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# Scotland and the Reformation The Highlands, Cathedrals & Castles

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### Day 1 - Monday, July 8: Depart U.S.A.

Today we board our international flight to Scotland. After dinner is served, it's time to sit back, relax, and enjoy the onboard entertainment to prepare for this exciting adventure.

### Day 2 - Tuesday, July 9: Welcome to Glasgow, Scotland

Upon arrival at Glasgow Airport, we meet our driver and guide and head into Glasgow City. We enjoy a relaxing bus tour of the city, which is the largest in Scotland. Known as the "Second City of the British Empire" for much of the Victorian era and Edwardian period, Glasgow is one of Europe's top twenty financial centers and home to many of Scotland's leading businesses. We stop and visit the magnificent Glasgow Cathedral, the heart of the city. Erected between 1136-1484 AD, the soaring arches of its Gothic architecture inspires awe. It is the only medieval cathedral on the Scotlish mainland to have survived the turbulent Protestant Reformation of 1560 virtually intact. Afterward, we check into our hotel to rest and get situated. Enjoy lunch and free time on your own in Glasgow before meeting back at the hotel for our welcome dinner. Dinner and overnight in Glasgow.

## Day 3 – Wednesday, July 10: Glasgow, Stirling Castle, Luss, Glencoe Valley

Today, we head north toward Glencoe. First, we visit Stirling Castle. one of Scotland's grandest castles due to its imposing position and impressive architecture. It towers over some of the most significant Scottish battlefields, including Stirling Bridge where William Wallace gained victory over the English in 1297. Situated on a volcanic outcrop. Stirling Castle stands as a symbol of Scottish independence and enduring national pride. Next, we journey along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, where we stop in the picturesque village Luss for lunch on our own and a stroll through its scenic beauty. Afterward, we ascend into the dramatic landscape of Glencoe Valley in Scotland's central Highlands. Known as the "Glen of the Weeping", it contains the site of the infamous 1692 massacre of the MacDonald clan by the Campbells. We enjoy the sights and scenery of this breathtaking valley overlooking the Loch Linnhe River, stopping for photos at key sites. We check into our Glencoe hotel and enjoy some free time. Dinner and overnight in the Glencoe or Fort Williams area.



Day 4 – Thursday, July 11: Boat Ride on Loch Ness, Urguhart Castle, Culloden Battlefield, Inverness We depart Glencoe and head farther north into the Scottish

Highlands. After admiring the lovely views of Glencoe along the way, we arrive at Loch Ness for our boat ride. Will we spot "Nessie". the alleged legendary Loch Ness Monster? Situated northeast of the Highland's Great Glen, Loch Ness is 24 miles long, one mile wide, and nearly 1,000 feet at its deepest point. We will sail near Urguhart Castle, which offers a photo op of the Highlands at its most dramatic. Bring your camera! We disembark at the charming village of Fort Augustus to enjoy lunch on our own. Then we board our bus and continue to the historic Culloden Battlefield, where the course of British. European, and world history was changed on April 16. 1746. Here the Jacobite army under Charles Edward ("Bonnie Prince Charlie") fought to reclaim the British throne for a Stuart king from the Hanoverians. Afterward, we continue to Inverness to check into our hotel and freshen up for a delightful night of Highland hospitality. We will take a short drive to Bogbain and enjoy a Ceilidh dinner with traditional Gaelic folk music. Overnight in Inverness.

### Day 5 - Friday, July 12: Sheepdog Demonstration, Highland Folk Museum, Cawdor Castle

This morning we enjoy a sheepdog demonstration amidst the lush Scottish landscape. Over the span of 45 minutes, we observe up to eight dogs working as a team maneuvering sheep and ducks through various obstacles. This is truly a special experience allowing people of all ages to see the traditional working day of a Highland shepherd and his dogs. Meet the collie pups, bottle-feed the orphan lambs, and take part in shearing a sheep. Next, we visit the open-air Highland Folk Museum. In this welcoming environment. we learn how Scottish Highland ancestors lived, built their homes. tilled the soil, and dressed. We enjoy lunch on our own and free time to explore the historical buildings and visit their gift shop containing local crafts, including wool hats and ponchos. Then we depart for Cawdor Castle and its beautiful, lush gardens, Dating from the late 14th century, this traditional Scottish Castle was built and inhabited by the Cawdor family for over 600 years. It is steeped in intrigue and history, including an ancient medieval tower constructed around the legendary holly tree. Dinner and overnight in Inverness



Day 6 – Saturday, July 13: Aberdeen, St. Machar's Cathedral, Glenfiddich Distillery Tour & Tasting

This morning we depart Inverness and travel through the Speyside "Whiskey" region toward the Angus farmlands of Aberdeen. Our first stop is Glenfiddich Distillery, set in the rugged tapestry of the

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Highlands. Glenfiddich (meaning 'Valley of the Deer' in Gaelic) has not changed much since 1886 when William Grant and his nine children built it by hand one stone at a time. One of the few single malt distilleries to remain entirely family-owned, Glenfiddich is now the World's Most Awarded Single Malt Scotch Whiskey. A tasting of a variety of their single malts follows the tour. Then we travel through the wonderfully scenic Deeside region to Banchory for afternoon tea and scones at the Falls of Feugh Tea Room. We continue to Aberdeen to visit the 12th-century St. Machar's Cathedral. The hand-painted 500-year-old wooden ceiling is a true masterpiece. Though it was rocked by the Reformation in 1560 and wars over the centuries, it still stands along with its fascinating medieval graveyard. Afterward, we check into our hotel and enjoy some free time exploring this charming town. Dinner and overnight in Aberdeen.

### Day 7 – Sunday, July 14: Worship, Glamis Castle and Gardens, St. Andrews

This morning, join a local parish for morning worship or enjoy free time until services conclude. Afterward, we depart Aberdeen and journey south toward St. Andrews. Our first stop is Glamis Castle, a living and breathing monument to Scottish heritage. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne since 1372, the castle is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth. It was the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and the birthplace of Princess Margaret. We will enjoy lunch or tea and scones on our own here in this historic setting. The gardens at Glamis are spectacular and, like the castle, full of stories. Take time on this Sabbath day to roam through nature's bursts of color and exhale. Then we continue to St. Andrews, check into our hotel, and enjoy leisure time. Dinner and overnight are in the Dundee or St. Andrews area.

# Day 8 – Monday, Sunday, July 15: St. Andrews Castle & Cathedral, Cathedral Museum, Edinburgh

This morning we enjoy a walking tour of St. Andrews. We visit St. Andrews Cathedral, which dominated the history of the medieval church in Scotland, from its construction in the 12th century until the Protestant Reformation in 1560. As Scotland's largest and most magnificent medieval church, the cathedral was the seat of the country's leading bishops. This site has been used as a place of worship since the 8th century, when the relics of St. Andrew, Scotland's patron saint, are said to have been brought here. The cathedral buildings are surrounded by a gravevard and encircled by the most complete and imposing monastic enclosure walls in Scotland, Afterward, we depart St. Andrews and head to Edinburgh. We will cross the Forth Road Bridge, from which we can see the Forth Railway Bridge, a remarkable cantilever structure that is still recognized the world over as an engineering marvel. Then we check into our hotel in Edinburgh to enjoy free time and dinner on our own. Overnight in Edinburgh.

## Day 9 — Tuesday, July 16: Edinburgh Castle, St. Giles Cathedral, John Knox House, and the Royal Mile

This morning begins with a tour of the iconic Edinburgh Castle. Sitting atop an extinct volcano, it has dominated the city's skyline since the 11th century. It has witnessed many of the defining events of Scottish history as one of Europe's oldest fortified places. Inside its rugged medieval walls, we visit the Argyle Battery canons and the One o'Clock Gun, St. Margaret's Chapel, Royal Palace, Great Hall, Scottish War Memorial, and the Honours of Scotland where the Scottish Crown Jewels are kept. We descend to the Royal Mile and visit the historic St. Giles Cathedral. Founded in 1124, St. Giles has been a working church for almost 900 years. A backdrop to Scotland's turbulent religious history, it served as John Knox's parish church during the Reformation. Enjoy lunch on your own along the Royal Mile. This afternoon, we visit the John Knox House, which dates back to 1470 as the oldest surviving medieval home in Edinburgh. John Knox was a Scottish minister, Reformed theologian, and the leader of the Scottish Reformation. We learn about the animosity between Knox and Mary Queen of Scots, a devout Catholic. Afterward, enjoy the rest of the day exploring Edinburgh and having dinner on your own. Overnight in Edinburgh.



### Day 10 – Wednesday, July 17: Calton Hill, Palace of Holyrood House and Abbey, Farewell Dinner

We begin our day enjoying the sweeping views of Edinburgh from Calton Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The acropolis structure that dominates the top is the unfinished National Monument of Scotland. Initiated in 1816, a year after Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo, the monument was meant to be a replica of the Parthenon in Athens, as a memorial to those who had died in the Napoleonic Wars, Afterward, we descend to the Palace of Holvrood House, the King's official residence in Edinburgh. Founded as a monastery in 1128, it stands at the end of Edinburgh's Royal Mile. Some of Scotland's most well-known historic figures such as Mary Queen of Scots and Bonnie Prince Charlie once lived here. We learn how the Palace is used today by the King when carrying out official engagements in Scotland. Then we walk through the beautiful ruins of the adjoining 12th-century Holyrood Abbey and remarkable royal gardens. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring Edinburgh, shopping, and having lunch on your own. Tonight, we have our special Farewell "Spirit of Scotland" dinner! We will savor a 3-course dinner together, including an evening of entertainment with traditional Scottish songs and time-honored Scottish Dancers. Overnight in Edinburgh.

### Day 11 - Thursday, July 18: Depart Scotland for U.S.A.

After breakfast at our hotel, we depart for the airport for our return flight home filled with unforgettable experiences and cherished memories. We arrive back in the U.S.A. the same day.

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The following charges also apply: 99-75 days = **\$500**; 74-55 days = **\$1950**; 54-41 days = **75% of total cost**; 40 days to day of departure = **100% of total cost**. <u>All cancellations must be received in writing</u>. On or after the day of departure there is no refund for any services not used. <u>We strongly</u> <u>recommend you purchase travel insurance</u>. If imagine cancels the tour due to lack of participation, there will be a charge of \$200 deducted from the amount refunded to each passenger for administrative fees plus any airline penalties if applicable. No changes may be made to the tour within 70-days of departure, as the tour is officially closed.

### STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:

imagine and its associated companies agree to provide the itinerary described in this brochure. This represents the entire agreement between the passenger and his agent, the travel agent, the tour host, and the tour operator. All prices, itineraries and schedules are subject to regulations and changes by acts of government, international agreement, and airline tariff adjustments, rules, and regulations. imagine reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of imagine, incapable of group travel. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, the tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity, or incidental damages caused by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, pandemic, closures of airports or hotel, default or omission of any common or private carrier, or the fault, negligence, or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof, or in arranging for the same, or the acts or omissions of the travel agent or the tour host. The conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by imagine. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of/or concerns regarding this brochure or your tour.

### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY:**

By traveling on this tour you affirm that you are fit to participate in this tour and accept all risks to your safety and health. All travel involves risks, and travel to some countries, including Israel, involves a heightened risk to your health and safety, including risks from terrorism, criminal acts, and illness. You understand and freely accept these risks, and you generally and specifically release and hold harmless imagine and their officers, agents and employees from any liability and any claims for (i) any physical, mental, emotional or other injuries whatsoever that you may sustain related to this tour; (ii) delays, damages, illness, injuries or death, or for the loss of or damage to property, from any cause (including negligence) and however occurring; and (iii) any accident, illness, injury, damage, sickness, loss of personal property, delay, or other Injury or claim of any kind related to or arising from strikes, armed conflicts, social or labor unrest or strikes/work stoppages, war or acts of war, terrorism or terrorist acts, acts of God, mechanical or construction failures or difficulties, diseases, local laws or acts of local or government authorities, criminal acts, weather or climatic conditions, volcanic eruption, earthquake, disruption of advertised schedules, refusal of visas, or any other causes beyond their direct control.

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