

## ROYAL SCOTLAND



### SCOTLAND'S COLONIAL CONNECTIONS SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> 2016

Where better to start a tour of Scotland than close to its capital Edinburgh, where every corner has a story to tell. We will explore the new and the old, see the sights but also look beyond the tourist trail to gain an impression of the history and the roots of many families who have since settled elsewhere. George Mason wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the document which preceded the Declaration of Independence. All this came about as a result of the Scottish Enlightenment thinkers, Adam Smith and David Hume, and we will explore their connections with Edinburgh and this impressive country, and the ancestors of many of the American Colonial Dames.



KILLIECRANKIE HOTEL

Wondrous scenery, mile upon mile of mountainous landscape crisscrossed by stone walls and seemingly only inhabited 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.

Landscape, history and climate are the themes that will accompany us on our travels. September is a wonderful month for visiting Scotland, with a hue of heather and bracken covering the landscape. Castles, kilts, bagpipes and the occasional dram of whisky are all part of the Scottish experience and although we cannot promise to tick all the boxes, we will do our very best. In ten days we can only scratch the surface but in doing so we will try and capture the spirit of this very special country and its American connections.

*Please note that the order and availability of some events may change between the writing and the operation of this itinerary due to changes in Royal or other private diaries.*

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

<b>LAND ONLY (NO AIREFARE INCLUDED):</b>	<b>\$6390</b>
<b>SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:</b>	<b>\$1420</b>

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

#### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

<b>HOTELS:</b>	10 nights accommodation in first-class hotels All hotel taxes and service charges included
<b>COACHING:</b>	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
<b>MEALS:</b>	Buffet breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 3 dinners (wine inc.)
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Porterage of one large suitcase per person
<b>ENTRANCES:</b>	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
<b>GUIDES:</b>	Alexandra Messervy throughout. Local guides at select sites.

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



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure today for US participants from your chosen international gateway city.  
**OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**TUESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** - Arrival at Edinburgh International Airport, where you will be met and

transferred to our hotel on the edge of the city of Edinburgh. Built in 1867 as the grand baroque home of Edinburgh's Lord Provost, Prestonfield is now Edinburgh's most luxurious hotel. Dramatic bedrooms and opulent salons abound. At the heart of the city's artistic, social and political life for over four centuries, this is a hotel with a close connection to the founding families of the colonies and within the twenty acres of gardens and parkland, a fitting start to our programme. Depart early afternoon for the Palace of Holyroodhouse accompanied by Alexandra Messervy, former Member of The Royal Household of Her Majesty The Queen. We'll have supper together at the hotel and a chance for an early night. **(D) OVERNIGHT: PRESTONFIELD HOUSE HOTEL**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** - Today, we will visit what is known as 'Scotland's Finest Stately Home, Hopetoun House, the home of the Marquess of Linlithgow. Welcomed with morning coffee and biscuits, we'll enjoy a private guided tour of the House with the Estate Factor, Ian Lowe. There will be time to wander the grounds at leisure or take a light lunch in the tearoom restaurant. Lord Hopetoun, if available, will extend an informal welcome. Situated on the shores of the Firth of Forth, this is one of the most splendid examples of the work of William Adam (father of Robert) and William Bruce. The spring garden, with a profusion of wild flowers, is a particular interest of Lady Hopetoun's and it was just across from here that Robert Louis Stevenson wrote his celebrated novel, 'Kidnapped'. We have the chance to take lunch here before departing for a self-guided afternoon tour of HMY Britannia, the former Royal Yacht where Alexandra spent time, and guests are able to take tea on the Royal Deck. The evening will be free for guests to dine at leisure. **(B) OVERNIGHT: PRESTONFIELD HOUSE HOTEL**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>** - Today we have a potential opportunity to visit a stunning private home which is never open to the public. We will otherwise visit Dalmeny House, the home of the Earls of Rosebery for over 300 years, for a guided tour. Located in one of the most beautiful and unspoilt settings in Britain, there are superb collections of porcelain and tapestries, fine art by Gainsborough and



NATIONAL WALLACE MONUMENT

Reynolds, and furniture from the 18<sup>th</sup> Lord Rothschild collection of Mentmore. The 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Rosebery was Prime Minister and as such, first Minister of The Crown, and a close confidant of the monarch. Today we will also visit the National Wallace Monument and tour Stirling Castle before continuing back to the hotel with dinner at a

venue of note to be confirmed. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PRESTONFIELD HOUSE HOTEL**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** - First, to Falkland in Fife, where we will visit the Palace of Falkland, the country residence of Mary Queen of Scots. This wonderful renaissance hunting lodge is famous for its beautiful gardens, and has one of the last surviving Real Tennis courts which were created in 1539. From here we will visit Glamis Castle, birthplace of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. We will be welcomed with a personal Piper, and enjoy a private guided tour of the Castle. **(B) OVERNIGHT: KILLIECRANKIE HOTEL**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we will have a private tour of the Duke of Atholl's former home, Blair Atholl Castle. Here you will see the only private army in Europe and the mass of treasures



STIRLING CASTLE

from many years of family ownership and loyalty to the Crown. The Harrods of Scotland is nearby, and we will then visit The House of Bruar – lunch here and an opportunity to shop until you drop! For those who do not wish to do so, we will run a shuttle bus back to Killiecrankie or to Pitlochry, and will then visit Queen Victoria's View, at Loch Tummel. One of the most

outstanding views in fine weather, you can see Ben Nevis miles across to the West coast, and the ski slopes of Aviemore. Tour the world's smallest private distillery at Edradour. **(B,D) OVERNIGHT: KILLIECRANKIE HOTEL**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** - We will drive up high into the Highlands and enjoy a private guided tour and lunch with the MacPherson Grant family at Ballindalloch Castle. Home to the famous Grant Whisky, guests will be entertained by the laird, Guy and his lovely wife Victoria. Or private visit to Kincardine Castle, home of Andrew Bradford, a member of the Keith family. William Keith, 1<sup>st</sup> Lord, was 16-great grandfather to Andrew and his wife too. William Keith was 13-great grandfather to them both. Elizabeth Keith married Colin Oliphant who died at the Battle of Flodden in 1513. Michael Canning Keith, the late 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kintore, was Andrew's 4<sup>th</sup> cousin once removed, and his sister, Lady Diana Holman, lives locally. **(B,D) OVERNIGHT: KILLIECRANKIE HOTEL**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>** - Today we will stay quite close to home, with a visit to Aberfeldy and the area. Full details to be arranged. **(B,D) OVERNIGHT: KILLIECRANKIE HOTEL**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** - We will enjoy a private tour of the Palace of Scone, where all the Scottish monarchs were crowned. Welcomed with coffee and homemade shortbread (this is to die for!) you may choose to take a light lunch here. Built on the site of an ancient abbey and now a delightful family home, wander around the lovely gardens and grounds, and view the atmospheric Chapel and Stone of Scone. The seat of Parliaments, Macbeth, Robert the Bruce and Charles II were all crowned here. We will drive back down via the outskirts of Edinburgh and visit the Rosslyn Chapel in Midlothian. Here we will have a private guided tour of this delightful 15<sup>th</sup>-century monument. We depart for our final accommodation in the Borders at The Roxburghe Hotel, personally owned and overseen by The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe. A delightful award winning country house hotel renowned for its comfort and good food. Dinner in the hotel together this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: THE ROXBURGHE HOTEL**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>** - After a leisurely breakfast, we will today visit the Bowhill Estate, near Selkirk, the home of the Dukes

of Buccleugh. Bowhill boasts a particularly fine art and furniture collection, including Reynolds, and the grounds are quite breathtaking at this time of year. This afternoon we'll visit Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott. Built by this world renowned poet on the banks of the River Tweed within the beautiful landscape of the Scottish borders, we can learn here of the legacy of Sir Walter. If time, as we return to Kelso, we will stop by the ruins of Niedpath Castle. Dinner once again together in the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: THE ROXBURGHE HOTEL**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>** - This morning we will visit Manderston, which boasts 56 acres of immaculate gardens, a marble dairy and a solid silver staircase! This surely is the epitome of wealthy Edwardian Scotland and demonstrates the finest craftsmanship and domestic sophistication the era could offer. Sumptuous state rooms are decorated in the Adam manner and the opulence continues outside, with stables described as the finest in the world! Home to The Lord Palmer, we may possibly be welcomed by his Lordship, depending

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on his diary arrangements, and will be able to take a private tour here. We may have lunch here in the tearoom which serves delightful homemade produce. This afternoon we will return to the hotel for an opportunity to rest and change before an early evening departure for our final Gala Evening. Arriving at Floors Castle as the special guests of Their Graces The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, we will be entertained to drinks and canapés, before a private guided tour with The Duke. We will then be entertained with a Farewell Dinner in the Duke's private dining room, with dishes specially created for us by His Grace's personal chef and wines selected by The Duke from his private cellar. A memorable end to a memorable tour! If the weather is fine, a visit to the walled gardens is a must. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: THE ROXBURGHE HOTEL**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>** - Depart for the airport and home. **(B)**

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

# REGISTRATION FORM

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- i). Please type or print.
- ii). Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
- iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- iv). Complete both sides of this form.
- v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$1600 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

**DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:**

**1. PASSENGER DETAILS**

- i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
- ii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
- iii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
- iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
- v). Health Information. A fair amount of walking is involved in this trip and includes stairways. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special

assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

**2. EMERGENCY CONTACT**

This information is essential.

**3. INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS.**

If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving 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. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.

**4. ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

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

- i). 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.
- ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



**PASSENGER DETAILS FOR ROYAL SCOTLAND (0919/ASC)**

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other Comments or Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TRIP DETAILS**

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Airport or City: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:  
**DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.**  
 95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., and The English Manner, 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.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities, host or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

1. A deposit of \$1600 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

**TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS**

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

1. Exchange rates. This tour is based on using an exchange rate of USD 1.60 = GBP 1.00. Significant changes (i.e. more than a 10% variation) will result in an adjustment of the dollar amount payable at the time of final billing.

2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 16 participants with 2 single rooms. Should we end up with less than 16 people, Discover Europe will work with The English Manner 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.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe Ltd. reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

**REFUND POLICY**

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$1600 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days and more than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$2000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to the day of tour departure will not receive a refund unless they have purchased travel insurance.
4. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Discover Europe will be happy to provide information describing the services of a recommended insurance company, which will fully detail the coverages, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the insurance offered.
5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing (either by mail or e-mail).
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.

**INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

1. All inclusions on *Royal Scotland* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

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

Flight details (if self-arranged): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

- I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)  
 I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_  
 We would like a double twin-bedded room

**PERMISSIONS**

You 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: \_\_\_\_\_