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‘Scottish Lowlands’ Tour, 2019

(Mill at New Lanark; Abbotsford House; Rosslyn Chapel; Melrose Abbey; Border Towns; Falkirk Wheel; The Kelpies; St Andrews; The ‘Discovery’; Jute Mill; Scottish Fisheries Museum; Birds of Prey Experience; Kingsbarns Distillery; Stirling Castle; Doune Castle)

10 Nights: Fri 1 Nov – Sun 10 Nov (Dispersing morning of 11th Nov)

The Holiday Inn @ Glasgow Airport	1 night
Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles, Borders	4 nights
B. W. Scores Hotel, St Andrews, Fife	4 nights
The Holiday Inn @ Glasgow Airport	1 night

\$2,850 Per/Person (Sharing room) (Single: add \$300 – **Check Availability!**)

Includes: 10 nights Dinner, B&B, Luxury coach, Ferry, Meal-tips, Activities & Visits.

Excludes: Air Travel, Lunches, Driver-tip, and Insurance.

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Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 Friday, 1 Nov, 2019

Activity As tour members arrive independently at Glasgow Airport, cross the road to the **Holiday Inn**, and check in under **MINCH MUSIC TOUR**.

Gather in the bar for a **Welcome Drink** at **6.00pm**, prior to **Dinner** at **7.00pm**.

Evening After **Dinner**, Evening free to relax and prepare for morning departure.

Hotel **Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport (D. B.)**

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Day 2 **Saturday, 2 Nov, 2019**

Activity

Morning departure for **Peebles** at the northern confines of the Border country. Main stop at **New Lanark Visitor Centre**, which tells the fascinating story of the cotton mill village of New Lanark which was founded in the 18th century. Under the enlightened management of social pioneer, **Robert Owen**, the provision of decent homes, fair wages, free health care, a new education system for villagers and the first workplace nursery school in the world! Arrive at **Peebles Hydro Hotel** later in the afternoon.
(Independent Lunch at New Lanark)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth** in the Edinburgh Suite.
Peebles Hydro Hotel (D. B.)

Day 3 **Sunday, 3 Nov, 2019**

Activity

Depart 10.00am for visit to **Abbotsford House**, an historic country house near **Melrose**, on the south bank of the River Tweed. It was formerly the residence of historical novelist and poet, **Sir Walter Scott**. The style is mainly the Scottish Baronial. Into various parts of the fabric were built relics and curiosities from historical structures, such as the doorway of the old Tolbooth in Edinburgh. Back at the hotel, relax, or join in the **Gin Tasting Presentation** on the premises.
(Independent Lunch at Abbotsford)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth** in the Edinburgh Suite.
Peebles Hydro Hotel (D. B.)

Day 4 **Monday, 4 Nov, 2019**

Activity

Morning visit to **Rosslyn Chapel**.
Depart 9.30 for 10.30 arrival at Rosslyn Chapel. We will receive an introductory talk (15-20 mins) in the chapel at 11.00am.
Nearby, Rosslyn Castle is a ruin inside of which sits a modern private home.
Depart at 12.00pm for Peebles.
Peebles! Free time in the afternoon. Bus drop off, and bus pick up.
(John Buchan Museum, and the William Chambers Walk; are popular features)
(Independent Lunch, at Rosslyn or in Peebles)
All the **Hydro Hotels** in Scotland have **Swimming** and **Spa** facilities. The **Royal Burgh of Peebles** is located on the **River Tweed**, at the confluence with Eddleston Water.

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth** in the Edinburgh Suite.
Peebles Hydro Hotel (D. B.)

Day 5 **Tuesday, 5 Nov, 2019**

Activity

Drive the **Border Towns** of Selkirk, Hawick, Jedburgh, Melrose in the company of a **Local Guide**. Today includes a self-guided tour at **Melrose Abbey**. The Borders boasts an abundance of scenery and great historical value.
(Independent Lunch in Jedburgh)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth** in the Edinburgh Suite.
Peebles Hydro Hotel (D. B.)

Day 6 **Wednesday, 6 Nov, 2019**

Activity

Departing Peebles, our next hotel destination is **St. Andrews** on the north western coast of **Fife**. Our main stop will be a **Guided Tour** of **The Kelpies** at Helix Park, which is located near to **The Falkirk Wheel**.

...The Falkirk Wheel is a rotating boat lift connecting the **Forth & Clyde Canal** with the **Union Canal**. It opened in 2002, reconnecting the two canals for the first time since the 1930s as part of the Millennium Link project.

... The Kelpies are 30-metre-high horse-head sculptures, standing next to a new extension to the **Forth and Clyde Canal**, and near River Carron. The sculptures were designed by sculptor Andy Scott and were completed in October 2013. The Kelpies are a monument to horse powered heritage across Scotland.

(Independent Lunch at the Falkirk Wheel)

A rural drive across Fife brings us to St Andrews, and the **B.W. Scores Hotel**.

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
B. W. Scores Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife (D. B.)

Day 7 **Thursday, 7 Nov, 2019**

Activity

St Andrews! Free Day! Apart from shopping, we are an easy walk from the **Castle**, the ruins of the **Abbey**, the **Golf Museum**, the **Acquarium**, the **Beach!** (BTW: St. Andrews University is the oldest in Scotland. It was granted a charter in 1411 by the bishop of St. Andrews. In 1413 it gained full university status after a blessing by the Pope at the time)

(Independent Lunch, wherever you are)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
B. W. Scores Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife (D. B.)

Day 8 **Friday, 8 Nov, 2019**

Activity

Dundee! Crossing the Firth of Tay on the Tay Bridge to the city of **Dundee**. Launched locally in 1901, **RRS Discovery** was the last wooden three-masted ship to be built in Britain. Its first mission was the **British National Antarctic Expedition**, carrying **Robert Falcon Scott** and **Ernest Shackleton** on their first journey to the Antarctic. **Exhibition + Audio visual + Guided Tour** of the famous ship. Located at the area now called Discovery Point.

Verdant Works weaves the tale of jute with the life and work of old Dundee.

Our visit to a **Jute Mill** will transport you back over 100 years to an era when jute was king and Dundee was its realm.

Note: Next door to "The Discovery" is the new Victoria & Albert Museum.

Although the museum is not in on our official itinerary, it would be convenient for interested tour members to take a look!

(Independent Lunch, at Discovery Point)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
B. W. Scores Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife (D. B.)

Day 9 Saturday, 9 Nov, 2019

Activity

This morning we will stop in the coastal Fife town of **Anstruther**, a working fishing harbour in a picturesque location. Here we visit the **Scottish Fisheries Museum** covering the wider area between Shetland and English fishing ports. Our main stop is at **Kingsbarn Distillery**. Here we have a provided lunch, a **Birds of Prey Experience** with falconer **Steven Brazendale**, and a tour of the distillery. Then some North Sea coastal scenery on our drive back to our hotel. (Provided Lunch, at Kingsbarn Distillery)

Evening

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**

Hotel

B. W. Scores Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife (D. B.)

Day 10 Sunday, 10 Nov, 2019

Activity

Depart St. Andrews for our return to the Holiday Inn.

Today's main stop is **Stirling Castle**, one of Scotland's grandest due to its imposing position and impressive architecture. The scenery is exceptional, and the stories surrounding this special place in Scottish History are well presented by the excellent Guides. Meet at "**the well**" on the hour to be with a Guide.

We also have time for a tour of **Doone Castle** on our way to the Holiday Inn. (Independent Lunch at Stirling Castle)

Evening

We can enjoy a final **Dinner** together.

Hotel

Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport (D. B.)

Day 11 Monday, 11 Nov, 2019

Activity

Breakfast is included. This is the morning we all disperse.

This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!

You could plan to fly out this morning...or make other plans.

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We can arrange Extra Night/s for you with the Holiday Inn at Glasgow Airport. Donnie will ask you in good time if extra nights are required, and he will process these reservation requests to the hotel on your behalf. You don't need to contact the Holiday Inn. Just show up with your Card.

By doing this, your credit card would not be required until you reach the hotel desk.