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ACADEMY
OF TRIAL LAWYERS

LAW & CULTURE: SCOTLAND, UK

JOURNEY TO SCOTLAND

JUNE 11-17, 2024

Open to Members & Guests of The New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers
4, 5 & 6 Night Program Options Available
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INCLUDED

Select Accommodations in Scotland

Daily ground transportation and/or walking tours

Select group meals at top restaurants (including tips)*

Full-time tour leader, local guides and specialized guides

CLE Lecture series with local experts and influencers (open to non-attorney guests)

Admission to all museums / attractions in program

Travel Tips and Assistance

**Select group meals will be curated for quality and diversity including beverages and tips:*

- ❑ *Authentic Scottish and refined International cuisines*
- ❑ *Curated Food / Beverage Tastings and culinary experiences*

Dietary restrictions will be accommodated

Food surveys distributed to participants at a later date.

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to/from Scotland

Airport transfers

Suggested tips for drivers and local guide(s)

Additional meals not provided in itinerary

Incidentals / Individual hotel expenses (e.g., mini bar, room services, laundry fees)

Trip cancellation insurance



The New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers welcomes you and your guest(s) to join our journey through Scotland's historically rich and charming landscape.

For such a small country, Scotland has a significant cultural footprint beyond its legendary **kilts** and **bagpipes**. Sitting on the Northernmost point of the United Kingdom, Scotland has a robust and independent history of Roman soldiers, Vikings, noble clansmen, and powerful monarchs. Today, the country must reconcile its unique civil law history with the more centralized UK common law, implications of Brexit, and renewed efforts towards Scottish Independence.

Our private delegation will explore different aspects of Scottish culture. Excursions will include tours of the Edinburgh Castle, traditional music, dance, whisky and haggis; as well visits to Scotland's second city – **Glasgow** - and the picturesque **St. Andrews**, the birthplace of golf. We will also gain a working knowledge of the Scottish legal and political system through guided visits to **high Courts** and the **Scottish Parliament**.

The amusing capital of **Edinburgh** will be our home base for this unique opportunity to enjoy the best of Scotland while earning CLE credits! Friends and family are welcome.

***Note:** This program will require walking on uneven and sometimes hilly cobblestone streets and stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted.*

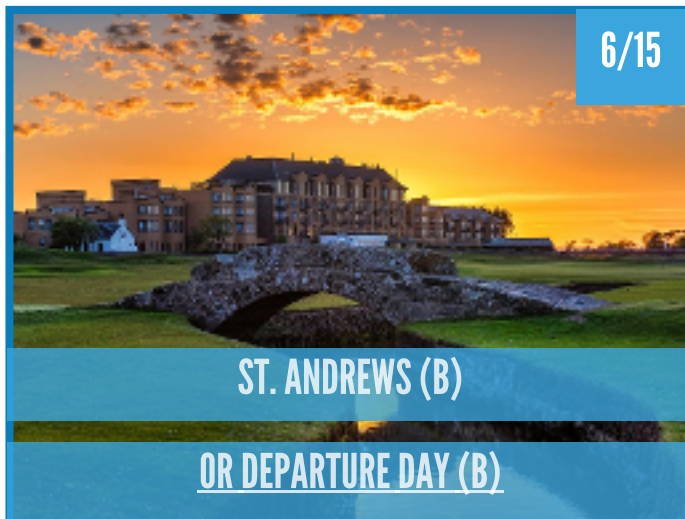
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AT A GLANCE: SCOTLAND



B - Breakfast L - Lunch T - High Tea D - Dinner

JOURNEY TO SCOTLAND

Itinerary subject to change and final confirmations.

Program schedule will be adapted to enrolled participants and special requests are encouraged.

Day 1 Tuesday, June 11

Group participants arrive throughout the day. Our hotel is located in New Town and near the Royal Mile making it easy to discover Edinburgh's outstanding history and architectural beauty.

Malmaison Edinburgh City (or similar)

22 St Andrew Square

Edinburgh EH2 1AY, United Kingdom

Our 4 Star hotel is conveniently located in New Town and only a short walking distance from Old Town and the Royal Mile. Early arrivals may begin exploring the city in advance of our programmed activities. You'll find Edinburgh to be a hilly but extremely pedestrian friendly city with great shops and pubs.

2:00 PM

Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for a guided 'pre-orientation' walking tour of **New Town** featuring **Calton Hill** overlook for the best panoramic view of the city of Edinburgh.

5:00 PM

Private reception and musical performance of Traditional Scottish Music.

7:00 PM

Welcome Dinner and Whisky Tasting with a special guest storyteller.

Day 2 Wednesday, June 12

9:00 AM

Walking tour of **Old Town Edinburgh** and the Royal Mile, and a visit to the Faculty of Advocates.

Devils & Advocates: Introduction to the Scottish Legal System

Located on the Royal Mile are some of Scotland's most important legal institutions: **The Supreme Civil Court of Scotland, the Court of Session, The old Parliament House, and the Faculty of Advocates.** We take a break from our walking tour to learn about the Scottish legal system, how the system operates under UK law, and a brief history of the various types of courts and judges. Court calendars permitting, we visit the **Court of Session and High Court of Justiciary.**

12:30 PM

Lunch along the Royal Mile.

2:00 PM

Lawmaking, the Scottish Parliament, and the Legislative Process.

After lunch, we enjoy a tour of the **Scottish Parliament.** In addition to learning about the history and architecture of this unique building, we learn about Scotland's political system, the balance between state autonomy with the United Kingdom and Westminster, and Scotland's views on **Brexit.** As part of our visit, we have the chance to visit the Debating Chamber or a Committee Meeting to see how lawmaking happens first hand, how the legislative bodies pass laws, and how the courts may interpret them.

3:30 PM

After our visit to the Scottish Parliament, we enjoy Edinburgh's finest **Afternoon Tea** at the **Signet Library.**

Legacy Tartans, Commodification of Culture, and the Scottish Registry

During Afternoon Tea, we are joined by experts for a discussion on Tartan designs and their intellectual property rights.

Following our Afternoon tea, you may return to the hotel with the group walking downhill back to New Town, or enjoy additional free time in Old Town Edinburgh.

The remainder of the evening is free.

Day 3 Thursday, June 13

This morning, we depart for Scotland's second city and cultural hub – **Glasgow** (approx. 1 hour).

We visit the impressive **Glasgow Cathedral**.

Guided **walking tour** featuring city highlights. Our local guides may give attention to Artist **Charles Rennie Mackintosh** and some of his most important work in the city as well as Glasgow's **contemporary street art** including large works by mural artist **Sam "Smug" Bates**.

Alternative self-guided visit to the [Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum](#).

OR Free time for independent exploration of Glasgow.

Group Afternoon Tea at [Mackintosh at the Willow](#). This A-listed building was designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh and is his last surviving tea room, originally opened in 1903.

Alternative: Free time for independent exploration of Glasgow, or travel with the bus to visit [The Burrell Collection](#). Surrounded by beautiful parkland, The Burrell is considered one of the most beautiful museums in Europe. The museum boasts works by Manet, Cezanne & Degas as well as an impressive collection of medieval treasures.

Return to Edinburgh (approx. 50 minutes).

Evening Remainder of the evening free. Dinner on your own. Remainder of the evening free. Dinner on your own.

Day 4 Friday, June 14

Morning

Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for our **tour** of **Edinburgh Castle**.

After our visit to the Castle, free time to enjoy Old Town Edinburgh, shopping, or return to the hotel/New Town Lunch is on your own. Please return to the hotel for a 2:00 pm departure.

Afternoon

This afternoon, **Visit with Lord Bruce at Broomhall**.

Visit to [Broomhall](#)

This extraordinary home is one of Scotland's grandest houses and for more than 300 years has been lived in, cherished and cared for by the family of **King Robert the Bruce** - a name linked to valor and legend throughout Scottish history. We will be welcomed by **Lord Bruce** who will share stories of his family history, including an extensive collection of historic memorabilia and artwork.

Evening

For our private dinner, we will be joined by Claire Madison Mitchell QC and Zoe Venditozzi, founders of the Witches of Scotland campaign.

WITCHES OF SCOTLAND: Lessons from the 1563 Witchcraft Act

In 1563 the Witchcraft Act was brought into law in Scotland and remained in law till 1736. The vast majority of those accused and prosecuted were women. During this time witchcraft was a capital crime and those convicted of witchcraft were strangled to death and then burned at the stake so as to leave no body to bury. The Witches of Scotland is a campaign for justice: for legal pardons, an official apology, and a national monument for the thousands of people – mostly women - that were convicted of witchcraft and executed between 1563 and 1736 in Scotland.



Day 5 Saturday, June 15

Today we travel to the bucolic **St. Andrews** (Approx. 1 hour drive), a historic medieval town known for its many golf courses including the **Old Course**, considered the world's oldest. In St. Andrews we see the ruins of St Andrews Cathedral and the immaculate **University of St Andrews** founded in 1413.

Free time will be given in town for independent lunch and shopping.

While in St. Andrews, some may wish to visit the **World Golf Museum** or walk across the 18th hole of the Old Course for a photo opportunity at the iconic **Swilcan Bridge** - originally built over 700 years ago so shepherds could move their flock across the bridge which meanders through what is now the 1st and 18th fairways.

Time permitting, return to Edinburgh via the **Fife Coastal Path**. Along this stretch of picturesque coastline we see a series of charming, old-fashioned fishing villages.

Return to Edinburgh. Dinner on your own.

Day 6 Sunday, June 16

Morning

Today we depart for a day tour of an underappreciated area known as "the Scottish Borders," the towns of Selkirk and Melrose, in southern Scotland near its land border with England.

First we see **Melrose Abbey**, the medieval ruins of a Cistercian monastery and burial place of Robert the Bruce's heart, OR **Abbotsford**, the home of Sir Walter Scott and baronial mansion. A breathtaking place to visit located on the banks of the River Tweed.

Group Lunch and traditional Ale Pies at the **Traquair House**, the oldest continually inhabited house in Scotland and home to the ancient **Traquair Brewery**. At lunch we hope to be greeted by the esteemed Human Rights attorney, **Mark Muller Stuart**.

After lunch, we tour the Traquair House and enjoy an Ale Tasting with **Catherine Maxwell Stuart**, 21st Lady of Traquair and famed Scottish politician, hotelier, brewer, and writer. She is the first female Laird of Traquair and, at the time she succeeded her father in 1990, she was the only female laird in Scotland.

After our tour we return to Edinburgh.

Dinner on your own.

Day 7 Monday, June 17

Morning

Optional morning activities depending on departure time.

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