

Scotland
2014
Clan Wallace
International
Gathering



June 23- July 1, 2014
\$1,979.00 per person

Clan Wallace Society Worldwide is once again traveling to Scotland for our Gathering in 2014. This unique customized tour focuses on the known and little known history of Sir William Wallace, along with general Scottish History and culture. We will attend the Scottish National Trust events in commemorating the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn and any Clan activities included. Experiencing Scotland while enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of fellow clansmen/women is a truly enriching life event and promises to be great fun! Please join us.



“Traveling through Scotland with Clan Wallace provided unique and wonderful encounters which we would not have otherwise experienced. Walking the footsteps of our forebears and visiting the places where they lived fought and died was especially poignant, yet inspirational.” - Joyce Jones, Scotland Gathering 2005

**Limited space - only 45 spaces. Please contact
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TRAVEL
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EuropeExpress

INCLUDED

- Airport Transfers on day of Arrival Edinburgh airport, Departure transfer
- 7 nights 4 star Edinburgh Hotel - shared room; Single rooms available at a surcharge
- Breakfast daily (not arrival day) 1 lunch, 2 dinners- arrival night dinner & Banquet with Acting Chief
- Private deluxe motor coach for all sightseeing
- Qualified local guide for sightseeing as per itinerary
- Admissions as described in the itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase
- Tips and taxes for included services
- Gratuity included for driver and guide
- Fully Escorted

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfares
- Independent Arrival/ Departure transfers
- Admissions and meals not listed
- Personal items – Laundry, bar, Room service.
- Itinerary subject to change as events are announced
- Valid US or Canadian Passport Required
- Travel Insurance – details will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration form

ITINERARY

Monday, June 23, 2014: Depart from U.S. or Canada for Edinburgh, Scotland's ancient and first city, where we will spend seven delightful nights.

Tuesday, June 24: Arrive Edinburgh International Airport – Group transfer to our hotel in the morning. Check into the hotel, rest up or take a leisurely walk to acquaint yourself with your new surroundings. Get to know your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner at the hotel this evening. (D)

Wednesday, June 25: Today we meet our certified guide to start our adventures out of the city in our comfortable private motor coach. Traveling west to Lanark the scene of William Wallace's early exploits and St Kentigern Church where Wallace reportedly married Marion Braidfute. Turning back to the east, our next destination is Falkirk where we will ride the Falkirk Wheel, the Millennium project and engineering marvel designed by University students. The wheel connects the Forth and Clyde canal with the Union canal, an integral part of more modern Scottish history. On to Falkirk Kirkyard to view Sir John de Graeme's Tomb, Wallace's second in command at Falkirk. His body was carried from the field by Wallace. (B)

Thursday, June 26: Today our guide and driver will take us across the Firth of Forth to Dunfermline Abbey, with its magnificent stain glass windows, where Wallace's mother was interred. On to the National Wallace Monument atop Abbey Craig, where Wallace and Murray's armies hid prior to the Battle of Stirling Bridge. We are hoping to have a special docent-led tour that focuses on the Battle of Stirling Bridge. See Wallace's sword in one of the upstairs tower rooms. A walking tour in Edinburgh along part of the Royal Mile with Jim Shields, past president, Robert Burns World Federation, highlighting places of historical interest and Burns connections. (B)

Friday, June 27: Today in search of all things Wallace our driver and guide take us farther west to Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, where legend states William Wallace's father was born. Dean Castle and Country Park, seat of the Boyd family. Land granted by King Robert I, the Bruce, in 1316 for support at Bannockburn. It is documented that Boyd's were amongst the followers of Wallace. During lunch at the park Burnsian, Jim Shields will relate to us the significant influence the life of Wm. Wallace had on Robert Burns and his works. Burns Monument Centre, in Kay Park a short distance away, is a unique building that houses the East Ayrshire historical records and research center, will give us a deeper insight into the history of the area as it relates to Wallace. Stop at Loudoun Hill. Wallace may have had a skirmish here in 1296; Bruce did in 1307. (B, L)

Saturday, June 28: Free day to discover on your own – a Voucher for Edinburgh Hop-on Hop-off City Tour will be provided. View Edinburgh at your leisure, with on-off stops to visit this historic city. (B)

Sunday, June 29: Transportation and entrance to attend the National Trust Bannockburn 700 festivities including any 'Clan Signature Event' planned, current plans are for battle live reenactments, medieval village and clan village. At this time the trust is still working on their plans. We have allotted Sunday and Monday for these events so we can be flexible. The brand new Bannockburn Heritage Centre, located at the site of the battle will have reopened and is the site of the Bruce statue honoring the two-day battle of 1314 between Scots and English. (B)

Monday, June 30: Transportation for the second day of Bannockburn 700 festivities. Banquet dinner with Acting Chief Andrew Wallace as honored guest. Including Entertainment (B & D)

Tuesday, July 1: Transfer to Edinburgh airport. (B)

Our Hotel: 4 star Dunstane House / Dunstane City Hotel, Scottish-owned and run boutique hotels in the Haymarket district of Edinburgh, a true Scottish experience.

Tour Activity Level: This tour requires average/moderate activity level. You should be able to climb stairs, walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestone streets.

