



Scotland - Highlands and Islands

July 14 - 28, 2018

**Discover the Scottish Isles - Skye, Bute, Mull, Iona
and The Highlands - Fort William, Glencoe, Inverness**



14 Days in Scotland - \$4200 includes:

- ◆ **All ground transportation**
- ◆ **Lodging for 13 nights**
- ◆ **28 meals—5 dinners, 9 lunches, all breakfasts, and afternoon tea at the Willow Tea Room in Glasgow**
- ◆ **Excursions to Iona Abbey, 2 distilleries, the Jacobite Steam Train, Dunvegan Castle, Dunrobin Castle, Clan Donald Visitor Centre, Glencoe, Nevis Range gondola ride and much more!**
- ◆ **All entrance fees, tips and taxes**
- ◆ **OLLI Class Fee**

Airfare not included and trip insurance required



An OLLI@UGA Adventure

≡ Week One Itinerary

Day 1

July 14 (Sat) Departure from Atlanta

Leave Atlanta for Glasgow. Book your flight to arrive in Glasgow by 12:00 PM on Sunday. A group flight is available through our travel agent. Let our agent book your pre- and post-travel, as well!

Day 2

July 15 (Sun) – Fly in to Glasgow

Taxi from the airport to hotel. We will stroll Buchanan Street, known as the “Style Mile,” and arrive at the **Willow Tea Room** - designed by the famous architect, **Rennie Mackintosh** - for afternoon tea.

Day 3



July 16 (Mon) – Day trip to Isle of Bute & Mount Stuart House

Day trip via train, ferry and bus to Britain's most spectacular Victorian Gothic house, the architectural fantasy of the **3rd Marquess of Bute**. The **Wemyss Bay Rail Station and Pier** is an Edwardian masterpiece, first of the Caledonian Railway Company's Clyde railway piers to be built, and is now the only one remaining.



Day 4



July 17 (Tues) – Depart for Oban

We will travel by coach to Oban, on the west coast of Scotland. On the way, we will stop at **Inveraray Castle**, the home of the **Duke of Argyll**, located on the shore of Loch Fyne, Scotland's longest sea loch. We will have time to enjoy the beautiful grounds and lunch.

Day 5

July 18 (Wed) - Isles of Mull and Iona

Coach/ferry combo for day trip to two Scottish isles. **Iona** is considered ‘the cradle of Christianity’ in Scotland. Visit **Iona Abbey** where Scottish Kings were buried from 685 to 1230 AD. Lunch on **Iona** and dinner in **Tobermory**.



Day 6

July 19 (Thurs) - Explore Oban on your own

Enjoy a free day to explore **Oban**. Options include a walk to **McCaig's Tower** or **Donollie Castle**; wildlife cruise to see the Puffins on the **Treshnish Isles & Staffa** tour; visit the **Scottish SEA LIFE Sanctuary**; tour **Oban Distillery**, and visit the **Oban Chocolate Shoppe!**



Day 7



July 20 (Fri) - Depart for Fort William

We will stop on the way at the **Glencoe Visitor Centre** and **The Welly Stop**. You will have time to explore Fort William and visit the **West Highland Museum**. Enjoy a wonderful seafood dinners at **Crannog Seafood Restaurant**.

Week Two Itinerary



July 21 (Sat) - Fort William

Travel first class on the **Jacobite Steam Train** (also known as the **Harry Potter Train**) to **Mallaig**. Enjoy a seafood lunch fresh from the Atlantic Ocean. See the **Glenfinnan Monument**.

Day 8

July 22 (Sun) – Seaport of Mallaig & the Isle of Skye

Coach to the seaport of **Mallaig** to board the **CalMac Ferry** to **Armadale** on the **Isle of Skye**. Visit to **Armadale Castle** and the **Clan Donald Centre**.



Day 9

July 23 (Mon) – Inverness

On our way to **Inverness** we will stop at **Nevis Range** for a gondola ride and spectacular view across the Highlands. Next stops are **Urquhart Castle** on **Loch Ness** and the **Loch Ness Exhibition Center** in **Drumnadrochit**.



Day 10



July 24 (Tues) – Dunrobin Castle, Dornoch

We will travel north to **Dunrobin Castle**, see a falconry show, visit **Tain Pottery** and **Glenmorangie Distillery**. We will top off the evening with dinner at the **Castle Whisky Bar & Bistro** in **Dornoch**.

Day 11



July 25 (Wed) – Isle of Skye, Quiraing, Fairy Pools

Our coach will take us through the beautiful terrain of the **Isle of Skye** to the **Fairy Pools**, and the **Old Man of Storr**. We will stop at the **Skye Museum of Island Life** and the town of **Portree**.

Day 12

July 26 (Thurs) – Isle of Skye, Dunvegan Castle

We will spend our day in the northeastern section of Skye with visits to **Neist Point**, **Dunvegan Castle**, and **Talisker Distillery**.



Day 13

July 27 (Fri) and 28 (Sat) – Glasgow

Depart for Glasgow. We will stop for lunch on the way back to Glasgow. Free evening before flying home the following day, July 28.

Day 14

Trip Activity Rating: Moderately challenging—walking up to five miles a day over varied terrain (some very steep); stairs without railings and handicap access not always available. Must be able to carry your own bag from the coach to your room.

☰ Registration and Cancellation

To Register

Please visit the OLLI website to register for the program: <http://olli.uga.edu/travel-study/trips/>
 Deadline for registration is January 1, 2018. Trip must have a minimum of 15 participants and a maximum of 25. A deposit of \$500 should be paid at the time of registration with the balance due by March 1.

Lodging

July 15-16: Premier Inn, Glasgow Buchanan Galleries

July 17-19: Queens Hotel, Oban

July 20-22: Alexandra Hotel, Fort William

July 23-24: Inverness

July 25-26: Isle of Skye

July 27: Premier Inn, Glasgow George Square

Payment Schedule

Deposit payment	\$500 due upon enrollment
Final program payment	Due by March 1, 2018

Cancellation Policy

Cancel up to 120 Days prior to Program Start Date	Refund of any funds paid that have not been expended on behalf of the participant.
Cancel 99 to 30 days prior to Program Start Date	75% of any funds paid that have not been expended on behalf of the participant.
Cancel less than 30 days prior to Program Start Date	50% of any funds paid that have not been expended on behalf of the participant.

Be prepared for the unexpected . . .

Participants are required to purchase trip cancellation insurance to cover an unexpected need to withdraw from the program. Information on coverage options is available on the OLLI website.

For more information on trip details . . .

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