

## **WORDEN FAMILY TOUR of SCOTLAND** **September 16- September 23, 2019**



Join us on our upcoming adventure as we explore Scotland, home of royal ancestors including King William I, the Lion, of Scotland and St. Queen Margaret, wife of King Malcolm III. In addition we will encounter other relatives of Peter Worden I and enjoy all the beauty and history Scotland has to offer!

### Highlights of the Tour Include:

- 7 nights in the following cities: Glasgow (1), Oban (2), Stirling (3), and Edinburgh (1)
- Touring and all entrance fees to: Dunbarton Castle, Bannockburn Battlefield, Stirling Castle, Scone Palace, Huntingtower Castle in Perth, Dunkeld, Dunfermline Abbey, Arbroath Abbey, and Edinburgh Castle (visiting Queen Margaret's Chapel);
- Day trip to Isle of Mull and Iona via ferry, with bus and walking tour with local guide. Visit Fingal's Cave and the colorful town of Tobermory
- Half day guided visit in Edinburgh to the Old Town and to Edinburgh Castle
- Opportunity to visit the area surrounding Oban, the town of Dunkeld, and more with the Driver-Guide
- Driver-Guide throughout the tour with coach transport and background/daily commentary provided by John Schuerman
- Breakfast every day (7) and 2 private dinners (welcome dinner and farewell dinner)
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- Tips and Tax for Touring Coach Driver

### Not Included:

- International Airfare (Tour begins in Glasgow and ends in Edinburgh)
- Transfers To/From Airport (but they can be arranged)
- Travel Insurance

Cost is based on a minimum of 15 passengers:

23-25 paying participants: \$2650/person, double occupancy

18-22 paying participants: \$2790/person, double occupancy

15-17 paying participants: \$2940/person, double occupancy

Single room supplement: \$700

Reserve by: December 1, 2018

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### **Brief Day-By-Day Itinerary**

(Subject to change)

**Monday, September 16:** Arrive in Glasgow. Transfer on your own to the hotel. Relax and get settled in. This evening there will be a welcome dinner at the hotel. (Glasgow)

**Tuesday, September 17:** After breakfast our bags will be collected and we will be met by our driver-guide who will be with us until our arrival in Edinburgh the last full day of the tour. This morning we will drive to Oban via Dumbarton where we will visit Dumbarton Castle- a dramatic setting on the River Clyde. We will tour the area around Oban before checking into our hotel. (Oban).

**Wednesday, September 18:** After breakfast, the group will take a full day excursion to the Isle of Mull and Iona located in the Inner Hebrides. We will take a ferry to the Isle of Mull where we will be met by our guide. Upon arrival to the island we will be transported to Fionnphort with scenic stops along the way. Then we will take a foot passenger ferry to Iona where we will be treated to a guided walking tour of this lovely island including a visit to the Iona Nunnery, the Abbey which St. Columba founded in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, and more. The Isle of Iona is a sacred place where many early Scottish kings were buried, including some ancestors of Peter Worden I. We will then take a small boat to Fingal's Cave, carved out of an island by the sea. The cave was the inspiration for an overture by the composer Mendelssohn. Then we will head to Tobermory, a colorful town on the northern end of Mull, then return to Oban by ferry for the evening. (Oban)

**Thursday, September 19:** After breakfast, your bags will be collected and the group will depart Oban and drive 2.5 hours to Bannockburn where we will tour the battleground as well as the visitor center. The Battle of Bannockburn was a decisive battle in the year 1314 between King Edward I of England and the King of the Scots, Robert the Bruce. Here, the English were defeated in a 2 day fight. We have a number of distant cousins who fought in this battle on the English side.

After a short break in the town of Bannockburn, we will go to Stirling Castle for a visit. The site has been a protected fortification for many centuries overlooking the River Forth. The first recorded castle is from about 1110 when King Alexander I dedicated a chapel there. Alexander was a distant uncle of Peter Worden I. Our ancestors King David I (brother of Alexander) and King William I (the Lion) lived there and William died there in 1214.

After visiting the castle, we will check into our hotel in Stirling which will be home for the next 3 nights. The town of Stirling is built on the side of a large protruding rock, a dramatic location in the middle of rolling hills. (Stirling)

### Friday, September 20:

This morning after breakfast, the group will take a day tour to Perth and Dunkeld. First we will visit Huntingtower Castle which is worth a visit to see its painted ceilings. We will then visit Scone Palace to see the Palace and the grounds. Across from the castle is a small chapel, the sight of the crowning of several Scottish kings, some of whom are our ancestors. The Stone of Destiny (the Stone of Scone) was located here, where the kings sat for their coronations.

Then we will visit Dunkeld with the driver guide. King Kenneth I of Scotland is supposed to have transported the relics of St. Columba from Iona to Dunkeld to preserve them from Viking raids. Dunkeld held importance for the monarchy and church of Scotland for several centuries. At one time there was a monastery there, and our ancestor, Crinan the Thane (died in 1045), was its abbot. Crinan was the father of King Duncan and grandfather of King Malcolm III. The monastery no longer exists. After the visit, we will return to Stirling for the evening. (Stirling)

### Saturday, September 21

After breakfast, the group will go to Dunfermline to visit Dunfermline Abbey, which was founded by St. Queen Margaret. St. Margaret and her husband, King Malcolm III were buried here although their bodies have since been moved. King Robert the Bruce is buried under the altar.

Our journey will continue to Arbroath on Scotland's east coast on the North Sea. We will visit the Arbroath Abbey which was founded by King William I (the Lion). The Abbey is largely in ruins but there is a wonderful interpretative display. King William is buried under a stone in the middle of the abbey church. After the visit, we will then head back to Stirling for the evening. (Stirling)

### Sunday, September 22

After breakfast, your bags will be collected and we will drive for an hour and a half to Edinburgh. The coach will remain with us for the day, and we will enjoy a half day guided tour of Edinburgh with a local guide. Highlights of the tour include a walk along the Royal Mile, visiting the old town, and a tour of Edinburgh Castle including a visit to Queen Margaret's Chapel. The Chapel was built by her son, King David I, who is also an ancestor.

We will then check into the hotel in Edinburgh for our final night, and your afternoon is free. This evening we will gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

### Monday, September 23

After breakfast, you will check out of the hotel and make your way to the airport (Edinburgh or Glasgow) on your own. You can make your way on your own or optional transfers are available.