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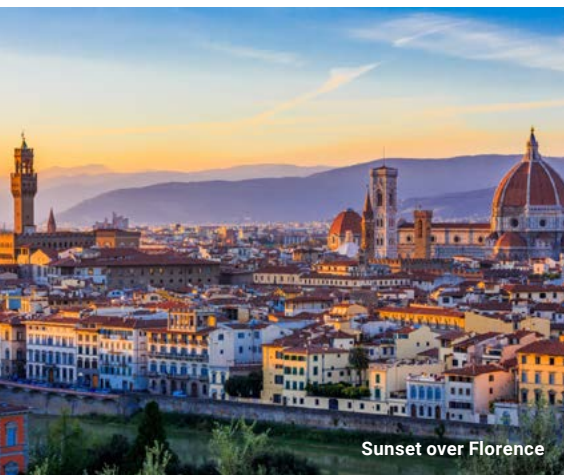


## Wildflowers, Wine and History in Crete

18 – 23 April 2022

- Crete in springtime is a sensory adventure, with an explosion of wildflowers across beautiful landscapes – the island contains 2,000 species of plants, 10% of them endemic to Crete.
- Home to the ancient Minoans and a crossroad of trade and travel through the ages, Crete's rich history is still evident in its art and architecture.
- The tour is led by two British residents of Crete, who also run walking and botanical tours and know the best local wine and cuisine. There is an optional garden extension.

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## Florence Nightingale Fellowship Tour to Florence

20 – 23 April 2022

- Run in conjunction with the Florence Nightingale Fellowship, this tour was originally designed to commemorate the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth in 1820.
- Explore the life and legacy of Florence Nightingale in the beautiful Renaissance city of Florence, which is both her birthplace and namesake.
- Explore the UNESCO Heritage listed old city, including Nightingale's birthplace, visit La Specola, one of the oldest scientific museums in Europe, and enjoy superb Tuscan cuisine, with two dinners included.

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## A Heritage Tour in The Channel Islands

21 – 29 April 2022

- Guernsey, Sark and Jersey are beautiful and fiercely independent islands with cultures that are not quite England and not quite France.
- Explore the distinctive characters, wild natural beauty, charm and rich history of these Channel islands with guided visits and meetings with local experts.
- Late April is a particularly lovely time to explore, with wildflowers covering clifftops, woods and verges.
- Led by the popular and experienced tour leading team of Prof. John and Susi Richardson.

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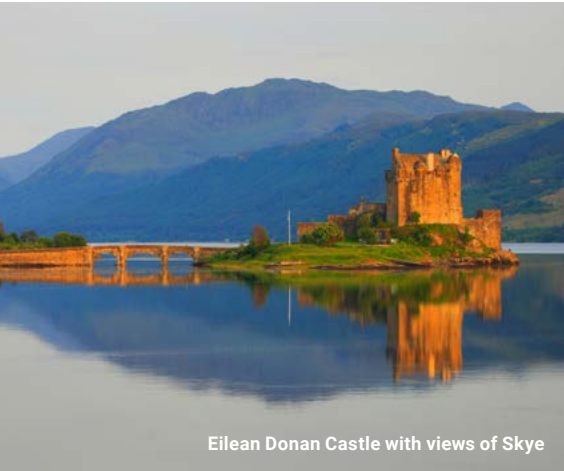
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Eilean Donan Castle with views of Skye

## A Journey Through Northwest Scotland with the Royal Society of Medicine

**23 June – 1 July 2022**

- Take in the history and landscapes from Edinburgh to Inverness and down along the spectacular North Coast 500 Route to Gairloch and Skye.
- Stay in some distinctive hotels in some magnificent settings and experience Scotland at its most dramatic and historic.
- Run in conjunction with the Royal Society of Medicine and led by Blue Badge Guide and former concert violinist, Lorna Johnson.

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The Ring of Brodgar, Orkney

## Shetland and Orkney: The Northern Isles

**31 August – 8 September 2022**

- Travel to the remote northernmost reaches of the UK, where history reaches back through Viking and Pict civilisations, the Bronze and Iron Ages, to the Neolithic.
- Gain superb insight into island neighbours that share connections and history but retain distinctive characters.
- Proceed at a relaxed pace to discover history, geography, geology and culture and enjoy the beauty, food and unique wildlife of the area, from puffins to Shetland ponies.

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The historic Abbey on Iona (Caroline Hall, Unsplash)

## A Scottish Retreat: Loch Fyne, Bute and Iona

**5 – 11 September 2022**

- This retreat to Loch Fyne and the wild and beautiful isles of Bute and Iona will revive and restore the most jaded of souls.
- Step into a world of sea, lochs and ever-changing light and relax in historic hotels perched on lands steeped in history, ranging from lush rolling hills to heather-covered moorlands and sweeping sandy beaches.
- At the end of the day enjoy fresh local produce and whisky in the excellent hotel restaurants.
- Led by Richard Smith, consultant gynaecological surgeon and widely published author, including books on spirituality.

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