



The Traveling Professor Presents

EDINBURGH AND THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS BY SCENIC RAIL

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1: Welcome to Edinburgh, Scotland

Check-in and rest up. We'll do a quick orientation and get to meet our fellow travelers. Let's have a wonderful Scottish welcome this evening at our hotel located in the shadow of Edinburgh Castle in the lively Grassmarket area. Starting time will be determined once we get traveler arrival info.

Day 2: Edinburgh Walking Tour

The best way to explore Edinburgh is on foot. The city is one of the world's finest capital cities, teeming with cultural diversity and impressive history. A professional and licensed guide tells us about the history, traditions, and architecture of this 1,000-year-old city. Visit the Royal Mile, Princess Street Gardens, Calton Hill and more.

Day 3: Melrose Abbey and Rosslyn Chapel Day Trip

A private van picks us up at the hotel for a delightful trip to the Scottish Borders with scenic stops along the way. Legend says the heart of Robert the Bruce is buried at the monastery at the ruins of Melrose Abbey where we learn more about Scottish history. Then it is on to Rosslyn Chapel, made famous by Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code". Learn about the real history of the chapel and the St. Clair family.

Day 4: St. Andrews Day Trip

Get away for the day as we take the lovely trip up to St. Andrews. There are scenic stops along the route. St. Andrews is the home of golf, but there is so, so much more to this town. Our professional, licensed guide takes us to the University of St. Andrews and ancient cathedral. We also find those nooks and crannies that The Traveling Professor tours are known for. It's a delightful half-day walk full of stories, legends, history and the characters that make St. Andrews what it is. After lunch, there is time to explore on your own. Those interested in golf have the opportunity to visit the most historic and famous golf course in the world or stroll the famous beach of "Chariots of Fire".

Day 5: Edinburgh Free Day

It's a free day in Edinburgh but we have plenty of suggestions for things to do. The Royal Yacht Britannia and Palace of Holyroodhouse are just a few of the stops on the Hop-on, Hop-off bus. There is plenty to see and do while strolling this incredibly walkable city. It's a great day of leisure on this free day in Edinburgh.

Day 6: Scenic Train Journey to Inverness and Walking Tour

It's off to the Highlands by train through scenic Scotland. Get the true feel of being in the Highlands with our stay at the Royal Highlands Hotel. After check-in and lunch, meet our professional guide for a walking tour of the town and hear the stories of rebellions, witchcraft, prophecies, clans, Jacobite curses and yes, the Beatles.

Day 7: Loch Ness, Urquart Castle, Culloden Battlefield

The finest way to see Loch Ness is with a luxury water cruise. There are indoor and outdoor viewing areas for your pleasure. The ship is sonar-equipped to detect any mysterious underwater activity and after visiting the

fully stocked bar on-board, The Professor guarantees a sighting of the Loch Ness monster! Disembark at the 1,000 year old Urquart Castle, majestically poised above the great loch. The castle witnessed years of conflict between the Scots and English until finally abandoned 500 years ago. Whether an "Outlander" fan or not, a visit to the site of the 1746 Battle of Culloden is fascinating. It only took an hour for the English to crush the Jacobite rebels. Scotland's history and Highland culture was changed forever.

Day 8: Kyle of Lochalsh and Isle of Skye Day Trip by Scenic Rail

This might be the most scenic train ride you have ever been on. Roll through stunning landscape to Kyle of Lochalsh. Our driver meets us at the train station and to journey through the dramatic Isle of Skye including Kilt Rock and Portree. We have lunch stop surrounded by some of the best natural scenery to be found.

Day 9: Inverness Free Day

Free day in Inverness. There is plenty to see and do like visit old bookstores, bike along the canal, stroll the Victorian Market. Maybe an optional trip to Dunrobin Castle is in your future.

Day 10: Glasgow

Enjoy another scenic train ride as we travel to the exciting city of Glasgow. Upon check-in, we do a short orientation and find some of the best places to shop, dine and have a wee dram.

Day 11: Glasgow

One of the most exciting cities in Europe with a mix of old history and new visions, the best way to see it is on the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus. There are sites like the Glasgow Cathedral, Barras Weekend Market, Riverside Museum, Glasgow University, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and more.

Day 12: Departure from Glasgow

We are here to help you get on your way to your next destination.

What's Included:

- 5 nights lodging in Edinburgh, 4 nights in Inverness, 2 nights in Glasgow.
- Guided walking tours in Edinburgh, St. Andrews and Inverness.
- Day tours to St. Andrews, Melrose Abbey/Rosslyn Chapel, Loch Ness/Urquart Castle/Culloden, Skye/Kyle of Lochalsh. Transportation, guides, and admission to sites on the itinerary included.
- Hop-On, Hop-Off Bus tickets in Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- Many attractions in Scotland are free of charge. However, VIP admission is provided to some sites that do charge such as Edinburgh Castle, Royal Yacht Britannia and Holyroodhouse.
- Train transportation from Edinburgh to Inverness, Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh, Inverness to Glasgow.
- All breakfasts. Other meals are not included.

ABOUT OUR TOURS

Since each tour is planned with traveler input, your tour may be slightly different. We always add in “off the itinerary” sites of interest. Adjustments may be made for crowd management, weather, special events, or conditions beyond our control.

We travel with to 10-16 people. This offers the opportunity to do what we want to do, on our own schedule. We provide all local transportation as well as admission to those sites listed on the itinerary.

Breakfast is included each day of the tour. Every day we plan a relaxing lunch stops and have dinner recommendations for you. Please join us or go out on your own.

Our guides are with us during the day. Tour leaders are with the group 24/7. Unless otherwise noted, we ask travelers to be ready to go at about 9:30 a.m. for a full and active day of touring.

Well before departure date, each traveler is supplied with a “final” detailed itinerary along with a complete and detailed information packet. It has advice on packing, money matters, passports, weather, etc. We make sure travelers are well-prepared. And of course, we are always available to personally answer any questions you may have.

We are here to help! We want you to have a wonderful time.

For complete information on this tour including dates and pricing at www.travelingprofessor.com