



The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA



Scotland **Grand Houses & Gardens**

September 15–23, 2017

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

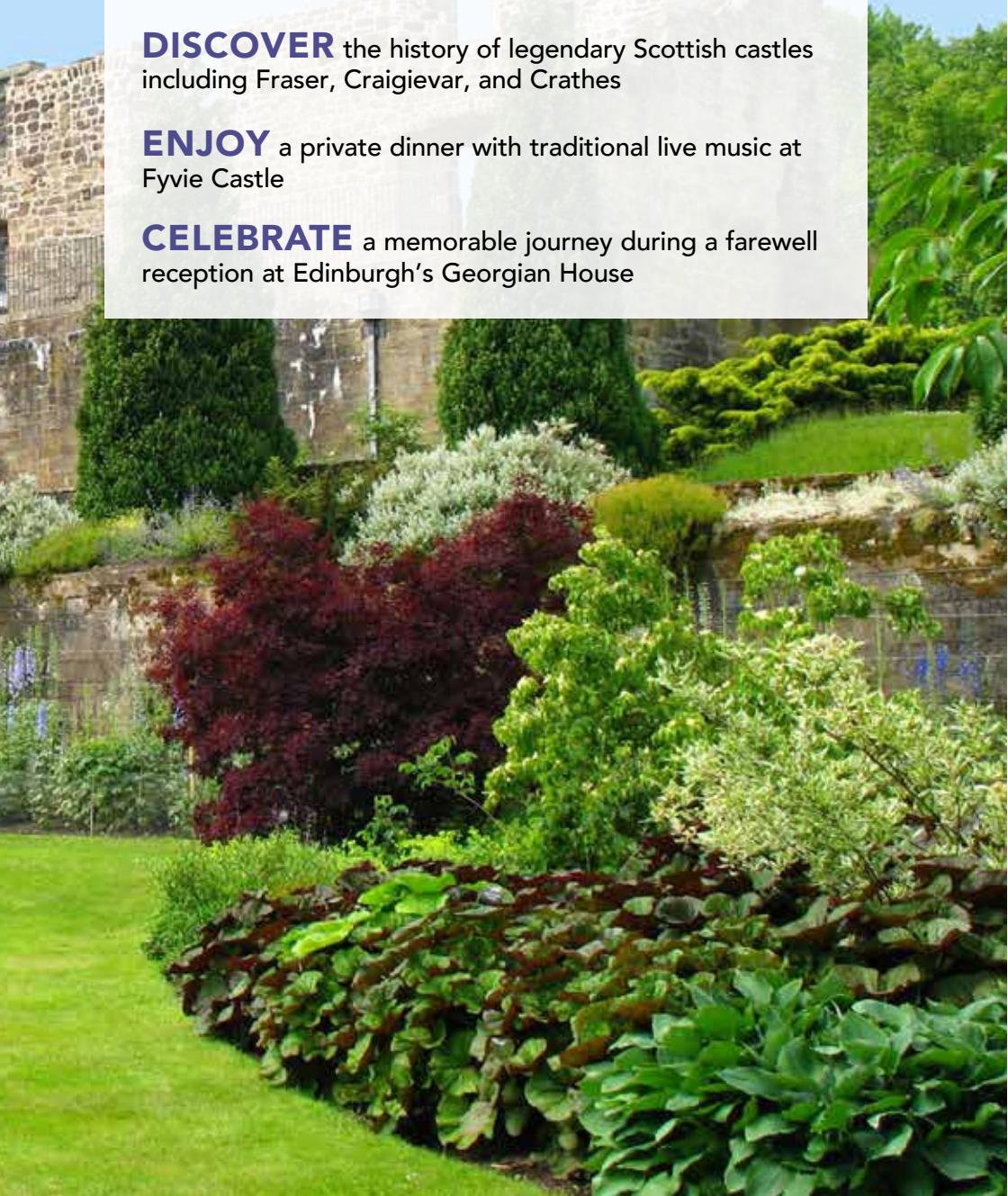
EXPLORE magnificent NTS properties such as Haddo House, designed by Robert Adam, and Newhailes, a carefully conserved neo-Palladian villa

LEARN about Glasgow alongside an art historian during a full day's tour focusing on the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh

DISCOVER the history of legendary Scottish castles including Fraser, Craigievar, and Crathes

ENJOY a private dinner with traditional live music at Fyvie Castle

CELEBRATE a memorable journey during a farewell reception at Edinburgh's Georgian House





The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA

Dear Members and Friends of The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA:

From the vibrant capital of Edinburgh to the historic city of Glasgow, Scotland is an enchanting destination. I invite you to join us in September as we discover some of the country's most spectacular houses and gardens, including many National Trust for Scotland properties.

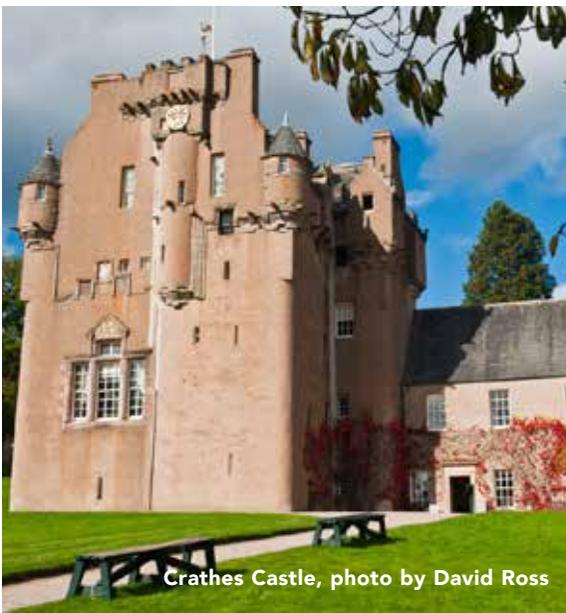
In Edinburgh, enjoy a stroll through the Malleny Gardens with David Mitchell, one of Scotland's foremost gardening experts. We will also tour iconic Edinburgh Castle and visit Dirleton, a fortress castle with delightful gardens, as well as Newhailes, a magnificent neo-Palladian mansion. Spend a full day exploring Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, where highlights include an architectural tour with an art historian. Visit stately mansions including Pollok House, where the NTS charter was signed, and view exquisite works of art.

Travel to Aberdeen to discover historic properties including Fyvie Castle, where we will be treated to a special dinner with live music. We will also visit Craigievar Castle, Crathes Castle, and Castle Fraser. At Drum Castle, one of Scotland's oldest tower houses, we will see the private contemporary art gallery in the upper rooms and walk through one of the oldest woodlands in the UK. Conclude in Edinburgh for a special reception at the magnificently restored Georgian House.

I hope you will join us on this extraordinary journey to experience Scotland's natural and cultural treasures.

Sincerely,

Kirstin Bridier
Executive Director
The National Trust for
Scotland Foundation USA



Crathes Castle, photo by David Ross

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: U.S. DEPARTURE

Depart the United States on an overnight flight to Edinburgh.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Arrive in Edinburgh this morning and transfer to the Waldorf Astoria, located in the heart of the city. This afternoon tour Edinburgh Castle and see the Crown Jewels of Scotland, among other treasures. Return to the hotel for a welcome cocktail and dinner. D

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: EDINBURGH

This morning visit Malleny Gardens, a hidden treasure surrounded by woodland, in the company of David Mitchell, one of Scotland's foremost gardening experts. Continue to Newhailes, a magnificent neo-Palladian mansion with rococo interiors. After lunch visit Dirleton, a fortress castle with enchanting gardens and medieval towers, dating from 1240. Dinner is at leisure. B,L

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: EDINBURGH / GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Spend the day in Glasgow, a splendidly restored Victorian metropolis. An architectural city tour with art historian Dr. Evelyn Silber includes George Square, the 19th-century city center, the Reid Building, and the Glasgow School of Art, designed by celebrated architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Following lunch, explore Mackintosh's finest residential creation, The Hill House, with a conservation surveyor, and Pollok House, where the National Trust for Scotland charter was signed. Return to Edinburgh for an evening at leisure. B,L

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: EDINBURGH / ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND

Depart for Falkland Palace, country residence of the Stuart monarchs for 200 years, set in a charming village with extensive gardens. Following lunch, visit Glamis Castle, the family home of the Earls of Strathmore since 1372, and walk in the elegant gardens. Check in at Ardoe House, a luxurious modern hotel crafted from a 19th-century mansion. B,L,D



Edinburgh Castle, photo by Mari Smith (left) and George Square, Glasgow (right)



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: ABERDEEN

Drive to the stunning Pitmedden Gardens, with its miles of intricately arranged box hedge. Continue through the countryside to Haddo House, designed by Robert Adam and set in a country park with lakes and woodland. An NTS curator will speak on the probable Raphael painting discovered there. After lunch at a local pub, explore historic Fyvie Castle with its superb collection of arms, armor, and paintings, including works by Raeburn and Gainsborough. Enjoy live traditional music during an informal dinner at the castle. B,L,D

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: ABERDEEN

Set out over rolling hills to see Craigievar Castle, one of the finest examples of Scottish Baronial architecture. The castle, home to a fine collection of family portraits, is surrounded by extensive parkland grounds. In the afternoon drive to atmospheric Castle Fraser, whose Great Hall dates to the 1400s and Round Tower offers panoramic views of the estate. Dinner is at leisure. B,L

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: ABERDEEN / EDINBURGH

En route to Edinburgh, visit Drum Castle, seat of the Irvine family for 650 years and one of the oldest tower houses in Scotland. In the company of a curator, enjoy a private visit to the contemporary art gallery in the upper rooms, followed by a walk with a ranger in one of the oldest woodlands in the UK. Drive through the countryside to Crathes Castle, a 16th-century tower house with wonderful gardens. Back in Edinburgh, attend a special reception at the Georgian House before our farewell dinner. B,R,D

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: EDINBURGH / U.S. RETURN

Depart Edinburgh this morning for the airport and flights home. B

The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.



Glamis Castle, photo by Sandy Stevenson

ACCOMMODATIONS

THE WALDORF ASTORIA

For over a hundred years, The Waldorf has embodied the best in Scottish hospitality. Centrally located on Princes Street near Edinburgh Castle, the hotel features a Guerlain Spa, state-of-the-art fitness facilities, and two restaurants operated by Michelin-starred brothers.



ARDOE HOUSE

Inspired by the royal residence at Balmoral Castle, just a few miles upstream, Ardoe House is a luxurious modern hotel, beautifully crafted from an imposing 19th-century mansion. It is a brilliant marriage of Victorian opulence and contemporary elegance, with intricately carved staircases, enormous fireplaces, and rich wood paneling.



Crathes Castle

PROGRAM RATE *per person* \$5,495

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,195

RATE INCLUDES

- Seven nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, R = Reception, D = Dinner). Bottled water and coffee / tea with included meals, house wine / beer at dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Airport / hotel group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATE International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than wine / beer at included dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Room Preference

One bed

Two beds

Single

I wish to share a room with _____

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