

## Accompanying Persons Organised Tours

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Glasgow Bus Tour**

**Cost £5**

The Glasgow Bus Tour is the best way to see all of the key sights in the city. You have a choice of a live guide, multi-lingual or child's commentary (English, Francais, Deutsch, Espanol, Italiano, Svensk). The tour has 21 stops including Kelvingrove art gallery, transport museum, tall ship and the Botanic Gardens. You can get off at as many of the stops as you want and just catch the next bus which should be along in around 30 minutes.

We have organised a special voucher for you to do the Glasgow bus tour at the discounted price of £5. All delegates will be given a voucher which can be used when purchasing a ticket. Anyone wishing a voucher for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> can get it at the registration desk in the university on Monday morning or at the official welcome on Sunday evening.

For those wishing to travel in a group we suggest meeting at 09.30 at the reception area of the Main conference building. The easiest place to catch the bus is in George Square.

The first tour leaves at 9.20am and every 15-30 minutes there after. A complete tour without alighting lasts 1 hour 15 minutes.



**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Distillery Tour**

**Cost £10 (food not included)**

There are more than 100 Scotch distilleries, each one producing a single malt which has a flavour all of its own. Glengoyne, with its neat, manicured buildings and whitewashed walls is one of the most beautiful. It sits at the foot of the Campsie hills where the fresh rain water runs off to feed the distillery and contribute to the whisky's delicate flavour.



The Glengoyne Distillery tour will depart from the University at 10am from the Britannia building car park. The journey will take approximately 20 minutes and the tour will commence at 11am.

You will be offered a dram of Glengoyne 10 year old Single Highland Malt whisky on arrival. You will also be taken on an informative and entertaining tour of the distillery before ending at the Slainte Mhath Shop.

The tour will then move onto Lomond Shores which is a shopping complex on the banks of the famous Loch Lomond where you can shop in the many varied stores. Of course, you may just want to admire the stunning scenery that we have to offer. Get yourself a coffee to carry out and sit and watch the ducks on the loch, and the mountains in the distance. You can also have lunch in the Kilted Skirlie, one of the restaurants at Lomond Shores which serves delightful Scottish cuisine.

**If you are interested in this trip please email your details and the numbers wishing to attend to [c.park@gcal.ac.uk](mailto:c.park@gcal.ac.uk)**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Rosslyn Chapel Tour**

**Cost (see attached schedule and costs)**

Rosslyn Chapel was founded in 1446 by Sir William St Clair and construction lasted an impressive 40 years. It has associations with the Knights Templar and the Freemasons, though never more so than in recent years with the release of the Dan Brown bestseller ‘The Da Vinci Code’. The release of this book has propelled this small chapel into superstardom and has ensured that it now attracts vast quantities of visitors, many of whom wish to crack the code. Come and decided for yourself what version of the story you believe.



We will be departing at 9am from the front gates of the university at 07.45am to catch the 08.15 train to Edinburgh. The journey should take around 50 minutes. We will then catch the 09.41 bus leaving from St Andrews Square in Edinburgh to Rosslyn Chapel where there will be a guided tour at 11am.

**Journey Costs**

Glasgow – Edinburgh return train journey	£10-15
Edinburgh – Rosslyn return bus journey	£2.50 (approx)
Entry to Rosslyn Chapel	£7

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**Loch Lomond, the Trossachs and Stirling Castle**

**Cost £22.95 (food not included)**

This bus tour will cross the Firth of Clyde, close by the ancient capital of Strathclyde, Dumbarton, with its rocky fortress and then on to bonnie Loch Lomond, Britain's largest expanse of fresh water. Our first stop is the beautiful conservation village of Luss, with its Viking Grave, where you can walk along the shores or explore the village. Then we move on to Balloch - where you can enjoy a cruise around the southern parts of the loch. After our lunch stop in the village of Aberfoyle, we enter the Trossachs; foothills of the Highlands, driving by hills and lochs that were once the haunt of Rob Roy MacGregor, one of Scotland's most famous Highlanders.

Our final stop is at the mighty Stirling Castle, Scotland's most strategically important fortress, Royal home of the Stewart dynasty. You will have time to visit the castle and hear of the exploits of key historical figures including William Wallace, Mary Queen of Scots and Bonnie Prince Charlie.



This tour departs from George Square at 09.30 and all parties should meet in the Conference main building at 09.00 to travel to the bus stop. The tour returns to Glasgow at 18.00.

There are also optional extras offered on this tour including,

- A cruise on Loch Lomond - £6.50
- Entry to Stirling Castle - £8.00

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**Useful links to book your own tours**

<http://www.timberbush-tours.co.uk/>

Please note that a 15% discount is offered when quoting 'Efitia Conference'

<http://www.walkwild.org/>

Please note that a 5% discount is offered when quoting 'Efitia Conference'

<http://www.highlandexperience.com/>

Please note that there is £4 off day tours and special rates apply on extended tours. Quote 'group rate applicable' when booking.

**Travel to Edinburgh**

Trains run every 15 minutes from Queen Street Station in Glasgow to Waverly Station in Edinburgh (duration approx 50 mins, price approx £10-£15)

Buses run from Buchanan Bus Station every 15 minutes and take you to St Andrews Square in Edinburgh (duration approx 1 hour).