

**Dear Sandii,**

I am happy to offer you this special tour

### **Tailored Trip Scotland**

During this tailor made trip you will visit Edinburgh, Stirling and the home of Golf - St.Andrews.

#### **DAY 1 – 15<sup>th</sup> May - Arrival**

Arrive at either Glasgow or Edinburgh airport, collect your rental car, and start your journey through Scotland with a visit to the town of Stirling. Stirling is a taste of both the Lowlands and the Highlands. It is packed with castles and tales of people who are larger than life, and it is blessed with awe-inspiring, natural beauty. “Hold Stirling and you control the entire country”. Below the very impressive Stirling Castle; Old Town Stirling is protected by the 16th century walls built to keep Mary, Queen of Scots, safe from Henry VIII.

Perched ominously on a rocky crag above the town, today you will visit imposing Stirling Castle. It is a truly magnificent structure, and one of the finest examples of Renaissance architecture in Scotland. Stirling occupied a key position in Scotland’s battle for independence. Seven battlefields can be seen from the castle, and the 220-foot Wallace Monument at Abbey Craig recalls William Wallace’s (the Scottish Hero on which the movie 'Braveheart' is based) defeat of the British in 1297 at Stirling Bridge.



#### **Overnight Stirling for 1 night**

#### **DAY 2 – 16<sup>th</sup> May - Doune - St. Andrews**

Today is time to head just 8 miles northwest of Stirling to visit Doune Castle. Doune Castle has a rich and varied history, dating from the late 1300s. It's a fascinating place and visitors get a real sense of what life was like in a living, working castle. A labyrinthine collection of rooms, passageways and staircases are available to explore, and The Lord's Hall is particularly well-preserved.

Many people however, visit the castle for reasons other than a history lesson! If it looks familiar, that is not surprising, as Doune regularly appears in TV shows and movies. Doune stars as Castle Leoch, the seat of Clan MacKenzie, in the acclaimed 'Outlander' TV series. Doune is



also the castle used in most 'castle scenes' of the cult 1975 movie 'Monty Python & The Holy Grail'. Doune Castle has once again gained fame - this time on TV, for its use in the opening episode of the excellent mini-series, 'Game of Thrones'. CGI technology played a large part in transforming Doune into Winterfell, home of the Starks in George R.R. Martin's HBO series.

Continue your journey to arrive at St. Andrews - the town is home to the University of St. Andrews, the third oldest university in the English-speaking world and the oldest in

Scotland (and the place where Will and Kate met). St Andrews is also known worldwide as the "home of golf". This is in part because The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, founded in 1754, which until 2004 exercised legislative authority over the game worldwide (except in the United States and Mexico).

### Overnight St. Andrews for 1 night

### DAY 3 – 17<sup>th</sup> May - St. Andrews

According to legend, the town was founded by pure accident in the 4th century. St. Rule was the custodian of St. Andrew's bones in Patras, Greece. Unfortunately, Rule had a dream, and he paid attention. In his vision, an angel ordered him to carry five of St. Andrew's bones to the western edge of the world. When he got there, he was to build a city in his honor. In his non-dream life, St. Rule's goal was to keep the bones from falling into the hands of the Emperor Constantine. He took off and was shipwrecked on the rocks close to the present harbor of St. Andrews, Scotland. Struggling ashore with his precious burden, he landed at what was then the Pictish village of Kinrymont. He built a shrine to the saint on what became the site of the cathedral. It was soon a place of pilgrimage and miraculous cures went on a spree. St. Andrew

became the patron saint of Scotland, and his cross became the national flag.



As the Home of Golf and where the game was invented, playing golf in St Andrews is one of the best golfing experiences you can have, and you should not visit

the town without taking in a round. Choose from 10 unique courses to hone your skills on, including some of the finest links courses in the world. A 'must-see' for any visitor, explore the remains of St Andrews Cathedral, which was once the largest church in Scotland. The cathedral's museum houses an outstanding collection of medieval sculptures and relics, which

were found on the site. Make sure to climb St Rule's Tower, which dates from the 12th century, to see amazing views across St Andrews and Fife.

In the afternoon, treat yourself with an award-winning afternoon tea experience with a delicious selection of delicate pastries and cakes, created by the Old Course hotel's Pastry Chef, including homemade plain scones and strawberry and pink Champagne preserve.

### **St. Andrews for 1 night**



### **DAY 4 -18<sup>th</sup> May- St. Andrews - Edinburgh**

After breakfast drive to Edinburgh, drop the rental car, and start exploring the city. Time to join a sightseeing city tour and discover the stories, secrets, and sights of the Edinburgh. You learn about the mighty castle and cobbled backstreets, you discover the tragic tales and local traditions, and you are introduced to a few of the famous locals along the way. Places you

discover during the tour are Princess Street, Grassmarket, Old Town, New Town, Dean Village. Four ancient streets, called the Royal Mile, are the main thoroughfare. Running through medieval Edinburgh with her 66 alleys, tumbling shops, cobblestones, and tight homes the Royal Mile takes you to New Town. Here you'll stroll through fine gardens, perfect Georgian architecture and broad squares.



### **Overnight Edinburgh for 1 night**

### **DAY 5 – 19<sup>th</sup> May - Edinburgh**

After breakfast is time to discover more of Edinburgh. Start with a visit the iconic Edinburgh Castle, which is located at the top of the Royal Mile, at the west end of Edinburgh's Old Town. From its lofty position on Castle Rock, the castle dominates the Edinburgh skyline, and is impossible to miss!

it is now time for an introduction to the world of whisky, time for The Scotch Whisky Experience, a five star visitor attraction at the top of Edinburgh's Royal Mile, where they have been inspiring visitors to Edinburgh about the joys of Scotch whisky for over 30 years.





In the afternoon join a Ghostly underground tour - guided tour of Edinburgh haunted vaults.



The true history of the Blair Street Underground Vaults is terrifying enough – so abandon thoughts of manufactured frights and make-believe. The skill is in the storytelling: the vaults witnessed the deeds of mischief-makers and murderers, vagrants, and torturers. It is one of Edinburgh's most haunted sites, where restless spirits still tread. First, you will follow your cloaked guide through the shadowy closes of Edinburgh's Old Town. These are dark streets untouched by daylight, filled with a strange silence, their damp walls carrying only the faintest echo of the crowds on the high street you have left behind. With the scene set,

you'll descend into the depths of the city – and listen in horror to its dark and sinister side. Torture. Murder. Hangings. From body snatchers to real-life characters of the city, you'll be gripped by true tales that lie hidden beneath Edinburgh's streets. Watch out for a cold breath on the back of the neck, a whisper, a flicker – and then silence.

Rest and prepare for and escape from the city in a Loch Ness tour the following day.

### Overnight Edinburgh for 1 night

### DAY 6 – 20<sup>th</sup> May -Loch Ness, Glencoe and the Highlands

Myths, monsters, and mountains: this tour is the best way to see Scotland in a day. Journey deep into the



Highlands of Scotland on this monster-sized day Loch Ness tour,. You hear the legendary stories of the Jacobites, gaze into gorgeous Glencoe, and

get a chance to spot the mythical Loch Ness Monster. The Loch Ness tour is packed with bewildering beauty and perfect if you're short on time and want to see as much of Scotland as you can.



### Overnight Edinburgh for 1 night

### DAY 7 – 21<sup>st</sup> May - Departure

Here ends your Scottish adventure, as it is time for your private transfer back to the airport for flight back home.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- [Coralinn Bed and Breakfast](#)

Stirling Day 1, 1 night

- [The Old Station B&B](#)

St. Andrews Day 2, 2 night

- [Brooks Hotel Edinburgh](#)

Edinburgh Day 4, 3 night

## Package includes

- 6 nights in above accommodation or similar on Bed & Breakfast basis;
- 5 days rental car - category C ( Ford Focus or similar);
- Entrance to Stirling Castle;
- Entrance to Doune Castle;
- Afternoon Tea at The Old Course Hotel;
- Sightseeing bus tour of Edinburgh;
- Entrance to Edinburgh Castle;
- Scotch Whisky Experience – Silver tour;
- Ghostly underground walking tour of Edinburgh;
- Day tour to Loch Ness, Glencoe and Highlands from Edinburgh;
- One way private transfer from hotel to Edinburgh Airport on last day;

## Package excludes

- Airfare;
- Personal expenses;
- Visa, consular fees or any other formalities;
- Tips;
- Beverages;
- Additional journeys and transfers;

**PRICE: €2188 for Double room (€1094 per person in Double room)**