



LAW & CULTURE: SCOTLAND, UK

JOURNEY TO SCOTLAND

4 & 6 Night Program Options

May 22 - 26/28, 2022

Open to Members and Guests of the NYS Academy - Register online:

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INCLUDED

Historic 5 Star
Accommodations

Daily ground transportation
and/or walking tours

Group meals at top
restaurants and local
favorites (including tips)

Local guides and specialists

CLE Lecture series with local
experts and influencers (open
to non-attorney guests)

Admission to all museums /
attractions in program

Travel Tips and Assistance

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to/from Scotland

Airport transfers

Suggested tips for drivers
and local guide(s)

Additional meals not
provided in itinerary

Incidentals / Individual
hotel expenses (e.g., mini
bar, room services, laundry
fees)

Trip cancellation insurance

TOUR COST

May 22-26: \$4,595

May 26-28: +\$1,150

(St. Andrews Extension)

*Prices are per person in double
occupancy. Single Supplements
apply to single occupancy, see
registration page for more details.*



YOU'RE INVITED!



The **New York Academy of Trial Attorneys** invites you and your guest(s) to join the exclusive journey through Scotland's historically rich and charming landscape.

For such a small country, Scotland has a significant cultural footprint beyond its legendary **kilts** and **bagpipes**. Sitting on the Northernmost point of the United Kingdom, Scotland has a robust and independent history of Roman soldiers, Vikings, noble clansmen, and powerful monarchs. Today, the country must reconcile its unique civil law history with the more centralized UK and European Union legal systems.

Our private delegation will explore different aspects of Scottish culture. Excursions will include touring Castles, traditional music, dance, whisky and haggis; as well visits to Scotland's second city – **Glasgow** - and the picturesque **St. Andrews**, the birthplace of golf. We will also gain a working knowledge of the Scottish legal and political system through guided visits to **high Courts** and/or the **Scottish Parliament**. and/or other prominent institutions. **Appropriate CLE Credits will be awarded for the legal portions of the tour.**

The historical capital of **Edinburgh** will be our home base for this unique opportunity to enjoy the best of Scotland! Friends and family are welcome.

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AT A GLANCE: SCOTLAND



B - Breakfast

L - Lunch

D - Dinner

Select group meals curated for quality and diversity inclusive of beverages and tips.

Dietary restrictions will be accommodated - **Food surveys** distributed to participants at a later date.

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Itinerary subject to change and final confirmations. Program schedule will be adapted to enrolled participants and then-in-place safety measures. Special requests are encouraged. Suggested air will be provided at a later date.

Day 1 Sunday, May 22

Group participants arrive throughout the day to the luxurious **5 Star Balmoral Hotel**. Besides being an icon housing the symbol of the city in its landmark clock tower, the Balmoral's location at the crossroads of Old Town and New Town could not be more ideal for our delegation.

The Balmoral Edinburgh
1 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 2EQ, UK

4:00 PM

Orientation/Welcome Reception with live music, entertainment and Scottish bagpipes.

For our first taste of locally sourced Scottish cuisine, we enjoy a Welcome Dinner at **Howies Restaurant**, a short walk from our hotel. Traditional Scottish food at its best!

Day 2 Monday, May 23

Morning

Full Scottish breakfast served daily at our hotel.

Depart hotel for our Walking tour of **Old Town Edinburgh, the Royal Mile, and Edinburgh Castle**.

AN INTRO TO THE SCOTTISH JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Located on the Royal Mile are some of Scotland's most important legal institutions: The **Supreme Civil Court of Scotland, the Court of Session, The old Parliament House, and the Faculty of Advocates**. We take a short break from our walking tour to learn about the Scottish legal system, how the system operates under UK law, and a brief history of the various types of courts and judges.

Afternoon

Group Lunch at **Makars Gourmet Mash Bar** to experience one of Scotland's best **haggis** - a savory pudding containing seasoned **sheep's pluck**, traditionally encased in the animal's stomach. This renowned Scottish specialty is enjoyed in both pubs and mansions alike.

Note: Veggie Haggis and other Vegetarian/dietary restrictions and options will be made available at every group meal/establishment.

After lunch, optional **Malt Whisky tasting** next door at the **Whiski Rooms**. Return to hotel/afternoon free. *You'll find Edinburgh to be hilly but an extremely pedestrian friendly city with great shops and pubs.*

Evening Group Dinner at **Fishers in the City**, a casual and delightful seafood bistro operated out of a converted warehouse in New Town Edinburgh.

Day 3 Tuesday, May 24

Morning

This morning, we depart for Scotland's second city and cultural hub – **Glasgow** (approx. 55 minutes) in modern, air-conditioned charter bus.

Upon arrival to Glasgow, we enjoy Tea & Biscuits with members of **The Scottish Law Agents Society (SLAS)**, originally incorporated by Royal Charter of Queen Victoria in 1883. SLAS is the oldest and the largest national voluntary association of solicitors in Scotland. Alternatively, we visit the **University of Glasgow School of Law** or a Local Legal Aid Society.

Walking tours, museum visit or other sightseeing will be made available for non-attorneys/guests who prefer skipping this morning's socials.

GLASGOW FOOD & ART TOUR

Immerse yourself in a different side to Glasgow on this unique street art and modern culture tour. We will uncover some of the city's most beautiful pieces of art while learning about how the art scene in Glasgow has developed dramatically over the last decade. As part of our panoramic tour, we also dive into the local food and drink and the modern innovations of Glasgow. A wide range of food tastings are included in the tour which will delight the foodies in all. After the tour, we enjoy a front row and live experience of **Scottish**



music and dance at a local Glasgow pub, before returning to Edinburgh.

Late Afternoon/Early Evening

Return to Edinburgh (approx. 50 minutes).

Dinner on your own.

Day 4 Wednesday, May 25

Morning

Today we depart for a day tour of an under-appreciated area known as “**the Scottish Borders**,” the towns of **Selkirk** and **Monroe**, in southern Scotland near its land border with England.

First we visit **Locharron of Scotland** for an authentic tour of its working Mill to learn about Scottish **kilt and tartan making** from this renowned producer.

We continue towards **Abbotsford**, the extraordinary home of **Sir Walter Scott**. The “Great Scott,” as he was called, popularised the use of the tartan and rediscovered his country’s Crown Jewels, but he is best known for being a famed 19th century novelist and lesser known for his legal career.

Afternoon

Group Lunch inside the **Ochiltree’s Cafe** at Abbotsford with views over the walled garden and historic house, or at a local restaurant in nearby **Melrose**. Time permitting before returning to Edinburgh, we see **Melrose Abbey** - the medieval ruins of a Cistercian monastery and burial place of **Robert the Bruce**’s heart.

Return to Edinburgh for our Farewell Reception hosted by the **Law Society of Scotland**, followed by Dinner.

Day 5 Thursday, May 26

(Departure Day if not on Extension)

Morning

Hotel Check-out and depart for **St. Andrews**, a historic medieval town known for its many golf courses, including the **Old Course**, considered the world's oldest.

En route to St. Andrews, we visit **Loch Leven** in central Scotland. From **Kinross** we take a **Ferry ride** to visit **Lochleven Castle** - located on one of Loch Leven’s seven islands.

The Castle is best known for being the location where **Mary, Queen of Scots**, was imprisoned from 1567-68 and forced to abdicate as queen. The upkeep of the Castle is managed under the care of the Historic Environment Scotland. Returning to Kinross by Ferry, we depart for the bucolic St. Andrews.

Upon arrival in St. Andrews, we enjoy group lunch at a local pub. After lunch, we visit the **World Golf Museum** and enjoy a brief walking tour of the town before checking into our hotel.

Evening *Dinner on your own.*

Day 6 Friday, May 27

Morning

This morning, those who wish to play golf may make arrangements at one of the area’s historic golf courses: The Old Course, Balgrove Course, Eden Course, or the newer Castle Course, to name a few. Note: Playing the Old Course and St. Andrews Links requires being selected by ballot (lottery) on any given day. Other regional courses may accept advanced reservations/tee times.

Morning free to enjoy some R&R, Spa, or time to enjoy the streets of St. Andrews with ample shopping opportunities. *Lunch on your own.*

This afternoon, we see the ruins of **St. Andrews Cathedral** and the immaculate **University of St. Andrews** founded in 1413. Time permitting, we visit the St. Andrews Museum showcasing the city's history and heritage. Optional visit to **Kingsbarns Distillery** for a whisky tasting and tour.

Evening - St. Andrews Farewell Dinner.

Day 7 Saturday, May 28 (Departure Day)

Morning - *Participants may elect to extend their stay in Scotland before or after the trip (hotel/group rates extended at cost).*

For those departing Scotland on this day, airport transfers to EDI can be pre-arranged subject to additional cost.



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