



Sons of American Revolution

2019 Program Honoring Scotland

Tuesday, 14th to Tuesday, 21st May 2019

2019 Program Honoring Scotland (visiting Edinburgh and Glasgow)

14th – 21st May 2019
(Depart US on 13th May 2019)

Confirmed Day-by-Day Itinerary

Monday, May 13, 2019 – Flights to Edinburgh – Day 1

Depart home city airports for Edinburgh, Scotland.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - Day 2 – Arrive Edinburgh, Scotland



On the morning of Tuesday, May 14, you will arrive at the Edinburgh International Airport where you will be met by your English-Speaking MAGIC Travel Staff holding SAR Welcome Signs. You will identify yourself to the Guide who will show you to waiting transportation which will transfer you from the airport to the SAR Headquarters Hotel.

Edinburgh is Scotland's compact, hilly capital. It has a medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town with gardens and neoclassical buildings. Looming over the city is Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, used in the coronation of Scottish rulers. Arthur's Seat is an imposing peak in Holyrood Park with sweeping views, and Calton Hill is topped with monuments and memorials. It is the capital city of Scotland and one of its 32 council areas. Historically part of the county of Midlothian, it is located in Lothian on the Firth of Forth's southern shore. Edinburgh's beauty is both staggering and inimitable. But, the city is far more than just a pretty face. Take a closer look and there's much more to discover. From the rich – sometimes hidden – history that surrounds your every step, to the wealth of lush, green spaces peppered around the city centre, Edinburgh continually surprises, delights and inspires.

The Radisson Blu Edinburgh



The Radisson Blu Hotel is located in the heart of the historic Royal Mile in Edinburgh's old town, just a short walk to major city centre attractions. Walk to the iconic Edinburgh Castle, National Museum of Scotland, the Scottish Parliament and Edinburgh's famous shopping thoroughfare, Princes Street. The hotel is also within easy reach of Holyrood Palace and Holyrood Park. Arthur's Seat, the park's highest point, has stunning views of the Scottish capital and just a short walk away you can drop in at the genealogy center at your leisure.

Arriving at the Radisson Blu you will check in for your room at the front desk. As in all of Europe there is the possibility that your room will not be available at time of arrival as most flights arrive Edinburgh in the morning and guaranteed check in time is not until 3 PM. We will of course do everything possible to ensure that you get into your room as early as possible, but if the hotel is sold out the night before, check-in may not be possible when you arrive at the hotel. If this is the case we will arrange to have your luggage checked so you can begin to enjoy the fabulous city of Edinburgh right away.

Lunch on your own.

Afternoon, you will have a choice of two activities. The first is free time to visit The Scottish Genealogy Society for personal family tree research as so many of you have requested. This is within walking distance from the Radisson Blu. For those who are not interested in visiting the Genealogy Center we are offering a guided orientation walking tour of Edinburgh. This will help you find your way around this wonderful compact city with so many key attractions only a short walk away from the hotel.

Evening – SAR Scottish Welcome Reception at the hotel. Possible attendance by Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

Overnight at Radisson Blu Hotel.

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – Day 3

Enjoy a wonderful full Scottish Breakfast at the Radisson Blu before we head out on our day's adventures.

We will depart on our day to Discover Edinburgh with our focus on Edinburgh at the times of the American Revolution. We will visit the Edinburgh Castle, Medical Museum (in honor of Benjamin Rush who studied medicine in Edinburgh), The National Museum, and a specialized visit to the National Library of Scotland with curators specializing in the Founding Fathers with Scottish Ancestry. Our guides will tie in the Jacobite Rebellion (1745) which took place just before the US Revolutionary War and which might have influenced the thinking of the "Scottish" Founding Fathers –visits to focus on John Knox, the Church etc. We will visit the John Knox House and St. Giles Cathedral and Thistle Chapel. We will stop enroute of our full day tour for a wonderful local Bistro Lunch.

Return to the hotel.

Balance of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.

Thursday, May 16, 2019 – Day 4

Full Breakfast at the hotel before our exciting Scottish Patriot Day.



Our Journey begins enroute to Fife where we will visit Ceres Parish Church. This is the nearest location to the birthplace of James Wilson. The Reverend at Ceres Parish Church will assist in our honoring of James Wilson by laying a wreath commemorating the birth place of James Wilson. After the ceremony we will journey through Cupar, location of James Wilson's apprenticeship. We will then continue on through Fife.

A prestigious visit and lunch are arranged to Charleton. This house is owned by Baron Bonde whose ancestors are reputed to have discovered the American Continent before Columbus. This theory is given credence given that his ancestors were / are owners of Rosslyn Chapel (which we will visit on Friday).



After we have enjoyed a glorious 3 course lunch with Baron Bonde we are on our way to discover the delights and history of St. Andrews. St. Andrews known as the home to golf is also the oldest university in Scotland. We will enjoy a visit to St. Andrews Cathedral and the castle (both ruins) and the University before heading back to Edinburgh.

Balance of day and evening at your leisure. There are many wonderful restaurants and sites to visit. Another few hours to visit the General Register House for family tree research.



Friday, May 17, 2019 – Day 5

Full Breakfast at the hotel before our starting our half day tour to honor John Witherspoon.



Our trip today is to honor John Witherspoon, a Scottish-American Presbyterian minister and Founding Father of the United States as well as one of the signers of the Declaration, was born in 1722 at Gifford, a parish of Yester at East Lothian, Scotland.

Plaque to Rev John Witherspoon, Gifford, East Lothian

Returning to the hotel you will have plenty of time to make a last visit to The New Register House to research your family tree as well as visit the many wonderful shops and historical spots in Edinburgh. And you will want to enjoy one of the fabulous restaurants in Edinburgh. Perhaps Scotch tasting with lunch at the Scotch Malt Whisky Society. Many wonderful spots.

Evening – Farewell to Edinburgh Reception and Dinner at the famous Gosford House



The Gosford House is the ancestral home of the Earls of Wemyss. Renowned for its marvelous private art collection and home to a marble eagle bust which is thought to have been the inspiration for the US Seal.

A wonderful private evening starting with a guided tour of the house followed by welcome cocktails and a fabulous dinner.

Return to the hotel.

Saturday, May 18, 2019 – Day 6

Enjoy one final Scottish Breakfast at the Radisson before we check out and say goodbye to Edinburgh.

After breakfast we will depart for our next fabulous Scottish Destination – Glasgow.

The drive from Edinburgh to Glasgow is about a one and a half hours enjoyable drive. Arriving in Glasgow we will begin our visit with an orientation of the city which will focus on the industrial/commercial heritage of the city as it was from Glasgow that most trans-Atlantic Trade and where immigration departed.

We will enjoy a lovely bistro lunch at one of the fabulous restaurants such as Oran Mor or Rogano (or other) prior to checking into the Grand Central Hotel, SAR's home while in Glasgow.



The Grand Central Hotel is located in the center of the city. The Grand Central was originally built in the late 19th-century as a great British railway hotel. The Grand Central is

one of the city's most prestigious buildings and over the years has welcomed many famous guests such as entertainers and political figures such as Winston Churchill. Today, the hotel still attracts the who's who traveling to Glasgow and is still a very much loved landmark in Glasgow's skyline. It is where you want to be – right in the middle of the action such as the Style Mile and the center of the city's many attractions.

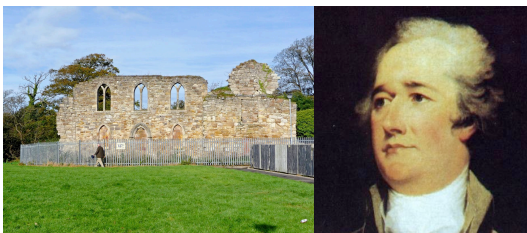
After checking in and moving into your room, the balance of the afternoon is at your leisure.

Evening – SAR welcome to Glasgow reception at the hotel. Local officials have been invited to greet the SAR guests, and we are awaiting confirmation.

Sunday, May 29, 2019 – Day 7

Included for your enjoyment is a full Scottish Breakfast at the wonderful Grand Central Restaurant.

After breakfast we will set out for our full day tour of the Glasgow surrounding areas. Our day will include Ayrshire Discover with morning visit to Culzean Castle, a visit to the Mother Lodge Kilwinning and to Kilwinning Abbey and viewing the remains of Kerelaw Castle. Culzean Castle dates back to 1770s, this former ancestral home of the Clan Kennedy is now in the ownership of the National Trust for Scotland. Visited by Dwight Eisenhower on 4 occasions, including once when President, resulting in the upper apartment being named in his honor! Next it is on to the Mother Lodge Kilwinning and the Kilwinning Abbey.



Here the group will divide with ½ visiting the Abbey first while the other half visits the Mother Lodge and then reversed. Lunch is included enroute on the tour. Our grand finale of the day is our visit to the remains of Kerelaw Castle the ruins of the property once owned by the grandfather of Alexander Hamilton.

Returning to the Grand Center in the late afternoon the balance of the day and evening is for your enjoyment.

Overnight Grand Central

Monday, May 20, 2019 – Day 8

Breakfast at your leisure at the Grand Central Restaurant



We will start out on our half day Scottish Patriot Day where SAR will have a ceremony at Stow Brae Kirk to honor Rev. John Witherspoon. A commemoration ceremony will be done at the Statue of Rev. John Witherspoon at Paisley University.

Wreath laying ceremony at the Statue on the grounds of Paisley University followed by viewing of the church (now an arts center) where Rev. John Witherspoon actually preached.

Return to the hotel and the afternoon is totally yours to do and visit exactly what you wish. There are many options. You may wish to visit the Necropolis, the largest of the cemeteries in Glasgow. You will marvel at the impressive burial memorials. Or you may wish to do one last Genealogy visit at the Mitchell Library.

Evening – Farewell to Glasgow Dinner at the House for An Art Lover

Bid farewell to Glasgow and to all of Scotland in a building designed by the celebrated Glaswegian Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Our evening will begin with cocktails and a fabulous dinner. A wonderful ending to a wonderful trip.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – Day 9

Breakfast at your leisure at the Grand Central Restaurant. Time to enjoy one more wonderful Scottish Breakfast before time to head to the airport to begin your travels back to the states or to depart for the four-night post travel program to London.

NSSAR Honoring Scotland Program Pricing

Trip Price Per Person **\$2,998.00***

Per person sharing Double Accommodations

Single Supplement **\$785.00***

Additional amount for Single Accommodations

Child Rate 11 and Under **\$1,216.00***

Staying in room with 2 adults (rollaway)

Child Rate 12-15 Years **\$2,202.00***

Staying in room with 2 Adults Rollaway in Radisson Blu
and upgraded family room at Grand Central

3rd Adult sharing room with 2 paying **\$2,575.00**

Adults. Rollaway in Radisson Blu Upgraded
family room at Grand Central

Additional Nights before program at the Radisson Blu **\$308.00***

A limited amount of rooms will be offered at the group rate
for up to 2 nights before program. Group Rate per room for
2 including breakfast and tax.

Additional Nights before program at the Grand Central Hotel **\$TBD***

Those who wish to extend their nights after the program in
Glasgow at the Grand Central Hotel will be offered the lowest
available rates. Rates will be quoted on request.

***Note:** Price does not include air fare. Air will be based on each individual's air city and prices available
at time of booking. Remember, an early booking on air normally means lower air pricing.

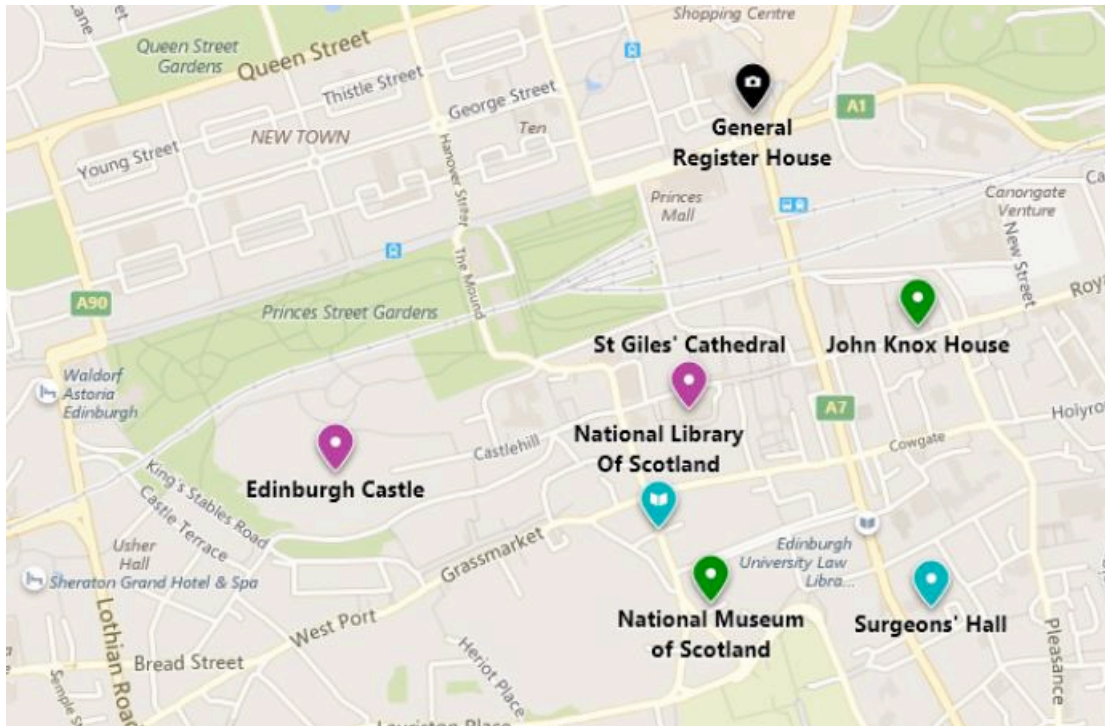
NSSAR Honoring Scotland Inclusions in Program Pricing

- ✓ Meet and Greet Service on arrival at the Edinburgh airport
- ✓ Transfer from Edinburgh airport to the Radisson Blu Hotel downtown Edinburgh
- ✓ Four nights hotel accommodations in Edinburgh, Scotland at the deluxe Radisson Blu hotel based on two persons sharing double accommodations. (Single supplement includes one person in a single accommodations)
- ✓ All taxes and fees on room rate at the Radisson Blu Hotel
- ✓ Full Scottish Breakfast daily at the Radisson Blu Hotel (4 breakfast)
- ✓ English speaking guides and escorts throughout the program
- ✓ Day 2 - Walking tour of Edinburgh or time at Genealogy Centre
- ✓ Day 2 - Scottish Welcome Reception with possible Scottish VIP official's attendance at the Radisson Blu Hotel
- ✓ Day 3 – Discover Edinburgh Tour with focus on time of American Revolution – including transfers and English-speaking guides
- ✓ Day 3 – Lunch on tour
- ✓ Day 4 – Scottish Patriot Day – highlighting James Wilson to include laying of Commemoration wreath ceremony - all entrance fees, transportation, English speaking guides included as well as visit to St Andrews
- ✓ Day 4 – Lunch at Charleston House with Baron Bonde
- ✓ Day 5 – Half Day tour visiting birthplace of John Witherspoon and plaque ceremony
- ✓ Day 5 – Afternoon to visit New Register House to research family tree
- ✓ Day 5 – Gala Farewell Dinner at Gosford House to include tour of house, reception, and gala dinner. All transportation and English-speaking guides.
- ✓ Day 6 – Transfer from Edinburgh to Glasgow including transportation and English-Speaking Guides
- ✓ Day 6 – Orientation tour of Glasgow
- ✓ 3 nights' accommodations at the Historic Grand Central Hotel including all taxes and fees
- ✓ 3 Full Scottish Breakfast at Hotel including tax and gratuity
- ✓ Day 6 – SAR Welcome Reception at Grand Central Hotel
- ✓ Day 7 – Full day tour of Glasgow and surrounding areas including Ayrshire and Culzean Castle
- ✓ To include all entrance fees, English-speaking guides and a visit to Kerelaw Castle once owned by Grandfather of Alexander Hamilton
- ✓ Day 7 – Lunch including tax and gratuity on tour
- ✓ Day 8 – Scottish Patriot Day with wreath laying ceremony on grounds of Paisley University
- ✓ Day 8 – Farewell to Scotland Dinner at the House for An art Lover including reception, dinner, tour, transportation, English-speaking guides
- ✓ Day 9 – Departure transfer to Airport or Rail Station. Airport if returning to US or Rail Station if continuing on to SAR's post tour to London.

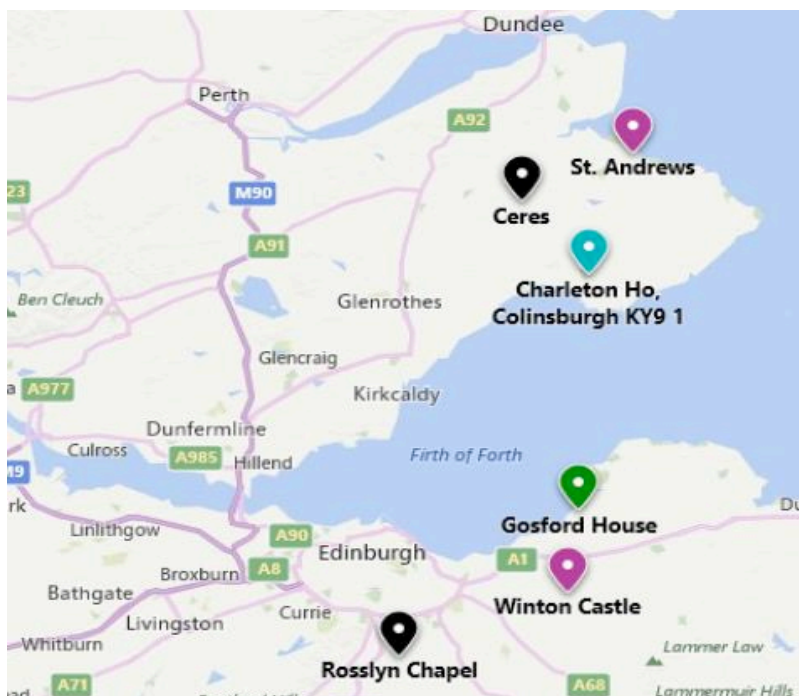
Not included:

- Airfare to/from Scotland and any items not listed as included
- Program Price is based on a minimum of 60 persons - with less than 60 paying adult participants price is subject to change.
- Per person price is based on two persons sharing double accommodations. If single accommodations are required, please add the single supplement to the per person cost.

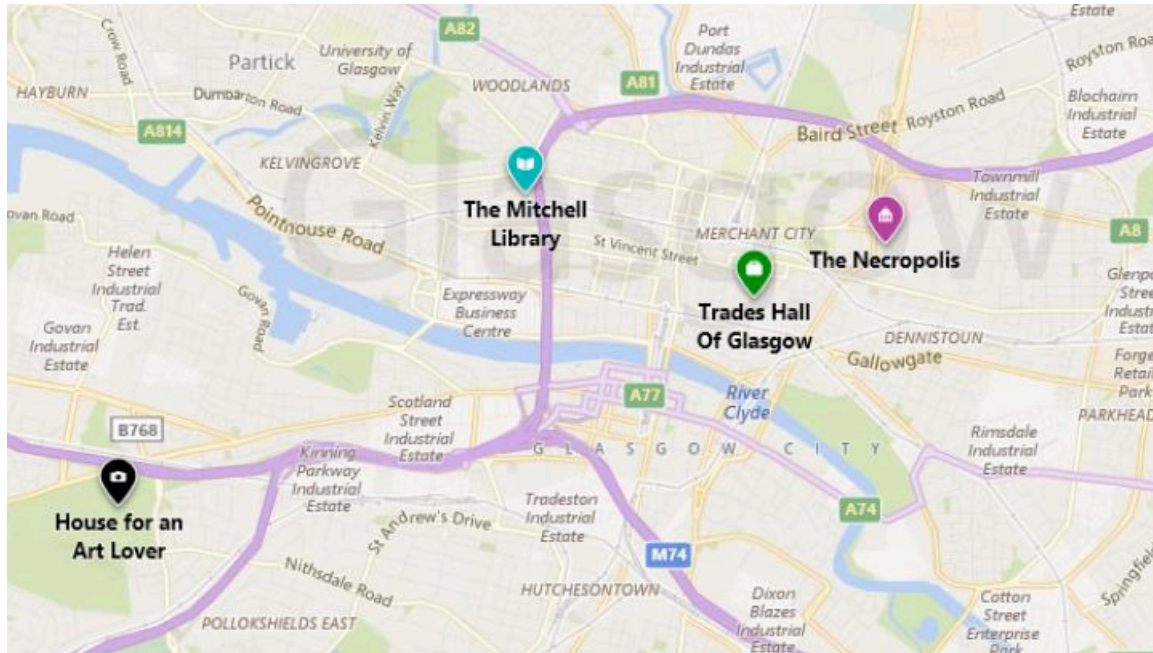
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