



INVERNESS & THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8TH - Today your Discover Europe Representative, Ian Graham, will pick you up with your rental car at the destination and time of your choosing. From there you will travel North to Inverness where you will have time to unpack and rest before trying a local restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: INVERNESS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9TH - Today will be a day for exploring all of the lovely architecture that Inverness has to offer. After a leisurely breakfast you will take a short drive to Dunrobin Castle, the largest castle in the Northern Highlands. After time for lunch you will carry on to Loch Ness to see the famed lake and learn about its history at the visitors center before returning to the hotel for free time before dinner. **(B)**

OVERNIGHT: INVERNESS



FRIDAY, AUGUST 10TH - This morning we venture further north until we reach the northern port of John o'Groates. Here we will take a break from travelling to enjoy lunch by the sea before embarking by ferry to Kirkwall on the Orkney Islands. Once checked into your hotel, the afternoon is free to explore the island or to use your guide's knowledge of the area to find a place for dinner. **(B) OVERNIGHT: KIRKWALL**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH - Following breakfast this morning you will take a short tour of Kirkwall to familiarize yourself with the town. You will then journey through the islands to find the neolithic stone structures that make this area so popular to visit, whilst keeping your eyes out for the last departures of the Puffin population for the season, of course. After exploring and learning the rich Viking history of the area you will return to your hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: KIRKWALL**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH - More exploring of the islands today as you travel to Skara Brae. Occupied from approximately 3200 B.C. until 2500 B.C. this archaeological site boasts an amazing look into the villages of the distant past. Lunch in the area will be followed by an activity of your choosing (the guide will have several ideas if you don't have anything in mind) before returning to your hotel for dinner. **(B) OVERNIGHT: KIRKWALL**

MONDAY, AUGUST 13TH - Today you will say your last goodbyes to the ocean as you travel South back to the Edinburgh area. Any stops along the way that you might like to make are welcome, with the journey culminating at a destination of your choosing. **(B) OVERNIGHT: UNDER OWN ARRANGEMENTS**

Key to meals: (B) - Breakfast, (L) - Lunch, (D) - Dinner