

Hike in Scotland

August 5th - 19th, 2017 Teri Kramer

Come to Scotland with us! Imagine yourself hiking the highlands around Glencoe in week one and walking the Fife Coast during week two. Scotland is a hiker's paradise. HF hike leaders will guide us up, down and around the stunning Scottish countryside.

During week one at Glencoe, we will explore the lochs, glens, ridges, and peaks of the magnificent Western Highlands. We'll discover the rich history of the region. Three guided hikes of varying difficulties will be offered on five hiking days. Elevation changes are more significant on more difficult hikes. The hilly terrain will provide challenging walks for those who choose them, and medium level hiking adventures for others. For seven nights and six days we will stay at the HF house, Alltshellach, a lochside inn complete with pool, great views and beautiful grounds. On our free day, participants can visit the renowned National Trust for Scotland Glencoe Visitors' Centre. Enjoy the spectacular scenery from the viewing platform and cafe. Explore the landscape, wildlife, and history of Glencoe in the interactive exhibition, 'Living on the Edge'.

For week two, we will explore the best of the beautiful Fife Coastline from Dalgety Bay to the historic town of St. Andrews, discovering picturesque fishing villages and the rolling Lomond Hills. On each of five days, hikers will be asked to walk a 16 km linear route. The walking pace will be relaxed with a number of stops. Time will be spent investigating points of interest and historic sites along the way. The terrain is less challenging with minimal elevation change compared to that of the Western Highlands, creating a medium level hiking experience. We will stay at the beautiful, family owned Old Manor Hotel in Lundin Links. The hotel offers sea view dining and access to the fine Lundin Links Beach, just a 10 minute walk away. On our free day, there will be an opportunity to spend a day in Edinburgh. Just a few of the many interesting sights in the city include the famous Edinburgh Castle, Outlook Tower on Castle Hill and Lady Stair's Close with memorabilia of Robert Burns and Robert Louis Stevenson.

The cost of the trip is \$4700.00 Canadian, based on a minimum of 20 participants and a maximum of 26, double occupancy. This figure is an approximation at this point as a number of variables are at play. The price is calculated on a pre Brexit British Pound. Airline bookings cannot be completed until the fall of 2016 so that price remains an estimate until then. Flight dates will influence whether or not we require an extra overnight in Edinburgh or Glasgow. Included in the price of the trip are 14 nights accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner, return airfare, gratuities, and ground transportation for hikes and transfers to hotels and airports. Not included are alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages purchased at the hotels, housekeeping staff gratuities, laundry, personal expenses incurred on the days off when hikes are not provided, personal expenses for purchases made on travel days such as food and drinks, sea view room supplements of GBP5 per person per night. As pricing becomes permanent every attempt will be made to keep you apprised of the situation.

TO RESERVE a place on the trip, please locate the Trip by Air Form on the first page of the club website, www.haltonoutdoorclub.ca Fill out the form and print it. Mail the form along with a \$50.00 cheque made out to the Halton Outdoor Club to... Halton Outdoor Club, 3310 Palmer Drive, Burlington Ontario L7M1X3. On the back of the cheque please put the name of the trip, the date you registered, and your phone number. You have until September 29, 2016 to contact Jill Sanderson at Teachers Travel to let her know that you have signed up for the trip and to provide her with your contact information... Jill Sanderson, Tel: 417 922 2232 or Email: jill@teacherstravel.com

Second deposit... Please make a \$450.00, non-refundable payment to Jill at Teachers Travel by September 30, 2016. You may pay by cheque or credit card. No additional cost is added for using a credit card.

Final deposit... Please make a \$4200.00, non-refundable payment to Jill at Teachers Travel by May 15, 2017. The final amount could change as noted. Jill will have the final figure.

CANCELLATION POLICY... You may cancel your trip up to September 29, 2016. At that point you would receive a refund cheque from the club in the amount of \$25.00. All other payments are non-refundable.

The Halton Outdoor Club strongly recommends that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance for your trip. Coverage may be purchased through Jill at Teachers Travel or you may purchase it elsewhere.

If you have questions please contact Teri at terikramer@gmail.com