A Seven-Day Getaway to Edinburgh

(September 23-30, 2016)

Our 2016 Edinburgh Getaway will appeal to travelers who have limited time but a voracious appetite for history, culture and literature. Known as the “Athens of the North,” Edinburgh’s Old and New Towns are designated UNESCO sites that offer much to discover during our seven-day stay.

Our home for the week will be The George Hotel. Recently refurbished and a registered historic building, The George is ideally located in the center of the city close to Edinburgh Castle, Princes Street Gardens and Holyrood Palace, residence of the British Monarch in Scotland.

In addition to this landmark hotel, our program includes a W&L faculty lecturer, a welcome reception with Cocktails & Canapés, full Scottish breakfasts daily, two lunches, one dinner at the hotel, and a Scottish Evening farewell dinner. We will visit St. Giles Cathedral, the Writers Museum, Holyrood House, and enjoy an evening tour of Real Mary King’s Close. No trip to Scotland would be complete without a whiskey tasting or a visit to St. Andrews. Also, on the final day, we have an optional tour to Loch Lomond, the largest stretch of inland water in the United Kingdom. The day includes a luncheon cruise and a visit to the magnificent Stirling Castle, where Mary Queen of Scots was crowned.

Duration: 7 Days*
Activity Level: Moderate
Cost: $3,495
Single Supplement: $645
Deposit: $500
Operator: Keytours Vacations

*7 days - excluding overnight flight per itinerary day 1

Price Includes
- International round-trip airfare from Washington DC and New York (subject to availability)
- Arrival and departure group transfers
- Six nights accommodation at The George Hotel
- Welcome reception with cocktails & canapés
- Daily breakfast
- Two lunches
- Two dinners
- Tips to local guides and drivers

Price Excludes
- Optional travel insurance
- Optional tours
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A Seven-Day Getaway to Edinburgh Itinerary (September 23-30, 2016)

Day 1: September 23, 2016 Depart USA

Day 2: September 24, 2016 Arrival in Edinburgh
Arrive Edinburgh Airport and meet your Key Tour representative for transfer to the hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. Welcome Reception with Cocktails & Canapés at hotel.

Day 3: September 25, 2016 Edinburgh Castle
Following breakfast and first lecture, we’ll begin our full-day city tour. En route to Edinburgh Castle, we’ll pass the Royal Mile, the main thoroughfare of the historic center, approximately one Scots Mile long, Princess Street Gardens, and Calton Hill, the headquarters of the Scottish government. Located atop an extinct volcano, Edinburgh Castle has its roots in St. Margaret’s Chapel, dating from the 12th century. The Great Hall was erected by James IV around 1510. The castle houses the Honors (Crown Jewels) of Scotland, the Stone of Destiny, the famous 15th century gun of Mons Meg, the One O’Clock Gun and the National War Museum of Scotland. We’ll have lunch at a local restaurant before traveling along the Royal Mile and visiting the 14th century St. Giles Cathedral. We continue to the foot of Arthur’s Seat for a guided tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen’s official residence in Scotland. Best known as the home of Mary, Queen of Scots, the State Apartments are used regularly by The Queen for state ceremonies and official entertaining. Dinner at hotel.

Day 4: September 26, 2016 Scottish National Gallery and Writers’ Museum
We begin our day with breakfast at our hotel followed by a second lecture. This morning we’ll visit the Scottish National Gallery located on The Mound which connects the New and Old Towns. The National Gallery contains the Scottish collection of fine art from the beginning of the Renaissance to the 20th century; it includes national artists Robert Scott Lauder and Joseph Noel Paton and also international artists as varied as Anthony van Dyck, Sandro Botticelli, Paul Gauguin and Diego Velazquez. Following free time for lunch, we’ll visit the Royal Yacht Britannia. This magnificent ship has hosted host to some of the most famous people in the world and was home to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family. We’ll continue to the Writer’s Museum, which celebrates the lives of three great Scottish Writers: Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson. The museum houses a collection of portraits, rare books and personal objects belonging to the authors. In the evening, we’ll experience a literary pub crawl, performed in and out of Edinburgh’s famous and infamous taverns.

Day 5: September 27, 2016 St. Andrews, Scone and Real Mary King’s Close
Following breakfast we’ll leave for the town of St. Andrews, which holds a special place in Scotland’s history. Its name is derived from the Apostle, whose relics, legend tells us, were brought to this place by St. Regulus from Patras, Greece. We’ll have a guided visit of St. Andrews Castle and Cathedral and see the oldest university in Scotland attended by Prince Andrew and Kate. From St Andrews we’ll drive to the village of Scone and visit Scone Palace, where the kings of Scotland such as Macbeth, Robert the Bruce, and Charles II were crowned. After returning to Edinburgh, we’ll tour Real Mary King’s Close and discover the city’s deepest secret warren of hidden streets located under the Royal Mound, frozen in time since the 17th century. With our guide we’ll explore this unique site and learn what it was really like for the people who lived, worked, and died here.

Day 6: September 28, 2016 Pitlochry and Edradour Distillery
Following breakfast, we’ll leave Edinburgh and cross the Forth Bridge to reach the picturesque village of Pitlochry in Perthshire, at the edge of Cairngorm National Park. Pitlochry is well known for its magnificent theater and salmon ladder. The Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Hills that surround the town offer over 40 miles of marked trails. After free time to explore and have lunch at a local restaurant, we’ll enjoy a special visit to Edradour Distillery, Scotland’s smallest whisky distillery. Edradour is a unique, single Highland malt whisky, hand-made today as it was over 150 years ago by just three men devoted to the time-honored methods of whisky making. Only 12 casks of whisky are produced a week, making Edradour single malt a rare pleasure for a fortunate few. We’ll tour the distillery while our guide provides insight into the traditional methods of whisky making, and then enjoy a tasting. After returning to Edinburgh in the afternoon, we’ll have some free time to explore the city at our own pace.

Day 7: September 29, 2016 Independent activities or optional tour of Loch Lomond and Stirling Castle
Our optional tour today provides an opportunity to visit Loch Lomond and Stirling Castle. After breakfast, we’ll travel across scenic countryside towards Loch Lomond, the largest lake in Britain, known for the tranquil beauty of its wooded shores and islands. We’ll stop in the picturesque village of Luss for a guided visit and lunch at a local restaurant. We’ll then embark on a cruise along Loch Lomond and enjoy coffee and tea served on board. On the way back to Edinburgh, we’ll visit Stirling Castle, one of Scotland’s most magnificent castles, commanding a view for miles around. It was here that Mary, Queen of Scots was crowned in 1542. This evening we’ll travel to prestigious Prestonfield House for a farewell dinner with traditional entertainment. Three Scottish Tenors will entertain us with Scottish music, bagpipes, fiddles, and dance while we enjoy a gourmet 4-course dinner with wine.

Day 8: September 30, 2016 Depart Edinburgh
Breakfast in hotel. Check-out and transfer by private bus with assistance to the airport for homeward bound flights.

About the hotel: Boasting an enviable location in Edinburgh city center, the historic and chic George Hotel is close to Edinburgh Castle, Princes Street Gardens and Holyrood Palace. It offers elegant rooms and conference and meeting space. Each room features a flat-screen TV, Wi-Fi and a private bathroom. The Grade II registered historic building with its distinctive facade was designed over two hundred years ago and has undergone a great refurbishment project transforming the majority of the bedrooms and public areas.
RESERVATION FORM


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☐ Please reserve me in a single room at a supplement (Add US$645 for single supplement - limited availability)

☐ I am traveling with: ____________________________

☐ I/we request Business class upgrade.

☐ Book my air from: ____________________________ (Air is included from Washington Dulles IAD)

Notes (Diet, optional tours etc.):

☐ Optional Loch Lomond & Stirling Castle: $169 per person.

PAYMENT: Deposit: A $500 ** per person non-refundable deposit is required to reserve the space. Final payment amount to Keytours Vacations (address below) is due 90 days prior departure. I authorize Keytours Vacations to charge my credit card on the final payment day. Reservations and room availability are based on a first come, first served basis. I have read the schedule of activities and accept and abide by the general terms & conditions as outlined below.

☐ Amex ☐ Discover ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

☐ Security Code: ____________________________ Expiration date: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Name on the Credit Card: ____________________________ I authorize a payment in the amount of $__________________________.

By signing this form, participants waive any charge back rights and, in the event of dispute, request for refund must be made in writing to Keytours Vacations.

Make Checks payable to: Keytours Vacations, and send to: Washington & Lee University, Office of Special Programs, 204 W. Washington Street, Lexington, VA 24450.

For additional information, please contact The W&L Traveller, Office of Special Programs at (540) 458-8723. Fax (540) 458-8478 or email: spdporg@wlu.edu

IMPORTANT INFORMATION (FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR GROUP LEADER’S GROUP MASTER CONTRACT.)

Air arrangements: Fares and schedules are based on regular scheduled carrier service. All applicable airline rules apply and schedules are subject to change. Basic airfares do not include fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes, passenger facility charges (PFCs), customs or immigration fees, and excess baggage charges. For mileage accrual information, please contact the carrier directly for details. Air inclusive group packages are non-refundable and non-refundable once deposit has been paid. Rules and fees for canceling and revising airfares vary depending upon the type of airfare purchased. Refundable airfare tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Fuel surcharges and Exchange Rate Fluctuations: All prices are quoted using the prevailing rates of exchange between the Euro and the USD from the date the original offer was made. If the rate of exchange changes by more than 4%, Keytours Vacations reserves the right to revise the selling rates according to the current exchange rate between the Euro and the USD. Keytours Vacations reserves the right to change the price of the tour program before it commences due to fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations, tariff increases from common carriers and suppliers, etc. If there is a surcharge to be applied such notice will be given no later than 30 days prior to the start of the tour or program.

Cancellation Policies: No changes are levied for individual passengers canceling up to 120 days prior to the commencement of Keytours Vacations services. However, services which have been prepaid by Keytours Vacations on behalf of individual clients may be non-refundable, non-exchangeable, non-changeable and/or maybe subject to a cancellation-change fee e.g. theater tickets, Train tickets, Airline Tickets, Event Tickets, Passes, Entrance fees etc.

Full cancellation: Failing to pay the contractual deposits (other than the initial deposit) constitutes a cancellation. In the event of non-compliance with the payment due dates, Keytours Vacations shall have the right to demand the Customer to immediately pay the outstanding balance. Payment shall then be received by Keytours Vacations within eight days of the date of Keytours Vacations written request. Should payment not be received within this time limit, the group stay shall be deemed to be canceled by the Customer. In the event of full cancellation of the agreement by the Customer, which is not justified by Keytours Vacations failure to meet its obligations, cancellation penalties shall be invoiced and calculated as follows:

Initial deposit: non-refundable after 120 days.
From 90 to 120 days prior to departure: 50% penalty of the total cost per person.
From 30 to 90 days prior to departure: 75% penalty of the total cost per person.
From 14 to 29 days prior to departure: 95% penalty of the total cost per person.
From 7 days or less prior to departure: 100% penalty of the total cost per person.

Deposit is held the space and first deposit is non-refundable after 120 days before departure date. All subsequent deposits are non-refundable. If a passenger cancellation creates a change in the price schedule, the tour price will be revised based on the remaining number of participants. A passenger becoming a single as a result of a partner's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

NOTE: The following non-refundable fees will be added to the penalty charges listed on the cancellation (full or partial) schedule above:

Travel protection premiums. Airline tickets - airline penalties. You may be up to 100% of the ticket value. Non-refundable airfare tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Itinerary variations: We will monitor all flights to operate all tours as advertised. Situations may arise, voluntarily or involuntarily, that may require changes or exceptions on the itinerary, and arrangements, hotels, travel balls or .... travel balls. On these occasions, we reserve the right to make such modifications and substitute conveniences/hotels as deemed necessary.

Minimum participants to Operate: Group needs a minimum of 30 participants to operate. Optional tours need a minimum of 15 participants to operate.

Your Cancellation: We reserve the right to cancel the entire trip (or any component of the trip) for any reason and/or time. In this event, our liability, if any, shall be limited to and liquidated by refunding to each prospective participant the payments made.

Hotel selection: It is the responsibility of the traveler(s) to ensure that the hotels and venues in this proposal are adequate for them. Keytours Vacations will not be responsible for room size, room air condition, room amenities, room service which vary and differs throughout the world, countries, cultures and hotels. We strongly advise you and the keytours will provide hotel rating web sites such as TripAdvisor.com to get an average "feel" and "judgment" on each properties, to ensure that selected hotels/rooms will be adequate for them. Traveler(s) understand that no refund or legal claims regarding the selected hotels, venues, rooms and/or services will be possible once this contract has been signed and agreed upon.

Hotels Check-in times: Hotel rooms are usually not ready for check-in until after 3 pm. If your flight is arriving early, especially European flights, you should plan for the day's activity until your room is ready. Most hotels will store your luggage until your room is ready. Hotels Air Conditioning and other amenities: Keytours Vacations is not responsible for air conditioning standards or availability, as these factors can vary greatly between properties and countries. Some hotel amenities/facilities are seasonal such as swimming pools, tennis courts, etc., and may not be open or limited. Keytours will provide hotel rating web sites such as TripAdvisor.com to get an average "feel" and "judgment" on each properties, to ensure that selected hotels/rooms will be adequate for them. Traveler(s) understand that no refund or legal claims regarding the selected hotels, venues, rooms and/or services will be possible once this contract has been signed and agreed upon.

Travel Documents: Travel documents will be sent approximately 2 weeks prior to departure. Providing full payment has been received. Keytours Vacations is not responsible for lost or stolen documents; therefore, any reissuance of documents may be at their sole discretion and any fees or charges for reissuance of documents may be assessed. Full payment must be completed at the time of booking, exactly as it appears on your valid passport. It can cost us up to $350 or more per person for a name change or other ticket adjustments, plus any fare increase if applicable, due to re-booking. The airline will deny boarding if your airfares/flight tickets documents or documents do not match your passport.

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