

July 25-31, 2012

**\$2189.00** PER PERSON SHARING  
(plus \$495.00 US departure tax)\*\*

JOIN  
**Larry Kirwan**  
on a  
**Tour of Scotland**

**YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:**

- **Round-trip airfare from: JFK**
- **Five (5) Nights' Accommodations as follows or similar:**
- **Location**                      **Property**
- **Edinburgh**                      **Mount Royal Hotel-1 Night \*\*\* [www.ramadajarvis.co.uk](http://www.ramadajarvis.co.uk)**
- **Spey Valley**                      **Grant Arms Hotel-2 Nights \*\*\* [www.grantarmshotel.com](http://www.grantarmshotel.com)**
- **Isle of Skye**                      **Sligachan Hotel-1 Night \*\*\*\* [www.sligachan.co.uk/sligachan-hotel](http://www.sligachan.co.uk/sligachan-hotel)**
- **Glasgow**                      **Menzies Hotel-1 Night \*\*\*\* [www.menzieshotels.co.uk](http://www.menzieshotels.co.uk)**
- **Breakfast Daily**
- **One Dinner on Isle of Skye**
- **Sightseeing as follows: Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle, Scone Palace, Urquhart Castle, Culloden Battlefield**
- **Touring By Deluxe Touring Motorcoach**
- **Services of Professional Scottish Driver and Guide**
- **Taxes and Service Charges expect gratuity to driver/guide**
- **Professional Portfolio of Travel Documents**
- **Kirwan will suggest a reading list that will include history, fiction and poetry to heighten the travel experience.**

<b>Day 1 July 25 Wednesday</b>	<b>USA to Scotland.</b> For those leaving from JFK, meet at the bar in the Departure Lounge and get to know your fellow travelers. Some will already know each other from previous trips and all will be made welcome, especially those traveling alone or for the first time. Depart USA for overnight flight to Scotland. All travelers will rendezvous bleary-eyed but blazing to go at Edinburgh Airport.
<b>Day 2 July 26 Thursday</b>	<b>Edinburgh.</b> We arrive Edinburgh Airport where after clearing customs we are met by our Scottish Driver Guide and Tour Escort. What can I say about <b>Edinburgh</b> except that when I first set foot in it I felt like I had come home. I also wondered what took me so long to go there. I'm sure you'll feel the same. En route to our hotel we enjoy a panoramic tour. Straight away you'll spot the instantly recognizable and never forgotten, <b>Edinburgh Castle</b> which has stood guard high over the city since 1085. But first we'll stroll down the cobblestone streets of the Old Town wondering why other cities have not taken care of their historic areas as Edinburgh has. The house of John Knox, one of the founders of Presbyterianism still stands pristine while shops that sold to rebel Jacobites still conduct business. The Castle itself has been wonderfully preserved and I was stunned to be taken into the original room where <b>Mary Queen of Scots</b> gave birth to her son, James, who later assembled the King James Bible. Take a walk down the <b>Royal Mile</b> and you'll catch echoes of Robbie Burns, Robert Louis Stevenson and Walter Scott all of whom strode the same cobblestones – not surprising since Edinburgh was once known as the <b>Athens of the North</b> . After all our walks we'll find a traditional pub and welcome ourselves to this beautiful, redemptive city. <b>Overnight Mount Royal Hotel Edinburgh.</b>
<b>Day 3 July 27 Friday</b>	<b>Edinburgh-Stirling-Perth-Pitlochry-Grantown-on-Spey.</b> After breakfast we depart Edinburgh and travel to Stirling, site of moody, magnificent and oft-besieged <b>Stirling Castle</b> long associated with the tragic Mary Queen of Scots who spent much time there; she was traveling from Stirling when she was kidnapped and eventually ended up in England within the power of her cousin, Queen Elizabeth. Onward to 'The Fair City' of <b>Perth</b> aptly named. Situated on the banks of Scotland's longest river, the Tay, the jewel in Perth's crown is undoubtedly <b>Scone</b> (pronounced 'scoon') <b>Palace</b> . Scone was the home of the <b>Stone of Destiny</b> for nearly 500 years, and the site where every Scottish king was crowned. We continue into the Highlands, passing beautiful lochs, glens and craggy hills until we reach the <b>Grant Arms Hotel</b> – also known as the Wildlife Hotel due to its fabulous unspoiled grounds. Guests can take advantage of free, guided walks or just take off and sample the grounds themselves. Set in mountainous unspoiled land the hotel has been welcoming famous guests since <b>Queen Victoria</b> and <b>Prince Albert</b> stayed in 1860. Nearby is the fairy-tale Cawdor Castle, linked by Shakespeare with Macbeth. Or a quick walk downtown to Granttown-On-Spey will bring us to the Clan McPherson Museum. Speyside and the Grampian Highlands are home to more than half of Scotland's distilleries, and eight of the most famous are to be found on the nearby <b>Speyside Malt Whiskey Trail</b> . No doubt we'll sample some of the local whiskeys in the hotel bar later in the evening.
<b>Day 4 July 28 Saturday</b>	<b>Grantown-on-Spey-Culloden-Lough Ness-The Whiskey Trail.</b> Because of the beautiful setting and the quality of the Grant Arms we've decided use it as a base and spend a second night there. But in the morning we'll set off for <b>Culloden Battlefield</b> . The Battle of Culloden (Scottish Gaelic: Blàr Chùil Lodair) was the final confrontation of the 1745 Jacobite Rising. Taking place on 16 April 1746, the battle pitted the <b>Jacobite</b> forces of <b>Charles Edward Stuart</b> against an army commanded by the Duke of Cumberland, loyal to the British government. One of the most sacred spots in the illustrious history of Scotland, Culloden was where the highlanders supporting the House of Stuart were defeated and <b>Bonny Prince Charlie</b> was forced to flee the country along with many of the Clan leaders. Then on to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands and to <b>Lough Ness</b> itself where, who knows, we may get a glimpse of Nessie herself. We will travel along the banks of Loch Ness, stopping to visit ancient <b>Urquhart Castle</b> , situated on a strategic rocky peninsula where many battles were fought. Then back to the Grant Arms for further samplings of the local whiskeys and fine local ales will take place at the hotel and local pubs. <b>Overnight Grant arms Hotel.</b>

<b>Day 5</b> <b>July 29</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Spey Valley-Inverness-Eilean Donan-Isle of Skye.</b> Up early, we head for the lovely <b>Isle of Skye</b> , jewel of the Hebrides. We'll travel across the stunning North West Highlands and visit <b>Eilean Donan Castle</b> . Once built as a main defense against the Norse (Vikings), you will recognize Eilean Donan for it has been used in many movies because of its stark lonely beauty. We'll cross from the mainland by the spectacular Skye Road Bridge and enter the world of <b>Skye</b> where Gaelic is still proudly spoken by most of the inhabitants. The coastline is a series of peninsulas and bays radiating out from a centre dominated by the <b>Cuillin Hills</b> . The main ruling clans were the MacCleods, MacDonalds and MacInnes but to me the island will always be famous for <b>Flora MacDonald</b> who rescued <b>Bonnie Prince Charlie</b> after the defeat at Culloden and helped him escape from Skye to France. She is buried in the village of Kilmuir in the far north. Skye has a rich heritage of castles. <b>Dunvegan Castle</b> has been the seat of Clan MacLeod since the 13th century. This is a site not to be missed as it glares defiantly across a body of water to the magnificent McLeod Table (Mountains). Another stirring site will be <b>Armada Castle</b> , once home of the MacDonald family; it now hosts the Clan Donald Centre. Time to brush up on your Gaelic and try out your phrases. Then it's off to the stunning Sligachan Hotel. Check out its stunning mountainous setting! You'll sleep well tonight after a visit to the hotel's Seumas Bar stocked with 250 malt whiskies and its local ales most of which are brewed on site at The Cuillin Brewery. <b>Dinner and overnight Sligachan Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 6</b> <b>July 30</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>Skye-Fort William-Glencoe-Glasgow.</b> With many a sad farewell we'll depart <b>Skye</b> with promises galore to return someday. We'll pass south through the spectacular country to <b>Fort William</b> , and on to lovely <b>Glencoe</b> with <b>Ben Nevis</b> Scotland's tallest mountain in view. Glencoe is often called the <b>Glen of Weeping</b> for an infamous massacre that occurred in 1692. We'll eventually leave the Highlands behind and travel through Argyle to the Central Lowlands stopping along the way to view what must be the world's most famous Loch. Those who listen to Celtic Crush will know <b>Loch Lomond</b> through the magnificent recording by Runrig who hailed from the Isle of Skye. The area is renowned for its beauty and tranquility. Then onwards to <b>Glasgow</b> , home of Celtic and Rangers football teams and one of the most vibrant cities in Europe. Long known for its shipbuilding and manufacturing, it is now a center of finance and education. A bustling hub of nightlife and culture some say it is one of the most livable cities in Europe. Parts are very Irish due to the immigration of so many people from the Donegal area after the Potato Famine. Many highlanders too migrated south to Glasgow after the "clearances." It is well known for its hospitality and we will have our traditional "American Wake" (Last Night Celebration) in one of the old pubs. <b>Overnight Menzies Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 7</b> <b>July 31</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Glasgow-Edinburgh-USA.</b> After breakfast, we travel to <b>Edinburgh Airport</b> where we'll have ample time for some last minute duty-free shopping and a perhaps a last wee dram of Whiskey before our flight home. Remember this is merely a sketch of what you'll see and do. I can't even begin to describe the long nights of fun and laughter that will leave you with many warm memories and friends for life. But I do promise that this trip to Scotland will rejuvenate you - you'll never feel quite the same again. See you at <b>Kennedy Airport!!!</b>

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### Reservation Application

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your July 25-31, 2012 Tour of Ireland (BLK072512)

**I enclose Deposit Due of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 per person) ASAP to hold seats**

**Second Deposit: \$350.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Due February 25, 2012**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: May 17, 2012**

Name: (exactly as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other passengers traveling with me: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: Twin/Double: \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_ **YOU MUST PAY SINGLE RATE IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE.**

Cancellation Insurance: Double (\$200) Single (\$235.00): Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be paid with deposit)

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$499.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) (For those who do not have or wish a roommate)**

**\* Please note airfare could be different for late bookings**

**\*\*US Departure Tax is always subject to change and is based partially on the Pound Sterling**

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 25 PARTICPANTS**

**AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL**

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