



Ring of Brodgar Stone Circle

‘Inverness & Orkney’ Tour 2021

(Blair Castle; Stones of Stenness; Ring of Brodgar; Brough of Birsay; Corrigall Farm Museum; Italian Chapel; Scapa Flow; Scara Brae & Skaill House; Kirkwall - St Magnus Cathedral; Scapa Distillery; Jacobite Cruise on Loch Ness; Urquhart Castle Visitor Centre; Culloden Battlefield)

10 Nights: Sat 2 Oct – Mon 11 Oct
(Dispersing morning of 12th Oct)

The Holiday Inn @ GLA		1 night
Kingsmills Hotel , Inverness	(1 night pre Orkney + 3 nights post Orkney)	4 nights
Orkney Hotel , Kirkwall		4 nights
The Holiday Inn @ GLA		1 night

\$2,950 Per/Person (Sharing room, Double or Twin)

\$3,450 Per/Person (Single)

Check or money order only, payable to Minch Music. (No credit card, sorry)

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Includes: 10 nights Dinner, B&B — Coach — Ferries — Activities/Visits — Meal-tips.

Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — Insurance.

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Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 Saturday, 2nd Oct, 2021

Activity As tour members arrive independently at Glasgow Airport, cross the road to the **Holiday Inn**, and check in under **MINCH MUSIC TOUR**.
(Note: The Holiday Inn, and NOT the Holiday Inn Express)
Gather in the bar for a **Welcome Drink** at **6.00pm**, prior to **Dinner** at **7.00pm**.

Evening Hotel After **Dinner**, Evening free to relax, and prepare for morning departure.
Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport (D. B.)

Day 2 Sunday, 3rd Oct, 2021

Activity Drive north by way of the A-9 road passing Stirling, Perth, Pitlochry en route.
Stop at [Blair Castle](#), by [Blair Atholl](#), for a self-guided tour of the castle, garden and deer park. This is the ancestral home of the Clan Murray.
Independent Lunch at Blair Castle.
We arrive at the **Kingsmills Hotel** in **Inverness** late afternoon.

Evening Hotel After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness, Inverness-shire (D. B.)

Day 3 Monday, 4th Oct, 2021

Activity At 8.30am... We depart Inverness, northbound on the A9 through the counties of [Sutherland and Caithness](#) to the ferry terminal at [Gills Bay](#).
(Independent Lunch in the Café at Gills Bay Terminal)
Ferry departs at 1.30pm for the 1 hour crossing to [St Margaret's Hope](#), on South Ronaldsay, then we drive to the **Orkney Hotel** in **Kirkwall**.

Evening Hotel After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Orkney Hotel, Kirkwall, Orkney (D. B.)

Day 4 Tuesday, 5th Oct, 2021

Activity Depart 10.00am for a relaxed day of sight-seeing! Our guide is **Marita Luck**.
Today we stop at the [Standing Stones of Stenness](#), and the [Ring of Brodgar](#) in the morning. After lunch, we drive by the [Brough of Birsay](#), followed by a visit to the popular [Corrigall Farm Museum](#). The site has a working barn, grain kiln, horse-drawn machinery and livestock.
(Provided Lunch at Smithfield Restaurant, in Dounby)

Evening Hotel After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Orkney Hotel, Kirkwall, Orkney (D. B.)

Day 5 Wednesday, 6th Oct, 2021

Activity

Depart 9.30am with Marita Luck to visit the [Italian Chapel](#) and drive by [Scapa Flow](#) (Aspects from WW11 relating to the Italian Prisoners of War, the Churchill Barriers, and the sinking of HMS Royal Oak on October 14, 1939).

Then on to the second largest town of [Stromness](#) for a lunch stop. In the afternoon we take in [Skara Brae](#), and [Skaill House](#). Skara Brae is a stone-built Neolithic settlement, located on the Bay of Skaill on the west coast of Mainland, the largest island in the Orkney archipelago of Scotland. Consisting of eight clustered houses, it was occupied from roughly 3180 BC to about 2500 BC. Europe's most complete Neolithic village.

(Provided Lunch at Ferry Inn, Stromness)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth Orkney Hotel, Kirkwall, Orkney (D. B.)**

Day 6 Thursday, 7th Oct, 2021

Activity

In the morning, we will take a **Walking Tour of Kirkwall** with Marita. This will include [St. Magnus Cathedral](#), the **Earl's Palace**, and the **Bishop's Palace**.

Free time this afternoon.

An opportunity for choice activities! e.g [Scapa Distillery](#).

(Independent Lunch wherever you are)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth Orkney Hotel, Kirkwall, Orkney (D. B.)**

Day 7 Friday, 8th Oct, 2021

Activity

Depart hotel at 9.30am for ferry terminal at **St. Margaret's Hope**. Additional commentary on the coach from Marita, including a walking tour in the village before we depart Orkney at 11.50am on the ferry back to Gills Bay. We pull into [John O'Groats](#) before proceeding south, reaching **Inverness** around 6.00pm.

(Independent Lunch at John O'Groats)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Free time
Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness (D. B.)

Day 8 Saturday, 9th Oct, 2021

Activity

A relaxed departure time to connect with the 11.30am sail on the [Jacobite Cruise](#) from the Dochgarroch Lock to the spectacular ruins of [Urquhart Castle](#), which lies just south of [Drumnadrochit](#) on the western shore of [Loch Ness](#). The Castle tour is self-guided, an audio-visual presentation in the Visitor Centre tells the story.

Afternoon is at leisure in [Inverness](#). Bus drop-off 2.30pm, and pick-up 5.30pm. (Independent Lunch at Urquhart Castle, or in Inverness)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness (D. B.)**

Day 9 Sunday, 10th Oct, 2021

Activity Morning free. We depart 12.30pm for the [Culloden Battlefield Centre](#), the scene of the 1746 disaster in Scottish history. Our second stop will be the field at Balnuaran to visit the Bronze Age circular chamber tombs known as the [Clava Cairns](#). before returning to our hotel. (Independent Lunch, at Culloden)

Evening After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**

Hotel **Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness (D. B.)**

Day 10 Monday, 11th Oct, 2021

Activity We depart Inverness to return south by way of the A-82. We are planning a brief stop in [Fort Augustus](#), and a longer stay in [Fort William](#), on the shores of Loch Linnhe. It's known as a gateway to Ben Nevis, the U.K.'s highest peak, and Glen Nevis valley. Then, by way of [Glencoe](#) and [Loch Lomond](#), we arrive late afternoon back at the Holiday Inn. (Independent Lunch in Fort William)

Evening We can enjoy a final **Dinner** together.

Hotel **Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport (D. B.)**

Day 11 Tuesday, 12th Oct, 2021

Activity Breakfast is included.

This is the morning we all disperse.

This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!
You could plan to fly out this morning...or make other plans.

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