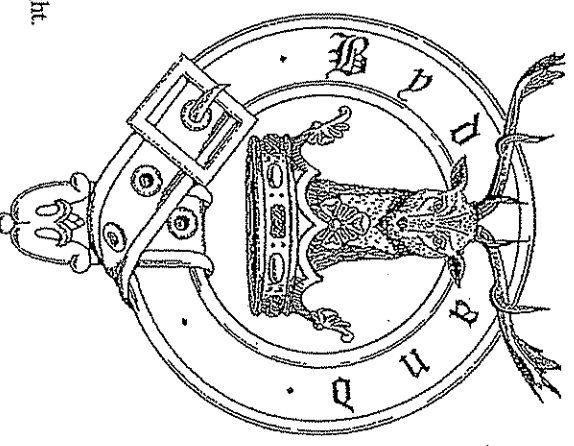


HOUSE OF GORDON TOUR OF N. IRELAND AND SCOTLAND JULY 31 – AUGUST 11, 2010



Day 1 – July 31st – depart US for overseas flight to Belfast, N. Ireland

Day 2 – August 1st – Arrive Belfast for city tour before continuing to Armagh for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 – August 2nd - Visit **St Patrick Cathedral**, originally constructed by St. Patrick in 445 on the Drum Sailleach (Sallow Ridge) hill. The Church is the center of the Church of Ireland and has been destroyed and rebuilt 17 times. It was substantially restored between 1834 and 1840 by Archbishop Lord John George Beresford and the architect Lewis Nockalls Cottingham. We also visit the **Armagh County Museum** to learn about the history of this ancient town. Our next stop will be the **Ulster American Folk Park**, a living history museum charting the story of the emigration from Ulster to the Americas in the 18th and 19th century. Continue to Derry for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 – August 3rd - In the morning we take a walking tour along the famous **Walls of Derry** to view the historic cityscape. We see "Free Derry" the area of the city made infamous in the troubles and the scene of "bloody Sunday." We then depart Derry and travel along the north coast of Ireland to the world heritage site of the **Giant's Causeway**, an area of about 40,000 interlocking "Basalt" columns, the result of an ancient volcanic eruption. We then travel through an area of outstanding natural beauty, the Antrim glens on the north coast and stop in Ballycastle, before continuing to Carrickfergus for a visit to **Carrickfergus Castle**, a Norman castle, besieged in turn by the Scots, Irish, English and French. The castle played an important military role until 1928. We continue to Carrickfergus for Dinner and overnight.

Day 5 – August 4th – We have a very early morning start today with a two hour ferry journey to Scotland. Once we arrive in Scotland we will travel to Alloway for a unique encounter with Scotland's most exceptional man **Robert Burns**. We will visit **Burns' Cottage & Museum** part of the Burns National Heritage Park. We continue to Helensburgh to visit the Hill House, one of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's most famous works, probably second only to Glasgow School of Art. It was designed and built for the publisher Walter Blackie in 1904. In 1982 the house was donated to the National Trust for Scotland. Dinner and overnight in Stirling.

Day 6 – August 5th - This morning we will visit **Stirling Castle**, magnificent both in its situation on a commanding rocky outcrop and in its architecture. Of outstanding interest are the Great Hall and the Gatehouse of James IV, the marvellous palace of James V, the Chapel Royal and the artillery fortifications of the 16th and 18th centuries. Our next visit is to **Bannockburn** where the battle of 1314 was fought – one of the pivotal battles of the 13/14th century. On our way we will pass by Sheriffmuir, where The 2nd Duke of Gordon supported the "Old Pretender" in the first Jacobite Uprising in 1715 and fought at the Battle of Sheriffmuir on September 12, 1715. His son, the 3rd Duke, remained loyal to the Hanoverian government in the 1745 Uprising but his brother fought for Bonnie Prince Charlie. Before reaching Aberdeen, we will stop in Arbroath, home of the Declaration of Arbroath, the statement of Scottish independence signed by the nobility in the 14th century. The Gordons fought against an army of over 1000 men at the Battle of Arbroath in 1445 where Patrick Gordon of Methlic was slain. Patrick Gordon was from the branch of the Gordons of Haddo. Dinner and overnight in Aberdeen

Day 7 – August 6th – We first visit **The Gordon Highlanders Museum**, a vibrant military museum and home to the regimental treasures of the world-famous Gordon Highlanders! Our second stop will be **Huntly Castle**, the ancestral home of the chief of Clan Gordon, the Earl of Huntly. Architecturally the "L" plan castle consists of a well-preserved five-story tower with an adjoining great hall and supporting buildings. Originally named **Strathogie**, the castle was granted to Sir Adam Gordon of Huntly in the 14th century. The Gordons defeated the Clan Douglas who had invaded their lands. The Douglases were enemies of the King while The Gordons stood on the king's side. Our next stop will be **Fyvie Castle**. Earliest parts of Fyvie Castle date from the 13th century - some sources claim it was built in 1211 by William the Lion. Following the Battle of Oterburn in 1390, it ceased to be a royal stronghold and fell into the possession of five successive families - Preston, Meldrum, Seton, Gordon and Leith - each of whom added a new tower to the castle. Dinner and overnight in Aberdeen.

Day 8 – August 7th - Today we attend the **Aboyne Highland Games**. The traditional games attended by the Clan Gordon and presided over by the Marquis of Huntly. During the day there will be various activities to watch including hammer throwing, caber tossing, races, highland dancing and bag piping. The games continue all day. In the late afternoon we return to our hotel in Aberdeen for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 – August 8th - Our first stop this morning is **Haddo House**, a home to the Gordons for 400 years. An Adam mansion with beautiful gardens it is one of the most impressive stately homes in Scotland. We then continue to **Aberlour Distillery** situated at the junction of the rivers **Lour** and **Spey**. We will enjoy a light lunch in **Haddo House** before making our way to **Inverness**. We will stop in **Culloden** and its visitor center to learn about the **Battle of Culloden**, where Prince Charles Edward Stuart was defeated and lost the Jacobite rebellion of 1745. We will discover the **Culloden Memorial** commemorating the Gordons who fought in the Battle. Dinner and overnight in Inverness.

Day 10– August 9th - This morning we leave the Highlands and travel to **Edinburgh**. On the way we will stop in **Pitlochry**, a Victorian town, whose success as a tourist resort was due to Queen Victoria visiting the area in 1842 and the arrival of the railway in 1863. Our second stop will be **Scone Palace**, residence of the Earls of Mansfield and a place where many Scottish kings have been crowned. Overnight in Edinburgh

Day 11– August 10th - We will visit **Edinburgh Castle**, one of the most famous castles in the world, housing the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Stone of Destiny. You can also visit the private apartments of Mary Stuart and St Margaret's Chapel, the oldest building in the city, which dates back to the 11th century. Afternoon at leisure in the city with an opportunity in the evening to visit the world famous Military Tattoo. Tickets purchase separately. Independent dinner in the city. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 12 – August 11th - Transfer to Airport for return flight to US



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COSTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR HOUSE OF GORDON TOUR 2010

TOUR COST: THE COST FOR THE LAND PORTION IS \$2325.00/PERSON SHARING TWIN ACCOMMODATIONS. PRICE REFLECTS A CASH/CHECK DISCOUNT PRICE OF \$85.00. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$475.00 . CHILD UNDER 12 SHARING A ROOM WITH TWO ADULTS: WILL BE 50% OF THE ADULT RATE.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

Twin accommodations with private bath or shower in 3 and 4 star hotels. Hotel service charges and taxes. Full breakfast each morning. Dinners as stipulated in the itinerary. Complete sightseeing program by private, deluxe motorcoach. Services of a qualified Blue Badge Guide. Portrage at hotels only for one suitcase per person. Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary. Lunch at Haddo House

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

Airfare Passport fees; insurance; excess baggage charges and portrage. \$5.00 per bag per day will be charged for excess baggage provided there is room on the coach. Passengers are allowed 1 fullsize suitcase, dimensions to be approximately 30"x22"x10" max plus 1 small carryon bag which must fit inside the coach overhead compartment, or under the seat, with the approximate size being 12"x11"x6". Please note that your large suitcase cannot weigh over 50lbs or the airline will charge you for the extra weight. Weight restrictions for carry-on bags vary from airline to airline. Lunches; dinners not specified in the itinerary; beverages not supplied with meals; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, etc. optional tips to the guide and driver. Tickets to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. These may be obtained for you but must be purchased at time of making your deposit. Cost for the tickets are \$70.00 each. If your trip is delayed by airline changes or cancellations, or if your tip is delayed for any other reason and extra expenses are incurred to catch up with the group, these expenses are not included. Travel insurance will cover such expenses and is highly recommended.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Caledonian Travel acts as agent only in making and securing all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing & hotel accommodations. By accepting this tour and utilizing the service you agree that neither Caledonian Travel nor any affiliate or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to you or your belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, any occurrence beyond its control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation or changes in itinerary or schedules, etc. Travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations are your responsibility. No employee of Caledonian Travel or representative can change the terms under which you agree to take this tour. Furthermore, Caledonian Travel reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary and to change the hotels if unforeseen situations make either of these necessary.

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Reservations may be secured through Caledonian Travel upon payment of a deposit in the amount of \$500.00 per person. Final payment is required 90 days prior to departure. A fee of \$25.00 per person may be charged for last minute booking and/or changes after the original booking is made. This tour is based on a group of 30 passengers per coach. If the total number falls below 30, this will affect the price of the tour. Price is based on current exchange levels which are subject to change.

CANCELLATIONS:

Cancellations received more than 120 days prior to departure will be refunded their deposit less \$250.00. No refund of the deposit will be given with cancellations received 120-60 days prior to departure. No refunds will be given for portions of the trip that are not utilized for any reason. Cancellations received 60-30 days prior to departure will result in payment of 50% of the total cost plus any liability imposed by hotels. Cancellations received 30 days prior to departure will require payment in full. Cancellations must be made in writing. We highly recommend travel insurance and we will supply a brochure with details upon request. In order to have complete coverage of pre-existing conditions, you must purchase your insurance within 15 days of making your deposit. If this is not a consideration, insurance may be purchased at any time before departure. Please call for a brochure to be mailed to you.

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**RESERVATION FORM FOR
HOUSE OF GORDON TOUR 2010**

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached tour information

Signature _____

Kindly make reservations for the following person(s):

Name(s) _____

(Please print names exactly as they appear on your passport)

Name(s) preferred for nametags: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

(work) _____

Cell: _____

Email _____

Please select accommodations preferred _____

2 twin beds _____

1 double bed _____

1 single bed _____

Note: Twin beds normally allotted for groups. Double beds sometimes available on request. Single occupancy has a single bed.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____, representing a deposit of \$500.00 for each reservation requested.

Are you interested in group airline reservations? _____

If yes, what city would you like to depart from? _____

Do you want Tattoo Tickets at a cost of \$70.00 per ticket? _____

How many? _____

Please add cost to deposit payment.

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