

Governor Livingston Highlander Marching Band August 3 - 10, 2018 SCOTLAND

✓ **PASSPORT**

All tour members must have a valid passport that expires no earlier than six (6) months beyond your date of return. **Please Note:** A passport card is not considered valid for international travel. It is advisable to make two (2) photocopies of your passport, one (1) to keep securely on your person in a location different from your original passport and one (1) to keep at home.

A visa is not required for **US Citizens** for travel to the United Kingdom.

✓ **OBTAINING FLIGHT BOARDING PASS(ES)** **If booked through WCT*

You may obtain your flight boarding pass(es) through one (1) of the following easy & convenient options:
Option 1: Twenty-Four (24) Hours Prior to Flight Departure: Go to the airline's website & check-in using your eTicket number, full name & confirmation code; then print-out boarding pass(es) from home printer. Or, using airline's smartphone app, check-in using your eTicket number, full name & confirmation code; mobile boarding pass(es) will load onto your phone. **Option 2: At Airport on Departure Day:** Go directly to your airline's Check-In Kiosk & check-in using your passport, eTicket number, full name & confirmation code; the kiosk will print your boarding pass(es). Or go directly to your airline's Check-In Desk & present your passport to the agent who will print your boarding pass(es). **Please Note:** If you are checking luggage, you must proceed to your airline's check-in desk upon arrival at the airport.

✓ **AIRPORT SECURITY GUIDELINES**

Extra Time: For international flights we recommend arriving at the airport three (3) hours before departure. **Check-In:** A government-issued ID (passport) is required. You may be asked to show this ID at subsequent points, such as at the gate, along with your boarding pass(es). **Screener Check Points:** Only ticketed passengers are allowed beyond the screener checkpoints, except for those with specific medical or parental needs. All electronic items, such as laptops and cell phones, may be subject to additional screening. Limit the amount of jewelry or other metal objects that you wear. Travelers should remove all metal objects prior to passing through the metal detectors to facilitate the screening process.

✓ **LUGGAGE & PACKING**

Carry any valuables on your person. Keep checked luggage unlocked for security screening (pack small items in clear zip-lock bags to minimize disturbance). **Please Note:** Your first piece of luggage is free; however, a fee will apply for a second piece of checked luggage as well as overweight or oversized baggage. We strongly suggest that you check with your carrier for additional information and a schedule of fees.

Icelandair:

You are permitted one piece of checked luggage (not to exceed 50 lbs. nor dimensions [L+W+H] of 62 inches) and one carry-on bag (not to exceed 22 lbs. with a maximum of 15.7 x 7.8 x 21.6 inches and small enough to fit under the seat or easily in the overhead compartment) plus one personal bag (i.e. purse or briefcase/laptop and small enough to fit under the seat). Please note that a fee will apply for a second piece of checked luggage as well as overweight or oversized baggage – we strongly suggest that you check with your carrier for additional information and a schedule of fees. For more information, please visit the Icelandair website:

<http://www.icelandair.us/information/baggage-information/checked-baggage/>

If you have any questions or concerns prior to your tour,
Please call World Cultural Tours at
877.218.8687 or 910.509.1703

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✓ MEDICAL INFORMATION

If you take prescription medication, we recommend carrying a copy of your prescription with you in case the medication is lost or misplaced. Be sure to keep all your medications - prescription, over-the-counter, even vitamins - in their original containers. **Medication should be placed in your carry-on luggage, NOT in your checked luggage.** **Inoculations:** No inoculations are presently required. **Medical Facilities:** If you require medical assistance, simply contact an airline representative, local emergency services, hotel operator, or your Professional Tour Manager. **Insurance:** If you purchased travel insurance; please be sure to take your declaration of coverage with you. Should you need medical attention abroad, you will need the contact information for the insurance company with whom you are covered.

✓ ALLERGY/DIETARY REQUIREMENT(S)

If you made any specific meal and/or food allergy requests with WCT during Registration, these have been placed with the airline. Restaurants have also been notified of allergies & dietary restrictions for any meals included in your itinerary. If you have a severe food allergy, we recommend that you bring snack options.

✓ ELECTRIC CURRENT

Scotland uses 220 volts, 50 hz. cycles. Many hotels have in-room hairdryers, but to use your own electric appliances (hair dryers, shavers, etc.) you will need a converter and adapter (available at electronics stores). We recommend taking an adaptor for both the European and United Kingdom style plugs but generally, the style of plug will be the three (3) pronged UK style (Type G).

✓ WEATHER

Summer weather in Scotland brings temperatures that range from **50 °F (Lows) to 72°F (Highs) in Leith** and **52 °F (Lows) to 72°F (Highs) in Edinburgh.** We suggest you bringing an umbrella and light jacket in the event of showers. For an updated forecast, please reference www.weather.com one week prior to departure.

✓ CLOTHING

Resist the temptation to over pack! For easy, lighter packing choose your favorite neutral color and pack casual, coordinated clothing. We recommend wearing layers for comfort between day and evening temperatures; rainwear is advisable throughout the year. Dressier clothes are appropriate for any special evening. **Shoes:** Comfortable daily shoes are a must! Touring includes walking, and nothing is worse than having blisters your first day out. If you bought new shoes, wear them before you go and make sure they have a good sole - a little cushion between you and those bricks, cobblestones, or concrete will add hours to your daily enjoyment. Don't forget well-fitting socks, too.

✓ CURRENCY & EXCHANGING MONEY

Scotland uses the **Pound Sterling, (£):** The pound is commonly available in banknote denominations of £5, £10, £20, and £50. One hundred pence = £1. There are also eight coins that are frequently used: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2.

Best Rate of Exchange: Credit /Debit Cards. MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted. Check with your credit card company for merchant acceptability. Also, you should let them know your destination and dates of travel. Your ATM/Debit cards require a 4-digit PIN. Check with your issuer regarding other protocol and compatibility for use of your debit card.

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✓ TIPS/GRATUITIES

Tips to tour guides and motor coach drivers **are** included in the tour price. Tips in restaurants for pre-arranged meals **are** included.

✓ INTERNATIONAL PHONE USE

International Cellular Use: To use your own personal cell phone while traveling abroad, please **check directly with your cell phone provider** for any specific requirements needed to make your cell phone internationally compatible. International Data/Voice Plans typical range from \$5 to \$10/day. You may also avoid international call fees by simply using your smartphone data **ONLY** when using Free Wi-Fi networks. You may communicate locally or abroad using free apps such as *WhatsApp* (all phones), *Google Duo* (all phones), *Face Time* (iPhones), or other mobile applications.

Rent/Purchase an International Cell Phone: This can be completed in advance through a provider such as *Cellular Abroad* or upon arrival at your destination through an airport kiosk, etc.

International Calling Cards: You may purchase a calling card upon arrival to your destination. These cards can be purchased at the airport, convenience stores, pharmacies, etc. Please make sure when you purchase this card that it is specifically for use to telephone the United States from your current location and not vice versa.