

What's Included

- Round Trip Airfare from Houston (Bush) to Edinburgh, Scotland/ London to Houston (Bush)
- 10 nights lodging
- Breakfast daily, 4 dinners, 1 lunch
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Whisper headsets
- Services of tour manager throughout tour and licensed city guides as needed
- All Entrance Fees and hotel city tax
- Gratuities for driver and guides

What's Not Included

- Travel Insurance
- Meals and other personal spending not listed on the itinerary

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is highly recommended to safeguard your trip investment from unforeseen circumstances. Insurance must be purchased within 14 days of registration to cover any pre-existing medical conditions. Visit www.preludetours.com for more information on travel insurance.

Payments and Conditions

- Tour cost – \$5,295 per person (based on double occupancy)
- Single Supplement (Private Room) – \$1,000
- Land Only Cost (you purchase your own airfare) – \$4,195
- *(Cost of the tour is guaranteed through December 31, 2024. Registrations received after this date may be subject to an increase in price due to airfare)*

Payment Terms

- \$495 **non-refundable, non-transferable deposit** due upon registration
- \$2,400 due October 20, 2024
- \$2,400 due January 20, 2025

Payment Methods

- Check Payable to Prelude Tours and mailed to: P O Box 118696, Carrollton, TX 75011
- Credit card – payments made by credit card will be assessed a 3% convenience fee.
- Click www.preludetours.com to make credit card payments

Additional Information

- **Activity level of tour – Level 3:** This tour is an active tour with walking, standing for longer periods of time on sometimes uneven ground or terrain and climbing steps. There will be some longer days and earlier mornings balanced with free time to enjoy your own interests. Guest should be able to walk 8,000 – 10,000 steps per day and manage their own luggage as needed
- Passports must be valid for 6 months AFTER the date of return to the United States – (November 15, 2025)
- There will be no refund for unconsumed hotel meals or unused entrance fees
- The itinerary as listed is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Prelude Tours.
- This tour is non-transferable upon cancellation (If one cancels their tour, they can not transfer the payments to another person)
- When purchasing airfare with the group, seats are assigned by the airline and Prelude Tours has no control of seat assignments. If you prefer specific seats or upgrades, it is recommended that you purchase your own airfare to align with the group schedule.



Best of



April 24 - May 5, 2025

ENGLAND & SCOTLAND

For additional information and to register, visit www.preludetours.com or call (281) 667-1057



Itinerary

April 24 - Depart Houston's Bush Airport for our overnight flight to Edinburgh, Scotland

April 25 - Upon arrival at Edinburgh airport, we will be met by our local tour guide and motorcoach for our 11-day tour. After a tasty Scottish lunch, we will enjoy a panoramic city tour of **Edinburgh**, a city enchanted with stories, legends, dark secrets, curiosities and anecdotes. After lunch, we will visit one of Scotland's many **whisky distilleries** to learn about the traditional whisky making process. And no tour to a distillery is complete without free samples! Tonight, we will have a group welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Edinburgh (D)

April 26 - This morning we will visit **Trossachs National Park**, Scotland's first national park which offers some of the most stunning scenery in all of Scotland. It is a place of contrasts, from rolling lowland landscapes in the south to high mountains in the north, and has many lochs and rivers, forests and woodlands. We will enjoy a **cruise on Loch Katrine** which was the inspiration for the famous 19th century poem, *The Lady of the Lake*, by Sir Walter Scott. After lunch, we will continue south and visit **Stirling Castle**, one of Scotland's greatest stone castles. Overnight Edinburgh (B)

April 27 - After breakfast, we will tour **Edinburgh Castle**, one of the oldest fortified buildings in Europe. The castle, home of the Scottish Royal Jewels, sits upon Castle Rock which has been occupied by humans since at least the Iron Age. After lunch in a traditional Scottish pub, we will visit one of Scotland's most remarkable buildings, **Rosslyn Chapel**. The mysterious symbolism of the chapel's ornate stonework has inspired, attracted and intrigued writers and artists and served as a pivotal point in the world famous novel, *The Da Vinci Code*. Overnight Newcastle (B)(L)

April 28 - This morning we will drive to York, England via the seaside town of **Whitby**, the former home of Captain Cook and the inspiration for the horror film, *Dracula*. We will continue our journey south through the **North York Moors National Park**, a special place with sweeping moorlands, a crinkly coast, ancient woods and timeless villages that was forged by nature and shaped over generations. We will tour the 18th century stately home & gardens of **Castle Howard**, one of England's finest historic houses, set in a thousand acres of sweeping parkland dotted with statues, temples, lakes and fountains. Later this afternoon, we will walk through **York**, one of England's finest and most beautiful historic cities. The crown jewel of York is **York Minster Cathedral**, one of the world's most magnificent cathedrals. **Shambles** is another one of York's most famous landmarks and one of the best-preserved medieval shopping streets in Europe. Overnight York (B)(D)

April 29 - This morning is all about **The Beatles Rock Band**, the most influential band of all time and an integral piece to the development of 1960s counterculture and the recognition of popular music as an art form. We will enjoy interactive exhibitions at the **Beatles Story**

Museum. After lunch, we will enjoy a panoramic walking tour of **Chester, England**. Chester was originally a Roman fortress and is now known for its extensive city walls and half-timbered buildings. Overnight Birmingham area (B)(D)

April 30 - After breakfast, we will explore the medieval town of **Stratford Upon Avon**, the **birthplace of William Shakespeare**. We will discover the fascinating story of William Shakespeare's early years and where he spent the first five years with his wife, Anne Hathaway. Later this morning, we drive south through the **Cotswold region**, home to some of England's most scenic landscapes with quaint villages, rolling green hills, and winding country lanes. We will enjoy a leisurely lunch in one of the Cotswold Villages such as Chipping Norton. We will end the day with a visit to **Blenheim Palace**, a masterpiece of Baroque architecture. Blenheim Palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site boasting a long and diverse history and is the birthplace of Winston Churchill. Overnight Oxford area (B)(D)

May 1 - Today begins with a walking tour of **Oxford**, the City of Dreaming Spires, known for its university and place in history. Later this morning, we will visit the famous stone circle of **Stonehenge**. Stonehenge is the world's most famous prehistoric monument. It was built in several stages: the first monument was built about 5,000 years ago and the unique stone circle was erected in the late Neolithic period about 2500 BC. **Overnight London (B)**

May 2 - This morning we will explore the city of **London**, the capital and largest city of England. Our panoramic tour will include **Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, London Tower Bridge and St Paul's Cathedral**. After lunch, we will enjoy a guided visit to the **British Museum**, the first

national public museum of the world. No other museum is responsible for collections of the same depth and breadth, beauty and significance as the British Museum. Overnight London (B)

May 3 - After breakfast we will enjoy a guided tour of **Westminster Abbey**. This church is perhaps the most famous church in the United Kingdom noted for its royal weddings, coronations, and burials. Famous people buried here include Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, George Frederic Handel, Charles Dickens and many others. After lunch we will enjoy a **cruise on the river Thames** to see many of London's most famous buildings and cherished landmarks including the **Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and the Tower of London**. The cruise will end at the Tower of London where we will tour the Castle and see the world-famous **Crown Jewels** of the Royal Family. Overnight London (B)

May 4 - This morning, we will drive to **Windsor Castle**. This castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world and was founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century. It has since been the home of 40 monarchs and is the burial site of the late Queen Elizabeth and King Phillip. After returning to London early afternoon, the remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore one of the many museums, parks or the famous Harrod's department Store. The evening is free as well and you may enjoy a theatre show in London's West End. Overnight London (B)

May 5 - Transfer to Heathrow airport for your return home (B)

(B) breakfast included | (L) Lunch Included | (D) Dinner included

