

Myths and Miracles Tour of Scotland

August 3-16, 2009

The year 2009 marks the 250th Anniversary of the Birth of Scottish Poet Robert Burns

Scotland is hosting "The Homecoming" a Celebration of the Scottish Nation

This promises to be a mystical tour like no other!

Join Dr. Meg and Jane Wardlaw

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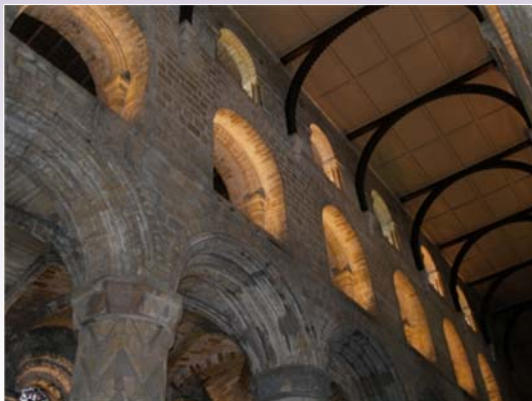


Monday August 3

We will gather in the heart of Glasgow at a Scottish Style Boutique Hotel to enjoy dinner together and get acquainted as we begin our Magical tour to sites of Scotland steeped in Mystery, Myths and Miracles.

Tuesday August 4

After breakfast we board our luxury coach for a short drive to Dunfermline, the ancient seat of the throne of Scotland. We will find the burial site of Robert the Bruce when we visit the Abbey. St. Margaret has been credited with many miracles and here in Dunfermline we can visit the cave of St. Margaret, where she spent many hours in prayer and meditation.



We will be able to spend some time on the high street of Dunfermline to explore the shops and restaurants for lunch.

Our next stop will be Killcrankie, the pass leading into the Highlands from the south. This pass is famed for the legendary “Soldiers Leap” where a soldier was reported to have leapt 18 feet across the river allowing for his escape from the Jacobites during a battle in 1689. Plants that cannot be found anywhere else on earth are found in this beautiful gorge. Our trip now takes us into the Highlands of Scotland to Inverness. After we check into the hotel where we will stay for 3 nights we will enjoy our dinner together.

Wednesday August 5

This morning we will travel to Inverness to visit the Culloden Battlefield. This battle was responsible for the end of Scottish culture as it had been known until that fateful day. Now the clans were no longer free to live as they had, their Gaelic language was no longer to be spoken, even wearing a kilt in the clan tartan was banned. On a deeper level the sacred feminine was destroyed, and now lies waiting for restoration. Those who own family tartan may wish to wear it today, in symbolic recognition of all that was lost and is slowly being reclaimed.



Clava Cairns are “right next door” to the Battlefield, here we can experience the energy of civilizations dating back to around 2000 BC. This is one of the many amazing stone circles found throughout Scotland set in a truly magical wooded setting at Balnuaran.

After lunch we will travel the short distance to the Pluscarden Abbey, the oldest working Monastery in Scotland. Although this structure was one of the many destroyed during the Reformation of 1560 portions of it have been restored and are once again in use.

Thursday August 6

Today we will travel north along the coastline for about an hour to visit Scotland’s largest Crystal and Rock shop, where there is also a Geological Museum to be enjoyed. On our return to Inverness we will stop at a “Cloutie Well”. The waters of these wells have been credited as having great healing power and many miracles are thought to have occurred here. People tie pieces of cloth to the tree in hopes of having prayers for healing answered.

We will then return to Inverness for some relaxing time enjoying the city on your own.

Friday August 7

We will check out of our hotel in the morning to begin our travels, which will take us along the banks of Loch Ness, make sure to keep a watchful eye for “Nessy”! This trip will take us through some of the most superb scenery of Scotland, so we will make several stops as we head towards the west coast of Scotland. We will catch the Ferry from the town of Oban to the Isle of Mull, where we can check into our hotel for the next 2 nights and enjoy an evening meal.

Saturday August 8

An Island Coach will take us over the Isle of Mull, home of the Giant Sea Eagles to Fionnphort. Here we will take a small ferry to the magical Isle of Staffa to see the cave of the legendary Giant Fingal.

Then we will travel by boat to Iona, where St. Columba first came from Ireland and established a monastery. St. Columba was the brother of Oran a Druid that lived on Iona. This is one of three places that the Druids were reported to have chanted 24 hours a day.

We will return to our hotel for dinner.



Sunday August 9

A beautiful drive around the Isle of Mull awaits us today. We will visit the Church in Devraig, where we can see the incredible stained glass window depicting Mary Magdalene. We will go to Tobermory, known for the colourful buildings that line the seashore.

We will take the ferry back to the mainland and end our day in Oban, the capital of the western seaboard of Scotland, by enjoying dinner together after checking into our hotel

Monday August 10

This morning we will board the coach again after breakfast to journey to Kilmartin Valley the burial place of ancient Kings. We will visit the many graves marked with symbols of the Knights Templar, and experience the energy of the standing stone circles that abound in the area. You can even crawl into an ancient burial cairn!



Another short drive will bring us to Inverary, an ancient fishing village on the shores of Loch Fyne, where it meets Loch Shira. Here we will have some time to enjoy the variety of shops and restaurants....or visit what has been called Scotland's best "Chippy".

Our coach will then take us to Balmaha on the "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond" where we will have dinner and settle in to our Luxury Lodges, complete with private hot tubs! We will stay here for 5 nights as it the perfect central location for day trips.



Tuesday August 11

Today we will make the short journey to Balquhidder the site of Rob Roy's Grave, a legendary character of Scottish History. We will enjoy the secluded waterfall in the fairy glen where the Reverend Robert Kirk is believed to have entered the Fairy Kingdom after his death.

Another short drive will bring us to Aberfoyle in the heart of the Lomond & Trossachs National Park. This area is home to many legends and mysteries, as famous Scots such as Rob Roy MacGregor, Mary Queen of Scots and William Wallace all had a part to play in the history of the area. For the more adventurous among us, you will have the opportunity to spend some time at "Go Ape" an award winning high wire forest adventure course of rope bridges, tarzan swings, and zip slides, all set high up in the trees. There are also a series of walking paths here for those who prefer to keep their feet on the ground, through a picturesque valley. The views from the top are incredible! We will have time to explore the shops of Aberfoyle, including the Scottish Woollen Mill, before enjoying a meal at the Forth Inn, renown for using local produce, organic vegetables and fresh meat from the local butcher.

Wednesday August 12



Our tour guides for today will be author and historian Barry Dunford and his lovely wife Theresa. We will meet them near the 5000 year old Yew tree from where we can view the stone marking the birth place of Pontius Pilate. They will take us to see Mount Schiehallion, a sacred mountain made of crystal in the geographical centre of Scotland. Barry will bring to life the myths and legends of this area. Then weather permitting we will go into Glen Lyon to experience the beauty of an area rarely visited by humans, but home to many spirits. Please wear comfortable walking shoes today, as we will be walking up Mount Schiehallion, reported to have been claimed by the Dali Lama to be one of the three most sacred mountains in the world. This

mountain is a gentle climb well worth the effort!

Thursday August 13

This morning we will travel to visit Rosslyn Chapel made famous by the Da Vinci Code, but historically and energetically important long before that. What secrets are left here yet to be unveiled? We will give you time to experience the chapel fully.



Later in the day we will travel to Edinburgh where you can visit Edinburgh castle on your own if you wish, or enjoy the shops and restaurants on the Royal Mile.

Friday August 14

Today we visit Stirling Castle, the grandest of Scotland's Castles sitting 250 feet above the plain on an extinct volcano. Mary Queen of Scots lived here as a child and her coronation took place in the Chapel Royal in 1543. The vast Great Hall has been restored to its medieval glory and is now used for celebrations.

We will travel the couple of miles north of Stirling to the town of Bridge of Allan once famous for its healing mineral waters. People used to stream here to drink of the spa water, although now there is a restaurant where the Spa House once was. Robert Louis Stevenson visited here and wrote affectionately of this town.

Saturday August 15

Our last day together we will spend the morning enjoying the energies of Loch Lomond. We will visit the conservation village of Luss on the banks of Loch Lomond. St. Kessog brought Christianity here from Ireland in the 6th century, pilgrims would mark their stay here by picking the famed "Blue Lilly of Luss" to wear in their hats, so all would know where they had been.

We will then make our way back to Glasgow where you will have time on your own to enjoy the city center. You may want to visit an art gallery or museum or just enjoy some of the incredible architecture that Glasgow has to offer. Later that evening we will gather for our farewell dinner and to exchange stories and memories of our time together.

Please note that we will attempt to adhere to this schedule, however, weather and other circumstances may cause us to change the order in which sites are visited or other parts of the itinerary.

Terms and Conditions:

Pricing: (Based on double occupancy)

Scotland August 2 – 15, 2009-02-08

Cost: \$4795.00 US

Early Registration and payment discount:

10% discount if registered and paid in full by Feb. 28, 2009.

5% discount if registered and paid in full by April 1, 2009.

A payment plan is available if paying full price:

A deposit of \$1500.00 US will hold your spot the balance can be paid as follows:

April 15 – \$ 1295.00

May 15 – \$ 1000.00

June 15 – \$ 1000.00

Payment can be made by cheque, money order, Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

Included in Trip:

All ground transportation by luxury coach – pick up at designated hotel (TBA) in Glasgow City Center on Monday August 2, 2009, and return to hotel in Glasgow City Center at completion of tour.

13 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels for 8 nights and 5 star Luxury Lodges, with hot-tubs for 5 nights. The Lodges are equipped with complete kitchen and laundry facilities (4 people per lodge). One or two beds per room are available with ensuite bathrooms in each bedroom. All accommodations have wireless internet access available, although there may be a charge in some of the hotels.

Breakfasts each morning are included

9 Dinners will be included.

All entrance fees to various sites.

All lectures and teachings

Gratuities with the exception of a tip for the bus driver

Not Included:

Round trip flight to Glasgow International Airport

Meals other than specified above.

Items of a personal nature such as gifts, shopping, beverages, phone calls, internet access fee, excess baggage fees, medical costs, the costs of hospitalization or transport to hospital, insurance, and additional expenses arising from the delay or extension of a trip due to weather, political disputes, sickness, failure of transportation or other causes beyond our control.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations prior to April 1 will receive a 60% refund.

Cancellations after April 1 before June 1 will receive a 40% discount.

Cancellations after June 1 or no shows will forfeit all monies paid.

We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation Insurance if there is a chance you may have to cancel for any reason.

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