the imposing Cuillin Hills (or "Black Cuillin"). Returning to the mainland via the Skye Bridge, we stop to visit iconic Eilean Donan Castle then dine tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Fort William/Loch Ness/Inverness We depart today for the Northern Highlands, stopping en route at fabled Loch Ness. We enjoy a boat ride on the 23-mile-long lake best known for the unearthly creature alleged to live in its deep waters. We also visit the ruins of lakeside Urquhart Castle, one of Scotland's most popular attractions. Dating to at least the 13th century, the castle sits surrounded by water on three sides, giving it a once-formidable advantage in battle. Then we travel on to the historic Culloden Moor battle site. After time on our own to tour the museum here, we tour the hallowed grounds, site of the last battle of the Jacobite Rising in 1746. Early this evening we arrive in Inverness on Scotland's northeast coast and cultural capital of the Highlands. *B,D*

Day 7: Highlands Our exploration of the Highlands continues on today's excursion along the Pictish Trail, sites connected with the late Iron Age/early Medieval Celtic people who once lived here. We visit striking Dunrobin Castle & Gardens, where we see a falconry demonstration then embark on a tour and tasting at a small local distillery that has been

producing hand-crafted single malt whisky for generations. We continue our drive along the scenic coastal road flanked by small farms with sheep, cows, and Shetland ponies before returning to our hotel, where we enjoy dinner together tonight. *B,D*

Day 8: Inverness/Kincraig/Pitlochry/St. Andrews Today's first stop is Kincraig, where we watch a sheep-dog demonstration with working border collies, known for their herding abilities. We travel on to the holiday town of Pitlochry in the heart of Scotland, where we enjoy some free time before continuing on to legendary St. Andrews late this afternoon. Tonight we have dinner together at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 9: St. Andrews/Edinburgh Home of Scotland's oldest university (St. Andrews) and renowned as the home of golf, where the game has been played for some 600 years, delightful – and compact – St. Andrews measures just one mile across. This morning we embark on a walking tour of the medieval seaside town, followed by free time to explore with lunch on our own. Later this afternoon we continue on our way to Edinburgh. Dinner tonight is on our own in the Scottish capital, which boasts a robust culinary scene. *B*

Day 10: Edinburgh Our morning tour of this stately city built on seven hills features both the 18th-century Georgian "New Town" and the medieval "Old Town" – together, the districts form a UNESCO site. In the Old Town, we pay an inside visit to Edinburgh Castle, symbolic heart of the country. We also travel the Royal Mile, the warren of medieval streets that form the thoroughfare stretching from the castle to Holyrood Palace, official residence of the Royal Family when in Scotland. This afternoon is at leisure to discover Edinburgh as we wish; museums, galleries, and shops abound. *B*



THE UNLIVED LIFE IS NOT
WORTH EXAMINING.”

– OLD TOM MORRIS

Day 11: Edinburgh This morning we again encounter the Royal Mile, with its mix of attractions, shops, and restaurants. We tour Holyrood, as it is called, and see where British royalty schemed and slept as we tour the State Apartments. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. Tonight we celebrate our Scotland sojourn over a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 12: Depart for U.S. We transfer this morning to the Edinburgh airport for our return flights to the U.S. *B*



Edinburgh's grand and historic Princes Street

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 19 meals: 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Scotland is home to more than 1,000 castles.

Tour Departs: September 10, 2026

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$7,596
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$7,896
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	\$7,996
Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$8,096
Columbus, MS	\$8,296
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,595

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$701, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,695. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$6,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and price is subject to change).

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

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888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited tour director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Travel Insurance: An application for trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance will be sent to you by the MSU Alumni Association's travel program once you are registered for the tour. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Contact Leanna Smith at 662-325-3360 or email lsmith@alumni.msstate.edu for further information.

Responsibility: The liability of the Mississippi State Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Mississippi State Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line(s), and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Mississippi State Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase nonrefundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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