

QUILTER'S HERITAGE CELEBRATION TOUR OF SCOTLAND & ENGLAND

August 12 – 23, 2010
Hosted by Rita Barrow Barber

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12: Depart for Scotland.

Today, we embark on what will truly be a memorable quilting tour of Britain. Departing this evening from Newark, our non-stop overnight Continental Airlines trans-Atlantic flight will offer complimentary in-flight service to Glasgow's International airport. (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13: Glasgow.

Upon arriving at Glasgow airport, we clear passport and baggage formalities, and meet our tour guide and good friend Jenny Denton, plus our coach driver.

Arriving in the morning we drive to Loch Lomond. If we have a beautiful sunny day we shall go to Glen Croe and the stunning vantage point of 'Rest and be Thankful.' On returning to Glasgow we shall visit Auchentoshen Distillery. Here we will learn about the process of making whisky, one of the largest export products of Scotland.

This afternoon is left open to relax in your hotel or join us for a panoramic tour of Glasgow city centre and a visit to the world famous Burrell Collection museum.

Our "welcome dinner" will be served in our hotel, **The Glasgow Thistle**, this evening. (B,D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14: Edinburgh.

Our day is spent in heart of Old Town Edinburgh where we shall visit:

Edinburgh Castle - Edinburgh Castle dominates the city centre skyline like no other castle in Britain. Over one thousand years of history sits on top of the famous Edinburgh rock and it is easy to see why over a million visitors a year visit the castle. Here we will view the 'Honours of Scotland' (The Crown Jewels).

The Royal Palace of Holyrood – Founded as a monastery in 1128, the Palace of Holyrood is the Queen's official royal residence of Scotland. Situated at the bottom of the Royal Mile, the Palace of Holyrood is closely associated with Scotland's turbulent past, including Mary Queen of Scots, who lived here between 1561 and 1567. Successive kings and queens have made the Palace of Holyrood the premier royal residence in Scotland. Today, the palace is the setting for many State ceremonies and official entertaining.

Free Time- We shall have some free time to browse the countless shops on Princes Street or The Royal Mile, before returning to Glasgow today.

Dinner will be at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15: Glasgow to Lake District.

Today we leave Scotland and cross the border into England. What better place to start our English journey than in the Lake District!

Driving through the Lake District we arrive at the hamlet of Grasmere (home and burial place to William Wordsworth). Here we shall visit Dove Cottage and the Wordsworth museum. Free time is a must to peruse this lovely town with its setting in the heart of the Lake District.

Just a short drive from Grasmere is our hotel for the next 3 nights. Overlooking Lake Windermere is the Belsfield Hotel. Situated in the heart of Bowness, you are in a perfect location to visit the many shops and establishments in this picturesque town.

Dinner is at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 16: Lake District.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17: Lake District.

During the next two days our group will be divided into two. This will allow you to maximise your time spent with **Lillian Hedley** and **Celia Eddy** during our special time in the Lake District.

GROUP 1: This group will enjoy a full day workshop with one of England's renowned North Country Quilters, **Lillian Hedley**. Those of us who were at Beamish will remember Lillian and her tremendous hand stencilling skills.

GROUP 2: Our second group will spend the day with **Celia Eddy**; quilt maker, author and teacher.

Regarded as one of the most knowledgeable quilt historians in Britain, Celia will open up her home to view quilts and talk about the history of patchwork and quilting in Britain. In the afternoon, Celia will take us for a tour of the quilt exhibit at Tullie House Museum.

Dinner will be back at our hotel this evening. (B,D)

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18: Gawthorpe Hall.

After breakfast, we leave the beautiful surroundings of Lake Windermere and head south towards Birmingham.

En route to Birmingham, we are stopping at the wonderful Elizabethan estate of **Gawthorpe Hall**. It is here that we shall meet curator, Gail Marsh, who will prepare an array of quilts for your viewing. These quilts have been in storage for several years, and are being specially presented for our private viewing only. This truly is a special addition to the journey!

From Gawthorpe Hall, we continue south this afternoon to our final destination, Warwick. Located in the heart of Shakespeare Country, we spend the next two nights at **The Warwick Hilton Hotel**.

Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **(B,D)**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19: 'Festival of Quilts'.

Just a short drive from our hotel is the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, host to the **'Festival of Quilts Championship'**. With more than 1000 quilts in competition, 170 vendors and 30 galleries, there is "something for everyone" at this wonderful show. Sponsored by The Quilter's Guild of the British Isles, this is the most significant quilting event in Europe.

Just in case some of us have made several purchases, we will be thankful for the relaxing, hassle free coach ride back to the hotel. **(B,D)**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20: 'Festival of Quilts'.

Today we return to the N.E.C. Exhibition Centre and attend the 'Festival of Quilts', an opportunity to visit more exhibits and participate in workshops!

This afternoon, we depart for the glorious and ancient city of Bath. Situated on the River Avon, this city spans more than 5000 years of history.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening, **The Bath Hilton**. **(B,D)**

SATURDAY AUGUST 21: American Museum, Bath.

Today we stay in the ancient and beautiful city of Bath. The morning has been dedicated to our private, guided tour of the American Museum.

American Museum - The museum, amongst many things, has an extensive array of quilts for us to view. Navajo weavings, American woven coverlets and hooked rugs are also on display.

Free Afternoon- Jenny shall give us a panoramic tour of Georgian Bath followed by free time to enjoy one of England's prettiest cities.

Dinner will be at our hotel tonight. **(B,D)**

SUNDAY AUGUST 22: Stonehenge, Windsor.

This morning we leave Bath and head towards London, but not before visiting:

Stonehenge - Located an hour east of Bath lies one of Britain's most recognised heritage sites; Stonehenge. The largest circle of stones in the world, Stonehenge was built by pre-historic man from huge stones quarried many, many miles away. Stonehenge still mystifies scholars of today.

Royal Windsor - This ancient 7th century Saxon town is now the location of Windsor and Windsor Castle. Originally built by William The Conqueror, this is the largest inhabited castle in the world. One of the Queen's three official residences, Windsor is said to be her favourite. Subject to opening times, we shall be able to visit St Georges Chapel (where The Ceremony of The Garter is held).

Our final resting place today is the **Gatwick Hilton Hotel**. Conveniently located for our Monday morning departure, we will have the opportunity to reflect upon and share our thoughts on our memorable journey. **(B,D)**

MONDAY, AUGUST 23: Homeward Bound.

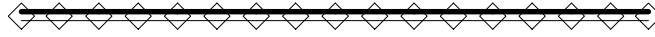
After a truly memorable journey, we check-out from our hotel and depart for our 10:30 a.m. departure from London's Gatwick airport. Here we say goodbye to Jenny and our coach driver.

WELCOME HOME!

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

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INCLUSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS

Airfare from New York to Britain
First Class accommodation
Breakfast & Dinner Daily
Luxury coach transportation
Escorted by Rita Barrow Barber
Guided by Jenny Denton
Private quilt viewing Paisley museum, Glasgow
Private quilt viewing at Tullie House, Carlisle
Private quilt viewing at Gawthorpe Hall
Private quilt viewing at American Museum, Bath
Private visit to the house and collection of Celia Eddy
Workshops with Lillian Hedley
Two days at FESTIVAL OF QUILTS (Europe's largest quilt show)
Guided tours of Edinburgh, Lake District, Stratford, Bath
Visit onboard The Royal Yacht Britannia
Plus much more



Brought back, by popular demand, this journey was completely sold out one year in advance,
when we went in 2008.

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Space is limited to don't be disappointed and register early.



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QUILTING TOUR OF SCOTLAND & ENGLAND

12 – 23 AUGUST, 2010 INFORMATION

INCLUDED IN PRICE

Air Travel: Round trip from Newark, New Jersey. Fares from other cities available upon request.

Hotels:

Thistle Hotel, Glasgow. 2 nights
Belsfield Hotel, Bowness on Windermere. 3 nights
Hilton Hotel, Warwick. 2 nights
Hilton Hotel, Bath. 2 nights
Hilton Hotel, Gatwick. 1 night

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily with tea and coffee.

Transportation: Air-conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Tour Guide: Government licensed Tour Manager Jenny Denton, once again, guides us through England.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Embarkation Package: An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Lunches: (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

Air Transportation Taxes: Currently \$255.
(Fuel surcharges included but are subject to change.)

Visa Fees: None for this tour.

Comprehensive Travel Insurance: Policy premiums will differ depending on age. Detailed insurance information will be sent with your deposit receipt.

Gratuities: This will be collected at time of full payment (equivalent to \$105. USD).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months validity. USA and Canadian passport holders do not currently require a visa for Britain.

Inoculation: Not a current requirement.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservations requests will be taken, but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and Final Payment: A deposit of \$300. (USD) plus insurance is required with the tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment.

Travel Insurance: Comprehensive Travel Policy includes 'trip cancellation' coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties. Conditions apply, so please ask for more details.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety. Quilter Heritage Celebration reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

12-DAY TOUR PROGRAM

NEW YORK PRICE: \$3,295 USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$399 USD

Prices available from most N. American departure cities.
Please ask for details.

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