

Durgan Travel *presents...*

9 Days/7 Nights

HISTORIC SCOTLAND

Departures March, April

& October

from \$TBA*

May, June, July & Sept.

from \$TBA*

**Valid
Passport
Required**

Passport must be valid for 6
months after RETURN date



*Rates are for payment by cash/check and a group size of 35. See back for alternative rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and include \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*).

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT HISTORIC SCOTLAND ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~GLASGOW: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Glasgow, Scotland (via Intermediate city) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – GLASGOW: Upon arrival at Glasgow airport, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will assist with our transfer to our hotel. We will enjoy the afternoon at leisure, to explore our new surroundings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

DAY 3 – GLASGOW: After breakfast, we'll take a tour of Glasgow, from George Square in the city's center past the impressive Glasgow Cathedral – the only mainland Scottish Cathedral to have survived the Reformation intact – to the West End to admire Glasgow's historic university buildings, River Clyde, City Chambers, Glasgow Green, and People's Palace. Next we'll visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, an imposing red sandstone building, first opened in 1901. The recently renovated exhibition space now accommodates over 8,000 objects, including several new exhibits such as the fully restored Spitfire LA198 602 (City of Glasgow) Squadron. Kelvingrove also houses a superb collection of paintings by (among others) Botticelli, Rembrandt, Cezanne, Degas, Monet, Van Gogh, and Picasso. Next we'll visit the Burrell Collection. In 1944, Sir William Burrell and his wife, Constance, gifted his collection of over 9,000 works of art to Glasgow. At the Burrell Collection you can wander round important collections of medieval art, tapestries, alabasters, stained glass, and English oak furniture. There are also an important collection of Islamic art and modern sculpture, including works by Epstein and Rodin. Last we'll visit Dumbarton Castle, which was the center of the ancient kingdom of Strathclyde from the 5th century until 1018. Impressively situated on a volcanic rock overlooking the Firth of Clyde, it was an important royal refuge; its recorded history reaches back 1,500 years. Return to Glasgow for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – GLASGOW~FORT WILLIAM: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll depart Glasgow and travel along Loch Lomond, which has the largest surface area of fresh water in the U.K. The area is renowned for its beauty and tranquility, and offers picture postcard views around every corner. (Optional 90 minute cruise on Loch Lomond.) On the Loch there are approximately 38 Islands, some of them inhabited, and there is even a hotel on one. We'll continue on to Oban for a visit to Dunstaffnage Castle. Built before 1275 on a huge rock overlooking the Firth of Lorn, Dunstaffnage was the mighty stronghold of the MacDougalls. The castle, with its huge curtain wall, was captured by Robert the Bruce in 1309 and remained in royal possession for some years. Dunstaffnage Castle is one of the oldest stone castles in Scotland. It guards the seaward approach from the Firth of Lorn to the Pass of Brander – and thereby the heart of Scotland. Continue to Fort William and check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – FORT WILLIAM~ELGIN: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll head to Loch Ness for a little "Nessie spotting." Then we'll visit Urquhart Castle, magnificently sited, overlooking Loch Ness; it is one of the largest castles in Scotland, with a long and colorful history: built in the 1230s, seized by the English in 1296, sacked by the MacDonald Lords of the Isles in 1545, and left to fall into decay after 1689. We'll continue on to Elgin to visit Elgin Cathedral, the superb remains of a majestic and beautiful 13th century cathedral which was almost destroyed

in 1390 by Alexander Stewart, the infamous "Wolf of Badenoch." We'll see the Bishop's home at Spynie Palace, two miles north of the town, with magnificent views from the northwest tower. Then we'll check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 6 – ELGIN~ABERDEEN: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will stop at the Speyside Cooperage, in the heart of Scotland's rolling hills. It is the only working cooperage in the UK where you can experience the ancient art of coopering. Since 1947, the family-owned Speyside Cooperage has produced the finest casks from the best American oak. Today the cooperage continues to work and produce the age-old product, still using traditional methods and tools. Although shipped across the world, many of the casks remain in Scotland, providing a vital ingredient in Scotland's whiskey-making process. Next we'll visit the Glenfiddich Distillery; a journey to the home of Glenfiddich makes you appreciate each mouthful even more! "Glenfiddich" means "Valley of the Deer" in Gaelic and being there lives up to all expectations. In the heart of the highlands, surrounded by forest, the ruins of a medieval castle and a natural spring, is a landscape little changed since 1886. That's when Glenfiddich's founder, William Grant, gathered his family of nine children to build the distillery with their bare hands. On Christmas Day, 1887, the first Glenfiddich spirit trickled from the stills. We'll continue on to Aberdeen for some time at leisure before checking into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 – ABERDEEN~EDINBURGH: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will head to Edinburgh. First we will stop at Dunnottar Castle to take some photographs and spend some time examining the buildings and ruins. Then we'll continue south and visit St. Andrews, the picturesque town with the oldest university in Scotland, where Prince William studied. We'll visit St. Andrews Castle, the ruins of the castle of the Archbishops of St. Andrews, dating in part from the 13th century. Its scale demonstrated the power and wealth of the bishops, and it was the setting for many important events which determined the course of Scottish history. The Cathedral Museum houses a collection of early and later medieval sculpture and other relics found on the site, including the magnificent St. Andrews Sarcophagus, and there are splendid views from the top. Continue to Edinburgh where we'll check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8 – EDINBURGH: After breakfast, first we'll enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh, the inspiring capital of Scotland, which is a historic, cosmopolitan, and cultured city. The city is perched on a series of extinct volcanoes and rocky crags which rise from the generally flat landscape, with the sheltered shoreline of the Firth of Forth to the north. Then we'll enjoy a visit to Edinburgh Castle (pictured on front), which dominates the city's skyline; from its ramparts you can look down on medieval lanes and elegant, sweeping terraces that hold over a thousand years of history, mystery, and tradition. The castle has played a pivotal role in Scottish history, both as royal residence and as a military stronghold. You will visit the room where Mary, the tragic Queen of Scots gave birth to King James VI; you will admire Mons Meg, a giant 15th century siege gun; and you will learn about the famous One O'Clock Gun. The most important exhibits to be found in the Castle are the Honours of Scotland – the magnificent Crowned Sceptre and the Sword of State, the oldest Crown jewels in the British Isles, and the Stone of Destiny, the enigmatic symbol of nationhood used to inaugurate monarchs of Scotland, England, and the United Kingdom for more than 1,000 years. This afternoon we'll visit St. Giles Cathedral, where we'll discover 1,000 years of history in the heart of Edinburgh. Highlights include the beautiful stained glass windows. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – EDINBURGH~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: After a final hearty Scottish breakfast and hotel check-out, transfer to the airport to board our return flight to Boston (via intermediate city) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT HISTORIC SCOTLAND TOUR INCLUDES:

- ✦ Round-trip motorcoach to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ✦ Special meet-and greet service and assistance at Boston's Logan Airport by a Durgan Representative.
- ✦ Round-trip transatlantic flights Boston-Intermediate City-Glasgow and Edinburgh-Intermediate City-Boston return, with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.
- ✦ 7-nights' first-class accommodations at the hotels mentioned in the itinerary, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability - may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples available at the twin rate.
- ✦ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ✦ All transfers and daily sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach, with expert driver.
- ✦ Full Scottish breakfast (B) each morning and 7 dinners (D).
- ✦ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ✦ Full-time professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ✦ Expert step-on guides, where required.
- ✦ All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- ✦ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service travel accessory and complete packet of required travel documents.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

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