

## TEMPLAR TOUR OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND Sponsored by St. Andrews Priory 11 August—22 August 1999

### August 11, WednesdayDepart United States for London

- Depart your home and take an overnight flight across the North Atlantic.
- Dinner and a continental breakfast will be served en route.

#### August 12, ThursdayLondon Arrival

- Transfer to your hotel to check in (rooms may not be ready until the early afternoon).
- Perhaps a visit to Buckingham Palace for the changing of the guard. Overnight: The Stakis Hyde Park Hotel, London

#### August 13, Friday

### London Sightseeing Tour

- Full day tour with coach and guide.
- Westminster Abbey
- Cabinet War Rooms
- Tower of London
- Free time after the visit to the Tower for further sightseeing Possibly the nearby All Hallows Church or Shopping
- Return to the hotel on your own Overnight: The Stakis Hyde Park Hotel (CB)

### August 14, Saturday Train to Edinburgh (First Class) & Gullane

- First Class train from London to Edinburgh (4 hours).
- Coach transfer from Edinburgh's Waverly Station to the Templar Lodge in Gullane. Dinner & Overnight: The Templar Lodge (CB, D)

## August 15, Sunday

## Perthshire & The Highlands

- Drive north from Gullane through Perthshire and the Highlands.
- Chapel at Dull
- Drive on through the Pass of Killiecrankie
- Blair Castle near Blair Atholl.
- Drive north on the A9
  - Through Glen Garry
  - The Pass of Drumochter
  - Glen Truim to the village of Dalwhinnie for a "wee dram"
- Continue north past Aviemore, we arrive at Culloden where we stop at the visitors' center See an audio-visual presentation and walk that famous battlefield.

Dinner & Overnight: The Palace Hotel, Inverness (B, D)

## August 16, Monday Isle of Skye

- Drive down the north side of Loch Ness, stopping briefly to see if you can spot "Nessy".
- Visit Eilean Donan Castle near the village of Dornie.
- Continue over the new Skye Bridge and travel south on the Isle of Skye.
- Visit the Clan Donald Centre with time for lunch on your own.
- Nearby, board the ferry to the port of Mallaig on the mainland.
- Drive along the Road to the Isles to arrive in Fort William, in the shadow of Ben Nevis. Dinner & Overnight: The Mercury Hotel, Fort William (B, D)

### August 17, Tuesday Glen Coe, Kilmartin, Inveraray Castle & Loch Lomand

- Drive to Glen Coe, stopping at the monument and for ceremony and additional photo-stop.
- Drive through Inveraray to Kilmartin to visit the Kilmartin Parish Church.
- Return along the shores of Loch Fyne to visit Inveraray Castle.
- Enjoy a cruise on Loch Lomand before driving to our hotel in Glasgow.
  Dinner & Overnight: The Marriott Hotel, Glasgow (B, D)

### August 18, WednesdayStirling & The Trossachs

- Sightseeing in the area
- Stirling Castle
- Bannockburn, and the
- Wallace Monument,

Dinner & Overnight:

- Statue of Robert the Bruce
- Glenturret Distillery in Crieff
- Attend a Burns Dinner at the King Robert Hotel in Bannockburn.

The Marriott Hotel, Glasgow (B, D)

### Edinburgh Sightseeing & Tattoo

- Travel into Edinburgh for a morning of sightseeing.
- Visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse
- Visit Edinburgh Castle.
- The afternoon is free to explore
  - St. Giles Cathedral,
  - John Knox's house and
  - Other sights on the Royal Mile or Princess Street.
- We will have reserved seats that evening at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a spectacular event.
  - Dinner on your own

Overnight:

The Marriott Hotel, Glasgow (B)

## August 20, Friday

# **Rosslyn & Charlton**

- Travel to the village of Roslin, south of Edinburgh, in the morning.
- Rosslyn Castle ruins tour
- Rosslyn Chapel tour
- 14:00 hours Priory of St. Andrew will sponsor a Knights Templar Convent and Investiture Led by H.E. Capt. Chev. Laurence M. Long, GCTJ, past Prior
- Tour Ballintradoch , the first Templar Preceptory outside the Holy Land with Sir John Richie.
- Drive north into Fife for a very special dinner at Charlton Estate of Baron and Baroness St. Clair Bonde
  - Also a St. Andrew Priory member, home of Sir Henry St. Sinclair

Return to the hotel late that night.Overnight: The Marriott Hotel, Glasgow (B, D)

## August 21, Saturday Burns' Country & Culzean Castle

- Travel south into Ayrshire.
- Stop in Alloway to visit the properties in the Burns' National Heritage Park.
- Continue South to visit Culzean Castle.

the Marriott Hotel, Glasgow (B, D)

## August 22, Sunday Depart for Home

Dinner & Overnight

Today is departure day, so pack up all the bargains you purchased. Enjoy breakfast at leisure at your hotel. You are then transferred to the Glasgow Airport for your departure flight.

## Hotel, notes, schedules

## Stakis Hyde Park Hotel Aug 12, 13

Bayswater Road London W2 4 RJ Tel 011 171.221.2217 Fax 011 171.229.0557

## Templar Lodge Aug 14

Gullane Just east of Edinburgh EH31 2AS Tel 011 1620.842275 Fax 011 1620.842970

# The Place Hotel Aug 15

Ness Walk Inverness IV3 5NE Tel 011 1463.223243 Fax 011 1463.236865

## The Ballachuish Hotel Aug 16

Ballachulish Argyll PA39 4JY Tel 011 1855.811606 Fax 011 1855.811629

### **Glasgow Marriott**

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Notes: B=Breakfast, CB=Continental Breakfast, D=Dinner