

# Exploring Scotland

Sunday, October 3 – Monday, October 11, 2021

A Guided Tour Including the Islands of Skye, Harris and Lewis

*Hosted and led by*

Rev. Jim Wallace, Director, Scotus Tours



Outer Hebrides, Scotland

## Some Tour Highlights

Historic Edinburgh   Rannoch Moor & Glen Coe   Isle of Skye   Outer Hebrides  
Callanish 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 - \$3795 (deposit by September 23, 2020)

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

Single Supplement - \$640 (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 11, 2020\*\**

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

## 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, October 3, 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, 2020
- Part 2 deposit - \$800 by Nov 11, 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 10, 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 11, 2020  
Discounts can be combined. Please email us if you wish to take advantage of these.*

Registrations made after March 10, 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: Sunday, October 3 - 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, October 4 - 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, October 5 - 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, October 6 - 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 Callanish 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, October 7 - 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, October 8 - 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, October 9 - 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, October 10 - 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, October 11 - 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

