

Albannach Homecoming Tour 2010



Celtic Force Enterprises

Tour date: March 9-16, 2010

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Before the trip	
What airline are we taking? Where flying into?	Continental Airlines, leaving from their international hub at New York/Newark, NJ (EWR). We'll be flying into EDINBURGH (EDI) .
Can I book my own flight and join the tour once in Scotland?	No, one of the advantages of booking as a group is the good rate. One of the disadvantages of booking as a group is that things have to be done as a group. The hotels, buses, dinners, entertainment, venues, guides and flights are all part of providing affordable rates for this package and can't be separated.
How late can I make reservations?	We will be taking reservations until Dec. 8, 2009 or once we reach maximum tour capacity.
When is the final payment due?	All fees are due by Jan. 8, 2010.
Are there age restrictions?	For the Albannach tour, travelers must be at least 18 years of age.
Will I need a Passport?	Absolutely, for international travel. For new passport applications allow plenty of time for processing of the documents. For existing passports, make sure yours will not be expiring within 6 months of our departure date .
Are there luggage restrictions?	Each passenger is allowed one standard piece of baggage, on the plane, and carried in the cargo area of the coach, up to a maximum weight of 18kg/40lbs. Additionally, one carry-on.
What will the weather be like?	Predictably unpredictable. Scotland has a worse reputation than it deserves in terms of weather but come prepared for a bit of everything. Temps in the city areas tend to be 35-45F but it can be below freezing or even as high as 60 occasionally. Highland are colder, of course. Plan that it will be windy and raining at some point!
What to bring?	Good shoes (you'll be walking!), raingear, clothes for layering.
What will our hotels be like?	We'll be staying in mid-range, "3-star" type European hotels. For those who haven't been, European hotels are almost always smaller than equivalents in the USA. There will be shower/bath accommodations in each room. Wherever possible, we'll be offering hotels with some character and personality.
During the trip	
How do I get to Newark?	If you're driving, parking is available at the airport. It is expensive, of course. You could also take a connecting flight with Continental originating from a city near you. There is also excellent, moderately priced train service from Penn Station in NYC.
When should I arrive for the flight?	Edinburgh flights typically leave in the evening between 7 and 8pm. Plan to arrive 2 hours ahead of time. If connecting

	from another Continental flight you should leave at least 90 minutes minimum for connection time.
Currency?	Once in Scotland, you will need British Pounds Sterling. Easiest, cheapest way to acquire those is with an ATM once landed in Glasgow.
Time zone?	We'll be on Greenwich Mean Time, 5 hours ahead of East Coast USA.
Who is providing guidance and assistance on the trip?	Celtic Force will be with you during the entire trip starting and ending at NY Newark Airport. Our Scotland tour partners, Urquhart travel, will assist us in managing needs once on the ground. Their staff will accompany us on each of the daytime tour functions.
What to expect when we arrive at the airport in Scotland?	Some of us will be accompanying you on the flight from Newark. Once you arrive in Scotland you'll pass through immigration, collect your baggage, and go through customs. Urquhart Travel staff will meet us once we've cleared. Adequate time will be allowed to take care of personal needs such as obtaining currency. Then, it's on the bus and the tours begin!
Will my cell phone work in Scotland?	Not unless you have a "quad-band" phone as well as a SIM card from a phone service provider active in the UK. And we suggest you be conservative in your use of any phone service while in Scotland. International calls back to the USA are often very expensive. We don't want you to face a nasty surprise.
What do we do for meals?	Many Scottish hotels offer breakfast included. Lunch will be on your own and while touring we'll offer an interesting and appropriate place to stop. As for dinners, we expect to be offering you at least two dinners as part of our evening entertainment. Balance will be on your own and we'll provide suggestions and assist once there.
What to expect for the timing of our day?	We'll start our day with gathering for breakfast. For the days on which we'll be bus-touring, shortly afterwards, we'll assemble by the bus. We'll start our days fairly early, particularly on the day we run up into The Highlands.
How much will we walking?	Being a tour, we will cover a lot of ground, literally. There will be a good bit of walking and because of the terrain in Scotland, expect everything from flat firm to steep soggy ground. That's why a good pair of comfortable walking shoes will be needed.
How much time do we spend on and off the bus?	This will vary depending on the itinerary. Some days will see short drives between stops and others will be longer drive times getting to certain destinations. Our long day covers approximately 150 miles (about 3 hours by bus).
Will Albannach be with us?	Albannach will perform on two of the evenings and the members of the band are invited to join us during the day.
Will there be free time for shopping, sightseeing, etc.?	Absolutely! Our destinations will include unique shopping opportunities for all. There will also be free time to see some great sites on your own or with a handful of your fellow travelers.
Will there be additional entertainment?	Yes, several of the evenings will offer musical performances by such artists as Jim Malcolm, Ted Christopher and others.

For more information, contact Celtic Force.
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Tour Agreement:

Package Price:	\$2199.00 per person (based on double occupancy)
Tour package includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roundtrip airfare from New York Newark to Edinburgh (exclusive of USA Departure Tax)• 6 nights accommodation• Airport transfers• Breakfast daily• 2 dinners• Sightseeing per itinerary• Tour buses via Urquhart Travel• Tour guides• Tickets/entrance fees for musical evenings• Taxes and service charges (except gratuities)