



**Purdue & Minnesota Ag Alumni Scotland Agriculture,
Royal Highlands Show & Cultural Tour
June 20-27, 2027**

****Saturday, June 19 – Depart the United States***

Day 1 – Sunday, June 20

Arrival before 9:00am at the Edinburgh Airport and spend a full day at the famous Royal Highland Show! Following breakfast, check out of your Highland hotel and depart for the Royal Highland Show, Scotland's premier agricultural event. Spend a full day experiencing livestock competitions, agricultural exhibits, farm machinery and equipment, equestrian events, educational demonstrations, local food products, and the latest developments in Scottish agriculture. Following the show, travel to Dunblane and check into the Hilton Dunblane Hydro Hotel for a three-night stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel this evening.

Overnight:

<https://www.apexhotels.co.uk/destinations/edinburgh/apex-waterloo-place-hotel/>

Meals: (B, D)

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Day 2 – Monday, June 21

Following breakfast, take part in a panoramic sightseeing tour of Edinburgh, featuring the elegant Georgian New Town, historic Old Town, the famous Royal Mile, and many of the city's most recognizable landmarks. Visit Edinburgh Castle, dramatically situated atop Castle Rock, overlooking the city. Have a group lunch at a local restaurant followed by free time during the afternoon to explore Edinburgh at your own pace. Browse the shops, stroll along the Royal Mile, or stroll through the city's historic neighborhoods. Free afternoon and evening to follow.

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Meals: (B, L)



Day 3 – Tuesday, June 22

Depart Edinburgh and travel north into the beautiful Perthshire countryside. Visit Blair Castle estate which includes many gardens, a deer park and Highland lodges. This castle has been the home of the Atholl family for over seven centuries. Visit the farm

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which includes Commercial Suckler Cows, Pedigree Aberdeen Angus, Highland Cows, Scottish Blackface Sheep and follow that with lunch. Afterwards continue to Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery for a guided tour and whisky tasting. Learn about the history and production of Scotch whisky and its importance as one of Scotland's most famous exports. Check into your hotel in Pitlochry, the gateway to the Scottish Highlands with a rich history that dates back to Victorian times.

Overnight: <https://www.fishershotelpitlochry.com/>

Meals: (L, D)



Day 4 – Wednesday, June 23

Today, experience the magnificent Scottish Highlands as you travel along scenic byways through some of Scotland's most breathtaking landscapes. Journey north toward Inverness, the largest city and cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands. Along the way, make various scenic stops around Loch Ness and the Great Glen, including a visit to Fort Augustus at the southern end of Loch Ness. This region is known for its quaint Highland communities, historic forts, medieval ruins, dramatic mountains, lochs, and spectacular scenery. Continue to Inverness, where you will have free time to explore the city and enjoy lunch on your own. Later this afternoon, begin the scenic return journey through the Highlands to Pitlochry.

Overnight: <https://www.fishershotelpitlochry.com/>

Meals: (B)



Day 5 – Thursday, June 24

Following breakfast, depart the highlands and meet your local guide for a full day exploring one of Scotland's most scenic and historically significant regions. Visit Stirling Castle, once a favored residence of Scottish kings and queens, before continuing through Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. Stop in the village of Aberfoyle, where you'll have free time for lunch on your own and shopping. Continue to Balloch and board a one-hour scenic cruise on Loch Lomond, enjoying views of the loch, mountains, islands, and surrounding countryside. Continue to Dunblane for an evening at the hotel.

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Meals: (B)



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Day 6 – Friday, June 25

Following breakfast, depart for Scotland's scenic east coast. Begin the day with a visit to a working Scottish berry farm, where you'll learn about fruit production, growing and harvesting techniques, labor requirements, marketing, and modern agricultural practices. Continue to historic St. Andrews, internationally recognized as the "Home of Golf." Enjoy an included lunch and time to explore this charming coastal university town before touring the legendary St. Andrews Old Course. Later this afternoon, visit a working Angus cattle farm to learn about the history of the breed, breeding programs, herd management and the worldwide influence of Scottish Angus genetics. Return to Dunblane this evening.

Overnight:

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Meals: (B, L)



Day 7 – Saturday, June 26

Following breakfast, enjoy a full day at leisure in Edinburgh. Spend your last day exploring this capital city. Take in some last minute souvenir shopping along Princes Street, wander through the Grassmarket and Old Town, visit a museum or attraction, or simply enjoy local eateries or pubs. This evening, gather back with the group for a special Farewell Dinner.

Overnight:

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Meals: (B, D)

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Day 8 – Sunday, June 27

Following breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to Edinburgh Airport for your return flight to the United States.

Meals: (B)

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**Price per person based on double occupancy (based on 20 minimum travelers)-
\$3,700**

Single supplement - \$1,200

\$500 - Non refundable deposit due December 1, 2026

Final balance due April 15, 2027

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Included:

Accommodations

Bus Transportation

Guide

Tours/Technical Visits

Entrance fees that are included are noted in the above itinerary

Meals as indicated on itinerary

B= Breakfast

L= Lunch

D= Dinner

Not Included:

International Airfare

UK ETA Visa

Gratuities for guide and driver

Cost of valid U.S. passport

Alcoholic beverages

Soft drinks

Travel insurance coverage (highly recommended)

Airline seat upgrades

Excess baggage fees

Souvenirs

Leisure activities on free days

Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms

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