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A FOLK MUSIC TOUR OF

SCOTLAND

September 15 - 27, 2011









with **ROBERT RESNIK**
Host of
**ALL THE
TRADITIONS**



An unforgettable journey to one of the world's most wild and beautiful places!



HIGHLIGHTS:

-  **Private concerts**
-  **Inner Hebrides**
-  **Orkney Islands**
-  **Isle of Skye**
-  **Findhorn Ecovillage**
-  **Musical and culinary surprises**

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Thursday, September 15 Departure

Meet your VPR host Robert Resnik and your Goodspeed trip director at the airport. Board your trans-Atlantic flight to Edinburgh. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Friday, September 16 Edinburgh

After we pass through customs in Edinburgh our private guide will take us for a tour of Scotland's capital city. We begin with a drive through the heart of the city along Princes Street, famous for its shops and gardens. We'll see the 18th century New Town with its broad streets, spacious squares and elegant town houses. Afterward we'll drive to our hotel and check in. Take time to relax before tonight's welcome dinner with fellow VPR travelers.



Welcome Dinner / Overnight Edinburgh

Saturday, September 17 Edinburgh

This morning we have leisure time to explore Edinburgh along with our tour host Robert Resnik. There are options to visit the Georgian House in the New Town, or for a taste of 17th century life in the Old Town, Gladstone's Land on the Royal Mile. The Royal Museum of Scotland houses excellent collections of many types in wonderful Victorian galleries, and the National Gallery of Scotland contains paintings by the world's leading artists. Stroll along Princes Street for shopping, especially at Jenners, the oldest independent department store in the world. This afternoon we'll meet Scots singer and accordionist Emily Smith, one of the current stars of the Scottish folk music scene. She won the BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician of the Year Award in 2002, and tours the world with New Zealand-born multi-instrumentalist Jamie McClennan. Emily and Jamie will be meeting our tour for a private concert!



Singer Emily Smith

Breakfast, Dinner and Concert/ Overnight Edinburgh

Sunday, September 18 Oban

After breakfast this morning we check out of our hotel in Edinburgh, and journey west around Trossachs National Park and along the bonny banks of Loch Lomond. We'll stop for a cup of tea before heading northward to Loch Awe where St. Conan's Kirk is spectacularly sited overlooking the loch. We'll continue to the charming town of Oban and check into our hotel. Enjoy some time to relax and explore the town before dinner at the hotel.



Breakfast, Dinner/ Overnight Oban

Monday, September 19 Isle of Mull

Today we take a short ferry ride to the Isle of Mull, which is one of the most beautiful of the Hebrides. After a scenic drive across the island we'll take the footbridge to the peaceful Isle of Iona, the burial place of many Scottish kings, including Macbeth. Next, we'll visit Iona Abbey, a place of pilgrimage as it was Scotland's first Christian settlement, founded by St. Columba in the 6th century.





Rachel Walker

We'll enjoy some free time before returning to the mainland by coach and ferry. This evening we'll enjoy dinner together at the hotel restaurant. Afterward we'll visit the Skipinnish Ceilidh House in Oban, a live music venue that is the home of the Skipinnish Ceilidh Traditional Dance Band. It is also "the place" to see other Scottish folk musicians performing in the vicinity of the Inner Hebrides. We'll hear Rachel Walker, a fantastic young singer whose specialty is songs in Scots Gaelic.

Breakfast, Dinner/ Overnight Oban

Tuesday, September 20 Glencoe/Ft. William/ Isle of Skye

This morning we check out of our hotel and depart for Glencoe which was the site of the 1692 Massacre of the McDonalds. We'll stop in Fort William, nestled snugly on the shores of Loch Linnhe, then travel the Road to the Isles from Fort William on our way to Skye. The Road to the Isles is a route steeped in history where Bonnie Prince Charlie found safety and security in this lovely area of the Scottish Highlands. We will make stops in Glenfinnan and Mallaig before we take a ferry to Skye.

Breakfast, Dinner/ Overnight Isle of Skye – Portree



Glencoe

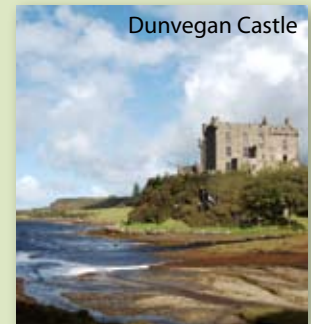
Wednesday, September 21 Isle of Skye

This morning we journey round the Trotternish Peninsula with its spectacular coastline. We will stop at the grave site of Flora MacDonald at Kilmuir. Flora is best known for her brave act in helping Bonnie Prince Charlie escape after the battle of Culloden, We will also visit The Quiraing being one of the most exciting natural rock formations anywhere in Scotland. Then we are off to visit Dunvegan Castle which has been the stronghold of the Chiefs of MacLeod for nearly 800 years and remains their home. Built on a rock once surrounded entirely by salt water, it is unique in Scotland as the only house of such antiquity to have retained its family and its roof throughout the centuries. We return to our hotel for dinner.

Breakfast, Dinner/ Overnight Isle of Skye - Portree



The Quiraing - Isle of Skye



Dunvegan Castle

Thursday, September 22 Inverness

After breakfast, we'll return to the mainland this morning and drive to Dingwall for a short stop. Continue on to visit Culloden Moor. It was here on the battlefield on April 16, 1746, where the British government forces defeated the army of Prince Charles Edward Stuart in just one hour and ended hopes of restoring the Jacobite Stuarts to the British throne. The brutal measures imposed after the battle signaled the end of the distinctive Highland way of life and culture. Afterward we continue our drive to Inverness and check into our hotel where dinner will be served this evening.

Breakfast, Dinner/ Overnight Inverness

Friday, September 23 Inverness

Today we drive to Dufftown and enjoy a tour of the Glenfiddich Distillery. William Grant & Sons Ltd. is one of the very few Scotch whisky companies to remain in the hands of the family who founded it. Glenfiddich is the only Highland single malt to be distilled, matured and bottled at its own distillery. Afterward we'll drive to



Glenfiddich Whisky Distillery

Findhorn Ecovillage, which is situated in the beautiful Findhorn Bay of Moray. The Ecovillage is a synthesis of the very best of current thinking on sustainable human settlements. Within the ecovillage sustainable values are expressed in the built environment with ecological houses, innovative use of building materials such as local stone and straw bales, beauty in the architecture and gardens and applied technology in the Living Machine sewage treatment facility and electricity-generating wind turbines. Sustainable values are also expressed in the community's social, economic and educational initiatives. We'll return to Inverness and relax before dinner.



Breakfast, Dinner/ Overnight Inverness

Saturday, September 24 Thurso

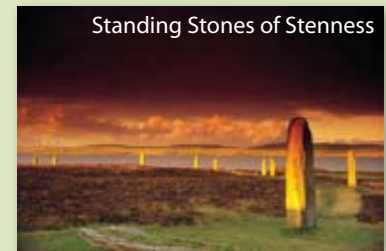
After breakfast we'll board the coach and drive along the beautiful shores of Loch Ness before heading north to the town of Thurso. Upon arrival we'll check into our hotel and spend the balance of the day free before dining with our group.



Breakfast, Dinner/ Overnight Thurso

Sunday, September 25 Orkney Islands

This morning finds us boarding the Ferry to the Orkneys. Our first stop is Skara Brae, a Neolithic village dating from 2,500 BC which has been hidden under sand dunes, perfectly preserved for thousands of years and was only rediscovered 100 years ago. We will also visit the Standing Stones of Stenness dating from 3,100 BC making the stone complex one of the earliest stone circles in Britain. Afterward we'll visit the Royal Burrough of Kirkwall, which is the capital of the Orkneys. We'll meet twin sisters and Orkney natives Jenny and Hazel Wrigley who have traveled the world playing Scottish music for almost 20 years. In 2002 the Wrigley Sisters returned to Orkney to live full-time, and in 2004 they established The Reel, a music school and community center that is also the home of the Orkney Strathspey and Reel Society. We'll take some time to investigate before we return by ferry to Thurso and relax before dinner.



The Wrigley Sisters

Breakfast, Dinner/ Overnight Thurso

Monday, September 26 Cairngorm Mountains

Today we'll depart Thurso and journey south through the scenic countryside. Continue through the Scottish Highlands and experience the loveliness of the Cairngorm Mountains, then on to Pitlochry and check into our hotel where the balance of the day is free. Tonight we'll enjoy a festive farewell dinner together.

Breakfast, Dinner/ Overnight Pitlochry

Tuesday, September 27 Edinburgh ~ United States

Today we'll enjoy a last look at the Scottish countryside before we depart for the Edinburgh Airport for our flight back to the United States.

LAND TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 🌀 Accommodations (11 nights) in comfortable hotels
Edinburgh (2 nights), Oban (2 nights), Isle of Skye (2 nights),
Inverness (2 nights), Thurso (2 nights), Pitlochry (1 night)
- 🌀 A professional tour guide to accompany the group
- 🌀 Transportation throughout by private coach to all destinations
- 🌀 Accompaniment by a Goodspeed & Bach trip escort
- 🌀 All land tour taxes, service charges and restaurant tips
- 🌀 All portorage of luggage
- 🌀 Full breakfast each morning (11)
- 🌀 Dinners at the hotels (10)
- 🌀 Passage on the ferries to the Isle of Mull, the Isle of Skye,
and the Northlink ferry to Orkney Islands
- 🌀 Day Excursion to Orkney Islands
- 🌀 Guided tour of Edinburgh
- 🌀 Visits and admission fees to:
 - Iona Abbey
 - Clan Donald Centre
 - The Quiraing
 - Armadale Castle
 - Culloden Visitor Centre
 - Glenfiddich Distillery
 - Findhorn Eco Village
 - Skara Brae – Neolithic village Orkney Islands
- 🌀 Private concerts with local musicians

**LAND TOUR COST
in double occupancy:****\$4,249**

Single room supplement fee: \$429 USD per person

GENERAL INFORMATION

Administration

This tour of Scotland is designed by Vermont Public Radio and Goodspeed & Bach, Inc., to give an in-depth glimpse into the culture, history and folk music of Scotland. VPR's Robert Resnik, host of *All the Traditions*, will lead the tour. A tour director will accompany the group throughout the program. A portion of the tour benefits Vermont Public Radio, but is not considered a tax-deductible contribution according to IRS regulations.

Air Travel Arrangements (not included in the tour price)

The group flight is scheduled on Continental Airlines from Burlington, VT to Edinburgh round trip at a cost of approximately \$1,037 including all taxes and service fees. The detailed flight schedule is available upon request. Space is limited. A customized air itinerary can be also be arranged for those individuals traveling from other cities or planning different travel dates. Travelers have the option to make their own flight arrangements.

Not included in the land tour price

- Trip insurance (strongly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach)
- Drinks with dinners such as coffee, tea, sodas, or alcoholic beverages
- Any optional excursions
- Gratuities to tour escort and bus driver, local guides

Accommodations

During the tour, accommodations will be arranged in comfortable hotels in double occupancy rooms with private shower or bath. Single rooms can be arranged for a supplementary fee of \$429 and are based upon availability at the time of your request (space is limited). The hotels are selected to provide a balance between central location, excellent service, character, amenities and price. Each hotel has a unique character which will result in variations in room size, breakfast menu and some amenities. Circumstances may arise between now and departure where the hotel may be changed. We will do our best to arrange a replacement hotel of the same quality.

Changes in the Itinerary

VPR and Goodspeed & Bach, Inc., reserve the right to alter the order of events or to make changes deemed necessary for the comfort, convenience and safety of the participants. Every effort will be made to adhere to the printed itinerary, but weather conditions, transportation difficulties or other circumstances beyond the control of VPR and Goodspeed and Bach, Inc., and the local suppliers could force the cancellation or substitution of events or specific services.

Reservation Procedure

To register for the tour, please fill out and return the enclosed registration form along with a per-person deposit of \$1000. You may also register by phone (toll free 888-446-1789) or email xgoodspeed@aol.com. Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Space is limited.

Payment Policy & Schedule

Tour payments may be made by check, payable to Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. After your initial deposit of \$1000, the balance payment is due by July 6, 2011. Deposits and payments are refundable if written notice of cancellation is received 120 days or more in advance of departure, less a \$100 per person non-refundable administration fee. 90 days prior to departure - full refund less \$1000 per traveler. We regret that refunds cannot be made for cancellations less than 65 days prior to the departure date. Travel insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased at an additional charge through Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. Cancellation charges also apply to additional accommodations reserved prior to and after the tour. Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets. Full terms and conditions are also available at www.goodspeedandbach.com.

REGISTRATION

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the following individuals on VPR's Folk Music Tour of Scotland, September 15 – September 27, 2011. A tour deposit of \$1,000 payable to Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. is enclosed - balance due **July 6, 2011**.

NAME (s) (as it appears on valid passport): _____

Date of Birth (required by the TSA): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone (days): _____

Email: _____

Travel companion name(s) on passport and date of birth:

Travel preferences (please check all that apply)

- Double occupancy with traveling companion
- I would like a single (*please note single room space is limited*)
- I would like group airfare on Continental from Burlington, VT
- Please inform me about flights from other cities on Continental
- I prefer to make my own flight arrangements

I (we) have read the itinerary and terms and conditions included in this brochure and agree to abide by all the stipulations contained therein.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Please make tour checks payable to

Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.

and mail registration to:

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Burlington, VT 05401

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