

VMFA

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts presents
**SCOTLAND: HIGHLANDS
AND ISLANDS**

Featuring a Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo performance
August 1-12, 2016

12 days for \$6,278 total price from Washington, DC
(**\$5,595 air & land inclusive plus \$683 airline taxes and fees**)



**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**

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Dear VMFA Members,

Join fellow members from August 1-12, 2016 on an exciting tour to Scotland! Discover Scotland's enduring appeal as you travel from city to country and loch to glen, and encounter renowned art collections, stunning natural beauty and historic treasures.

Starting in Glasgow, explore the art and architecture of the Glasgow School, visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, and enjoy a private, curator-led tour of Pollock House, home of the United Kingdom's greatest collection of Spanish art. Continuing on to the Highlands, Scotland's historic northern region, the itinerary includes Loch Lomond, the Isle of Skye, and the fabled Loch Ness. Taste handcrafted, single malt Scotch, visit legendary St. Andrews, and indulge in afternoon tea at Ballencrief Castle, a 16th-century tower house surrounded by beautiful gardens that is now the private residence of friends of VMFA, who will share their collection of 19th- and 20th-century British and Scottish art and early musical instruments. The trip concludes with reserved seated tickets to the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Space on this program is limited to only VMFA members, friends, and family. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,



Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM — SCOTLAND: HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for ___ person/people on **Scotland: Highlands and Islands** departing **August 1, 2016**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. **Please make check payable to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail check to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., One Newton Place, 275 Washington St., Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax reservation to 617-454-9199.**

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Scotland: Highlands and Islands, August 1-12, 2016**, and agrees that their signature below represents acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

SCOTLAND: HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

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“My heart’s in the Highlands,” said Robert Burns – as will you, as we travel from city to country, mainland to island, on this sweet journey. From loch to loch and glen to glen, we encounter stunning natural beauty and welcoming clans, while city life serves up the colorful past – and cosmopolitan present.



Avg. High (°F)	Jul	Aug
Glasgow	66	65
Edinburgh	65	65

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Well-paced journey through Scotland ... Glasgow touring ... Glasgow’s unique architecture ... Private curator-guided tour of Pollok House ... Beautiful Scottish Highlands scenery, including Loch Lomond, Trossachs National Park, Glencoe, Loch Ness ... Evocative ruins of Urquhart Castle ... Isle of Skye excursion ... Historic Culloden Moor ... Medieval St. Andrews ... Edinburgh touring, including Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood ... Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo ... Pleasing mix of guided touring and time for independent exploration

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Glasgow		
2-3	Glasgow	Grand Central Hotel	First Class
4-5	Fort William	Nevis Bank Hotel	Not rated
6-7	Brora	Royal Marine Hotel	First Class
8	St. Andrews	Ardgowan Hotel	First Class
9-11	Edinburgh	The George Hotel	Sup. First Class
12	Depart Edinburgh for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Glasgow, Scotland

Day 2: Arrive Glasgow We arrive in Scotland’s largest city and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. Late this afternoon we gather with our Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director for a briefing on the journey ahead. Then we enjoy a welcome dinner at either the acclaimed National Piping Centre or the well-appointed Corinthian Club. **D**

Day 3: Glasgow This morning’s tour highlights “Glasgow Style,” the city’s distinct architecture of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Though Glasgow has a rich medieval history, very few structures from that time survive; it is the Victorian-era buildings of red or blond sandstone with long lines that define the city’s historic built environment. Among the stand-out buildings we see: Glasgow Central Station, the Royal Exchange, Glasgow City Chambers, and Glasgow School of Art by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. We also visit Sir John W. Simpson’s immensely popular Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Following our city tour we visit Pollok House, ancestral home of the Maxwell clan and now a museum with the United Kingdom’s greatest collection of Spanish art. Here a curator takes us on a privately guided tour of the Edwardian country house after we enjoy lunch in the award-winning restaurant. We return to our hotel mid-afternoon; the remainder of the day is at leisure. **B,L**

Day 4: Glasgow/Loch Lomond/Glencoe/Fort William We leave Glasgow this morning by motorcoach, bound for the scenic Highlands, Scotland’s sparsely populated historic northern region. We stop by the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, Great Britain’s largest lake and part of Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. Our tour here includes a brief cruise on the island-dotted loch before continuing on to Glencoe, one of Scotland’s most beautiful spots with deep valleys flanked by steep-sided mountains, rushing rivers, and dramatic



Admire the ruins of lake-side Urquhart Castle.

waterfalls. Then we travel on to Fort William, the Highlands' second largest settlement, arriving late afternoon. **B,D**

Day 5: Fort William/Isle of Skye We embark on a full-day excursion to the Isle of Skye, the largest of Scotland's Inner Hebrides known for its vivid history and stunning scenery. En route, we visit Glenfinnan Monument honoring "Bonnie Prince Charlie" for his leadership in the Jacobite Rising of 1745. Then we board a ferry for Armadale on the southern tip of Isle of Skye, where our touring begins with a visit to Armadale Castle and gardens. Next we set out on a scenic drive through the imposing Cuillin Hills (or "Black Cuillin") to the fishing town of Portree. Here we enjoy lunch together at a local pub before continuing our tour of the island, known for its strong Gaelic influence. Returning to the mainland via the Skye Bridge, we make a photo stop at iconic Eilean Donan Castle then dine tonight at our hotel. **B,L,D**

Day 6: Fort William/Loch Ness/Brora We depart today for the Highlands, stopping en route at fabled Loch Ness. We drive the full 23-mile length of the lake best known for the unearthly creature alleged to live in its deep waters. We also visit the ruins of lakeside Urquhart Castle, one of Scotland's most popular attractions. Dating to at least the 13th century, the castle sits surrounded by water on three sides, giving it a once-formidable advantage in battle. Then we travel on to the historic Culloden Moor

battle site. After time on our own to tour the museum here, we take a private guided tour of the hallowed grounds, site of the last battle of the Jacobite Rising in 1746. Early this evening we'll arrive in Brora, a quaint Highlands village and our home for the next two nights. **B,D**

Day 7: Brora/Highlands Our exploration of the Highlands continues on today's excursion along the Pictish Trail, sites connected with the late Iron Age/early Medieval Celtic people who once lived here. We learn about the ancient Picts at the acclaimed Tarbat Discovery Center, featuring excavated relics from the region. Continuing on, we visit striking Dunrobin Castle & Gardens, where we see a falconry demonstration. Then we drive along the scenic coastal road flanked by small farms with sheep, cows, and Shetland ponies before returning to our hotel. **B,D**

Day 8: Brora/Kincraig/Pitlochry/St. Andrews Today's first stop is Kincraig, where we watch a sheep-dog demonstration with working border collies, known for their herding abilities. We travel on to the holiday town of Pitlochry in the heart of Scotland, where we enjoy some free time before this afternoon's visit to a small local distillery where a unique single malt is handcrafted – just as it has been made for 150 years. We reach legendary St. Andrews late this afternoon; dinner tonight is on our own in this charming town. **B**

“SECOND STAR TO THE RIGHT
AND STRAIGHT ON 'TIL THE
MORNING.”

– J.M. BARRIE

Day 9: St. Andrews/Edinburgh Home of Scotland’s oldest university (St. Andrews) and renowned as the home of golf, where the game has been played for some 600 years, delightful – and compact – St. Andrews measures just one mile across. This morning we embark on a walking tour of the medieval seaside town, followed by lunch together then free time to explore on our own. Later this afternoon we continue on our way to Edinburgh. Dinner tonight is on our own in the Scottish capital, which boasts a robust culinary scene. *B,L*



Scene from the Royal Military Tattoo

Day 10: Edinburgh Our morning tour of this regal city built on seven hills includes the 18th-century Georgian “New Town” and the medieval “Old Town,” where we visit Edinburgh Castle, symbolic heart of the country. This afternoon is at leisure to discover Edinburgh as we wish; museums, galleries, and shops

abound. Tonight we enjoy a performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the spectacular annual pageant set in the floodlit esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. *B*

Day 11: Edinburgh This morning we encounter the Royal Mile, the historic boulevard connecting Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyrood House. We tour Holyrood, as it is called, and see where British royalty schemed and slept as we tour the State Apartments. This afternoon the owners of the Ballencreiff Castle have invited us for snacks and tea and the opportunity to admire their stately home and art work. Tonight we celebrate our Scotland sojourn over a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 19 meals: 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters and all drivers



We see iconic Eilean Donan Castle on Day 5.

Day 12: Depart for U.S. We transfer this morning to the Edinburgh airport for our return flights to the U.S. *B*

Tour Departs: August 1, 2016

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Newark	\$5,978
Boston, Philadelphia	\$6,178
Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, DC	\$6,278
Charlotte, Denver, Dallas, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,378
Austin, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,478
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,495

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$683, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,295. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,595 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and price is subject to change).

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at (888) 370-6765

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time

For further information contact VMFA Member Travel at 804-340-1519

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only tour package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities, \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited's receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-95 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.** If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth, and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of the VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. The VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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