

THE LAKES, GLASGOW AND EDINBURGH

20/24 JUNE 2010 (FOUR NIGHTS, FIVE DAYS)

Glasgow has an enviable portfolio of internationally renowned museums and galleries including the magnificent Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum and the unique Burrell Collection. Edinburgh has one of the most beautiful cityscapes in the world, world-class museums and galleries - not to mention fabulous shopping in Princes Street. This four night, five day tour to Scotland incorporates both cities with an emphasis on Glasgow and the genius of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. We also visit Blackwell, a superb example of Arts and Crafts movement architecture in a stunning position overlooking Lake Windermere. (Costs and inclusions overleaf)



Art Lovers House – Charles Rennie Mackintosh



Blackwell House, Windermere

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION THE HOLIDAY INN, GLASGOW THEATRELAND ****

A stay in Glasgow at the Holiday Inn in Glasgow's Theatreland district puts you literally steps away from numerous theatres such as Glasgow's Theatre Royal, King's Theatre and Pavilion Theatre, the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall and some of the best shopping outside London in Buchanan Street. There are a profusion of restaurants and bars, including the AA Rosette winning brasserie – La Bonne Auberge. There are 113 stylishly appointed, air conditioned, en-suite guestrooms.



Holiday Inn Glasgow Theatreland

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

From Stratford-Upon-Avon we travel to **Blackwell House**, a Grade 1 listed building that occupies a stunning position overlooking Lake Windermere. Lunch is included during our visit to this superb example of Arts and Crafts architecture. Later, we check in to our hotel in Glasgow and meet our Scottish tour leader. The following day we explore the city and some of Mackintosh's masterpieces including the **Hunterian Art Gallery and Mackintosh House**, set within the University's art gallery. At **Glasgow School of Art** we have a guided tour through the Gallery, the Mackintosh room and the celebrated library. There are 200 items of furniture, 300 textiles and 100 works on paper to view. Lunch (included) is enjoyed at the celebrated **Willow Tearooms** before we continue to **Kelvingrove** (Glasgow Museums). After recent restoration and redisplay of objects, Kelvingrove now exhibits one of the finest collections in Europe – some 60,000 objects of fine art and a painting collection that includes works by Rembrandt, Van Gogh and Dali.

The following day we drive to **Edinburgh**, Scotland's capital and UNESCO World Heritage City. No visit to Edinburgh would be complete without viewing one of the finest galleries in Britain, the **National Gallery for Scotland**. Not only is it architecturally stunning, it houses a very fine collection of pictures including important works by Great Masters, French Impressionists and Scottish artists. After some free time in the city for shopping and independent sightseeing, a visit to **The Scottish Parliament** at Holyrood is planned.

During our final day in Glasgow we see a little of Loch Lomond as we return from **Hill House**, Helensburgh to **Bellahouston Park** and **A House for an Art Lover**. Hill House was one of Mackintosh's first commissions for a well known Glasgow publisher. On our last evening we dine exclusively in the gallery at **Glasgow Art Club**. We break our return journey with a visit to Pollok Park and the **Burrell Collection**.

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