A Walk Through the History of Scotland

Saturday 22 June - Monday 1 July 2013

A Walking Trip with Yale Lecturers Bruce and Rona Gordon
A perfect choice for an historical walk is a trip to Scotland where the mountains and coastline form some of the most beautiful countryide on earth. This journey links the fabulous city of Edinburgh with its long history and wonderful monuments to the glorious scenery that surrounds the Scottish capital. Travel from the capital of Scotland, the Athens of the North, through famous Glencoe pass to the great castle hotel of Inverlochy in Fort Wiliam in the Highlands. No visit to Scotland would be complete without a visit to the Western Isles and we take in the inspiring scenery of Skye on a full day trip. Continue along the Great Glen past Loch Ness taking in the splendid Caledonian canal along the way to the capital of the Highlands, Inverness. Visit Cawdor castle, famed for the Thane mentioned in Macbeth and Culloden the scene of the last battle on British soil and graveyard of the Jacobite cause. Head south across the wonderful Spey valley, known for its whiskies and also outstanding scenery and over the Cairngorm mountains to the Queen’s estate at Balmoral before driving on to the home of the apostle, and of golf, at Saint Andrews.
Since the warring tribes first coalesced to resist the centralizing, civilizing Romans, Scotland has been a land apart, cut off by water, by mountains and where necessary by man-made walls. In the mountainous heart of the country the lowering peaks, sweeping glens and moorland heather of the Scottish Highlands dipping down to the misty seascapes of the Western Isles have come to define the Romantic image of Scotland. The attraction of the landscape is immense and on a fine day there truly is no place on earth more beautiful.

Yet Scotland doesn’t rely solely on her physical attractions to entice the visitor. No country of comparable size has given the world more flamboyant characters, defining historical moments and cultural icons. Her history has thrown up two brave hearted heroes, William Wallace and Robert the Bruce, a Bonnie Prince and an incomparable Queen of Scots. Later, in the eighteenth century, while Glasgow became a center of industry, the Edinburgh enlightenment brought forth the founders of contemporary philosophy and economics in David Hume and Adam Smith. At the same time the great writers Robbie Burns and Walter Scott were defining the modern image of their country.

Along the way the people found the time to perfect that greatest of spirits, whisky, and invent the greatest of games, golf. Yet despite contributing so much to the modern world Scotland has remained culturally distinct. The instinct to repel invaders has helped keep the country delightfully pure, self-aware and self-determining, with a strong modern movement to separate from the United Kingdom.

This journey leads from the heart of the historical center of the country deep into the hills and glens of the highlands. Along the way are the famous Glencoe pass, the Isle of Skye, Macbeth’s castle at Cawdor and the Queen’s estate at Balmoral. Stay in one of Europe’s finest castle hotels in Fort William; in Saint Andrews watch golfers play the famous road hole from your bedroom window and in Edinburgh dine aboard the Queen’s own Royal Yacht Britannia.
Sunday, June 23  Arrive at Edinburgh airport and transfer to the Balmoral hotel in the heart of this great city. Edinburgh is one of the finest capitals in Europe, dominated by its castle and the dramatic hill of Arthur’s Seat and there is the opportunity to visit this volcanic rock outcrop in the afternoon for an optional walk for those who arrive early. Meet with fellow travelers this evening at a reception and dinner in our hotel.

HOTEL – Balmoral – EDINBURGH – Iconic landmark at the end of Princes Street. RD

Monday, June 24  Spend today in the capital of Scotland. The focus this morning is the newly established Scottish Parliament where a Member will explain the workings of the government and the ongoing discussion over devolution. After time for lunch we will walk through the city center to the castle. This evening a special dinner awaits on board the Royal Yacht Britannia, the Queen’s private ship now moored in Edinburgh docks. BD

Tuesday, June 25  Drive north to Stirling. This vital crossing point of the Forth river is home to one of the most strategically important castles in Scotland as well as being the scene of two famous victories of the Scots over the English. Visit the castle after which a private lunch is served. This afternoon continue northwards through the dramatic Highland scenery of famous Glen Coe, scene of the massacre of the clan MacDonald. Later drive on to the town of Fort William.

HOTEL – Inverlochy Castle – FORT WILLIAM – a magnificent country house hotel – one of the great hotels of Britain. BLD

Wednesday, June 26  Travel to Mallaig and cross over the sea to Skye to spend the day. The morning walk leads to lunch at Kinloch Lodge, Lady Claire Macdonald’s magnificent restaurant. This afternoon return to Fort William by road stopping en route at the extraordinary Eilean Donan Castle. BLD

Thursday, June 27  Spend today in the Great Glen driving and then walking alongside the river and the Caledonian canal between Loch Lochy and Loch Ness. This is grand highland scenery with superb views. This afternoon continue the drive alongside Loch Ness before continuing to Inverness to spend the next two nights in an excellent country house hotel.

HOTEL – Culloden House Hotel – set near the famous battlefield in superb grounds. BLD

Friday, June 28  Today is spent near Inverness as we walk the battlefield of Culloden, the final conflict between the Jacobites and the King. Later we wander wooded paths to the famous castle at Cawdor, still redolent of its medieval history. BLD
Walking through history

Saturday, June 29  Returning south we pause in Ballater to walk the grounds of Balmoral Castle, Queen Victoria’s favourite escape from the world and a delightful stop on the road over the Highlands. Later continue to the tiny city of Saint Andrews, resting place of the apostle and famous as the home of golf, for the last two nights. HOTEL – The Old Course – ST ANDREWS – A modern hotel which overlooks the famous road hole on the Old Course. BLD

Sunday, June 30  Walk along the dramatic Fife coast, alongside the famous Old Course and then continue past the castle and Abbey. After a break for lunch there will also be time to visit the university, guided by a member of the faculty, and where famously the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge first met! BRD

Monday, July 1  Transfer to Edinburgh airport or alternatively join the optional post-trip extension to take advantage of the great golfing opportunities in Saint Andrews. (Airport transfer 1.30 hours).

This is an active program of walking that is physically demanding. Walks range in length from three to six miles per day. Terrain is varied; however conditions are often grassy, earthy and or muddy. Participants must be physically fit and should enjoy hiking for several hours each day. By submitting a deposit, the participant certifies that s/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for her/himself or other travelers.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tour Price $6295 per person.

Single Supplement
Land cost is based on double occupancy. Singles may be available, but cannot be guaranteed due to limitations on space. The supplement payable for a single room is $1795. Please contact Yale Educational Travel prior to registering if you request a single.

Group Size
The maximum number of persons is 24.

Deposit and Final Payment
A deposit of $500 per person is required to reserve space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Participants will be invoiced for the balance. If a reservation is made within 90 days of departure, participants are required to make full payment at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy
All cancellations must be made in writing to Yale Educational Travel. If cancellation notice is received more than 60 days before departure, all monies will be refunded less a $200 per person cancellation fee. If cancellation notice is received 30 to 60 days before departure, all monies will be refunded less a $500 per person cancellation fee. If cancellation notice is received less than 30 days before departure, your entire payment may be forfeited if we are unable to fill your place from the waitlist. We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. In case of a no-show, or departure from the trip already in progress, no refund for any unused portion of the trip will be issued. Duende Travel Ltd. cannot make exceptions to these cancellation policies for any reason, including personal emergencies and/or weather. In the unlikely event that Duende Travel Ltd. or Yale Educational Travel cancels a tour, Duende Travel Ltd. will refund payment; however, Duende Travel Ltd. is not responsible for expenses incurred by registrants, including non-refundable tickets.

Travel Insurance
In addition to confirming that your medical plan covers you for illness or accidents overseas, participants are encouraged to purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance. Information on optional travel insurance will be included in your enrollment confirmation.

Limitation of Liability
Duende Travel Ltd, Yale University, and the Association of Yale Alumni give notice that services provided in connection with its itineraries, including transportation, accommodation, restaurants and other services are purchased from various independent suppliers who are not affiliated with Duende Travel Ltd, Yale University, and the Association of Yale Alumni in any way. Although we endeavor to choose the best suppliers available, Duende Travel Ltd, Yale University, and the Association of Yale Alumni have no right to control their operations and therefore make these travel arrangements upon the express condition that Duende Travel Ltd, Yale University, and the Association of Yale Alumni and its own agents and employees shall not be liable for any delay, mishap, inconvenience, expense, irregularity, bodily injury or death to person or damage to property occasioned through the conduct or default of any company or individual engaged in providing these services. Each of these passenger conveyance companies, tour companies, hotels, restaurants, guides, etc. is subject to the laws of the state or country where the services are provided. Duende Travel Ltd, Yale University, and the Association of Yale Alumni shall not be liable for (a) expenses such as additional hotel nights and meals not specified in the individual trip itineraries, but which may be required to get to or from a trip start or end; (b) expenses incurred in recovering luggage lost by airlines, belongings left behind on a trip or in shipping purchases or other goods home from abroad; (c) expenses due to the delay, disruption or cancellation of a trip for any reason, including but not limited to laws, regulations, acts or failures to acts, demands, orders or interpositions of any government, acts of God, weather, strikes, fire, flood, landslides, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, civil disturbances, sickness, quarantines, epidemics, theft, default, trail conditions, failure of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, defect in any aircraft, watercraft or vehicle or other contingency for which Duende Travel Ltd, Yale University, and the Association of Yale Alumni cannot reasonably make provision; and (d) bodily injury or property damage for any reason, including but not limited to laws, regulations, acts or failures to acts, demands, orders or interpositions of any government, acts of God, weather, strikes, fire, flood, landslides, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, civil disturbances, sickness, quarantines, epidemics, theft, default, trail conditions, failure of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, defect in any aircraft, watercraft or vehicle or other contingency over which Duende Travel Ltd, Yale University, and the Association of Yale Alumni have no control. Once registered, you will be asked to sign a detailed Release and Assumption of Risk Form.

For further information, please contact
Yale Educational Travel at 203-432-1952
or edtravel@yale.edu
## Booking Form  *Scotland: a Walking Trip 2013*

**Departure date:** Saturday, June 22

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name(s)</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Yale Affiliation(s):</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date(s) of Birth:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Address:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phone:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roommate Name:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you are traveling on your own and are willing to share a room, we will attempt to pair you with a roommate of the same gender. If no share can be found, the single supplement applies.

- [ ] I prefer single accommodations (supplement applies)

**Declaration:** I have read the booking conditions and accept them on behalf of all members of the party

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signed</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dated</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contact Address:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Telephone Day</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Telephone Evening</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**To reserve today**

- Fax the registration form to the AYA at (203) 432-0587 to request your space.
- Or make an online request at the page for this program at [www.YaleEdTravel.org](http://www.YaleEdTravel.org).
- In either case, we will hold your space for one week pending receipt of your payment.

Make your deposit check payable to Yale Educational Travel and send it with your registration form to Association of Yale Alumni, Yale Educational Travel, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010. Alternatively pay the deposit online at [www.YaleEdTravel.org](http://www.YaleEdTravel.org) or call YET at (203) 432-1952 to pay by credit card.


---

**ENROLLMENT POLICY**

We require a deposit of $500 per person to secure your place on the tour. Please make checks payable to: Yale Educational Travel

Please mail deposit along with this reservation form to: Association of Yale Alumni, Yale Educational Travel, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010.
Yale Faculty

Bruce Gordon is the Titus Street Professor of Ecclesiastical History at the Yale Divinity School and teaches in both the History Department and Renaissance Studies. He earned his PhD in Scotland and returned there to teach history at the ancient University of St. Andrews living for fourteen years near Edinburgh. Bruce has written widely on Reformation topics and his biography of John Calvin was published by Yale University Press in 2009. A fellow of the Royal Historical Society, he has published on many aspects of early modern European history. Earlier this year he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Zurich for his work on Swiss History.

Rona Johnston Gordon is a native Scot who lived as a child in Glasgow and took her first degree at the University of St Andrews. After a PhD in early modern Austrian history at the University of Oxford and post-doctoral work in Austria and Germany, she returned with her husband Bruce to teach modern history at St Andrews for fourteen years. In 2008 she and Bruce moved to Yale, where Rona became a research scholar in the Divinity School; she also works also as an academic editor for faculty in a number of Yale departments. Family, friends, and work take Rona back frequently to Scotland, and she has a passion for the history and literature of her native land.

The Gordons have strong personal ties with Scotland and are delighted to have this opportunity to explore with Yale alumni Scotland’s cultural and historic heritage.

Association of Yale Alumni
Yale Educational Travel, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010

For further information, please contact Yale Educational Travel at 203-432-1952 or edtravel@yale.edu