



A TOUR OF SCOTLAND SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF GUNSTON HALL



KINCARDINE CASTLE

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 240TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIRGINIA DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SEPTEMBER 5 - 14, 2017

George Mason built Gunston Hall in 1755. In 1776 he wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the document which preceded the Declaration of Independence. Mason and many other Founding Fathers of America were greatly influenced by Scottish Enlightenment Thinkers, such as Adam Smith and David Hume. We will explore their connections with these philosophers in the impressive country from which many early American settlers came.



DUNNOTTAR CASTLE

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): \$6890
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1680

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

HOTELS: 8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels
All hotel taxes and service charges included

COACHING: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary

MEALS: Full breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 7 dinners, 3 afternoon teas

EXPENSES: Portage of one large suitcase per person

ENTRANCES: Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

GUIDES: David Phillips, Licensed Blue Badge Guide, throughout.
Local guides and guest lecturers at select sites

PLEASE NOTE THAT TRAVEL INSURANCE IS NOT INCLUDED ON THIS TOUR.

Wondrous scenery, mile upon mile of mountainous landscape crisscrossed by stone walls and seemingly inhabited only by sheep. The Highlands have a romantic beauty of their own that has over the centuries drawn poets, painters and Queens and has been an inspiration for writers and film makers.

The fall hues of purple heather and bracken covering the landscape make September a delightful month for visiting Scotland.

Castles, kilts, bagpipes and the occasional dram of whisky are all part of the Scottish experience. In our time together, we will try to capture the spirit of this very special country and its American connections.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL VISITS ARE SUBJECT TO DIARY AVAILABILITY AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM IF THE NEED ARISES.

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TUESDAY, SEPT 5TH
 Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6TH
 - Arrivals will be met for the transfer to our hotel in the Scottish Lowlands, **Shieldhill Castle**. There will be time to unpack and

relax after the long journey – perhaps take afternoon tea and stroll the grounds. This evening we will have a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. Before dinner, a local expert will give a talk on the Dukes of Buccleugh and Bowhill. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SHIELDHILL CASTLE**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH - Joined by our local expert, we enjoy a morning visit to the **Bowhill Estate**, home of the Dukes of Buccleugh. Bowhill boasts a particularly fine art and furniture collection and magnificent grounds with views of the breathtaking Lammas Hills. We'll have lunch at Bowhill. This afternoon we visit **Abbotsford**, the creation and home of Sir Walter Scott. It is hard to overstate Scott's influence on Scottish nationalism and cultural pride. Tonight we dine at the hotel. **(B, L, D) OVERNIGHT: SHIELDHILL CASTLE**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - We begin today with a private tour of **Dumfries House**. Saved for the nation by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales and a generous group of philanthropists, the restoration and revival of this Estate is truly magnificent. We'll stop for lunch on our way back and return to the hotel with time to relax and freshen up before dinner. Tonight Professor Raymond Thomson, a specialist on Adam Smith and David Hume will speak on their influence upon the American War of Independence. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SHIELDHILL CASTLE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH - We depart the Scottish Lowlands this morning and head north into the Highlands. We'll break our journey north with a private visit to **Balcarres House**, seat of the Clan Lindsay and home of the 29th Earl of Crawford. After a tour of the house and garden, we stop in nearby **St Andrew's** for lunch. Surrounded by golf courses, we'll have a photostop at the famous "Old Course" as we head out of town. We continue on to **Kincardine Castle**, set on a 3,000 acre estate in Royal Deeside, near Aberdeen. Here we will spend the next three nights and enjoy the famous Scottish hospitality provided by our hosts. Her Majesty The Queen will be in residence at Balmoral and there will be various activities taking place locally for the Royal visit. Our three night stay at Kincardine Castle will include afternoon tea each day, pre-dinner champagne and canapés, a three course dinner with fine wines, cheese and port, and a full Scottish breakfast. **(B, T, D) OVERNIGHT: KINCARDINE CASTLE**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH - Departing after breakfast, we drive to **Dunnottar Castle** where the Keith family hid the Honors of Scotland. This is a spectacular coastal location. Heading north up the coast towards Aberdeen, we'll turn inland to follow the course of the River Dee and stop to visit **Drum Castle**. Known for its beautiful 18th-century gardens, Drum was for hundreds of years the

seat of the chief of the Clan Irvine and parts of the castle date from the 1200s. We'll enjoy a picnic in the beautiful castle grounds and be back at our hotel in time for afternoon tea. **(B, L, T, D) OVERNIGHT: KINCARDINE CASTLE**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH – This morning we visit the remarkable home of the MacPherson Grant family at **Ballindalloch** where we will be entertained with a private tour and luncheon. After lunch, we'll visit the famous **Glenfiddich Distillery** in nearby Dufftown, and return by teatime to Kincardine. **(B, L, T, D) OVERNIGHT: KINCARDINE CASTLE**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH - Departing Kincardine, we head south towards Edinburgh, the capital. We break our journey with a tour of the **Palace of Scone**, We'll see the site of the Stone of Scone where Macbeth, Robert the Bruce, Charles II and other Scottish monarchs were crowned. We'll arrive in Edinburgh early this afternoon and, after checking in to our five-star, city-center hotel, there will be time for a tour of **Edinburgh Castle** for those who so desire. The evening is free to sample one of the city's many excellent restaurants. **(B) OVERNIGHT: EDINBURGH**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH - A short drive out of the city this morning brings us to a special place known as 'Scotland's Finest Stately Home', the home of the Marquess of Linlithgow, **Hopetoun House**. After coffee and biscuits, we will be given a private guided tour of the House with the Estate Factor and Head Guide, Ian Lowe, before taking in the grounds at leisure. Mount Vernon was modeled on Hopetoun. Situated on the banks of the Firth of Forth, the house is a splendid example of the work of William, Robert and John Adam. The opulent gilding and classical motifs of the interior reflects the aristocratic grandeur of the 18th century, whilst the magnificent parkland has fine views across the Forth to the hills of Fife. The garden and its profusion of flowers is a particular interest of Lady Hopetoun's. We return to Edinburgh for a free afternoon in the city before gathering at our hotel to change for our Farewell Tour, Reception and Gala Dinner on board the former **Royal Yacht Britannia**. Now permanently docked at the Royal Victoria Dock at Leith, this magnificent royal vessel is used for business, state events and pleasure. The Yacht looks as elegant today as it did when last in Royal Service. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: EDINBURGH**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH - Morning transfers to Edinburgh airport are included for your return flights to the U.S. **(B)**



EDINBURGH CASTLE

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner, T - tea



REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete both sections of the form below (please print).
2. Detach the bottom section and return it to Discover Europe Ltd, 95 Adams St., Keene, NH 03431 with your registration deposit of \$1000 per person made out to DISCOVER EUROPE LTD.
3. Mail your voluntary contribution of \$400 per person payable to GUNSTON HALL REGENTS' FUND to Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck, VA 22079
4. The balance will be billed by Discover Europe as follows:
 - a). Second payment of \$3000 per person due 9 months prior to trip departure.
 - b). Final payment 3 months prior to departure.
5. Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it is on your passport.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

1. Discover Europe will be very happy to book your flights for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights to join the tour, it is essential that Discover Europe has your complete flight information. Please make sure you give us the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Incoming flights must arrive at Edinburgh before 11:00 am on Sept. 6th otherwise, we recommend arriving a day early.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS:

Please check the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

1. If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
2. A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.

ELIGIBILITY

Participation in this tour requires that travelers be in generally good health. Walking and stair climbing are commonly part of many tours. Travelers with physical disabilities must make them known to Discover Europe at the time of

booking. It is also essential that persons with any medical problems or related dietary restrictions inform Discover Europe well before departure. All travelers are expected to be ready to experience cultural differences with grace.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS:

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. The tour cost published here is based on an exchange rate of GBP 1.00 = USD 1.40. Significant changes to this rate will be reflected in the final billing.
2. Group size. Your tour has been based on a group size of 20-24 paying participants. Should we end up with less than this number, Discover Europe will work with the group organizer to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

REFUND POLICY:

1. Participants who withdraw more than 120 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$500 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 120 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 120-61 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
 - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$3000 per person
 - Fewer than 30 days prior to departure: no refund
3. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
4. Travel insurance is NOT included in your tour package. Discover Europe Ltd. strongly advises that you purchase coverage for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be included with your reservation confirmation.
5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
7. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS:

1. All inclusions on THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF GUNSTON HALL tour will be listed on the final itinerary.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transportation to and from the participant's home to their departure airport, transatlantic airfare, passport fees, excess baggage charges, and items of a personal nature.



PASSENGER DETAILS FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF GUNSTON HALL TOUR (0905/AGH)

Name(s): 1. _____
 2. _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Telephone: (____) _____
 Work Telephone: (____) _____
 E-mail: _____
 Date(s) of Birth: 1. _____ 2. _____
 Passport #1 _____ Exp.Date: _____
 Passport #2 _____ Exp.Date: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

 Health Information: _____

 Other Comments or Notes: _____

TRIP DETAILS

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____
 Departure Airport or City: _____



Please return this form to:
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 Tel: (866) 563-7077

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in A Commemoration of the 240th Year of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, Gunston Hall, Lorton, Va, in September 2017 to Scotland (“the Trip”) from Full Date of trip, I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Gunston Hall Board of Regents or any of its affiliates, its officers, servants, agents and employees (all hereinafter referred to as “releasees”) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees, or otherwise, while participating in the Trip, or while in, on or upon the premises where the Trip is being conducted, while in transit to or from the premises, or in any place or places connected with the Trip.

2. I am fully aware of risks and hazards connected with being on the premises and participating in the Trip, and I am fully aware that there may be risks and hazards unknown to me connected with being on the premises and participating in the Trip, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in the Trip, to enter upon the above named premises and engage in activities knowing that conditions may be hazardous, or may become hazardous or dangerous to me and my property. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of my being a participant in the Trip, whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise.

3. I further hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them, from any loss, liability, damage or costs they may incur due to my participation in the Trip, whether caused by the negligence of any or all of the releasees, or otherwise.

4. It is my express intent that this Release shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant Not to Sue the above named releasees.

In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that:

- A. I have read the foregoing release, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed;
- B. No oral representation, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made;
- C. I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and
- D. I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights : Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged): _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(PLEASE SELECT one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSION

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

SIGNATURES

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

