



## The Clan Hamilton Society

Presents

# *“In the Footsteps of our Ancestors!”*

A 15 day journey back to our heritage

**September 11th - 24th, 2017**

\$3,860.00 per person. Air additional



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Dear Kith and Kin

Once again we have organized a tour of Scotland. On our previous tours everyone quickly bonded into the family that we are. We have enjoyed seeing new places and learning more about the land of our ancestors. We have also cemented enduring ties with other members of the extended family of Hamilton.

The tour is focused on "The Scottish Highlands and Hamilton Places." It is an adventure that you can treasure. We will be delighted to have you with us.

Yours aye,  
Frank Hamilton III  
President, Clan Hamilton society

**Monday 11th September – Arrival Scotland**

Independent arrivals into Glasgow airport. Our much beloved tour guide, Davina, will meet us at the airport. Then we depart for Paisley and Hamilton. We visit Paisley Abbey and Paisley Museum. The Paisley Pattern is a design classic. Today you can see the beauty of the original shawls and discover the story of their intricate art at Paisley Museum. Continue to Hamilton. This evening we enjoy a welcome cheese and wine reception in the hotel before dinner. Overnight in the Avonbridge Hotel, Hamilton. Dinner & Breakfast

**Tuesday 12th September - Hamilton**

Today we visit Chatelherault and Cadzow castles. Chatelherault is a restored William Adam hunting lodge with superb views north to Ben Lomond. Cadzow Castle was known as the castle in the woods of Hamilton. At present, only the exterior of the castle can be viewed.

We will also make a special visit to the Hamilton Mausoleum in Hamilton. Ordinarily closed to the general public, our visit is made possible courtesy of the South Lanarkshire Council. Overnight in the Avonbridge Hotel, Hamilton. Dinner & Breakfast

**Wednesday 13th September - Brodick**

Visit St Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow, before visiting Culzean castle, and then catching the ferry over to Arran. Glasgow Cathedral is the oldest building in Glasgow. The focal point of the Lower Church is the Tomb of St.

Kentigern or Mungo as he is more often called in Glasgow. Visit Culzean castle, originally converted by the architect Robert Adam as a bachelor residence for the Earl of Cassillis. At Ardrossan take the ferry over to Brodick on the Isle of Arran. The Isle of Arran, known as 'Scotland in Miniature', is one of the most southerly Scottish islands. Like a condensed version of the rest of Scotland, it has mountains and lochs in the north, and rolling hills and meadows in the south, surrounded by a stunning coastline. Overnight at the Auchrannie Hotel, Arran. Dinner & Breakfast

**Thursday 14th September - Brodick**

A full day of visits on the Isle of Arran. Brodick Castle, its gardens and country park stretch from the shore to the highest peak on Arran. Isle of Arran Distillers is one of the few remaining independent distilleries in Scotland using only the traditional methods of distilling. The location offers perfect water for whisky production, cleansed by granite and softened by peat as it comes down from the mountain above. Your tour will take you around the distillery, followed by a tasting of a dram! Overnight at the Auchrannie Hotel, Arran. Dinner & Breakfast

**Friday 15th September - Oban**

At Lochranza take the ferry over to Claonaig on the Mull of Kintyre. Visit Inveraray, and then continue to Glencoe and into Oban for overnight. Dinner is arranged at the hotel this evening. Overnight at Royal Hotel, Oban. Full Breakfast.

**Saturday 16th September - Isle of Mull**

Ferry from Oban to the Isle of Mull, visit Duart Castle, then take the foot passenger ferry from Mull across to Iona to visit the Abbey returning back to Mull and ultimately the ferry back to Oban for overnight. Dinner & Full Breakfast in Oban.

**Sunday 17th September - Inverness**

This morning we depart Oban for Fort Augustus, and then drive along Loch Ness, stopping at Urquhart Castle. The magnificently situated Urquhart Castle, on the banks of Loch Ness. Urquhart commands splendid views of the

famous loch and Great Glen. Continue to Inverness. One of the many joys of Inverness is the rich variety of places to visit and things to see and do in and around the city. The city boasts a host of historic buildings in the Old Town to appreciate while you shop. Overnight Inverness. Dinner & Full Breakfast

**Monday 18th September - Inverness**

Enjoy a scenic tour of the Highlands today, visiting the town of Ullapool, and possibly Dingwall. Overnight Inverness. Dinner & Full Breakfast

**Tuesday 19th September - Dundee**

This morning we visit Culloden Moor Visitor Centre and the Clava Cairns, before heading down to Arbroath, and finally Dundee. Clava Cairns are well preserved burial cairns that were built about 4,000 years ago. Culloden Moor, scene of the last major battle fought on mainland Britain, is an iconic and emotive site in Scotland. In the visitor centre you can enjoy the interactive exhibition which brings the Battle alive!

Arbroath Abbey hosted the most significant event in Scottish history. On 6 April 1320 the Scottish Declaration of Independence was signed by the assembled Scottish nobility in Arbroath Abbey. In Dundee, you could bump into Desperate Dan, become a polar explorer, or shop 'til you drop. Overnight at Woodlands Hotel Dundee. Dinner & Full Breakfast

**Wednesday 20th September - Dundee**

Enjoy a full day excursion to St Andrews. St Andrews Castle and Cathedral are two of the most historic sites in Fife. The Castle was the focal point of the church in Medieval Scotland and today its ruins provide a wealth of features for visitors to explore including the underground 16th century mine and the bottle dungeon. The Cathedral was once Scotland's largest and most magnificent church and what remains still shows how impressive it must have been in its prime. Joint admission is provided. Overnight at Woodlands Hotel Dundee. Dinner & Full Breakfast

**Thursday 21st September - Edinburgh**

Today enjoy visits to Scone Palace and Dunfermline Abbey,

before arriving in Edinburgh where you'll spend the next 3 nights.

Scone in the 21st century, is the home of the Earls of Mansfield.

It has been the seat of parliaments and the crowning place of Kings. It has housed the Stone of Destiny and been immortalized in Shakespeare's Macbeth. Dunfermline Abbey, whose foundation goes back to 1072, was built by King David I of Scotland in honor of his mother Queen Margaret. Edinburgh is one of the world's finest cities. Its magnificent architecture shifts from the lofty buildings of its medieval Old Town, as they tumble down the Royal Mile, to the graceful houses of the Georgian New Town. Overlooking it all perches Edinburgh Castle. Overnight at the Bruntsfield Hotel. Full Breakfast

**Friday 22nd September - Edinburgh**

A full day at leisure in Edinburgh. Overnight at the Bruntsfield Hotel. Full Breakfast

**Saturday 23rd September - Edinburgh**

Today we explore the East Lothian area. We stop in Prestonpans to see Hamilton Tower and Hamilton House (exterior view only). We then continue to the Borders region, where we visit Abbotsford and Melrose Abbey. Abbotsford is the house built and lived in by Sir Walter Scott. Melrose Abbey is thought to be the burial place of Robert the Bruce's heart, marked with a commemorative carved stone plaque within the grounds. Finally we visit Lennoxlove - the seat of the Hamilton Estate. The historic estate of Lennoxlove dates back to the 14th Century and contains: Hamilton Palace Art Collection; Historical items of interest belonging to Mary Queen of Scots; 20th Century Museum - including an antique motorcycle collection. Tonight enjoy a Farewell dinner at the hotel. Overnight at the Bruntsfield Hotel.. Dinner & Full Breakfast

**Sunday 24th September - Home**

Motorcoach transfer provided for Edinburgh Airport.



**Items included in your tour program:**

13 nights hotel accommodation. All rooms will be double occupancy with private bathrooms  
Full cooked breakfast daily  
11 dinners (farewell includes wine)  
Welcome cheese and wine reception  
Reception with the Duke and Dutchess of Hamilton  
Professional Select Travel Service tour manager  
Private touring motorcoach transportation  
Comprehensive sightseeing program including all admission costs for all sites included on the itinerary  
Porterage of 1 piece of checked baggage per person

**Items not included:**

Air Fare  
Passport and visa costs  
Items not specifically listed as included

**Deposit Schedule**

\$500 per person upon registration

\$1000 per person May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

Final payment August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

Payments can be remitted by personal check. Credit cards are accepted but carry a merchant processing fee of 4%. This is so that we do not unduly burden those paying by check with the cost of credit card transactions.

**Cancellation Schedule**

We do our best to avoid or mitigate cancellation charges. All participants are strongly encouraged to take out cancellation insurance. Participants who are replaced prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> will normally just incur an airline fee for name changes (typically in the range of \$150-\$250). If cancelled participant is not replaced, the following maximum charges may be levied. Any theatre or event tickets purchased on your behalf will be in addition to the charges shown below.

After initial deposit: \$500 per participant

After May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 \$1,000 per participant

After July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 \$1,500 per participant

After August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 No refunds can be guaranteed

**Items Not Included**

Items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, telephone charges. Internet access charges or other hotel extras. All passengers are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel.

**Currency Exchange and Pricing Guarantee**

Prices are quoted in US dollars and are guaranteed based upon rates of exchange in effect on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Substantial moves in the rates of

exchange +-2% may result in additional surcharges. No surcharges will be collected after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Rates calculated upon a minimum group size of 25 registrations.

**Taxes**

Price includes all US and European government taxes. In the event that additional taxes are introduced by national or local governing bodies or existing taxes increased, Select Travel may have to pass on all such additional charges.

**Insurance**

We strongly recommend that all travelers assess their own particular coverage needs and purchase additional coverage as they feel necessary. This is the responsibility of individual tour participants. Select Travel Service Inc. is a registered Seller of Travel in the State of California #2101637-40.

**Visa & Passports**

As of the time of going to print, US citizens require a full and valid passport to enter the European Community, not to expire less than 6 months from date of return travel. Entry visas are currently not required. Non US Citizens may require an entry visa and should check with the appropriate local consulate offices, allowing good time to complete the necessary paperwork prior to departing the USA.

**Gratuities**

Gratuities are included for all services with the exception of tour guides and motor coach drivers. These are completely at your discretion. We are often asked for a guideline, and we suggest that excellent service be recognized at a rate of \$4 per person per day for the guide and \$3 per person per day for the motor coach drivers.

**Drinks Policy**

All breakfasts are full and include juices, tea and coffee. Dinners include table water but do not include sodas, branded mineral water, wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages unless otherwise stated.

**Single Rooms**

A limited number of private occupancy rooms are available for additional cost shown.

**Responsibility**

If Select Travel is unable to carry out all services due to circumstances beyond our control, we will do all possible to secure services of comparable or better standard or refund all monies in full. Select Travel accepts no responsibility for loss or additional expenses incurred due to delays, changes, omissions or errors made by our suppliers including but not limited to air, sea, ground transportation, war, weather, quarantine and strikes. All persons will be deemed to have accepted the conditions contained herein by submitting the initial deposit.



### Trip Registration Form

Please sign me/us up for the 2017 Clan of Hamilton Tour to Scotland.

I am enclosing a check to the value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ representing # \_\_\_\_\_ passengers at a deposit of \$500 each. Please make your check payable to "Select Travel Service Inc" and mail to: Select Travel Service, 115 West Century Road, Suite 330, Paramus NJ 07652.

Participant names (as they appear on your passport):

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

#3 \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

#4 \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (this is where you would want all correspondence relating to the tour mailed.)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Eve phone \_\_\_\_\_

- We wish to be accommodated in a double occupancy room (2 beds)
- I do not have a roommate and wish for you to assign me one if available
- I wish to be accommodated in a single occupancy room at an additional charge of \$655