Scottish Borders, York and the Lake District September 9th- 19th, 2018



Day 1 - Sunday, September 9th ARRIVE EDINBURGH

Unless coming from our Scotland tour, today arrive at the airport then meet with our executive coach and driver before a short transfer to **Edinburgh** for a **city tour**. Overnight Edinburgh

Day 2 – Monday, September 10th

EDINBURGH

BD Today is a completely free day to explore the sights. World class museums, castles, historic walks and shopping are just of few of the experiences that **Edinburgh** has to offer. Overnight Edinburgh

Day 3 – Tuesday, September 11th SCOTTISH BORDERS

This morning we visit **Dawyck Botatic Gardens**, one of the world's finest arboreta. Set in the scenic Borders landscape, this woodland garden is a delight all year round. Later, we'll continue to Floors Castle-home to the 10th Duke of Roxburghe and his family. The gardens have one of the finest Victorian kitchen gardens in the spectacular Walled Garden, and are a showpiece of seasonal interest and inspired new creations. We'll enjoy afternoon tea at the castle.

Overnight Northumberland

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Day 4 – Wednesday, September 12th BEAMISH MUSEUM

Travel south to County Durham and visit the **Beamish Museum**- a world famous open-air museum telling the story of life in North East England during the 1820s, 1900s & 1940s. Overnight York

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Day 5 – Thursday, September 13th YORK

This morning we will have a **walking tour** of this beautiful walled city and then have free time to explore it on our own. York is a marvel of ancient walls, medieval streets and fabulous museums telling the stories of its Viking past.

Late afternoon we have a **guided tour of York Minster** before attending **evensong** at 5.15pm.
Overnight York



Day 6 – Friday, September 14th SCAMPSTON HALL & STILLINGFLEET BL

This morning we travel to **Scampston Hall**. Designed by the renowned Dutch plantsman, Piet Oudolf, the gardens feature a modern perennial meadow alongside more traditional areas. Set within the 18th century walls of the original kitchen garden, the Walled Garden has an exciting modern feel and complements the adjacent 18th century 'Capability' Brown parkland.

After lunch we will visit the **Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens**- a quintessentially English garden, managed to be as wildlife - friendly as possible. It is a family garden, lovingly planted-up for over 40 years. It now comprises a series of small gardens surrounding the family home, opening out into an avenue that leads to a wild flower meadow. The plantings emphasize a cottage garden style, and is maintained organically.

Overnight York

Day 7 – Saturday, September 15th



YORKSHIRE DALES & LEVEN HALL

Depart York and travel via the Yorkshire Dales to **Leven Hall House & Garden**. The magnificent Hall & Garden was built around a 13th century tower and is home to the Bagot family. The world–famous, awardwinning topiary gardens were laid out in the 1690s by Guillaume Beaumont, Gardener to King James II. Overnight Lake District

Day 8 – Sunday, September 16th LAKE WINDERMERE & BEATRIX POTTER HOME BT

Travel to Bowness on Lake Windermere and enjoy a morning cruise. We'll have free time in Bowness for lunch. Later, we'll explore Hill Top – Beatrix Potter's 17th century farmhouse. Full of her favorite things, this house appears as if Beatrix has just stepped out for a walk. Every room contains a reference to a picture in a 'tale'. The lovely cottage garden is a wonderful mix of flowers, herbs, fruit and vegetables.

Overnight Lake District

Day 9 – Monday, September 17th VINDOLANDA TO GLASGOW

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Depart from the Lakes and continue north to **Vindolanda**. Located in the central section of Hadrian's Wall and in the heart of the beautiful Northumberland National Park, The Vindolanda Charitable Trust brings us two exciting and not–to–be-missed tourist attractions that dramatically explore Roman life on the edge of the empire 2,000 years ago. Overnight Glasgow

Day 10 – Tuesday, September 18th CULIEAN CASTLE & GLASGOW

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This morning we visit Culzean Castle. This glorious 640-acre estate was once the playground of David Kennedy, 10th Earl of Cassillis – a man who was keen to impress with his wealth and status. Opulent to the extreme, the park is planted with conifers and beech, and sculpted around miles of sandy coastline dotted with caves. It also has a swan pond, ice house, flamboyant formal gardens and fruit-filled glasshouses. Later in the afternoon we'll return to Glasgow for an afternoon sightseeing tour.



Overnight Glasgow

Day 11 – Wednesday, September 19th GLASGOW

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Today we transfer to Glasgow airport for our flight home.

B= Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, T=Tea

Please note that gardens and visits included in this itinerary are subject to availability. If a visit is not available, a suitable alternative will be found and will be finalized closer to departure. At each visit, the group will be hosted as specified.

Inclusions:

- 10 nights' accommodations in 3-4-star hotels centrally located where available
- breakfast daily and other meals where specified
- 4-star air-conditioned coach with professional driver/guide extraordinaire Mark Mulvey (from Ireland trip-he's all that AND a bag of chips)
- all sightseeing and garden visits entry fees per itinerary
- tour manager, Dee Montpetit travelling with group at all times
- local guides per itinerary
- all taxes

Costs:

Tour is priced in Pound Sterling and final payment will reflect the actual USD cost.

Scottish Borders (9-19 September) only: GBP (Great Britain Pound) 2184- double occupancy

Based on today's rate of exchange: \$2,933

Single supplement: GBP 438 based on today's ROE \$589

Airfare:

\$1195 on Iceland Air from Seattle to Glasgow roundtrip.

Please note that the secured group air is for both tours (29 August- 19 September). If you are just going on one of the tours, I can help with your reservations.

Payment schedule and cancellation policy:

A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of reservation. The deposit is non-refundable.

Final payment is due June 1st and is non-refundable.

A check is the required method of payment for the deposit. For final payment, a 4% surcharge will be added for credit card use.

Please make **checks payable to Travel Leaders** and along with your reservation form, mail to the address below:

Travel Leaders Attn: Dee Montpetit 5611 196th ST SW Lynnwood, WA. 98036

Insurance:

Insurance is highly recommended and is an additional **TBD** per person. More details to follow.

Documentation:

You will need a valid US Passport with at least 6 months' validity to enter Great Britain. If you are not a US citizen, please let me know and I will advise you on the required documentation.

Please complete the attached reservation form and send your deposit to secure your reservation.

For more information, contact:

Dee Montpetit at 425-208-6515 or email: dee@mapetitegardens.com

Reservation Form

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