



Luxury Small Group Journeys



Royal Scotland

Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Oban

8 Days & 7 Nights



Over 260 Years of Discovery

Thank you for choosing Cox & Kings to plan your journey to Scotland.

As the world's most enduring travel Company, Cox & Kings has designed, organized, and led exceptional journeys for over 260 years. To celebrate this milestone birthday, we're pleased to introduce our new Luxury Small Group journeys.

These five-star, premium journeys were crafted with care by our team of Destination Experts, offering exclusive access to a variety of worldwide destination, all in the comfort of a small group. The inventive itineraries are designed to enlighten and excite first-time and veteran travellers alike.





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Why Cox & Kings Luxury Small Group Journeys?

- **History & Heritage**

Above all else, Cox & Kings founded in 1758, is a travel company you can trust. Our experience, knowledge, service and business ethics are all underpinned by 260 years of heritage.

- **Award Winning Travel Experiences**

Cox & Kings is proud to be recognized by international travel media, including Travel + Leisure, Afar Magazine and the World Travel awards for extraordinary travel experiences.

- **Small Groups**

Enjoy our small group experience, with an average of just 18 fellow travelers. Traveling in a small, flexible group allows us to access sights that larger groups cannot.

- **Exclusive Access**

Discover unique experiences and signature curated experiences plus VIP access to certain sights.

- **Guaranteed Departures**

Once you're booked, you can start packing with confidence. All trips guaranteed with two guests minimum.

- **Designed by Experts**

All journeys curated by our in-house team of destination specialists – regional experts with deep destination experience.

- **Knowledgeable Local Tour Directors and Guides**

Handpicked by Cox & Kings with years of experience, helping to unlock and uncover the unique charms of the country you're visiting. Think of your Tour Director as your travelling concierge.

- **Luxury Accommodation**

We curate characterful 5 star properties of the highest quality or the best available in the region.

- **Big Company Value with Personalised Small Company Service**

We care and we are proud that we continue to build on the tradition of high quality service, attention to detail and innovation that made Sir Richard Cox so successful 260 years ago.

- **At your Service**

We will be with you 24x7, before you travel and on tour. Nothing is too small for us, so don't hesitate to ask.



Trip Overview

- [Passage To Scotland](#)

We have distilled 260 years of know-how into curating five star premium experiences on our journeys to Scotland. Cox & Kings has offered the highest quality group tours for generations and over that period we have built a deep understanding of the key ingredients to create an enjoyable tour in Scotland. These include well - planned and comfortably paced itineraries, expert guidance on the ground, free time to explore on your own and last but not least, the congenial company of like-minded travelers.

Scotland can be what you want it to be. To a history buff, it is a window into medieval Britain, and the fascinating lives and times of kings and queens. To a nature lover, it is a treat with mountain wilderness, lochs, and palace gardens straight out of a fairytale. To golf enthusiasts, it is the land where their favorite sport was invented. To a Harry Potter fan, it is where it all started with that train ride to Hogwarts. To those who love their single malts, you've come home.

- [About Your Trip](#)

Our Destination Experts have designed itineraries that enlighten and excite travelers and transform experiences into unforgettable memories of Scotland creating a perfect introduction to Scotland.

The ancient myths, distinct culture and spectacular landscapes of Scotland are impossible to ignore. Wander the ancient streets of the Old Town Edinburgh. Explore ancient castles that dot the landscape. Feel your spirits lift as you taste world-famous whiskey on an insider's behind-the-scenes distillery tour. Ride the Jacobite Steam Train on one of the greatest railway journeys in the world. Search for a world famous monster as you cruise on Loch Ness. And experience everyday life as you savor drinks and a meal at a real local pub.

- [About Your Stay](#)



Your comfort, privacy and safety are of paramount importance. We have sifted carefully through a number of hotels and selected those that will offer you the best experience on your journey with us.

The Principal George Hotel, Edinburgh, is a luxurious hotel, rich in history that is loaded with local charm. The Printing Press, its restaurant, serves up delights using the best from the Scottish larger for each of its discerning guests.

The Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness, is a luxury hotel set in the beautiful Scottish Highlands. It is known for its luxurious rooms, impeccable dining options and old-fashioned Scottish hospitality. **OR**

Ness Walk Hotel is situated on the leafy banks of the River Ness, in the city centre. This stunning new 5 star addition to the city offers 48 exquisite bedrooms taking their influence from the seasonal landscape with a flow of soft colours and textiles. Ness Walk is set to open in 2019 offering unmatched decadence.

The Moorings Hotel, Fort William, is considered a hidden gem on the banks of the Caledonian Canal. It offers guests spectacular views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, and the Neptune Staircase to the Nevis mountain range. **OR**

Inverloch Castle Hotel is a beautiful 19th century castle surrounded by the luscious green of the evergreen trees and the sparkling blue from the nearby loch. The surrounding area is rich in landscape and history, to name but a few of these enchanting places - the falls at Glen Nevis, the monument at Glenfinnan and the mountains of Glencoe.

The Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow, originally built as a great British railway hotel is also one of the most prestigious buildings in Glasgow. It counts world leaders, famous singers and celebrities among its guests.

- [At Your Service](#)

Travelling in a small-group tour provides peace of mind while abroad. Your local guides and your Tour Director are there to handle all logistical details-- additionally all our clients have access to our 24/7 customer service line locally as well as an emergency line in the USA.

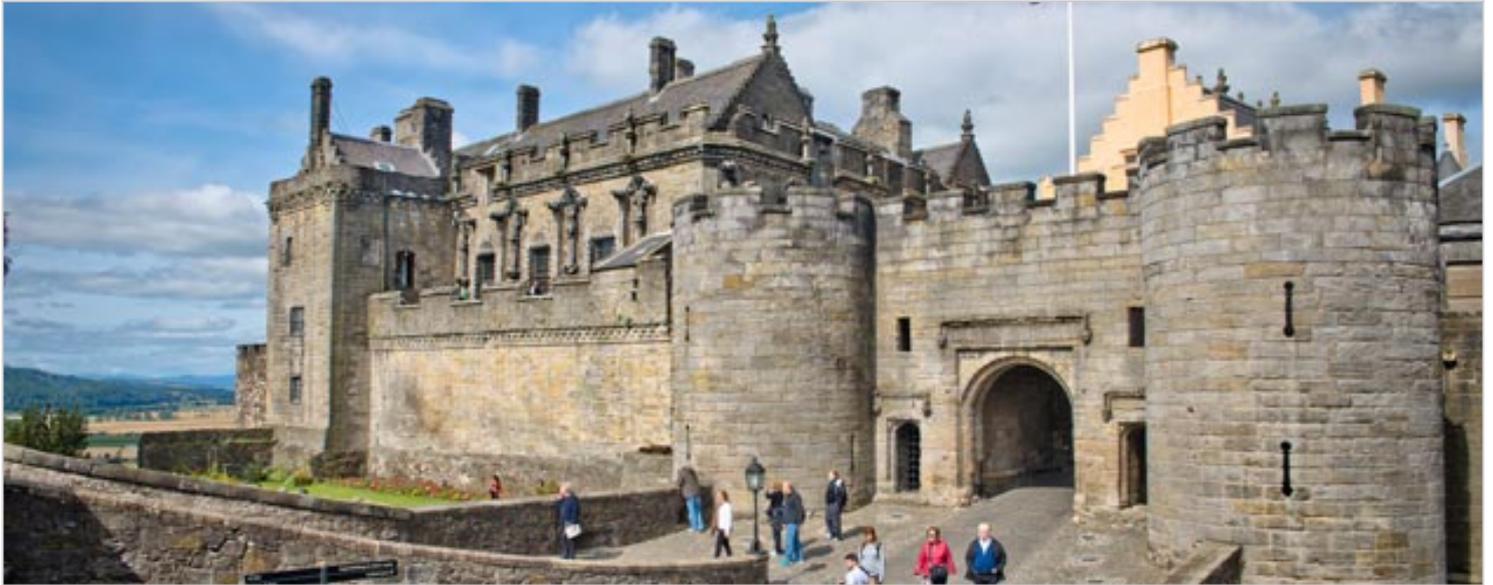
Even though you may be far from home, 24/7 support is only a phone call away.

Map



Climate & Weather Chart

Between October and March, days are normally warm and sunny while nights are much cooler, particularly in December and January. The pre-monsoon months of May and June are very warm (air-conditioned transport is recommended), while the rains usually arrive in July and continue to early September.



Highlights of Royal Scotland

- Capture the stunning scenery of the Scottish Highlands' mountains, lochs, glens, and picturesque villages
- Visit historic royal sites: iconic Edinburgh Castle, medieval Urquhart Castle, and Inveraray Castle, home to the Dukes of Argyll and backdrop for Downton Abbey
- Enjoy a ride on the Jacobite steam train, described as one of the greatest rail journeys in the world
- Cruise on famed Loch Ness, keeping watch for 'Nessie'
- Savor famed Scottish whisky on a visit to the Strathisla Distillery on Scotland's 'Whisky Trail'
- Enjoy morning tea at the historic Atholl Palace Hotel
- Learn to play the bagpipes at the National Piping Centre in Glasgow

Your Itinerary in Brief

| Day | Description | Meals | Accommodation |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| MAIN JOURNEY | | | |
| Day 1 Glasgow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival transfer from airport to hotel in Glasgow. • The rest of the day is at leisure. • Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. | Dinner | Grand Central Hotel ★★★★★ |
| Day 2 Glasgow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy a visit to the National Piping Center followed by a guided city tour of Glasgow. | Breakfast, Lunch | Grand Central Hotel ★★★★★ |
| Day 3 Oban | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Glasgow to Oban, en route stop at a local pub and visit Inveraray Castle. | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Perle Oban Hotel ★★★★★ |
| Day 4 Inverness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Oban to Inverness, en route enjoy a ride on the Jacobite steam train and ferry to the Isle of Skye followed by seafood dinner. | Breakfast, Dinner | Kingsmills Hotel ★★★★★ |
| Day 5 Inverness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy a cruise on Loch Ness followed by a visit to Urquhart Castle and a tour of the Strathisla distillery with a whiskey tasting. | Breakfast, Dinner | Kingsmills Hotel ★★★★★ |
| Day 6 Edinburgh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Inverness to Edinburgh, en route stop for tea and scones at Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry. • Enjoy a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle followed by a walking tour of Edinburgh. | Breakfast, Dinner | Balmoral ★★★★★ |
| Day 7 Edinburgh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Edinburgh on a city tour including a visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. • The afternoon is at leisure. • Enjoy a farewell celebration with traditional Scottish dinner and performance at Prestonfield House. | Breakfast, Dinner | Balmoral ★★★★★ |
| Day 8 Edinburgh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departure transfer from hotel to airport in Edinburgh. | Breakfast | - |



Inclusions / Exclusions / Notes

Your Journey Price Includes

- ✓ Private arrival and departure airport transfers to and from your hotel.
- ✓ Accommodation as noted in itinerary, based on double occupancy.
- ✓ Guided sightseeing in air-conditioned vehicle (exceptions may apply)
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).
- ✓ Services of Professional English-Speaking Guide(s) and/or Tour Director as detailed in your itinerary.
- ✓ Baggage handling, 1 piece of luggage per person unless otherwise noted. (Please note that any additional luggage may require modification in vehicle size).
- ✓ All entrance fees as mentioned in itinerary.
- ✓ Tips for portering, drivers, restaurant staff for the meals included in the itinerary and local tour guides (Tour Director tips are not included).
- ✓ Other inclusions as noted in your itinerary.

Your Journey Price Excludes

- ✓ International airfare, unless otherwise stated.
- ✓ Meals other than those mentioned in itinerary.
- ✓ Cost of obtaining passports or required visas where necessary.
- ✓ Travel Protection Insurance.
- ✓ VIP meet and assist upon arrival.
- ✓ Optional and additional sightseeing not included in itinerary.
- ✓ Any increase in airfare /taxes/ routing changed by the airlines.
- ✓ X-mas and New Year Gala Dinners.
- ✓ Gratuity for Tour Director.
- ✓ The cost of personal items such as laundry, drinks with meals or otherwise, additional incidentals, etc.
- ✓ Any other services not mentioned under 'Your package includes'.
- ✓ Any supplement or surcharges if applicable.
- ✓ Any fees associated with using air miles for your air travel.
- ✓ Transport between your home and home airport/port/station.
- ✓ Gratuities unless stated in "What Your Land Price Includes".
- ✓ Airport Security Charges if levied by any airport to cover the cost of security arrangements and payable locally and Airport Departure Taxes (if applicable)

Notes

Your Itinerary in Detail

Explore Scotland, a lush land of lochs, verdant mountains, surreal seascapes, and charming villages, all united by a proud historic character. Discover Scotland's courageous history while exploring UNESCO sites, ancient ruins, palaces, and castles. Admire the unmatched beauty of rolling hillsides, mystical lakes, and incredible coastlines. Relish the true flavors of Scotland by sampling scones and whiskey and lunching in local pubs. The insider experiences, unique cultural interactions, and extraordinary moments of this small group journey to Scotland will give you magical memories to last a lifetime.

Day 1 Arrive Glasgow

Glasgow

Arrival transfer from airport to hotel in Glasgow.

Welcome to Scotland and the port city of Glasgow! Begin with a private transfer to your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax.

Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Tonight, enjoy cocktails and a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers and Cox & Kings Tour Director.

 **Overnight** at Grand Central Hotel Glasgow.

 **Dinner**



Day 2
Glasgow

Glasgow

Enjoy a visit to the National Piping Center followed by a guided city tour of Glasgow.

This morning, an interactive tour of the National Piping Center unveils the colorful history of the Great Highland bagpipe. View the museum's stunning collection, including a piping relic that belonged to Robert Burns, then try piping for yourself after a quick lesson. In the afternoon, discover the city of Glasgow, noting how the Victorian architecture of the city center is in striking contrast to the sprawling parks of the West End. Your guided tour includes Glasgow Cathedral, a medieval edifice with ornate windows, the hyper-modern Riverside Museum, the impressive Kelvingrove Art Gallery, and George Square, Glasgow's principal civic center.

 **Overnight** at Grand Central Hotel Glasgow.

 **Breakfast , Lunch**



Day 3
Oban

Glasgow - Oban

Transfer from Glasgow to Oban, en route stop at a local pub and visit Inveraray Castle.

Travel north along the rolling hills of the western coast, stopping for a view of fabled Loch Lomond. Enjoy lunch and a taste of whiskey or beer at a local pub before arriving at 13th-century Inveraray Castle, the ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll, and the setting for the TV drama Downton Abbey. A tour takes you through the historic rooms of this unique Baroque, Palladian, and Gothic-style castle, set on the shores of Loch Fyne. Drive to your hotel in the Victorian harbor town of Oban.

 **Overnight** at Perle Oban Hotel Oban.

 **Breakfast , Lunch , Dinner**



Day 4

Inverness

Oban - Inverness

Transfer from Oban to Inverness, en route enjoy a ride on the Jacobite steam train and ferry to the Isle of Skye followed by seafood dinner.

After a scenic morning drive to historic Fort William, board the famous Jacobite steam train and travel one of the most famous train routes in the world. Described as one of the world's great railway journeys, this 84-mile trip takes you on a tour of impressive extremes. View Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain; marvel at both the deepest freshwater and seawater lakes, Loch Morar and Loch Nevis, respectively; spot the silvery beaches used in the films "Highlander" and "Local Hero;" and explore the charming fishing village of Mallaig. Then, ferry to the Isle of Skye to tour its lush southern region. Behold towering waterfalls, spectacular rock formations, and get an Instagram-worthy view of the iconic Eilean Donan Castle. One of the most photographed castles in Scotland, it is set on an islet where three great sea lochs meet, surrounded by the majestic splendor of the Kintail Mountains. Continue to Inverness, the historic capital of the Scottish Highlands, stopping for a local seafood dinner en route.

 **Overnight** at Kingsmills Hotel Inverness.

 **Breakfast , Dinner**



Day 5

Inverness

Inverness

Enjoy a cruise on Loch Ness followed by a visit to Urquhart Castle and a tour of the Strathisla distillery with a whiskey tasting.

This morning, travel to Loch Ness and enjoy a cruise on the mysterious deep blue waters as you hear about the lake's legend of the mythical "Nessie." Tour the remains of Urquhart Castle and learn about its 1,000 years of drama. Urquhart's stories are told through a remarkable collection of artifacts and historic replicas left by its residents. After time to explore the charming coastal town of Nairn, discover the flavors of Scotland at the Strathisla Distillery. Founded in 1786, this is the oldest continuously operating distillery in Scotland. After a taste of Strathisla's precious Chivas Regal, a distillery insider will lead you on a tour of the facility. View the Speyside-area scenery on the drive back to Inverness.

 **Overnight** at Kingsmills Hotel Inverness.

 **Breakfast , Dinner**



Day 6
Edinburgh

Inverness - Edinburgh

Transfer from Inverness to Edinburgh, en route stop for tea and scones at Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry.

Drive to the picturesque capital city of Edinburgh, stopping to savor a delightful morning tea with scones and cream at the historic Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry.

Enjoy a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle followed by a walking tour of Edinburgh.

This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour Edinburgh Castle, a 12th-century fortress that majestically dominates the city skyline, followed by a walking tour of the historic sites along Edinburgh's oldest street, the Royal Mile. (August departures attend the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo after dinner.)

 **Overnight** at Balmoral Edinburgh.

 **Breakfast , Dinner**



Day 7

Edinburgh

Edinburgh

Explore Edinburgh on a city tour including a visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Today, tour more of historic Edinburgh, with magnificent architecture that shifts from the lofty buildings of the medieval Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to the elegant tree-lined crescents of the 18th-century 'New Town's' Georgian grace. View the Gothic St. Giles Cathedral with its distinctive crown steeple, the notable Scottish Parliament building, and visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the queens have made the palace their home. Tour the palace, including the 14 historic state apartments, the ruins of Holyrood Abbey, and the Queen's Gallery with its exhibits from the Royal Collection.

The afternoon at leisure.

Enjoy a farewell celebration with traditional Scottish dinner and performance at Prestonfield House.

Enjoy tonight's farewell celebration-a traditional Scottish dinner with dance and music at Prestonfield House.

 **Overnight** at Balmoral Edinburgh.

 **Breakfast , Dinner**



Day 8
Edinburgh

Depart Edinburgh

Departure transfer from hotel to airport in Edinburgh.

Enjoy your final hours in Scotland before your transfer to the airport in Edinburgh for your journey home or to your next destination.

 **Breakfast**



Hotel Information - Main Journey

Glasgow

Grand Central Hotel ★★★★★

First-class Room,
99 Gordon Street, Glasgow G1 3SF,
United Kingdom,
Tel.: 44 - 141 - 2403700

Facilities:

-  Air Conditioned
-  Bar
-  Room Service
-  Banquet
-  WiFi
-  Business Centre
-  Internet
-  Lift
-  Restaurant



Oban

Perle Oban Hotel ★★★★★

First-class Room,
Station Square, Oban PA34 5RT,
United Kingdom,
Tel.: 44 - 1631 - 700301

Facilities:

-  Room Service
-  Bar
-  WiFi
-  Business Centre
-  Internet
-  Lift
-  Restaurant



Inverness

Kingsmills Hotel ★★★★★

First-class Room,
Culcabock Road, Inverness IV2 3LP,
United Kingdom,
Tel.: 44 - 1463 - 237166

Facilities:

- | | |
|--|---|
|  Air Conditioned |  Bar |
|  Room Service |  Pool |
|  WiFi |  Parking |
|  Internet |  Banquet |
|  Gym |  Travel Desk |
|  Lift |  Business Centre |
|  Restaurant | |



Edinburgh

Balmoral ★★★★★

First-class Room,
1 Princes Street,, Edinburgh EH2 2EQ,
United Kingdom,
Tel.: 44 - 131 - 552414

Facilities:

- | | |
|--|---|
|  Air Conditioned |  Bar |
|  Room Service |  Pool |
|  WiFi |  Parking |
|  Internet |  Business Centre |
|  Gym | |
|  Lift | |
|  Restaurant | |





What You Should Know Before You Go

Passport

A valid passport is required for U.S. citizens and for other nationalities. It should remain valid for at least six months after completion of travel. There must be at least two blank visa pages for each entry into the country. When traveling to multiple countries, be sure to calculate the total number of blank pages required for your specific journey. Please note that the last three pages for amendments and endorsements in the passport are not considered visa pages.

United Kingdom Visa

No visa is required to travel to the U.K.

Entry information is for U.S. citizens. Citizens of any other country should check with the British Embassy for specific entry requirements.

Travel Insurance

Be Prepared and Protect Your Investment

As an educated traveler you have made a smart decision when it came to choosing Cox & Kings for your trip. Make the same smart decision by protecting your investment. Just as in everyday life, there are risks associated with travel. You'll rest easy knowing that you're prepared for any eventuality - sickness, accident, baggage loss, etc. - with [Allianz Global Assistance Traveler's Insurance](#).

Get the peace of mind travel insurance provides, so you can focus on the extraordinary moments of your upcoming journey!

Alternatively you can call on numbers listed below:

Allianz Customer Service

866-390-9733

Cox & Kings Accam Reference Number: F024290

OR

Call : 1.323.557.1808

IMPORTANT

If you choose not to purchase the Cox & Kings insurance, we recommend that you purchase an alternative policy at the time of booking to cover you in case you must cancel your travel plans.

It is important that you carry a copy of your policy with you while you travel so that you can refer to it should you need to make a claim.

Important Contacts & Links



British Embassy Washington

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Washington, D.C. 20008

Tel: 202-588-6500

<https://www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations/british-embassy-washington>

British High Commission Ottawa

80 Elgin St.

Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5K7

Tel: 613-237-1530

Fax: 613-232-0738

<https://www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations/british-high-commission-ottawa>

Embassy of the United States

24 Grosvenor Square

London W1A 2LQ

Tel: 44-(0)-20-7492-9000

<http://london.usembassy.gov>

High Commission of Canada in the UK

Macdonald House

1 Grosvenor Square

London W1K 4AB

Tel: 44-(0)-20-7258-6600

Fax: 44-(0)-20-7258-6333

www.canadainternational.gc.ca/united_kingdom-royaume_uni/index.aspx

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

1600 Clinton Rd.

Atlanta, GA 30333

Tel: 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)

www.cdc.gov

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

1300 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Washington, DC 20229

Tel: 877-227-5511

Tel: 202-325-8000

www.cbp.gov

Currency conversion

www.xe.com

Weather information

www.weatherbase.com

Translation

www.translate.google.com

Visas

<http://visacentral.com/tourkits.php?bookmark=1&login=coxandkings>

International holidays

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/>

Reading Guide for Scotland

Fitzroy MacLean, Magnus Linklater

Scotland, A Concise History

2012, 248 PAGES

This richly illustrated survey brings Scottish history up to the present through its romantic figures and bloody battles. With 250 well-integrated illustrations, this revised fourth edition includes a newly added chapter on Scotland's place in the 21st century.

National Geographic Maps

Scotland Adventure Map

2013, MAP

A double-sided folded map of Scotland by the National Geographic Society and World Mapping Project at a scale of 1:440,000.

Eyewitness Guides

Eyewitness Guide to Scotland

2014, 232 PAGES

This compact, illustrated travel guide features color photography, excellent maps and a region-by-region synopsis of Scotland's attractions.

John Scotney

Culture Smart! Scotland

2009, 168 PAGES

A concise, well-illustrated and practical guide to local customs, etiquette and culture, equally of interest to the traveler and business person.

Alistair Moffat

The Highland Clans

2013, 176 PAGES

This excellent compact history of the Scottish Highland clans brings to life their leaders, traditions, families and heroic deeds with color illustrations, photos, a clan map and an alphabetical family list.

Andrew Fisher

A Traveller's History of Scotland

2009, 256 PAGES

This brief history of Scotland through the 1990s is wide-ranging, accessible and necessarily condensed. With a useful chronology, a list of monarchs and a historical gazetteer, this book marches confidently through the centuries.



William W. Starr

Whisky, Kilts, and the Loch Ness Monster

2011, 240 PAGES

Beginning and ending in Edinburgh and making stops at Glasgow, Culloden, Loch Ness, the Isle of Skye and more, William Starr follows hilariously in the footsteps of Boswell and Johnson across Scotland.



Thank You
(Thank You)

We look forward to sharing your adventure in Scotland.

To book a **Luxury Small Group Journeys** or for more information:

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Email : groupjourneys@coxandkingsusa.com

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