HARRIGAN HOLIDAYS AC/PASR CUSTOM TOUR OF SCOTLAND
JUNE 19 - JUNE 30, 2018

Tuesday, June 19 - Overnight United Airlines flight from Newark to Manchester, England

Wednesday, June 20: Welcome to England

Arrive at Manchester Airport. Meet your driver and guide and depart for the beautiful Lake District. The Lake District is one of the UK's most popular National Parks. It has been the literary inspiration of many writers including William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter to name a few. Travel to Grasmere where you will visit the **Dove Cottage** the home of William Wordsworth. While in Grasmere you will have the opportunity to stop at Sarah Nelson's Grasmere **Gingerbread Shop** touted as the best gingerbread in the world. Grasmere gingerbread has been enjoyed by millions around the world since 1854.

Check into your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening after your long flight. Overnight, dinner, bed & breakfast at you hotel in Lake District.

Thursday, June 21: Lake District to Glasgow

This morning travel north to Glasgow. First stop of the day will be at the **Devil's Porridge Museum**. In 1915 soon after the start of WWI the HH Factory Gretna was built. It began production in April 1916 and employed over 30,000 workers at it's height. The name was inspired by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the author of the Sherlock Holmes series, who while visiting the factory as a war correspondent witnessed the munitions girls mixing the nitro cotton by hand and commented 'that is the Devil's Porridge'.

Before arriving in Glasgow visit **Cluzean Castle and Gardens.** Culzean Castle originally belonged to the Kennedys, an ancient Scottish family descended from Robert the Bruce. There was a stone tower house here in the 16th century, and various Kennedys over the centuries made their mark on the castle with improvements and alterations. In 1945, when the castle was passed to the National Trust for Scotland, the top floor was converted into a flat for use by General Eisenhower, as a gesture for America's support during the Second World War. General Eisenhower visited on four occasions including while president of the United States of America.

Continue to Glasgow and check into your hotel. Overnight, dinner, bed & breakfast at your hotel in Glasgow or area.

Friday, June 22: Glasgow

This morning enjoy a **panoramic tour of Glasgow** and will spend most of your day in the Cathedral area of Glasgow. Included is a visit to Glasgow Cathedral, St. Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and Art, and Provand's Lordship.

Glasgow Cathedral is one of Scotland's most magnificent medieval buildings, Glasgow Cathedral is the only one on the Scottish mainland to survive the Reformation of 1560 intact. Glasgow Cathedral is built on the site where St Kentigern, or Mungo, is thought to have been buried in AD 612. St Kentigern was the first bishop within the ancient British kingdom of Strathclyde, and the present cathedral was built during the 13th - 15th centuries.

St. Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and Art is the only museum in the world to focus on all religions. Established in 1993 (not that one could tell from the accurately historic looking building), the two-story museum endeavors to provide a sweeping overview of the world's religions through art, artifacts, and an open minded view of faith. The main floor of the collection is devoted to the Gallery of Religious Art which holds artworks created by the disparate world religions ranging from stained glass windows from Christian churches to statues of Hindu deities to a Turkish prayer rug. The nearby wing of the collection holds the Gallery of Religious Life,

containing items and information related to duties and callings of various faiths. There are monastic robes in glass cases, displays describing the work of various missionaries, and an Egyptian sarcophagus. The second floor of the museum is devoted to the history of religion in Scotland itself. Focusing on six major religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism) the displays on the upper floor trace the development and influence of the world's religions on the immediate area.

Step back in time and discover Glasgow's unique history with a visit to **Provand's Lordship**, the oldest house in the city. It was originally part of a hospital and is one of only four medieval buildings to survive in Glasgow. Provand's Lordship, which was built in 1471 as part of a hospital in the cathedral precinct, is one of only four surviving medieval buildings in Glasgow. Beautifully preserved, the "auld hoose" is furnished with a fine selection of 17th-century Scottish furniture donated by Sir William Burrell, and a series of historic royal portraits. The room settings give a flavour of household interiors around 1500 and 1700, so you can immerse yourself in medieval Glasgow with a visit to this fascinating building. Behind the building sits the St Nicholas Garden, a medicinal herb garden which is an oasis of calm, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Return to your hotel. Dinner is under your own arrangements this evening. Overnight, bed & breakfast at your hotel in Glasgow.

Saturday, June 23: Glasgow

Today you will explore more of Glasgow with a visit to the Riverside Museum followed by The People's Palace and Winter Gardens.

The **Riverside Museum** is home to some of the world's finest cars, bicycles and in 2013 won the European Museum of the Year award. You will find an incredible array of over 3,000 objects from skateboards and vintage cars to prams and powerful locomotives. You can even walk down an old cobbled Glasgow street with shops dating from 1895 to the 1980s. Berthed outside you will find tall ship Glenlee, the UK's only floating Clyde-built sailing ship.

The People's Palace, set in historic Glasgow Green, is home to a collection of historical artefacts, photographs, prints and film, which gives an unrivaled insight into how Glaswegians lived, worked and played from the 18th to the 20th Century. It was opened on January 22, 1898 and was intended to provide a cultural centre for the people. At the opening ceremony Lord Rosebery stated: "A palace of pleasure and imagination around which the people may place their affections and which may give them a home on which their memory may rest". He declared the building "Open to the people for ever and ever". Outside the Winter Gardens, the restored Doulton Fountain stands pride of place on Glasgow Green, the oldest public space in Glasgow.

This afternoon visit **Tennent's Wellpark Brewery.** Wellpark Brewery in Glasgow is home to more than 450 years of brewing tradition and award winning beers. Tennent's has been part of Scotland and its culture for generations. This is a chance to learn about the rich heritage of one of the country's most loved brands as well as about the production processes that have taken place at Wellpark from through the centuries up to today. Follow us from the very origins of brewing at Wellpark, to present day support of and passion for Scottish music and football. As well as a rare collection of vintage and retro Tennent's packaging, there's a chance to watch your favourite Tennent's adverts from over the decades and also a shop to buy exclusive Tennent's goodies… And to top it all off, there might even be a cheeky wee taste of Scotland's favourite at the end of the tour in it for you. Tasty.

Return to your Glasgow hotel. Dinner is under your own arrangements this evening.

Sunday, June 24: Glasgow to Oban

This morning you will depart Glasgow and travel towards Oban.

Take in the scenery while **cruising beautiful Loch Lomond** and enjoy a hot whisky coffee while onboard. Loch Lomand is part of Trossachs National Park. While it's not as famous as Loch Ness it's more beautiful.

Continue to your hotel in Oban and check in.

Overnight, dinner, bed & breakfast at your hotel in Oban or area.

Monday, June 25: Mull & Iona

Today you will discover two beautiful Inner Hebridean Islands. After a 45 minute ferry to **Mull** you will join your coach for a scenic, guided tour through the island by way of Glen More and the south shore of Loch Scridain to Fionnphort, where you will board the ferry to Iona. Mull is considered the wildlife capital of Scotland.

From Mull you will travel via ferry to **Iona**. Iona is known as the "Cradle of Christianity". On Iona you will spend approximately two hours which you can use for a leisurely stroll through the Benedictine Nunnery and the Reilig Oran – the burial place of the kings – on route to Iona Abbey. The famed Book of Kells was taken from Iona to Kells Ireland.

Dinner is under your own arrangements this evening. Overnight, bed & breakfast at your hotel in Oban or area.

Tuesday, June 26: Oban to Inverness

Today you will travel further north towards Inverness. On the way you will visit **Urquhart Castle** which overlooks Loch Ness. The present ruins date from the 13th to the 16th centuries, though built on the site of an early medieval fortification. Founded in the 13th century, Urquhart played a role in the in the 14th century. The castle was largely abandoned by the middle of the 17th century. Urquhart was partially destroyed in 1692 to prevent its use by Jacobite forces, and subsequently decayed.

Next visit **Beauly Priory**. Beauly Priory is one of three priories founded in Scotland in about 1230 for monks of the Valliscaulian order. The Valliscaulians came from Val-des-Choux ('Valley of the Cabbages') near Dijon in France, and adhered to strict ideals of poverty, chastity and obedience. Beauly, meaning 'beautiful place', must have seemed to the monks a wonderful location in which to devote themselves to worship. Only the abbey church still stands today, housing some fine funerary monuments.

Continue to Inverness and check into your hotel.

Overnight, dinner, bed & breakfast at your hotel in Inverness or area.

Wednesday, June 27: Inverness Area

This morning visit **Dunrobin Castle**. Dunrobin Castle is the most northerly of Scotland's great houses and the largest in the Northern Highlands with 189 rooms. Dunrobin Castle is also one of Britain's oldest continuously inhabited houses dating back to the early 1300s, home to the Earls and later, the Dukes of Sutherland. In addition to the castle enjoy the beautiful gardens and witness the amazing birds of prey flying exhibit and learn about the ancient art of falconry.

On the return to Inverness you will have a brief stop at **Carn Liath Broch**. (sometimes also referred to as Strathsteven Broch) While it may not be the tallest broch remains in Sutherland, it is certainly one of the best preserved. A broch is a small Iron Age dry stone tower. They were built in the last few centuries BC and the first century AD. Their exact purpose is not clear. Many think that they were defensive structures, their tall stone walls and ramparts providing protection to the native farmers and their livestock should they come under attack by rivals from neighbouring communities. However, some

archaeologists believe that they were simply "status symbols", a visible demonstration that a particular settlement or group of people were wealthy and successful.

Return to Inverness in the afternoon and visit the **Scottish Kiltmaker Visitor Centre,** Scotland's only visitor attraction devoted to Scotland's national dress. Enjoy a fascinating insight into the history, tradition and culture of the kilt - from its origins through to the present day. Set within the kiltmaking workshop, the Centre creates a colourful, authentic and memorable experience, brought to life with audio-visual, costume and tartan displays in all their brilliance. You'll see kilts being made for export all over the world and kilts being made for our own retail shops in Inverness.

Dinner is under own arrangements. Overnight, bed & breakfast at your hotel in Inverness or area.

Thursday, June 28: Inverness to Edinburgh

First this morning visit the **Culloden Battlefield**. The course of British, European and world history was changed here at Culloden on 16 April 1746. It was here that the Jacobite army fought to reclaim the throne of Britain from the Hanoverians for a Stuart king. The British army was equally determined to stop this happening. The ferocious European war had come to Scotland - dividing families and setting clan against clan. In addition the battlefield you can experience the interactive exhibitions in the visitor centre.

Continue south towards Edinburgh and en route visit **Edradour Distillery** in Pitlochry. A Warm Welcome to Edradour, world renowned as the smallest traditional distillery in Scotland and arguably the most unique. Dating back to 1825, Edradour, stands alone as the last stronghold of handmade single malt whisky from a farm distillery still in production today.

On arrival in Edinburgh, check into your hotel. Overnight, dinner, bed & breakfast at your hotel in Edinburgh or area.

Friday, June 29: Edinburgh Area

This morning visit the **Royal Yacht Britannia.** The Royal Yacht *Britannia* was home to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family for over 40 years, sailing over 1,000,000 miles around the world. Now berthed in Edinburgh, you can follow in the footsteps of Royalty to discover the heart and soul of this most special of Royal residences.

Next enjoy a **panoramic tour of Edinburgh** and a visit **Edinburgh Castle**. This most famous of Scottish castles has a complex building history. The oldest part, St Margaret's Chapel, dates from the 12th century; the Great Hall was erected by James IV around 1510; the Half Moon Battery by the Regent Morton in the late 16th century; and the Scottish National War Memorial after the First World War. The castle houses the Honours (Crown Jewels) of Scotland, the Stone of Destiny, the famous 15th century gun Mons Meg, the One O' Clock Gun and the National War Museum of Scotland.

This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with entertainment at the **Spirit of Scotland Show**.

Return to your hotel.

Overnight, bed & breakfast at your hotel in Edinburgh or area.

Saturday June 30: Farewell Transfer to Edinburgh Airport for departure flight home.

Price is estimated* at $3890 per person sharing. Single Supplement $480

Included:

- Airfare, bus to/from Newark Airport
- 10 nights at good 3/4 star hotels, all rooms with private bath or shower
- 5 hotel dinners
- Farewell dinner and entertainment at Spirit of Scotland Show

- **VISITS & ADMISSIONS:**

Dove Cottage	Grasmere Gingerbread	
The Devil's Porridge Museum	Culzean Castle	Glasgow Cathedral
St. Mungo's Museum	Provand's Lordship	Riverside Museum
The People's Palace	Tennent's Wellpark Brewery	Iona Abbey & Nunnery
Urquhart Castle	Beauly Priory	Dunrobin Castle
Carn Liath Broch	Scottish Kiltmaker Visitor Centre	Culloden Battlefield
Edradour Distillery	Royal Yacht Britannia	Edinburgh Castle

- Cruise on Loch Lomond with hot whisky coffee
- Ferry to Mull and Iona
- Service charges and taxes at existing rates
- Porterage is included (one bag per person per hotel)
- Motor coach with driver
- Services of a full time tour guide
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Not included:

Optional Travel Insurance $242	Lunch Daily
Four Dinners	Personal Expenses

Gratuity for Driver & Guide and Guides in Glasgow and Edinburgh

* Price includes an estimate for airfare. The price also is subject to change due to currency fluctuation, change in taxes and fees, fuel surcharge, etc. As always Harrigan Holidays will strive to give you the best tour value for your money.