

# Discovering Scotland

May 25 – June 3, 2015

A Tour Arranged for  
First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, OH  
Group Leader: Rev. David Smith (740-373-1800)



Urquhart Castle

## Some Tour Highlights:

Mull and Iona  
Cairngorm Mountain Railway  
Great Glen and Inverness

Loch Lomond  
St. Andrews  
Edinburgh Castle

Glasgow City Tour  
Braveheart Territory  
St. Giles' Cathedral

## Accommodations:

Oban Caledonian Hotel (Oban)  
Premier Inn (Inverness)

Lovat Hotel (Perth)  
Jury's Inn (Edinburgh City Center)  
(Or similar hotels)

## Land only rates:

Twin/Double Room - \$2895 per person  
Reducing to \$2795 per person for a  
group of 20 or more

Single supplement - \$418  
Flights are not included

## Your tour price includes:

Travel by motor coach/  
mini-coach  
Porterage  
Ferries and tolls  
Professional guides

Entrance fees to places  
of interest on  
itinerary  
Entertainment listed in  
itinerary

Services of our tour  
manager throughout  
7 hotel nights  
7 Breakfasts  
6 Lunches  
4 Dinners

**Not included:**

Flights to and from Scotland  
 Hotel night (day 2)

Snacks & beverages  
 Laundry & personal items

*To learn about a group airline fare First Pres is arranging, call the church at 740-373-1800.*

**Payment Details:**

To reserve your place – a deposit of \$295 per person is required by September 22, 2014

*Please, include booking form with first payment*

Single supplements to be paid in full with deposit

One half of balance by November 15, 2014

Remaining balance by February 15, 2015

Anyone registering for the tour after September 22, 2014 is subject to additional charge and availability.

Payment by cash or check to *First Presbyterian Church of Marietta*

Mail payments to: Attn: Rev. David Smith  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 501 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Marietta, OH 45750

If booking after November 15, 2014, payment in full required at time of booking except airfare.

Reservations made on first come, first served basis.

The tour will be deemed viable if we are in receipt of deposits for 14 full fare group members no later than September 22, 2014.

**Cancellation:**

<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 travel insurance cover.

**Times of Worship:**

We aim to include –

A service of welcome

Morning prayers on the coach

Evening devotions before dinner on most days

A Sunday service with a Church of Scotland congregation

**Arrival in Scotland and Tour Departure:**

The tour will begin in the Edinburgh area on May 27, 2015. We will advise departure time and place.

We will provide details of a hotel which you can book if you wish for the night before. We strongly advise you arrive in Edinburgh by May 26. This will allow you to have a good night's rest. It also avoids the risk of missing the tour departure because of a delayed flight.

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## **Our Itinerary**

**Day 1: Depart US for Scotland [Monday, May 25]:** Flights are not included in the price – group members are free to make their own arrangements for extended stays, additional travel, use of air miles etc.

**Day 2: Arrive in Scotland [Tuesday, May 26]:** Arrive in Edinburgh at your leisure and check in to our nominated hotel or a place of your own choosing. Take some time to rest or venture into the city. The day is yours – our tour begins tomorrow. (see note on “Arrival in Scotland and Tour Departure”)

**Day 3: The Tour Begins [Wednesday, May 27]:** Your tour manager will meet you at a pre-arranged time. With our party assembled we'll leave by coach for Glasgow (only about 1 hour away). There we will visit Glasgow Cathedral during which time we'll have a short Service of Welcome in the Celtic tradition. After lunch we make a stop at the city's beautiful Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum where we can view Dali's painting *Christ of St. John of the Cross*. We leave ahead of the evening traffic journeying by the “Bonnie Banks” of Loch Lomond and arriving at our hotel in Oban in time for dinner. [Overnight - Oban L/D]

**Day 4: Iona – a Sacred Place [Thursday, May 28]:** Perhaps an early breakfast today. Then we catch the morning ferry to the Isle of Mull. The coach takes us across Mull and we make a further short ferry ride to Iona – a very special island where, in the year 563, St. Columba founded a monastery and brought Christianity to Scotland. This is the burial place of the ancient kings of Scotland. We'll visit the Abbey and may be able to share in worship with members of the Iona community. We return to Oban for the night. [Overnight - Oban B/L/D]

**Day 5: I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills... [Friday, May 29]:** The psalmist's words may be in our mind today as we travel up the Great Glen. We head for Loch Ness where we'll enjoy the scenery and look out for monstrous events! We will visit Urquhart Castle. A distillery visit should also be possible today. Tonight we will be in lovely Inverness, the “capital of the Highlands”, with time to explore and dine. [Overnight - Inverness B/L]

**Day 6: South To Stirling [Saturday, May 30]:** Our journey takes us through some beautiful scenery and we ride the Cairngorm Mountain Railway. We may have the opportunity to see a Scottish shepherd with working dogs. We come to Stirling – Braveheart Territory – where we visit the Castle and hear about two of Scotland's great heroes, William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. We arrive in Perth (the “Fair City”) where we're based for the next two nights. Dinner this evening begins with a haggis ceremony! [Overnight - Perth B/L/D]

**Day 7: St. Andrews – the “Auld Grey Toon” [Sunday, May 31]:** We turn to the East coast today after sharing in morning worship at St. John's Kirk of Perth. Here John Knox preached the sermon which sparked the Reformation in Scotland. After lunch we'll begin a walking tour of St. Andrews. This charming little town boasts Scotland's oldest university. It is also a very significant site for the history of the Reformation. We'll see the castle, cathedral ruins and St. Mary's College. Choose your own place to eat tonight. Golfers can look longingly at the Old Course. We'll meet for evening prayers then make our way back to Perth. [Overnight - Perth B/L]

**Day 8: Edinburgh – The Athens of the North [Monday, June 1]:** 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. We'll have an orientation to Scotland's capital, visiting the famous Edinburgh Castle with its incredible views across the river Forth. By contrast we'll end the afternoon in the new buildings of the Scottish Parliament. We'll also visit the magnificent St. Giles' Cathedral, sometimes called the mother church of Presbyterianism. The evening is free for you to choose dinner in one of Edinburgh's many eating places. [Overnight - Edinburgh city center B/L]

**Day 9: A Little More Edinburgh – Farewell and Haste Ye Back [Tuesday, June 2]:** After breakfast the day is free for you to spend as you wish – maybe some more sightseeing in Edinburgh or further afield; maybe doing some souvenir shopping in Princes Street or enjoying a little relaxation over coffee. This evening we will have our closing time of worship followed by a special farewell dinner. Haste Ye Back! [Overnight - Edinburgh city center. B/D]

**Day 10: Departures [Wednesday, June 3]:** Check out after breakfast [B]



Jim Wallace on tour at Loch Lomond

*The above program is a fair representation of the proposed tour but is subject to change at the discretion of Scotus Tours*

*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. As a native Scot and a minister of the Church of Scotland who has also served as a pastor in the PCUSA, I am uniquely placed to provide this service to an American congregation. 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.*

*I hope you can join our tour. It will be my pleasure to share the journey with you. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything else you need to ask.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jim Wallace*

Scotland is so important to our Christian Heritage. There is the strong Reformed influence that comes to us from the kirks of Scotland. There is the deep spirituality of Iona. There is the courageous spirit of the Scots people. All of these contributed to who we are as Christians today. And, of course, Scotland is a beautiful country to explore.

**There is still time to be included! We have several open slots. Please consider joining with me as we travel to Scotland in May and June of 2015.**

To reserve your spot call 740-373-1800.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor David



St. Andrews Cathedral