



Heritage Retreat

Social and Partner Program

Thursday, July 23 - Saturday, July 25, 2015

Post-Retreat Excursion:
Sunday, July 26 - Tuesday, July 28, 2015

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015



Visit Edinburgh, Scotland's Capital City

Edinburgh, sometimes referred to as the "Athens of the North", is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. It has two distinct areas: the Old Town, dominated by a medieval fortress; and the neo-classical New Town, dating from the 18th century. The harmonious connection of these two contrasting historic areas, each with many important buildings, is what gives the city its unique character and what saw it be awarded World Heritage Site status by UNESCO.

An informal lunch will be taken in one of the city's noted restaurants. Thereafter, enjoy a visit to Edinburgh Castle. From its volcanic rock, it towers over the city, every inch a mighty fortress and defender of the nation. Step inside the ancient walls and learn of the royalty who lived and died here and the struggles for control of the nation.

- 13:30 Approx. vehicle departure at Edinburgh Airport (flights arrive at 13.00)
- 19:00 Vehicle arrive at Gleneagles Highland Resort*****
- 20:00 Cocktails and Dinner at Deseo Restaurant
(informal Tapas-style menu with sharing platters)

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015



Fishing – Butterstone Loch

For the fishing aficionados of the group, enjoy a fully escorted fishing program. Cast your lines for rainbow, brown and blue trout on the Butterstone Loch. Approximately 120 acres in size, it is a very picturesque loch, located on a nature reserve. Ospreys, which nest locally, regularly show up the fishermen, and otters are occasionally seen along with a wide selection of other fauna and flora.

- 07:45 Vehicle depart Gleneagles
- 13:00 Vehicle return to Gleneagles



Golf – King's Course, Gleneagles

A winning blend of natural beauty and golfing adventure, the three championship golf courses at Gleneagles are regarded among the very best golf courses in the world. The King's Course, opened in 1919, is a masterpiece of golf course design, which has tested the aristocracy of golf, both professional and amateur.

- 08:00 1st Tee time
- 09:10 Last Tee time



Glamis Castle

The partner program this morning will be a private guided visit to magnificent Glamis Castle famed for its connections to the British royal family and many other myths and legends in history and literature. Entering the Castle grounds through a beautifully crafted gate, commemorating HM, The Queen Mother's 80th Birthday, you will drive down the mile-long, tree-lined avenue, to be welcomed at the 17th century front door. A private guide will escort you through the castle's State Rooms and the private apartments of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, and entertain you with the castle's unique history, myths, legends and ghost stories.

Morning refreshments will be served privately in the 16th century vaulted kitchen prior to returning to Gleneagles.

- 08:45 Vehicle depart Gleneagles
- 12:45 Vehicle arrive at Gleneagles

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015



Off-site Dinner at Glenturret Distillery

Nestled at the foothills of the Highlands is Scotland's oldest working distillery which will open its doors exclusively for the III Heritage Retreat. Dating back to 1775, Glenturret Distillery is not only home to Glenturret but to the internationally-renowned Famous Grouse brand. During a guided tour, guests will be able to learn a little of the characteristics that make of malts from differing regions. Four tastes of Scotland's national beverage or what we affectionately call "the water of life" are included before guests are seated for dinner.

TBC Drinks prior to departure
18:30 Vehicle depart Gleneagles
TBC Vehicle return to Gleneagles

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015



Fishing – River Tay

For fishing enthusiasts, there will be the option to enjoy a fully escorted fishing program to cast your lines on the famed River Tay. The Tay is internationally renowned for its Atlantic salmon. Anglers come from all over the world to fish here. In addition to Salmon, the Brown Trout and Sea trout fishing along the river are equally excellent, and quite often underestimated. Expert ghillies will provide the very best equipment and assistance to hopefully ensure you make the perfect catch.

07:45 Vehicle depart Gleneagles
13:00 Vehicle return to Gleneagles



Golf – PGA Centenary Course, Gleneagles

As it is a tradition of our club, we will have a golf tournament on the prestigious PGA course. With a par of 73, the PGA Centenary Course started out as the Monarch's Course, before a redesign by legendary golfer and course architect, Jack Nicklaus, back in 1993. It was renovated further in 2011, in anticipation of the 2014 Ryder Cup at Gleneagles.

08:40 1st Tee time
09:40 Last Tee time



Scone Palace

The private partner program will be a half day tour to Scone Palace in Perthshire which is the seat of the Earl and Countess of Mansfield whose family have lived there for over 400 years. Visit the grounds where beautiful blue, green and albino peacocks roam freely. Walk through what was the abbey and the site of the old village of Scone where all that remains is the market cross. Highlights include the State Dining Room and State Drawing Room, with walls clad in 19th century Chinese silks and the magnificent Long Gallery, dating back to 1580.

Refreshments will be served privately in the former private apartments of the Earl of Mansfield prior to returning to Gleneagles.

09:00 Vehicle depart Gleneagles
12:45 Vehicle arrive at Gleneagles



Reception & Gala Dinner "The Taste of Scotland"

19:00 - 23:00 Ballroom, Gleneagles Hotel

SUNDAY, JULY 26 - TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015



Post-Retreat Excursion: Highland Journey on Board the Royal Scotsman

The Royal Scotsman takes you straight to the heart of the Highlands, through landscapes of towering, pine-clad mountains, reflected in mirror-still lochs. With your own private cabin and an open-deck observation carriage from which to marvel at Scotland's finest countryside, life on board is relaxed yet indulgent. And with just 35 guests, this is railway travel at its most personal.

Departure: Sunday, July 26, at 15:00 from Gleneagles Station
Arrival: Tuesday, July 28, at 09:30 at Waverley Station, Edinburgh

Day One: Gleneagles – Boat of Garten

Belmond Royal Scotsman departs Gleneagles Station mid-afternoon and travels north-east to the 'Fair City' of Perth. Enjoy afternoon tea as the train continues on the Highland line through Dunkeld, Pitlochry and Blair Atholl with its imposing castle. The rolling hills of Perthshire are replaced by more dramatic peaks and valleys as you travel North into the Highlands towards Aviemore, gateway to the Cairngorms National Park with its outstanding natural beauty and wide range of outdoor pursuits. Your destination this evening is the peaceful Highland village of Boat of Garten on the private Strathspey Railway. An informal dinner is served, followed by entertainment in the observation car.



Day Two: Boat of Garten – Dundee

Travel the short distance by coach to Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. Rothiemurchus Forest is one of the largest and most important remnants of the native Caledonian pine forest which used to cover most of Scotland. Choose from a number of activities including clay pigeon-shooting, fishing or a guided tour of the estate with one of the Park Rangers. Afterwards, enjoy a warm welcome from your hosts as refreshments are served in their hunting lodge and you discover some of the rich history of this family-run estate.

Return to the train in Carrbridge for lunch before disembarking in Inverness to visit Culloden Battlefield, site of the last major battle fought on British soil on 16th April 1746. Listen to our Highlander as he paints a vivid picture of how this battle changed the way of life in the Highlands forever. From Nairn on the Moray Firth, travel East towards Keith. Enjoy an early evening visit to Strathisla Distillery, the oldest and one of the most picturesque working distilleries in the Highlands, and home to the malt which is incorporated into one of Scotland's most famous blends, Chivas Regal. As the track re-joins the coast, enjoy some spectacular panoramas on the way south through Aberdeenshire and Angus. Dinner is formal this evening and afterwards you are invited to enjoy some traditional Scottish music in the observation car.



Day Three: Dundee – Edinburgh

Breakfast is served as the train leaves Dundee and travels South through the former Kingdom of Fife, crossing the Firth of Forth by means of the magnificent Forth Railway Bridge and arriving in Edinburgh Waverley Station where your journey ends.

