

Women in Scotland's Story

Saturday, August 31 – Sunday, September 8, 2019

A very special tour for all Presbyterian Women
Arranged and Led by Scotus Tours



Some Tour Highlights

Edinburgh – *Scotland's beautiful capital* Isle of Iona – *Christian beginnings*
St John's Kirk of Perth – *Knox and the Reformation* Loch Lomond – *the Bonnie Banks*
Haggis Ceremony – *poetry of Robert Burns* Culloden Battlefield – *Jacobite history*
Cairngorm Mountain Railway – *breathtaking scenery* St Andrews – *place of pilgrimage*
Church of Scotland Guild Annual Gathering – *meet the women of "Scotland's PW"*

Land Only Rates - per person sharing twin/double

Regular Rate: \$3495

**** PW Discount Rate through Thanksgiving 2018: \$3395 ****

(Bookings received and deposit paid by November 30, 2018 – use discount code PW2018)

Group Rate: \$100 discount per person for groups of 4 or more

Your Tour Price Includes

Coach Travel Ferries and Tolls Entrance Fees and Entertainment Porterage
Tipping (waitstaff) Tickets for Guild Annual Gathering VAT (UK sales tax at 20%)
Professional Guides and Services of our Tour Manager
8 Hotel Nights 8 Breakfasts 1 lunch 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 Saturday, August 31, 2019. Travel arrangements prior to that are at your own discretion. Flights into Glasgow or Edinburgh 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.

How Active is the Tour? We don't take long country hikes. We try to use hotels which have elevators and portorage 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; occasionally manage your own luggage; climb stairs in some hotels; walk city streets (Edinburgh has some steep hills and steps)

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 with a Church of Scotland congregation; closing worship.

Registration and Payment Details:

Group will be strictly limited to 36 persons – early booking is recommended

For individual bookings of up to 3 persons

Please use form on our website at *scotustours.com* (click *Open Tours* then *Book Now*)

We will email an invoice for payment of the initial deposit online

For groups of 4 or more

Group discount \$100 per person. (May be combined with 1 other discount code)

Someone must act as the lead, make group payments and be contact for information

Email office@scotustours.com for a group form – please *do not* submit individual forms

We will email an invoice for payment of the initial deposit online

Payment Schedule

Part 1 deposit of \$195 – *at date of booking paid online*

(Note – deposit paid in 2 instalments: total deposit is \$995)

One half of balance (\$800 of which is Part 2 of your deposit)

– *by February 6, 2019 paid by bank transfer*

Remaining balance – *by May 29, 2019 paid by bank transfer*

For anyone requesting a single room the supplement is \$630 – *due by Feb 6, 2019*

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Cancellation:

Refunds made only in line with this policy – no exceptions

Time prior to departure:

Cancellation Fees:

Up to 91 days.....deposit

75 - 90 days.....50% of tour cost

61 - 74 days.....60% of tour cost

15 - 60 days.....75% of tour cost

Less than 15 days.....100% of tour cost

Insurance: We strongly recommend that you obtain adequate insurance coverage

Our Itinerary

Day 1 – Saturday, August 31 - Welcome to Scotland! Group members make their own flight arrangements. Arrive Glasgow this morning. Spend the day as you wish and check in to your hotel. Meet your tour manager for an early evening welcome dinner. *Meals included – welcome dinner Overnight: Glasgow City Center*

Day 2: Sunday, September 1 – Let’s go! After morning worship with a local congregation our scenic route takes us by Loch Lomond’s “bonnie, bonnie banks” and majestic Glen Coe. We arrive at our hotel on the shores of Loch Linnhe in time for dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Ballachulish*

Day 3: Monday, September 2 – Iona...a *Thin Place* We catch the morning ferry to Mull. Our coach takes us across the single track road to Fionnphort where we board the passenger ferry for Iona. St Columba arrived here in the year 563, establishing the Christian faith in this land. In the language of Celtic spirituality Iona is sometimes described as a *thin place* – as if the veil between earth and heaven were almost transparent. We visit the Abbey, learn about Columba and the Iona Community. *Meals included – breakfast, lunch, dinner Overnight: Ballachulish*

Day 4: Tuesday, September 3 – The Great Glen and Inverness Driving north to Fort William we see “Neptune’s Staircase”, an ingenious series of locks on the Caledonian Canal. A distillery visit is also on our program. Then on through the wonderful scenery of the Great Glen and by Loch Ness - watch out for *monstrous* events! Our hotel is in the center of Inverness, sometimes called *the capital of the Highlands*. Stroll out along the riverbank this evening and find a nice place for dinner. *Meals included – breakfast Overnight: Inverness*

Day 5: Wednesday, September 4 – I will lift mine eyes unto the hills... We visit the Culloden Battlefield Center where we learn about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites. Then, on our journey south, we ride the Cairngorm Mountain Railway – an ingenious funicular, taking us all the way to the top. Our destination is Perth, *The Fair City*. Dinner this evening begins with a haggis ceremony, complete with bagpipes and the poetry of Rabbin Burns. And you can taste a little. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Perth*

Day 6: Thursday, September 5 – St Andrews - *The Auld Grey Toon* Our day begins at St John’s Kirk of Perth. Here John Knox set light to the Reformation in Scotland. Then we turn to the east coast and the charming little town of St. Andrews. Its cathedral (now a ruin, once a place of pilgrimage) was consecrated 1318. St Andrews boasts Scotland’s oldest university. It is a significant site for the history of the Reformation. There will be some free time to browse the stores or walk along the West Sands. Golfers can look longingly at the Old Course. We return to Perth via the Tay Bridge and city of Dundee. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Perth*

Day 7: Friday, September 6 - Edinburgh – *The Athens of the North* From the cobbled streets of its Old Town to the Georgian grandeur of the New Town, Edinburgh is a beautiful city full of history and full of life. We’ll walk back through centuries but learn also about modern living in Scotland’s vibrant capital. Some free time after touring for shopping, exploring, relaxing – you choose. *Meals included – breakfast Overnight – Perth*

Day 8: Saturday, September 7 - Guild Gathering We join the Church of Scotland Guild at their Annual Gathering in the Caird Hall, Dundee. Meet PW’s Scottish cousins! Tonight we share worship together and close with a celebration dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, celebration dinner Overnight – Glasgow City Center*

Day 9: Sunday, September 8 – 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



Rev. Jim Wallace

Dear PW Friends,

I've heard from so many Presbyterian Women that they'd love to come to Scotland – so I've organized a tour just for you. Who are the women in Scotland's story? I invite you to come and find out! We have a great itinerary which includes scenery, history and culture. We'll look at Scotland's Christian heritage. And we'll shine a spotlight on at least one of Scotland's women each day. Our visit to the Church of Scotland Guild Annual Gathering should be a highlight.

I'm a native Scot and a minister of the Church of Scotland I've also served as a pastor in the PC(USA). I run Scotus Tours to provide American church groups with excellent visits to Scotland.

Not only do we have a superb program for you: we have an outstanding guide, Helen Houston, who will manage your tour. I've worked with Helen

for several years now and know she is just the right person to lead this. I hope you can join our tour. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything else you need to ask.

Jim Wallace

Who are the Women in Scotland's Story?

There are many. Here are some we'll focus on during this tour:

Queen Margaret – *St Margaret of Scotland* Mary Slessor – *courageous missionary*

Flora MacDonald – *escape after Culloden 1746* Jane Haining – *died Auschwitz 1944*

Jenny Geddes – *rioter for Reformed faith?* Mary Queen of Scots – *a controversial reign*

....and the Church of Scotland has just celebrated the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the ministry of word and sacrament. Women's contribution to the life of the Kirk (ordained and otherwise) is clear.

The Church of Scotland Guild

Formerly the *Woman's Guild*, this is one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisations and a Scottish cousin to PW. Time at the Guild's Annual Gathering is included in our tour – a day of plenary sessions with guest speakers, worship and song.

Helen Houston – your guide and tour manager

Helen grew up in Stirling, at the center of Scotland's history. She taught business and management at college level before qualifying as a Blue Badge tourist guide in 2008. She is a mother, grandmother and member of her local parish church in Fife. Helen describes her work as *the best job in the world* and loves helping people to understand Scotland's history and culture.



Helen Houston

