

SCOTLAND MALT WHISKY TOUR
JUNE 13 – JUNE 26, 2019
hosted by
COMPANIONS OF THE QUAICH

Day to Day Itinerary Overview

DAY 1: THU. 13 JUNE - Depart for Scotland

Tonight, we meet at Toronto airport and board our non-stop overnight flight from Toronto to Glasgow, Scotland. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided for you. **(D)**

DAY 2: FRI. 14 JUNE - Arrive Glasgow Scotland

This morning, we arrive in Scotland. “*CEAD MILE FAILTE!*” Once through luggage and passport formalities we meet our guide Morag Brodie and driver Drew, who will escort us on this memorable journey.

One of our long standing traditions is to begin our journey with a Scottish breakfast. With all the regular local culinary delights and trimmings (such as that of a bacon roll) there is ample selection of food to set you on your way. Once in Glasgow, we head for a brand new distillery for the Companions of the Quaich, **Glasgow distillery**.

The first independent distillery to open in Glasgow for over 100 years, we will have a chance to sample their 1770 brand of single malt.



Later today, we take a visit to **Auchentoshan distillery**. Located by the banks of the Clyde, this distillery is a regular inclusion to our malt whisky tours.

In the afternoon, we shall check-in to our hotel, where we stay for the next three nights. **The Grand Central Hotel** is perfectly located to enjoy the hustle and bustle of Glasgow.

Tonight, we shall enjoy our “*Welcome Dinner.*” **(D)**

DAY 3: SAT. 15 JUNE – Arran and distillery



After our first hearty Scottish breakfast, we head for the coast and our Caledonian MacBrayne ferry crossing to the island of Arran. It is here that we spend the day touring this scenic island, located on the Firth of Clyde. The highlight of our day is our visit to **Arran Distillery**. A delight to visit, the distillery is always accommodating to the Companions of the Quaich. After a lovely day, we return to Glasgow.

Dinner is or you to enjoy, from the plethora of dining options in Glasgow tonight. **(B)**

DAY 4: SUN. 16 JUNE – Glasgow sightseeing day and private tasting

Today we shall enjoy a guided tour of Glasgow city including such places as Glasgow Cathedral and the Burrell Art collection. **This evening we shall enjoy the first Companions Private Tastings in the hotel. This well received event, will allow you to enjoy tastings of rare and varied single malts chosen by Ed Patrick, in the privacy of our own conference room. (B,D)**

DAY 5: MON 17 JUNE: Glasgow to Islay, Ardnahoe Distillery

This morning, we leave Glasgow and take the scenic drive to our ferry for Islay. Once we arrive at Islay, we will drive to meet Jim McEwan and his new charge at **Ardnahoe Distillery**. This will be the ninth, and latest, distillery to grace Islay. With Jim at the helm, this will be a truly memorable distillery visit. Dinner will be at a local Islay restaurant.

Our day ends by checking into Islay's most luxurious property, The Machrie Hotel. **(B,D)**

DAY 06-07: TUE. 18 JUNE and WED. 19 JUNE - Islay

During the next two days, we tour this beautiful and tranquil island and visit a selection of the following distilleries.



BOWMORE



CAOL ILA



BRUICHLADDICH



LAPHROIG



ARBEG



LAGAVULIN

The Machrie Hotel will be “home” whilst we are on Islay. **(B,D)**

DAY 08: THU. 20 JUNE – Islay to Inverness

This morning, we leave Islay and take the ferry back to the mainland. Once off the ferry, we shall head for Inverness, but not before making a visit to Fort William and **Ben Nevis distillery**. .

From Fort William, we continue northwards through the beautiful waterways of Loch Linnhe, Loch Oich and of course Loch Ness before reaching Inverness. Home for the last three nights of the journey, The Palace Hotel is located overlooking the river Ness. A perfect located for our time in the north. **(B,D)**



DAY 9: FRI. 21 JUNE - Speyside

The next two days are spent in the heartland of the Scottish Whisky Trail.

Today, we drive into the heart of Speyside and the lovely hamlet of Dufftown. Here, we shall visit:



GLENFIDDICH



BALVENIE

This afternoon, we shall enjoy sightseeing of the surrounding area before heading back to Inverness. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

DAY 10: SAT. 22 JUNE – Distilleries of the Ross & Cromarty County

Our day takes us to the distilleries situated north of Speyside, in the Shire of Ross & Cromarty. On our agenda today are the distilleries of **Glen Ord**, **Balbair** and **Dalmore**. Once again, we have chosen some distilleries, never previously visited on a Companions tour. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

DAY 11: SUN. 23 JUNE – Speyside to Edinburgh

Today, we leave for “Auld Reekie” and travel south through the Cairngorm mountains to the Lowlands of Scotland. Our distillery stop today, will be at **Dalwhinnie** in the idyllic setting of the highlands. Our journey takes us across the new Forth Road Bridge and into Edinburgh. Our final destination today is the **Parliament House Hotel**. Nestled in the heart of Edinburgh, this hotel has become our favourite abode for many years. **(B,D)**



DAY 12: MON. 24 JUNE – Holyrood Park Distillery, Edinburgh, Scotch Malt Whisky Society



This morning, we plan to visit the new distillery owned and operated by fellow Canadians, Rob & Kelly Carpenter, **Holyrood Park Distillery**. Single malt distilling left Edinburgh over 100 years ago. It is Rob and Kelly’s vision to resurrect a working distillery in the capital city.

In the afternoon we are invited to visit the **Scotch Malt Whisky Society** in Leith. As always, we leave you at your leisure for one night in Edinburgh, to dine out at one of the many restaurants and pubs located in the city centre. There are many fine places to dine within a mere staggering distance from our hotel! **(B)**

DAY 13: TUE. 25 JUNE – Edinburgh, Glenkinchie and private tasting

After breakfast, we will drive out to East Lothian and visit **Glenkinchie distillery**. The option exists to stay in Edinburgh and enjoy a free morning to peruse the shops.

This afternoon we will enjoy a *'Farewell Dinner'* in conjunction with another Companions of the Quaich private single malt tasting. A truly great way to end our memorable journey!

DAY 14: WED. 26 JUNE - Homeward Bound

Alas, we must say "good bye" to Morag and driver, as we head for the airport and our return flight to Toronto. Lunch and complimentary in-flight service will be served. As we say in Scotland, *"HASTE YE BACK"* (B,L)

B: BREAKFAST L: LUNCH D: DINNER

The distilleries (and visit sequence) are subject to alteration.

Here is our list of the proposed distilleries that we wish to visit during our 2019 tour.

DISTILLERY LINE UP

GLASGOW
ARDNAHOE
ARDBEG
CAOL ILA
GLENFIDDICH
DALMORE
GLENKINCHE

AUCHENTOSHAN
BOWMORE
LAGAVULIN
BEN NEVIS
GLEN ORD
DALWHINNIE
COMPANION of the QUAICH PRIVATE TASTINGS

ARRAN
LAPHROIG
BRUICHLADDICH
BALVENIE
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INFORMATION

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Toronto (airfares from other cities available upon request)

Hotels:

Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow, 3 nights
Machrie Hotel, Islay, 3 nights
Palace Hotel, Inverness, 3 nights
Parliament House Hotel, Edinburgh, 3 nights

Meals: Full breakfast, daily and 10 dinners.

Transportation: Air-conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program and distillery visits as per itinerary, including all entrance fees

Tour Guide: Government-licensed Tour Manager Morag Brodie will accompany the group and work harmoniously with the tour leaders.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person is allowed. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Airport taxes & Fuel costs: Currently \$617

Embarkation package: An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

Gratuities: All gratuities for this journey are included in the journey pricing. CAD\$200

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport which should not expire before 26 Dec. 2019. N. American passport holders do not currently require a visa for the U.K.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken, but only, upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: A non-refundable deposit of \$400 is required with the tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment. Cancellation within 60 days before departure incurs 100% cancellation charge.

Travel Insurance: Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes 'trip cancellation' coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties. Conditions apply so please ask for more details.

Currency surcharge: Connoisseur Leisure reserves the right to introduce a currency surcharge. If applicable, this would be assessed 90 days prior to departure.

Fuel surcharges- At time of print all airline fuel surcharges are included in the 'air transportation taxes.' These may vary before time of departure.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety. Connoisseur Leisure reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

14 DAY JOURNEY COST

TORONTO PRICE: \$5699CAD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1399CAD

All payments by credit card will incur a 3% processing fee.

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