St. Cecilia TOURS

THE REFORMATION IN SCOTLAND

OUR PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY

DAY 1
DEPARTURE: We depart from Houston (IAH) to Edinburgh (EDI) International Airport. Meals and beverages are served on board our international flights.

DAY 2 - Edinburg (4 Nights.)
ARRIVE Edinburgh: Upon our arrival in Edinburgh, we meet our tour host who accompanies us throughout our time in Scotland. We board a state of the art tourist coach and travel to our hotel, which is located in the heart of Edinburgh. We meet over a welcome toast, followed by a brief informational meeting. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure.

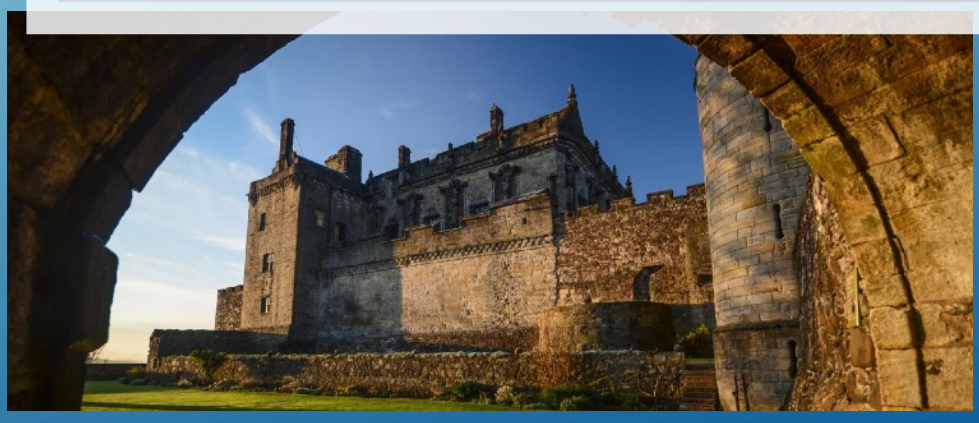
DAY 3
Breakfast is included every morning at our hotels as part of your tour package. After breakfast we tour the John Knox House where the reformer resided while in Scotland during the 16th century. Following lunch on your own, we descend the Royal Mile for a Palace of Holyrood tour where John Knox confronted Mary, Queen of the Scots. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. [B]

DAY 4
Today we tour Edinburgh Castle where James VI, who authorized the KJV Bible, was born. Following lunch on your own, we tour St. Giles Cathedral where John Knox was minister following the Scottish Reformation and where he is buried. The afternoon is at your leisure, but there is an optional Scotch Whiskey tasting experience for those who might be interested. [B]

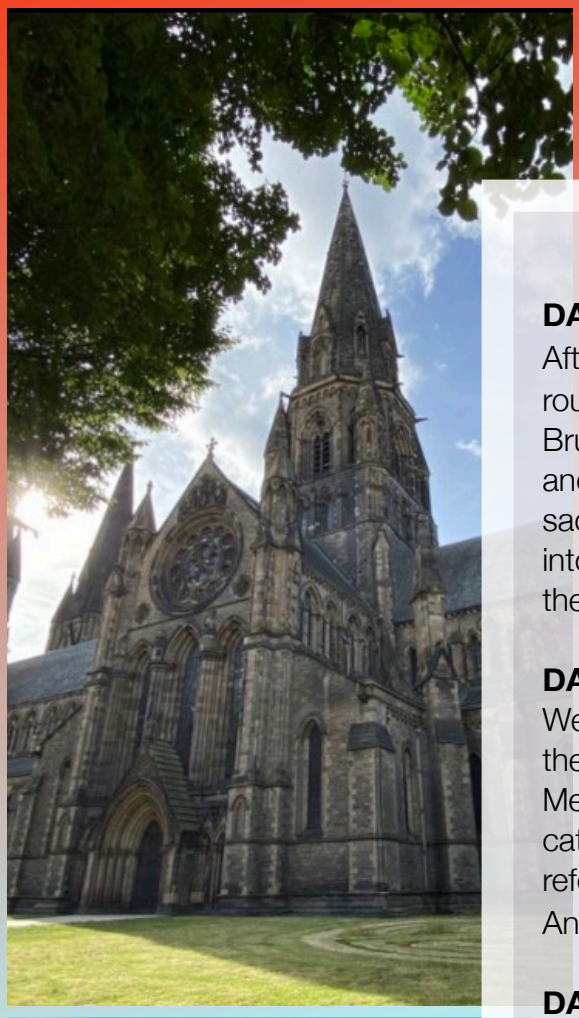
DAY 5
Enjoy a free day in Edinburgh. This evening we join together for dinner and a show that celebrates Sottish traditions. Tomorrow morning we bid farewell to Edinburgh, and depart for St. Andrews so please pack and plan accordingly. [B,D]

Royal Mile, Edinburgh

St. Giles Cathedral


St. Andrew's Castle

Dunfermline Abbey



Stirling Castle

DAY 6 (2 Nights)
After breakfast we load our luggage and travel to St. Andrews. En route we visit Dunfermline Abbey, where St. Margaret and Robert the Bruce are buried. The church occupies the site of the ancient chancel and transepts of a large medieval Benedictine abbey, which was sacked in 1560 during the Scottish Reformation and permitted to fall into disrepair. We continue to St. Andrew's and check into our hotel in the heart of this quaint sea side city. [B]

DAY 7
We worship this morning with a local congregation. St. Andrew's is the ancient ecclesiastical capital of Scotland and the center of the Medieval Catholic Church in Scotland. We see the ruins of the cathedral, and St. Andrew's Castle where John Knox and other reformers were held in prison. We also see the University of St. Andrew's where Knox studied. [B]

DAY 8 (2 Nights.)
En-route Perth, we stop by the Wishart Arch in Dundee, which was an early center of the Reformation movement. Knox visited the town many times and had regular contact with Protestants there. We continue our scenic drive to Perth and check-in to our idyllic hotel located in the countryside. The rest of the day is at your leisure. [B,D]

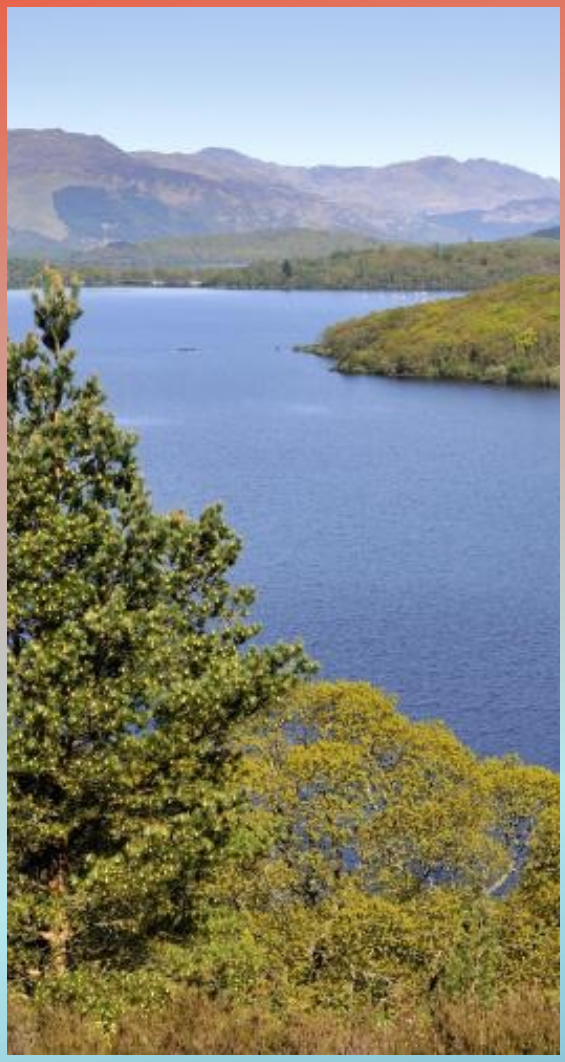
DAY 9
We visit St. John's church where Knox preached in May of 1559 and fanned the flames of the Reformation. After lunch we see the museum in Perth that houses the Stone of Destiny. Today, our choir and musicians will offer a concert at St. John's Church, followed by a festive group dinner at our hotel. [B,D]

DAY 10 - Stirling (3 Nights.)
We load our coach and transfer to Stirling. Enjoy the incredible nature of Scotland on our scenic drive through stunning and dramatic landscape before we arrive at our hotel in Stirling. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure. [B]

DAY 11
This morning we tour Stirling Castle. Stirling is a Protestant stronghold where Knox preached a sermon after-which the town rioted against the church. Stirling Castle is also remembered as the site where Robert the Bruce defeated the English. This evening our choir will offer a concert at Church of the Holy Rude where Knox preached James VI's coronation sermon. [B]

DAY 12
Our coach driver takes us on a scenic tour of one of the most iconic areas of Scotland. We learn the history of the region and how the geography of Scotland is divided between highlands and lowlands based on the nature surrounding Loch Lomond. We return to our hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy a celebratory closing dinner as a group. [B,D]

DAY 13
Our most fabulous tour of Scotland must unfortunately come to an end. We head to the Glasgow Airport where we will board our flight home to Houston. [B]



Loch Lomond

Your Tour includes
Round-Trip Airfare,
Deluxe Hotels w/Daily Breakfast,
Meals as Outlined in the Itinerary
Entrance to Museum and Venues
Licensed Guides & Coach Transportation
Itinerary and Venues Subject to Change.

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Land Package Est. $4600 pp
(Based on double occupancy.)

Group Airfare Est. $1400 pp
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Single Room Extra $TBD pp

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A deposit of $500 per person is paid by check or credit card at the time of registration. Remaining balance is due 90 days before the date of departure.

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