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SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND 2005

A ROYAL JOURNEY • FROM EDINBURGH TO LONDON

MAY 17-30, 2005

From the fabled charms of Scotland to the historic seat of the British Empire, travelers will experience the living heritage of Celtic ruins, medieval and Renaissance castles; gothic and baroque cathedrals; romantic countryside, stately homes and classical gardens; quaint villages and towns; and world-class museums and theatres.

N.B. To travel rather than be packaged. That's the difference between this tour and others. To discover means to walk; it's a must for this adventure.

TRIP FACTS

13 Days/12 Nights: May 18 through May 30 (Depart May 17, Arrive May 18)

Tour Price: \$1,807.00 per person, double occupancy (land only*) Based on 15 participants.

Single Supplement: \$332.50

Insurance: Inquire via the Internet at www.travelguard.com

Deposit \$300.00 due January 15, 2005 - Balance due March 1, 2005

IT'S INCLUDED!

- Three knowledgeable veteran tour escorts who know the territory well
- Accommodation for 12 nights
- Full breakfast daily outside of London
- Continental breakfast daily in London
- Meal and entertainment for Welcoming Dinner
- 3-course dinners for 4 nights in Lake Country and Stratford-Upon-Avon
- Coach transfer from Edinburgh to Culross and Stirling
- Entrance to Royal Burgh of Culross
- Entrances to the castles of Edinburgh, Stirling and Caerlaverock
- Guide for the day trip from Edinburgh
- Private coach transportation from day 5-9 (Edinburgh-London)
- Donation for the Lodore Falls
- Cruise on the Keswick Launch
- Entrance to Wordsworth's home and museum
- Entrance to Rydal Mount
- Entrance to Chatsworth House and Gardens
- Entrance to 3 Sites of Shakespeare Birth Place Trust
- Entrance to Christchurch College and Cathedral in Oxford
- Qualified guide for group from day 5-9
- 3-day London Travelcard for Underground and Buses in Central London
- Pre-departure orientation; Post-tour planning assistance
- A fun, small group of soon-to-be friends. **(This tour is limited to 20 participants.)**

BOOKING YOUR FLIGHT AND GETTING TO THE HOTEL

This information will be available in August 2004.

HERE'S HOW YOUR ADVENTURE WILL UNFOLD . . .

Wednesday 18 May: Arrive In Edinburgh

Situated within the heart of Edinburgh's Georgian New Town, our hotel occupies a prominent position in a Victorian terrace, built in the 1880's. Located in a residential area, less than 5 minutes walk from Prince's Street, Edinburgh city centre is on your doorstep. Your escorts will host a Welcoming Dinner featuring a special show offering a traditional evening of Scottish music, dance and *fayre* where we'll get to know each other over a pint or two.

Thursday 19 May: Edinburgh

Walking tour of Edinburgh's Royal Mile. We'll begin at Edinburgh Castle, the most famous of Scottish castles. The oldest part, St. Margaret's Chapel, dates from the 12th century; the Great Hall was erected by James IV around 1510; the Half Moon Battery by the Regent Morton in the late 16th century; and the Scottish National War Memorial after the First World War. The castle houses the Honours (Crown Jewels) of Scotland and the Stone of Destiny. After visiting the castle, we'll stroll down the Royal Mile, taking in the historic sites and doing a little shopping, ending the walk at Holyrood Palace. If the Queen is not in residence, take the opportunity to tour the Palace, as the rest of the day is on your own, as are lunch and dinner.

Friday 20 May: Day Trip to Culross and Stirling

A full day trip by coach to the Royal Burgh of Culross then onto Stirling, the ancestral city of the Stuart Dynasty. We'll stroll through the narrow cobbled streets of the quiet old burgh of Culross, where it's not difficult to imagine yourself back in the 16th or 17th centuries; the entire village is a living museum. After lunch, on your own, we'll bustle off to Stirling for a memorable visit to Stirling Castle, without a doubt one of the grandest of all Scottish castles both in its situation on a commanding rock outcrop and in its architecture. The Great Hall and the Gatehouse of James IV, the marvellous Palace of James V, the Chapel royal of James VI and the artillery fortifications of the 16th to 18th centuries are all of outstanding interest. The Great Hall has been recently restored to how it would have looked around 1500. Dinner this evening on your own.

Saturday 21 May: Free Day in Edinburgh

A day to explore Edinburgh: magnificent architecture shifts from the lofty buildings of its medieval Old Town, as they tumble down the spine of the Royal Mile, to the grace of the Georgian New Town. Above it all, in its towering splendor, stands the Castle. Every step is a revelation - an alleyway which reveals an ancient courtyard, or a wynd which opens up a new panorama. And yet within this sweeping elegance is a compact city, a bustling city, above all a city which rewards every visitor. Robert Lewis Stevenson said, "Edinburgh is what Paris ought to be." Today's your chance to see what he meant. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Sunday 22 May: Edinburgh to England's Lake Country

A day of travel and sightseeing. After breakfast we'll begin the journey with a visit to Caerlaverock Castle, one of the finest castles in Scotland whose remarkable features include the twin-towered gatehouse and the Nithsdale Lodging, a splendid Renaissance range dating from 1638. After Caerlaverock, we'll enter the Lake District of Cumbria, one of England's most beautiful regions, where we'll visit Lodore Falls, about which Robert Southey wrote a famous onomatopoeic poem, *How does the water come down at Lodore*. The falls are located on the banks of Derwentwater which also hosts the Keswick Launch, our next adventure. We'll board the Launch for a cruise on Derwentwater to Keswick, one of the most popular resorts in the Lake District. In Keswick, the name of which derives from Old English for a cheese farm and is pronounced "Kezazick", there'll be

time for lunch on your own and some scouting. To cap the day, we'll reunite with the motorcoach and head to our base for the next two nights, a charming Victorian hotel in Grange Over Sands, where we'll all have dinner together.

Monday 23 May: Half Day Tour of the Southern Lakes

Hopefully you'll have gotten plenty of rest last evening because today and tomorrow we're doing some serious visiting. After breakfast our Lake District Guide will escort us to Grasmere, a charming village, which was once the home of William Wordsworth. Today, we'll be visiting two of his former homes - Dove Cottage, including the Wordsworth Museum, and Rydal Mount. Afterwards, we'll travel on to Bowness-on-Windemere where we may browse around the town and shops or go for a walk by the lake. Alternatively, some may wish to return to the hotel in Grange Over Sands to relax or take a stroll around the hotel grounds or along the promenade. The coach will return to Bowness to collect us later in the afternoon. This evening, dinner together at the hotel.

Tuesday 24 May: Lake District to Stratford Upon Avon

Today we leave the beautiful Lake District to take up residence for the next two evenings in Stratford Upon Avon. On our way, however, we're going to drive through Peak District national Park and visit Chatsworth House and Gardens. Ever since the first grand house was built by Bess of Hardwick and her second husband, Sir William Cavendish of Suffolk, in 1552, visitors have been encouraged to enjoy its beauty and contents, as well as the magnificent grounds of the vast estate, the gardens of which were first designed by Capability Brown and later managed by Joseph Paxton. Chatsworth is more than a home, it is a palace, a museum and a display cabinet for fine arts and craftsmanship. We'll finish the day with dinner at the hotel, a lovely 16th century inn.

Wednesday 25 May: Shakespeare Central: Stratford Upon Avon

After breakfast, a half day, guided walking tour of the Stratford area. We'll visit three of the properties owned by the Shakespeare Birth Trust in the center of town. You'll have plenty of time in the afternoon to browse around the town and shops at your own pace. For those true fans of Shakespeare, you might want to get tickets to a performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company performance this evening. Dinner at the hotel.

Thursday 26 May: Oxford and London

On our way to London, we'll mosey through the Cotswold villages and make our way to Oxford, where we'll visit Christchurch College and Cathedral. Christ Church occupies a unique position among the colleges of Oxford University, not only because it is the largest college in England's oldest University, nor simply because it has played a central - at times pre-eminent - role in Oxford's history. Instead Christ Church's unique dual role as a college of the university and the cathedral of the diocese of Oxford gives it an unparalleled special status. Christchurch College was founded by Henry VIII in 1546. The twelfth century church is amongst the oldest buildings in Oxford, and the smallest Anglican cathedral in England. And now, from the seat of learning, we head to the Capitol - London - and our handsome hotel located in the Royal Borough of Chelsea and Kensington.

Friday 27 May: London, London, London

This morning, somewhat of an orientation walk through Central London, concentrating on the vibrant neighborhoods of Covent Garden and Soho. We'll take a look at the newly remodeled yet stately Royal Opera House, the historic Drury Lane Theatre, the Theatre Museum, the bustling market where Liza Doolittle met Henry Higgins, dynamic Leicester Square, Picadilly Circus, a bit of Theatreland (London's Broadway), Chinatown and the courtyards and squares of formerly disreputable now fashionable Soho. Your afternoon is free, possibly to visit Westminster Abby or for shopping in

Knightsbridge. Lunch and dinner on your own. This evening would be a perfect time to take in a West End show.

Saturday 28 May: London

Another free day to do as you please, and there's a lot to do, if you please. St. Paul's Cathedral. lunch on your own at Ye Olde Cheddar Cheese, a visit to the Tate Modern Art Museum, the British Library or the chance to see another show in the West End. The possibilities are endless and your guides are available to make suggestions. Dinner on your own.

Sunday 29 May: Last Chance To Do EVERYTHING You Haven't Had A Chance To Do!

What haven't you done? What haven't you seen? What didn't you buy? Maybe a visit to Britian's National Gallery or the British Museum or the Tower of London. Here's you chance to wrap it up. This evening, we'll have a farewell dinner with an informal cash bar at the hotel - one last evening with your new friends to compare experiences, toss a few and begin your plans for your next visit.

Monday 30 May: Return to St. Louis

After breakfast, a coach transfer from the hotel to the airport for our return flight to St. Louis.

Itinerary details subject to change.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Documentation: Valid American passport. If you are not an American citizen, please ask us about your travel requirements.

Insurance: We recommend two protection plans:

Travel Guard Trip Purchase Protection covers pre-existing medical conditions and protects you if your trip is interrupted or delayed for reasons such as sickness, injury or death affecting you, your family member or your travelling companion. The policy also gives up to \$1000.00 baggage protection. If you choose Travel Guard, you should purchase the insurance at the same time your trip deposit is made. Their website is www.travelguard.com. Another similar company can be found at www-csatravelprotection.com.

Reservations and Payments: Reservations are confirmed upon receipt of \$300.00 per person deposit, which is due by January 15, 2005. The balance is due **no later than March 1, 2005**.

Late Bookings: Every effort will be made to reserve space after the deadlines. A late booking fee of \$35.00 may apply.

Cancellation: An administrative fee of \$35.00 per person applies to all cancellations. No refund after March 15, 2005.

Changes: changes made by tour participants after reservations are confirmed incur a \$25.00 fee per change per person.

Unused Portions: Any unused portion of this tour is NOT refundable.

Itinerary Changes: Every effort will be made to ensure that each element of this tour follows the content of this brochure. However, on occasion, conditions related to weather, seasons and climate or situations beyond our control may require revisions.

Costs Not Included: Items of a personal nature. Items not specified.

Responsibility: St. Charles Community College acts only as agent to the suppliers used for this itinerary. This itinerary represents the entire agreement between the passenger and St. Charles Community College. In the absence of their own negligence, St. Charles Community College shall not be held responsible for any cancellations, delays, diversions or substitutions of equipment or any act or omission whatsoever by air carriers, hotels, transportation companies, or any other persons providing any of the services and accommodations to passengers including any results thereof, such as changes in services or accommodations necessitated by same. Nor shall they be liable for any loss or damage to baggage or property, or for injury, illness or death, or for any damages or claims whatsoever arising from loss, negligence or any person not its direct employee or under its exclusive control. Transportation companies, airlines, etc. are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board planes, transportation or conveyances. The passenger contracts in use by the airlines or transportation companies when used shall constitute the sole contract between the airline, transportation company and passenger or purchaser of this tour and travelers assumes no responsibility in this connection. Enrollment in and payment for this tour shall constitute agreement and acceptance by the passenger of the terms and conditions set forth in this itinerary which cannot be varied except in writing by an officer of St. Charles Community College. Rates are based on currency exchange rates in effect in May, 2004.

Reservation Form
St. Charles Community College

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Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____
E-Mail Address _____

___ I wish a single room.

___ I wish to share a room with: _____

I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions and agree to the terms.

Signature _____

Given Name on Passport _____
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
City and State of Birth _____ Nationality _____
Passport Number _____ Place of Issue _____
Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Deposit: \$300.00 due by January 15, 2005

Balance due by March 1, 2005

You may pay by check or credit card.

If you wish to pay by a credit card please complete the following:

___ MasterCard ___ VISA ___ Discover Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____ Name on Card _____
Signature _____

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:

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