Join us for an exclusive Smith Travel Tour to Scotland!

Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests

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Scotland: Highlands and Islands

July 20-31, 2013

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Featuring Professor Michael Thurston

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- Costs of passports and visas
- Personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified
- Airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only tour package
- Communication charges
- Gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities, $10-$15 per day, per traveler)
- Optional sightseeing
- Travel protection insurance
- Additional baggage fees

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If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement.

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Responsibility:

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We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.

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“My heart’s in the Highlands,” said Robert Burns – as will you, as we travel from city to country, mainland to island, on this sweet journey. From loch to loch and glen to glen, we encounter stunning natural beauty and welcoming clans, while city life serves up the colorful past – and cosmopolitan present.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Glasgow, Scotland

Day 2: Arrive Glasgow We arrive in Scotland’s largest city and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. Late this afternoon we gather for a briefing on the journey ahead. Then we enjoy a welcome dinner at the National Piping Centre, a museum celebrating Scotland’s Great Highland Bagpipe. D

Day 3: Glasgow This morning’s tour highlights “Glasgow Style,” the city’s distinct architecture of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Though Glasgow has a rich medieval history, very few structures from that time survive; it is the Victorian-era buildings of red or blond sandstone with long lines that define the city’s historic built environment. Among the stand-out buildings we see: Glasgow Central Station, the Royal Exchange, Glasgow City Chambers, and Glasgow School of Art by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. We also visit Sir John W. Simpson’s immensely popular Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Following our city tour we visit Pollok House, ancestral home of the Maxwell clan and now a museum with the United Kingdom’s greatest collection of Spanish art. Here a curator takes us on a privately guided tour of the Edwardian country house after we enjoy lunch in the award-winning restaurant. We return to our hotel mid-afternoon; the remainder of the day is at leisure. B,L

Day 4: Glasgow/Loch Lomond/Glencoe/Fort William We leave Glasgow this morning by motorcoach, bound for the scenic Highlands, Scotland’s sparsely populated historic northern region. Along the way we visit delightful Geilston Garden, an historic and typical gar-

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Well-paced journey through Scotland … Glasgow touring … Glasgow’s unique architecture … Private curator-guided tour of Pollok House … Beautiful Scottish Highlands scenery, including Loch Lomond, Trossachs National Park, Glencoe, Loch Ness … Evocative ruins of Urquhart Castle … Isle of Skye excursion … Historic Culloden Moor … Medieval St. Andrews … Edinburgh touring, including Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood … Pleasing mix of guided touring and time for independent exploration.

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Glasgow
2-3 Glasgow Grand Central Hotel First Class
4-5 Fort William Nevis Bank Not Rated
6-7 Inverness Thistle Inverness First Class
8 Dundee Apex City Quay Hotel Sup. First Class
9-11 Edinburgh The George Hotel Sup. First Class
12 Depart Edinburgh for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.
Day 1: Edinburgh Castle

Edinburgh Castle, symbol of Scotland, which we visit on Day 10.

den of a small country estate in the 18th and 19th centuries. Then we stop at the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, Great Britain’s largest lake and part of Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. Sir Walter Scott’s description of The Trossachs still rings true today: “So wondrous wild, the whole might seem/the scenery of a fairy dream.” We enjoy a brief cruise on the island-dotted loch before continuing on to Glencoe. With deep valleys flanked by steep-sided mountains, rushing rivers, and dramatic waterfalls, Glencoe is considered one of Scotland’s most beautiful spots. Then we travel on to Fort William, the Highlands’ second-largest settlement, arriving late afternoon. We dine tonight at our hotel.

Day 5: Fort William/Isle of Skye

Embark on a full-day excursion to the Isle of Skye, the largest of Scotland’s Inner Hebrides known for its vivid history and stunning scenery. En route, we visit Glenfinnan Monument honoring “Bonnie Prince Charlie” for his leadership in the Jacobite Rising in 1742. Then we board a ferry for Armadale on the southern tip of Isle of Skye, where upon arrival we set out on a scenic drive through the imposing Cuillin Hills to the fishing town of Portree. Here we enjoy lunch together at a local pub then continue our tour of the island (including a photo stop at iconic Eilean Donan Castle) known for its strong Gaelic influence. We return to the mainland via the Skye Bridge.

Day 6: Fort William/Loch Ness/Inverness

We depart today for Inverness, stopping en route at fabled Loch Ness. We drive the full 23-mile length of the lake best known for the unearthly creature alleged to live in its deep waters. We also visit the ruins of lakeside Urquhart Castle, one of Scotland’s most popular attractions. Dating to at least the 13th century, the castle sits surrounded by water on three sides, giving it a formidable advantage in battle. Then we travel on to Inverness, where we enjoy a panoramic tour of the university town considered the capital of the Scottish Highlands. We dine tonight at our hotel.

Day 7: Inverness/Culloden Moor

Our exploration of the Highlands continues on today’s excursion along the Pictish Trail, sites connected with the late Iron Age/early Medieval Celtic people who once lived here. We learn about the ancient Picts at the acclaimed Tarbat Discovery Center, featuring excavated relics from the region. At striking Dunrobin Castle & Gardens, we see a falconry demonstration. Then we drive along the scenic coastal road flanked by small farms with sheep, cows, and Shetland ponies to the historic Culloden Moor battle site. After time on our own for lunch and to tour the museum here, we take a private guided tour of the hallowed grounds, site of the last battle of the Jacobite Rising in 1746. Late afternoon we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight.

Day 8: Inverness/Kincraig/Pitlochry/Dundee

Today’s first stop is Kincraig, where we watch a sheepdog demonstration with working Border Collies, known for their herding abilities. We travel on to the holiday town of Pitlochry in the heart of Scotland, where we
enjoy some free time before this afternoon’s visit to a small local distillery where a unique single malt is handcrafted – just as it has been made for 150 years. \textit{B,D}

**Day 9: Dundee/St. Andrews/Edinburgh**

Travel today to the Scottish capital of Edinburgh, stopping en route in legendary St. Andrews, home of Scotland’s oldest university (St. Andrews) and renowned as the home of golf, where the game has been played for some 600 years. Upon arrival we embark on a tour of the charming seaside town followed by a traditional pub lunch. We then have some free time to explore St. Andrews on our own before we resume the journey to Edinburgh, arriving late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own in this stylish European capital. \textit{B,L}

**Day 10: Edinburgh**

Our morning tour of this stately city built on seven hills includes the 18th-century Georgian “New Town” and the medieval “Old Town,” where we visit Edinburgh Castle, symbolic heart of the country. This afternoon is at leisure to discover Edinburgh as we wish; museums, galleries, and shops abound. \textit{B}

**Day 11: Edinburgh**

This morning we encounter the Royal Mile, the historic boulevard connecting Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyrood House. We tour Holyrood and see where British royalty schemed and slept as we tour the State Apartments. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration.

Tonight we celebrate our Scotland sojourn over a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. \textit{B,D}

**Day 12: Depart for U.S.** We transfer this morning to the Edinburgh airport for our return flights to the U.S. \textit{B}

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class, First Class and unrated hotels
- 20 meals: 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Services of a Faculty Lecturer (with minimum of 15 guests)
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters and all drivers

**Meet Your Faculty Lecturer**

Michael Thurston (Ph.D. University of Illinois) has taught at Smith since 2000. Currently the director of the American Studies Program, he teaches courses on twentieth-century poetry in English, modernism, American literature, and American Studies. His primary research interest is modern and contemporary poetry, and he is currently at work on two book projects in the field: \textit{Reading Postwar British and Irish Poetry} (with Nigel Alderman) and a history of poetry in English after modernism. In addition, he is writing a book about Cape Cod, following Henry David Thoreau’s path from Eastham to Provincetown. Essays on blindness and emasculation in T.S. Eliot’s \textit{The Waste Land} and on Robert McAlmon’s \textit{Contact Editions} are also under construction. In 2010, he was awarded the Sherred Award for Outstanding Teaching at Smith; it is the professional achievement of which he is most proud.

**Tour Departs: July 20, 2013**

**Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.**

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Business Class upgrade on round-tip Trans-Atlantic flight: $3,295 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and price is subject to change).

For reservations and information, please call Smith Travel at 800-225-2029

Tour Today: A traditional Scottish bagpiper

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Warm Regards,
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Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Scotland: Highlands and Islands, departing July 20, 2013. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Smith Travel, Alumnae House, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. For more information, please call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or contact us via e-mail at alumtrav@smith.edu or fax us at (413) 585-2015.

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Please book my/our air from ___________________________ I/we request a Business Class upgrade ☐
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Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Scotland: Highlands and Islands, July 20-31, 2013, and agrees that his/her signature below represents his/her acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) ___________________________________________________________________ Date ________________

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