

# Chorus Abilene Performance Tour Scotland June 6-15, 2024



**Day 1:** 

Hop on the bus to head toward DFW and board the plane to Edinburgh International Airport!

# Day 2: (D), sleep Fort William

Upon arrival in Edinburgh, our coach will meet us and whisk us off to our first stop in Fort William. On the way, we'll stop to tour either the Kelpies or the Falkirk Wheel (and maybe our first Scottish loch), as time permits! Stay awake and catch all the highland scenery on the way! Dinner together and on to bed!

**Day 3: (B), (D) sleep Fort William** Today we'll board the bus and head to the Caledonian Canal system, to see the elaborate lock system that allows boats to cross Scotland. Then we'll continue on to Loch Ness for a boat ride in search of that elusive monster! After our return to Fort William, we'll perform our first con cert. Dinner together.

**Day 4: (B), (D) sleep Fort William** Put on your best Hogwarts robe today as we board the Jacobite Steam train to Mallaig and back. We'll cross the Glenfinnan Viaduct used in the Harry Potter movies and see out the window where filming was done on the small island where Dumbledore lost the use of his hand. After we return and have dinner, it's off to ride the cable car to the top of Ben Nevis!



# Day 5: (B), (D) sleep Pitlochry

This morning we'll check out and stop at either a local school for a visit or perform your second concert, as we travel on to our next stop of Pitlochry. Possible activity this evening is attending a performance at the famous Summer Theater Festival.

**Day 6: (B), (D) sleep Pitlochry** Today's options include visiting the Scottish Crannog Center on Loch Tay, visiting a Heilan Coo, hiking the Birks of Aberfeldy, visiting the Queen's View over Loch Tummel, or touring Blair Castle and Gardens.



## Day 7: (B), (D) sleep Edinburgh

Leaving the Highlands behind, we'll head back to Edinburgh. We'll plan a stop or two on the way for some of Scotland's long history. Possibilities include Dumferline Abbey, Linlithgow Palace, or Dunblane Cathedral where a potential informal performance is possible. After check in and dinner, we'll take a wander through Prince's Garden.

**Day 8: (B), (D) sleep Edinburgh** Prepare for your final concert of the tour, with a noon recital at one of Edin burgh's many historical churches. Afterwards we'll take a short guided tour of the Royal Mile, followed by a visit to Holyrood Palace, the home of Queen Elizabeth when she visits Scotland. After dinner, grab your chaperone and hike up Arthur's Seat for fantastic views over the city.



**Day 9: (B), (D), sleep Edinburgh** This morning we begin with entrance to Edinburgh's crowning jewel: Edin burgh Castle. We'll head back down the hill for optional visits to places like the National Museum, the National Library, or Greyfriar's Church and historic cemetery. We finish up our trip with dinner together to the accompaniment of bagpipes!

**Day 10:** Sadly, it is time to pack up & head to the airport, saying goodbye to Scotland "till next time!".

**Inclusions**: Airfare, hotel, coach transportation to scheduled activities, performance, all dinners & breakfasts, and scheduled tours. Scheduling of activities on specific dates may vary.

Not included: daily lunches, spending money, insurance, or activities on your own.

### **Payment Schedule:**

\$3,700 based on minimum of 30 participants.

\$3,900 based on minimum of 20 participants.

Payments are due the first day of each month and are: \$500/person deposit due Oct. 1;

\$500 due Nov1 - Apr. 1.

Balance due May 1.

Payments should be made directly to Chorus Abilene.

Fundraising money will be credited toward your final payments due.

If you sign up and begin payments but are unable to go, substitutions may be possible, depending upon the timing. These will go through Chorus Abilene.

### **Cancellation Schedule:**

Cancellation by Nov 1: full refund less \$150

Cancellation Nov. 2—Dec. 1: full refund less \$500

Cancellation Dec.. 2-Jan. 1: full refund less \$1000

Cancellation Jan. 2—Mar. 1: full refund less \$2000

Cancellation Mar. 1-Apr. 1: full refund less \$2,500

After April 1: no refund

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