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UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI & FRIENDS TRAVEL

MAY 29 - JUNE 7, 2027

with optional
Bath and the Cotswolds Pre-Tour

SCOTLAND HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

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Untamed Vistas, Coastal Villages & Celtic Traditions

Dear Hardin-Simmons Alumni and Friends,

Join the Traveling Range Riders on a journey to uncover the inspiring history, vibrant culture and captivating sites of Scotland. From windswept highlands to serene islands, home to storied castles and iconic towns, Scotland is a country overflowing with rich traditions, natural beauty and warm hospitality.

Stroll along cobblestone streets during panoramic city tours, explore lush parks and forests, and create your own traditional souvenir while taking part in an immersive hands-on workshop. Feel the magic of Scotland while taking in the region's dramatic cliffs and picture-perfect landscapes.

Set off on a thrilling excursion to the island of Staffa, where you'll marvel at Fingal's Cave and its striking hexagonal basalt columns. Discover Iona's breathtaking backdrop and diverse wildlife, with opportunities to spot puffins, razorbills, guillemots, harbor seals, white-tailed eagles and sea otters.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple (\$500 per single), we anticipate this exceptional tour will fill quickly, so be certain to secure your spot quickly and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at hsutx.orbridge.com, by phone at 866-639-0079, or by contacting me directly.

Happy Trails Ahead!



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Hardin-Simmons Traveling Range Riders on a recent Orbridge trip.

P.S. Don't miss the opportunity to explore this remarkable Scotland Highlands and Islands tour. Call today to confirm your reservation!

All members of HSU's community—alumni, families, friends—and like-minded travelers are welcome to explore the world with the Traveling Range Riders.

Scotland | Itinerary Highlights *(subject to change)*

Day 1 **EN ROUTE FROM U.S.** Full travel day from U.S. ✈️

Day 2 **ARRIVE IN EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND (D)**
Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. Tonight gather with fellow travel companions for a delightful welcome dinner. Overnight: Apex Waterloo Palace Hotel

Day 3 **GLENCOE • OBAN (B,L)** Take the brief journey north to Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. Embark on an idyllic cruise through the loch's crystal-clear waters. Pass through iconic South Basin's unparalleled views of the stunning Ben Lomond. Take advantage of opportunities to spot for local wildlife and photograph the panoramas. Next stroll The Luss Heritage Trail—a path that arrives at a conservation area and pier over Loch Lomond. Enjoy leisure time in the park before departing for the hotel for check-in. Overnight: Oban Bay Hotel

Day 4 **ISLE OF MULL (B)** This morning enjoy a spectacular gondola ride up the north face of Aonach Mòr, reaching the top station at 2,100 feet above sea level. Take in the incredible panoramic views before returning to the base. Next board a ferry destined for the Isle of Mull—the largest of the islands of Argyll and the third largest in Scotland. Afterward discover Aros Park, once part of the estate of the Earl of Sutherland before it was opened to the public in the 1970s. A plethora of avian wildlife is often seen here. Conclude the exciting day with an evening at leisure at the hotel. Overnight: The Western Isles Hotel

Day 5 **ISLE OF MULL (B)** Set off by boat for the uninhabited Hebridean island of Staffa. Its most famous features are the otherworldly hexagonal columns of basalt, formed millions of years ago by volcanic eruptions, and Fingal's Cave. Spot for puffins and other wildlife including seals, dolphins and even whales. Next visit Iona and its iconic abbey—a historic Christian site founded by St. Columba in the 6th century—for an inside tour. Before returning to the hotel, choose between a one-hour walk to Dun or a visit to the local shops. Overnight: The Western Isles Hotel

Day 6 **INVERNESS (B,D)** En route to Inverness, stop at Loch Ness viewpoint for photography opportunities. Check into the hotel late afternoon and enjoy time to freshen up before gathering for dinner. Overnight: Glen Mhor Hotel

Day 7 **ABERDEEN (B,L,D)** Following breakfast set out for Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre to learn more about the conflict from both sides through interactive displays and artifacts before walking the actual battlefield. Watch a weapons demonstration followed by a guided battlefield tour across the moor. Afterward venture to a deer farm for a tour and lunch. This afternoon connect with the royal family's personal legacy in the Scottish Highlands during a tour of Balmoral Castle. Touring the ballroom and grounds, learn about the castle's history and architecture. See Devil's Elbow Viewpoint in Glenshee before arriving to your hotel. Overnight: Dunkeld House Hotel

Day 8 **EDINBURGH (B)** Take a leisurely walk through The Hermitage, cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. Next visit Errichel Farms for a cheese and charcuterie tasting. Continue to Dean Village for a guided walking tour and free time to explore. Arrive at Inverleith Park to relax and enjoy the expansive green space. Overnight: Apex Waterloo Palace Hotel

Day 9 **EDINBURGH (B,D)** Take an inside tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the previous residence of Mary, Queen of Scots. This afternoon partake in a hands-on opportunity to create a custom bag, toiletry kit or backpack at a local workshop. Select all the elements to personalize your creation including fabric and Harris Tweed tartan pattern, lining, hardware and stitching. The shop's craftsmen will help to ensure a tailored and unique end product. Later meet Mathilde and Jonathan of Auld Alliance Kiltmakers for a private talk and hands-on workshop experience. This evening gather at a local tavern for a final festive dinner to celebrate your time in Scotland. Overnight: Apex Waterloo Palace Hotel

Day 10 **EDINBURGH • DEPART FOR U.S. (B)** After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to Edinburgh Airport for flights home. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



What's Included

- 8 nights hotel accommodations
- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners including special welcome and farewell meals
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Admission to all locations listed on the 10-day itinerary
- All ferry fees
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters (where available) and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Activity Level: The majority of activities take place outdoors. Walking over varying terrain is expected. Guests should be able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of a motor coach, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance.



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Orbridge Standard of Excellence

Orbridge understands travel today can be complicated. From cabin or room selection to airport transfers, dietary requests, or pre- or post-tour details—we are dedicated to making your journey seamless and special from the moment you leave home.

Our curated destinations—featuring outstanding properties and ships, meticulously crafted itineraries, and knowledgeable guides, travel directors and expedition leaders—offer life-changing experiences you'll never forget.

Our Guest Services team is staffed by well-traveled professionals who provide personalized attention, ensuring all your questions are answered and all the details of your trip are explained to you.

Our air partners can make flight arrangements for guests. In the event of flight delays and/or schedule changes, they will provide guests with personalized assistance. To book flight reservations with our air partners, contact (206) 319-5011 and select the option for your destination to discuss flight details with our air colleagues. Upon ticketing, a fee will be charged.

Accommodations *(subject to change)*

APEX WATERLOO PALACE HOTEL

Just steps from Princes Street and Waverley Station, this welcoming hotel combines historic character with contemporary comfort. Enjoy thoughtfully appointed guest rooms, a swimming pool, sauna and gym.



OBAN BAY HOTEL

Oban Bay Hotel features authentic coastal charm and true Scottish hospitality. Notice thoughtfully designed accents like soft blue hues, warm wooden finishes and vintage décor.



THE WESTERN ISLES HOTEL

Recipient of the 2023-24 "Island Hotel of the Year" award, this property dates back to 1883 when it originally opened to accommodate the growing number of visitors arriving by steamer during the golden age of travel.



GLEN MHOR HOTEL

Located in a conservation area of Inverness, this serene retreat features welcoming accommodations and lovely views.



DUNKELD HOUSE HOTEL

Enjoy a quaint stay at this luxury country hotel featuring cozy rooms with contemporary amenities.



Optional Pre-Tour

Bath and the Cotswolds

Join this enchanting escape to the heart of England—a journey that weaves together colorful culture, timeless elegance and idyllic charm. From Bath's ancient Roman relics to the Cotswolds' picturesque villages, discover a captivating blend of historic grandeur and bucolic tranquility.

Day +1 **EN ROUTE FROM U.S.** Full travel day from U.S. ✈

Day +2 **ARRIVE IN BRISTOL, ENGLAND • BATH (D)** Upon arrival to Bristol Airport transfer to your hotel to Bath. This UNESCO World Heritage city is renowned for its stunning Georgian architecture and well-preserved thermal baths that provide an extraordinary window into Roman life and culture. Take time to unpack and refresh at the hotel. Later meet with fellow travel companions for dinner. Overnight: Hampton by Hilton Bath City

Day +3 **BATH (B,L)** Following breakfast set out for the Clifton Suspension Bridge for photography opportunities. Continue to the Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company. Browse through the shop's shelves of delicious cheeses plus locally made preserves, pickles and chutneys. This afternoon visit the Roman Baths, which dates back to around 70 AD. Overnight: Hampton by Hilton Bath City

Day +4 **THE COTSWOLDS (B)** The Cotswolds, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in south-central England, is renowned for its quintessential English charm and honey-colored limestone cottages. Visit The Cotswolds Baking Workshop for a private, hands-on baking class with its founder, Susie Whitfield, winner of Gordon Ramsay's Culinary Genius USA in 2017. Next tour a variety of well-preserved rooms inside historic Sudeley Castle—the final resting place of Queen Katherine Parr. Overnight: Hampton by Hilton Bath City

Day +5 **BATH • TRAIN TO EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND • MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS (B)** After breakfast take the complimentary group transfer to the rail station for the train journey to Edinburgh, Scotland, to join guests for the main program.

What's Included

- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner
- Visits to Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company and the Roman Baths
- Private baking lesson
- Admission to Sudeley Castle
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Group airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times
- Rail transportation to Edinburgh, Scotland, to join the main program





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Bath and the Cotswolds Pre-Tour: May 26-30, 2027

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Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$6,899	\$6,395
Single	\$9,799	\$9,295

Bath and the Cotswolds Pre-Tour

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$2,699	\$2,495
Single	\$3,599	\$3,395

Pre-tour rate includes rail transportation.

*Special group rates; limited offer. All rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Unless noted otherwise, airfare is not included. **An exclusive Early Booking Bonus, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; call for details. Full Terms & Conditions at [terms.orbridge.com](https://orbridge.com). Any payment to Orbridge, LLC constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation and refund terms.

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DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON: \$500 pre-tour • \$850 main tour

 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.





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What Guests Are Saying...

I had never visited Scotland and it was on my wish list. I had taken another trip with Orbridge, so I knew this would be a first-class experience. The entire tour was a highlight—all the sites visited, the beautiful scenery in each region, the history shared by our Travel Director, the wildflowers and pastures... I can't choose a favorite place or experience.
~Valerie N.

We really enjoyed the Stunning Scotland tour and have actually already put down a deposit for the Scotland Highlands and Islands tour. We have enjoyed all of our tours with Orbridge. We definitely plan to continue traveling with Orbridge and recommend them to our friends and family.
~Drew W.

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