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CUSTOM PRIVATE SCOTLAND ADVENTURE

AUGUST 7 – 15, 2027

HAMDEN TRAVEL

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Itinerary:

AUGUST 7 - USA / EDINBURGH: Fly transatlantic overnight to Edinburgh, Scotland. Dinner is served and in-flight entertainment is provided.

AUGUST 8 - ARRIVE EDINBURGH / OBAN: Arrive at Edinburgh airport and start your Scottish adventure! After collecting your bags, you will meet with your tour manager in the arrivals area and shortly afterwards, depart Edinburgh and travel west toward Oban, stopping in Falkirk to see the impressive Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures. Continue via historic Stirling and through the beautiful landscapes surrounding Loch Lomond before arriving in Inveraray for a visit to magnificent Inveraray Castle, ancestral home of the Dukes of Argyll. Following the visit, continue through the scenic Argyll countryside to the coastal town of Oban. This evening, enjoy dinner in your hotel. (D)

AUGUST 9 - WHISKY & JACOBITE TRAIN: After breakfast. enjoy a full-day excursion through the spectacular scenery of Scotland's West Highlands. Begin with a visit to Oban Distillery, one of Scotland's oldest distilleries, for a guided tour and tasting while learning about the traditional whisky-making process. Continue to Fort William to board the famous Jacobite Steam Train for the unforgettable journey to Mallaig. Travel through some of the Highlands' most dramatic landscapes, crossing the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct and passing lochs, mountains, and remote Highland scenery along the way. Enjoy time in the picturesque fishing village of Mallaig before the return journey by train to Fort William in standard class. Afterwards, return to Oban for overnight. (B)

AUGUST 10 - GLENCOE / LOCH NESS/ HIGHLAND COWS / CULLODEN / INVERNESS: Depart Oban and travel north through the spectacular landscapes of the Scottish Highlands en route to Inverness. Stop at the Glencoe Visitor Centre to learn about the fascinating history, geology, and natural beauty of this dramatic Highland glen. Continue toward legendary Loch Ness, where you will enjoy a scenic 50-minute cruise on its mysterious waters while keeping watch for the elusive Nessie. During the journey, there will also be an opportunity to stop and see some of Scotland's famous Highland cattle — the much-loved "hairy coos." These iconic shaggy-haired animals provide wonderful photo opportunities and a memorable taste of rural Scottish life. Then visit Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre, site of the final Jacobite Rising in 1746. Explore the battlefield and engaging exhibits that bring to life the events and stories surrounding this pivotal moment in Scottish history. Continue to Inverness for overnight. (B)

AUGUST 11 - ISLE OF SKYE: Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Afterwards depart on a full-day excursion to the spectacular Isle of Skye, traveling through some of the most dramatic scenery in the Scottish Highlands. Along the way, stop for exterior views and photographs of iconic Eilean Donan Castle, beautifully situated where three sea lochs meet. Continue across the Skye Bridge onto the Isle of Skye and explore the magnificent landscapes of central Skye**,** renowned for its rugged mountains, sweeping glens, and picturesque coastline. Visit the colorful harbor town of Portree, Skye's charming capital, with time to explore before returning to Inverness for overnight. (B)
Note: *Please note that this will be a long day.*

AUGUST 12 - PITLOCHRY / GLAMIS / EDINBURGH: After breakfast, depart Inverness and travel south through the magnificent landscapes of Cairngorms National Park, surrounded by mountains, forests, and some of Scotland's most impressive Highland scenery. Stop in the charming Victorian town of Pitlochry, with free time to explore its picturesque streets, shops, and cafés. Continue to Glamis Castle, the legendary childhood home of Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother, for a visit to this magnificent historic castle and its beautiful grounds. Following the visit, continue south to Edinburgh for overnight. (B)

AUGUST 13 - EDINBURGH / ST ANDREWS/ MILITARY TATTOO: Enjoy a full day of sightseeing with your local guide and private coach, beginning with a tour of Edinburgh, taking in the highlights of Scotland's historic capital. Visit magnificent Edinburgh Castle, dramatically situated atop Castle Rock and offering fascinating insight into Scotland's royal and military history. Then travel to the historic town of St Andrews, renowned as the Home of Golf and home to Scotland's oldest university. Enjoy a guided walking tour through its charming streets, seeing highlights such as the historic university quarter and the impressive ruins of St Andrews Cathedral. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore independently before returning to Edinburgh. This evening, make your way on foot to Edinburgh Castle Esplanade where you enjoy reserved seating and a performance at the Military Tattoo. (B)
Note: *Due to traffic restrictions, transfers are not included to and from the Military Tattoo. The venue, Edinburgh Castle Esplanade, is a 10-minute walk from Hilton Edinburgh Carlton.*

AUGUST 14 - EDINBURGH: After breakfast, enjoy a full day at leisure in Edinburgh. (B)

AUGUST 15 - EDINBURGH / USA: After breakfast, group transfer to Edinburgh airport for your return flight to the USA. (B)

Hotels:
7 nights' hotel accommodation in the following hotels, or similar:
Oban – 2 nights, 4-Star Oban Bay Hotel
Inverness – 2 nights, 4-Star Kingsmills
Edinburgh – 3 nights, 4-Star Hilton Carlton

Meals:
Breakfast each morning, except day of arrival
Welcome dinner in Oban hotel
Please note*: In Scotland, group dinners are based on a set group menu and must be chosen in advance*

Summary of Inclusions:
Services of a Professional Tour Director
Luxury motorcoach with professional driver
Visit Inverary Castle
Oban Distillery tour, including tastings
Jacobite train from Fort William to Mallaig, roundtrip in Standard Class
Visit Glencoe Visitor Centre
Loch Ness Cruise (50 minutes)
Visit Culloden Visitor Centre
Full day excursion to Skye
Visit Glamis Castle
Half-day Edinburgh Tour
Visit Edinburgh Castle

Private walking tour of St Andrews
Tickets for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Also Included:
Hotel porterage of one suitcase per person
Portfolio of e-documents
24-hour emergency customer service while in Scotland