

Men of Worth Tour



**Scottish
Lowlands**

Oct/Nov 2022

RRS Discovery, in Dundee

‘Scottish Lowlands’ Tour 2022

With *‘Men of Worth’* ~ James Keigher & Donnie Macdonald

(The Mill at New Lanark Experience; Rosslyn Chapel; Abbotsford House; Melrose Abbey; Drive the Border towns; Falkirk Wheel; The Kelpies; RRS ‘Discovery’; Tour of Jute Mill; Scottish Fisheries Museum; Kingsbarns Distillery; Free day in St Andrews; Stirling Castle; Doune Castle)

10 Nights: Sun 30 Oct – Tue 8 Nov

(Dispersing morning of 9th Nov)

[The Holiday Inn @ GLA](#)

1 night

[Peebles Hydro Hotel](#), Peebles, Scottish Borders

4 nights

[APEX City Quay Hotel](#), Dundee, Tayside

4 nights

The Holiday Inn @ Glasgow Airport

1 night

\$2,950 Per Person (Sharing room) (Single: add \$500 – Check Availability!)

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

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

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Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 Sunday, 30 Oct, 2022

Activity As four members arrive independently at Glasgow Airport, cross the road to the **Holiday Inn**, and check in under **MINCH MUSIC TOUR**.

Gather in the bar for a **Welcome Drink at 6.00pm. 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 Monday, 31 Oct, 2022

Activity We depart 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, New Lanark, 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** in the Edinburgh Suite
Peebles Hydro Hotel (D. B.)

Day 3 Tuesday, 1 Nov, 2022

Activity Morning visit to **Rosslyn Chapel**. An introductory talk is given in the chapel at 11.00am.

An optional walk takes us to the outer confines of Rosslyn Castle. Afternoon back in **Peebles** is free time. The **Royal Burgh of Peebles** is located on the **River Tweed**, at the confluence with Eddleston Water. You can experience the **William Chambers Walk**, or visit the **John Buchan Museum**, or both! This afternoon can also be time to relax at our hotel. **Hydro Hotels** in Scotland have **Swimming & Spa** facilities.

(Independent Lunch)

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

Day 4 Wednesday, 2 Nov, 2022

Activity Drive to **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 Scottish Baronial. Into various parts of the fabric were built relics and curiosities from historical structures, such as the doorway of the old Tollbooth in Edinburgh.

Today also includes a self-guided tour at **Melrose Abbey**.

(Independent Lunch at Abbotsford)

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

Day 5

Thursday, 3 Nov, 2022

Activity

Drive through the **Border Towns** of Selkirk, Hawick, Jedburgh, Melrose in the company of a **Local Guide**. We will have time in Jedburgh to visit the **Mary Queen of Scots House**. The **Jedburgh Abbey** is another attraction to explore.

The Borders boasts great historical value and an abundance of scenery.

(Independent Lunch, in Jedburgh)

Evening Hotel

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

Day 6

Friday, 4 Nov, 2022

Activity

Departing Peebles, our next hotel destination is **Dundee** on the northern shore of the Firth of Tay, in Tayside. Our main stop will be a Guided Tour of **The Kelpies** which are located near to the **Falkirk Wheel**. (Also, a quick stop at the Wheel)

... The Kelpies are 30-metre-high horse-head sculptures, standing next to a new extension to the **Forth and Clyde Canal**, and near the 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, an engineering marvel, 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. Although the "Wheel" will be under maintenance, we can take a close look at the operation.

(Independent Lunch at the Kelpies)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Free time.
APEX City Quay Hotel, Dundee, Tayside (D. B.)

Day 7

Saturday, 5 Nov, 2022

Activity

Our hotel is well located close to two significant historical shipping attractions.

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 + Guided Tour** of the famous ship.

Also planned is a **Guided Tour** of a **Jute Mill** from Dundee's famous past.

(FYI: This location is known as **Verdant Works**)

Additional Choice activities:

(The **V&A Museum** is located next door to the Discovery. Time to take a look, if you wish.)

(To the other side of our hotel, lies **HMS Unicorn**. Nearly 200 years old, HMS Unicorn is one of the world's most remarkable historic ships, preserved as a museum and visitor attraction in Dundee. Facility normally closes at 4.00pm.

Concert Feature: Between 4.30pm and 6.00pm **Men of Worth** will play a concert on board HMS Unicorn. We will make a donation on behalf of our group, and we can also expect some local interest in this fundraising event on board.

(Independent Lunch)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Free time.
APEX City Quay Hotel, Dundee, Tayside (D. B.)

Day 8 **Sunday, 6 Nov, 2022**

Activity

A drive across the **Tay Road Bridge**, and into the **Kingdom of Fife** to the working fishing town of **Anstruther**, where we have a Guided Tour of the **Scottish Fisheries Museum**. This Museum is an experience to savour! Our other stop is a tour of **Kingsbarns Distillery** further up on the Fife coast.

(Provided Lunch at Kingsbarns)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
APEX City Quay Hotel, Dundee, Tayside (D. B.)

Day 9 **Monday, 7 Nov, 2022**

Activity

Back across the Tay Road Bridge for a **Free Day in St Andrews**. Apart from shopping, the Tourist Information on Market Street can be helpful. Attractions include **St Andrews Castle**, the ruins of the **Cathedral**, the **Museum** in the Cathedral, the **Golf Museum**, the **Aquarium**, and the **Beach!**

We will furnish you with an advance map of St Andrews to help you make the most of this free time.

(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**, A final Concert with **Men of Worth**
APEX City Quay Hotel, Dundee, Tayside (D. B.)

Day 10 **Tuesday, 8 Nov, 2022**

Activity

Depart Dundee for our return to the Holiday Inn.

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. Tours on the hour, and half hour.

We depart Stirling for **Doone Castle** and a very different experience. The history of Doone Castle dates back to the 13th century, but modern-day filmmaking has brought it more into public awareness. (*Ivanhoe; Monty Python and the Holy Grail; Game of Thrones; Outlander*)

(Independent Lunch in Stirling)

Drive west to arrive late afternoon at the Holiday Inn by way of country roads.

Evening Hotel

We can enjoy a final **Dinner** together.
Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport (D. B.)

Day 11 **Wednesday, 9 Nov, 2022**

Activity

Breakfast is included. (Not as a group) 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.