

Heritage Textile Treasures: A Journey Through Scotland

September 10 - 22, 2025
Tour Leader: Kris Vierra



Neist Point lighthouse at Isle of Skye

TAILORED SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

- EXPERT TOUR LEADERS
- MAXIMUM 25 IN A GROUP
- CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARIES





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Tour price:

Twin share per person: \$6,590

Single supplement: \$2,540

Booking deposit: \$800 per person

Maximum places: 25

Itinerary: Edinburgh (3 nights), Glasgow (1 night), Fort William (2 nights), Isle of Skye (3 nights), Inverness (2 nights), Edinburgh (1 night)

Inquiries and Bookings:

For further information or to book this tour, please contact Opulent Quilt Journeys at 877-235-3767 or info@opulentquiltjourneys.com

Highlights:

Embark on a captivating 13-day journey through Scotland, designed for textile enthusiasts and cultural explorers alike. This tour offers an in-depth exploration of Scotland's rich textile heritage, blending visits to historic mills, artisanal workshops, and cultural landmarks with the stunning scenery of the Scottish Highlands and islands. From the vibrant city of Edinburgh to the tranquil beauty of the Isle of Skye, each day is filled with unique experiences, expert-led tours, and authentic Scottish hospitality.

- Edinburgh: Explore the Royal Mile, visit Edinburgh Castle, and discover Dovecot Studios.
- Paisley: Visit the Thread Mill Museum and The Secret Collection.
- Glasgow: Immerse yourself in the city's rich textile history and cultural vibrancy.
- Fort William: Discover the Highland Folk Museum and the scenic beauty of Glencoe.
- Isle of Skye: Visit Skyeskyns, Dragonfly Studio, Skye Silks, and the Skye Weavers Workshop.
- Inverness: Tour the Johnstons of Elgin Cashmere Visitor Center and enjoy a cruise on Loch Ness.
- Eilean Donan Castle: Experience one of Scotland's most iconic landmarks.
- Kyle Line Train: Enjoy a scenic train journey from Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh.

YOUR TOUR LEADER

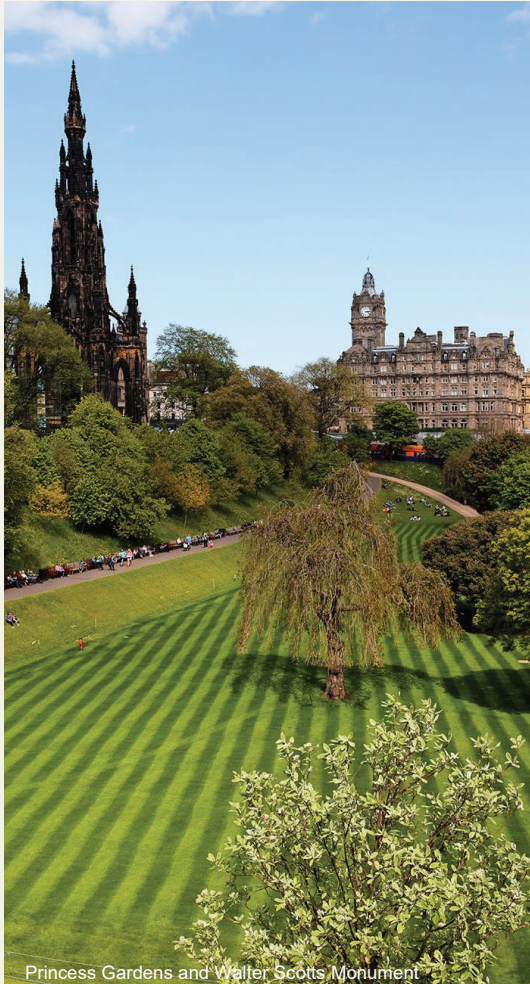


Kris Vierra has been sewing or quilting for over 20 years. She loves sharing her passion for quilting and all things related to fabric, believing that quilting should be fun and not stressful. Kris teaches at national shows and guilds across the

country, and has won numerous national awards for her machine quilting skills over the years. Most recently, Kris won the Best Long Arm Quilting award at AQS Quilt Week Paducah and the PFAFF Master Award for Machine Artistry at the International Quilt Festival Houston. Two of her quilts, Tiger, Tiger and Star of India, are part of the permanent collection at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah. Kris is also the author of the Stress Free Quilting® book series. She loves traveling and meeting quilters from around the world. Kris believes that no matter what language you speak fabric is universal.



Scottish bagpiper



Princess Gardens and Walter Scotts Monument



Paisley Thread Mill Museum

DETAILED ITINERARY

Included meals are shown with the symbols B, L, and D.

TOUR START & FINISH TIME

The tour begins at our group hotel in Edinburgh, on Day 1, Wednesday, September 10th; the tour concludes after breakfast at our group hotel in Edinburgh, on Day 13, Monday, September 22nd.

Arrival/departure airport/hotel transfers are not included.

Day 1 Wed Sep 10

Arrive Edinburgh

Welcome to Edinburgh, the enchanting capital of Scotland. Upon arrival, you'll check into your hotel and have time to relax and settle in. In the evening, join your fellow travelers and tour guide for a welcome dinner. This is a great opportunity to meet everyone and get a briefing about the exciting journey ahead. Welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

Day 2 Thu Sep 11

Edinburgh

Your exploration of Edinburgh begins with a guided walking tour along the historic Royal Mile, the heart of Scotland's capital. The tour will take you from the iconic Edinburgh Castle to the splendid Holyrood Palace, offering a glimpse into the city's royal history and architectural grandeur. Dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 Fri Sep 12

Edinburgh

Today, embark on a full-day excursion to visit the Schofield Dyers and Finishers, where you will learn about the intricate processes involved in dyeing and finishing textiles. Next, head to the Lochcarron Mill, famous for producing some of Scotland's finest tartans and tweeds. In the evening, free time to explore Edinburgh on your own or relax at the hotel. (B)

Day 4 Sat Sep 13

Edinburgh to Glasgow via Paisley

Travel to Glasgow with a stop in Paisley, a town with a rich textile heritage. Visit the Thread Mill Museum to learn about the industrial history of the area. Explore The Secret Collection, an off-the-beaten-path museum housing Paisley's textile treasures, and visit the Sma' Shot Cottages to see weavers' homes from the 18th century. Continue to Glasgow. Check into your hotel and enjoy dinner together. (B, D)

Day 5 Sun Sep 14

Glasgow to Fort William

Begin your day with a journey to Oban, a picturesque town on Scotland's west coast. En route, stop at the historic village of Inveraray to visit the Auchindrain Township, an open-air museum that brings Scotland's rural past to life. Meet the Inverclyde Waulking Group and witness a traditional cloth waulking demonstration. Continue to the Highland Folk Museum in Glencoe before arriving in Fort William. (B, D)

Day 6 Mon Sep 15**Fort William**

Enjoy a day at leisure in Fort William. You can explore the town, take a walk along the scenic shores of Loch Linnhe, or simply relax and soak in the breathtaking Highland scenery. (B, D)

Day 7 Tue Sep 16**Fort William to Isle of Skye**

Depart Fort William for the Isle of Skye. Travel to Mallaig and board a ferry to Armadale. On arrival, visit Handspinner Having Fun, a charming shop where you can browse and purchase unique hand-spun yarns and other crafts. Overnight on the Isle of Skye. (B, D)

Day 8 Wed Sep 17**Isle of Skye**

Explore the artistic and textile heritage of Skye. Visit Skyeskyns, where you can see traditional sheepskin tanning. Continue to Dragonfly Studio and Skye Silks, which showcase local artistry and craftsmanship. Finally, explore the Skye Shilasdair Shop and the Skye Weavers Workshop to see more of Skye's unique textile products. (B)

Day 9 Thu Sep 18**Isle of Skye**

Continue your exploration of the Isle of Skye with additional visits to the Skye Shilasdair Shop and Skye Weavers Workshop. End the day at Island at Edge, an artisan venue showcasing local crafts. (B, D)

Day 10 Fri Sep 19**Isle of Skye to Inverness**

Travel to Inverness with a stop at the iconic Eilean Donan Castle. Experience the picturesque scenery as you take the Kyle Line Train from Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh. Enjoy a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before arriving in Inverness for the night. (B, D)

Day 11 Sat Sep 20**Inverness**

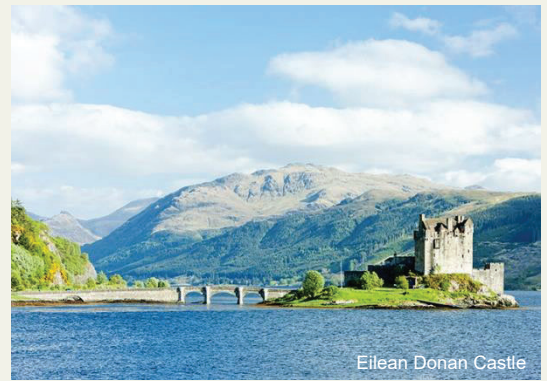
Take a trip to Elgin to visit the Johnstons of Elgin Cashmere Visitor Center. Tour the mill and learn about the production process of their luxurious cashmere products. (B)

Day 12 Sun Sep 21**Inverness to Edinburgh**

Return to Edinburgh for the final leg of your journey. Spend your last evening enjoying a farewell dinner with your group, reflecting on the memories and experiences of the past two weeks. Farewell dinner tonight. (B, D)

Day 13 Mon Sep 22**Departure from Edinburgh**

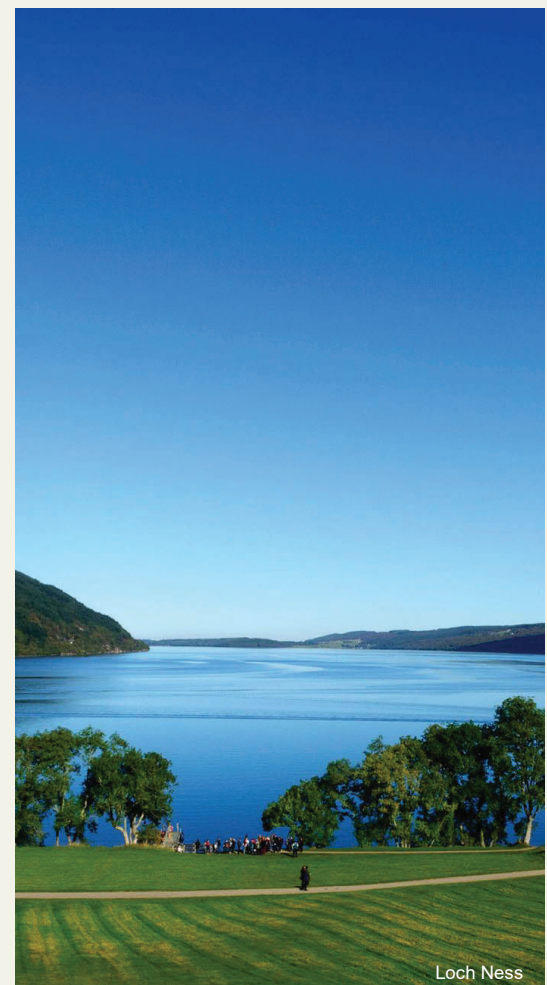
Conclude your tour with a hearty breakfast before checking out of your hotel. Depart Edinburgh with wonderful memories of your textile tour of Scotland. (B)



Eilean Donan Castle



The Glenfinnan Viaduct



Loch Ness



Kilt Rock waterfall, Isle of Skye



Old Man of Storr on the Isle of Skye

Price per person (Land Tour):

The tour price is \$6,590 per person, twin share (land content only). Single supplement is \$2,540 per person. A deposit of \$800 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

Inclusions:

- Accommodation: 12 nights in comfortable, centrally-located hotels.
- Meals: 12 breakfasts (B), 8 dinners (D), including a welcome and farewell dinner.
- Transportation: Luxury coach transportation throughout the tour, ferry to the Isle of Skye, and the Kyle Line Train ride.
- Guided Tours: Expert-led tours in Edinburgh, Paisley, Glasgow, Fort William, Isle of Skye, and Inverness.
- Entrance Fees: All entrance fees to attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Activities: Visits to textile mills, studios, and workshops as specified.
- Cruise: Scenic cruise on Loch Ness.

Exclusions:

- International airfares
- Travel insurance
- Porterage at hotels and gratuities
- Personal expenses and anything not mentioned

Fitness Grade: This tour is graded as Moderate. It involves walking tours of historic sites and museums, some of which may include uneven terrain and stairs. Participants should be comfortable walking up to 2-3 miles per day and standing for extended periods during tours. There are also several coach transfers and ferry rides, but no strenuous physical activity is required.