



Reformation Tour II: Following the Steps of the Reformers: Thomas Cranmer and John Knox Isle of Skye Pre-Tour - \$599 (double occupancy)

June 27, 2014: Departure

We will set off from the USA today on our overnight flights to Glasgow, Scotland on US Airways, via Philadelphia. **(IF)**

June 28, 2014: Glencoe, Isle of Skye

On arrival in Glasgow, we will meet our tour guide and travel north, crossing the ancient natural fault line that runs across Scotland. We travel into the majestic Highlands where the scenery changes quickly and dramatically - the flat fertile plains of the Lowlands give way to shimmering lochs, rugged mountain tops and forest-filled glens. We continue north over the wild and remote Rannoch Moor into Glencoe. This haunting glen was the scene of a great massacre in 1692, where many of the Clan Macdonald were slaughtered. We stop in this imposing mountain pass so we can enjoy the spectacular views. From here we travel past Fort William and up to the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge with great views over Ben Nevis. On the "Road to the Isles" we pass the splendour of the Five Sisters of Kintail, the mountains guarding the pass on the way to the Isle of Skye. We stop to visit the famous Eilean Donan Castle, used in the film "Highlander", set at the junction of 3 lochs as protection against Viking raiders. Crossing over the bridge to Skye, we head north to Portree. We are then dropped off at our accommodation in the early evening and we are free to go out and explore the town. **(B)**

June 29, 2014: Isle of Skye

Today is a flexible day and there are many possibilities depending on the weather, and dynamics of the group. Our driver/ guide's knowledge will come to the fore in arranging the best day for everyone. North of Portree is the Trotternish peninsula with its stunning Quiraing mountain pass and some of Skye's extraordinary geological scenery, such as Kilt Rock, composed of basalt columns (reminiscent of the pleats in a kilt). Heading in a westerly direction there is Dunvegan Castle, the ancestral home of Clan Macleod, and possibly the opportunity to enjoy spectacular views at Neist Point, the furthest most west point on Skye. We return to our accommodation in Portree in the early evening to enjoy a free night in Portree. **(B)**

June 30, 2014: Loch Ness, Edinburgh

We will begin the day by travelling south through the Cuillin Hills and back over to the mainland for stunning views over Loch Duich and the 5 Sisters of Kintail. Our lunch stop is in Loch Ness, where we have the possibility of spotting "Nessie". Heading south now through the Grampian mountains along Loch Laggan, famous now as "Monarch of the Glen Country" before passing Dalwhinnie, home to Scotland's highest whisky Distillery, and onwards past Blair Castle stopping for refreshments before heading to Edinburgh. **(B)**

July 1, 2014: Edinburgh

The group will arrive this morning and pick us up at our hotel for the bus orientation tour of Edinburgh.

Pre-tour includes:

- 2 night's accommodation in Portree
- 1 night accommodation in Edinburgh
- Transportation by air-conditioned Mercedes minicoach (maximum of 16 passengers)
- Services of a professional driver/guide
- Discount card for restaurant, shopping and attractions
- Breakfasts