Day 1
Greeted at Glasgow Airport and head north over the back roads towards the Rest and Be Thankful. We stop for a photo opportunity and continue on to the town of Inveraray. Visit the beautiful Inveraray Castle, home of the Campbell Clan and the Duke of Argyll. Enjoy lunch in this quaint town with time to wander before we head to our Country House Hotel outside of Oban. Dinner. Taychreggan Country House Hotel. (D)

Day 2
Day trip south to the historical hill fort of Dunadd, where the history of Scotland began, with commanding views over the haunted glens. See the standing stones of the haunted valley of Kilmartin Glen and visit the museum. We continue north to Oban and tour the local Oban Single Malt Distillery with free time to shop, explore or take a short boat ride to Seal Island (not inc). Early Dinner in town and return to Hotel. Taychreggan Country House Hotel. (B) (D)

Day 3
After breakfast we head North to Castle Stalker view, where we stop at a quaint shop which has commanding views over Castle Stalker, sitting out on an islet on its own small island. We continue on past Glencoe, where the MacDonald’s were slaughtered in their beds in 1692, we stop for photos (we do this often) followed by yet another short stop at Neptune’s Staircase on the Caledonian Canal. We have lunch in the small fishing village of Mallaig before taking the mid afternoon ferry to Skye. Overnight Portree. Dinner on own. (B)

Day 4
We take a boat ride around the Isle of Skye, viewing some of the wonderful scenery, then we have lunch at a wonderful local restaurant. Next a tour of Dunvegan Castle, home of the McLeod Clan and site of the Fairy Flag, drive past the Old Man of Storr and Kilt Rock. Overnight Portree. (B) (L)

Day 5
Museum of Highland Life showing life on the island in years gone by. Stop at quaint artisan shops along the way. Catch the ferry to the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides. Visit the Seallam visitor centre, the foremost genealogy centre for the Western Isles before we head to the southern end of the island to our hotel and guest houses. Dinner at Rodel Hotel. (B) (D)

Day 6
Early departure for Leverburgh and Isle of Harris. Take boat out 50 miles to the uninhabited Outer Hebridean island of St Kilda (weather permitting), the National Trust run island that had all inhabitants removed in the 1930s. Explore this unique, remote and not often visited island before we head back to Harris in the early evening. Overnight Harris. (B)

Day 7
After breakfast we visit historical St. Clements Church. Stop at Tarbet at the Harris Tweed Shop. Head north to the Island of Lewis and visit the world famous Callanais standing stones. Continue on to the Blackhouse village of Gearrannan were we see life as it used to be on these remote islands. Overnight Isle of Lewis. Dinner on own. (B) (D)

Day 8
Morning to explore the town of Stornoway. Meet for the 12:40 Caledonian McBrayne ferry back to the mainland, to the port of Ullapool, on the northern west coast of Scotland. Lunch either prior to getting on the ferry or on the ferry. At Ullapool we head north through some truly stunning scenery to our hotel in Durness. MacKays Restaurant with Rooms, Durness. (D)

Day 9
After breakfast we stop at Smoo Caves and continue along the very northern coast of Scotland. Continue on to Scrabster, where we catch the 1:15 ferry to the Orkney Isles. Lunch onboard the ferry ride. (not inc). In Orkney we visit the most Northern of Distilleries, Highland Park. Overnight Orkney, at Lynnfield House, Kirkwall. (B) (D)
Day 10
Explore the northern island chain of the Orkney islands including a visit to the Italian Chapel, Skara Brae archealogical site, the standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar, the mystical Mae’s Howe and a drive by the famous Churchill barriers. Great historical sites on Orkney, not to mention the best ice cream in the world!!! Overnight Orkney. Dinner on own.

Day 11
Mid morning ferry back to the mainland and head south towards Inverness. First stop is the small Clan Gunn Museum, with stories of the Highland Clearances. Continue south to visit Dunrobin Castle at Golspie, home of the Duke of Sutherland. Then south to Inverness where we check into Culloden House Hotel, for the next two nights. (D)

Day 12
After breakfast we meet Culloden Ghost at The Battlefield. Culloden battlefield is the site of the last land battle on british soil in 1746. Free afternoon to explore the city of Inverness with its wonderful shopping, kilt makers and artisan shops. Dinner on own. (B)

Day 13
After breakfast we drive down south to St Andrews with free time to explore this historical Home of Golf. See historical ruined St. Andrews castle and the St. Andrews cathedral. Head to the Old Course Practice range (subject to availability) and have fun hitting balls at the range, with the views of the Old Course 18th Hole. Continue south to Edinburgh and check into hotel. Overnight Edinburgh. (B)

Day 14
After breakfast you have a free day to explore the city, visit Edinburgh castle (inc.), Holyrood Palace or the new Parliament buildings. Take an underground haunted tour of Mary Kings Close, do some shopping on Princes Street or George Street or take advantage of all the free museums in this exciting capital city. We depart mid afternoon for Rosslyn Chapel to tour this beautiful historical Collegiate Church of St Matthew and it’s interesting carvings, mentioned in the book The Da Vinci Code. We then head to Glasgow to our hotel for the evening, Hotel Du Vin at One Devonshire Gardens, a unique Boutique Hotel. Dinner on own. (B)

Day 15
Day to explore this busy city on your own, (no coach available) possibly Glasgow Cathedral, The Provands Lordship which is the oldest house in Glasgow, the Famous Burrell Collection, the Piping Center or the Tennemant House or just shop in one of the fabulous shopping centers. (Entry fees not inc) Overnight at Hotel du Vin at One Devonshire Gardens. Final Night Dinner. (B) (D)

Day 16
After breakfast, morning transfer back to Glasgow airport for flights home. (B)

This is a Small Group Tour and this is reflected in the price. 12 people Max. The only thing you will see in herds are sheep!

Tour Includes Full Scottish Breakfast Daily, 9 gourmet 3 or 4 course Scottish Dinners and 1 lunch, entry into all sites visited (unless noted), services of a Tour Director throughout the tour. Experienced Coach Driver. 15 nights accommodation. All hotels and guest houses are historical properties, minimum 3 or 4 star. Please call or email us for a list of the properties we use. We use mostly historical properties to enhance your experience. All hotels do have ensuite bathrooms, most have t.v.’s, telephones and tea makers in each room. All hotels are subject to availability and if need be we will substitute another hotel of equal grade.

Cost: $5395/person, double occupancy. Single supplement of $1,000. Everything IS included that is mentioned. Air from USA/Canada to UK is NOT included. We cannot accommodate special requests while en-route. Please make any requests in advance and we will try to accommodate them.

Notes: Coaches are non-smoking. Scotland is a non-smoking country also. Please advise us if you are a smoker and we will make arrangements. Also please advise if you have any disabilities however mild so we can accommodate this also. Not all hotels, however luxury, have elevators.

Meals: (B) full Scottish breakfast (L) lunch (D) gourmet dinners