

## Scottish Highlands

August 4 - 7 nights - *Back for 2010 – with a twist* Tour Leader: David Leitch

**Hotels:** *The Dowan – Aberlour – 6 nights*



*The Parklands – Perth – 1 night*



**Price:** £1495 per person. All rooms en-suite

**Train Meeting:** Edinburgh Waverly Station

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Come and join David Leitch once again as he welcomes and guides you through some of the most majestic scenes in the Highlands of Scotland. Last run in 2008 and now back **with a few itinerary changes**, your tour will allow you to experience some of the greatest mountain vistas to be seen anywhere and will take you on adventures through the Spey Valley, beautiful Royal Deeside and the tranquil Moray Coast.

Your tour begins with your arrival at Edinburgh where David will gather the tour party together before heading north towards the gateway to the Highlands. The first evening comprises a short drive to your transit nights' accommodation where you will enjoy Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at the Parklands Hotel in Perth, before the first full day of your tour.

The following morning see the tour continue on its journey north as it meanders through the Cairngorm and Grampian mountain ranges with some of the most remote and magnificent scenery in the UK. Then at the end of the day, you arrive at the village of Aberlour on the banks of the river Spey where you will spend the next 6 nights enjoying the warm welcome, elegant accommodation and first class dining at the Dowans Hotel. Originally built over 100 years ago as a private residence, the beautiful baronial style 19 bedroom hotel is set high on the picturesque Spey Valley and overlooks the village and river below. Complete with its own a la carte restaurant, gardens and pond, the Dowans Hotel provides a wonderful setting for you to relax and enjoy the elegance of a fine Scottish Highland hotel. Over the next 5 days you can marvel at some of the most outstanding scenery and byways throughout the Highlands. You will visit several beautiful castles and gardens which **may** include Ballindalloch, Crathes and Cawdor (Shakespeare's setting for MacBeth), also possibly enjoy the peaceful setting of the working Pluscarden monastery; and witness first hand the making of whisky distilleries that liberally occupy your touring area! The Cairngorm Mountain funicular tramway will transport you into the very heart and summit of the highest peaks in the UK, whilst the nostalgic Spey Valley Steam Railway is the perfect setting for a Byways picnic lunch. On the final evening, David and his wife Heather will welcome you into their home overlooking the sea at Burghead where you will be treated to some authentic, home-made Scottish cuisine, hospitality and entertainment. The following day you will leave the Dowans and David will return you to Edinburgh to catch you train or plane home.



For more details about David please see the who's who section

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