

# Scottish Lowlands Tour

with **Men of Worth**

Nov 2019

## 'Scottish Lowlands' Tour, 2019

(Mill at New Lanark; Rosslyn Chapel; Abbotsford House; Melrose Abbey; Stirling Castle; Doune Castle; St Andrews; Jute Mill; the 'Discovery'; Scottish Deer Centre; The Kelpies at Falkirk Wheel; Border Towns...+ Peebles Hydro Brewery tour, and Gin Tasting experience)

10 Nights: Fri 1 Nov – Sun 10 November  
(Dispersing morning of 11<sup>th</sup> November)

[The Holiday Inn](#) @ GLA  
[Peebles Hydro Hotel](#), Peebles  
[B. W. Scores Hotel](#), St Andrews  
The Holiday Inn @ GLA

1 night  
4 nights  
4 nights  
1 night

\$2,850 Per/Person (Sharing room, Double or Twin)

\$3,150 Per/Person (Single)

**(Note: Limited Single space. Please check availability!)**

**Check or money order only, payable to Minch Music. (No credit card, sorry)**

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**Includes: 10 nights Dinner, B&B — Coach — Ferries — Activities/Visits — Meal-tips.**

**Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — Insurance.**

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## Proposed Itinerary

### Day 1 Friday, 1 Nov, 2019

**Activity** As tour members arrive independently at Glasgow Airport, cross the road to the **Holiday Inn**, and check in under **MINCH MUSIC TOUR**.  
(Note: The Holiday Inn, and NOT the Holiday Inn Express)  
Gather in the bar for a **Welcome Drink** at **6.00pm**, prior to **Dinner** at **7.00pm**.

**Evening Hotel** After **Dinner**, Evening free to relax and prepare for morning departure.  
**Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport (D. B.)**

### Day 2 Saturday, 2 Nov, 2019

**Activity** Morning departure for [Peebles](#) at the northern confines of the Border country.  
Main stop at [New Lanark Visitor Centre](#), which tells the fascinating story of the cotton mill village of New Lanark which was founded in the 18th century.  
Under the enlightened management of social pioneer, Robert Owen, the provision of decent homes, fair wages, free health care, a new education system for villagers and the first workplace nursery school in the world!  
Arrive at **Peebles Hydro Hotel** later in the afternoon.  
(Independent Lunch at New Lanark)

**Evening Hotel** After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles (D. B.)**

### Day 3 Sunday, 3 Nov, 2019

**Activity** Morning free to relax. All the **Hydro Hotels** in Scotland have **Swimming** and **Spa** facilities. The **Royal Burgh of Peebles** is located on the **River Tweed**, at the confluence with Eddleston Water. An easy 20-minute walk into the town.  
Afternoon visit to [Rosslyn Chapel](#). An introductory talk is given in the chapel on the hour for 15-20 mins. A riverside walk is available for those who like to hike.  
Back at the hotel we can enjoy **Gin Tasting** in the company of an expert.  
(Independent Lunch)

**Evening Hotel** After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles (D. B.)**

### Day 4 Monday, 4 Nov, 2019

**Activity** Drive the **Border Towns** of Selkirk, Hawick, Jedburgh, Melrose in the company of a **Local Guide**. Today includes a self-guided tour at [Melrose Abbey](#).  
The Borders boasts an abundance of scenery and great historical value.  
(Independent Lunch)

**Evening Hotel** After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles (D. B.)**

## Day 5

### Tuesday, 5 Nov, 2019

#### Activity

Drive with our Local Guide by **Galashiels**, with a population of around 12,600. Gala is a major commercial centre for the Borders region. The town is known for textile making and is the location of Heriot-Watt University's School of Textiles and Design. Our main stop is a Tour of [Abbotsford House](#), an historic country house near **Melrose**, on the south bank of the River Tweed. It was formerly the residence of historical novelist and poet, **Sir Walter Scott**. The style is mainly the Scottish Baronial. Into various parts of the fabric were built relics and curiosities from historical structures, such as the doorway of the old Tolbooth in Edinburgh. A shorter day allows time for a **Brewery Tour** back at the Hotel.

(Independent Lunch at Abbotsford)

#### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles (D. B.)**

## Day 6

### Wednesday, 6 Nov, 2019

#### Activity

Departing Peebles, our next hotel destination is [St. Andrews](#) on the north western coast of **Fife**. En route, our main stop will be [Stirling Castle](#), one of Scotland's grandest due to its imposing position and impressive architecture. The scenery will take your breath away, and the stories surrounding this special place in Scottish History are well presented by the excellent Guides. Meet at the "well" on the hour to be with a Guide. We will have time for a diversion over to [Doune Castle](#) for a photo stop on our way to the **B.W. Scores Hotel** in St Andrews.

(Independent Lunch in Stirling)

#### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**B. W. Scores Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife (D. B.)**

## Day 7

### Thursday, 7 Nov, 2019

#### Activity

Free Day in St Andrews. Apart from shopping, we are an easy walk from the **Castle**, the ruins of the **Abbey**, the **Golf Museum**, the **Beach!**

(BTW: St. Andrews University is the oldest in Scotland. It was granted a charter in 1411 by the bishop of St. Andrews. In 1413 it gained full university status after a blessing by the Pope at the time.)

(Independent Lunch)

#### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**B. W. Scores Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife (D. B.)**

## Day 8

### Friday, 8 Nov, 2019

#### Activity

Drive across the Firth of Tay to the city of [Dundee](#). Launched locally in 1901, [RRS Discovery](#) was the last wooden three-masted ship to be built in Britain. Its first mission was the [British National Antarctic Expedition](#), carrying **Robert Falcon Scott** and **Ernest Shackleton** on their first journey to the Antarctic.

Exhibition, Audio visual and a Guided Tour of the famous ship. Also planned is a visit to a **Jute Mill** as a reference to Dundee's famous past.

(Independent Lunch)

#### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**B. W. Scores Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife (D. B.)**

## Day 9

**Saturday, 9 Nov, 2019**

### Activity

This morning we visit [The Scottish Deer Centre](#) near Cupar, Fife.

...” Our collection includes 12 species of Deer, Wolves, Lynx and Scottish Wildcat plus our latest arrival the European Brown Bear”.

We will arrange for a talk from a staff member to better inform our group.

Later, we will visit interesting Fife towns such as **Falkland**, and take in some coastal scenery on our drive back to our hotel.

(Independent Lunch)

### Evening

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**

### Hotel

**B. W. Scores Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife (D. B.)**

## Day 10

**Sunday, 10 Nov, 2019**

### Activity

Depart St. Andrews for our return to the Holiday Inn.

Our main stop will be a **Guided Tour** of [The Kelpies](#) which are located near to [The Falkirk Wheel](#).... The Kelpies are 30-metre-high horse-head sculptures, standing next to a new extension to the **Forth and Clyde Canal**, and near River Carron. The sculptures were designed by sculptor Andy Scott and were completed in October 2013. The Kelpies are a monument to horse powered heritage across Scotland....The Falkirk Wheel is a rotating boat lift connecting the [Forth & Clyde Canal](#) with the [Union Canal](#). It opened in 2002, reconnecting the two canals for the first time since the 1930s as part of the Millennium Link project. An **Audio-Visual** presentation shows the Wheel in action.

(Independent Lunch at the Kelpies)

Returning late afternoon to the Holiday Inn.

### Evening

We can enjoy a final **Dinner** together.

### Hotel

**Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport (D. B.)**

## Day 11

**Monday, 11 Nov, 2019**

### Activity

Breakfast is included.

This is the morning we all disperse.

**This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!**

**You could plan to fly out this morning...or make other plans.**

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