

# SCOTLAND MALT WHISKY TOUR

## JUNE 05 – 17, 2010

### COMPANIONS OF THE QUAICH MALT WHISKY TASTING SOCIETY

#### *Day to Day Itinerary Overview*

**DAY 1: SAT 05 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: SUN 06 JUNE - Arrive Scotland**

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

One of our long standing traditions is to begin our journey with a hearty Scottish breakfast. With all the regular local culinary delights and trimmings on offer there is ample selection of food to set you on your way.

From Glasgow we head for the outskirts of the city and visit **Auchentoshan distillery**. With the triple distill process, unique to this distillery, we have the opportunity to sample the single malts.



From Auchentoshan we take the beautiful drive along the shores of Loch Lomond to the town of Inverary. Situated on the banks of Loch Fyne it is the perfect setting to begin our journey. The remainder of the afternoon has been left free so you can relax. Dinner and overnight will be at The Argyll Hotel, Inverary. **(D)**

**DAY 3: MON 07 JUNE - Ferry to Islay**

Today we leave the mainland and follow the scenic route to our point of embarkation to Islay. From here we take the ferry crossing to the Inner Hebrides and the Isle of Islay. Upon arrival on Islay we head to Bowmore, on the south shore of Loch Indaal. With exclusive use of the Bowmore Cottages the next three nights will feel as if you are “home from home.” This afternoon we walk over to the **Bowmore Distillery** and sample our first Islay single malt. Dinner tonight will be at the Bridgend Hotel restaurant. **(B,D)**



## **DAY 4-5: TUE 08 JUNE to WED 09 JUNE - Islay**

During the next two days we will tour the beautiful and tranquil island and visit the following distilleries.



***BRUICHLADDICH***



***BUNNAHABHAIN***



***CAOL ILA***



***LAPHROAIG***



***ARBEG***



***LAGAVULIN***

## **DAY 6: THU 10 JUNE - Islay to Inverness**

Today we take the morning sailing from Islay and enjoy breakfast onboard. Once back on the mainland we head northward to Speyside (The Malt Whisky Trail.) Our route is punctuated with photo opportunity moments as we pass by Glencoe and Fort William. A relaxing environment as we listen to Morag's historical commentary and enjoying the spectacular scenery. Before arriving at the Palace Hotel, Inverness, we shall pass by Urquhart Castle and Loch Ness. Once in Inverness we shall check-in to our hotel for the next three nights. **(B,D)**



## **DAY 7-8: FRI 11 JUNE and SAT 12 JUNE - Speyside**

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



**ABERLOUR**



**STRATHISA**



**KNOCKDHU**

Whilst in Inverness and the Speyside region we will have sight-seeing options available for anyone who may wish to opt out of the distillery visits planned for today.

Dinner and overnight stay is in Inverness. **(B,D)**

### DAY 10: SUN 13 JUNE - Speyside to Edinburgh



This morning we leave the Highlands and head south towards Edinburgh. Once in Edinburgh we shall enjoy a panoramic city tour before checking into The Parliament House Hotel. Situated in the heart of the city centre and only yards from the shops of Princes Street, our hotel is in the perfect location to enjoy this beautiful city. Dinner tonight is at The Parliament House Hotel. **(B,D)**

### DAY 10: MON 14 JUNE - Edinburgh, Glenkinchie

Our day begins with our final distillery visit. Situated in the east lowlands of Scotland, **Glenkinchie** boasts one of the best distillery visitor centers in Scotland. From here take the short ride to the site of Rosslyn Chapel. Made famous by the Hollywood movie *The Da Vinci Code* this church has a fascinating history. You will see mason work that cannot be found in any other church throughout the globe. Once back in Edinburgh we have left the remainder of the afternoon free for you to meander through the shops and streets of Olde Edinburgh. **(B)**



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### DAY 11: TUE 15 JUNE - Edinburgh, Glasgow

Today we leave Edinburgh, but not before visiting the Royal Palace of Holyrood. One of two Scottish Royal residences, Holyrood Palace offers a wonderful insight into its torrid past. From here we drive to Glasgow and check-in to The Glasgow Thistle Hotel. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening **(B,D)**

### DAY 12: WED 16 JUNE – Glasgow and Robert Burns Country



Our last day in Scotland sees us drive to Ayrshire, Robbie Burns Country. Here we visit the Robbie Burns Centre and learn about Scotland's famous poet. Some of you may wish to take this day and peruse the shops of Sauchiehall street for those last minute souvenirs. Our 'Farewell Dinner' will be at our hotel this evening. A great way to reflect and share thoughts about this memorable journey! **(B,D)**

### DAY 13: THU 17 JUNE - Homeward Bound

Alas we must 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**

# SCOTLAND MALT WHISKY JOURNEY

## JUNE 05 – 17, 2010

### INFORMATION

#### **INCLUDED**

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

**Hotels:**

Argyll Hotel, Inverary  
Bowmore Cottages, Islay  
The Palace Hotel, Inverness  
Parliament House Hotel, Edinburgh  
The Thistle Hotel, Glasgow

**Meals:** Full breakfast and dinner daily with tea and coffee.

**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.

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

**Gratuities:** All gratuities for the journey.

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

**Lunches** (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

**Air transportation taxes:** Currently \$397

#### **Comprehensive Travel**

##### **Insurance:**

Age, up to and including

59: \$196

60 – 64:

\$247

65 – 69:

\$295

70+:

Rates on request

**All rates based upon twin accommodation**

#### **GENERAL**

##### **INFORMATION**

**Passport:** Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport which should not expire before 17 Dec 2010. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Scotland.

**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 plus insurance 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.

**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.

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**13 DAY JOURNEY**  
**COST**

**TORONTO PRICE:**  
**\$3495CAD**

**SINGLE**  
**SUPPLEMENT: \$**  
**495CAD**

**Please add 3% surcharge for**  
**payment by credit card**

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**MALT WHISKY TOUR of SCOTLAND**  
**JUNE 05 – 17, 2010**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

FIRST & LAST NAME (as appears on passport)

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ADDRESS.....

CITY.....

POSTAL CODE.....

PHONE: (HOME).....

PHONE: (WORK).....

EMAIL: (HOME) .....

EMAIL: (WORK).....

DATE OF BIRTH:.....

NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT:.....

TRAVELLING COMPANION INFORMATION

FIRST & LAST NAME (as it appears on passport)

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ADDRESS.....

CITY.....

POSTAL CODE.....

PHONE: (HOME).....

PHONE: (WORK).....

EMAIL: (HOME) .....

EMAIL: (WORK).....

DATE OF BIRTH:.....

NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT:.....

Please enclose your deposit of CAD\$400, per person, to Connoisseur Leisure. If paying by credit card please complete the following. A 3.% surcharge is applicable to the total tour cost when paying for your balance by credit card.

CREDIT CARD: VI..MC..AX.. CARD #

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Connoisseur Leisure Group has partnered with third party suppliers to compose this tour program. None of the third parties, such as airlines, hotels, coach companies and guides are employees of our company. If, for any reason beyond our control, we cannot supply a portion of the itinerary due to the actions of a third party, we will replace that component with comparable or superior services. Comprehensive Travel Insurance is strongly recommended and is made available to all passengers. Deposits and insurance are non-refundable, unless a replacement can be found.

I have read and understand the booking conditions of this tour.

SIGNATURE:.....

DATE:.....

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