

*Holy Cross Alumni,
Parents and Friends
are invited to experience*

SCOTTLAND

OCTOBER 16-24, 2024

AIR & LAND
(from Boston, MA)

\$4,449 P/P Dbl. Occ.
\$5,535 P/P Single Occ.

LAND ONLY

\$3,699 P/P Dbl. Occ.
\$4,758 Single Occ.

Our nine-day tour includes:
Roundtrip airfare from Boston,
MA; Seven nights four and
five-star accommodations; four
dinners; breakfast daily; scotch
tasting, all admission and tours
per itinerary; Professional tour
manager and step-on,
local guides.



Loren Cass, Holy Cross professor of political science and dean of experiential learning and student success, will be our faculty companion for this tour. Professor Cass is a former Director of the Environmental Studies Program and was the recipient of the 2016 Holy Cross Distinguished Teaching Award.



OUR DAILY ITINERARY

(subject to change)

October 16

Depart on your overnight flight to Edinburgh, Scotland. Meals and snacks are served on board.

October 17

Upon arrival at Edinburgh Airport, meet and greet with your guide and driver, then board your coach to transfer to Oban. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park en route to your accommodations. Check in to the hotel and attend your Welcome Dinner at hotel in the evening. Overnight in Oban at Muthu Alexandra Hotel or similar. (D)

October 18

Start the day with breakfast at the hotel. This morning, embark on a ferry ride to the Isle of Mull and further into Iona. Upon arrival, visit Iona Abbey, a Celtic Christian site that previously housed the Book of Kells, a stunning illuminated manuscript, now exhibited in Trinity College, Dublin. After the tour, you'll be transferred back to the hotel for your dinner on own this evening and overnight stay. (B)

October 19

Check out of the hotel after breakfast. This morning, depart Oban and journey to Inverness. During our travel, we'll have a short stop at Fort William and enjoy a Loch Ness Cruise where you might get a chance at a glimpse of the mysterious and elusive Loch Ness Monster. Once the tour has concluded, continue to Inverness. There will be a farm visit along the way where you will receive a hands-on experience at a sustainable farm. Check in to your hotel and dinner as a group included this evening. Overnight in Inverness at Kingsmills Hotel or similar. (B, D)

October 20

Have breakfast at the hotel and then check out. Today we depart from Inverness to St. Andrews for a visit to Pluscarden Abbey, originally founded in 1230 by King Alexander II for the Valliscaulian Order, a monastic community known for their simplicity and asceticism. Afterward, we'll tour a local distillery. Famed for their whisky, Scotland's unique climate and geography makes it ideal to age this spirit. Then, we'll have some free time to explore Pitlochry on our own. Conclude the day by checking in to our hotel. Dinner on your own. Overnight in St. Andrews at the Old Course Hotel or similar. (B)

October 21

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today we'll visit the Holy Trinity Church, often referred to as the "Cradle of the Reformation" due to its pivotal role in the Protestant movement. The church's origins trace back to around 1144, making it the oldest parish church in St Andrews. After visiting the church, we'll go to the Scottish Agritourism for a business visit talk. This organization is the official body for agritourism in Scotland, and a dynamic network of entrepreneurial farmers and rural businesses that lead the discussion of sustainable travel in the area. Head back to the hotel to freshen up for dinner at local restaurant. Holy Cross students studying at St. Andrews will be joining us for dinner this evening! (B, D)

October 22

After eating breakfast, check out of the hotel and depart to Edinburgh. We'll enjoy a panoramic tour as we travel to our next stop—Edinburgh Castle. Unlike most castles built on hills or cliffs, Edinburgh Castle sits atop Castle Rock, an extinct volcanic plug formed 340 million years ago. It is also one of the oldest continually occupied fortresses in Europe and houses some of Scotland's most prized possessions, including the Crown Jewels. After the tour, continue to your hotel and check in. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Edinburgh at the Edinburgh Marriott Hotel Holyrood. (B)

October 23

After breakfast, we'll visit the St. Giles' Cathedral. Explore the Thistle Chapel within, a 15th-century chapel adorned with intricate carvings depicting the Order of the Thistle, Scotland's highest knightly order. St Giles' Cathedral remains an active place of worship, open to visitors of all faiths and backgrounds. Tonight, there will be a Farewell Dinner and scotch tasting. Head back to the hotel for your overnight stay. (B, D)

October 24

Start the day with breakfast at the hotel and prepare to check out. Today, we will transfer to the airport for your flight back to the US. (B)

