



HARDING

Scenic Scotland

MAY 14-23, 2027



TOUR ITINERARY

FRIDAY, MAY 14: Depart the United States on overnight flights to Scotland. Rest up and get excited – a remarkable journey through the land of castles, highlands and deep faith awaits.

SATURDAY, MAY 15: Welcome to Scotland! Upon arrival at the Edinburgh airport in late morning, we'll enjoy private transfers to our hotel. After settling in, our tour officially begins with a welcome and orientation before heading out for a guided walking introduction to Edinburgh. Get your first glimpse of cobble streets, historic structures and the dramatic skyline of this storied capital city. In the evening, we'll gather for dinner together in central Edinburgh and have an early night to recover from our overnight flights. (D)

SUNDAY, MAY 16: After breakfast at the hotel, we'll worship with brothers and sisters at a local congregation – a meaningful reminder of the global body of Christ. Following worship, we travel to Stirling for lunch together and a visit to Stirling Castle, one of Scotland's grandest historic sites. We'll also stop at the Wallace Monument, a 67m tower commemorating Sir William Wallace, a 13th- and 14th-century patriot and martyr who became Scotland's National Hero. Late in the afternoon we return to Edinburgh for dinner on your own and perhaps a quiet stroll along the Royal Mile. (B,L)



MONDAY, MAY 17: Today we journey north into some of Scotland's most iconic landscapes. After breakfast and hotel check-out, we depart Edinburgh and travel to St. Andrews where you'll have time to explore this charming seaside town at your leisure. Enjoy lunch on your own before we continue through the breathtaking Cairngorms region, a mountain range in the eastern highlands of Scotland, en route to Balmoral Castle, the beloved highland residence of the royal family. By early evening, we'll arrive in Inverness, the capital of the highlands, and settle into our next hotel. We'll gather for dinner together and then rest in the cool, highland breeze after a full and scenic day. (B,D)



TUESDAY, MAY 18: Following breakfast at the hotel, we set out for the Isle of Skye, crossing through some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery. We'll stop at picturesque Eilean Donan Castle before continuing on to Skye itself. After lunch together on the island, we'll explore the rugged landscapes that make Skye famous – windswept cliffs, sweeping valleys and unforgettable coastal views. We return to Inverness in late afternoon and the evening is free for dinner on your own or with new friends. (B,L)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 19: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we explore the legendary shores of Loch Ness, visiting Urquhart Castle and taking in the beauty of this mysterious loch (lake). Lunch will be on your own before we continue south, with a stop at Neptune's Staircase, a fascinating series of canal locks. On arrival in Fort William, we will check in to our home for the next two night and gather for a devotional time before sharing dinner together. The remainder of the evening is free to enjoy the town and settle into our Fort William hotel. (B,D)

THURSDAY, MAY 20: Today brings one of Scotland's most memorable experiences – a journey aboard the Jacobite Steam Train. After breakfast at the hotel, we board the historic train made famous in the Harry Potter films for a scenic ride across the 21-arched Glenfinnan viaduct and through stunning Scottish countryside. We'll enjoy lunch on your own in the coastal village of Mallaig before returning to Fort William on the afternoon train. Dinner will be together this evening, followed by free time to relax. (B,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 21: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we depart Fort William and enjoy a scenic drive south toward Loch Lomond, soaking in sweeping vistas along the way. We'll share lunch together en route before arriving at Loch Lomond for free time to explore or simply enjoy the peaceful setting. The evening is free for dinner on your own. (B,L)

SATURDAY, MAY 22: This morning after breakfast, we travel to Glasgow to visit Glasgow Cathedral and a local museum, offering insight into Scotland's religious and cultural heritage. Lunch will be on your own in historic Glasgow before we return to Edinburgh for free time to enjoy the city one final afternoon. This evening we'll celebrate our journey with a closing dinner together – a time to reflect on friendships formed and memories made. (B,D)

SUNDAY, MAY 23: Before departing Scotland, we will gather early for a communion service – a beautiful way to close our time together. After breakfast at the hotel, private transfers will take us to the airport for return flights home, carrying with us the beauty, history and shared experiences of Scotland. (B)





Tour Terms and Conditions

INCLUDED: The tour fare includes: 8 nights accommodation, meals listed in itinerary (B,L,D), all entrance and activity fees for scheduled tours, luxury coach travel, gratuities and airport transfers. We will worship with a local congregation on Sunday, May 16 and offer communion service at the hotel on Sunday, May 23.

TRANSPORTATION FOR TOUR START/END: Individuals are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from Edinburgh International Airport (EDI). Airport transfers will be provided.

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required for this tour. Please ensure that your passport will not expire within 6 months of the date of the tour.

IS THIS TRIP FOR YOU?: Harding University Alumni and Friends tours are planned and hosted by university faculty and staff for the purpose of building community among participants and enjoying the comfort and safety of traveling with like-minded people. Guests are expected to participate in a manner consistent with Harding's deeply held religious beliefs and in a way as to encourage and uplift the other tour participants.

MOBILITY CONCERNS: Participants must be able to step in and out of kneeling coach (3-4 steps) and move comfortably down the coach aisle. Historic sites are not always accessible and may require stairs to experience them. Walking paths will often have uneven surfaces. All hotels are equipped with elevators or ground-level rooms.

MENUS: If you have special dietary needs, please communicate those at time of reservation.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Reservations must be made by November 1, 2026 to ensure availability. Reservation availability is not guaranteed after November 1, 2026.

PAYMENT: The tour fare is \$4,250 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy reservation fare is \$5,700 per person. A deposit of \$1,000 per person is due at time of reservation. The final payment is due February 1, 2027. We can accept credit cards by phone - 501-279-4276 - and checks (made out to Harding University) mailed to:

Alumni Travel
915 E. Market Ave., Box 10768
Searcy, AR 72149

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be received by email at AlumniTravel@harding.edu or by phone at 501-279-4276. The following cancellation charges will be assessed for all cancellations:

Cancellation by November 1, 2026: full refund of payments less a fee of \$450 per person.

Cancellation between November 2, 2026 - February 1, 2027: 50% refund on all payments made.

Cancellation after February 1: no refund is available, but your fare can be transferred to another person until April 1, 2027.

LIMITATIONS: It is possible that the daily itinerary may be adjusted because of unforeseen circumstances such as weather. All efforts will be made to stick to the advertised itinerary. Space is limited. Travel insurance is not provided but is recommended.

For reservations, contact Harding University Alumni Travel:

501-279-4276 AlumniTravel@harding.edu