

## **SCOTLAND GROUP PACKAGE: 03N/04D**

**GROUP DEPARTURE TRAVELING DATE:**

**26,27,29,30 AUG 2022**

**01,03,08,10,13,15,17,19,22,24,26,29 SEP 2022**

**01,06,13,20,22,24,27 OCT 2022**

**03, 17 NOV 2022**

**01, 15,22,24,30 DEC 2022**

**HOTEL: HOLIDAY EXPRESS STRATHCLYDE 3\***

**PER PERSON: £395.00**

### **ITINEARY**

#### **Day 1**

**London - Gretna Green - Glasgow (Distance: 650 Kms)**

Today morning join up with your coach and depart towards Gretna Green. The coach will start from Wembley and do various pick-ups along the M1 and M6 Corridor. We will be covering quite a distance today to reach Scotland, so ensure you carry your key essentials and devices for your entertainment for the journey.

In the afternoon we stop for lunch at Gretna Green, the UK's most famous place to get married and home of the world-famous Iron Forgeries. Today why not speak to your tour

manager who can get you traditional shortbreads at a reasonable cost. The stop will only sell continental/English food, and there will be no fast food restaurants located within the services so make sure you are prepared.

We then board back onto the coach and continue making our way North towards Scotland, making our way to the city of Glasgow. We expect to arrive in Glasgow, in the early evening. We make our way straight to Glasgow Cathedral, which is one of Scotland's most magnificent medieval buildings, Glasgow Cathedral is the only one on the Scottish mainland to survive the Reformation of 1560 intact.

We enjoy a delicious Indian meal at the restaurant before boarding our coach and making our way to the hotel for our three-night stay. Get a good night's sleep as more wonders await you tomorrow.

**D**

## **Day 2**

### **Glasgow - Loch Lomond - Fort William - Glasgow (Distance: 360 Kms)**

After our breakfast, we board the coach and make our way towards the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, which is where Loch Lomond is situated.

On arrival at Loch Lomond, why not enjoy an optional boat cruise; here appreciate the picturesque views of the highlands, whilst indulging in a warm cup of tea or coffee. The Loch Lomond or "Lake of the Elms" is a freshwater Scottish loch which crosses the Highland Boundary Fault, often considered the boundary between the lowlands of Central Scotland and the Highland

If you decide to forgo the Loch Lomond cruise you can spend the time admiring the scenic beauty from the shoreline of the Loch, which gives you picturesque views of the national park.

We then make our way along the scenic route towards Fort William, to visit the Nevis Range. On arrival, we take a cable car (subject to operation) to Aonach Mòr on the Nevis range. Standing at 1,345 metres above sea level, it is a popular mountain destination.

We will also stop today at the Commando Memorial, which is a Category A listed monument in Lochaber, Scotland, dedicated to the men of the original British Commando Forces raised during World War II. Additionally, we visit the Neptune's staircase, which is

a flight of eight locks on the Caledonian Canal. This amazing feat of engineering raises the canal by 19m over a quarter of a mile of continuous masonry and takes around 90 minutes for a boat to travel up or down the locks. Built by Thomas Telford between 1803 and 1822, it is the longest staircase lock flight in Scotland.

We then make our drive back to the restaurant in the evening, before going back to the hotel.

**B, D**

### **Day 3**

#### **Glasgow - Edinburgh - Glasgow (Distance: 160 Kms)**

After breakfast today we drive to Edinburgh, which is Scotland's compact, hilly capital; with its medieval Old Town and neoclassical buildings.

Today drive to Edinburgh, on route, we stop for a photo stop at Falkirk Wheel which is a rotating boat lift in Scotland, connecting the Forth and Clyde Canal with the Union Canal. The world's first & only rotating boat lift was opened by her Majesty, The Queen in 2002. Then, we visit The Kelpies: 30-metre-high horse-head sculptures depicting Kelpies. The sculptures were designed by sculptor Andy Scott and were completed in October 2013. The Kelpies are a monument to horse powered heritage across Scotland.

Arrive into Edinburgh and visit the famous Edinburgh Castle with its fine state apartments and ancient Scottish crown jewels. Descend the hill and cross the Royal Mile to see St Giles' Cathedral and its crown shaped spire. Continuing the journey, we view the Forth Road Bridge to enjoy a spectacular view of the Forth Rail Bridge.

We will then make our way to the restaurant for Indian dinner, on the allocation of our entry time enjoy your meal

**B, D**

#### **Day 4**

#### **Glasgow - Lake District - London (Distance: 685 Kms)**

Today morning after breakfast we check out of the hotel and make our way towards the Lake District. The Lake District, also known as the Lakes or Lakeland, is a mountainous region in North West England.

As we drive through the Lake District, admire the lakes, towns, villages and mountains within the National Park. Once we reach Lake Windermere a large lake in Cumbria's Lake District National Park, we enjoy our 45-minute boat cruise from Bowness-on-Windermere, which is surrounded by mountain peaks and villages.

We then board a Heritage Steam Train ride from Lakeside to Haverthwaite. Travel back in time when you climb aboard the train. Enjoy views from your carriage up to Haverthwaite.

Later, we depart for London and bid farewell to those that are getting off at their drop off points on the route.

**B**

#### **Important Notes**

Note: On occasions, due to large events, traffic, logistics and availability of reservations, it may be necessary to change the above itinerary. However, all aspects of the itinerary will be covered.

Nevis range is subject to operation based on weather conditions. If the Nevis range is closed you will be refunded the group rate.

**B=Breakfast, D=Dinner**

### Tour Highlights

- Nevis Range\* with entrance
- Glasgow City Tour covering Glasgow Cathedral, Main Square & University of Glasgow
- Edinburgh City Tour covering the Royal Mile and entrance to Edinburgh Castle
- View the famous Neptune staircase & Commando Memorial
- View the Forth Road Bridge
- Photo Stop at Falkirk Wheel
- The Kelpies
- Lake Windermere Cruise
- Lakeside & Haverthwaite Steam Train.

### Price Includes

- Return transportation by deluxe AC vehicle from your selected pick up point
- 3 nights accommodation in 3/4\* hotel with breakfast
- 3 Indian dinners
- Entrances & sightseeing as mentioned in Tour Highlights
- All tips and service charges
- Premium service of a Star Tours Representative
- ABTA Legal Protection

### Additional Excursions

	ADULT	CHILD
Excursions		
Lake Lomond	11 GBP	7 GBP (5-15 years)

## Pick Up Points

Departure Point	Time
Wembley (HA9 6LL)	06:30 hrs
Toddington Services (LU5 6HR)	07:15 hrs
Newport Pagnell (MK16 8DS)	07:25 hrs
Watford Gap Services (NN6 7UZ)	07:50 hrs
Corley Services (CV7 8NR)	08:30 hrs
Stafford Services (ST15 0EU)	10:10 hrs
Keele Services (ST5 5HG)	10:35 hrs
Knutsford Services (WA16 0TL)	11:15 hrs
Glasgow Cathedral (G4 0QZ)	16:00 hrs

**Please Note:** All pick ups are Northbound Services and all drops will be Southbound Services.