



Scottish Mystery Writers Tour & “Bloody Scotland” Festival September 4–18, 2012

Come to Scotland for a taste of the fictional world of Scottish mystery, crime, and suspense novels. Tour the Highlands, spend four days in Edinburgh, visit Glasgow, and attend the first ever “Bloody Scotland” festival in Stirling. This 14-day tour features talks by Scottish mystery and crime writers as well as visits to sites made famous in mystery and crime novels. We will also visit non-mystery-fiction sites, including castles and museums. A special feature of the tour is attendance at the inaugural Bloody Scotland festival, with talks and sessions by both Scottish and international mystery and crime writers. Participants fly into either Edinburgh or Glasgow airports on the morning of September 4, where they will be met and transported to Inverness for the start of a never-to-be-forgotten tour of Scotland. Included in the tour price are the following:

- Lodging for 3 nights in Inverness, 3 nights in either Plockton or Skye, 4 nights in Edinburgh, and 4 nights in Stirling
- All breakfasts, 7 lunches, 10 dinners, 1 morning coffee, 1 afternoon tea
- Transport from and to either Glasgow or Edinburgh Airport, all entrance fees, and daily transfers to sites
- In Inverness, a talk by writer Shona Maclean and a talk on Josephine Tey
- Visits to Culloden battle site, Clava Cairns, and Cawdor Castle, Fort Augustus, Invergarry (Well of the Seven Heads), Eilean Donan castle
- Visit to a typical Hamish Macbeth village (creation of M.C. Beaton), a Calum’s seal trip, Talisker distillery (Skye), Kyle of Lochalsh Centre
- A drive through Glencoe and Loch Lomond, lunch at the haunted Drover’s Inn
- In Edinburgh: the Writer’s Museum, the Scottish Storytelling Center, the Museum of Scotland, Holyrood Palace, Underground Vaults, Conan Doyle pub, Old School of Medicine, mystery literature sites,

- Rosslyn Chapel, Rankin and Rebus tour, Stevenson's Edinburgh, talks by Edinburgh mystery and crime writers
- Attendance at the first "Bloody Scotland" festival and "meet the author" dinners, day trip to Traquair, oldest inhabited castle in Scotland, and John Buchan Centre, Broughton
 - A sightseeing tour of Stirling and a day trip to Glasgow
 - Tips to hotels and restaurants, including portage at hotels (but **not** for the Blue Badge guide and coach driver—that will be at your own discretion)

Participants make their own flight arrangements.

Lodging: The cost of the trip is based on double occupancy in twin-bedded rooms.

Approximate cost: \$4,044.00 (based on 25 participants).

Single supplement: \$1,000.00 Please indicate if you are willing to share a twin-bedded room with another group member. (**Late registration** fee: \$100 additional after May 1.)

Program Leader: Kathy Ackley, Professor Emerita of English, taught at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for 24 years before her retirement. She and her husband twice led UWSP's Semester Abroad program in London and she has led ten summer Mystery and Crime Writers programs. She has made more than 30 trips to England.

REGISTRATION, DEPOSITS, AND PAYMENTS: Formal registration should be accompanied by an initial non-refundable deposit of \$200.00. **Early registration is strongly advised as the group size is limited to 30.** A payment schedule will be sent for the balance of the payment. Up to 120 days before departure, fees except the initial deposit will be refunded on withdrawal. After that, lodging and other cancellation charges will also be assessed. Price may fluctuate slightly due to currency exchange rates. **Trip insurance is highly recommended.**

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