

Discovering Scotland

Wednesday, April 26 – Thursday, May 4, 2023

A tour arranged for

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, OK

Group Leaders: Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin and Rev. Landon Whitsitt



Iona Abbey

Some Tour 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*
Culloden Battlefield – *Jacobite history* Monymusk – *worship with our sister church*
Glasgow Cathedral The Great Glen and Loch Ness Distillery Visit

Prices

<u>Group Size</u>	<u>Earlybird Rate</u> <i>Part 1 deposit by May 29, 2022</i> <i>Part 2 deposit by July 10, 2022</i>	<u>Regular Rate</u> <i>Deposit received after</i> <i>May 29, 2022</i>
24	\$4195	\$4395
32	\$4045	\$4245
40	\$3895	\$4095

Single supplement - \$840 - due at same time as deposit

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
8 Hotel Nights 8 Breakfasts 6 Dinners (incl welcome and closing celebration)
Not included: Flights; airport transfers; beverages; personal items; driver tip (discretionary)

Arrival in Scotland and Tour Departure: This is a "land only" tour and begins on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Travel arrangements to and from Scotland are at your own discretion. There is no program on Day 1 until late afternoon. 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 29, 2022
- Part 2 deposit - \$900 by July 10, 2022 (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 by everyone

- One half of balance by October 23, 2022
- Remaining balance by January 22, 2023

Registrations made after October 23, 2022– payment in full required at time of booking - subject to additional charge and availability.

Booking form and payment to: *Westminster Presbyterian Church (Memo line: Scotland), 4400 N Shartel Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118*

Westminster Scotland Trip Coordinator / Assistant: Stephanie Alarid

Tel: 405.524.2224 ext. 234 Email: salarid@wpcokc.org

Prices are subject to change due to exchange rate fluctuations, fuel or energy surcharges and changes in the rate of government taxes.

Covid-19: Anyone joining the tour must have up to date vaccinations and agrees to comply fully with government regulations and any requirements put in place by Scotus Tours to reduce the risk of infection.

Cancellation

Refunds made only in line with this policy – no exceptions

<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

Up to the date of the final payment (Jan 22, 2023) 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. After January 22, 2023 exchanges will no longer be possible.

How Active is the Tour?

We don't take long country hikes. We try to use hotels which have elevators and portage 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 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: Wednesday, April 26 - Welcome to Scotland! Group members will arrange their own flights. Arrive in 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: Thursday, April 27 – 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 then 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: Friday, April 28 – 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. We also hear about the present day Iona Community. We return to Tobermory for the night.
Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: Tobermory, Isle of Mull

Day 4: Saturday, April 29 – The Great Glen and Inverness The morning ferry takes us back to the mainland. Driving north into the Highlands, we’ll pass by Glen Coe, the location of an infamous event in Scotland’s history. 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: Grantown-on-Spey

Day 5: Sunday, April 30 – Our Sister Church We share in morning worship at Monymusk. We may see a little of Aberdeen (if time permits) then tour south to Perth where we’ll spend the next two nights. Dinner this evening begins with a haggis ceremony – and you can taste a little. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Perth or Dundee*

Day 6: Monday, May 1 – St Andrews...the Auld Grey Toon Our morning begins in the magnificent St John’s Kirk of Perth. It was here that John Knox preached the sermon which set light to the Reformation in Scotland. The lovely town of St Andrews is just an hour away. Famous for golf today, it has also been a place of pilgrimage and is an important site for Reformation history. One of our excellent guides will lead a walking tour. A distillery visit is also on our agenda. *Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Perth*

Day 7: Tuesday, May 2 – 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 and Greyfriars Kirkyard, ending our tour at the modern buildings of the Scottish Parliament. Tonight you’ll be free to choose dinner in one of Edinburgh’s many excellent restaurants.
Meals included – breakfast Overnight – Edinburgh City Center

Day 8: Wednesday, May 3 – A Little More Edinburgh Most of today is free for you to explore or do a little souvenir shopping. Maybe you’ll want to visit the Castle or Holyrood Palace. Or you might want to relax over coffee and watch the city go by. Tonight we will share worship together and close with a celebration dinner.
Meals included – breakfast, celebration dinner Overnight – Edinburgh City Center

Day 9: Thursday, May 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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Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin



Rev. Landon Whitsitt

Members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City are invited to join Rev. Landon Whitsitt and myself as we explore our Presbyterian heritage on a tour through Scotland. We are excited to be co-leading a trip visiting Edinburgh, Glasgow, the Isle of Iona, the Scottish Highlands, and our sister church in Monymusk. Our custom tour is designed to educate us about Scotland's role in the Protestant Reformation while also offering an experience that incorporates "a little something for everyone." We will visit places of spiritual

significance, take a distillery tour, enjoy scenic drives plus much more. We hope you can join us in this opportunity to deepen your appreciation of the Reformed Faith while enjoying all Scotland has to offer.

Michelle



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 Wallace
on tour at Loch Lomond*

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