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STUNNING SCOTLAND

Highlands & Islands
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STUNNING Isle of Skye
Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends as you explore the inspiring history, exuberant culture and fascinating sites of Scotland—from the bustling cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, to the windswept islands of Skye and Arran—and the Highlands themselves.

While many travel destinations rightfully claim unique charm, how many share the unicorn as their national animal? Experience the pure magic that is Scotland by cruising the infamous Loch Ness to Inverness, sampling heavenly spirits refined over centuries and taking in the iconic music that illustrates the tales of this extraordinary land. Wander cobbled-stoned streets on panoramic city tours, explore fascinating castles, tour the southern area of the Isle of Skye, visit delightful shops to browse works crafted by skilled masters and perhaps even try on a traditional tartan or two.

This journey provides private access to Culloden Battlefield and Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, plus behind-the-scenes access to Glamis Castle. An additional optional excursion allows guests with Scottish heritage an opportunity to delve deep into their ancestry and connect with Scotland’s history on a personal level.

Accommodations for this grand adventure offer welcoming properties dotting the countryside, each providing splendid Scottish hospitality and the comforts of home.

Availability is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Book this experience today by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

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**Free Expedition Library**

**AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS**

Reserve your space by December 20, 2019 to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

*This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.*

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Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Starting in 2019, we will annually plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts.
Program Highlights

• Discover Glasgow at leisure during a hop-on/hop-off bus excursion, including points of interest such as the Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow Cathedral, and Barras Market.

• Delight in a private, after-hours tour and welcome dinner at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

• Visit a local distillery to learn about whisky making from professionally trained guides followed by a tasting of their creations.

• Explore impressive Stirling Castle, situated on a volcanic outcrop on the River Forth, and hear of the castle’s turbulent history, featuring great figures from Scotland’s past, such as William Wallace, Robert the Bruce, and Mary, Queen of Scots.

• Behold Eilean Donan Castle—one of the most recognized castles in Scotland and the site of Bishop Donan’s monastic cell created in 634 AD.

• Stroll through the ruins of Urquhart Castle—an iconic structure rich with more than 1,000 years of dramatic history.

• See Culloden Battlefield, which was the site of the last battle of the Jacobite Rising.

• Visit the breathtaking Glamis Castle—the legendary setting for Shakespeare’s Macbeth, the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth’s mother, and the birthplace of Princess Margaret.

• Embrace the charming town of St. Andrews—home to Scotland’s oldest and most prestigious university and the birthplace of golf, first played 600 years ago.

• In Edinburgh, visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Queen Elizabeth’s official residence in Scotland. Founded as a monastery in 1128, this property was once the home of Mary, Queen of Scots from 1561 to 1567.

What’s Included

• 8 nights hotel accommodations

• 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 7 dinners, including a special welcome and farewell dinner

• Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides

• Private motor coach transportation

• Admission to all locations listed on the 10-day itinerary

• All ferry fees

• Luggage porterage

• Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals

• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Your 10-Day Itinerary
(subject to change)

Day 1: En Route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Glasgow, Scotland (D)
Self-guided city tour, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum private tour and welcome dinner
Overnight: Hilton Glasgow or Malmaison Glasgow

Day 3: Glasgow / Isle of Arran / Glasgow (B,L)
Distillery tour and tasting, evening at leisure
Overnight: Hilton Glasgow or Malmaison Glasgow

Day 4: Glasgow / Stirling / Fort William (B,D)
Guided Stirling Castle tour, panoramic town walking tour
Overnight: Nevis Bank Inn or The Moorings Hotel

Day 5: Fort William / Isle of Skye / Fort William (B,L,D)
Eilean Donan Castle photo opportunity, guided island tour
Overnight: Nevis Bank Inn or The Moorings Hotel

Day 6: Fort William / Loch Ness / Inverness (B,D)
Urquhart Castle visit, Loch Ness cruise
Overnight: Kingsmills Hotel

Day 7: Inverness / Aberdeen (B,L,D)
Culloden Battlefield, distillery tour and tasting
Overnight: Macdonald Norwood Hall Hotel

Day 8: Aberdeen / Edinburgh (B,D)
Glamis Castle, St. Andrews leisure time
Overnight: Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel

Day 9: Edinburgh (B,D)
Panoramic city tour, Old and New Town, National Monument, Palace of Holyroodhouse, farewell dinner
Overnight: Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel

Day 10: Depart for U.S. (B)

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Activity Level: The majority of the program’s activities will take place outdoors and a fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of a motor coach, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance.
**Accommodations (subject to change)**

**HILTON GLASGOW**
This city landmark features exceptional hospitality and modern comforts. Take advantage of the indoor pool or gather in the Whisky Mist bar to sample a specialty cocktail.

**MALMAISON GLASGOW**
Formerly a Greek Orthodox Church, this boutique hotel features incredibly designed guest rooms and an impressive restaurant, which serves seasonal, Scottish flavors with a French brasserie-influence.

**NEVIS BANK INN**
Situated on the banks of the River Nevis, Nevis Bank Inn is home to acclaimed Brown’s Restaurant, whose award-winning kitchen team prepares their menu with a range of local fresh produce.

**THE MOORINGS HOTEL**
Situated on the banks of the Caledonian Canal at the famous Neptune’s staircase, the hotel offers the best and most spectacular views of Britain’s highest Mountain, Ben Nevis.

**KINGSMILLS HOTEL**
This property offers a unique mix of classic style and contemporary comforts, with spacious guest rooms boasting charming décor and modern amenities.

**NORWOOD HALL HOTEL**
This magnificent Victorian mansion exudes character and charm, with roaring log fires, sweeping staircases, classic décor, and seven acres of secluded gardens and expansive woods.

**KIMPTON CHARLOTTE SQUARE HOTEL**
Ideally located beside New Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this property—which features seven interconnected Georgian townhouses—overlooks one of Edinburgh’s prettiest private garden squares.
Decidedly Dublin: Tours, Toasts, and Tales

Famous for its craic ("crack")—a mixture of repartee, humor, and intelligence—Dublin has attracted visitors for centuries. Embrace the Emerald Isle’s time-honored traditions and discover present-day modernizations.

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1:  En Route from U.S.

Day +2:  Arrive in Dublin, Ireland
          Walking tour, The Irish Emigration Museum visit
          Overnight: The Davenport Hotel

Day +3:  Dublin (B,D)
          Guinness Storehouse Connoisseur Experience, dinner with Irish storytelling at The Brazen Head
          Overnight: The Davenport Hotel

Day +4:  Dublin / Flight to Glasgow / Main Program Begins (B)

What’s Included

• 2 nights hotel accommodations at The Davenport Hotel with full Irish breakfast each morning
• Guided walking city tour of Dublin
• Excursion to EPIC, The Irish Emigration Museum, including admission
• Admission to the Guinness Storehouse, including the Connoisseur Experience
• Dinner and Irish storytelling at The Brazen Head
• Private transportation
• Gratuities to local guides, drivers, and porters
• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Scottish Intrigue Through Pitlochry

Don’t miss the opportunity to extend this Scotland adventure by taking advantage of wildlife encounters in the Highlands and time to explore at leisure. Rewind and recharge evenings at the Atholl Palace Hotel—a distinguished manor with a spa and lush gardens.

What’s Included

• 2 nights accommodations at the Atholl Palace Hotel with full Scottish breakfast each morning, and 1 night hotel accommodations in Edinburgh with breakfast
• 1 picnic-style lunch
• Red Deer Centre experience, including a guided Highland Land Rover Safari
• Award-winning Highland chocolatier presentation, tour, and tasting
• Admission and fees for included activities
• Private transportation
• Gratuities to local guides, drivers, and porters
• Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 10: Edinburgh / Perthshire / Pitlochry (L)
Red Deer Centre, Land Rover Highlands Safari, leisure time
Overnight: Atholl Palace Hotel

Day 11: Pitlochry / Perthshire / Pitlochry (B)
Chocolatier tour and tasting, leisure time in Pitlochry
Overnight: Atholl Palace Hotel

Day 12: Pitlochry / Edinburgh (B)
Morning at leisure, free time in Edinburgh
Overnight: Courtyard Edinburgh

Day 13: Edinburgh / Depart for U.S. (B)

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Special Alumni Rate: Save more than $800 per couple

When you reserve by December 20, 2019**

Special Faculty Host: Kevin Stewart

Kevin Stewart is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geological Sciences at UNC - Chapel Hill. He received his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and his research is focused on the evolution of mountain belts, including the Rocky Mountains of Montana and Wyoming, the Apennines of Italy, and the Appalachians. Stewart's research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society, and the U.S. Geological Survey. He has won the James M. Johnston Teaching Excellence Award, the Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, a Chapman Fellowship for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Walter H. Wheeler Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is also the co-author of Exploring the Geology of the Carolinas from UNC Press. He has served as UNC enrichment lecturer on previous alumni tours to Alaska, Iceland, Norway, the Galapagos, and national parks of the western United States.