

Exploring Scotland

Sunday, June 5 – Monday, June 13, 2022

A Guided Tour Including the Islands of Skye, Harris and Lewis
Hosted and led by Scotus Tours



Outer Hebrides, Scotland

Some Tour Highlights

Historic Edinburgh Rannoch Moor & Glen Coe Isle of Skye Outer Hebrides
Calanais Standing Stones City of Perth East Neuk of Fife
Highland Folk Museum Haggis Ceremony Cairngorm Mountains

Prices

Land only - per person sharing twin/double

Earlybird Rate - \$3895 (deposit by August 4, 2021)

Regular Rate - \$3995 (deposit after August 4, 2021)

Single Supplement - \$885 (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 Sept 8, 2021***

Your Tour Price Includes

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

Arrival in Scotland and Tour Departure: This is a “land only” tour and begins on Sunday, June 5, 2022. Travel arrangements prior to that are at your own discretion. Flights into 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.

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 Part 1/Regular deposit online.
3. Subsequent payments will be made by bank transfer.

At the Earlybird rate

- Part 1 Deposit - \$195 by August 4, 2021
- Part 2 Deposit - \$800 by September 8, 2021 (single supplements must also be paid in full)

At the Regular rate

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

Then installments to be paid - One half of balance by December 15, 2021
- Remaining balance by March 16, 2022

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.

Registrations made after December 15, 2021 – payment in full required at time of booking - subject to additional charge and availability.

**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 is received by September 8, 2021*

Discounts can be combined. Please email us if you wish to take advantage of these.

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 at this time. 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. Our cancellation policy allows 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 120 days.....Nil – you will receive a FULL REFUND

90-119 days.....Your deposit amount

60-89 days.....50% of your tour fee

30-59 days.....75% of your tour fee

Less than 30 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 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

- manage your own luggage

- climb stairs in some hotels

- walk city streets (Edinburgh has

some steep hills and steps)

Our Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday, June 5 - Welcome to Scotland! Group members will make their own flight arrangements. Arrive Edinburgh this morning. Spend the day as you wish in this delightful city and check in to your hotel. Meet your tour manager for an early evening welcome reception and dinner.

Meals included – welcome dinner Overnight: Edinburgh City Center

Day 2: Monday, June 6 - Our journey begins....The first part of our journey takes us through the rugged landscape of Rannoch Moor and on through majestic Glen Coe. We'll make stops to catch up on sights and history along this lovely road. Tonight we'll be in Ballachulish on Scotland's West Coast.

Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Ballachulish

Day 3: Tuesday, June 7 - On the Misty Isle We spend some time on the hauntingly beautiful Isle of Skye – the "Misty Isle". We tour northwards, taking in the stunning scenery and learning a little about life past and present on this island. At Uig we board the ferry and we are headed to the Outer Hebrides. Our destination is Tarbert on the Island of Harris. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Isle of Harris*

Day 4: Wednesday, June 8 - Harris and Lewis These breathtaking islands have a culture all of their own, a Gaelic speaking population and several small, Presbyterian denominations, apart from the Church of Scotland. We'll learn about this. But we'll also see some pre-Christian history as we visit the incredible standing stones at Calanais which are thought to be 5000 years old. We'll visit a very fine example of a broch (an ancient dwelling) and the Arnol Blackhouse where we can find out about "crofting" as a way of life. There is so much to see here. And Harris has some of the loveliest, windswept beaches you can find.

Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Isle of Harris

Day 5: Thursday, June 9 - From the Islands to the Highlands We can learn about the weaving of world famous Harris Tweed before leaving Tarbert this morning. The ferry from Stornoway takes us back to a different part of the mainland, this time to Ullapool. We are among some of Scotland's finest scenery. After a stop in Inverness, we come to our hotel for tonight by the Cairngorm Mountains. *Meals included – breakfast Overnight: Aviemore*

Day 6: Friday, June 10 - Perth: "The Fair City" We turn south and continue through the majesty of the Scottish Highlands. We'll find out what life used to be like here as we visit the excellent Highland Folk Museum at Kingussie. Then on to Perth. Dinner tonight begins with a haggis ceremony.

Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Perth

Day 7: Saturday, June 11 - The Kingdom of Fife We'll see a little of Dundee – a city once said to be famous for "jute, jam and journalism", now undergoing change with investment in its waterfront. Then we'll explore the "East Neuk" of Fife – charming fishing villages, surrounded by fine farmland.

Meals included – breakfast Overnight – Perth

Day 8: Sunday, June 12 - Back in Edinburgh: "The Athens of the North" We make a stop to share morning worship with a Church of Scotland congregation. Arriving in Edinburgh, the rest of this day is free until evening. Enjoy Scotland's historic capital city! Tonight we have our closing time together with worship followed by a special dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, celebration dinner Overnight – Edinburgh City Center*

Day 9: Monday, June 13 - Departures 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



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

