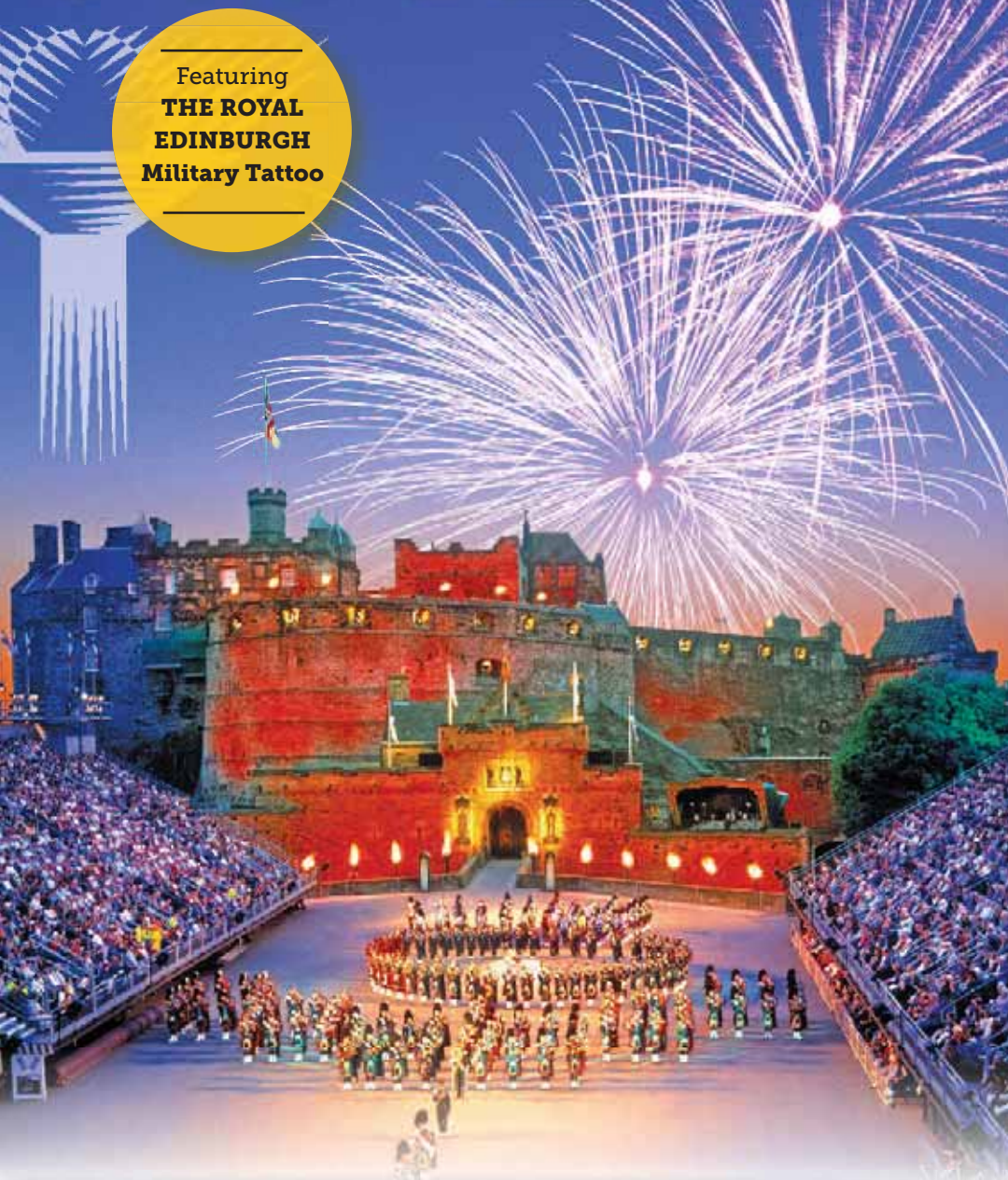


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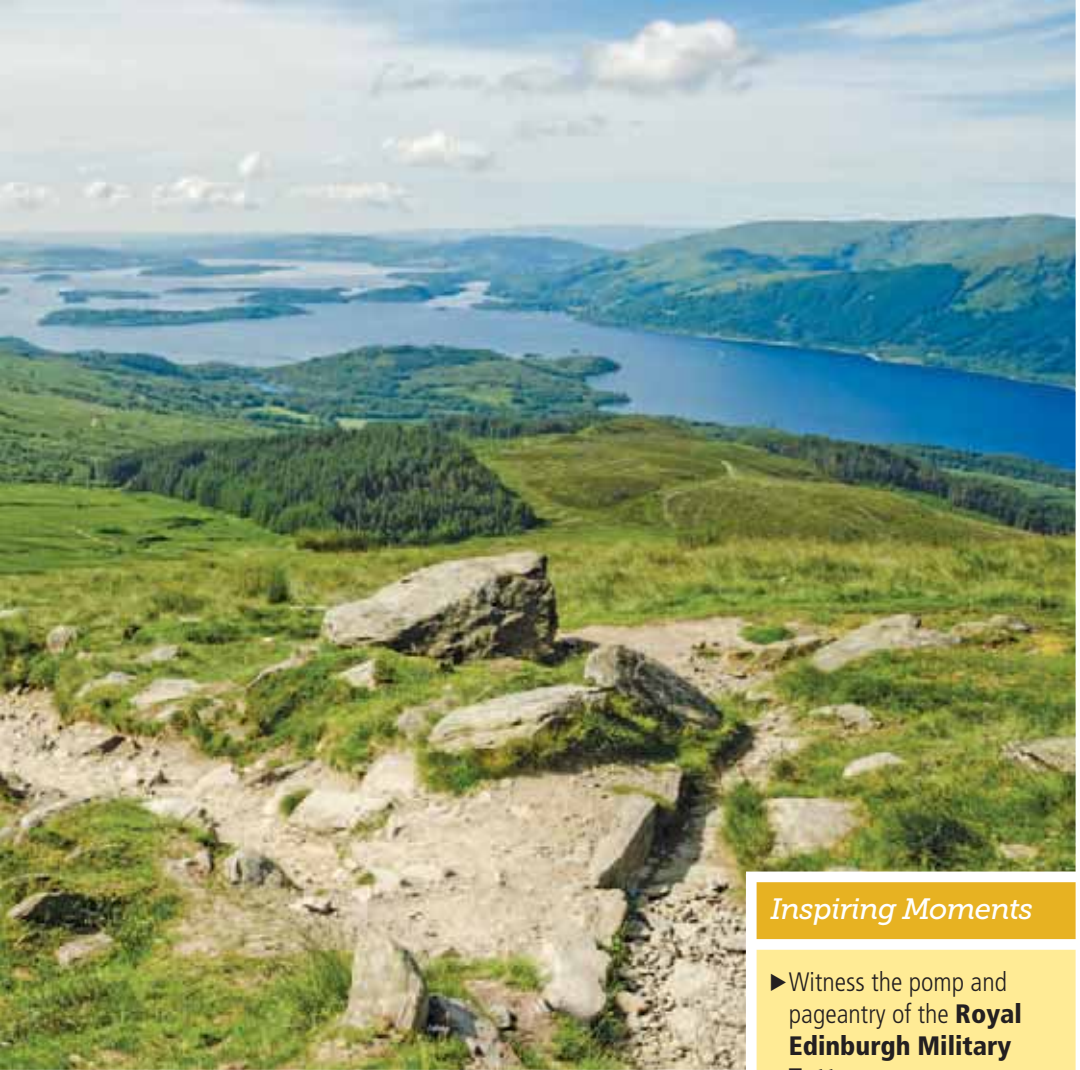


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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

A trove of treasures — legendary historic sites and heather-blanketed hills, moorland and glens — fills your Scotland chapter. Discover Scotland's enduring appeal.

Above: *The Trossachs National Park*
Cover photo: *Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo*

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness the pomp and pageantry of the **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**.
- ▶ Marvel at the natural beauty of **Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park**.
- ▶ Stroll through sports history at **St Andrews' Old Course**, the world's oldest golf course.
- ▶ See the ancient coronation site of Scottish kings at **Scone Palace**.
- ▶ Sample the U.K.'s most popular blend of malts during a **Scotch whisky distillery tour**.
- ▶ Gaze at **Salvador Dali's "Christ of St. John of the Cross"** in Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum.





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Howdy, Ags!

Join us on a seven-night journey to Scotland, a land not only rich in history, but alive with it. Your home base will be Glasgow, a vibrant city with a strong cultural community.

Travel to Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, where the majesty of the Highlands unfolds in deep, blue lochs that reflect luminous silhouettes of soaring, forested peaks. Visit historic sites in St Andrews, and step onto the Old Course, where golf was first played 600 years ago. In Edinburgh, witness a once-in-a-lifetime performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. And sample Scotland's best single malt, while discovering traditional whisky-making techniques during The Famous Grouse Experience.

Best of all, you'll engage with a people who actively carry out King Robert the Bruce's message to spread friendship throughout the land. Space is limited to ensure maximum traveling comfort, so we encourage you to make your reservation today!

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac

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| UNESCO |

Two of Scotland's UNESCO World Heritage sites are featured in this program:

1. **Old and New Towns of Edinburgh**
2. **The Forth Bridge**



Edinburgh



Amid Scotland's green velvet hills and craggy peaks, clans and armies have clashed, kings have risen and fallen, and poets have found inspiration. Embark on an adventure in this magical land, steeped in legend and history. Imagine the flash of sword and dirk as you tread a battleground that witnessed the birth of a nation. Explore untamed Highlands that give way to Lowlands, strewn with wildflowers. Roam atmospheric castles and ruins dating back more than 1,000 years. Visit charming historic villages, and over a wee dram of whisky, lose yourself to imaginings kindled by consummate Scots storytellers. Retrace the footsteps of Sir Walter Scott, Robert the Bruce and Rob Roy MacGregor, and through it all, bask in the glow of warm, Scottish hospitality.

DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for Glasgow, Scotland. †

DAY TWO

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Upon arrival, transfer † to The Grand Central Hotel.

This afternoon, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner. Tap your toes to Scottish tunes, and watch a traditional Haggis Ceremony and Highland dancers.

DAY THREE

GLASGOW

Educational Focus: *Medieval History.*

Excursion: *Glasgow.* Visit Kelvingrove Art

Gallery & Museum, a cathedral of culture housing more than 8,000 pieces. View an armor collection, a taxidermic menagerie of extinct animals, Salvador Dali's "Christ of St. John of the Cross" and more. Stroll past the neoclassical Gallery of Modern Art, prestigious city chambers and Glasgow School of Art. Explore Gothic Glasgow Cathedral, the only Scottish cathedral to survive the Reformation still intact. Examine its evocative stone screen representing the seven deadly sins and St. Mungo's tomb.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch at a restaurant in Glasgow.

Educational Focus: *Meet the People.*

Participate in a discussion with local Scots and learn about contemporary Scottish life.

DAY FOUR

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THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK

Excursion: *Loch Lomond and the*

Trossachs. Travel through wild Scottish Highlands to the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, Scotland's first national park and home of legendary Rob Roy MacGregor. In the charming village of Luss, pass historic cottages adorned with rambling roses, and visit the 19th-century parish church with its lovely Scots pine rafters and Victorian stained-glass windows. This afternoon, ascend through Aberfoyle and beautiful parkland to witness fabled Loch Katrine. This inspiration for Sir Walter Scott's Poem, "The Lady of the Lake," glitters before a forested mountain backdrop.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch and feast your eyes on panoramas of sparkling Loch Lomond.



Royal Mile, Edinburgh



Glenurret Distillery

DAY FIVE

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ST ANDREWS

Educational Focus: *The Stewart Line and the Jacobite Rebellions.*

Excursion: *St Andrews.* Visit towering National Wallace Monument before continuing to St Andrews to explore the city's medieval castle ruins, dramatically poised at the edge of the sea. Envision the scale and majesty of 12th-century St Andrews Cathedral from the Gothic remnants that still stand. View the cathedral's Christian medieval artifacts and Austrian oak choir. See the hallowed turf of the Old Course, where golf has been played since the 15th century.

Local Flavor: Savor lunch at a local restaurant.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy free time in St Andrews.

 **ELECTIVE** | *Dinner in Glasgow.* Enjoy a special dinner at a restaurant in Glasgow. Rogano, Glasgow's oldest restaurant, is known for its delicious cuisine, especially dishes featuring fresh seafood.

DAY SIX

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GLASGOW | PERTH | CRIEFF

Independent Exploration: This morning is at leisure.

Educational Focus: *Scotland Today.*

Excursion: *Scone Palace and the Famous Grouse Experience.* Travel to the fair city of Perth and visit Scone Palace. The elegant Georgian mansion is the ancient coronation site of Scottish monarchs, including Robert

the Bruce. Roam sumptuous rooms filled with French furniture, and rare collections of papier-mâché, porcelain and unusual clocks. Amid strutting peacocks, explore the world-renowned grounds, including the famous Murray Star Maze comprised of 2,000 beech trees. Continue to the town of Crieff and Glenurret Distillery, Scotland's oldest working distillery and home of The Famous Grouse. Original owner Matthew Gloag created a whisky to honor Queen Victoria using pure Scottish water, the finest grains, and hand-made oak casks. Sample those results, and discover the secrets behind the centuries-old blending process still used today.

DAY SEVEN

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GLASGOW | EDINBURGH

Independent Exploration: Enjoy leisure time this morning.

Excursion: *Edinburgh and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.* View dramatic Forth Bridge, one of the longest single cantilever bridges in the world, then continue to Scotland's dynamic capital. Visit Edinburgh Castle crowning the black crags of Castle Rock, and discover its pivotal role in Scottish history. See the crown jewels,



enigmatic Stone of Destiny, and luxurious Royal Palace where Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James VI. Traverse The Royal Mile down into the heart of Edinburgh's atmospheric Old Town. Later tonight, experience an unforgettable evening performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This compendium of precision marching bands, drill teams, pyrotechnics and Highland dancing is performed on the floodlit esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. Steeped in military tradition, the ceremonial pageant grew from an 18th-century custom, when the British regimental band performed to alert troops it was time to quit the saloons and return to the barracks.

Independent Exploration: Choose a restaurant for dinner on your own, and explore the eclectic shops of Old Town.

DAY EIGHT

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GLASGOW

Independent Exploration: Today is at leisure. Take a complimentary shuttle to Edinburgh, explore Glasgow's environs or enjoy more time in Glasgow itself.

Tonight, celebrate with fellow travelers at a Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Reception. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner, followed by a festive, music-filled ceilidh, a traditional Celtic party.

DAY NINE

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IN TRANSIT

Transfer✈ to the Glasgow airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ *Transfers and flights provided for AHI FlexAir participants*

BLVD denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

 *Elective experiences available at an additional cost*

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Seven nights in Glasgow, Scotland, at The Grand Central Hotel, a first-class hotel.

MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception and Dinner with wine.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and a Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner with wine.

YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- **The following excursions:**
 - Explore Glasgow and its landmarks, including the Kelvingrove Museum.
 - Venture to Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.
 - Travel through Aberfoyle and Queen Elizabeth Forest Park to Loch Katrine.
 - Visit St Andrews. See the Old Course.
 - Explore Edinburgh.
 - Listen to soul-stirring music at The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.
 - Walk in the footsteps of Scottish kings at Scone Palace.
 - Immerse yourself in The Famous Grouse Experience at Glenturret Distillery.



Above: The Grand Central Hotel room

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Before you go:

- ▶ **TRAVEL CONSULTANTS** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
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- ▶ **TRAVEL INFORMATION** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to fully prepare you for your journey.

Once you arrive:

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- ▶ **TRAVEL DIRECTOR** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **EXPERT GUIDES** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
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