

Discovering Scotland

September 14 – 21, 2016

Arranged by Scotus Tours for

Rev. Dr. Tom Malone



Urquhart Castle

Some Tour Highlights:

Isle of Iona
Loch Lomond
St. Andrews

Cairngorm Mountain Railway
Edinburgh Castle
& St Giles Cathedral

St John's Kirk of Perth
Inverness & Culloden
Great Glen & Loch Ness

Accommodations:

Western Isles Hotel, Tobermory, Isle of Mull
Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa, Dundee

Jury's Inn, Edinburgh City Center
Palace Hotel, Inverness

Land only rates (per person sharing Twin/Double):

Group Size	Regular Rate (deposit by March 30, 2016)
18	\$3095
24	\$2995
30	\$2895

*Single supplement - \$548
Flights are not included*

Your tour price includes:

- Travel by luxury coach
- Porterage at hotels
- Ferries and tolls
- Local taxes
- Professional guides
- Entrance fees/tour costs for all visits on itinerary
- Tipping for waitstaff etc
- Our services as tour manager throughout
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 breakfasts
- 2 lunches
- 4 dinners
- Plus a special closing dinner

Not included:

- Flights to and from Scotland
- Airport transfers
- Beverages
- Laundry
- Personal items

Payment Details: To reserve your place at the regular rate -

Deposit of \$695 per person by March 30, 2016
(at which time single supplements also need to be paid in full)

Further payments –

One half of balance by May 18, 2016

Remaining balance by July 20, 2016

Anyone registering for the tour after March 30, 2016 – payment in full - plus additional late booking fee of \$150 - required at time of booking - subject to availability

Payment by cash or check to: *Universal Travel, 231 River Falls Drive, Duncan, SC 29334*

This group will be confirmed if we receive bookings and deposits for at least 18 full rate participants no later than March 30, 2016. Reservations made on first come, first served basis.

Cancellation:

Time prior to departure:

Cancellation Fees:

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: This is a custom tour for a church group. We aim to include –

A service of welcome

Morning prayers on the coach

Evening devotions before dinner on most days

Sunday service with a Church of Scotland congregation

Arrival in Scotland and Tour Departure: This is a “land only” tour and begins on what is shown as “Day 1” on the itinerary. Travel arrangements prior to that are at your own discretion. We recommend you arrive the day before. This allows you to have a good night’s rest and minimizes the risk of missing the tour departure due to a delayed flight.

Universal Travel: If you wish, additional arrangements for flights, insurance and pre-tour hotel nights can be made by contacting Universal Travel, 231 River Falls Drive, Duncan, SC 29334 - 864-576-6616

Group Leader: Rev. Dr. Tom Malone, can be contacted with any questions on 828-859-2127

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Our Itinerary – September 2016

Pre-Tour Days: Monday and Tuesday, September 12 and 13 - You are free to make travel arrangements as you choose. We recommend arriving in Scotland at least a day ahead of the tour. You could fly out of the US on Monday, arriving Scotland Tuesday. *This does not form part of the tour and is not included in the tour price.*

Day 1: Wednesday, September 14 – Welcome to Scotland! Your tour manager will meet you in Edinburgh after breakfast. With our party assembled we drive to Glasgow and have a brief tour of this fine city. We visit Glasgow Cathedral where we begin to understand early Celtic influences and the far reaching effects of the Reformation. We also pause there for a service of welcome – a short act of worship in the Celtic tradition. Lunch is provided for us and we spend a little time in the beautiful Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum (includes Dali's *Christ of St. John of the Cross*). We head out of the city, taking a scenic drive by Loch Lomond – you will quickly see why they sing about the “Bonnie, bonnie banks”. Arriving in the west coast port of Oban, we catch the ferry to Mull (the crossing takes about 45 minutes) and a short drive then brings us to the delightful village of Tobermory where we'll spend the next two nights. A fine dinner and a good night's sleep awaits.... *Meals included – lunch, dinner Overnight: Western Isles Hotel, Tobermory, Isle of Mull*

Day 2: Thursday, September 15 – Iona: A Thin Place We drive by the single track roads to Fionnphort where another short ferry ride brings us to Iona, a very special island. It was here in the year 563 that St Columba arrived, establishing the Christian faith in this land. In the language of Celtic spirituality Iona is sometimes described as a “thin place” – where the veil between earth and heaven is at its most transparent. We visit the Abbey and learn about Columba. We also hear about the Iona Community. Beauty, tranquility, spirituality....a wonderful day! We return to Tobermory for the night. *Meals included – breakfast, lunch, dinner Overnight: Western Isles Hotel, Tobermory, Isle of Mull*

Day 3: Friday, September 16 – The Great Glen and Inverness Back to the mainland this morning. From Oban we head north into Scotland's majestic highlands. We make a stop at Glen Coe - an incredibly beautiful place but also the site of an infamous event in this nation's history. A distillery visit is on the program. Then we travel up the Great Glen. At Loch Ness we keep a lookout for monstrous events from our vantage point at Urquhart Castle. Inverness - the “Capital of the Highlands” – is tonight's destination. You can stroll along the banks of the river from our city center hotel and find a place of your own choice for dinner. *Meals included – breakfast Overnight: Palace Hotel, Inverness*

Day 4: Saturday, September 17 – I will lift mine eyes unto the hills.... We begin our day with a visit to the excellent Culloden Battlefield Center, learning about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites. Driving south we make a stop to ride the Cairngorm Mountain Railway. This ingenious funicular takes us all the way to the top where we can enjoy breathtaking views and have lunch. By late afternoon we are in Perth (“The Fair City”) where we'll have a guided tour of St John's Kirk – it was here that John Knox preached the sermon which set light to the Reformation in Scotland. Then on to Dundee, another city with a proud history, arriving at our hotel in time for dinner – it begins with a haggis ceremony and you can taste a little of this delicacy. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa, Dundee*

Day 5: Sunday, September 18 – St. Andrews – the “Auld Grey Toon” The charming little town of St Andrews is only half an hour from Dundee via the Tay Bridge. We'll share in morning worship with a Church of Scotland congregation there. After lunch one of our excellent professional guides will lead a walking tour. St Andrews boasts Scotland's oldest university where many of the Kirk's ministers have been educated. It is a significant site for the history of the Reformation. We see the castle and cathedral ruins. There will also be free time to browse in the stores or maybe walk along the West Sands. Golfers can look longingly at the Old Course. If time permits today we may see a little more of the lovely “East Neuk” of Fife. A group dinner will be provided and we'll meet for evening prayers before driving back to Dundee. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa, Dundee*

Day 6: Monday, September 19 – Edinburgh – The Athens of the North 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. Today we'll have an orientation to Scotland's capital. Our guide will walk us among the medieval streets and will also explain much about modern living in this vibrant city. We visit Edinburgh Castle. We see Greyfriars Kirk and hear about the Covenanters. And we end the afternoon in the very modern buildings of the Scottish Parliament. The evening is free for you to choose dinner in one of Edinburgh's many eating places. *Meals included – breakfast Overnight – Jury's Inn, Edinburgh City Center*

Day 7: Tuesday, September 20 - A Little More Edinburgh Our last full day together has arrived too soon – you will want to return to Scotland! We visit John Knox' House in the Royal Mile. Then we take a tour in St Giles Cathedral (sometimes called the “mother church of Presbyterianism”) and we share in the noon prayer service led by one of the ministers there. You are then free to go to lunch and spend the afternoon as you wish. Perhaps visiting Holyrood Palace appeals to you. Perhaps you want to spend the time more quietly, enjoying a coffee or doing a little souvenir shopping. Tonight we have our closing time of worship and a special celebration dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, celebration dinner Overnight – Jury's Inn, Edinburgh City Center*

Day 8: Wednesday, September 21 – Departures

Departures after breakfast. Haste ye back! *Meals included – breakfast*

The above program 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 PC(USA), I am uniquely placed to provide this service to an American congregation. It's a particular pleasure to be working with my friend Rev Dr Tom Malone. And it will be my delight to let you see something of the real Scotland, to discover our sacred heritage. I hope you can join our tour. I will count it a 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

I have never been more excited about a trip to Scotland. Jim Wallace of Scotus Tours has put together a very exciting itinerary. A day in Glasgow and St. Andrews and two whole days in Edinburgh are wonderful, but I'm most excited about a full day on the Isle of Iona. It is such a special place. In addition, we'll travel through the highlands, get a chance to look for the Loch Ness monster, ride the Cairngorm Mountain Railway, make brief visits to Inverness and Perth, visit a distillery, experience a haggis ceremony, and much more. Each and every day holds something special.

Tom Malone



St. Andrews Cathedral