

# Discovering Scotland

April 30 – May 8, 2019

a tour arranged for

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Group Leader: Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet



Iona Abbey

## Some Tour Highlights:

City of Edinburgh

Cairngorm Mountain Railway

St. John's Kirk of Perth

Isle of Iona

Haggis Ceremony

St. Andrews

Distillery Visit

Culloden Battlefield

Loch Lomond

**Accommodations:** Good three or four star hotels

## Land Only Rates (per person sharing Twin/Double):

Group Size**	<u>Earlybird Rate</u>	<u>Regular Rate</u>	<i>Single supplement - \$670, subject to availability</i>
	<i>Deposit Part 1 by May 27, 2018 Deposit Part 2 by August 5, 2018</i>	<i>Deposit received after May 27, 2018</i>	
24	3495	3695	<i>Flights are not included</i>
30	3370	3570	
36	3245	3445	<i>Price subject to exchange rate fluctuations and changes in rate of government taxes</i>
42	3120	3320	
48	2995	3195	

## Your Tour Price Includes:

- Coach travel
- Ferries and tolls
- Professional guides
- Porterage
- Tipping for waitstaff etc
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Entertainment as per itinerary
- Services of our tour manager
- VAT (UK sales tax) at 20%
- 8 Hotel nights
- 8 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 6 Dinners (incl closing celebration)

**Not included:**

Flights to/from Scotland Airport Transfers Laundry Beverages Personal items Driver tip

**Registration and Payment Details:** To reserve your place –

At the Earlybird rate

- Part 1 deposit of \$145 by May 27, 2018
  - Part 2 deposit of \$850 by August 5, 2018 (when single supplements must also be paid in full)
- Please note: Earlybird booking provides a discount of \$200. It also allows the deposit to be made in two payments. The total Earlybird deposit is \$995.*

At the Regular rate

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

Then balances to be paid by everyone - One half of balance by October 28, 2018  
 - Remaining balance by January 27, 2019

Registrations made after January 27, 2019– payment in full required at time of booking - subject to additional charge and availability

Payment by check to: *BMPC*, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. The church also accepts payment by card – call Monica Devane at the church office (610 525 2821) for details.

*This group will be confirmed if we receive Earlybird deposits for at least 24 full rate participants. Reservations made on first come, first served basis.*

**Cancellation:** Refunds will be made only in line with this policy – no exceptions.

Up to the date of the first instalment (October 28, 2018) like-for-like exchanges may be made. If someone who has registered is unable to go they can find someone else to take their place. Such exchanges must be for the same room type – eg a couple who had booked a double room could only substitute another 2 people who want a double room. Every such exchange will incur a fee of \$250 per person. From the due date of the first instalment exchanges will no longer be possible.

<i>Time prior to departure:</i>	<i>Cancellation Fees:</i>
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.

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

- A service of welcome
- Morning prayers on the coach
- Evening devotions before dinner on most days
- Sunday service with a Church of Scotland congregation
- Closing worship

**Arrival in Scotland and Tour Departure:**

This is a “land only” tour and begins on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. 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. We may be able to help with accommodation at the tour hotel should you wish to extend your stay.

## Our Itinerary

**Day 1 – Tuesday, April 30 - Welcome to Scotland!** Group members will arrange their own flights. Arrive Edinburgh 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: Edinburgh City Center*

**Day 2: Wednesday, May 1 – Let's go!** We drive to Glasgow, visiting Glasgow Cathedral and pausing for a service of welcome – a short act of worship in the Celtic tradition. Our scenic route then takes us by Loch Lomond's "Bonnie, bonnie banks" to the little west coast port of Oban where we catch the ferry over to the Isle of Mull. We arrive at our hotel (overlooking lovely Tobermory Bay) in time for dinner. *(Today's itinerary subject to ferry times)*  
*Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Tobermory, Isle of Mull*

**Day 3: Thursday, May 2 – Iona...a Thin Place** We drive across the single track road to Fionnphort where another short ferry ride brings us to this very special island. It was here in the year 563 that St Columba arrived, establishing the Christian faith in this land. In the language of Celtic spirituality Iona is sometimes described as a "thin place" – where the veil between earth and heaven seems almost transparent. We visit the Abbey and learn about Columba. And we hear about the present day Iona Community. We return to Tobermory for the night.  
*Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Tobermory, Isle of Mull*

**Day 4: Friday, May 3 – The Great Glen and Inverness** The ferry takes us back to the mainland. We drive north past Glen Coe, a beautiful place which witnessed an infamous event in Scotland's history. Near Fort William we see "Neptune's Staircase", an ingenious series of locks on the Caledonian Canal. A distillery visit is also on our program. Group lunch provided. Then on through the Great Glen and by Loch Ness - watch out for monstrous events! Our hotel is in the center of Inverness, a city known as *the capital of the Highlands*. Stroll along the riverbank and find a nice place for dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, lunch Overnight: Inverness*

**Day 5: Saturday, May 4 – I will lift mine eyes unto the hills...** Our day begins at the Culloden Battlefield Center where we can learn about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites. Driving south, we ride the Cairngorm Mountain Railway – an ingenious funicular which takes us to the top. Enjoy lunch amid spectacular views! Our destination is Perth, *The Fair City*. We have a guided tour in St John's Kirk of Perth. Here John Knox preached, setting light to the Reformation in Scotland. Dinner this evening begins with a haggis ceremony, complete with bagpipes and the poetry of Robbie Burns. You can taste a little haggis if you wish. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Perth*

**Day 6: Sunday, May 5 – St Andrews - The Auld Grey Toon** We turn to the east coast and the charming little town of St. Andrews. We share morning worship with a Church of Scotland congregation. After lunch our guide will lead a walking tour. St Andrews boasts Scotland's oldest university where many of the Kirk's ministers have been educated. It is a significant site for the history of the Reformation. We see the castle and cathedral ruins. There will also be 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: Monday, May 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 truly beautiful city full of history and full of life. We have an orientation to Scotland's capital. Our guide will walk us back in time but will also explain much about modern living in this vibrant city. We see Greyfriars Kirk and hear about the Covenanters. And we end at the modern buildings of the Scottish Parliament. 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: Tuesday, May 7 - A Little More Edinburgh** We'll leave most of today free for you to explore Edinburgh further. Perhaps you'll visit the Castle, go souvenir shopping or simply relax. Tonight we share worship together and close with a celebration dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, celebration dinner Overnight – Edinburgh City Center*

**Day 9: Wednesday, May 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*

**How Active is the Tour?** We don't take long country hikes. Most hotels we use have elevators and portage for luggage. But, among other things, you do need to 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)

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*Rev Agnes Norfleet*

*Come discover our Presbyterian heritage on a trip to Scotland! The recent sermon series on the theological tenets of the Reformation piqued the interest of many BMPC members to learn more about the history of our denomination. In response I have partnered with The Rev. James Wallace, of the Church of Scotland, to offer this experience to travel and learn together. I invite you to join Larry and me as we explore some of the spiritual roots of our theological tradition by discovering Scotland's sacred heritage, enjoying extraordinary scenery and cities, worshipping together, and deepening friendships.*

*The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet*



*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 am delighted to be offering this tour. I'm a native Scot and a minister of the Church of Scotland. I've also served as a pastor in the PC(USA). My background puts me in a unique position to provide this service to an American church. 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 Wallace*



*Jim Wallace on tour at Loch Lomond*

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