

COMPANIONS of the QUAICH
MALT WHISKY TOUR
Of SCOTLAND

04-20 SEP, 2007

*Hosted by Founder and President
Ed Patrick*

DAY 1:

TUE 04 SEP- Depart for Scotland

Tonight we take our non-stop flight from Toronto to Glasgow, Scotland. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided for you. (D)



DAY 2:

WED 05 SEP- Arrive Scotland

This morning we arrive in Scotland. “*CEAD MILE FAILTE!*” Once through luggage and passport formalities we meet our guide and driver who will escort us on this memorable journey. Our day begins with a panoramic tour of Glasgow and a visit to Blantyre, birthplace and museum of David Livingstone. The afternoon has been left free so you can relax or meander through the city centre. Dinner and overnight will be at The Thistle Hotel, Glasgow. (D)

DAY 3:

THU 06 SEP- Glasgow

After our first full Scottish breakfast we enjoy a day of touring this former ‘European City of Culture’ and its numerous art galleries. This afternoon we will visit Rabbie Burns country before returning to our hotel for dinner. (B,D)

For those of you making your own airline arrangements to Scotland, this is the day for your arrival at the hotel and joining the tour.

DAY 4:

FRI 07 SEP- Isle of Arran

This morning we depart for the Isle of Arran. Our short ferry ride brings us to this beautiful small island, home to Arran Distillery. After our distillery tour and tasting we shall visit some of Arran’s unique sites, such as the Bronze Age stone circles overlooking Machrie Bay. Returning to the mainland our dinner and overnight will be at our hotel in Glasgow. (B,D)

DAY 5:

SAT 08 SEP- Glasgow to Islay

Today we leave the city of Glasgow and follow the scenic route via Loch Lomond and Loch Fyne to the seaside town of Kennacraig. From here we take the ferry crossing to the Inner Hebrides and the Isle of Islay

Upon arrival on Islay we head to Bowmore, on the south shore of Loch Indaal.

Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 6-8:

SUN 09 SEP- TUE 11 SEP- Islay

Over the next three days we will endeavor to visit all the distilleries on Islay, sampling their magnificent malts.

Bowmore	Laphroaig
Ardbeg	Caol Ila
Lagavulin	Bruichladdich
Bunnahabhain	Kilchoman

During our time on Islay we will also visit local sights and learn about the history and culture of this unique piece of Scotland.

Each evening our dinner will be at a local restaurant, in Port Ellen, Port Charlotte or Bowmore. **(B,D)**



DAY 9:

WED 12 SEP- Islay to Skye, Glencoe

This morning we leave Islay and ferry back to the mainland as we head northward to the Isle of Skye. Following the scenic coastline, we arrive at Oban Distillery for our tour and tasting. From Oban we pass through Glencoe and Fort William, listening to historical commentary and enjoying the spectacular scenery, before arriving at the Skye Hotel, Kyle of Lochalsh, for overnight and dinner. **(B,D)**

DAY 10:

THU 13 SEP- Isle of Skye, Loch Ness

Our morning begins with a visit to Talisker Distillery for our guided tour and tasting. From here we leave the Isle of Skye and head towards the Jacobean strongholds of northern Scotland. Today we have the chance to search for 'Nessie' from our vantage point of Urquhart Castle. Our destination is the historic Dornoch Castle, where we shall dine and overnight. **(B,D)**

DAY 11:

FRI 14 SEP- Orkneys

Our early departure brings us to the northern tip of mainland Britain and our ferry across the Pentland Firth to The Orkney Islands. A unique day lies ahead for us! Today's itinerary includes guided visits to both Highland Park and Scapa Distilleries along with visits to local sights. Our overnight stay and dinner will be at The Stromness Hotel, Stromness. **(B,D)**

DAY 12:

SAT 15 SEP- Orkney to Speyside

Today we leave The Orkneys for the mainland and our journey towards Speyside and the Highland Malts. En-route we will have the opportunity to visit such distilleries as Pulteney, and Glenmorangie. Dinner and overnight stay will be at The Hilton Hotel, Aviemore. **(B,D)**

DAY 13:

SUN 16 SEP- Speyside

Our day is spent in the heartland of the Scottish Whisky Trail. Numerous distillery options are available. Special distillery appointments are being organized for this day. Dinner and overnight stay in Aviemore. **(B,D)**

DAY 14:

MON 17 SEP-Speyside to Edinburgh

This morning we leave the Highlands and head south towards Edinburgh. Our route gives us the opportunity to visit such distilleries as Tullibardine and Glenturret before arriving in Edinburgh. Once in Edinburgh we shall enjoy a panoramic city tour before checking into The Parliament House Hotel. Dinner tonight is at The Edinburgh Press Club. **(B,D)**

DAY 15:

TUE 18 SEP- Edinburgh, Rosslyn Chapel

Our day begins with a visit to one of the best distillery visitor centers in Scotland, Glenkinchie. From here we make a short journey to the unique and mystical Rosslyn Chapel, made famous by The Da Vinci Code. Once back in Edinburgh we will visit the Scotch Malt Whisky Society. The remainder of the afternoon has been left free and dinner is at your leisure. Tonight we have organized a fascinating Underground Walking Tour of Olde Edinburgh.

(B)

DAY 16:

WED 19 SEP- Edinburgh, Glasgow

Today we leave Edinburgh, but not before visiting the Royal Palace of Holyrood. One of two Scottish Royal residences, Holyrood offers a wonderful insight into its torrid past. From here we drive to Glasgow and enjoy our last afternoon sight seeing, shopping or relaxing before our 'Farewell Dinner' at The Thistle Hotel. **(B,D)**

DAY 17:

THU 20 SEP

Alas we must head for the airport and our return flight to Toronto. Lunch and complimentary in-flight service will be served. As we say in Scotland, "*HASTE YE BACK*" **(B,L)**

B: BREAKFAST L: LUNCH D: DINNER

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INFORMATION

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Toronto

Hotels: Thistle Hotel, Glasgow
Bowmore Cottages, Islay
Skye Hotel, Kyle of Lochalsh
Dornoch Castle, Dornoch
Stromness Hotel, Stromness
Hilton Hotel, Aviemore
Parliament House Hotel, Edinburgh



Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily, with tea and coffee. (Light breakfasts in Islay.)
(Dinner in Edinburgh, 18 September, not included.)

Transportation: Luxury coach service throughout the journey.

Tour Manager: A government-licensed Tour Manager will be accompanying the group.

Sight-seeing: Entrance fees to all sights and distilleries are included.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person is allowed. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Gratuities: Hotel staff gratuities are included.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches

Airport departure taxes: Currently \$216

Gratuities: Gratuity for the driver and guide will be at your discretion.

Comprehensive Travel Insurance:

Age, up to and including 59: \$100
60 – 64: \$139
65 – 69: \$162
70 – 74: \$298
75 +: Rates on request



GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months validity. Canadian and USA passport holders do not require a visa for Scotland.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken, but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: An initial, non-refundable, deposit of \$400 is required to guarantee your place. Balance due 2 months prior to departure. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment. Charges for cancellations within 60 days prior to departure are 50% of the total journey price and 100% within 14 days.

Travel Insurance: Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes ‘trip cancellation’ coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties. Conditions apply so please ask for more details.

General Health: All participants should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the program in its entirety.

PROGRAM COST

TORONTO PRICE: \$3595CAD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$695CAD

LAND ONLY PRICE: \$2985CAD

(Commencing 06 September in Glasgow)
All rates based upon twin accommodation
Payment by credit card carries a 3% surcharge.
Prices available from any N. American city.

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