



2012 Fall Break in Scotland

September 28 – October 7, 2012



**A Travel/Study Program to Selected Points
of Interest in Scotland
for Eighth Grade and High School
Honors Students as well as Interested Adults**

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The Center for
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This program is an opportunity for eighth grade and high school honors students as well as interested adults to learn about the history, culture, and people of Scotland. This program, sponsored by The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University, is designed to provide participants with carefully structured experiences at selected points of interest in Scotland. Twenty-eight participants will be accompanied by the program director.

PROGRAM COST

The program cost is \$3,200. Included in this cost are:

- Roundtrip airfare from Nashville, TN.
- Hotel accommodations in double rooms in Scotland. An adult may request a single room for an additional charge.
- Breakfast each day at the hotel.
- Admission to historic sites, museums, and other points of interest listed on the itinerary.
- Travel by motor coach for excursions in Scotland.

This cost is subject to increase should there be changes in airfares, monetary exchange rates, or service costs that are not now anticipated.

All travelers must be able to participate in normal physical activities. In addition, student applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in the eighth grade, freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year in high school;
2. Involvement in high school honors or gifted services; and
3. Two signatures from teachers, counselors, principals, and/or G/T coordinators recommending participation.

APPLICATION

A passport-size photograph and a nonrefundable deposit of \$300 are due with the application. Eligible participants will be admitted to the program in the order in which applications are received. The deposit will be refunded if the study tour has reached its capacity.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$300 deposit and a passport-size photograph are due with application
- \$1,450 payment due July 15, 2012
- \$1,450 payment due August 15, 2012

Applications and requests for further information should be sent to:

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Western Kentucky University
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DAILY ITINERARY

This itinerary is subject to minor changes insofar as the daily activities are concerned.

- Sept. 28 Friday** Depart U. S. for Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Sept. 29 Saturday** Arrive in Glasgow. Transfer to our Edinburgh hotel by private motor coach. Spend the afternoon on the Royal Mile touring the imposing Edinburgh Castle and visiting the shops.
- Sept. 30 Sunday** Attend church services at St. Giles Cathedral, known as the "High Kirk of Edinburgh." After lunch, stroll down the Royal Mile, past the John Knox House, to tour the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Queen Elizabeth II's official Scottish residence. Then cross North Bridge from the "Old Town" to the "New Town" to Princes Street to see the Scott Memorial and visit the shops.
- Oct. 1 Monday** Depart Edinburgh for a full-day excursion to St. Andrews. Tour the ruins of the 12th century cathedral and St. Andrew's Castle built in 1200. Visit the grounds of the famous golf course and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. On the way back to Edinburgh, stop at Perth to visit the grounds of Scone Palace. Between the 9th and 13th centuries, Scone was the location of the Stone of Destiny, now housed in Edinburgh Castle.
- Oct. 2 Tuesday** Take a day trip in central Scotland. In the morning, visit the magnificent Stirling Castle and see the Wallace Monument that commemorates William Wallace's defeat of the English at Stirling Bridge. Seven battlefields can be seen from the castle. In the afternoon, travel to Loch Katrine for a cruise on the loch aboard the Victorian steamer Sir Walter Scott.
- Oct. 3 Wednesday** Leave Edinburgh on a trip into the Border country of Scotland crossing into England at Berwick-Upon-Tweed to visit Lindisfarne or Holy Island. It was at Lindisfarne that St. Aidan established the monastery in 635 AD. In 1150 AD the monks built a new priory which operated until the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII in 1537.

In 1540, stone from the priory was used in the building of Lindisfarne Castle. Leave Lindisfarne, crossing back into Scotland to visit two of the Border Abbeys founded by King David I during the 12th century. Visit Dryburgh Abbey, burial site of Sir Walter Scott, and then travel to Scott's View to see Scott's favorite view of the Borders. Proceed on to tour Melrose Abbey, where the heart of Robert the Bruce is buried.

- Oct. 4 Thursday** Depart Edinburgh for a two-day excursion into the Scottish Highlands. Enroute, visit Doune Castle, site of the filming of Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Continuing through the Trossachs National Park, we will cross the fault line separating the Midlands from the Highlands. Take in the splendor of Loch Luibnaig, Loch Earn, Glen Ogle and Glen Dochart as we travel over the Rannoch Moor into Glen Coe. We will stop at this magnificent mountain pass for a walk to enjoy the spectacular views. Our route will take us north up the Great Glen as we travel the length of the mysterious Loch Ness on the way to Inverness, our stop for the evening.

- Oct. 5 Friday** In the morning, leave Inverness for Glen Affric where the River Affric flows down through a dramatic gorge. After a walk in Glen Affric, travel east to Drumnadrochit to visit Urquhart Castle that overlooks Loch Ness. Stop for lunch on the south shore of the Loch in the charming village of St. Augustus which sits on the Caledonian Canal that links the lochs of the Great Glen. After lunch travel southwest through Fort William, passing Ben Nevis, the tallest mountain in Britain, into Trossach National Park. This beautiful region marks the meeting between the rugged Highlands and the pastoral Midlands. Drive down the western shore of Loch Lommond arriving in Glasgow in the early evening.

- Oct. 6 Saturday** Spend the morning enjoying a guided tour of historic Glasgow. Spend the afternoon visiting points of interest and enjoying the shops and sites of Glasgow.

- Oct. 7 Sunday** Transfer to the Glasgow Airport for the flight back to the U.S.

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APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Name _____ Preferred First Name _____
(as it appears on your passport)

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____ Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Applicant's Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Signature of Applicant _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian
(if applicant is a student)

THIS SECTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT APPLICANTS.

School Attending _____ Grade in 2012-13 _____

Father's Name _____

Father's Address _____
(if different from applicant)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's Occupation _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Address _____
(if different from applicant)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

TWO RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS.

My signature verifies that the applicant is recommended for participation in the Fall Break in Scotland program.

| Teacher, Counselor, Principal, or G/T Coordinator | Position | Date |
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BE SURE YOU HAVE ENCLOSED THE \$300 DEPOSIT AND A PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THIS APPLICATION.