

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

with The Northumbrian
Jacobite Society

20-23 June 2011



Your tour

£242.00 Per Person*

£25 deposit payable
by March 28th 2011



**We feature a journey on the Jacobite Steam Train,
one of the great railway journeys of the world**

The very name Scottish Highlands conjures images of noble mountains sweeping down to gentle foreshores, beautiful picturesque villages and tiny islands set amidst calm, lapping waters. Known for its unspoilt natural beauty, this part of Scotland offers spectacular scenery, impressive mountain ranges and dramatic seascapes. We combine visits to sites pertaining to the political and religious background of Jacobitism, making for a short break not to be missed

Your Hotels

The Angus Hotel in Blairgowrie is a privately owned 3 star family run hotel well known for its friendly staff and personalised service. The hotel offers comfortably appointed en suite bedrooms with modern facilities, a leisure centre, an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna and spa bath. The bar and restaurant serve great international food in an ambient environment.



The 3 star Ben Wyvis Hotel in Strathpeffer is a traditional Victorian manor house that provides a contemporary décor and modern comforts whilst retaining the character and atmosphere of a bygone era. The Jacobite Restaurant offers food prepared as much as possible with local and organic ingredients. The Strathview Bar and Lounge is perfect for relaxing with a sampling from an extensive range of whiskies on offer.

What's included

- 1 night at the Angus Hotel in Blairgowrie
- 2 nights at the Ben Wyvis Hotel in Strathpeffer
- Portage for 1 bag in and out
- Cooked breakfast daily
- 3 course evening meal daily
- En route outbound visits to Dunkeld and Killikrankie
- Visit to Fort George (Historic Scotland)**
- Visit to Culloden (National Trust)**
- Jacobite steam train journey Fort William to Maillag
- Free time in Maillag
- Inbound en route visit to Drumadrochit
- Inbound en route visit to site of Battle of Sherrifmuir

What's not included

- Single supplement of £30 per person
- Travel insurance at £30.00 per person
- Items of a personal nature

* Based on two sharing in a twin/double room and a minimum of 25 paying passengers

** Historic Scotland and National Trust for Scotland will respectively honour renewed English Heritage and National Trust membership. All non-members (including first year members of English Heritage) will be levied an admission charge



HOW TO BOOK

To book your group, contact Mr G Hunter on

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DAY ONE ● We set off from our local departure points and head North to our destination with an en route visit to Killiecrankie, site of the battle fought between the Scottish clans supporting King James VII and government troops supporting King William of Orange. A stunning victory for the Jacobites here was later followed by a scattering of their forces in Dunkeld which we shall also visit. This cathedral town is one of Perthshire's many gems, rich in beautifully restored buildings and an inspiration for lovers of art and history thanks to its rich heritage. We arrive at the Angus Hotel in Blairgowrie in time to relax before taking dinner.

DAY TWO ● After breakfast we visit Fort George, the 18th century fortress with perhaps the mightiest artillery fortifications in Europe. It was built to pacify the Scottish Highlands in the aftermath of the Jacobite rising of 1745. The fortress has never been attacked and has remained in continuous use as a garrison. The fortification is based on a Star design and remains virtually unaltered. Today its exhibits showing the fort's use at different periods is open to visitors and is still used as army barracks. After lunch we continue to Culloden to visit the site of the final confrontation of the 1745 Jacobite Rising which took place on 16 April 1746. The battle pitted the Jacobite forces of Charles Edward Stuart against William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, loyal to the British government. The Jacobite cause to overthrow the reigning House of Hanover and restore the House of Stuart to the British throne was dealt a decisive defeat at Culloden and Charles Stuart never mounted any further attempts to challenge Hanoverian power in Britain. The conflict was the last pitched battle fought on British soil. We return to our hotel for dinner.

DAY THREE ● After breakfast today we head for the highlight of our tour: a journey on the Jacobite Steam Train. It is regarded as one of the Great Railway Journeys of the World due mainly to the stunning scenery and several extreme sights through which it travels. It starts near the highest mountain in Britain (Ben Nevis), visits Britain's most westerly mainland railway station (Arisaig), then passes close by the deepest seawater loch in Europe: Loch Nevis. We arrive in Maillag where we will then have time to explore this charming fishing town and for a spot of lunch. We take dinner at our hotel.

DAY FOUR ● Today we bid farewell to our hosts and board our coach for a visit to Drumnadrochit en route our homeward journey. Home to the Loch Ness Centre whose five star exhibition is endorsed by Scottish Natural Heritage as a 'portal to the unique phenomenon that is Loch Ness', here the real inner secrets of the lake are revealed, shedding some very unexpected light upon the mystery for which it is so widely known. Drumnadrochit still retains a great deal of charm and personality and just a short distance away is Urquhart Castle, well worth a visit to experience the amazing views and stroll around the ancient ruins to find out more about its turbulent history. We will then proceed for a brief visit to the site of the Battle of Sherrifmuir before resuming our journey back home with drop off at our original departure points.

