



CHRISTMAS IN SCOTLAND

SPEND THE HOLIDAYS IN A SCOTTISH CASTLE DECEMBER 21ST - 29TH 2016

From the busy streets of beautiful Edinburgh to the dramatic Scottish countryside and the romance of a baronial castle, here is a Christmas getaway that celebrates the holiday season with an abundance of warmth and good cheer.

An enticing combination of experiences awaits the traveler who chooses to spend CHRISTMAS IN SCOTLAND. You'll have time in both the engaging capital of Edinburgh and the largest city, Glasgow. We'll begin in Glasgow, where sightseeing will introduce the city from the architecture of Charles Rennie Mackintosh to the prestigious Burrell Collection. From our central location in Edinburgh at one of the city's most elegant hotels, you will be a short stroll from Prince's Street, George Street, and Edinburgh Castle. It's the perfect spot for exploring historic sites, sampling gourmet cuisine, and browsing the nearby shops.

In between it's off to the Scottish countryside, with stops at Loch Lomond and Stirling Castle, before we reach our destination of Stonefield Castle. An outstanding example of Scottish baronial architecture, with panoramic views over Loch Fyne, Stonefield Castle typifies the warmth and elegance of a bygone era. You'll relax in gracious, wood-paneled lounges, and enjoy ample time to explore the estate's 60 acres of woodland grounds. An evening of Scottish music and dancing, a guided tour through the history of mid-Argyll, mouth-watering feasts and Christmas Eve services at the local church round off a timeless Christmas experience.

And for those who wish to continue the festivities, we offer an exciting optional extension to spend HOGMANAY IN EDINBURGH. Join us as we ring in the Scottish New Year!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST - Departure aboard overnight flights to Glasgow. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND - Welcome to Scotland! Upon arrival at Glasgow airport you will be met and transported to our centrally-located hotel. There will be time to unpack, relax and begin exploring the neighborhood,



EDINBURGH CASTLE



STONEFIELD CASTLE

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED)	\$3990
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 930

Airfares are available from many U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

The following services are included:

- HOTELS:** 7 nights accommodation in first-class hotels
All hotel taxes and service charges included
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour director except at Stonefield Castle
Local guides for sightseeing in Glasgow and Edinburgh
- EXPENSES:** Portorage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.





before your tour guide gathers the group together for an orientation briefing. This evening we'll enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: GLASGOW**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD - This morning a local guide will lead a panoramic sightseeing tour of Glasgow. The city won the coveted title of European City of Culture in 1990 and it has worked hard to shed its grimy industrial image. It is a city of fierce character and an appetite for the avant garde. We'll include a visit to the internationally acclaimed Burrell Collection. The afternoon and evening are free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: GLASGOW**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - Departing Glasgow, we head into the Scottish countryside. Our journey this morning will take us along the shores of Loch Lomond, then on to our destination—the baronial Stonefield Castle, once the family home of the Campbells, perched high on the famous Kintyre peninsula above the fishing village of Tarbert, with commanding views over Loch Fyne. Those who choose, may opt to attend Christmas Eve services at the local church, following a sumptuous Christmas Eve dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: STONEFIELD CASTLE***

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH - A festive Christmas Day unfolds, replete with the splendor of bygone Scottish lords. With a truly breathtaking view, the restaurant in the Castle offers the finest delights of Scottish cuisine, under the direction of its award-winning chef, a carefully chosen selection of fine wines from around the world, and an after-dinner choice of more than 50 malt whiskies. **(B, L, D) OVERNIGHT: STONEFIELD CASTLE***

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH - A final day to enjoy this historic castle in its fairytale location. A local guide will be leading an exploration of the history of the Campbell family in the local area, or alternatively you are free to relax and linger in an unhurried fashion, soaking up the timeless environment. The loch-facing lounge next to the whisky bar invites you to sink into large comfortable sofas; the castle library offers peace, tranquility, and classic elegance. Tonight our dinner will be accompanied by Scottish music and dancing. **(B, L, D)**



HAIRY COO!

OVERNIGHT: STONEFIELD CASTLE*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH - We begin our day at Stirling Castle, the gateway between the Highlands and the Lowlands. Then we travel onward to Edinburgh. This afternoon a local guide will lead a panoramic sightseeing tour of this beautiful city. An introduction to the New and Old Towns includes a visit to historic Edinburgh Castle where you can admire the Honours of Scotland, her crown jewels. The evening is free to explore some of the pubs on nearby Rose Street! **(B) OVERNIGHT: EDINBURGH**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH - A free day to experience this lively and cosmopolitan city: admire the magnificent views from Calton Hill, marvel at the new Scottish Parliament building, stroll the Royal Mile, or spend time in the Palace of Holyrood House. In the evening we'll gather for a final celebratory dinner together. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: EDINBURGH**



HOGMANAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH - Morning departure for those who are returning home. For travelers selecting the optional Hogmanay extension, please see the details below. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

** Please note that the exact details of Stonefield Castle's Christmas package have not yet been finalized for 2016.*

OPTIONAL EXTENSION: HOGMANAY IN EDINBURGH

December 29, 2016 – January 2, 2017

For four days and nights, the city of Edinburgh puts on one of the world's best New Year's celebrations. From the first night's Torchlight Procession, down the Mound and up Calton Hill, with thousands of participants carrying blazing torches, to spectacular live music set against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, to St. Giles' Candlelight Cathedral Concert, to a breathtaking Seven Hills Fireworks display, it's an impressive, one-of-a-kind experience.

The cost is **\$1990** per person, double occupancy (single supplement: \$580). Your special Hogmanay Package is inclusive of 4 nights accommodation at the Roxburghe hotel, full Scottish breakfast daily, 2 evening dinners, Discover Europe tour escort throughout, and street party passes for the Edinburgh Street Party on New Year's Eve. **OVERNIGHTS: EDINBURGH**