The History & Beauty of Scotland

May 1 – 10, 2025

Led by Dr. Karin Maag
Join Calvin University alumni and friends on an adventure to Scotland!

Our journey includes magnificent cities and castles, inspiring spiritual and cultural sites, charming villages, and the stunning Scottish countryside—featuring a stay in the Highlands. To add to our enjoyment, Dr. Maag will provide three interesting talks with enlightening insights about the Scottish Reformation.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity!

Your tour includes:

- Flights roundtrip from Grand Rapids to Scotland
- Land transportation for the complete itinerary by deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach
- Accommodations for eight nights in first-class hotels
- Breakfast daily, one lunch, and five dinners
- Experienced Scottish tour manager to accompany the group
- Three lectures given by Dr. Maag
- Sightseeing and admission fees in accordance with the itinerary
- Tipping and taxes for all included services, including tour personnel gratuities
- Whisper guides (personal headsets)

Early registration is encouraged!

Tour Cost
$4,995 per person from Grand Rapids, based on double occupancy

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use booking code 050125MAAG
or complete and return the printed registration form.

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Dr. Karin Maag
Karin Maag has been the director of the H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies since 1997. She also serves as adjunct faculty at Calvin Theological Seminary, teaching classes on church history and research methods, and she has been a popular CALL instructor for almost 25 years! Her area of specialty is the social history of the Reformation, but she enjoys all areas of history. In her spare time, Karin enjoys swimming, bicycle riding, baking, choral activities, and reading historical fiction.

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MAY 2025
Thursday, May 1
Departure

The day of departure has arrived! We'll meet at the Grand Rapids Gerald R. Ford International Airport to check in for the flights to Scotland. Our adventure is beginning! (D-in-flight)

Friday, May 2
Arrive Edinburgh

Good morning and welcome to Edinburgh—Scotland’s elegant capital city! Here we meet our tour manager and board the waiting motorcoach for transfer to the city center. An orientation tour will introduce us to the city’s main highlights, and we’ll have time for an independent lunch. Then we visit Edinburgh Castle, which dominates the skyline and is at the center of Edinburgh’s history. On the eastern side of the castle yard are the Royal Apartments, among them the tiny bedroom where Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to a son who became James VI of Scotland and James I of England. Check in at the hotel, our “home” for the next three nights, and enjoy a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Saturday, May 3
Edinburgh

Following breakfast and a morning lecture, we take a more in-depth guided sightseeing tour that includes the John Knox House, where the reformer is said to have lived for a period of time. Exhibits provide insights into the beliefs and character of Knox, as well as what Scotland was like during the Reformation. We also visit St. Giles’ Cathedral, the present “High Kirk” of Edinburgh, whose spire is the most distinctive feature of the city’s skyline. John Knox was the first minister of St. Giles after the Reformation, and he played a key role in establishing styles of worship and church polity that were adopted throughout the country. When Knox died in 1572, he was buried in the old churchyard. After time for lunch, visit the National Museum of Scotland. This museum houses an array of exhibits, including Scottish history and archaeology, science and technology, art and design, and world cultures. The evening will be free for an independent dinner. (B)

Sunday, May 4
Edinburgh

The morning will be free with the option of attending a worship service at St. Giles’ Cathedral. In the afternoon, we visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, located at the end of Edinburgh’s Royal Mile. The palace has a long history, and is the official residence of King Charles III and his family when they are in Scotland. Our visit includes the State Apartments, the Great Gallery, the Royal Dining Room, and the Throne Room, along with the grounds and the ruins of Holyrood Abbey. The rest of the afternoon and evening are free to explore the city on our own and have an independent dinner. (B)
Monday, May 5
St. Andrews > Perth
We head to St. Andrews today, known as the home of golf and for its associations with reformers John Knox and George Wishart. A guided walking tour includes visits to the ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral, which dates to 1200. Also see the University of St. Andrews, where it’s believed John Knox received his education, and Martyrs’ Monument, which commemorates four men executed in St. Andrews during the 16th-century Reformation: Patrick Hamilton, Henry Forrest, George Wishart, and Walter Mill. After some free time, we continue to the lovely city of Perth on the River Tay, to check in at the hotel and enjoy an evening lecture before dinner. (B, D)

Tuesday, May 6
Perth > Fort William
Our day begins with a walking tour of Perth that includes St. John’s Kirk. It was here, in 1559, that John Knox’s sermon against idolatry instigated the Scottish Reformation. We then head west to the Highlands, making a stop for lunch at a restaurant or pub along the way. We also enjoy an informative tour and tasting in a whisky distillery to learn more about one of Scotland’s most famous products. Our destination is Fort William, located on the shore of Loch Linnhe and the gateway to Ben Nevis, Britain’s highest mountain. Relax over dinner at the hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, May 7
Drumnadrochit > Inverness > Culloden > Clava Cairns > Fort William
Travel along the banks of Loch Ness to Drumnadrochit and Inverness, which is considered the capital of the Highlands. Discover 500 million years of history at the new Loch Ness Centre and Exhibition and visit Urquhart Castle, the medieval fortress that has been the site of great conflict during its 500 years. It was once one of Scotland’s largest castles. After time for independent lunch, we take a cruise from Clansman Harbour on the famous Loch Ness. Afterwards, visit the Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre. It was here in 1746 in the Battle of Culloden that the Highlanders, led by Bonnie Prince Charlie, were defeated by the English Army, led by the Duke of Cumberland. Then stop at Clava Cairns, the site of an exceptionally well-preserved group of prehistoric burial cairns in a beautiful setting, with passage graves and standing stones. Our day concludes in Fort William, where the evening is at leisure. (B)
Thursday, May 8
**Fort William > Mallaig > Fort William**
Following a morning lecture, we visit the West Highland Museum to learn more about the story of this region and its history, with special emphasis on the Jacobite risings of the 18th century. After some free time for an independent lunch, take the scenic Jacobite Steam Train from Fort William to Mallaig (duration approximately two hours). This historic locomotive passes over the stunning Glenfinnan Viaduct with its 21 arches, made famous due to the *Harry Potter* films. Have some time in the fishing village of Mallaig, one of Scotland’s most inviting ports, and return to Fort William by steam train. (B, D)

Friday, May 9
**Glencoe > Trossachs > Stirling > Edinburgh**
Departing Fort William, we enjoy a scenic journey through Glencoe with its dramatic landscape formed by volcanic activity, and the Trossachs National Park. Continue to the medieval town of Stirling to tour the historic Stirling Castle, once the favored residence of the Stuart kings and queens. It is one of the largest and grandest castles in Scotland, and it has been the site of numerous films. Our exploration includes the Great Hall, Chapel Royal, Regimental Museum, Tapestry Studio, and lovely grounds. Our day concludes in Edinburgh with dinner and a delightful Spirit of Scotland Show featuring bagpipes, accordion, fiddle, guitar, and traditional Scottish dancers. It is sure to be a fitting way to cap off our time in Scotland! (B, D)

Saturday, May 10
**Return**
After breakfast, bid farewell to Scotland as we transfer to Edinburgh Airport to check in for our flights back to Grand Rapids. (B, Lin flight)
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Tour cost. The tour cost is based on a group of 21 passengers and current tariffs for air and land arrangements.

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Special flight arrangements. Note on your registration form if you would like to extend your stay and/or continue from an airport other than the one you will use. Flight arrangements for your extension are not included in the group’s flight schedule. Restricted or non-refundable special flight arrangements are not accepted. Ground transportation and all other services provided by the sea, ground, and air operator suppliers offered are subject to the terms printed form and are set forth on their respective Web sites, which govern the transaction. All bookings are available at the airport at check-in.

Special meal requests and food allergies. Note special meal requests and food allergies on your registration form. Witte cannot be responsible for any incompatibilities with dietary restrictions or food allergies, be sure to carry your medications with you at all times. Also, discuss your special needs with your tour personnel and ask the staff about the foods you are served.

Mobility Concerns. Sightseeing on Witte tours almost always includes walking. Visits to historical sites often mean walking on uneven surfaces. Some cruises and tours involve travel to destinations that are accessible only by boat. The Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) is only applicable within the U.S., and facilities for disabled individuals are limited outside its borders. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travelers who need such assistance. Motivational tour operators who make their own flight arrangements are not required to accommodate special needs or land costs that may apply. In the event of cancellation, the service fee and any nonrefundable portion of special air or land arrangements made for you will be added to the penalties noted under “Cancellations and Refunds.”

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In recognition of the inherent risk of travel and related activities in which you are intending to engage, you confirm that you are physically and mentally capable of participating in the travel booked and that you willingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage suffered by you or caused by you. By registering for any related travel activities, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or other participants.

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If you do not have a passport and are applying for one, provide your full legal name and select the option for passport renewal/application.

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**Passenger #1** PRINT CLEARLY

First name ____________________ Middle □ □ □ □ □ I do not have a middle name ______________ Last ____________________ Preferred First Name ______________________________________

For travel purposes, **please enter the gender that matches your passport**, even if your passport is not how you refer to yourself at this time. Passports use (M) Male, (F) Female, or (X) another gender identity.

□ M □ F □ X Birthdate mm_______/ dd_______/ yyyy_______ Citizenship: □ U.S. □ Other ______________

Home ____________________ Work ____________________ Cell ______________

E-mail ____________________ Known Traveler Number (if you have one) ____________________

**Passport Status:** □ Current □ I do not have a passport □ My passport has expired. I am renewing.

Passport Number ____________________ Issue Date ____________________ Expiration Date ____________________

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**Dietary Needs:** □ Vegan □ Low Sodium □ Vegetarian □ Diabetic □ Gluten free □ Other ____________________

Food allergies: ____________________

Medical Conditions: ____________________ Mobility concerns: (walker, wheelchair, etc) ____________________

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**Passenger #2** PRINT CLEARLY

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**Mailing Address**

Street Address ____________________

City ____________________ State ____________________ Zip ______________

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Name of Passenger(s):
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☐ eCheck Payment
Routing Number ____________________________________________________
Account Number ____________________________________________________

Name as it appears on bank account ____________________________________
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Type of card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit card number __________________________________ Expiration date __________ Security code __________

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