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# 'Nectar of Scotland'

Monday, August 27 - Friday, September 7, 2018



A 12-day itinerary through the Scottish Highlands. We will enjoy the magnificent heather-clad glens, misty islands and purple hued mountains while being introduced to the mysteries of fine whisky, see Highland Games at Braemar, walk Culloden Moor, cruise mysterious Loch Ness. A wonderful opportunity to experience Celtic culture and the Clan social fabric. Your host is Michael Quinn.

## Tour Cost Land only - \$3,795.00 CDN Double Occupancy Single Room Supplement: \$995.00 CDN

#### PROPOSED ITINERARY:

## Day 1- Monday, August 27:

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

## Day 2- Tuesday, August 28: (D)

Morning arrival at Glasgow International Airport, formerly named Abbotsinch. Here we begin our Scottish tour with a brief drive to The Kelpies, Scotland's modern engineering and artistic equine tribute. Then on to Linlithgow Palace, birthplace and christening chapel of Mary, Queen of Scots. Time to visit and lunch before continuing on by way of the Forth Bridge to Dunfermline Abbey and mid-afternoon hotel registration in St. Andrews. Opportunity to refresh before dinner followed by an evening stroll to the Old Course with perhaps a photo of the Swilcan Bridge and Burn!

## Day 3- Wednesday, August 29:

Transfer by coach to Edinburgh for guided tour of the Castle; its Battlements, Argyle Battery, St. Margaret's Chapel, the Crown Room and Mons Meg before we walk the Royal Mile with John Knox House, the High Kirk of St. Giles, the Palace of Holyroodhouse and faithful Greyfriars Bobby. Time for a touch of personal retail therapy before mid-afternoon brief coach transfer to Glenkinchie Distillery and a tasting of fine Lowland whisky. Return to St. Andrews and evening at leisure to wander the old university town.

## Day 4- Thursday, August 30: (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 in the castle, then on to Fettercairn, for our first Highland nosing at the 1854 Distillery. Later a superb photo stop at the Keith ancestral home of Dunottar Castle, precariously perched over the North Sea. We enter the Highlands by way of Stonehaven and the River Dee for an evening arrival at our charming country residence in Huntly. Dinner in house.



## Day 5- Friday, August 31: (D)

This morning we begin our exploration of picturesque Speyside, traveling by way of Kildrummy Castle to the Cairngorm Mountains. We encounter familiar names... Tomintoul, Ballindalloch, Glenlivet, Knockandhu and Cardhu with Highland hospitality along the way demanding simple tastings. Lunch before a touch of Canada at Craigellachie. No Last Spike here but rather the Speyside Cooperage with demonstrations of traditional barrel making, so fundamental and essential to whisky maturation! Late afternoon return to Castle Huntly and dinner.

### \*Day 6- Saturday, September 1: (D)

We travel this morning to Deeside, passing the Royals chapel church at Crathie and summer residence of Balmoral before arriving at Braemar where, in 1715, the Stuart standard was first raised marking the continued 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! Evening return to the Castle Hotel with time to enjoy an aperitif before dinner.

## Day 7- Sunday, September 2: (D)

A leisurely breakfast before we continue our Speyside exploration. Communities and sites will include Dufftown, Rothes and Keith each long associated with Glenfiddich, Glen Grant and Strathisla. Lunch somewhere as the spirit directs... Archiestown or Aberlour? Late afternoon to Castle Huntly and dinner.

## **Day 8- Monday, September 3:**

We depart by way of Fochabers to meet the waters of the Moray Firth. Following its coast towards Inverness, we arrive at Cawdor Castle, one of the two legendary residences attributed to Shakespeare's MacBeth. Today, still a private residence, it offers a perfect example of Scottish castle architecture adapted to 21<sup>st</sup> C living! Lunch on the grounds followed by self directed tours of both the castle and the magnificent formal gardens. On to 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 testimony to the last battle on British soil and Bonnie Prince Charlie's quest for the Throne. Arrival in Inverness and dinner at leisure.

#### Day 9- Tuesday, September 4: (D)

An optional morning.... leisurely breakfast ...a cruise on Loch Ness... a woolen purchase (or two), a walk in the town. Mid-day departure from the capital of the Highlands, 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. A photo-op before the Kyle of Lochalsh and the Hebridean Isle of Skye. Registration and dinner in house.



## **Day 10- Wednesday, September 5**: (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. Lunch and a tour of Dunvegan Castle, hereditary seat of the Clan Macleod. We return to our hotel by way of Colbost and the famous Talisker Distillery where a wee dram won't go amiss "for what ails ye!!" Dinner this evening in house.

## Day 11- Thursday, September 6: (L)

An early departure from Skye enroute to Fort William. Skirting Ben Nevis, Scotland's highest peak, we approach Glencoe before arriving at picturesque Loch Lomond. Here we enjoy our farewell *Auld Lang Syne* lunch on its "bonnie bonnie banks". On to Auchentoshan Distillery and one more tasting before evening arrival at our airport hotel. Energy left....into the city for fish & chips in a "wee poke" is the easy and only recommendation...with perhaps an evening stroll on Sauchiehall Street with a quick pub visit to end our travels.

## **Day 12- Friday, September 07:**

Early morning transfer to Glasgow Airport and the return flight to Toronto via Dublin. Food service on board before landing at Toronto's Pearson Airport in the early afternoon.



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Optional group (minimum 10 persons) return flight with Air Canada/Aer Lingus from Toronto -Glasgow, Glasgow – Dublin - Toronto is available at \$938.49 CDN (Includes all airport taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges)

#### **Included in the land-only tour price:**

- Overland transportation by deluxe private coach;
- Accommodation is superior tourist class (3/4 star) accommodation, based on double occupancy; the single room supplement is \$995.00;
- Daily full breakfast and 8 dinner/ lunches;
- All hotel taxes and gratuities;
- Full guided visits and sightseeing as itinerary;
- Distillery tastings as specified;
- All applicable admission fees as per itinerary including Grandstand G seating (if available) at Braemar Highland Games;
- Services of a tour escort.

#### Not Included:

- Optional group airfare of \$325.00 + taxes \$613.49 = \$938.49 (Based on minimum of 10);
- Beverages & meals other than those outlined above;
- All expenses of a personal nature;
- Coach driver gratuities: approximately £40- \$75.00;
- All items of a personal nature;
- Travel insurance. Please contact the office for premiums.

## **Please Note:**

## \*Day 6: Saturday Sept. 01. - Braemar Games

As is our tradition, we will be requesting Grandstand G seating. This stand is located on a line of sight immediately across the competition field to the Royals Box. The photography opportunities have been consistently remarkable. Thus Stand G is most popular. The games site plan is readily available through any search engine.

Ticket requests world wide are currently being accepted by the Braemar Bureau. We will reserve Stand G seating at that time of each application but no guarantee can be made as to availability. Alternatives may apply. Please advise Pauwels Travel (Tezra) either by application or telephone as soon as possible if planning to participate.

The Agency contact staff member is Ms. Tezra Lesage. (tezra@pauwelstravel.com)

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## **Terms & 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 registration 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:**

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour.

We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

#### RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not 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 subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.

- 2. I further understand that travel involves certain risks to personal health, safety and property. Many foreign countries do not have the safety and health standards that are present in Canada. I am willing to accept the associated risks and understand that and Pauwels Travel Bureau cannot guarantee the health and safety of travellers in a foreign trip or eliminate the risk from a foreign environment.
- 3. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
- To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.
- 5. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
- 6. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
- 7. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions is to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
- 8. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

- 9. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
- 10. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

#### A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIR:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, in some cases you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.

It is the airline that makes the live reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy not ours that prevents us from assigning you specific seats. I assure you if a request is made it is followed up on by our staff when they submit the names 30 to 60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you go will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If the ideal seat is an absolute must for you we suggest you book our tour land only and make your own air arrangements so you can better control the individual booking. Pauwels would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare we can find but note this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure and the rules and booking conditions of the applicable airfare will apply.

We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above.

## **APPLICATION FORM**

	seat(s) on the	'Nectar of Scotland' de	eparting, August 27- September
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Enclosed is my/ou	r deposit of	(\$750 per person, <i>p</i>	plus insurance premium if taken.)
Please indicate with only	th an X if you intend	d to travel on the optional	group flight OR land
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Please forward this completed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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