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‘THE ISLES AND GLENS OF SCOTLAND’
Tuesday, August 30 - Tuesday, September 13, 2016



A 15 day tour through the heather-clad glens, misty islands and purple-hued mountains of the Scottish Highlands. Wander the Isle of Skye, Staffa, Mull and Iona. See the Highland Games at Braemar, walk Culloden Moor, cruise mysterious Loch Ness, sip fine whisky and become re-acquainted with the culture and social fabric of the Highlands. The tour is limited to 20 participants. Your host will be Michael Quinn.

Tour cost: \$5,475 From Toronto “Land Only”: \$5,265
Single Room Supplement: \$1,555

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1- Tuesday, August 30:

Evening departure from Toronto to Edinburgh with Air Canada direct. Dinner and breakfast served on board.

Day 2- Wednesday, August 31: (D)

Morning arrival at Edinburgh's Turnhouse airport. Coach to Linlithgow Palace, birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots, for brief tour including the adjacent Church of St. Michael before our hotel arrival in Scotland's capital. Opportunity to refresh...perhaps a light lunch and "forty winks" before we walk the battlements of Edinburgh Castle, regarded by many as the nation's most famous landmark. An early dinner in the immediate district.

Day 3- Thursday, September 1:

Following a hearty breakfast, our morning walk on the Royal Mile will focus on the refurbished John Knox House, the High Kirk of St. Giles and the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Independent lunch before a local double-decker takes us to the old port of Leith for an afternoon tour of the Royal Yacht Britannia. Dinner at leisure.

Day 4- Friday, September 2: (D)

Morning departure by way of the Tay Bridge and Dundee to Glamis Castle, the ancestral home of the late Queen Mother but inescapably associated with Shakespeare's Macbeth. Lunch on the coast before reaching the Keith ancestral home of Dunottar Castle precariously perched over the North Sea. A simple visit here, before entering the Highlands by Aberdeen and evening arrival at Huntly. Dinner in house.



Day 5- Saturday, September 3: (D)

We travel this morning to Deeside passing the Royals church at Crathie and summer residence at Balmoral before arriving at Braemar where, in 1715, the Stuart standard was first raised marking the family claim to the Crown and calling the clans to arms. Today the site of the world renowned Highland Games, our grandstand seats provide excellent opportunities to see “The Royals”, enjoy pipe bands, traditional highland dancing and tossing the caber! We return to Huntly in time to again enjoy the hospitality and dinner of the Castle Hotel.

Day 6- Sunday, September 4: (D)

Morning departure to Speyside with its magnificent landscape and clear running streams - an essential ingredient of Scotland’s best known export - *whisky!* We drive to Keith for lunch and a tour of Strathisla with tastings before motoring to the Moray Firth. Following the Firth towards Inverness, we stop to visit Cawdor Castle, one of the two legendary residences attributed to Shakespeare’s MacBeth. Still a private residence, it offers a perfect example of Scottish castle architecture adapted to 21st C. living! Dinner in house.

Day 7- Monday, September 5:

A morning walk through the late Neolithic Clava Cairns, with their peculiar geometric patterns and burial tombs – stark clues to the Stone and Bronze Age inhabitants of the Highlands. Later we also walk Culloden Moor where, in 1746, the troops of George II destroyed both the Jacobite Rebellion with its Stuart ambitions and the centuries old social fabric of clan life. The memorial cairns and plaques offer mute testament to the last battle on British soil and Bonnie Prince Charlie’s quest for the throne. Afternoon in the community ...a cruise on Loch Ness, a woolen purchase (or two) or a stroll in the nearby hills, even a quick "nine" on the local links before dinner.

Day 8- Tuesday, September 6:

A full day excursion to Scotland's far north. Our first stop is Dornoch, not only the site of the nation's last witch burning in 1722 but also its golf links are considered second only to St. Andrew's ("*A Season in Dornoch*" by Toronto author and sportswriter Lorne Rubenstein's is worth a read!). A brief drive brings us to Dunrobin Castle, hereditary home of the Earls of Sutherland and where a visit clearly demonstrates the wealth and stature of Scottish nobility. Noon finds us in John O'Groats, traditionally considered Scotland's most northern point. But following lunch we continue on to Dunnet's Head, the actual geographic northernmost point of the Island....a possible picnic site?? Later in the afternoon we stroll the Norse settlement of Thurso before returning south through the Highlands to Inverness by early evening. Dinner at leisure.



Day 9- Wednesday, September 7: (D)

Leaving the capital of the Highlands, we travel through Drumnadrochit to Urquhart Castle with its unimpeded view of mysterious Loch Ness. Entering the Great Glen, a geological fault bisecting the Highlands through a series of natural freshwater lochs, linked by the Caledonian Canal, we continue on towards Fort Augustus and Invergarry to the quintessential poster castle of Eilean Donan. Time for a brief visit before continuing on to the Kyle of Lochalsh and the Hebridean Isle of Skye. Registration and dinner in our hotel located in the tiny community of Ardsvar.

Day 10- Thursday, September 8: (D)

A full-day tour of the island - the perfect harbour of Portree, the Storr and Quiring Ridges, Kilt Rock, the community of Kilmuir with its Museum of Island Life. After lunch on to Dunvegan Castle, hereditary seat of the Clan Macleod. In the late afternoon, we return to our hotel by way of Colbost where Talisker is the local distiller (a wee dram here for what ails ye!!) and the Cuillin Hills. Dinner this evening in our hotel.

Day 11- Friday, September 9: (D)

An early departure from Skye by ferry to mainland Mallaig where our route, aptly named *The Road to the Isles* takes us to Glenfinnan and the '45 Memorial to the Stuart's second attempt to acquire the Hanoverian Crown. Passing Fort William and skirting Ben Nevis, Scotland's highest peak, we approach Glencoe and visit the infamous 17th-century massacre site of Clan MacDonald members. Late afternoon arrival in Oban and our ferry to Craignure on the Isle of Mull. Dinner in our resort hotel.

Day 12- Saturday, September 10:

A leisurely breakfast before crossing Mull to the tiny port of Fionnphort. Here, a small passenger ferry takes us to the Holy Isle of Iona, cradle of Scottish Christianity. Touched by Columba, fostered by Benedictines, lost in the Reformation, but reborn today as a Church of Scotland spiritual centre, the Isle's ready serenity so moved the composer Mendelssohn while on his Scottish tour in 1829 such that

"...when in some future time I shall sit in a madly crowded assembly with music and dancing around me, and the wish arises to retire into the loneliest loneliness, I shall think of Iona..."

In the afternoon, weather and sea permitting, we sail to the island of Staffa and its hexagonally-jointed basalt Fingal's Cave, the stunning setting for Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture. For others, like Sir Walter Scott, it was...

"...composed entirely of basaltic pillars as high as the roof of a cathedral, and running deep into the rock, eternally swept by a deep and swelling sea."

Late afternoon return to Mull and free evening...perhaps to walk into Craignure for dinner or a soothing spa at the hotel!

Day 13- Sunday, September 11:

An early morning ferry to the mainland and follow the Banks of Loch Lomond to Glasgow for a day's tour that underscores Scottish appreciation for culture, education and achievement. By late morning we begin at the Burrell Collection, a truly unique collection of tapestries, carpets, furniture, ceramics, art works and ancient world artifacts. A casual lunch on site, then on to Charles Rennie Mackintosh House, well furnished with fine original pieces and to end the day, the Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery. Late afternoon hotel registration. Independent dinner...but fish & chips in a "wee poke" is an easy and only recommendation! Evening stroll on Sauchiehall Street where a quick pub visit might end our day.

Day 14- Monday, September 12: (D)

This morning a "double decker" step on-step off city tour of Glasgow's highlight including George Square, St. Mungo's Cathedral, Mercat Cross, Kelvingrove Museum and Sauchiehall Street. The afternoon at leisure for individual activities that could include possible public transit to Stirling to view the Wallace Monument and Bannockburn Heritage Centre or perhaps Rabbie Burn's cottage in Alloway. Golf enthusiasts may consider a brief visit to Turnberry or Troon!! But this evening, our *Auld Lang Syne* dinner.

Day 15- Tuesday, September 13:

Early morning transfer to Glasgow Airport and our direct return flight with Air Canada to Toronto. Breakfast and light lunch will be served.



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Single Room Supplement: \$1,555

Limited to twenty participants!

Included in the tour price are:

- Economy class direct return flight as per itinerary.
- Overland transportation by deluxe private coach.
- Accommodation is superior tourist class (3 / 4 star) accommodation, based on double occupancy. Single room supplement...\$1,555.
- Daily full breakfast and 8 dinners/ lunches.
- All hotel taxes and gratuities.
- Portage where available.
- Full guided visits and sightseeing as itinerary.
- All applicable admission fees as itinerary including Grandstand seating at Braemar Highland Games.
- Pauwels tour escort.

Not included are:

- **The current combination of airport taxes, security fees, and fuel surcharges, is presently \$563 (approx) but subject to change; the final amount will be reflected on final invoice.**
- Beverages & meals other than those outlined above.
- Coach driver gratuities: approximately £30 – (\$60.00CDN).
- All expenses of a personal nature.
- Travel insurance. Please contact the office for premiums.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. **Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.**

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure:	25% of tour cost
45 to 31 days before departure:	50% of tour cost
Within 30 days prior to departure:	100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ___ seat(s) on the "Isles & Glens of Scotland Tour" travelling August 30 – September 13, 2016.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

I will be travelling "Land only" and will be securing my own airfare _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim deposit of \$1500.00 and the balance approximately 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please** indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

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If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____

PHONE: _____ (Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED?: YES _____ NO _____

If sharing, is there a Bed preference?: twin _____ double _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so **please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here.** We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

Insurance, Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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All-inclusive Package _____ \$ _____ Non-medical Package _____ \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____ **OR** Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date _____ (Signature)(s) _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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