

**October 15-21, 2016**  
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**\$2399.00** PER PERSON  
(plus \$629.00 US departure tax)

## Glengarry Bhoys—Scottish Tour 2016



### **NOBODY DOES SCOTLAND BETTER OR CHEAPER THAN THE GLENGARRY BHOYS---N O B O D Y !**

<b>Day 1</b> <b>October</b> <b>15</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>USA to Scotland:</b>  Post meet and greet airport pub jars, we depart USA for overnight flight to Ancient Caledonia. Dinner is served aloft.
<b>Day 2</b> <b>October</b> <b>16</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Edinburgh Tollhouse Airport - Edinburgh:</b>  You will arrive at the Edinburgh Airport and make your way to your overnight accommodation at the South-Bridge Grand Hotel, which lies in the heart of “Old Town” and the Royal Mile.  The remainder of the day is at your leisure. So much to see and do in the historic Capital! Visit <b>Edinburgh Castle</b> . In 1566 Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James VI in the royal palace within the castle and the tiny bed-closet still survives. Most importantly to Scots, in 1996 the Stone of Destiny, Scotland’s coronation stone, was placed in the Crown Room alongside the nation’s Crown Jewels, (the Honours of Scotland), following its return from Westminster after a space of 800 years.  Take a walk along the <b>Grassmarket</b> , a paradise of independent merchants and eateries with a rich history. Maggie Dicksons public house is named after the woman of the same name who concealed her pregnancy and was condemned to hang but after she was pronounced dead and her body was bound for Musselburgh, the journey was interrupted by a banging from within the wooden coffin and the sight of Maggie, quite alive. She was allowed to live and was known as 'Half Hangit' Maggie.'  Stop to visit <b>Greyfriars Bobby</b> , the loyal Skye Terrier who remained by his master's

grave for fourteen years. Drive down the Royal Mile past **St Giles Cathedral**, the historic City Church of Edinburgh with its famed crown spire. Also known as the High Kirk of Edinburgh, it is the Mother Church of Presbyterianism and contains the Chapel of the Order of the Thistle (Scotland's chivalric company of knights headed by the Queen). Continue past The Scottish Parliament building to the **Palace of Holyroodhouse**, the official residence of the Queen in Scotland. The palace was home to Mary Queen of Scots for six years and houses beautiful tapestries and paintings.

A Glengarry Bhoys compulsory jar (or twa') will be had at Deacon Brodie's.

**Overnight at the renowned IBIS Edinburgh Center South-Bridge Hotel, in very heart of Edinburgh's Old Town.**

- Close to the Royal Mile, within a few steps of everything the mediaeval city has to offer.

**Day 3  
October  
17  
Monday**

**Edinburgh, the Enchanted Capital City:**

\*\* A common theme from all previous Scottish tours was the refrain of, "...an extra day in Edinburgh would be just the thing...". You spoke, we listened!!

This morning you can enjoy more of the attractions this beautiful city has to offer. You may wish to visit Ocean Terminal and view the **Royal Yacht Britannia** where presidents, kings and queens were entertained. It was, first and foremost, the home from home of the Royal family when entertaining abroad.

The **Edinburgh Labyrinth** in the corner of George Square Gardens. This Chartres style labyrinth gives a chance to relax or reflect while walking this ancient path. Walking the path offers a unique space to slow down, still the mind and find time in a fast paced world for reflection.

**The Real Mary King's Close** is a warren of underground streets and closes. In the 1600's, these closes were at the heart of Edinburgh's city, bustling with traders selling their wares to the Old Town's residents but subsequently were built upon and buried for many years. Today it is open to the public and portrayed as a historically accurate example of life in Edinburgh between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Today you can spend on your own visiting some of the many museums in the city, one of the best being **The National Museum of Scotland** where you can explore the diversity of the natural world, world cultures, art and design, science and technology and Scottish history all under one roof.

For retail therapy there are many shops on the **Royal Mile** or go upmarket at Harvey Nichols, Stella McCartney, Prada and Gucci to name but a few, on St Andrews Square. Just a short walk across St Andrew's Square takes you to Jenners, Edinburgh's original department store - a magnet for fashion lovers since 1838 and then the length of George Street gives a multitude of high end options.

For the avid “European Shopper”, the obvious choice is **Princes Street** for the perfect mix of shopping, busking and sightseeing.

\*\*\*A must-see or do, is a visit to Holyrood Park at the foot of the Royal Mile. Graham and Zig will be doing their traditional hike/ run up “Arthur’s Seat”. A 2 hour excursion up and down the craggy-seat of Edinburgh which affords you an un-paralleled 360 vista of the city, the Pentland Hills and the famous Firth of Forth. This journey will be topped-off with a few more Tennents at, you guessed it, Deacon Brodie’s in the center of the “Mile”.

In the afternoon you will be collected from your hotel for the chance to visit the stunning **Rosslyn Chapel** where the Da Vinci code was filmed. Practically every surface of the Chapel is covered with carvings of individual figures and scenes. People travel from all over the world to see the carvings, and there are many different interpretations of their meanings. Myths, legends and Hollywood fiction writing have given Rosslyn a unique sense of mystery and wonder.

**Overnight Ibis South-Bridge Grand Hotel, Old Town, Edinburgh.**

**Day 4  
October  
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Tuesday**

**Edinburgh- Fort William:**

Today you will begin your tour of the Highlands by travelling north to the Royal Burgh of Stirling. Once known as the 'Key to Scotland' with its imposing position in the centre of the country, is **Stirling Castle**. Medieval in every sense, Stirling Castle is the home barracks to the famous Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders’ Regiment, an active regiment that fought in both Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

For centuries this was the most important castle in Scotland and the views from the top make it easy to see why. Stirling Castle played an important role in the life of Mary Queen of Scots. She spent her childhood in this castle and Mary’s coronation took place in the Chapel Royal in 1543. Soak up the history and stunning views from the **Wallace Monument**, perched high on the Abbey Craig around where Wallace camped before his heroic battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297, built in 1869 to commemorate Scotland’s National Independence hero.

*“ ... Wallace and his men, at the brig ‘o’ Stirlin’ ...”.*

Thereafter we continue north west through “Heart of the Highlands” across the desolate Rannoch Moor through Lochaber. The most beautiful of all glens, **Glencoe** will appear. There are simply no words to describe the “Glen of Weeping”. We will be stopping at the Glencoe visitors’ centre, breathe deeply and sigh at the sight...

This area is steeped in history, and you will hear about the infamous 1692 massacre of Clan MacDonald by the Campbells and see the new exhibition which gives a behind-the-scenes glimpse of Glencoe’s starring role in the Bond movie *Skyfall*.

*“...sure by Tummel and Loch Rannoch and Lochaber I will go, by heather tracks wie’ heaven in their wiles...”*

**Fort William:**

Finally travel over the famous Ballachulish Bridge to the seat of the British “Highland Stronghold” of Fort William, in the shadow of **Ben Nevis**, the UK’s highest mountain. Fort William has it all: shopping, pubs, highland views, lochs, and modern Scottish culture.

Your accommodation will be the **The four-star Alexandra Hotel** (none better in FW) situated in the heart of Fort William on the bonnie banks of Loch Linnhe.

**Overnight at The Westend Hotel, Fort William’s BEST hotel:**

- Nesting in the shadows of Ben-Nevis, with the best views of Loch Linnhe across the street this Highland Inn has it all!

**Day 5  
October  
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**Fort William and the “Dark Isle”:**

*“...Speed Bonnie boat like a bird on a wing, onward the sailors cried, carry the lad That’s born to be King, over the sea to Skye...”*—traditional and the theme to the popular series, **Outlander**.

Your destination today is **Skye** or in Scots Gaelic 'Eilean A Cheo' meaning “Misty Isle”. It has a wild mountainous interior where the peaked ridges and pinnacles of the “Black Cuillin Hills” are among the most breathtaking in all of Europe.

This enchanting coastline, with all its coves and inlets, is said to stretch a thousand miles and is “...cherished by anyone with but a drop of Highland blood in their veins...”!

*“...The Blood is Strong and the Heart is Highland...”*  
The “Canadian Boat-Song” written by a Skye Immigrant to Canada in 1779.

The day starts at **08:30 hrs**. First call this morning is a brief stop at the **Glenfinnan Monument**, where Bonnie Prince Charlie landed in 1845 and was greeted by the Jacobite clans and pipers of the MacDonalDs, Camerons, and Frasers.

You will also see from here the famously filmed “Glenfinnan Viaduct” used in the Harry Potter films.

Once on the **Isle of Skye**, you may visit the “Lord of the Isles” seat—the Clan Donald Centre which incorporates the **Armada Castle Gardens**. The gardens are stunning as plants from around the world thrive in this sheltered corner – the vibrant flowers of the 'Chilean Fire Bush' (Embothrium), the white stems of the Himalayan Birch which dazzle in winter sunlight, and the cheerful giant daisy flowers of the Celmesias from New Zealand.

The mild climate created by the Gulf Stream sea-current and the sheltered aspect make the Gardens a floral and tropical plant paradise.

Circling the Cullins, we come onto the Highland Burgh of **Broadford**, where it is chronicled that the Bhoys have had more than just a few Tennents-soaked sessions—one in particular at the “Home of Drambuie”—the Broadford Inn. You can also go for lunch at **Creelers**, one of the best known and most popular seafood restaurants on Skye before taking the road north around the Trotternish coastline.

All previous GBs tours on Skye took us to Dunvegan, but this time we opted for the more scenic and remote “Turn-About-Trotternish”. This route will take you past **The Storr**, the highest point on the Trotternish Ridge, the longest geological landslip in Britain which has exposed the innards of an ancient landscape sculpted by volcanic activity. Clans such as the MacLeods, the MacDonalds and Nicholsons have fought over this rich region for over a hundred years. Even though reputed as the heart of the “Gealtachdt”, this region was originally discovered by the Vikings.

Below “The Storr” is The Sanctuary, home to the extraordinary rock pinnacles the **Old Man of Storr** and the **Needle Rock**. Travel further around the coast where in Autumn, Spring and the wet season the **Mealt Waterfall** drops 300 feet into the sea often never reaching the ocean, but getting blown away by the wind. The spot is also a popular viewpoint for the Kilt Rock where columns of dolerite form what appear to be pleats, like a kilt, in the cliff.

If you fancy stretching your legs and enjoying a fabulous view then a trip up **The Quiraing** is a must. It is reported that the first Highland challenge “Kilted Run” occurred here! This dramatic terrain formed by a landslide, is outstanding by any measure. On a bright and clear day one can view the Outer Hebrides and the Scottish mainland, framed by grand pinnacles, cliffs and great buttresses.

The outlook across the sea and Staffin Bay to the Torridon Mountains, with Beinn Alligin and Slioch prominent, is simply magnificent. See if you can identify the rock formations that are known as the “Needle”, “Table” and “Prison”. It is no wonder that the last and most traumatic of all the Highland Clearances, was in this region of Skye. Crofters here united and fought displacement to the US and Canada.

Now, as we return, we will travel back through Portree—the Capital of Skye. Here in the heart of the Dark Island, you may wish to take a wee wander down to the harbour, displaying the picturesque pastel-coloured homes and shops that line this famous port.

Or visit the shops or pubs in “Somerled Square” (named in honour of the original “Lord Of The Isles”, the “Hebridean Pirate”: Somerled MacDonald). Or you may even want to just have a few dram with the GBs in any of the great trad pubs in this gealic town.

Before travelling over the **Skye Bridge** we will be stopping at the iconic and most photographed castles in all of Europe, **Eilean Donan Castle**. Situated on an wee island at the point where three great sea lochs meet—surrounded by some majestic scenery, Eilean Donan will simply steal your heart and remain in your mind’s eye, forever!!!

Originally the stronghold of the MacKenzies, but lately, as protectors of the MacKenzies, the MacRaes became the hereditary “Constables of the Castle” and it has been the highland home to the Clan MacRae ever since.

We will then travel the "Road to the Isles" through the splendor of the **Five Sisters of Kintail**: the mountains guarding the pass on the route from the “Isle of Skye Journey” through some of the most stunning scenery along the banks of Loch Cluanie and Loch Lochy to return to Fort William.

**Overnight Westend Hotel, Fort William.**

**Day 6  
October  
20  
Thursday**

**Fort William and the “road and the miles Dundee”:**

*“...so bravely I kissed the sweet lips o’ the lassie, as I parted wie’ her on the road tae’ Dundee...”*

Along the bonnie banks of Loch Laggan we will journey this morning towards Pitlochry—the region of Athol; (home of the original “chippie (fish’n’chips)), great Highland attire/kilt shopping, woolen-shops and pubs. Pitlochry was the gathering “toon” of the first Jacobite Rising of 1715 that saw its end at nearby Killiecrankie,

*“...there’s sour slaes on Athol Braes and the de’il’s at Killiekankio..”*

**Blair Castle** home of the [Clan Murray](#), who hold the title of [Duke of Atholl](#) is truly a gem amongst current day Castles. Blair Castle is the seat of the last remaining “Private Army”. Here Lord Murray oversees trouping of the Murray battle flag, army, and pipe band.

This famous Castle commands a strategic position on the main route through the Central Scottish Highlands. Lowland [Clan Agnew](#) held Blair Castle against the Jacobites who laid siege to the castle during the second [Jacobite uprising](#) of 1745-1746.

Through the little village of Blair Athol and you will reach the **House of Bruar**, nestling at the side of the famous Bruar Falls, for a variety of shopping opportunities in Scotland's most prestigious “country store”. There is also a fabulous 'country kitchen' restaurant amidst a variety of great pubs and historic landmarks.

**The Royal Burgh of Arbroath:**

From **Pitlochry** we travel through the eastern highlands to Arbroath, made famous by the ‘Arbroath Smokie’ and the grand ruins of **Arbroath Abbey**. For almost 400 years Arbroath Abbey was/is the grandest monastery in all of Scotland.

Founded in 1178 by King William I, “The Scottish Lion”, in memory of the martyr Thomas Becket, Arbroath Abbey is best known for the “Declaration of Arbroath”, arguably the

most famous document in Scottish history, in which Scotland's nobles swore their Independence from England;

*"...so long as there be but a hundred of us that live, we will never yield to the domination of the English..."*

At the museum see new interpretation panels that explore potential links between the Declaration of Arbroath and the American Declaration of Independence. This is one of Scotland's least visited, yet best of ruins—unexploited by excessive tourism. Hear the story of the Abbey and how the Stone of Destiny came to the abbey in 1951.

We will then go to the north end of Victoria Park where you will get the opportunity to stretch your legs on a cliff-top walk-about the **Arbroath Cliffs** and take in the stunning views of the red sandstone with features such as the Needles E'e and the Deil's Head.

Not for the faint of heart, these cliffs rival any in Ireland or Scotland without the new fences and impediments to open viewing and trekking. You can walk for miles around these cliffs and see NOBODY!

Alternatively, take a walk through the High Street and Kirk Square where there are many independent shops and historic places for you to explore. Finally we return to Dundee where your overnight accommodation is at **The Apex City Quay**, a contemporary accommodation situated on the Quayside within a short distance of the High Street and Nethergate.

Time permitting, you may wish to explore the docks where you can board **The RRS Discovery**, Captain Scott's ship, where you will follow in the footsteps of him and his crew, see how they lived, what they ate and witness their hardships and their triumphs. It's a fascinating tale of one of the most heroic Antarctic voyages of exploration ever undertaken.

#### **Overnight Apex City Quay, Dundee.**

- This stately hotel is a 5-minute walk from the West Highland Museum and 1.6 miles from Old Inverlochy Castle.

Straightforward rooms feature TVs and tea and coffeemaking equipment; some have sea views and 4-poster beds.

There's a casual restaurant, a lounge bar with a fireplace, and free WiFi in common areas.

**Day 7  
October  
21  
Friday**

#### **Dundee - Edinburgh Airport:**

Morning departure by Private Transfer for nearby Edinburgh Airport. Arrive with plenty of time for last minute duty-free shopping before boarding your flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Highland Scots Tradition we say;

	<i>"...better lo'ed ye cannae be, will ya nae' come back again..."</i>
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**Your Trip of a Lifetime Includes:**

- **Round Trip Airfare from NYC to Scotland (Flight schedule announced 90-120 days prior to departure). Flights to Scotland have increased dramatically but the GBs have negotiated the very best price as a group anywhere.**
- **Deluxe motorcoach throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing.**
- **Services of a professional Scottish Driver and licensed/ trained Tour-Guide.**
- **Five (5 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:**
  - **Location Hotel Edinburgh: the Parliament House Hotel-2 Nights \*\*\*IBIS south-Bridge Grand Hotel.**
  - **Fort William, the Westend Hotel**
  - **Dundee, the Apex City Quay- 1 Night**
- **Full Scottish breakfasts daily (a bragh-meal that will carry you through your day).**
- **Admissions: VIP Edinburgh Castle, Rosslyn Chapel, VIP Stirling Castle, Wallace Monument, Blair Castle, VIP Arbroath Abbey, Glengoyne Distillery Tour & Ferry Fares to Skye.**
- **Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary.**
- **Porterage of one suitcase per person, Hotel tips and taxes throughout... (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)**

***Cancellation Penalties: (LAND) If written cancellation is received by Hammond Tour more than 120 days prior to departure, a processing fee of \$250.00 per person will apply. From 119 to 90 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$750.00 per person will apply. 89 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.***



## Reservation Application

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your October 15-21, 2016 Glengarry Bhoys Tour of Scotland (GGB101516);

I enclose a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$350.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$550.00 due June 17, 2016**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 8, 2016**

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tel: (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Other passengers traveling with me:  
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D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: Twin/Double: \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_

YOU MUST PAY SINGLE RATE IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$629.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE)**

**Cancellation Insurance: Please inquire with us as insurance is now aged based.**

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 40 PARTICPANTS**

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