

Discovering Scotland

Monday, October 11 – Tuesday October 19, 2021

A guided tour

Hosted and Led by

Rev. Jim Wallace, Director, Scotus Tours



Iona Abbey

Some Highlights

Edinburgh – *Scotland's beautiful capital* Isle of Iona – *Christian beginnings*
St John's Kirk of Perth – *Knox and the Reformation* Glasgow Cathedral
Haggis Ceremony St Andrews – *place of pilgrimage* Distillery Visit
The Great Glen and Loch Ness Culloden Battlefield – *Jacobite history*

Prices

Land only - per person sharing twin/double

*Earlybird deadline
extended*

Earlybird Rate - \$3795 (deposit by ~~Sept 23~~ **November 11**, 2020)

Regular Rate - \$3895 (deposit after September 23, 2020)

Single Supplement - \$780 (payable at time of deposit)

*Book 4 Discount - \$50 per person when 4 people book together**

*Full Payment Discount - \$50 per person for payment in full by Nov 25, 2020***

Subject to exchange rate fluctuations and changes in rate of government taxes

Your Tour Price Includes

Coach Travel Ferries and tolls Tour Manager Professional Guides
Entrance Fees Porterage Tipping (waitstaff) VAT (UK sales tax at 20%)
8 Hotel Nights 8 Breakfasts 6 Dinners (incl. welcome and closing celebration)
Not included: Flights; airport transfers; beverages; personal items; driver/guide tip (discretionary)

Arrival in Scotland and Tour Departure: This is a “land only” tour and begins on Monday, October 11, 2021. Travel arrangements prior to that are at your own discretion. Flights into Edinburgh/Glasgow from the US mostly arrive in the morning. There is no program on Day 1 until early evening when we meet for a welcome dinner. You may, of course, arrive a day or two early or choose to stay on after the tour.

Registration, Discount and Payment Details: To reserve your place –

1. Please use the form on our website at scotustours.com (click *Open Tours* then *Book Now*)
2. We will email an invoice for payment of the initial deposit online.
3. Subsequent payments will be made by bank transfer.

At the Earlybird rate

- Part 1 deposit - \$195 by ~~Sept 23~~ **November 11**, 2020
- Part 2 deposit - \$800 by Nov 25, 2020 (single supplements must also be paid in full)

Please note: Earlybird booking provides a discount of \$100. It also allows the deposit to be made in two payments. The total Earlybird deposit is \$995.

At the Regular rate

- Deposit - \$1195 at date of booking (single supplements must also be paid in full)

Then installments to be paid by everyone - One half of balance by March 17, 2021
- Remaining balance by July 14, 2021

**Book 4 Discount - \$50 per person when 4 people book and pay together and take the tour*

***Full Payment Discount - \$50 per person when payment in full received by Nov 25, 2020
Discounts can be combined. Please email us if you wish to take advantage of these.*

Registrations made after March 17, 2021– payment in full required at time of booking - subject to additional charge and availability.

Reservations made on first come, first served basis. Prices subject to exchange rate fluctuations and changes in rate of government taxes.

Covid-19:

We understand that you may have concerns about planning a trip when there is still so much uncertainty arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. At Scotus Tours, we are committed to the health and wellbeing of our guests. It is also very important to us to address any concerns our guests may have about cancellations in the current climate. As a result, we have introduced a new cancellation policy that will allow you to book with peace of mind:

Cancellation:

If **we** cancel your tour at any point prior to the tour departure date, **we shall refund 100% of your tour fees.**

If **you** cancel your place on this tour **for any reason**, the following will apply:

Prior to departure:.....Cancellation fees:

Up to 60 days.....Nil – you will receive a FULL REFUND

31-59 days.....Your deposit amount

15-30 days.....50% of your tour fee

Less than 15 days.....100% of your tour fee

To be read in conjunction with our Terms and Conditions

How Active is the Tour?

We don't take long country hikes. We try to use hotels which have elevators and portage for luggage where possible. But you must be in good enough health to travel. Among other things you must be able to – Stand or walk with our guides, inside and outdoors, sometimes in inclement weather; manage coach steps several times a day; manage your own luggage; climb stairs in some hotels; walk city streets (Edinburgh has some steep hills and steps).

Our Itinerary

Day 1: Monday, Oct 11 - Welcome to Scotland! Group members will make their own flight arrangements. Arrive Edinburgh this morning. Spend the day as you wish in this lovely city and check in to your hotel. Meet your tour manager for an early evening welcome dinner. *Meals included – welcome dinner Overnight: Edinburgh City Center*

Day 2: Tuesday, Oct 12 – Let's Go! Our coach takes us to Glasgow. We visit Glasgow Cathedral and pause for a service of welcome – a short act of worship in the Celtic tradition. Our scenic route leads by Loch Lomond to the west coast port of Oban where we catch the ferry to the Isle of Mull. We arrive at our hotel, overlooking lovely Tobermory Bay, in time for dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Tobermory, Isle of Mull*

Day 3: Wednesday, Oct 13 – Iona...a Thin Place We drive across the single track road to Fionnphort where another short ferry ride brings us to the Isle of Iona. It was here in the year 563 that St Columba arrived, establishing the Christian faith in this land. In Celtic spirituality Iona is sometimes described as a "thin place" – where the veil between earth and heaven seems almost transparent. We visit the Abbey, learn some of this island's history and hear about the Iona Community. We return to Tobermory for dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Tobermory, Isle of Mull*

Day 4: Thursday, Oct 14 – The Great Glen and Inverness The morning ferry takes us back to the mainland. A distillery visit is on our agenda. And we'll pass by Glen Coe. We travel on through the beautiful scenery of the Great Glen and alongside Loch Ness. Near Inverness we'll visit the Culloden Battlefield where we can learn about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites. *Meals included – breakfast Overnight: Nairn*

Day 5: Friday, Oct 15 – I will lift mine eyes unto the hills Turning south, we continue through the majesty of the Scottish Highlands. We'll find out what life used to be like here as we visit the Highland Folk Museum at Kingussie. Then on to Perth and St John's Kirk. John Knox preached here setting light to the Reformation in Scotland. Dinner tonight begins with a haggis ceremony complete with bagpipes and the poetry of Robert Burns. And, of course, you can taste a little. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Perth*

Day 6: Saturday, Oct 16 – St Andrews...The Auld Grey Toon The lovely town of St Andrews is just an hour from Perth. Famous for golf today, it has also been a place of pilgrimage and is an important site for Reformation history. One of our excellent guides will lead a walking tour. We return to Perth via the Tay Bridge and city of Dundee. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Perth*

Day 7: Sunday, Oct 17 – Edinburgh, the Athens of the North – We'll arrive in Edinburgh in time for morning worship with a Church of Scotland congregation. After lunch 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 see Greyfriars Kirk and hear about the Covenanters. The evening is free for you to choose dinner in one of Edinburgh's many eating places. *Meals included – breakfast Overnight – Edinburgh City Center*

Day 8: Monday, Oct 18 – A Little More Edinburgh Most of today is free for you to explore or do a little souvenir shopping. Maybe you'll want to visit the Castle or Holyrood Palace. Or you might want to relax over coffee and watch the city go by. Tonight we will share worship together and close with a celebration dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, celebration dinner Overnight – Edinburgh City Center*

Day 9: Tuesday, Oct 19 – 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.

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'm a native Scot and minister of the Church of Scotland. I've also served in the PC(USA). So I am delighted to be offering this tour. I want you to enjoy an outstanding trip; to see the real Scotland; to discover, in particular, our sacred heritage. And I run Scotus Tours to make that possible.

Jim



Rev. Jim Wallace
On tour at Loch Lomond

Times of Worship: This is a tour for a church group. We aim to include time for –

- a service of welcome
- morning prayers on the coach
- evening devotions in some locations
- Sunday service (Church of Scotland)
- closing worship

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Accommodations: in good 3 or 4 star hotels

Insurance: We strongly recommend that you obtain adequate insurance coverage



Edinburgh skyline

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A Guided Tour
Exploring Scotland's Sacred Heritage

Walk....through centuries of history
Delight....in breathtaking scenery
Explore....a heritage of faith
Enjoy....warm Scottish hospitality

Quality Accommodations
Excellent Meals
Personal Attention

