

Discovering Scotland

Monday, June 13 – Tuesday June 21, 2022

A guided tour hosted and led by Scotus Tours

Group Leader for Winnetka Presbyterian Church, IL - Rev. Paul Gilmore



Iona Abbey

Some Highlights

Edinburgh – *Scotland's beautiful capital* Isle of Iona – *Christian beginnings*
St John's Kirk of Perth – *Knox and the Reformation* St Andrews – *place of pilgrimage*
Glasgow Cathedral Stirling Castle Culloden Battlefield
Haggis Ceremony The Great Glen and Loch Ness Distillery Visit

Prices

Land only - per person sharing twin/double

Earlybird Rate - \$3595 (deposit by May 2, 2021)

Regular Rate - \$3795 (deposit after May 2, 2021)

Single Supplement - \$780 (payable at time of deposit)

Your party will be joining an open tour

Prices for Rev. Gilmore's group have been discounted by \$100 per person

Subject to exchange rate fluctuations and changes in rate of government taxes

Your Tour Price Includes

Coach Travel Ferries and tolls Tour Manager Professional Guides
Entrance Fees Porterage Tipping (waitstaff) VAT (UK sales tax at 20%)
8 Hotel Nights 8 Breakfasts 6 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 Monday, June 13, 2022. Travel arrangements prior to that are at your own discretion. Flights into Edinburgh/Glasgow 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, Discount and Payment Details: To reserve your place –

At the Earlybird rate

- Part 1 deposit - \$195 by May 2, 2021
- Part 2 deposit - \$800 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 \$995.

At the Regular rate

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

Then installments to be paid by everyone - One half of balance by Nov 10, 2021
- Remaining balance by April 6, 2022

Registrations made after Nov 10, 2021 – payment in full required at time of booking - subject to additional charge and availability.

Booking form and payment by check to: Winnetka Presbyterian Church, 1255 Willow Road, Winnetka, IL 60093 Tel:- (847) 446 7777 Memo line: *Scotland 2022*

Reservations made on first come, first served basis. Prices subject to exchange rate fluctuations and changes in rate of government taxes.

Covid-19:

We understand that you may have concerns about planning a trip at this time. At Scotus Tours, we are committed to the health and wellbeing of our guests. It is also very important to us to address any concerns our guests may have about cancellations in the current climate. We have introduced a new cancellation policy that will allow you to book with peace of mind:

Cancellation:

If **we** cancel your tour at any point prior to the tour departure date, **we shall refund 100% of your tour fees.**

If **you** cancel your place on this tour **for any reason**, the following will apply:

Prior to departure:.....Cancellation fees:

Up to 120 days.....Nil – you will receive a FULL REFUND
90-119 days.....Your deposit amount
60-89 days.....50% of your tour fee
30-59 days.....75% of your tour fee
Less than 30 days.....100% of your tour fee

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: Monday, June 13 - Welcome to Scotland! Group members will make their own flight arrangements. Arrive Edinburgh this morning. Spend the day as you wish in this lovely city 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: Tuesday, June 14 – Let's Go! Our coach takes us to Glasgow. We visit Glasgow Cathedral and pause for a service of welcome – a short act of worship in the Celtic tradition. Our scenic route leads by Loch Lomond to the west coast port of Oban where 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 3: Wednesday, June 15 – 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, learn some of this island's history and hear about the Iona Community. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Tobermory, Isle of Mull*

Day 4: Thursday, June 16 – The Great Glen and Inverness The morning ferry takes us back to the mainland. A distillery visit is on our agenda. And we'll pass by Glen Coe. We travel on through the beautiful scenery of the Great Glen and alongside Loch Ness. Near Inverness we'll visit the Culloden Battlefield where we can learn about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites. *Meals included – breakfast Overnight: Nairn*

Day 5: Friday, June 17 – I will lift mine eyes unto the hills Turning south, we continue through the majesty of the Scottish Highlands. We'll find out what life used to be like here as we visit the Highland Folk Museum at Kingussie. Then on to Perth and St John's Kirk. John Knox preached here setting light to the Reformation in Scotland. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Perth*

Day 6: Saturday, June 18 – Braveheart Territory – Stirling A short coach ride 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 provides a memorable visit. And the view from the top of the Wallace Monument is wonderful. Dinner tonight begins with a haggis ceremony complete with bagpipes and the poetry of Robert Burns. And, of course, you can taste a little. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Perth*

Day 7: Sunday, June 19 – St Andrews...The Auld Grey Toon The lovely town of St Andrews is famous for golf today but it has also been a place of pilgrimage and is an important site for Reformation history. We'll share morning worship with a local Church of Scotland congregation then enjoy a walking tour. In Edinburgh your evening is free to choose dinner in one of the capital's many restaurants. *Meals included – breakfast Overnight – Edinburgh City Center*

Day 8: Monday, June 20 – 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 beautiful and vibrant city. This morning our guide will walk us back in time and can also tell us about modern living here. The afternoon is free for you to explore or do some souvenir shopping. Tonight we close with worship together and a celebration dinner. *Meals included – breakfast, celebration dinner Overnight – Edinburgh City Center*

Day 9: Tuesday, June 21 – 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.

Times of Worship: This is a tour for a church group.
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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Rev Paul Gilmore

The sacred Isle of Iona, Scotland, is one of my favorite places on this God's good earth. It is what the Celts called a "thin place," where the life of heaven is inseparably woven into the life of the earth, only a thin veil separating the two. And Iona is just one of our stops on this grand tour.

Jeannick and I spent ten days in Scotland a couple of years ago and look forward to returning with a group from WPC. The countryside is gorgeous. Edinburgh is a magnificent city. We'll walk in the footsteps of John Knox, the forefather of Presbyterians in Scotland, and of those who immigrated to the colonies, establishing the first Presbyterian Churches along the east coast as early as the 1630s.

This will truly be a spiritual journey. Please join us!

Paul



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 tour. 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



*Rev. Jim Wallace
On tour at Loch Lomond*