



Federation for Ulster Local Studies

Visit to Scotland

Date: Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th. June, 2014

This year we will visit Bonnie Scotland in its *Year of the Homecoming*. The trip is again open to members of both the Federation for Ulster Local Studies and the the Federation of Local History Societies. We have chosen the Central/West area to explore with Glasgow and Edinburgh at the centre. Travelling up the beautiful Ayrshire coast we will base ourselves in the vibrant city of Glasgow which has been reshaped with modern buildings now complimenting the eclectic mix of its Georgian and Victorian architecture. No visit to Scotland is complete without a visit to at least one castle but we will have the privilege of seeing three iconic castles in Stirling, Culzean and Edinburgh. There will be an opportunity to explore Edinburgh, world heritage site, with its Medieval Old Town contrasting sharply with the Georgian splendour of its New Town. Visit Roslyn Chapel and explore its link with the Di Vinci Code, taste and feel the scotch whiskey experience at Glenngoyne Distillery, float on the tranquil waters of Loch Lomond and see the unique Cotton Mill Village of New Lanark.

Package:

The package includes coach hire for 5 days, return ferry crossing Belfast/ Cairnryan, 4 nights (B&B + Dinner) in the Glynhill Hotel, Renfrew, Glasgow. Admission charges for organised visits and places of interest and cost of tour guides are included.

Cost is: £351 PPS - £427 Single

Itinerary

Monday: All intending travellers must be at Belfast ferry at 10.30 a.m. latest for sailing at 11.30 a.m. We will travel by ferry from Belfast to Cairnryan and then along the picturesque Ayrshire coast with a comfort stop at Culzean Castle. Arrive at Glynhill Hotel at 6.00 p.m. Dinner in the hotel will be at 7.30 p.m. followed by a short after dinner talk by the local historical society.

Tuesday: Travel by coach to Stirling. Visit Stirling Castle where the Royal Palace, which was the childhood home of Mary Queen of Scots, has been returned to its renaissance magnificence. See the Great Hall, Chapel Royal, Kitchens, Regimental Museum and the weavers in the Tapestry Museum. Travel west to Glenngoyne Distillery set in the Campsie Hills for the real whiskey experience. The distillery overlooking a waterfall and glen is the ideal place to enjoy a glass of single malt. We then head further west to the Queen of Scottish Lochs, Loch Lomond. Experience a cruise beyond stately homes and pass Inchmurrin Island, home to the ruins of 12th century Lennox Castle. Dinner Hotel 7.30 p.m.



Wednesday: Travel Glasgow to Edinburgh. Enjoy a coach tour of the city highlights in the company of a Blue badge Guide and hear the story of this World Heritage City with its breathtaking Medieval and Georgian architecture. Travel the Royal Mile from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyrood House. Visit Edinburgh Castle where it is said the story of the castle is the story of Scotland. See the Great hall, St. Margaret's Chapel, the Scottish Crown Jewels, the National War Museum and much more. After lunch feel free to explore the many jewels in the city including, the Royal Yacht Britannica, the Palace of Holyrood House, St. Gile's Cathedral, West Princes Street Gardens and the unique Roslyn Chapel among others. Dinner 7.30 in Hotel.

Thursday: Start the day with a guided coach tour of Glasgow again in the company of a blue badge guide. Enjoy the city highlights including George Square, City Chambers, St. Andrew's Square, Kelvin Grove, the Exhibition & Conference Centre and the Botanic Gardens. Hop off at the university area and visit St. Mungo's Cathedral, the Provand's Lordship, the Museum of Religious Life & Art and the fascinating Necropolis, the dead centre of Glasgow. Another stop to explore the award winning Transport Museum on the banks of the Clyde at Riverside with its Tall Ship. After a break for lunch we will travel south of Glasgow to the UNESCO World Heritage site at New Lanark. This unique Cotton Mill Village, the brainchild of social pioneer Robert Owen, presents a fascinating picture of life as it was in the cotton mill era. Dinner 7.30 in Hotel.

Friday: Travel Glasgow to Alloway and visit the Robbie Burns Birthplace Museum with its beautiful gardens, shops and self service restaurant. The Museum comprises the Burns Cottage where the poet was born, the historic landmarks where he set his greatest work and the world's most important collection of his life and works. Ferry leaves Cairnryan at 3.30 p.m. and arrives Belfast at 5.45 p.m. coach will arrive Dublin Heuston @ 8.30 p.m. and finally Naas 9.00 p.m.

Information:

Hotel: Glynhill Leisure Hotel, 169 Paisley Road, Renfrew, PA4 8XB
Phone:+44 141 886 5555 <http://www.glynhill.com/>

Detailed Itinerary: Finalised itinerary with times etc. will be issued to all those travelling at least a week before the event.

Booking:

The coach can seat 52 people.

There are 23 seats reserved for FULS members

Booking is on a first come first served basis.

NOTE: Early booking is advisable but PAYMENT IN FULL must be received by Monday, April 21, at the latest.

Reply Slip

Society: _____

Name(s) of Delegate(s) _____

Double, Twin or Single Room _____ Total amount enclosed: _____

e-mail _____ Phone No.: _____

Bookings and payment should be made through Bridie Bradley, 14 Corby Way, Belfast BT11 8HY
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Cheques should be made payable to FULS Ltd



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ITINERARY

Monday, June 2

Ferry will leave Belfast at 11.30

Those travelling must be at the ferry at least one hour before departure – before 10.30

Arrive Cairnryan 13.45 and stop Cullane Castle 15.00 for comfort stop/snack break

Leave Cullane Castle 16.30 p.m. and arrive in Glasgow 18.00 p.m.

Dinner at 19.30 p.m. followed by after dinner talk by Local Historical Society

Tuesday, June 3

Stirling – Glengoyne – Loch Lomond

08.00 – 08.45	Breakfast
09.00 – 09.45	Travel Glasgow to Stirling
10.00 – 12.00	Visit Stirling Castle
12.00 – 13.00	Break for lunch
13.00 – 13.45	Travel Stirling to Glengoyne
13.45 – 15.30	Visit Glengoyne Distillery
15.30 – 16.00	Travel Glengoyne to Loch Lomond
16.00 – 17.15	Boat Trip on Loch Lomond
17.15 – 18.15	Travel Loch Lomond to Glasgow
19.30	Dinner in Hotel

Wednesday, June 4

Edinburgh City

08.00 – 09.00	Breakfast
09.00 – 10.10	Travel Glasgow to Edinburgh
10.10 – 11.10	Coach tour City
11.10 – 13.15	Visit Edinburgh Castle
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 17.30	Free time to explore city at will
15.00- 16.30	Optional – Coach will take those interested to visit Roslyn Chapel.
17.30 – 18.30	Travel Edinburgh to Glasgow
19.30	Dinner in Hotel

Thursday, June 5

Glasgow city – New Lanark

07.45 – 08.45	Breakfast
08.45 – 12.30	Coach Tour of Glasgow with guide on board. This will include two stops for exploration including lunch.
12.30 – 13.30	Travel Glasgow to New Lanark
13.45 – 17.30	Visit New Lanark Woollen Mill Village
17.30 – 18.30	Travel New Lanark to Glasgow.
19.30	Dinner in Hotel

Friday, June 6

Travel Home

08.30 – 09.30	Breakfast
09.30 – 10.30	Travel to Alloway – Robbie Burns Birth Cottage/ Museum
10.30 – 13.30	Visit Robbie Burns Museum – Lunch.
13.30 – 14.30	Travel Alloway to Cairnryan
15.30 – 17.45	Ferry Cairnryan to Belfast
18.00 – 20.00	Travel Belfast to Dublin.
20.00 – 20.45	Travel Dublin to Naas.

Please note the following

Lunch each day will be the responsibility of each individual

All entrance fees/guides for organised parts of the trip are included in overall cost

Time keeping

For the duration of the trip all timings are critical

It is essential that people are at the designated pick-up points at the appointed time as our travel time is based on this.

The ferry will leave Belfast at 11.30 on Monday.

The bottom line is that we must be at the ferry at 10.30 a.m. at latest.