

## 2022 Scotland Trek (Tentative Itinerary)

| Dates         | Destination  | Activities  | Comments  |
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| Sun Sept 25   | Edinburgh  | Arrive to Edinburgh Airport<br>Free day<br>Welcome meeting late afternoon<br>Group Dinner   | Transfer on your own from airport<br>(D)<br>Overnight Ibis Royal Mile<br>Hunter Square<br>Edinburgh |
| Mon Sept 26   | Trek Day 1:<br>Bridge of Orchy to<br>Kingshouse, Glencoe | Transfer to Bridge of Orchy. Meet guides and start hike on West Highland Way. Today will be across the Rannoch Moor, a vast wilderness of heather and bog encircled by grand mountains. This is a wild and remote section across one of Europe's last great wildernesses.<br>Distance: 13 miles, 6 hours<br>Elevation gain: 1699 ft   | (B, D)<br><br>Overnight Kingshouse<br>Glencoe   |
| Tues Sept 27  | Trek Day 2:<br>Kingshouse to<br>Kinlochleven             | Today climbs to the highest point on the route with breathtaking views of the Glencoe mountains. The route will take us up the "Devils Staircase" as we climb up and over the mountain.<br>Distance: 9 miles, 5 hours<br>Elevation gain: 550 m  | (B, L, D)<br><br>Overnight MacDonald Hotel<br>Kinlochleven  |
| Wed Sept 28   | Trek Day 3<br>Kinlochleven to Fort<br>William            | The final stage of the West Highland Way climbs steeply out of Kinlochleven where some of the best views of the trek can be found. Heading through Glen Nevis the highest mountain in Britain, Ben Nevis, will come into view.<br>Distance: 15 miles, 7 hours<br>Elevation gain: 475 m  | (B, L)<br><br>Overnight The Garrison Hotel<br>Fort William  |
| Thurs Sept 29 | Trek Day 4<br>Fort William to Mallaig                    | Optional morning hike to Glenfinnan Viaduct to watch the Jacobite steam train cross the viaduct. This is the bridge and train made famous in the Harry Potter films (Hogwarts Express).<br>Afterwards take the afternoon Jacobite train to the fishing village of Mallaig where we will spend the night and do a short hike along the coast.<br>Distance for both hikes: 3 miles  | Private transfer to start of trek<br>(B, D)<br><br>Overnight The Marine Hotel<br>Mallaig            |
| Fri Sept 30   | Trek Day 5<br>Isle of Skye                               | The next two days will be spent on the stunning Isle of Skye, the largest of the Inner Hebrides. We will take a morning ferry from Mallaig to Armadale, on the Isle of Skye, where our bus will pick us up.<br>This day will be filled with a lot of short hikes to stunning places such as the Fairy Pools, Coral Beach, with a fantastic view of Dunvegan Castle, Neist Point and more. We will also make a stop at Talisker Distillery for an optional short tour. | (B, L)<br><br>Overnight The Skye Inn<br>Portree   |
| Sat Oct 1     | Trek Day 6<br>Isle of Skye                               | Today will be a full day of hiking to some of the most spectacular places on the island.<br>First stop will be the mystical Fairy Glen, followed by a 4.5 mile circular hike of The Quiraing. Then a quick stop at Kilt Rock and Meat Falls before a 2.5 mile hike to Brother's Point. Last, we will hike to the iconic Old Man of Storr before returning to Portree for the night.   | (B, D)<br><br>Overnight The Skye Inn<br>Portree   |
| Sun Oct 2     | Loch Ness to Inverness                                   | Today we will leave the Isle of Skye and stop at Eilean Donan Castle (one of the most photographed fortresses in all of Scotland) for a visit on our way to Loch Ness. From the village of Drumnadrochit, a short scenic  | (B)   |

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|  |  | cruise will take us out on the Loch as it passes by Urquhart Castle along the shore. Then on to Inverness where we end our Scotland Trek and begin the add on to Northern Ireland for those continuing on. | Overnight in Inverness on own if not continuing on to Ireland |
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### 2022 Northern Ireland/Ireland (Add-On)

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| Sun Oct 2   | Belfast  | Evening flight to Belfast. Transfer to hotel.<br>Dinner on own  | Overnight hotel in Belfast  |
| Mon Oct 3   | Trek Day 1:<br>Ballintoy to Giant's Causeway                                       | Early morning transfer to Ballintoy where we will start our 13 mile trek along the Causeway Coast Way trail to the UNESCO World Heritage site, the Giant's Causeway. This trail is one of the most spectacular trails in all of the UK that will take us across beaches, rocks and cliff tops ending at our hotel for the night at the Giant's Causeway. This unique place is a result of a volcanic eruption long ago that formed 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that are like stepping stones into the ocean.<br>Distance: 13 miles, 7 hours<br>Elevation gain: 1154 ft | (B, D)<br><br>Overnight Causeway Hotel<br>Giant's Causeway, Bushmills |
| Tues Oct 4  | Trek Day 2:<br>Giant's Causeway to Dunluce Castle<br><br>Carrick-a-Rede to Belfast | Spend time exploring the Giant's Causeway in the morning before starting our 4 mile hike to Dunluce Castle. After visiting the castle we will transfer by bus to Carrick-a-Rede, a rope bridge suspended across a 30-meter deep, 20-meter wide chasm that was first constructed in 1755 to the Carrick-a-Rede island. We will walk across the bridge and explore the island before returning to Belfast in the afternoon. The rest of the day is free to explore Belfast<br>Distance: 4 miles, 2 hours  | (B, L)<br><br>Overnight hotel in Belfast                              |
| Wed Oct 5   | Dublin   | Transfer to Dublin in the morning.<br>Free day to explore Dublin.   | (B, D)<br>Overnight hotel in Dublin                                   |
| Thurs Oct 6 | Flights Home   | Transfer to airport on own.<br>Flights home   | (B)   |