



## The Best of Scotland Incentive Trip

**An Edinburgh based incentive trip that combines day trips to the most scenic locations in Scotland with whisky sampling, traditional Highland Games, golf at St Andrews and various outdoor activities.**

*This proposal is based on a one week incentive trip for a group of corporate clients travelling to Scotland for the first time.*

*The proposal involves the group staying in a luxury 4 Star Hotel in the centre of Edinburgh, and a full programme of activities arranged for them throughout their stay. An allowance for some leisure time has also been included in their itinerary.*

*Absolute Escapes Ltd specialises in the Scottish travel market and the following itinerary can be customised to any group's exact requirements based on our experience and knowledge of Scotland. Our aim is to ensure that you have the best possible travel experience whilst visiting our country.*

### Itinerary Summary

#### 1) Activities

Date	Location	Details of Activity	Duration
Day 1	Arrive Edinburgh	Transfer from Edinburgh Airport to accommodation	
Day 2	Highland Perthshire & Whisky Tour	A tour through Perthshire's Lochs & Glens followed by a visit to the Famous Grouse Whisky Experience	9.30am – 5.00pm
Day 3	Edinburgh	Free day to explore Scotland's Capital city	
Day 4	Scottish Highlands	Tour of the Scottish Highlands including Loch Ness, Glen Coe & Rannoch Moor	8.30am – 8.00pm
Day 5 am	Multi-activity Day	Clay pigeon shooting, Off Road Driving Experience, Quad Biking & Falconry	9.30am – 5.00pm
Day 5 pm	Witchery Tour	Evening Tour of the historic Old Town of Edinburgh by a Costumed Guide	9.30pm – 11.00pm
Day 6	Stirling Castle & Highland Games	Visit to Stirling Castle followed by a trip to the Highland Games	9.30am – 6.00pm
Day 7	Fife & St Andrews	An option to either play the Dukes Course at St Andrews or Gleneagles and for non-golfers to visit Glamis Castle	8.00am – 5.00pm
Day 8	Depart Edinburgh	Transfer from accommodation to Edinburgh Airport	

All of the above activities include a collection in the morning by luxury mini-coach from the group's hotel, and a drop-off at the end of the day. The time's which are shown under "Duration" represent the time the coach will leave the hotel in the morning and the time it will return in the evening. All of the transport and day tours from Edinburgh are provided by one of the only operators to have obtained a 5 Star Award for Excellence from the

Scottish Tourist Board and the standard of service they deliver is truly outstanding. The tours will be fully escorted by a professional and experienced guide who is a passionate ambassador for Scotland and proud of what our country can offer.

## **2) Accommodation**

The accommodation reserved will have a minimum quality rating of 4 Stars and will be centrally located within Edinburgh allowing easy access to all the main shopping areas and tourist attractions. All luxury rooms will have double beds with full en-suite facilities and all the amenities you would expect from a premium hotel. Comprehensive details of the accommodation will be included in the Information Pack for the trip which will be sent to you when we have received the final balance of your booking.

## **3) Optional Extra Activities**

The following additional activities are not included in the above itinerary, but can easily be included before confirming this booking:

- Golf club hire in St Andrews
- A 3 course meal at a variety of award winning Scottish Restaurants throughout Edinburgh
- Entry to a variety of Scottish tourist attractions (eg: The Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre, Royal Yacht Britannia)

## **Itinerary Details**

In order to provide you with further details of each day's activities we have included a brief summary below.

### **Day 1**

On arrival at Edinburgh airport the party will be met and transferred to their hotel in the centre of Edinburgh and enjoy a relaxing evening either in the hotel or at one of the city's outstanding restaurants.

### **Day 2**

A luxury mini-coach will collect the party from their Edinburgh hotel and travel north to Highland Perthshire. An experienced tour guide will be on hand to lead a commentary of the spectacular Lochs and Glens that will be passed en-route to the award winning Famous Grouse Whisky Experience. The party will enjoy a tour of the oldest working Distillery in Scotland, watch the process of making malt whisky and taste the end product! A 3 course lunch will be enjoyed before the return trip to Edinburgh that will travel through the country roads of the Ochil Hills and over the Forth Road Bridge with magnificent views over the city.

### **Day 3**

This will be a free day in Edinburgh, allowing the party to explore one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Edinburgh Castle dominates the centre from its stunning position at the top of the Royal Mile, with the lush greenery of Princes Street Gardens below. Edinburgh is a great place to wander – narrow alleys, flights of stairs and hidden courtyards tempt you off the main streets at every turn, and if you're after one of the most spectacular views of any city in the world just take a walk up Arthur's Seat. Today would also be a good opportunity to visit the award-winning Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre at the top of the Royal Mile or perhaps explore the city on the Edinburgh City Bus Tour. This hop-on, hop-off tour will allow you to see and explore all the historic and cultural attractions of the city.

### **Day 4**

After being collected by luxury mini-coach and with a guide in attendance the party will travel deep into the Scottish Highlands and spend a day exploring the stunning beauty and mysterious history of this magnificent part of Scotland. Travelling across Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe, the coach will sweep past Ben Nevis before arriving at Loch Ness for a chance to spot Scotland's most famous resident, the Loch Ness Monster. There will be an opportunity to take a cruise on Loch Ness aboard the "Jacobite" before heading back to Edinburgh by 8pm that evening.

### **Day 5**

A short journey from Edinburgh in the morning will take the party to a full day of activities in the great Scottish outdoors. This will guarantee a lot of fun, excitement and a great sense of achievement as well as a bit of friendly competition! On arrival at the activity site the party will be served coffee and shortbread before being split into 3

teams and briefed on the day's events. The different teams will then rotate between Clay Pigeon Shooting, Quad Biking, Off Road Driving and Falconry. A delicious 2 course barbeque lunch is included as well as a prize giving ceremony at the end of the day. A coach will then return the party to their hotel in Edinburgh, where they can dine before experiencing one of Edinburgh's most popular tours. The Witchery Tours have been an institution in the city for many years now and the party will be led by a Costumed Guide around Edinburgh's most haunted locations. The city's gruesome past is brought back to life by the Tour as tales of murder and mystery are retold in the dead of night.

#### **Day 6**

A visit to Scotland would not be complete without a trip to our world famous Highland Games. Depending on when your party choose to visit Scotland you may be able to attend one of these magnificent events for a truly memorable experience. The morning will include a visit to Braveheart Country and Stirling Castle, followed by an afternoon at the Games. Along with Pipe Bands there will be Highland Dancing and all the usual traditional events, including Tossing the Caber.

#### **Day 7**

An 8am pick up will ensure that the golfers in the party have an unforgettable experience, by either playing the Dukes Course at St Andrews or spectacular Gleneagles, home to the 2014 Ryder Cup. The non-golfers can enjoy a day exploring the historic town of St Andrews and then travel on to visit nearby Glamis Castle before the party meets up for a 3 course lunch.

#### **Day 8**

The party will be transferred by coach from their city centre hotel to Edinburgh Airport, to catch their return flight home.

Comprehensive details of your group's accommodation, transport arrangements and activities will be included in the Information Pack along with a full itinerary for each day. We will also provide a map of Edinburgh along with advice on the best pubs and restaurants to eat and drink in and where to find live Scottish music, just so your party are able to get the most out of their time in Scotland.

This will be sent to you when we have received the final balance of your booking and we will provide a copy for each member of the party when they arrive in Edinburgh.

### **Escape Booking Code**

When making a specific enquiry for your corporate incentive trip please include the dates that you will be visiting Scotland, and we will issue you with a customised proposal and unique Escape Booking Code. Your personal event planner will be in touch to ensure that all the details are customised to your exact requirements. When you are happy with the details for your event you should then quote your code when making your booking. The proposal and booking code that you are issued with is valid for 30 days.

### **Financial Protection**

As a member of the Travel Trust Association your event and your money are protected when you book with Absolute Escapes Ltd with our unique Safe Seat Insurance Plan. This is included as standard in all our packages. Please refer to our website [www.escape2scotland.co.uk](http://www.escape2scotland.co.uk) for full booking terms and conditions.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this proposal and we look forward to planning your Company's perfect Escape 2 Scotland soon.**