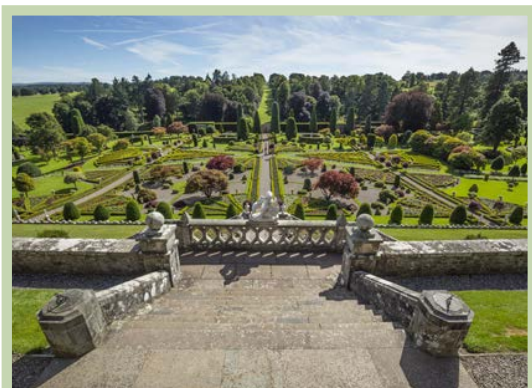


Scotland's Finest Castles and Private Gardens 6th - 12th September 2020 (6 nights)



This spectacular tour explores the very best castles and gardens in Scotland, as well as following some of its most scenic driving routes through the Scottish borders and highlands. Expect majestic castles, beautiful planting schemes, private gardens, the vibrancy of Edinburgh and the luxury of Scotland's hottest new hotels.

Sunday 6th September

Our tour starts in the early afternoon at the new **4-star Market Street Hotel, Edinburgh** - our base for the first three nights. From here we'll take a panoramic **coach tour of the city's highlights** and then make a visit to the majestic **Edinburgh Castle**. In the evening we have dinner in one of Edinburgh's stylish restaurants (included).



Monday 7th September

Our first stop today is **Whitburgh House** which has one of the best contemporary gardens in the UK. This stunning one-acre walled garden will be at its peak in early September with bold colours and innovative design.

We then visit **Jupiter Artland**. This private collection of sculptures is situated in a 100 acre parkland surrounding a Jacobean manor house. The 35 site-specific works include pieces by Andy Goldsworthy, Ian Hamilton Finlay and Charles Jencks. We will have lunch here (included).



We return to Edinburgh where your evening is at leisure to explore the many cafes and restaurants on our hotel's doorstep.

Tuesday 8th September

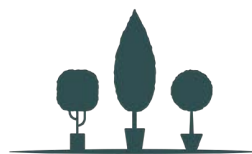
This morning we make a private visit to **Broadwoodside** - one of Scotland's finest contemporary gardens planted around a farmstead, rescued from dereliction. We meet the owner of this splendid garden that displays excellent structure, imaginative use of objects and eye-catching planting.

Next we go to **Fairnielaw** - a 2.5 acre garden set on a rocky ridge. The garden is on several levels and is a mixture of both formal and wild areas with beautiful views towards the hills.



We proceed onto **Greywalls** for lunch (included). This impressive Edwardian house was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens in 1901. The 6 acre formal gardens are attributed to Gertrude Jekyll and are today beautifully maintained. We will enjoy a guided tour of the gardens with the head gardener after lunch. Now a luxury hotel, Greywalls overlooks Muirfield Golf Course with stunning views over the Firth of Forth.

We return to Edinburgh mid-afternoon with the rest of the day to explore the Scottish capital. Your evening is at leisure.



Wednesday 9th September

After checking out of our hotel, we head north across the Firth of Forth to **Kinross House**. The impressive formal gardens have been restored in the last 10 years back to their original design of 1685. Contemporary planting compliments the formal layout and the gardens have stunning views over Loch Leven.

Afterwards we visit **Scone Palace**, once the crowning place of the Kings of Scots. We have lunch (included) in the Old Kitchen before exploring the castle and grounds.

In the late afternoon we check into the **Fife Arms Hotel**, located in the historic Scottish village of **Braemar**, amidst the majestic landscape of the **Cairngorms National Park**. We have dinner in the hotel (included).

Thursday 10th September

Today we visit two Scottish castles and enjoy the beautiful scenery of **Royal Deeside**. Our first stop is at **Crathes Castle**, known for its exceptional Arts & Crafts walled garden. We will have a guided tour with the head gardener followed by time for lunch (independent) and time to explore the 16th century castle.

We continue onto the private **Kincardine Castle**. We will meet the owner and tour the castle and gardens with him. The castle is a late-Victorian Arts & Crafts fantasy on Scottish tower-house architecture, while the superb gardens stem from the 18th century. We then have a traditional Scottish High Tea in the castle (included) before returning to the hotel.

Friday 11th September

This morning we make the most of the facilities and activities offered by our hotel, and its glorious surroundings.

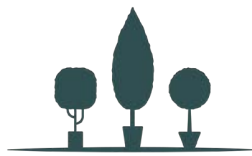
Options include: a guided walk with the hotel's in-house forager; a two-hour guided walk in the Cairngorms National Park; a guided art tour of the hotel's exquisite art collection; a beauty treatment in the hotel spa; a stroll through the village of Braemar. One activity per person included.

In the late afternoon, we will make a visit to **Royal Lochnagar** distillery. We will have a tour of the distillery and a 'wee dram'. We return to our hotel for our final night dinner (included).

Saturday 12th September

We leave Braemar and en-route back to Edinburgh, we make a pre-opening visit to **Drummond Castle**. We'll enjoy a private tour of these impressive gardens, originally laid out in 1630 which are said to be one of the finest in Europe and the largest of its type in Scotland. Lunch (included).

Mid-afternoon we return to Edinburgh, making drop-offs at Edinburgh Airport and in Edinburgh city centre. We can advise on departure planning.



OUR HOTELS

Our hotels are 4-star and are selected for their high standards of comfort and service. All rooms are en-suite and offer free wi-fi access.

Market Street Hotel, Edinburgh

This stylish new hotel is built on the border of Edinburgh's historic Old Town, at 6 Market Street, next to the City Art Centre. The unique hotel has 98 modern, urban boutique styled rooms and offers spectacular panoramic views across the Waverley Valley. We will have Vista Rooms that overlook the city.

Fife Arms, Braemar

The Fife Arms is a Victorian coaching inn that has been imaginatively restored. The hotel is located in the historic Scottish village of Braemar amidst the majestic landscape of the Cairngorms National Park. It is owned by international art dealers Hauser & Wirth so expect an experience like no other. Absolute comfort, memorable decor, superb service and excellent food.



TOUR PRICES:

Prices are per person, based on twin/double room share, with single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room) shown separately. Prices are payable in £GBP. For clients travelling from USA, our tours can be booked in your local currency through our travel partner shown below, or you can book through your own travel agent or consultant. Just ask them to contact us.

Scotland's Finest Castles and Private Gardens (6 nights)	Price per person (sharing a twin or double room) £GBP	Single Supplement £GBP
	£3,750	£700

PRICES INCLUDE:

Accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 4 lunches and 4 dinners; admission to gardens and castles; one of the optional activities on Friday 11th September; deluxe coach travel with professional driver; guided tours as described in an information pack provided at the start of the tour; services of your Sisley tour director throughout.

PRICES EXCLUDE:

Airfares; passport and/or visa fees; beverages; laundry; telephone calls; lunches and dinners (except where included in the itinerary); gratuities; souvenirs and items of a personal nature. Please see our FAQs for further information.

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