



‘Scottish Lowlands’

with **Men of Worth**

Oct/Nov 2021

St Andrews: Cathedral & Beach

‘Scottish Lowlands’ Tour 2021

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

10 Nights: Sat 30 Oct – Mon 8 November
(Dispersing morning of 9th November)

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

\$2,950 Per/Person (Sharing room, Double or Twin)

\$3,450 Per/Person (Single)

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

Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — Insurance.

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Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 Saturday, 30th Oct, 2021

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

(Note: The Holiday Inn, and NOT the Holiday Inn Express)

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.)**

Day 2 Sunday, 31st Oct, 2021

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

Hotel **Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles (D. B.)**

Day 3 Monday, 1st Nov, 2021

Activity Drive with our Local Guide by Selkirk and Galashiels, 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 Scottish Baronial. Into various parts of the fabric were built relics and curiosities from historical structures, such as the doorway of the old Tollbooth in Edinburgh.

(Independent Lunch at Abbotsford)

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

Hotel **Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles (D. B.)**

Day 4 Tuesday, 2nd Nov, 2021

Activity Morning visit to [Rosslyn Chapel](#). An introductory talk is given in the chapel on the hour for 15-20 mins. A short walk takes us to the outer confines of Rosslyn Castle.

Afternoon back in **Peebles** is free time. The **Royal Burgh of Peebles** is located on the **River Tweed**, at the confluence with Eddleston Water. You can experience the **William Chambers Walk**, or visit the [John Buchan Museum](#), or both! This afternoon can also be time to relax at our hotel. **Hydro Hotels** in Scotland have **Swimming & Spa** facilities.

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

Hotel **Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles (D. B.)**

Day 5

Wednesday, 3rd Nov, 2021

Activity

Drive through the **Border Towns** of Selkirk, Hawick, Jedburgh, Melrose in the company of a **Local Guide**. We will have time in Jedburgh to visit the [Mary Queen of Scots House](#). The [Jedburgh Abbey](#) is another attraction. Today also includes a self-guided tour at [Melrose Abbey](#).

The Borders boasts great historical value and an abundance of scenery.
(Independent Lunch, in Jedburgh)

Evening

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

Hotel

Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles (D. B.)

Day 6

Thursday, 4th Nov, 2021

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](#) which are located near to [The Falkirk Wheel](#).

... The Kelpies are 30-metre-high horse-head sculptures, standing next to a new extension to the **Forth and Clyde Canal**, and near the 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.

...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. Although the "Wheel" will be under maintenance, we can take a close look at the operation.

(Independent Lunch at the Kelpies)

Evening

After **Dinner**, Free time

Hotel

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

Day 7

Friday, 5th Nov, 2021

Activity

Free Day in St Andrews. Apart from shopping, we are an easy walk from the **Castle**, the ruins of the **Cathedral**, the Museum in the Cathedral, the **Golf Museum**, the **Aquarium**, and 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)

Evening

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

Hotel

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

Day 8

Saturday, 6th Nov, 2021

Activity

A busy day starting with a guided tour of the [Scottish Fisheries Museum](#) in Anstruther. We have two hours in this Museum and it is an experience to savour! Our main stop is the [Kingsbarns Distillery](#) further up on the Fife coast. In addition to a tour of the Distillery, and a provided lunch, we can enjoy the [Birds of Prey Presentation](#) by **Steve Brazendale**.

Evening

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

Hotel

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

Day 9

Activity

Sunday, 7th Nov, 2021

We drive across the Firth of Tay 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.

(BTW: The [V&A Museum](#) is located next door. Time to take a look, if you wish.)

Also planned is a visit to a [Jute Mill](#) as a reference to Dundee's famous past.

(Independent Lunch)

Evening

Hotel

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

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Day 10

Activity

Monday, 8th Nov, 2021

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

En route, our main stop will be [Stirling Castle](#), one of Scotland's grandest due to its imposing position and impressive architecture. The scenery will take your breath away, and the stories surrounding this special place in Scottish History are well presented by the excellent Guides. Tours on the hour, and half hour.

We depart Stirling for [Doune Castle](#) and a very different experience. The history of Doune Castle dates back to the 13th century, but modern day film-making has brought it more into public awareness. (*Ivanhoe; Monty Python and the Holy Grail; Game of Thrones; Outlander*)

(Independent Lunch in Stirling)

Drive west to arrive late afternoon at the Holiday Inn by way of country roads.

Evening

Hotel

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

Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport (D. B.)

Day 11

Activity

Tuesday, 9th Nov, 2021

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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