

**COMPANIONS of the QUAICH**  
**MALT WHISKY TOUR of SCOTLAND**  
**06-18 JUNE, 2009**

*Hosted by Founder and President Ed Patrick*

*Itinerary Overview*

**DAY 1: SAT 06 JUNE- 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: SUN 07 JUNE- Arrive Scotland**

This morning we arrive in Scotland. “*CEAD MILE FAILTE!*” Once through luggage and passport formalities we meet our guide Morag Brodie, and driver who will escort us on this memorable journey. Our day begins with a visit to Auchentoshan distillery. From here we take the beautiful drive past Loch Lomond to the town of Inverary. Situated on the banks of Loch Fyne it is the perfect setting to begin our journey. The afternoon has been left free so you can relax or meander through the town centre. Dinner and overnight will be at The Argyll, Inverary. **(D)**

**DAY 3: MON 08 JUNE- Ferry to Islay**

Today we leave the mainland and follow the scenic route to our point of embarkation to Islay. 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. With exclusive use of the Bowmore Cottages the next four nights will be as if you are “home from home.” Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

**DAY 4-6: TUE 09 JUNE to THU 11 JUNE - Islay**

During the next three days we will tour the island and visit some of the following distilleries:

BRUICHLADDICH	BOWMORE
CAOL ILA	BUNNAHABHAIN
LAPHROAIG	ARDBEG
LAGAVULIN	

Dinner will be served at local restaurants each evening. **(B,D)**

**DAY 7: FRI 12 JUNE- Islay to Inverness**

Today we leave Islay and ferry back to the mainland as we head northward to Speyside (The Malt Whisky Trail.) 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 Palace Hotel, Inverness, we shall stop at Urquhart Castle and Loch Ness. Once in Inverness we shall check-in to our hotel for the next three nights. **(B,D)**

**DAY 8-9: SAT 13 JUNE to SUN 14 JUNE-Speyside**

The next two days are spent in the heartland of the Whisky Trail. Numerous distillery options are available. Special distillery appointments are being organized for these days. Dinner and overnight stay is in Inverness. **(B,D)**

**DAY 10: MON 15 JUNE-Speyside to Edinburgh**

This morning we leave the Highlands and head south towards Edinburgh. Our route gives us the opportunity to visit a distillery such as Tomatin 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 Parliament House Hotel. **(B,D)**

**DAY 11: TUE 16 JUNE- Edinburgh, Glenkinchie**

Our day begins with a visit to one of the best distillery visitor centers in Scotland, Glenkinchie. Once back in Edinburgh we will visit the Scotch Malt Whisky Society (BYO drams). The remainder of the afternoon has been left free and dinner is at your leisure. Tonight has been left open for you to meander through the streets of Olde Edinburgh. **(B)**

**DAY 12: WED 17 JUNE- 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 sightseeing, shopping or relaxing before our 'Farewell Dinner' at The Thistle Hotel. **(B,D)**

**DAY 13: THU 18 JUNE – Homeward Bound**

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**