

Discovering Scotland

October 2 – October 10, 2019

a tour arranged for

Kenilworth Union Church, Kenilworth, IL Group Leader:

The Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg



Iona Abbey

Some Tour Highlights:

City of Edinburgh

Cairngorm Mountain Railway

Braveheart Territory

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> <i>Deposit part 1 by Sept 30, 2018</i> <i>Deposit part 2 by Dec 2, 2018</i>	<u>Regular Rate</u> <i>Deposit received after</i> <i>September 30, 2018</i>	<i>Single supplement - \$670, subject to availability</i>
24	3495	3695	<i>Flights are not included</i>
30	3395	3595	
36	3295	3495	<i>Price subject to exchange rate fluctuations and changes in rate of government taxes</i>
42	3195	3395	

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
- 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 September 30, 2018
- Part 2 deposit of \$850 by December 2, 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 March 24, 2019

- Remaining balance by June 30, 2019

Registrations made after March 24, 2019– payment in full required at time of booking - subject to additional charge and availability

Payment by check to: *Kenilworth Union Church (memo line – “Scotland Trip”)*, 211 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, Illinois 60043. Tel 847 251 4272

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 installment (March 24, 2019) 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 installment 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 Wednesday, October 2, 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 accommodations at the tour hotel should you wish to extend your stay.

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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The Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg

Two years ago, Kathy and I accompanied a few Kenilworthians to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth. In the fall of 2019, we hope a few of you will join us for a tour of The Other Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of John Knox, the forefather of the Presbyterian strain of American Christianity.

But there's more to the trip than church history. The countryside is breath-taking. It's the birthplace of golf, and homeland of some fairly good whisky.

And a few years ago I read this wonderful book called "How the Scots Invented the Modern World" (it's the birthplace of insulin, penicillin, television, and Sean Connery). I like books with bold titles, so I'm going to find out if that ambitious claim is true. Please join us.

William A. Evertsberg



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 on tour at Loch Lomond

Jim Wallace

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Our Itinerary



Day 1: Wednesday, October 2 —Welcome to Scotland—Group members will make their own flight arrangements. Arrive Edinburgh this morning. Spend the day as you wish in Edinburgh 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: Thursday, October 3 —St. Andrews: The “Auld Grey Toon”—With our coach loaded and all aboard, we cross the Firth of Forth and make our way to the East Neuk of Fife. Our main focus for today is on St. Andrews where one of our excellent professional guides 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 in the stores or maybe walk along the West Sands. Golfers can look longingly at the Old Course. We continue to Perth via the Tay Bridge and city of Dundee.

Meals included —breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Perth



Day 3: Friday, October 4 —Braveheart Territory, Stirling—We begin the day with a guided tour in St. John’s Kirk of Perth. Here John Knox preached the sermon which set light to the Reformation in Scotland. A short coach ride then brings us to Stirling—a city steeped in history. We hear about two of Scotland’s greatest heroes, William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. Stirling Castle, sitting on a volcanic crag, fortified since ancient times, provides a memorable visit. And the view from the top of the Wallace Monument is wonderful. Dinner this evening begins with a haggis ceremony, complete with bagpipes and the poetry of Rabbie Burns. Taste a little haggis if you wish.

Meals included —breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Perth

Day 4: Saturday, October 5 —My Heart’s in the Highlands—We drive north from Perth into the beautiful landscape of the highlands. A distillery visit is on our program today. A little further on we make a stop to ride the Cairngorm Mountain Railway—an ingenious funicular which takes us all the way to the top. We can enjoy lunch there amid spectacular views. Then, close to our destination for tonight, we visit the Culloden Battlefield Center where we can learn about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites. We arrive at our hotel in the center of Inverness—“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: Sunday, October 6 —The Great Glen and Loch Ness—We share morning worship with a local Church of Scotland congregation before we leave Inverness. Then our road leads south and west through the Great Glen and by Loch Ness—watch out for monstrous events! We pass 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. In the little west coast port of Oban we catch the ferry over to the Isle of Mull, arriving at our hotel (overlooking lovely Tobermory Bay) in time for dinner. (Itinerary subject to ferry times)

Meals included —breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Tobermory, Isle of Mull

Day 6: Monday, October 7 —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. 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"—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 7: Tuesday, October 8 —Back to the Mainland—The morning ferry takes us back to Oban. We visit the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond on our route to Edinburgh. If time and ferry schedules permit we'll see a little of Glasgow also. Your evening is free to choose dinner in one of Edinburgh's many restaurants.

Meals included —breakfast

Overnight: Edinburgh City Center

Day 8: Wednesday, October 9 —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. This morning we'll 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. And there is a lot of church history here also—we'll see Greyfriars Kirk and St. Giles Cathedral, hearing about the struggles of the Covenanters and other strands of our Presbyterian heritage. The afternoon is free for you to explore Edinburgh a little further or do some souvenir shopping. Tonight we will share worship together and close with a celebration dinner.

Meals included —breakfast, celebration dinner

Overnight: Edinburgh City Center

Day 9: Thursday, October 10 —Departures after breakfast. Haste ye back!
Meals included —breakfast

GROUP BOOKINGS

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOOKING AND TRAVEL

1. These terms and conditions form the basis of a legally binding contract between you (the individual, church, business or other organization making the booking) and us, Scotus Tours*. References to “we”, “us”, “our” and such like mean Scotus Tours.
2. We strongly advise you to take out travel insurance to cover personal injury, medical costs, loss of baggage, cancellation charges and repatriation costs. If you do not have adequate insurance and require our assistance whilst on tour, we reserve the right to reclaim from you any expenses that we may incur on your behalf that would have otherwise been met by insurers.
3. A reservation shall be considered binding once a booking form and deposit have been accepted by us in respect of every person named on the booking per the tour brochure. Payment in full must be made in accordance with the schedule laid out in the brochure. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking and loss of deposit. For the avoidance of doubt, the following items are not included in the cost of the tour, namely fees for passports or visas, laundry, drinks, meals or hotel nights not stated in the itinerary, additional excursions and gratuities.
4. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to us. The cancellation will be deemed to take effect on the date that such notice is received by us. For cancellations made up to ninety one days prior to departure, the cancellation fee is equal to the deposit paid. For cancellations made between seventy five and ninety days prior to departure, the cancellation fee will be fifty per cent of the tour cost. For cancellations made between sixty one and seventy four days prior to departure, the cancellation fee will be sixty per cent of the tour cost. For cancellations made between fifteen and sixty days prior to departure, the cancellation fee will be seventy five per cent of the tour cost. For cancellations made less than fifteen days prior to departure, the cancellation fee shall be one hundred per cent of the tour cost.
5. If you wish to make any changes to your booking, such as changing the date of travel, we will do our best to help but cannot guarantee to be in a position to make the changes that you wish. If we do manage to make your requested changes, we reserve the right to charge an administration fee to cover any extra costs that we may incur.
6. If you, or any member of your party, behave in a way which, in our reasonable opinion, could cause damage or injury to others or affect the enjoyment of their tour, we reserve the right to terminate your contract with us. In such circumstances, we will have no further obligations towards you.
7. We act only as the agent for the suppliers of travel, transport, accommodation, meals or other services and have no responsibility for any delays, missed connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property or accident, mechanical defect, failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier equipment with or without notice or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.
8. Dates, program details, and tour costs, although given in good faith, are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing and are subject to change at or before the time of departure. No revisions of the printed itinerary or its included features are anticipated, but we reserve the right to make any changes with or without notice that may become necessary with the mutual understanding that any additional expenses will be paid by the individual passenger.
9. Your baggage and personal effects are your sole responsibility. For coach travel, baggage is limited to one bag or case per person plus one piece of hand luggage.
10. You agree to be present at the time and location set by us as the starting point for the tour and to abide by all schedules that we set. Failure to be present, for whatever reason, may result in the tour departing without you and we will not be liable for your expenses in this respect.
11. Passports and visas are your sole responsibility and we will have no liability whatsoever should you be refused entry into the country being visited or be required to pay fees, taxes or customs dues.
12. We will not be held liable for any interruption to a tour, inconvenience or delay due to inclement weather, strikes or industrial action, acts of war or terrorism.
13. Any complaint or claim against Scotus Tours must be received in writing within 14 days of the end of the tour to which it relates. No complaint or claim will be accepted or valid after this time.
14. These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of Scotland.

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Discovering Scotland - October 2 – 10, 2019 - Booking Form

If traveling as a couple and making payment together, please put both names on one form. Two friends sharing a room and paying separately – please use two forms and provide room-mate's name where shown.

Your Name (as it appears on passport – please print clearly):

1. Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Rev _____ known as _____

Date of Birth _____

2. Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Rev _____ known as _____

Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email (1) _____ (2) _____

Sharing with _____ (form sent separately)

Type of room: Double / Twin / Single

(Double = a room with one double bed Twin = a room with 2 twin beds Single = a room for one person)

Special needs/requests (eg diet; ground floor room) _____

I enclose cash/check (made out to: *Kenilworth Union Church*) _____

____ Early bird Part 1 Deposits (\$145 per person by September 30, 2018).....\$ _____

____ Regular deposits (\$1195 after September 30, 2018).....\$ _____

Total: \$ _____

I have read and understand the group's booking conditions and agree to abide by them

Signed _____ Date _____

Send form and payment to:

Kenilworth Union Church, 211 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, Illinois 60043
(attention: Scotland Trip)