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The Isles and Glens of Scotland

Saturday, September 14 - Thursday, September 26, 2019



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A 13-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 mystical Iona, 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 18 participants. Your tour leader will be Michael Quinn.

Tour Cost based on “Land Only” and double occupancy \$4,395.00
Single Room Supplement: \$1,225.00

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1- Saturday, September 14:

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

Day 2- Sunday, September 15: (D)

Morning gathering at Glasgow International Airport and begin our Scottish tour with a brief drive to Linlithgow Palace, birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots, for brief tour including the adjacent Church of St. Michael before our Edinburgh hotel arrival. Opportunity to refresh...perhaps a light lunch and "forty winks" before we walk the Royal Mile; the refurbished John Knox House, the High Kirk of St. Giles and the Palace of Holyroodhouse and faithful Greyfriars Bobby. An early dinner in-house.

Day 3- Monday, September 16:

A morning tour of Edinburgh Castle, regarded by many as the nation's most famous landmark. Sites will include: the Battlements and Argyle Battery, St. Margaret's Chapel, the Crown Room and Mons Meg. After, a *Hop On/Off city coach offers a late morning full city orientation tour with dialogue and notable site references for afternoon personal visits including our first tasting of Lowland whisky at Glenkinchie Distillery. Highly recommended sites; the National Gallery, Museum of Edinburgh, Portrait Gallery, the National Museum, or even a quick city bus to nearby Leith and tour the Royal Yacht Britannia...how the Royals lived at sea! Evening at leisure.

Day 4- Tuesday, September 17: (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... an introduction to the merits of Scotland's principal export! 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- Wednesday, September 18: (D)

Morning departure to Speyside with its magnificent landscape and clear running streams - an essential ingredient of Scotland's best known export - *whisky!* A tour of Strathisla with tastings and the Speyside Cooperage at Craigellachie. On to the waters of the Moray Firth and Inverness. Enroute, lunch and a visit to 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! Before our late afternoon Inverness arrival and dinner in house, weather permitting, we walk the peculiar geometric patterns and burial tombs of the Neolithic Clava Cairns, stark clues to the Stone and Bronze Age inhabitants of the Highlands.

Day 6- Thursday, September 19:

A leisurely breakfast before a short drive 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 testament to the last battle on British soil and Bonnie Prince Charlie's quest for the Throne. Afternoon at leisure ...a cruise on Loch Ness, a woolen purchase (or two), a walk in the town or a stroll in the nearby hills. Dinner at leisure.

Day 7- Friday, September 20: (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. A photo-op before the Kyle of Lochalsh and the Hebridean Isle of Skye. Hotel registration and dinner in-house.

Day 8- Saturday, September 21: (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 where Talisker is the local distiller (a wee dram here for what ails ye!!) and the Cuillin Hills. Dinner this evening in house.

Day 9- Sunday, September 22: (D)

Morning 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 hotel.



Day 10- Monday, September 23:

After breakfast we cross Mull to the tiny port of Fionnphort to board our motor launch and sail to the Island of Staffa with 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."

A noon return ensures time for lunch and the afternoon to explore 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..."

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

Day 11- Tuesday, September 24:

An early morning ferry to the mainland. We follow the Banks of Loch Lomond to Glasgow. Enroute, a brief tasting at Auchentoshan Distillery before a panoramic coach city orientation tour introduces the highlights: St. Mungo's Cathedral, Mercat Cross, Kelvingrove Museum and Sauchiehall Street. Afternoon hotel registration and orientation walk. Dinner this evening might well be the ubiquitous fish & chips in a "wee poke" with perhaps an evening stroll on Sauchiehall Street and a quick pub visit!

Day 12- Wednesday, September 25: (D)

After breakfast, we visit the Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery...a superb example of a personal collection transitioned to public pleasure and education that truly underscores the Scottish appreciation for culture, education and achievement. And nearby, Mackintosh House, with its reconstructed principal rooms well furnished with fine original pieces completes the morning. Before beginning an afternoon of personal choices (see below), consider tea or lunch in the delightfully restored Macintosh interior of the Willows Tea Room. This evening our Auld Lang Syne dinner.

Personal choices for Glasgow:

- Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. A stunning 20th Century building that offers The Old Masters to the "Glasgow Boys."
- People's Palace.
- The Tenement House.
- Public transit to Stirling to view the Wallace Monument and Bannockburn Heritage Centre.
- Robbie Burn's cottage in Alloway.

Day 13-Thursday, September 26:

A final Scottish breakfast before our morning transfer to Glasgow Airport and return flight to Toronto.



Tour Cost based on “Land Only” and double occupancy \$4,395.00

Single Room Supplement: \$1,225.00

Pauwels Travel will be pleased to assist with any required flight arrangements.

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. Single room supplement is \$1,225.00;
- Daily full breakfast and 7 dinners;
- All hotel taxes and gratuities;
- Porterage where available;
- Full guided visits and sightseeing as itinerary;
- Five minimum distillery visits /tastings as specified;
- Such activities as determined locally for distillery non-participants;
- Fully escorted.

Not Included:

- Beverages & meals other than those outlined above;
- All expenses & items of a personal nature;
- Coach driver gratuities: approximately £50- \$90.00 CAD;
- Optional Flights on Air Transat
- Travel insurance. Please contact the office for premiums.

Please Note:

Day 3: Monday Sept. 16 - Glenkinchie Distillery

Participants who do not wish to visit the Glenkinchie Distillery in the afternoon but would prefer Palace of Holyrood as an option are requested to check the requisite section in the Application Form.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book _____ seat(s) on the “The Isles and Glens of Scotland” tour - September 14 to 26, 2019.

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

Please indicate if you would like Palace of Holyrood option - _____.

I would like to book flights on Air Transat _____ or land only _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000.00 and the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

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

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, what is your 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.

Insurance, Please call the office for premiums, then record below and include premium with your 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 _____

Signature(s) if declined _____

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:
PAUWELS TRAVEL BUREAU LTD.
55 Dufferin Ave, Brantford, Ontario N3T 4P6

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 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 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost
60 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 hotels, 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 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 are 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.