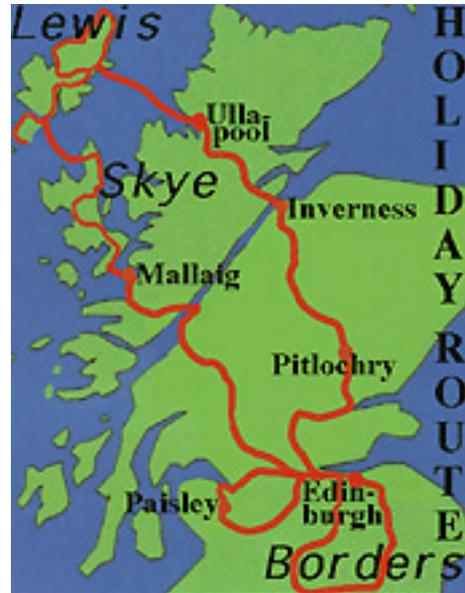


QUILTERS TOUR



- *On the Trail of a Scottish Tradition*
- *Discover the proud and ancient cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow*
- *Visit the Harris Tweed and Paisley Museums and the Scottish Wool Centre*
- *Picturesque castles; the wild, romantic landscapes of the Outer Hebrides - beauty to take your breath away...*
- *Specialist shops for quilters and a wide choice of evening activities in Edinburgh.*



On this tour, fascinating for quilters and non-quilters alike, through the north of Scotland you will find intellectual and spiritual stimulus. Edinburgh's medieval Old Town, the wide Highland landscapes and flower-filled castle gardens are an eye opener.

The wind and weather beaten shorelines of the Outer Hebrides, as well as the small, romantic fishing villages, the fairytale lochs and the peaks of the Cuillin Hills will reveal why this is reckoned to be the most beautiful region in the whole of north-western Europe. Among the other highlights of your tour are sightseeing tours of Glasgow and Edinburgh and a demonstration of Tweed manufacture.



On this tour an unbelievable wealth of delightful sights and experiences awaits you, ranging from the exciting to the spectacular, but without giving you the feeling that you have no time to yourself.

An experienced tour guide who has lived in Scotland for many years will accompany you.

Planned Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival Edinburgh Airport. Short city tour and a visit to the textile collection in the Royal Scottish Museum. After dinner you have the opportunity to make your own exploration of the medieval Old Town of Edinburgh.

Day 2: We visit Melrose Abbey, the imposing ruins of a 12th century Cistercian foundation, and then drive on to Hawick where we can see an admirable exhibition illustrating the history of the famous Borders woollen industry. If time permits we can, in the afternoon, take some short walks in the idyllic Yarrow and Tweed valleys.

Day 3: Today there is the first specialist shop for quilters! Then the castles of Stirling and Blair Atholl await your discovery. The latter houses a fine collection of historic textiles.

En route you will certainly want to photograph the famous Forth Rail Bridge.



Day 4: Today we encounter the breathtaking landscapes of the Central Highlands. Optionally we can stop at a whisky distillery. Then on to one of Scotland's most significant prehistoric sites - Clava Cairns stone circles and tombs. In the afternoon, on a stroll in most beautiful surroundings, we will, with any luck, watch migrating salmon fearlessly leaping a raging waterfall. Finally we drive on to reach the west coast where we take ship for the Outer Hebrides.

Day 5: In the Outer Hebrides we find not only in one of the most intriguing landscapes of north-west Europe, but at the same time we are at the centre of the Harris Tweed industry. We explore the island of Lewis on a leisurely day's excursion. We will certainly see some rare species of seabirds.

Day 6: Today the islands of Harris and Skye feature in the programme. At Tarbert in the island of Harris we pay a visit to the Harris Tweed Weaving and Knitting exhibition. With its lonely lochs in fairytale glens and the breathtaking Cuillin Hills, considered to be the most spectacular in Great Britain, the Isle of Skye constitutes another highlight of the tour.

Day 7: Today's eventful journey, with its many opportunities for stretching your legs and photography, takes us on through the Western Highlands. Later we reach Glencoe, the "glen of weeping", the scene in 1692 of one of Scottish history's most treacherous and bloody deeds. You will learn more of this horrific story on the spot. The route over the rolling expanse of wild, romantic Rannoch Moor promises unforgettable impressions of the highland landscape. And so on to our destination, Edinburgh.



Day 8: A day's outing brings us to Glasgow and its surroundings. In Paisley

Museum and Art Galleries we admire a display of world famous Paisley shawls. Afterwards we explore Glasgow by bus and on foot.

The evening in Edinburgh offers a wide choice of activities any one of which would perfectly round off your tour.

Day 9: In the morning there may be time for a shopping trip or for a wander round Edinburgh. Finally transfer to the airport.

This tour can ideally be booked in combination with our other walking and sightseeing tours.

DEPARTURE DATES 2010:

Friday to Saturday

7 - 15 May, Further Departures by arrangement.

HOW AND WHERE YOU CAN BOOK

Book through your travel agent or, of course, book direct with Rob Roy Tours.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL MORE THAN 8 DAYS?

You can easily combine this tour with our other tours:

- Walking Tours:

- "Western Highlands - in the Footsteps of Rob Roy" - our classic tour
- "Islands and Highlands" (Inseln Mull, Iona, Skye and Western Highlands)
- "Northern Highlights" (Orkney and Shetland Islands and Sutherland)
- "In the Heart of Scotland" - (walking, culture and sport based on one centre, great value)
- "Lake District" (English Lake District and Yorkshire Dales)
- "Rob Roy Munro Tour" (Based on a single location, Trossachs for the energetic)
- "Gardens and walking in the Hebrides"
- Self-guided walking and sightseeing

- Scottish sightseeing tours:

- "Scotland, the Whisky Trail and More" (exclusive bus tour for connoisseurs)
- "Scottish Railway Adventure" (self-guided)
 - We will organise your own individual holiday extension.

PRICES 2010:

- per person sharing a twin/double room)
- booking through a travel agent: **£ 999.00,-**
- single room supplement £ 139.00,-
- (flight not included)
- group size 8 -14
- Please contact us for details.
- booking directly with Rob Roy Tours:
- Price on enquiry
- special rates for small groups

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE



The walking tour price includes all ferry crossings and transfers, sightseeing visits, guiding and entry fees as described in the programme, experienced walking and tour guide; eight nights in good small hotels and guesthouses with en suite rooms and full Scottish breakfast, four dinners, airport transfers, luggage transfer, maps as needed and a welcoming drink.

HOW AND WHERE YOU CAN BOOK

You can make a booking through your travel agent or, of course, directly with Rob Roy Tours Ltd. Arrive by plane, train or your own car.

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