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Tour Proposal for:

Westminster Presbyterian Chancel Choir

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Performance Tour of Scotland

9 Days/7 Nights, June 19 - 27, 2025



TRC PERFORMANCE TOURS

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Itinerary #3, Edition #1

Date of this Proposal: May 20, 2024

DEPART FROM PHILADELPHIA

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Gather at Philadelphia International Airport. Check in for flight to Heathrow.

Meals: Dinner, breakfast and entertainment provided by the airline in flight

HEATHROW / GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Friday, June 20, 2025

Friday morning we land at London-Heathrow, and have a short connecting flight to Glasgow International Airport. We transfer to the city center, leave our luggage at the hotel, and have free time to explore and have lunch in our small groups. **Guided Walking Tour of Glasgow.** In the late afternoon we return to the hotel, check in and have dinner together. Welcome to Scotland!

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner provided

EXCURSION TO STIRLING CASTLE / FALKIRK WHEEL

Saturday, June 21, 2025

After breakfast, load the motorcoach and depart for **Stirling Castle** (the entrance is included as part of our Scottish Explorers Pass). We present a mid-morning **Informal Concert** (Royal Chapel tbc). Free time for an independent lunch at the castle canteen, then depart for the **Falkirk Wheel**. The Falkirk Wheel was a Millenium Project, reconnecting the two main canals of Scotland, which differ in height by more than 100 ft. Google it! We will take a voyage in the wheel, experiencing the Archimedes Principle for ourselves. Return to Glasgow, with the evening free and dinner independent.

Meals: Breakfast provided

WELLINGTON CHURCH / OBAN

Sunday, June 22, 2025

This morning we check out of the hotel, load the luggage on the motorcoach and transfer to the **Wellington Church**, an historic local parish with a strong church music tradition. We have a **Service Participation** (tbc) this morning, then depart for the Western port city of Oban. En route we stop in **Inverary**, for an independent lunch. Continue to Oban, and check into the hotel this evening, with dinner provided.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner provided

EXCURSION TO IONA ISLAND

Monday, June 23, 2025

We collect our sack lunches from the hotel desk after an early breakfast, walking to the ferry terminal for our early morning ferry to the **Isle of Mull**. Next we transfer to the **Isle of Iona**, where we visit **Iona Abbey** (entrance included as part of the Explorer's Pass). We have a mid-afternoon **Informal Concert** (Iona Abbey tbc), then we return by bus and ferry to Oban. Dinner independent in Oban.

Meals: Breakfast provided

EXCURSION TO STAFFA ISLAND/EDINBURGH

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

We check out of our rooms and leave our luggage with the hotel porters. We collect our sack lunches from the hotel desk after an early breakfast, walking to the ferry terminal for our early morning ferry to the **Isle of Mull**. Here we board a waiting motorcoach to bring us to the opposite side of the island, where a private boat takes us to **Staffa Island**. Staffa is a basaltic formation (very interesting – Google it!). June is puffin season on Staffa, so we should have the chance to view these darling migratory birds chirp and peck, then fly back out to sea. Return to Oban in the afternoon. We load the luggage and depart. Dinner provided en route.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner provided

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

After breakfast we walk to **St. Giles, Cathedral** where we have an **Acoustical Rehearsal** prior to our **Lunchtime Concert** in St. Giles Cathedral (tbc). Free time for lunch in our small groups. Mid-afternoon we walk up the Royal Mile to **Edinburgh Castle** (entrance included with the Explorer's Pass). Evening free and dinner independent. This is still one of the longest days of the year, so it is light until nearly 10:00pm. One Edinburgh tradition is to hike up to **Arthur's Seat**, which gives a beautiful view of the sunset (good walking/hiking shoes encouraged).

Meals: Breakfast provided

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Thursday, June 26, 2025

This morning we have a **Guided Walking Tour** of Edinburgh, and we finish before lunch. and the remainder of the morning and afternoon are free for you to explore Edinburgh, and you can still put your Explorer's Pass to good use. Also, the National Gallery does not have a set entrance fee, but a suggested donation. This evening we have our **Farewell Banquet**, with great food, toasts, and a celebration of a great 10 days together! Late return to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast and Farewell Banquet provided

FLYING HOME / HIGHLAND EXTENSION TOUR

Friday, June 27, 2025

Note: Pending interest, a 3-night extension tour will be planned for the Scottish Highlands, staying near Inverness, and also including the Isle of Skye and the Glencoe Valley.

Check out of the hotel this morning, load the motorcoach and transfer to **Edinburgh Airport**. Our flight home departs in the late morning. Our connection returns to Philadelphia in the early evening. Welcome Home!

Meals: Breakfast provided (with additional airline meals provided in flight)

Land Tour Specifics:

7 nights accommodation in tourist class hotels, in double and twin rooms with private bath
Deluxe Private Motorcoach as per the land portion of the itinerary
All ferries to Mull, Iona and Staffa Islands (2 days)
Buffet breakfast daily, 1 Lunch and 4 Dinners provided
4 - 5 Performances (Lunchtime Concert, a Service Participation and Informal Performances)
Scottish Explorer Pass, including entrances to Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle, and Iona Abbey
One TRC Tour Manager throughout the land portion of the itinerary
All gratuities to bus drivers, tour managers, local guides and group meal waitstaff included
Registration and Payments processed through the TRC Tour Portal on GroupCollect.com
A Comprehensive Travel Protection Plan will be offered through GroupCollect.com
A Pre-Tour Meeting with TRC Staff to review the itinerary and answer questions
Prices based on an exchange of \$1 = £ 0.75 (British Pounds)

Estimated Group Air Price (per person):

Base Airfare: \$699 Estimated Taxes: \$771 Est. Total: **\$ 1,470**

Tour Prices (per person):	<u>Land only</u>		<u>Airfare</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
50 total participants:	\$ 3,012	+	\$1,470	=	\$ 4,482
80 total participants:	\$ 3,011	+	\$1,470	=	\$ 4,481

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Extension Tour of the Scottish Highlands

4 Days/3 Nights, June 27 - 30, 2025

EXTENSION TOUR / DUNFERMLINE / DALWHINNIE / SHEEP DOGS

Friday, June 27, 2025

Extension Tour travelers check out of the hotel after breakfast, as we depart for **Dunfermline Abbey and Castle**. We depart for Perth, our lunch stop. Mid-afternoon we visit the **Dalwhinnie Distillery**, where we have a **Whisky Tasting**. In the late afternoon we have a **Sheepdog Demonstration**, then continue on to the hotel. Dinner provided in the hotel this evening.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner provided

ISLE OF SKYE / EILEAN DONAN CASTLE / KILT ROCK

Saturday, June 28, 2025

We have an excursion to the Isle of Skye, stopping at **Eilean Donan Castle**, then continuing on to Portree for an independent lunch. On our return we stop to see **Kilt Rock**. On our return to the hotel we stop for an independent dinner in **Inverness**. Return to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast provided

JACOBITE CRUISE / URQUHART CASTLE / GLENCOE VALLEY

Sunday, June 29, 2025

We check out of the hotel, departing for Loch Ness. We board the **“Clansman Cruise”**, a Jacobite History Cruise and take it one-way to **Urquhart Castle**. We have time to visit the castle and have an independent lunch at the pub onsite. Mid-afternoon we depart for what will be a highlight of the trip, the magnificent peaks and waterfalls of the **Glencoe Valley**. We continue on to Glasgow, checking in to the hotel. Our **Farewell Banquet** is hosted by the **Shandon Belles**, a traditional Scottish Pub Restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner provided

END OF TOUR / RETURN FLIGHT HOME

Monday, June 30, 2025

We take the hotel shuttle to the airport, checking in for our return flight to Philadelphia. Our flight lands mid-afternoon. Welcome home!

Meals: Breakfast provided

Extension Tour Specifics:

3 nights accommodation in tourist class hotels, in double and twin rooms with private bath
Deluxe Private Motorcoach as per the land portion of the itinerary
Buffet breakfast daily and 2 Dinners provided
Scottish Explorer Pass included (continuation from the Main Tour)
Jacobite Cruise included
Whiskey Tasting included
Scottish Sheepdog Demonstration included
One TRC Tour Manager throughout the land portion of the extension itinerary
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14 total participants:	\$ 1,518	+	\$3,012	+	\$1,470	= \$ 6,000
18 total participants:	\$ 1,504	+	\$3,012	+	\$1,470	= \$ 5,986
22 total participants:	\$ 1,399	+	\$3,012	+	\$1,470	= \$ 5,881
26 total participants:	\$ 1,252	+	\$3,012	+	\$1,470	= \$ 5,734