

Discovering Scotland

July 3 - 12, 2016

a tour arranged for
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, IL

Group Leader: Rev. Tai Zimmerman Magette



Urquhart Castle

Some Tour Highlights:

Mull and Iona
Edinburgh Castle
Cairngorm Mountain Railway

Loch Lomond
St. Andrews
St John's Kirk of Perth

Glasgow City Tour
Braveheart Territory
St Giles' Cathedral

Accommodations:

Loch Fyne Hotel and Spa (Inveraray)
Royal George Hotel (Perth)

Park Hotel (Falkirk)
Novotel (Edinburgh City Center)
(Or similar hotels)

Land only rates:

Twin/Double Room

\$2945 per person *reducing to* -

\$2895 per person for a group of **26 - 35**

\$2845 per person for a group of **36 or more**

Single supplement - \$379

Flights are not included

Your tour price includes:

Travel by luxury coach
Porterage
Ferries and tolls
Professional guides

Entrance fees to places on itinerary
Entertainment shown on itinerary
Services of our tour manager
throughout

7 hotel nights
7 Breakfasts
4 Regular Dinners
Special Farewell Dinner

Not included:

Flights to and from Scotland
 Optional hotel night (pre-tour night)

Snacks & beverages
 Laundry & personal items

Payment Details:

To reserve your place – a deposit of \$595 per person is required by July 10, 2015.
 Single supplements to be paid in full with deposit
 One third of balance by October 5, 2015
 One third of balance by January 12, 2016
 Remaining balance by April 5, 2016

An additional courtesy discount of \$50 will be offered to anyone who registers and makes payment in full by July 10, 2015.

Anyone registering for the tour after January 12, 2016 – payment in full required at time of booking - subject to additional charge and availability

Payment by check to *First Presbyterian Church*, 302 North Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004 (Tel - 847-255-5900). See church website for online payments.

Reservations made on first come, first served basis.

Tour deemed viable if we are in receipt of at least 25 deposits no later than July 10, 2015.

Cancellation:

<i>Time prior to departure:</i>	<i>Cancellation Fees:</i>
Up to 91 days.....	deposit
75 - 90 days.....	50% of tour cost
61 – 74 days.....	60% of tour cost
15 - 60 days.....	75% of tour cost
Less than 15 days.....	100% of tour cost

Insurance:

We strongly recommend that you obtain adequate insurance cover.

Times of Worship:

We aim to include –
 A service of welcome
 Morning prayers on the coach
 Evening devotions before dinner on most days
 A Sunday service with a Church of Scotland congregation
 Noon prayers in St. Giles

Arrival in Scotland and Tour Departure:

The tour will begin in the Edinburgh area on July 5, 2016. We will advise departure time and place. We will provide details of a hotel which you can book if you wish for the night before. We strongly advise you arrive in Edinburgh by July 4. This will allow you to have a good night's rest. It also avoids the risk of missing the tour departure because of a delayed flight.

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Our Itinerary

Pre-Tour Day A: Sunday, July 3: Depart US for Scotland by flight of your choice...or leave sooner if you prefer.

Pre-Tour Day B: Monday, July 4: We recommend you arrive in Edinburgh today. You can check in to our nominated hotel if you wish. You may want to get some rest or take a walk in the city. Our tour begins tomorrow.

Overnight – Edinburgh (nominated hotel or a place of your choice)

The above days do not form part of the tour and are not included in the tour price.

Day 1: Tuesday, July 5 – The Tour Begins: Your tour manager will meet you at the nominated pick up point after breakfast. With our party assembled we drive to Glasgow and have a brief tour of this fine city, taking in Glasgow Cathedral and pausing for a service of welcome – a short act of worship in the Celtic tradition. We also make a visit to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum (includes Salvador Dali's painting "Christ of St. John of the Cross"). We head out of the city before the evening traffic, taking a scenic drive by Loch Lomond – you will quickly see why they call it the "Bonnie, bonnie banks". And we arrive at our hotel in Inveraray on the shores of lovely Loch Fyne in time for dinner.

Meals included – dinner Overnight – Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray

Day 2: Wednesday, July 6 – Mull and Iona: A short coach ride brings us to Oban, a picturesque little port on Scotland's west coast. We catch the morning ferry to the Isle of Mull. We journey across Mull to Fionnphort where we make a further short ferry ride to Iona – a very special island where, in the year 563, St. Columba founded a monastery and brought Christianity to Scotland. This is the burial place of the ancient kings of Scotland. We'll visit the Abbey and may be able to share in worship with members of the Iona Community. We return to Inveraray for the night.

Meals included – breakfast; dinner Overnight – Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray

Day 3: Thursday, July 7 - I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills...The psalmist's words may be in our mind today as we head for the majestic scenery of the west highlands. We must look out for monstrous events as we survey Loch Ness. We visit Urquhart Castle then make our way to the head of the great loch at Inverness. Heading south now, we ride the Cairngorm Mountain Railway. We will spend tonight at the lovely Royal George Hotel in Perth – "the Fair City" – where you can stroll and enjoy dinner in one of the many local restaurants. A distillery visit should also be possible today.

Meals included – breakfast Overnight – Royal George Hotel, Perth

Day 4: Friday, July 8 - St. Andrews – the "Auld Grey Toon": We begin with a visit to the magnificent St. John's Kirk of Perth. Here John Knox preached the sermon which sparked the Reformation in Scotland. Then on to St Andrews where we have a walking tour plus free time to explore. This charming little town boasts Scotland's oldest university where many of the Kirk's ministers have been educated. It is also an important site for the history of the Reformation. We see the castle, cathedral ruins and St. Mary's College...and yes, they have a golf course also!

Meals included – breakfast; dinner Overnight – Park Hotel, Falkirk

Day 5: Saturday, July 9 - Braveheart Territory: A short coach ride brings us to Stirling – a city steeped in history. We hear about two of Scotland's greatest heroes, William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. Our tour of this area takes us to Stirling Castle and the Wallace Monument (which commands an amazing view of the countryside). We also pass the battle site at Bannockburn. Dinner begins with a haggis ceremony this evening and we can sample a little of this delicacy.

Meals included – breakfast; dinner Overnight – Park Hotel, Falkirk

Day 6: Sunday, July 10 - Edinburgh – The Athens of the North: We take time for morning worship with a Church of Scotland congregation then begin an orientation to Scotland's capital.. From the cobbled streets of its Old Town to the Georgian grandeur of the New Town, Edinburgh is a truly beautiful city full of history and full of life. We will visit the world famous Edinburgh Castle with its incredible views across the river Forth. We may also see Greyfriars Kirk and hear about the Covenanters. The evening is free for you to choose dinner in one of Edinburgh's many eating places.

Meals included – breakfast Overnight – Novotel, Edinburgh Old Town

Day 7: Monday, July 11 - A Little More Edinburgh – Farewell and Haste Ye Back: Our last full day together has arrived too soon! This morning we are on foot in Edinburgh's "Old Town". We visit John Knox' House and hear some storytelling about the great reformer. Walking up the Royal Mile we come to St. Giles' Cathedral, sometimes called the mother-church of Presbyterianism. We take a guided tour and then share in the Noon Prayer Service led by one of the cathedral's ministers. You will then be free to make your own arrangements for lunch and to spend the afternoon as you wish. This evening we will have our closing time of worship followed by a special farewell dinner. Haste Ye Back!

Meals included – breakfast; farewell dinner Overnight – Novotel, Edinburgh Old Town

Day 8: Tuesday July 12 – Departures: Departures after breakfast.

Meals included – breakfast

The above is a fair representation of the proposed tour but is subject to change at the discretion of Scotus Tours



Jim Wallace on tour at Loch Lomond

Dear Fellow Traveler,

People are always telling me they would love to visit Scotland. Whether it is the majestic scenery of the highlands which attracts them; or our castles, churches and cities steeped in history; or maybe our proud tradition of hospitality – all these and more combine to make a trip to Scotland an unforgettable experience.

For people of faith Scotland also has much to offer. Christianity came to these shores no later than the sixth century. And the impact of the Reformation has extended far around the world.

I am delighted to be offering this tour. As a native Scot and a minister of the Church of Scotland who has also served as a pastor in the PCUSA, I am uniquely placed to provide this service to an American congregation. I want you to enjoy an outstanding trip; to see the real Scotland; to discover, in particular, our sacred heritage. And I run Scotus Tours to make that possible.

I hope you can join our tour. It will be my pleasure to share the journey with you. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything else you need to ask.

Sincerely,

Jim Wallace

*O Caledonia! stern and wild,
Meet nurse for a poetic child!
Land of brown heath and shaggy wood,
Land of the mountain and the flood,
Land of my sires! what mortal hand
Can e'er untie the filial band,
That knits me to thy rugged strand!*

*From: The Lay of the Last Minstrel,
Sir Walter Scott*



St. Andrews Cathedral