

# Edinburgh

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Welcome to Edinburgh!

Situated on Scotland's east coast, Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland and a world class destination. Enriched with culture and Georgian architecture, it is home to the Scottish Parliament. We will visit the national symbol of Scotland, the Edinburgh Castle, which rests on an extinct volcano, as well as the Royal Yacht Britannia, once home to Her Majesty, The Queen, and the Royal Family. No visit to Edinburgh would be complete without exploring the Palace of Holyrood House, the official residence of the Monarch of the United Kingdom when in Scotland, and, of course, a whisky tasting experience. A modern day Jekyll and Hyde, the city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, split between the medieval Old Town and the Georgian magnificence of the New Town.

Many wonders and much splendor await us in the Scottish countryside. Discover Stirling, the former capital of Scotland and home to Stirling Castle, once the residence of Mary, Queen of Scots. Take in a cruise and lunch on the famous Loch Lomond, the largest fresh water lake in the United Kingdom.

## TWO-NIGHT EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS (JULY 12-14, 2016)

**\$1,299 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY - CLASSIC ROOM**

**\$1,599 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY - CLASSIC ROOM**

### **INCLUDED**

- Two nights at Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh, inclusive of a full Scottish buffet breakfast
- Hotel check-in is at 3 pm (July 12)
- Full-day Edinburgh City Tour, including Royal Yacht Britannia and Edinburgh Castle (July 12)
- Full-day tour to Palace of Holyrood House, Whisky Tasting Experience with Lunch & The Real Mary Kings Close (July 13)
- Dinner & traditional Ceilidh evening at Ghillie Dhu (July 13)
- Hotel dates are July 12 - 14, with checkout on July 14 at 12 pm
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Round-trip hotel luggage portorage
- Guides and coach drivers
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

### **NOT INCLUDED**

International air, transfer from hotel to Edinburgh airport (EDI), meals where not listed

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# THREE-NIGHT EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS (JULY 12-15, 2016)

**\$1,799 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY - CLASSIC ROOM**

**\$1,999 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY - CLASSIC ROOM**

## INCLUDED

- Three nights at Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh, inclusive of a full Scottish buffet breakfast
- Hotel check-in is at 3 pm (July 12)
- Full-day Edinburgh City Tour, including the Royal Yacht Britannia and Edinburgh Castle (July 12)
- Full-day tour to Palace of Holyrood House, Whisky Tasting Experience with Lunch & The Real Mary Kings Close (July 13)
- Dinner & traditional Ceilidh evening at Ghillie Dhu (July 13)
- Cruise on Loch Lomond with Lunch at Cameron House, Stirling Castle and photo opportunity at Wallace Mounment (July 14)
- Hotel dates are July 12 - 15, with checkout on July 15 at 12 pm
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Round-trip hotel luggage portorage
- Guides and coach drivers
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

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## ABOUT YOUR TOURS



### **Edinburgh City Tour: Royal Yacht Britannia & Edinburgh Castle (With Two- & Three-Night Packages)**

After enjoying your last breakfast on board the Wind Surf, you will disembark the ship and head off on your next adventure. When you leave the port terminal, you will be met by your tour guides and will board your coach for the short ride to The Royal Yacht Britannia. The Royal Yacht Britannia was the floating home of Her Majesty, The Queen, and the Royal Family for over 40 years, sailing over 1,000,000 miles around the world. Now berthed in Edinburgh, you can follow in the footsteps of royalty to discover the heart and soul of this most special of the royal residences.



Next, you will board your coach for a panoramic tour of Edinburgh's New and Old Town areas before having time for a leisurely lunch in the heart of Edinburgh City. Edinburgh has been the Scottish capital since the 15th century. It has two distinct areas: the Old Town, dominated by a medieval fortress; and the neoclassical New Town, developed from the 18th century onwards. The harmonious juxtaposition of these two contrasting historic areas, is what gives the city its unique character.

Edinburgh's Old Town is a labyrinth of cobbled streets, narrow alleyways and hidden courtyards, all amazingly well preserved and steeped in the city's history. At its center is the Royal Mile, leading from the seat of Edinburgh down to the grandiose Palace of Holyrood House. Its broad streets boast spectacular neoclassical and Georgian architecture; a glimpse of how the city's upper classes lived in the 18th century. The upmarket George Street is filled with sophisticated designer shops and chic bars and restaurants, while neighboring Dundas Street is home to galleries, antique shops and independent boutiques.

After lunch on your own, you'll visit the magnificent Edinburgh Castle, which sits dramatically perched on an extinct volcano, high above the city centre. Edinburgh Castle is a world famous icon of Scotland and part of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh's World Heritage. The castle houses the Honors (Crown Jewels) of Scotland, the Stone of Destiny, the famous 15th century gun Mons Meg, the One O' Clock Gun, and the National War Museum of Scotland.

After taking in the wonders of Edinburgh, you will check in at the hotel and have your evening at leisure to explore more of Edinburgh's many restaurants, bistros, cafés and bars.



### **Palace of Holyrood House, Whisky Tasting Experience with Lunch & The Real Mary Kings Close (With Two- & Three-Night Packages)**

After breakfast you will board the coach for a visit to the Queen's official residence in Scotland, The Palace of Holyrood House. The Palace of Holyrood House stands at the end of Edinburgh's Royal Mile. The tour leads you through a series of impressive royal apartments, ending in the Great Gallery. Outside you can view the magnificent gardens and the ruins of Holyrood Abbey. Best known as the home of Mary, Queen of Scots, today the State Apartments are used regularly by The Queen for State ceremonies and official entertaining.

Next, you will be off to the Scotch Whisky Tasting Experience for a chance to sample the country's most famous export, whisky. Here, you will take a sensational journey through a replica distillery while your expert guide imparts the secrets of the whisky regions. You'll choose your perfect 'dram', and taste it in the world's largest whisky collection. Your whisky tour and tasting will be followed by lunch in the Amber Restaurant.

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After lunch, the afternoon gives you the chance to see Edinburgh from a completely different perspective with a walking tour of The Real Mary King's Close - a warren of underground streets and spaces. Back in the 1600's, Mary King's Close and neighboring Closes were at the heart of Edinburgh's busiest and most vibrant streets, open to the skies and bustling with traders selling their wares to the Old Town's residents. With a costumed character tour guide based on a one time resident, you will explore this underground site, hearing fascinating stories still shrouded in myths and mysteries. Closes were named after the most prominent citizen or the most commonly found business on the close. Documents show that Mary King was a prominent businesswoman in the 1630's. At that time she was a widow and a mother of four, who traded in fabrics and sewed for a living. It was highly unusual for a close to be named after a woman at that time, indicating Mary's standing in the town.

After visiting The Real Mary King's Close, you will have free time before freshening up for dinner. This evening we invite you to get your dancing shoes on for a traditional Scottish Ceilidh at Ghillie Dhu.



### **Dinner & traditional Ceilidh Evening at Ghillie Dhu (With Two- & Three-Night Packages)**

Ghillie Dhu is a vibrant venue in the heart of Edinburgh's West End. This Grade A listed building and former church has been restored and refurbished in order to welcome guests for an evening of dining, dancing and great fun! Here you will partake in a traditional Ceilidh, a traditional Gaelic social gathering with Gaelic music and dance.

On arrival, you'll be greeted with a glass of bubbly before exploring this amazing venue. You'll be served a delicious three-course Scottish banquet using the best local ingredients which sets the theme for the evening. Once you've completed this gastronomic delight, it's on to the dance floor for a good ol' knees up.

### **Loch Lomond, Cameron House, Stirling Castle, Wallace Monument Photo Stop (With Three-Night Package)**

Today you will be leaving the city behind heading out into the glorious Scottish countryside. The breathtaking area of The Trossachs is a rugged area of mountains and lochs, outstanding beauty and scenery, popularized in the romantic poem "Lady of the Lake" by Sir Walter Scott and later in his novel "Rob Roy". Lying on the Highland Boundary Fault, Loch Lomond is 4.5 miles long, and is the largest freshwater loch in Scotland. It has more than 30 islands, the largest of which is Inchmurrin. The Loch Lomond and Trossachs area of Scotland was awarded National Park status in July 2002. In 2005, a poll of Radio Times readers voted Loch Lomond the sixth greatest natural wonder in Britain.

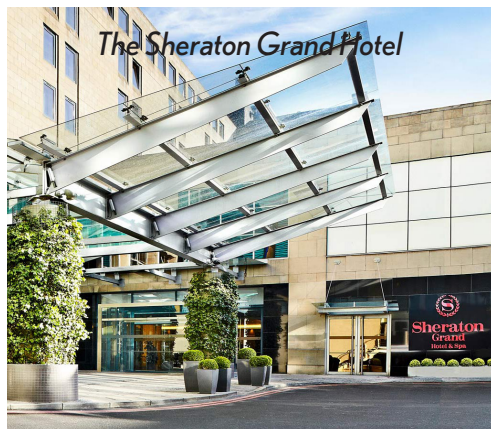
On arrival in Balloch at the south side, you will be invited on board a local cruise boat for an hour-long cruise on the stunning Loch Lomond. We'll disembark on the west shore of the loch at Cameron House, a beautiful hotel that has recently been modernized while still retaining a real sense of tradition and history. Lunch will be served in the Boat House.



After enjoying a delicious meal you'll board your coach for Stirling Castle - a great symbol of Scottish independence & a source of national pride. The Castle's long, turbulent history is associated with great figures from Scotland's past such as William Wallace & Mary, Queen of Scots. There have been at least eight sieges of this castle including several during the Wars of Scottish Independence, with the last being in 1746, when Bonnie Prince Charlie unsuccessfully tried to take the castle.

On your way back to Edinburgh you will stop for a photo opportunity at the Wallace Monument, a tower standing on the summit of Abbey Craig, a hilltop near Stirling in Scotland, commemorating Sir William Wallace, a 13th-century Scottish hero.

## ABOUT YOUR HOTEL



### The Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa Edinburgh

Situated in the shadow of the dramatic Edinburgh Castle, The Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa is perfectly placed for experiencing the history, sight-seeing and nightlife Edinburgh has to offer. Close to Old & New Town, shopping, fabulous restaurants, historical monuments and history, this hotel is in the perfect location to take in the best of what Edinburgh has to offer. In-room amenities include complimentary Wi-Fi, a state-of-the-art media hub—enabling you to connect your electronic devices to the interactive HDTV or in-room stereo—deluxe bath products, slippers, robe, hairdryer, mini bar and coffee / tea maker.

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**DEADLINE TO BOOK IS APRIL 29, 2016 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT!**