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SCOTLAND TOUR

CASTLES AND GARDENS OF THE ROYALS – PRESENT & PAST

9-NIGHTS, 15TH – 24TH AUGUST 2018

Highlights of the tour:

Scotland is in its glory at this time of the year with gardens and the countryside in full bloom.

Edinburgh is buzzing with the Arts Festival and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo – an unforgettable British extravaganza filled with pomp and circumstance and held within Edinburgh Castle. It's also home to the retired HMY Britannia, the royal yacht of Queen Elizabeth II. The Highlands, covered in a second flush of heather, is the backdrop to ancient castles and battlefields filled with history and drama. Glasgow, the other of the "twa toons" (two cities) only 53 miles from Edinburgh, but worlds apart from each other, is a European City of Culture and home to the renowned architect Rennie Mackintosh, as well as some of the finest museums in the UK.

Tour Price: **\$2,950 per person sharing**
Single Supplement : **\$1000** (one person in a double room)
Flights not included. (For flight deals, please contact Denise Best)

Included in the cost of the tour:

- Return shuttle between your Edinburgh and Glasgow Airports.
- 9-nights accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis in 4-star accommodation.
- All land transport whilst on the tour.
- Entry to the Royal Tattoo, gardens, museums and tour sites as specified in the itinerary.
- 7 x Lunches.
- 4 x Dinners.

Optional Extra : (enquire separately)

- ✓ Additional days before or after the tour can be arranged.

This is an intimate tour limited to 12 guests only (a minimum of 6 guests). For more information and your registration form, please feel free to e-mail or call. Your deposit and completed booking form will secure your place on the trip, without disappointment.





Wednesday, 15th August 2018

Upon arrival at Edinburgh airport, transfer to your hotel and spend the balance of the day at your leisure. Optional visit to Edinburgh to view the city from Arthur's Seat, before welcome drinks and dinner. **McDonald Houston House.** (D)

Thursday, 16th August 2018

In the morning a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, the floating palace of Her Majesty the Queen, now sadly decommissioned, but still a fascinating glimpse of life aboard this magnificent vessel. Lunch on board the ship. An afternoon visit to the Botanical Gardens is followed by dinner before the Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo. (L, D, E)

Friday, 17th August 2018

A day touring the Scottish borders, starting with Rosslyn Chapel (as featured in Dan Brown's book the Da Vinci Code) On to the lovely towns of Peebles and Melrose, with visits to Traquair House and Abbotsford House, the home of Sir Walter Scott. The evening is at your leisure; join us at a local pub for the evening! (L, E)

Saturday, 18th August 2018

A day at your leisure in Edinburgh, touring the Castle, walking the Royal Mile and a visit to Holyrood Palace, the Queen's official Scottish residence. (E)

Sunday, 19th August 2018

Leaving Edinburgh we drive north to Glamis Castle, the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother; a pub lunch in the country and a leg stretch in the quaint village of Dunkeld. Before reaching our destination of Kinloch Rannoch in the centre of the Highlands, a stop at the Queen's View of Loch Tummel. **Dunalastair Hotel.** (L, D, E)

Monday, 20th August 2018

Today we tour the Central Highlands with our first stop at Menzies Castle, a fabulous restored sixteenth century Scottish castle. Lunch and some free time in Pitlochry followed by a whiskey tasting and a visit to Blair Castle which has been the ancient seat of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl for almost 740 years. (L, D, E)

Tuesday, 21st August 2018

A beautiful drive toward Loch Lomond, allows for a stop at the Caithness glass factory and Drummond Castle. Closer to Glasgow, a visit to Hill House, an iconic landmark, designed and built by Rennie Mackintosh and then on to Glasgow for the next 3 nights. **Carlton George Hotel** (L, E)

Wednesday, 22nd August 2018

A full day out with a visit to Stirling Castle and Bannockburn where, in 1314, the famous battle between Robert the Bruce and Edward II took place and changed the course of Scotland's history. (L, E)

Thursday, 23rd August 2018

The day is spent in Glasgow and with so many things to see there is flexibility to cater to everyone's taste: The Kelvingrove museum, housing a collection of works and designs by Rennie Mackintosh; the Botanical gardens; the Riverside Museum which has a transportation collection like no other; Pollok House, a grand country house with splendid artwork. To end the day you'll meet back at the Rennie Mackintosh inspired "Willow Tea Rooms" for Afternoon Tea. (L)

Friday, 24th August 2018

Transport will be available early in the morning for your Glasgow airport shuttle for your return flight.

Legend for Inclusive meals and visits: L-lunch D-dinner E-entry