

# Itinerary for Scotland

## July 13 – 22, 2019

**Day 1 – July 13, 2019- Saturday** - Leave the US – arrive in Glasgow next day

**Day 2 – July 14, 2019 - Sunday**– Pick up rental van. Drive to Oban. Rest stop on Loch Lomond – Tour Inverary Castle – Fit in Shopping time and lunch in Inverary after castle tour– Stop for photos at Kilchurn Castle ruins, Visit Saint Conan’s Kirk (church) located on Loch Awe - Arrive in Oban – have dinner - spend the night in Oban at Barriemore Guest House.

**Day 3 – July 15, 2019- Monday** – One full day in Oban where we will do the early bird tour (7:30 AM) of 3 of the Hebrides Islands: Mull (3<sup>rd</sup> largest island in Scotland), Iona (birthplace of Christianity in Scotland), and Staffa where we will go into Fingal’s Cave with its hexagonal basalt columns. Back in Oban to spend the night

**Day 4 – July 16, 2019 – Tuesday** – Drive toward Fort William Stop at Dunstaffnage Castle , 5 miles north of Oban –Take Route A 82 East to Glencoe – Stop at Glencoe & Glencoe Visitor Center – Drive up Glencoe pass – allow hiking time in Glencoe- Lunch here – Those not hiking can do a driving tour of the area – Drive to Loch Ness and Urquhart Castle - On to Inverness to spend the night at Premier River Ness.

**Day 5 – July 17, 2019– Wednesday** - Visit Culloden Battle Field – view movie before visiting the battle field – On to Clava Cairns – Then to Cawdor Castle (associated with Macbeth) and gardens – lunch at the castle – back to Inverness – dinner – river walk - Spend the night again in Inverness.

**Day 6 – July 18, 2019 - Thursday**– Drive to Elgin where we will explore Elgin Cathedral ruins – the woolen mills behind the ruins will give you a tour of their place and it is a good place to have lunch. – Drive to Stone haven - visit Dunnottar Castle- Spend the night in Stonehave at Shorehead B & B.

**Day 7 - July 19, 2019 - Friday** –Drive to Perth and tour Scone Palace where all Scottish kings were crowned – Drive to and tour Sterling Castle - visit the Wallace Monument for a photo op if time– Sleep in Sterling at Golden Lion Hotel.

**Day 8 - July 20, 2019- Saturday**– Drive to Edinburgh. The first stop will be Edinburgh Castle, then walk the Royal Mile, ending at the Palace of Holy Roodhouse. Do some of the Ghost Walks or the Literary Pub Tour. Great art museums in Edinburgh!. We will be sleeping in Edinburgh just off the Royal Mile at Ibis Edinburgh Centre.

**Day 9 – July 21, 2019 – Sunday** – Spend the day in Edinburgh doing everything we didn’t have time to do on Thursday–Some options are a visit to the royal yacht, the Britannia - go to Rosslyn Chapel just outside of Edinburgh and/or a visit to the Dailuane Distillery. Sleep again in Edinburgh.

**Day 10 – July 22, 2019 - Monday**– Leave Edinburgh in the am– drive to Glasgow – fly home - arrive home that same evening.