THE TOWNPANTS TOUR OF SCOTLAND



OCTOBER 21-28, 2025

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Hammond Tours Presents:

Day 1, October 21, Tuesday: Glasgow

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Today arrive Glasgow Airport and make your own way to your hotel, The Leonardo Hotel Glasgow. Time on your own today to explore. Tomorrow the group will meet in the lobby of the hotel at 9:00AM, after breakfast to begin our tour of Scotland.

Day 2, October 22, Wednesday: Glasgow- Balmacara.

Today you will meet your driver guide at your hotel and begin your travels from Glasgow to Balmacara, which takes you on a stunning journey through some of Scotland's most picturesque landscapes. Entering the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park, where you'll pass through the charming village of Luss by the shores of Loch Lomond. Continuing through the park, you'll be treated to views of rugged mountains and serene lochs. The drive then takes you through the dramatic Glencoe, surrounded by towering peaks, before reaching Fort William, nestled at the base of Ben Nevis. From there, you'll drive through the breathtaking Glen Shiel, flanked by the impressive Five Sisters of Kintail, before arriving at Balmacara, a peaceful village overlooking Loch Alsh with views of the Isle of Skye in the distance. The whole route offers spectacular scenery, from lochs and valleys to majestic mountains. **Dinner & Overnight at Balmacara Hotel.**

Day 3, October 23, Thursday: Balmacara- Skye- Balmacara.

Today after breakfast we will make our way to Eileen Donan Castle. The castle is one of Scotland's most iconic landmarks, perched on a small island at the meeting point of three lochs—Loch Duich, Loch Long, and Loch Alsh. Connected to the mainland by a stone bridge, the castle's striking silhouette is set against the backdrop of rugged hills and the serene waters, making it a breathtaking sight. We then make our way to the Isle of Skye, which offers a spectacular journey through rugged landscapes and stunning coastal views. As you cross the Skye Bridge and enter the island you'll head towards Sligachan, a scenic village nestled at the foot of the Cuillin Mountains, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding peaks. From there, the road takes you towards Portree, the island's charming capital where colorful buildings line the waterfront. Continuing along the Trotternish Peninsula, you'll encounter some of Skye's most famous natural landmarks, including the towering Old Man of Storr, a dramatic rock formation that rises above the landscape. Further along, you can visit Lealt Falls, where water cascades down into the sea, and Kilt Rock, with its striking columnar basalt cliffs resembling a kilt. The drive is filled with jaw-dropping views at every turn, showcasing the rugged beauty of this magical island. We return to Balmacara for overnight. **Dinner & Overnight at Balmacara Hotel.**

Day 4, October 24, Friday: Balmacara- Inverness.

Today after breakfast we make our way to Inverness. The drive from Balmacara to Inverness takes you through some of the most beautiful landscapes of the Scottish Highlands, with a particular highlight being the iconic Loch Ness. You'll pass through picturesque villages and serene valleys. As you approach Loch Ness, the road follows its stunning shoreline, offering glimpses of the dark mysterious waters that are famous for their legendary Loch Ness Monster. You'll stop for a Loch Ness cruise, providing a chance to admire the loch from the water and possibly catch a glimpse of the elusive creature. After the cruise, we visit Urquhart Castle, perched on the loch's edge. This historic ruin, once a major stronghold in medieval Scotland, offers panoramic views of the loch and surrounding hills. Leaving Loch Ness, you'll head northeast towards the Black Isle, a peninsula known for its rolling hills, farmland, and coastal villages. The drive offers scenic views across the Moray Firth, and as you approach the Glen Ord Distillery, you'll find yourself immersed in the whisky-producing heart of the Highlands. Glen Ord, one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland, offers a fascinating insight into whisky production, and you can take a tour to learn about the traditional methods used to create their renowned single malts. After your distillery visit, you'll continue your journey, crossing the Moray Firth, where you'll catch glimpses of the water and its wildlife, including dolphins. Then onto Inverness. **Overnight at Hotel Inverness.**

Day 5, October 25, Saturday: Inverness

Today after breakfast we will visit the Culloden Battlefield, a site of immense historical significance. Just a few miles east of the city, this windswept moorland is where the Battle of Culloden was fought in 1746, marking the final confrontation of the Jacobite rising. As you approach, the landscape is hauntingly quiet, with the battlefield preserved much as it was on that fateful day. The Culloden Visitor Centre offers an immersive experience, with exhibits detailing the battle's history, the events leading up to it, and its lasting impact on Scotland. This afternoon you will have the afternoon free to explore Inverness or you may want to hike Ord Hill on Black Isle, both prehistorical sites with specular views. **Overnight at Hotel Inverness**.

Day 6, October 26, Sunday: Inverness-Edinburgh

Traveling from Inverness through the stunning Cairngorms National Park offers a scenic and immersive journey into the heart of the Scottish Highlands. Heading south your first stop is Killiecrankie Gorge, a dramatic and picturesque ravine carved by the River Garry, where you can enjoy a peaceful walk and take in the breathtaking views. Continuing on, you'll arrive in the charming town of Pitlochry, known for its Victorian architecture and surrounding natural beauty. A stroll through the town offers delightful shops and cafes, and you can visit the nearby Pitlochry Dam or explore the surrounding hills. From Pitlochry, the road leads to Dunkeld, a picturesque village on the banks of the River Tay, where the majestic Dunkeld Cathedral stands as a testament to the area's medieval past. Continuing south, a visit to Scone Palace, the historic site where Scottish kings were once crowned, provides a glimpse into Scotland's royal history, with its magnificent gardens and impressive architecture. We end our travels in Edinburgh. **Overnight at IBIS Hotel Stockbridge.**

Day 7, October 27, Monday: Edinburgh.

Today we will enjoy a panoramic drive through Edinburgh which offers a stunning mix of historical grandeur and natural beauty. Starting from the outskirts, the road gradually brings you closer to the city's iconic skyline, dominated by the Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock, a striking volcanic formation. As you drive along Princes Street, the expansive views of the Old Town's medieval streets and the Royal Mile unfold, while the lush Princes Street Gardens offer a peaceful green contrast to the surrounding architecture. This afternoon you will have time on your own to explore Edinburgh. **Overnight at IBIS Hotel Stockbridge.**

Day 8, October 28, Tuesday: Edinburgh Airport.

Today you will be transferred to Edinburgh Airport for your flight home.

Your Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle from October 22 depart Glasgow until October 27th arrival in Edinburgh at the end of day.
- One Group transfer to airport on October 28
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Seven (7 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar: Location Hotel
 Glasgow – Leonardo Hotel - 1 Night **** www.leonardo-hotels.com (Oct 21)
 Balmacara- Balmacara Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.balmacarahotel.com (Oct 22 & 23)
 Inverness- Hotel Inverness- 2 Nights **** www.pentahotelhotels.com (Oct 24 & 25)
 Edinburgh- IBIS Hotel Southbridge- 2 Nights *** www.all.accor.com (Oct 26 & 27)
- Full Scottish breakfast daily, except the day of arrival, Two Dinners: 2 Balmacara
- Admissions to Eilean Donan Castle, Urquhart Castle, Loch Ness Cruise From/To Fort Augustus, Glen Ord Distillery, Culloden Visitor Centre, Scone Palace
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of one suitcase per person, Hotel taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)
- NOT INCLUDED;
- Any meals except breakfast daily and 2 dinners.
- Flights to and from Scotland.
- Any sightseeing admissions except those that are included.
- Any items of a personal nature.

Reservation Application (TP2025) October 21-28, 2025

Go to www.hammondtours.com to complete your reservation application.

The non-refundable deposit is \$250.00 per person is required to place a deposit. If you want a single room, there is an additional single supplement charge of \$899.00. Your second payment of \$350.00 per person is due 5/21/2025 and your final payment is due 7/21/2025. Reminders will be sent.

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