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GLENAGEALS HOTEL

A COMMEMORATION OF THE YEAR OF THE VIRGINIA DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SEPTEMBER 5 - 14, 2017

George Mason built Gunston Hall before he wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the document which preceded the Declaration of Independence. All this came about as a result of the Scottish Enlightenment thinkers, Adam Smith and David Hume, and we will explore their connections with this impressive country, and the ancestors of many of the early settlers.



URQUHART CASTLE ON LOCH NESS

Wondrous scenery, mile upon mile of mountainous landscape crisscrossed by stone walls and seemingly only inhabited by sheep. The Highlands have a romantic beauty of their own that has over the centuries drawn poets, painters and Queens and has been an inspiration for writers and film makers.

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): \$7690
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$2180

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels
All hotel taxes and service charges included
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Buffet breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 6 dinners, 3 afternoon teas
- EXPENSES:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- GUIDES:** Alexandra Messervy throughout. Local guides and guest lecturers at select sites

PLEASE NOTE THAT TRAVEL INSURANCE IS NOT INCLUDED ON THIS TOUR.

Landscape, history and climate are the themes that will accompany us on our travels. September is a wonderful month for visiting Scotland, with the purple hue of heather and bracken covering the landscape.

Castles, kilts, bagpipes and the occasional dram of whisky are all part of the Scottish experience and although we cannot promise to check all the boxes, we will do our very best. In eight days we can only scratch the surface but in doing so we will try to capture the spirit of this very special country and its American connections.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL VISITS ARE SUBJECT TO DIARY AVAILABILITY AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM IF THE NEED ARISES AS IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT MANY VISITS AND HOMES ARE PRIVATE, AND SUBJECT TO ROYAL OR CIVIC DUTIES AND FAMILY DIARIES.

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bit before an afternoon visit to **Manderston** with extraordinary interiors that include a silver plated staircase and drawing room curtains with gold thread. This evening we will have a **welcome reception** at the hotel. **Nicholas Merchant**, our expert tutor, will give an outline of the Dukes of Buccleugh and Bowhill. Dinner this evening on your own. **OVERNIGHT: ROXBURGHE HOTEL**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH - Joined by Nicholas Merchant, we enjoy a morning visit to the **Bowhill Estate**, home of the Dukes of Buccleugh. Bowhill boasts a particularly fine art and furniture collection and grounds with views of the breathtaking Lammamuir Hills. We dine at the hotel with a special **guest lecture** on Adam Smith and David Hume and their influences on the War of American Independence, given by Professor Raymond Thomson, a specialist on the subject. **(B, D)** **OVERNIGHT: ROXBURGHE HOTEL**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - We begin today with a private tour of **Dumfries House**. Saved for the nation by **His Royal Highness** and a generous group of philanthropists, the restoration and revival of this Estate is truly magnificent. We return to the hotel to change and depart for an early evening tour and **special dinner graciously hosted by His Grace The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe at Floors Castle**. **(B, D)** **OVERNIGHT: ROXBURGHE HOTEL**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH - We depart this morning for Perthshire and a visit to **Falkland Palace** followed by a private visit to Lord and Lady McNeil at **Balcarres** near St Andrews. We then explore **Kincardine Castle**, set on 3000 acres and home of Andrew Bradford, a member of the Keith family. We unpack for our stay in Royal Deeside and the Highlands of Scotland. This is a wonderful opportunity to truly experience Scottish history in a family home of note and enjoy the Scottish Highlands, with swathes of purple heather that are absolutely stunning at this time of year. Her Majesty The Queen will be in residence at Balmoral and there will be various activities taking place locally which are dominated by the Royal visit. Our three night stay at Kincardine Castle will include afternoon tea each day, pre-dinner champagne and canapés, a three course dinner with fine wines, cheese and port, and a full Scottish breakfast each day. **(B, T, D)**

OVERNIGHT: KINCARDINE CASTLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH - We sample the enormously rich history of the area and depart this morning for a boat tour of **Loch Ness** and picnic lunch at Urquhart Castle. After lunch, we enjoy a private tour of **Cawdor Castle**. We will have dinner together once again. **(B, T, D)**

OVERNIGHT: KINCARDINE CASTLE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - Departing after breakfast, we drive to **Dunnottar Castle** where the Keith family hid away the Honors of Scotland. This is a 'must see' coastal location. We will visit the wonderful home of the MacPherson Grant family at **Ballindalloch** where we will be entertained for a private tour of the Castle and **luncheon**. We tour **Haddo House** and **Formartine's Café and Foodhall**, finding treasure troves of goodies. From here, we are

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH - Evening departure from your chosen US gateway city.

OVERNIGHT: PLANE

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6TH - Arrivals will be met for the transfer to our hotel in the Borders, the home of His Grace The Duke of Roxburghe at **Floors Castle and the Roxburghe Hotel**.

Unpack and relax a

within easy distance is **Whiskies of Scotland** at Huntly, where guests can purchase a myriad of gifts to take home! **(B, L, T, D)**

OVERNIGHT: KINCARDINE CASTLE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH - Departing Kincardine, we head south for a welcome at a special place known as 'Scotland's Finest Stately Home', the home of the Marquess of Linlithgow, **Hopetoun House**. After coffee and biscuits, we will be given a private guided tour of the House with the Estate Factor and Head Guide, **Ian Lowe**, before taking in the grounds at leisure. Mount Vernon was modeled on Hopetoun and there are many references as we go around with our wonderful guide to the USA connections and founding fathers. Situated on the shores of the Firth of Forth, the house is one of the most splendid examples of the work of William Adam and his colleague William Bruce. The opulent gilding and classical motifs of the interior reflects the aristocratic grandeur of the 18th century, whilst the magnificent parkland has fine views across the Forth to the hills of Fife. The garden, with a profusion of wild flowers, is a particular interest of Lady Hopetoun's. We will then detour slightly to our final destination and accommodation at the world famous **Gleneagles Hotel**, a magnificent 'palace in the glens' set amid gently rolling hills. The evening is free for you to relax and dine as you choose. **(B)**

OVERNIGHT: GLENEAGLES HOTEL



DRUMMOND CASTLE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH - We begin our day with a private tour at the **Palace of Scone**, where all the Scottish monarchs were crowned. Built on the site of an ancient abbey, this delightful family home boasts lovely gardens and grounds, and views of the atmospheric Chapel and Stone of Scone. The seat of Parliaments, Macbeth, Robert the Bruce and Charles II were crowned here. This afternoon, we visit **Drummond Castle** and enjoy a private tour of the gardens before we return to our hotel to change for our Farewell Tour, **Reception and Gala Dinner**, on board the former **Royal Yacht Britannia**. Now permanently docked at the Royal Victoria Dock at Leith, this magnificent Royal vessel used for business, state events and pleasure, the Yacht looks as special today as it did when last in Royal Service. Alexandra Messervy, who has designed and will accompany the tour program, served in The Royal Household of Her Majesty The Queen and has many stories to tell of life on board HMY Britannia, the Royal Tours and visits, and the family occasions celebrated on board. She will talk us through 'How The Queen Entertains' as a finale to this trip. **(B, D)**

OVERNIGHT: GLENEAGLES HOTEL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH - Morning transport to the airport for our return flights to the U.S. Guests can opt for an extension in Edinburgh with preferential rates at the hotel. **(B)**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner, T - tea

REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete both sections of the form below (please print).
2. Detach the bottom section and return it to Discover Europe Ltd, 95 Adams St., Keene, NH 03431 with your non-refundable registration deposit of \$1000 per person made out to DISCOVER EUROPE LTD.
3. Mail your voluntary contribution of \$400 per person payable to GUNSTON HALL REGENTS' FUND to Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck, VA 22079
4. The balance will be billed by Discover Europe as follows:
 - a). Second non-refundable deposit of \$4000 pp 9 months prior to trip departure.
 - b). Final non-refundable payment 3 months prior to departure.
5. Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it is on your passport.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

1. Discover Europe will be very happy to book your flights for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights to join the tour, it is essential that Discover Europe has your complete flight information. Please make sure you give us the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Incoming flights must arrive at Edinburgh before 11:00 am on Sept. 6th otherwise, we recommend arriving a day early.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS:

- Please check the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.
1. If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
 2. A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., and The English Manner, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their

PASSENGER DETAILS FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF GUNSTON HALL (0905/AGH)

Name(s): 1. _____

2. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____

Work Telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Date(s) of Birth: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport #1 _____ Exp.Date: _____

Passport #2 _____ Exp.Date: _____

control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual. By registering for this tour, the applicant certifies that s/he is mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS:

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. The tour cost published here is based on an exchange rate of GBP 1.00 = USD 1.60. Significant changes to this rate will be reflected in the final billing.
2. Group size. Your tour has been based on a group size of 20-24 paying participants. Should we end up with less than this number, Discover Europe will work with the group organizer to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

REFUND POLICY:

1. All payments are non-refundable. However, up to 3 months prior to trip departure, deposits that have been paid may, in some cases, be transferred to an acceptable substitute.
2. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance to guard against financial loss should you be forced to withdraw from this trip. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. You will receive travel insurance details for your upcoming trip upon receipt of your initial deposit.
3. All cancellations must be received in writing (by mail or e-mail).
4. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS:

1. All inclusions on THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF GUNSTON HALL tour will be listed on the final itinerary.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transportation to and from the participant's home to their departure airport, transatlantic airfare, passport fees, excess baggage charges, and items of a personal nature.



Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Health Information: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

TRIP DETAILS

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

Please return this form to:

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OPTIONAL EXTENSION: We suggest our preferred hotel rates at the Howard House Hotel. Located in central Edinburgh just five minutes walk from George Street and our wonderful driver guide Iain. Erudite and charming, Iain is an excellent and entertaining local guide! Stroll along the Royal Mile, visit Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, St Giles Cathedral and the Botanic Garden, and explore the shops of this magical city. Alternatively, arrive early at the Roxburghe Hotel and take a day trip in to Edinburgh with Iain as your driver, or venture slightly further afield. Contact us for recommendations.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in A Commemoration of the Year of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, Gunston Hall, Lorton, Va, 240th in September 2017 to Scotland (“the Trip”) from Full Date of trip, I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Gunston Hall Board or any of its affiliates, its officers, servants, agents and employees (all hereinafter referred to as “releasees”) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees, or otherwise, while participating in the Trip, or while in, on or upon the premises where the Trip is being conducted, while in transit to or from the premises, or in any place or places connected with the Trip.
 2. I am fully aware of risks and hazards connected with being on the premises and participating in the Trip, and I am fully aware that there may be risks and hazards unknown to me connected with being on the premises and participating in the Trip, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in the Trip, to enter upon the above named premises and engage in activities knowing that conditions may be hazardous, or may become hazardous or dangerous to me and my property. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of my being a participant in the Trip, whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise.
 3. I further hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them, from any loss, liability, damage or costs they may incur due to my participation in the Trip, whether caused by the negligence of any or all of the releasees, or otherwise.
 4. It is my express intent that this Release shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant Not to Sue the above named releasees.

In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that:

- A. I have read the foregoing release, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed;
 - B. No oral representation, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made;
 - C. I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and
 - D. I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION

RIGHT TO SUE
(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights : Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged): _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(PLEASE SELECT One)

- I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
 I will be sharing with: _____
We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSION

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

SIGNATURES

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I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____