

Discovering Scotland

Thursday, May 26 – Saturday, June 4, 2022

A pilgrimage arranged for

Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Group Leader: Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips



Iona Abbey

Some Tour Highlights

Edinburgh Isle of Iona Melrose Abbey St John's Kirk of Perth St Andrews
Highland Folk Museum Culloden Battlefield Loch Ness Distillery Visit

Land Only Rates - per person sharing twin/double

Group Size	<u>Earlybird Rate</u>	<u>Regular Rate</u>	<i>Single supplement - \$880 - due at same time as deposit</i>
	<i>Part 1 deposit by May 23, 2021 Part 2 deposit by July 18, 2021</i>	<i>Deposit received after May 23, 2021</i>	
24	\$4195	\$4395	<i>Flights are not included</i>
32	\$4045	\$4245	<i>Price subject to exchange rate fluctuations and changes in rate of government taxes</i>
40	\$3895	\$4095	

Your Tour Price Includes

Coach Travel Ferries and Tolls Entrance Fees and Entertainment Porterage
Tipping (waitstaff) VAT (UK sales tax at 20%) Professional Guides Tour Manager
9 Hotel Nights 9 Breakfasts 7 Dinners (incl welcome and closing celebration)
Not included: Flights; airport transfers; beverages; personal items; driver/guide tip (discretionary)

Arrival in Scotland and Tour Departure

This is a "land only" tour and begins on Thursday, May 26, 2022. 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.

Registration and Payment Details: To reserve your place –

At the Earlybird rate

- Part 1 deposit - \$195 by May 23, 2021
- Part 2 deposit - \$900 by July 18, 2021 (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 \$1095.

At the Regular rate

- Deposit - \$1295 at date of booking (single supplements must also be paid in full)

Then installments to be paid

- One half of balance by November 7, 2021
- Remaining balance by February 20, 2022

Registrations made after November 7, 2021– payment in full required at time of booking - subject to additional charge and availability

Booking form and payment by check to:

*Kirk in the Hills (Memo line: Pilgrimage to Scotland),
1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302*

Inquiries to: Ruth Reading - Tel. 248-875-1371 Email: sterlingdesigns@yahoo.com

Cancellation:

Up to the date of the first installment (November 7, 2021) 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 – e.g. 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.

If you cancel your place on this tour, the following will apply:

<i>Time prior to departure:</i>	<i>Cancellation Fees:</i>
Up to 91 days.....	deposit
61 - 90 days.....	50% of tour cost
15 – 60 days.....	75% of tour cost
Less than 15 days.....	100% of tour cost

Refunds made only in line with this policy – no exceptions.
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 portorage 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)

Accommodations: in good 3 or 4 star hotels

Insurance: We strongly recommend that you obtain adequate insurance coverage.

Our Itinerary

Day 1: Thursday, May 26 - Welcome to Scotland! Group members will make their own flight arrangements. 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: Friday, May 27 – Edinburgh – the Athens of the North Scotland's beautiful capital is rich in history. It's also a vibrant, modern city. We'll weave stories of Scotland's Presbyterian heritage into our day. Our route will include the Royal Mile, St Giles' Cathedral, Greyfriars Kirkyard and Holyrood, ending our tour at the modern buildings of the Scottish Parliament.

Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Edinburgh City Center

Day 3: Saturday, May 28 –A Day in the Borders Driving just south of Edinburgh we come to the little town of Melrose in the Scottish Border region. We'll take time to see Melrose Abbey.

We'll also visit "Abbotsford", the home of Sir Walter Scott. We drive north again reaching our hotel in Perth in time for dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Perth*

Day 4: Sunday, May 29 – St Andrews – the Auld Grey Toon An hour's drive brings us to the lovely town of St Andrews. Famous for golf today, it has also been a place of pilgrimage and is an important site for Reformation history. We'll join in morning worship with a local congregation.

After lunch one of our excellent guides will lead a walking tour. We return to Perth via the Tay Bridge and city of Dundee. Dinner tonight begins with a haggis ceremony complete with bagpipes and the poetry of Robert Burns. We'll include a distillery visit in today's program.

Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Perth

Day 5: Monday, May 30 – Into the Highlands Our morning begins in the magnificent St John's Kirk of Perth. Here John Knox preached the sermon which set light to the Reformation in Scotland. Then we drive north into the majesty of the Highlands. We'll find out what life used to be like here as we visit the Highland Folk Museum. Near Inverness we'll spend some time at the Culloden Battlefield where we can learn about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites.

Meals included – breakfast Overnight: Nairn or Inverness

Day 6: Tuesday, May 31 – From the Highlands...to the Islands Our scenic route takes us down the west side of Loch Ness and through the Great Glen. We pass by Glen Coe, location of an infamous event in Scotland's history. At the west coast port of Oban, we catch the ferry to the Isle of Mull. We arrive at our hotel, overlooking lovely Tobermory Bay, in time for dinner.

Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Tobermory, Isle of Mull

Day 7: Wednesday, June 1 – Iona – a Thin Place We drive across the single track road to Fionnphort where another short ferry ride brings us to the Isle of Iona. It was here in the year 563 that St Columba arrived, establishing the Christian faith in this land. 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 8: Thursday, June 2 – Back to the Mainland We take the morning ferry from Mull to Oban then drive by the "bonnie banks" of Loch Lomond. Other stops may be possible today depending on ferry times. We return to Edinburgh where the evening is free for everyone to choose dinner in one of the capital's many restaurants.

Meals included – breakfast Overnight: Edinburgh City Center

Day 9: Friday, June 3 – A Little More Edinburgh We'll leave most of this day free for folks to explore more of Edinburgh at their own pace. Tonight we will share worship together and close with a celebration dinner.

Meals included – breakfast, celebration dinner Overnight: Edinburgh City Center

Day 10: Saturday, June 4 – 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.

Times of Worship: This is a custom tour for a church group. At your leader's discretion 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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In the descriptive booklet, "Welcome to the Kirk" we read, "One of Melrose Chapel's more interesting historical features is a stone from the original Melrose Abbey. This ancient stone, dated 1246 A.D., is set in a column next to the entrance to the side aisle. Worshippers may also tread on tile taken from the famous Abbey in Roxburghshire, Scotland. Five black glazed stones are inset in the floor near the Melrose wall stone." Here at the Kirk, Scotland's history is literally within your reach!

In 2022, as we celebrate the Kirk's 75th Anniversary by visiting the land that inspired our campus, we invite you to touch even more.

Join us!

Pastor Nate



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 pilgrimage, especially as your church will be celebrating an anniversary and connecting with your Scottish roots. 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*