

Exploring castles, gardens and more in and around ...

ABERDEEN

6 days – 5 nights. £653 per person*

Our Tour

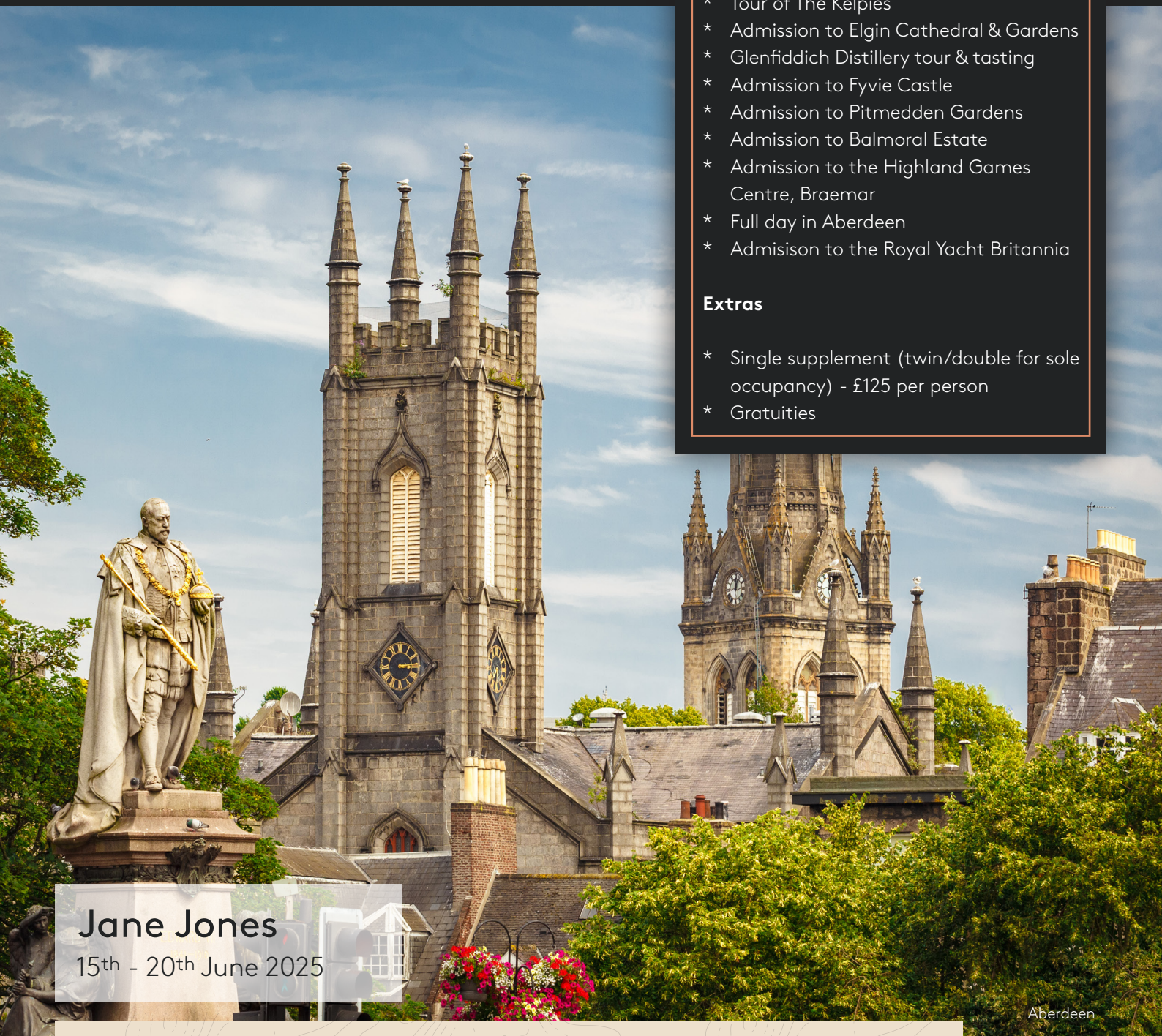


What's included

- * Executive coach travel throughout
- * 5 nights half board accommodation
- * Tour of The Kelpies
- * Admission to Elgin Cathedral & Gardens
- * Glenfiddich Distillery tour & tasting
- * Admission to Fyvie Castle
- * Admission to Pitmedden Gardens
- * Admission to Balmoral Estate
- * Admission to the Highland Games Centre, Braemar
- * Full day in Aberdeen
- * Admission to the Royal Yacht Britannia

Extras

- * Single supplement (twin/double for sole occupancy) - £125 per person
- * Gratuities



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15th - 20th June 2025

Aberdeen

Aberdeenshire stretches from the verdant Cairngorms to the dramatic coastline stretching north and south of its main city, Aberdeen. The majestic city of Aberdeen is amongst the most distinctive in Europe; the "granite city", where ships dock right up against the streets and dolphins leap in the busy North Sea harbour. Our tour includes the city and a variety of the area's highlights, plus some memorable en-route visits too!



Fyvie Castle

*Price is based on a minimum of 45 travelling, sharing a twin / double room. Should fewer travel, the price will increase.

Travel with Success.

Day 1 - Departing Maghull Square, we travel northwards with en-route comfort stops to arrive in the Falkirk area around lunchtime. After time to stretch our legs and obtain lunch (not included) we'll take a guided tour of **The Kelpies**. These magnificent equine sculptures, standing proudly at 30 meters tall, embody the power and



The Kelpies

grace of Scotland's rich heritage. A guided tour enables us to enter inside one of the amazing structures. After the visit, we continue to Aberdeenshire and our hotel. Dinner at the hotel is included each evening.

Day 2 - After breakfast, we travel to Elgin, home to a beautiful city centre with period buildings and much of its medieval layout remaining. Here we take a guided tour of the majestic, historic ruins of **Elgin Cathedral**. We can also take a stroll around the nearby **Biblical Garden**. After time in Elgin we travel to **Glenfiddich**, for a tour and tasting at one of the last family owned distilleries in Scotland. Now the World's Most Awarded Single Malt Scotch Whisky, during the tour or Glenfiddich we learn about the family, the history and the whisky making process, ending with a tasting.

Day 3 - Today we head to **Fyvie Castle**, a magnificent fortress in the heart of Aberdeenshire. Fyvie Castle's 800-year history is rich in legends, folklore and even ghost stories and it is home to an amazing collection of antiquities, armour and lavish oil paintings. Next, we visit **Pitmedden Gardens**, an extravagant garden filled with bedding plants, herbaceous borders, Fountains, topiary, sundials and a fascinating herb garden. Our day ends with a special experience which will remain a surprise to all of you!

Day 4 - Our first destination today is the **Balmoral Estate**, the Scottish holiday home of the Royal Family. An audio tour to guide visitors around the grounds and gardens. The highlight of the visit is the largest room in the Castle - the Ballroom. Please note that the Ballroom is the only room available to visitors - all the other areas are private residence. We also visit nearby **Braemar**, a traditional Highlands village set against the spectacular mountain scenery at the eastern gateway to the highest mountains of the Cairngorms National Park. As well as free time to explore, we also visit the **Braemar Highland Games Centre**, housed in the stunning Duke of Rothesay Highland Games Pavilion. The fascinating exhibition here explores the history of the games in Braemar and tells the unique story of the Braemar Gathering and its links with the Royal Family.

Day 5 - Today will be at leisure in the granite city of **Aberdeen**. Aberdeen is a unique city, known for its grey stone architecture, golden sandy beach and vast dunes, as where two rivers meet the sea. It's also a city with two historic Old Towns. Old Aberdeen is home to cobbled streets, mature trees and 15th century fortified cathedral. Footdee (known locally as Fittie) is a quirky



Elgin Cathedral © Kenny Lam Visit Scotland

fishing quarter at the water's edge, with squares of tiny cottages, flower-filled gardens and brightly painted outhouses.

Day 6 - Checking out of the hotel, we travel to **Perth** for a short stop before continuing onward Leith, on the outskirts of Edinburgh, for a visit to the **Royal Yacht Britannia**, once a floating residence which served the Royal Family for over 44 years. Used for Royal honeymoons, official receptions, holidays and state visits, this grand yacht has travelled over one million miles across the globe and was recognised as a unique symbol of the Commonwealth. After the visit here, we continue our homeward journey.

The exact order of excursions may be subject to change.

Our Hotel

The **Holiday Inn Aberdeen West** is a modern hotel located in the district of Westhill, around 30 minutes drive from the centre of Aberdeen (with bus stops nearby for anyone wanting to explore the Granite City independently). As you'd expect, rooms are modern and well-equipped. The hotel offers a bar, restaurant and a lift.



How to book

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