

Scotland

September 15-23, 2014

Monday, September 15, 2014 - Depart the USA

For those beginning the tour, we depart the Minneapolis Airport on Icelandair. We will join the group continuing from Iceland at the Keflavik airport early tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 – Fort William

After arriving at the Glasgow airport and going through immigration (for those arriving from USA), we meet our driver and board our deluxe motor coach. We travel to **Glen Coe**, where the MacDonald Clan was massacred in 1692, via the "Bonnie Banks" of **Loch Lomond**. After Glen Coe, we continue on to Fort William where we can view **Ben Nevis**. At 4406 feet, it is the highest mountain in the British Isles, and the vistas are breathtaking. (**B,D**)

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 – Inverness area

Today we depart Fort William to take the ferry across the Sound of Sleat from Mallaig to the **Isle of Skye**. We spend the day exploring this beautiful isle. After leaving the Isle of Skye, we drive through more heather-clad moors on the way to Inverness area where we spend the next two nights. **(B,D)**

Thursday, September 18, 2014 – Inverness area

Today we explore the area of the savage clans and roving barbarians. We begin to the see the influence of Bonnie Prince Charlie when we stop to see the battlefield of **Culloden Moor**. We stay in **Inverness** area again tonight. (**B,D**)

Friday, September 19, 2014 – Perthshire

We leave the Inverness area to travel to the Braemar area to see the nearby **Braemar Castle**, famous for the Highland Games attended by the Royal family. We also tour a **whisky distillery**. We spend the night in either the Dundee area or Perthshire. (**B,D**)

Saturday, September 20, 2014 - Edinburgh

After breakfast we travel on to **St. Andrews Castle**, once the premier residence of bishops and archbishops. As the site of battles and peace treaties, the Cathedral dates back to 1160 and now comprises the ruins of Scotland's largest cathedrals. En route to Edinburgh we stop for **afternoon tea**. **(B,D)**

Sunday, September 21, 2014 – Edinburgh

This morning we enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh, a beautiful city, often referred to as the "Athens of the North!" Highlights include the **Walter Scott Monument**, the elegant **Prince's Street**, plus much more! We have an **inside tour of Edinburgh Castle**, with its foreboding ramparts and walls, amazing city views, Crown jewels, and the siege gun, Mon's Meg. The afternoon is open for options; an opportunity to visit museums, explore, or perhaps shop for that special "Scottish Tweed." (**B,D**)

Monday, September 22, 2014 – Edinburgh

Today is a free day in Edinburgh. Tonight we celebrate our last evening in Scotland by attending a Ceilidh, a traditional evening of dinner, Highland dancing, and bag pipe music. Haggis, anyone? (**B,D**)

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 - Return

Regretfully, it's time to say "Cheerio!" and transfer to Glasgow Airport, where our international flight is waiting to return us to Minneapolis. We return, however, with memories of lovely landscapes, fabulous castles, and most importantly, a wealth of new friends! Welcome home! (B)



Tour Price:

Scotland \$3,299* per person

Single Supplement \$350 (subject to availability)

Iceland & Scotland \$4,985* per person
Single Supplement \$620 (subject to availability)
Includes estimated airfare between Iceland & Scotland

*based on a minimum of 20 paying participants in double occupancy accommodations

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Estimated airfare from Minneapolis and related taxes and fees
- Air transportation from Iceland to Scotland for those traveling on both tours
- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist & moderate first class hotels
- Services of a **professional tour manager** throughout the tour
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Admission to all activities listed on itinerary
- Luggage handling of one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** for services provided, except end of tour tips for tour leader and driver

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for tour leader and driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.)
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and cancellation (*This insurance is available and highly recommended*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 is due with registration. Final Payment is due 90 days before departure. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. *Early registration is encouraged*.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to the departure date. From the time of deposit to 90 days before departure, a \$50 per person administrative fee and any lost airfare deposits will be assessed. From 89-46 days, a \$150 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit to ground suppliers as well as penalties imposed by the airlines will be assessed. From 45-31 days, a \$200 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit to ground suppliers as well as penalties imposed by the airlines will be assessed. From 30-15 days, a \$250 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit to ground suppliers as well as penalties imposed by the airlines will be assessed. Airline tickets once issued are generally not refundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.







Terms and Conditions:

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