

# PRESIDENTS & PATRIOTS HISTORICAL TOURS

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## *A Thousand Years of Scotland*

September 1 – 9, 2021

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021** ~ *Liverpool* ~ *Metropolitan Cathedral* ~ *Windemere, Lake District* ~ *Low Wood Bay*



We'll meet as a group this morning in **Liverpool, United Kingdom**. Our first stop today is **Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King**, an awe-inspiring icon of faith and architecture, where we'll descend into the **Lutyens Crypt**, vast floorplan for a cathedral that was never built. Heading north, we reach the scenic **Lake District**, and the first of two nights at **Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa** on the shores of **Windemere**, the largest lake in England and a favorite of poets, painters and nature lovers for centuries.

**Thursday, September 2, 2021** ~ *Windemere* ~ *Dove Cottage* ~ *Beatrix Potter* ~ *Lake Cruise*

We'll breakfast at the resort before visiting **Dove Cottage**, the country home that poet and early environmentalist **William Wordsworth** discovered on a walking tour of the Lake District. Here he produced many of his best loved poems. A visit to Wordsworth's gravesite is followed by a stop at **Hilltop**, the estate of **Beatrix Potter**. Potter bought the property with the royalties from her first book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. A **Lake Cruise** is on tap before dinner and a second night at **Low Wood Bay Resort**.



**Friday, September 3, 2021** ~ *Hadrian's Wall* ~ *Lockerbie* ~ *Edinburgh* ~ *Kimpton Charlotte Square*

After breakfast at the resort we head north. Along the way we'll stop to explore **Hadrian's Wall**, the remote barrier that for 300 years marked the northern frontier of the Roman empire. Next, we'll visit **Lockerbie, Scotland**, over whose skies a bomb destroyed **Pan Am Flight 103** on December 21, 1988. We'll pay our respects at the **Memorial Garden** and have lunch in the rebuilt town center. Arriving Edinburgh, our lodgings for the *next six nights* are at the magnificent **Kimpton Charlotte Square**. Perfectly located adjacent to the city's New Town, the Kimpton consists of seven interconnected Georgian townhouses with private gardens and the adjoining square – a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.



**Saturday, September 4, 2021** ~ *Edinburgh Castle* ~ *The Royal Mile* ~ *Holyrood House* ~ *St. Giles* ~ *Greyfriar's Bobby*

We'll breakfast at the Kimpton before visiting the hill top **Edinburgh Castle**, ancient stronghold and one time residence of Scottish monarchs, including **Mary Queen of Scots**. Departing the castle, we'll travel along **The Royal Mile**, arriving at the **Palace of Holyrood House**, official residence of the British monarch in Scotland. (*Queen Elizabeth II spends one week in residence at Holyrood Palace at the beginning of each summer whilst carrying out official duties*). Next, we'll explore **St. Giles' Cathedral**, also known as the **High Kirk of Edinburgh**, a parish church founded in the 12th century and dedicated to Saint Giles. The church was elevated to collegiate status by **Pope Paul II** in 1467. Nearby is the final resting place of **Greyfriars Bobby**, the most famous canine in Scottish history. Bobby's owner died of tuberculosis in 1858, but his Skye Terrier remained loyal to his master, guarding the grave until his own death fourteen years later. Dinner, then overnight at Kimpton Charlotte Square.



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**Sunday, September 5, 2021 ~ Grampian Mountain Range ~ Cairngorms National Park ~ Aviemore ~ Carnegie**

After breakfast at the hotel we'll leave the Scottish capital for a glorious day in the **Highlands**. We venture into the **Grampian Mountain Range** and magnificent **Cairngorms National Park**, the largest national park in the United Kingdom and one of the country's most beautiful and rugged landscapes. At **Aviemore** we'll board a steam train for an unforgettable lunch on wheels (tentative). On our return to Edinburgh we'll pause for photos at the modest birthplace of steel magnate and philanthropist **Andrew Carnegie**. Dinner, then overnight at Kimpton Charlotte Square.



**Monday, September 6, 2021 ~ Edinburgh ~ Royal Yacht Britannia**



Breakfast at the Kimpton precedes a tour of the **Royal Yacht Britannia**. Explore the elegant State Apartments, Dining Room, Enlisted Men's quarters, Officer's Club, the ship's gleaming Engine Room and much more. See where Princes William and Harry spent many a summer holiday, and celebrities from Frank Sinatra and Liz Taylor to Nelson Mandela and Winston Churchill were wined and dined by British Royalty. After lunch, the rest of the afternoon is free to relax or explore Edinburgh, its world class museums and shops of Princes Street. Dinner, then overnight at the Kimpton.

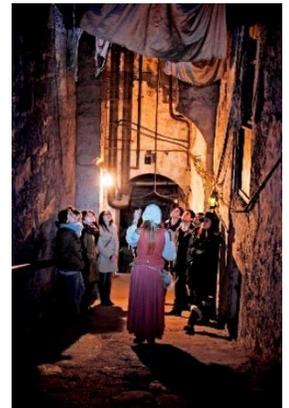
**Tuesday, September 7, 2021 ~ Glamis Castle ~ Queen Elizabeth ~ Princess Margaret ~ St. Andrews ~ Afternoon Tea**

After breakfast at the hotel we'll visit **Glamis Castle**, family home of the **Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne**, and the legendary setting for Shakespeare's **Macbeth**. Glamis is also the childhood home of **Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother** and the birthplace of **Princess Margaret**. Every room has its own tales and secrets. Then, it's on to **St. Andrews**, the legendary "**Home of Golf**" where the game was invented in the 15th century. We'll enjoy **Afternoon Tea** in this famous old college town by the sea. Returning to Edinburgh, dinner, then overnight at the Kimpton.



**Wednesday, September 8, 2021 ~ The World of Illusions ~ Camera Obscura ~ Dynamic Earth ~ Mary King's Close**

We'll breakfast at the Kimpton before visiting **World of Illusions** and **Camera Obscura**, an Edinburgh attraction since the 1830s. Here, in this world of visual trickery, anything is possible – from getting lost in the **Mirror Maze**, to shrinking yourself like **Alice in Wonderland**. The **Rooftop Terrace** boasts some of the best views of Edinburgh, a photo-op not to be missed. After lunch visit **Dynamic Earth**, complete with a journey through space and time and a chance to experience the primeval forces of nature as they shaped our planet. Our final stop today is **Mary King's Close**. Get lost in a warren of streets where centuries of stories shed truth on Edinburgh's dark past, and we learn what life was really like for those who inhabited the Close. A special **Farewell Dinner** this evening followed by a final night at the Kimpton Charlotte Square.



**Thursday, September 9, 2021**

Breakfast at the Kimpton Charlotte Square is again included. Today we depart Edinburgh per our own schedules.

**\$5,785 p.p. Double Occupancy ~ \$6,875 p.p. Single Occupancy**

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