The Isles and Cities of Scotland

13-18th June 2027

We invite you to join us on a 5night 6 day trip to visit the Isles of Arran and Bute and the cities of Glasgow and Stirling.

We will spend a day on the Isle of Arran and visit Brodick Castle, a grand baronial castle which was once a fortress overlooking the Firth of Clyde, as well as the gardens which include woodland, the silver and formal gardens and a waterfall. There will also be time to visit the Arran Heritage Museum with free time to purchase lunch and a stop at the Isle of Arran Cheese Shop.

A day in Stirling visiting the imposing 12th century Stirling Castle, which served as a residence for various Scottish monarchs including Mary Queen of Scots. The visit will take in the Great Hall, the largest banqueting hall in Scotland built by James IV; Royal Palace now restored to its 1540s Renaissance splendour and of course the strategic views which overlook historical battlefields, including Stirling Bridge and Bannockburn. Following the visit there will a free afternoon to explore Stirling and have lunch on an individual basis

A day on the Isle of Bute will take in Mount Stuart house and gardens. The house was built in 1719, damaged by fire approximately 150 years later with most of the contents surviving. The house is a mix of Georgian and Victorian designs making it a unique architectural blend while Inside the design is inspired by astrology and mythology with a map of the stars on the ceiling of the Marble Hall. Subject to the weather we will also have a drive around the Isle to take in the views and local artisan shops. If it was good enough for the Prince and Princess of Wales in September it may be good enough for us!

Finally a day in Glasgow. We will be dropped of in Glasgow to spend the morning, including lunch on an individual basis. You could visit the Cathedral, the Necropolis, City Chambers or catch up on some retail therapy. In the afternoon we have a tour and tasting session at the Clydesdale Distillery. We will be split into two groups, 20 minutes apart for a self guided tour starting with a short video that will set the scene for the birth of the whisky industry and Glasgow's history. We will be shown around the distillery and have the opportunity to sample 3 Scotch Single Malts.

On our final day we will start to make our way back to Sheffield via Dumfries House, the headquarters of the Kings Foundation Trust. Originally built as a home for the 5th Earl of Dumfries in the 1700s. The house, gardens and it's contents were saved for the nation by a consortium led by the King as Prince of Wales in 2007. It now serves as not just a learning centre and events but is open to local community

The cost of this trip is approx. £1200pp with a single supplement of £265 and includes private coach picking up and dropping off at Sheffield Bus Interchange or Knowle Lane, hotel accommodation on a half board basis at The Pary Hotel in Ayrshire, ferry crossings to and from the Isles and gratuities for the coach driver and the hotel. A deposit of £75pp would be required at time of booking should there be sufficient interest for this trip to go ahead

Moderate mobility is required to fully enjoy this trip

Only two names per registration of interest. Multiple names will not be accepted

To register your interest please contact Samina Aslam at sammas1747@gmail.com/ 0114 2351489, by **Monday 18th October 2026**