# Esconted - Scotland Highlights & Countryside October 2 - 9, 2026 8 Days | 7 Nts



Come journey through Scotland's Countryside with stops in Edinburgh, St Andrews, Aberdeen, Inverness, Perthshire & Glasgow!



## Tour Highlights:

**Day 1:** Motorcoach to Hartford/Bradley Airport for your overnight flights to Scotland!

Day 2: EDINBURGH - Welcome to Edinburgh!

Check in at the hotel, embark on a walking tour of Edinburgh. During the tour, you will enjoy a talk and **demonstration on how Scottish Highland dress** is created. There is also the chance to learn more about the clans of Scotland and their influence on the style of dress. Dinner at hotel. Overnight Edinburgh. D

**Day 3:** EDINBURGH - Discover the royal side of Edinburgh!

Visit **The Royal Yacht Britannia** – A Floating Palace. For over 44 years the Royal Yacht served the Royal Family, travelling more than a million nautical miles to become one of the most famous ships in the world.



Lunch on own then a visit to **Edinburgh Castle**. Perched atop Castle Rock, it dominates the city skyline and offers breathtaking views of Scotland's capital. This historic fortress has stood for over a thousand years, witnessing royal ceremonies, battles, and sieges. Inside, explore the Crown Jewels of Scotland, the Stone of Destiny, and the oldest building in Edinburgh—St. Margaret's Chapel. The castle also houses the iconic Mons Meg cannon. A tour through its grounds brings to life Scotland's dramatic history. Don't miss the daily one o'clock gun salute and panoramic views over Princes Street. Dinner on own. Overnight Edinburgh. B

### Day 4: EDINBURGH – ST. ANDREWS - ABERDEEN.



St. Andrews and its Cathedral – St. Andrews is home to the oldest university in Scotland where Prince William met Kate Middleton. Enjoy a walk around the town before visiting its famous **St. Andrews Cathedral**.

Time to explore St. Andrews on own, check out the golf course! Depart for Aberdeen. Dinner at hotel. Overnight Aberdeen. B, D

## <u>Day 5:</u> ABERDEEN – CAIRNGORMS – INVERNESS.

One of the highlights of this tour is undoubtedly a visit to the **Aberdeenshire Highland Cattle Farm.** Meet a local farmer and find out what is involved in looking after these beautiful animals native to this part of Scotland. Enjoy a picture opportunity with the world-famous highland cattle.

We continue through the **Cairngorms National Park** with spectacular scenic views. Stop in the Victorian Village of Ballater for lunch and free time to visit the Old Royal Station. Afternoon visit to a **Whisky Distillery**. Arrive in Inverness to freshen up before dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Inverness. B, D

Day 6: INVERNESS - LOCH NESS - PERTHSHIRE.

Our morning is devoted to enjoying breathtaking Loch Ness -

discover stories of the famous 'Loch Ness Monster' and enjoy a relaxing **cruise across the Loch**. Overlooking the Loch is beautiful Urquhart Castle with its origins going back to the 6th century.



Afternoon visit to the infamous **Culloden Battlefield** Visitor Experience where the 1745 Jacobite Uprising came to a tragic end. After Culloden we head South back through the dramatic Highland scenery to Perthshire. Arriving into **Perthshire** we will check into our hotel and freshen up before dinner. Overnight in Perthshire. B, D

Day 7: PERTHSHIRE - STIRLING - GLASGOW.

We will visit **Stirling Castle** - arguably the most impressive castle in all of Scotland. Continue onto **Glasgow for a panoramic tour**. Pass by and visit iconic landmarks such as the stunning Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, the historic University of Glasgow with its striking Gothic architecture, and the majestic Glasgow Cathedral. Dinner at hotel. Overnight Glasgow. B, D

**Day 8:** Enjoy breakfast before departing for the airport for our flight home with wonderful memories of Scotland! B



Includes: Motorcoach to Hartford/Bradley Airport, Roundtrip air flights, 6 nights hotel accommodations, Transportation in Scotland by Deluxe Motorcoach, Local Guides,6 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners, Sightseeing & admissions per itinerary, Friendship Tours Escort



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#### FINAL PAYMENT: June 2, 2026

FOR RESERVATIONS: Call Barbara at Friendship Tours: 860-243-1630

<u>CANCELLATION POLICY</u>: If a passenger cancels from deposit date to June 2, 2026 the cancellation fee is \$700 pp; June 2, 2026 to July 30, 2026 the cancellation fee is \$1500 pp; no refunds if cancelled after July 30, 2026. All cancellation fees are plus any non-refundable airline fees.

#### TRIP PROTECTION COVERAGE

*Trip Protection Coverage is strongly recommended.* Friendship Tours offers Travel Protection insurance through two providers: NTA Travel Protection Plan and Travel Insured International. Travel Protection offers coverage for Cancellation for Covered Medical Reasons, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical Services, Travel Delay, & more. Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage can be purchased from either provider (see timing guidelines below) and will reimburse up to 75% of prepaid nonrefundable trip costs if canceled at least 48 hours prior to your trip for a non-covered reason. Please see the attached pricing for the AON/NTA Insurance. Please call for pricing on a Travel Insured International Policy.

Insurance Premiums are non-refundable. Terms and conditions apply.

The <u>NTA (AON) Travel Protection Plan</u> is based on the cost of the trip and offers 3 levels of insurance: Basic, Enhanced, or Enhanced with CFAR. Emergency medical coverage is secondary coverage. The pre-existing medical condition exclusion can be waived by purchasing the Enhanced Plan or the Enhanced with CFAR Plan within 14 days of initial trip payment.

To enroll: https://nta.aontravelprotect.com Tour Operator Location #076068 OR call AON 1-800-388-1470.

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To enroll: https://www.friendshiptours.net/protection-plan Agency #18649

#### **IMPORTANT FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

**PASSPORTS**: International Air Travel REQUIRES a valid Passport which must be valid at least 6 months past the return date. Passengers who are not US Citizens are responsible to ensure they have the correct documentation for travel.

**PASSENGER NAME(S):** The name on your airline reservation should match the Real ID or Passport you use at the airport.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS /VISAS**: Some International destinations require Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETA, ETIAS, etc.) or Visas. *It is the passengers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation for travel.* 

**AIRLINE SEATING**: Advanced seat assignments are not guaranteed on group bookings and may not be assigned until check in. Some airlines will preassign seats, but not all. Seat requests are not guaranteed and can be changed by the airline at any time. In some instances, the airline will assign seats within a group block at random and we cannot guarantee roommates will be seated together. We are unable to preassign bulkhead and exit row seating.

**KTN & FREQUENT FLYER NUMBERS**: If you provide us with your Known Traveler Number (KTN) such as Global Entry or TSA Pre-check number before final payment, we will provide the number to the Airline. It is advised that you also bring these numbers with you on the day of travel to add to your reservation at check in if needed.

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