

THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER

Do take your mobile phone with you to keep in touch (my no: 07966 640771)

We leave for Edinburgh (just over an hour away) visiting **The Georgian House** in Charlotte Square for a Guided Tour. *(Bring your National Trust membership)*

In the late 1700s, this grand townhouse was at the heart of Edinburgh's New Town development. The house was designed by acclaimed architect Robert Adam and was a true statement of luxury in an era of enlightenment.

The house has been magnificently restored to show a typical Edinburgh New Town house of the late 18th and early 19th century. The fine collections of period furniture, porcelain, silver and glass reflect the social and economic context of the time. The kitchen and servants' room give a glimpse of the arduous 'below stairs' life of the servants.

There is then free time in Edinburgh for you to use as you please: the Royal Mile, the National Gallery of Scotland, Royal Yacht Britannia etc. (If it is your first visit then one of the many hop-on-hop-off buses are recommended.)

An optional visit is to the Palace of Holyrood House where we shall meet the coach to take us back to the hotel. There is no official guide but a multi-media handset is available. (This is not included in the cost of the Tour.)

The Palace as it stands today was built between 1671–1678 in a quadrangle layout, with the exception of the 16th-century north-west tower built by James V. Sir William Bruce designed the 3-storey plus attic classical palace for Charles II, upon the restoration of the monarchy.

The rooms open to the public include the 17th-century former King's apartments and Great Gallery, and the 16th-century apartments in the north-west tower.

The gardens of the palace extend to some 10 acres set within the much larger Holyrood Park. In the 16th-century a privy garden was located to the north of the palace. In the 19th century, Prince Albert took an interest in the grounds, forming a new carriage drive to the north to avoid the Canongate slums and laying out the garden in its present form.

FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER

Depart for Brushford .

On our journey south we will call at Shugborough Estate for a two hour break. This is a National Trust property has a tea room and shop. Please bring your membership card if you have one (otherwise entry is £12.90)

We aim to arrive at Brushford Parish Hall at approximately 6pm but when we get close, you may wish to phone ahead to anyone expecting you.

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MONDAY 11th to FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER 2021

We will be travelling by Blakes Coaches of East Anstey.

There will be plenty of room to spread out as we are aiming for 25 members and friends in a 53-seater coach.

We will be staying at the 3-star Radstone Hotel, Larkhall (ML9 2TZ) overlooking the scenic Clyde Valley. The Hotel was opened in 2012 and is set in extensive grounds. All rooms are en-suite.

We begin the day with a full Scottish breakfast and end the day with dinner.

Tripadvisor reviews the hotel:

“Radstone Hotel, following new management and extensive refurbishment, is a luxury hotel tucked away in rural Lanarkshire within the picturesque Clyde Valley. The spacious and unique hotel combines modern and eclectic styles, resulting in a dynamic atmosphere. Be impressed by the grand foyer, perfect for meeting your friends and colleagues whether for a relaxing coffee or special occasion. The Opal Restaurant offers the ultimate social and dining experience, with a varied menu to choose from.”

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All entry fees are included but please bring your National Trust membership card which is often accepted.

Please also bring your mobile phone and have it switched on at all times.

MONDAY 11th OCTOBER

Depart from Brushford Parish Hall at 7.45am (cars may be parked at the Hall for a small charge.)

On the journey north we will be stopping at Dunham Massey for a 2 hour break. This National Trust property has a cafe, restaurant, shop, garden, stables and mill. Please bring your membership card if you have one (otherwise entry is £9.50.)

TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER

This morning we travel for about an hour to Dumfries House where we take the 90 minute guided grand tour where in addition to the principal floor we have extended access to the interiors. Our visit will include a light lunch and the opportunity to tour the gardens.



Dumfries House is a Palladian country house located within a large estate. It is one of the few such houses with much of its original 18th-century furniture still present, including specially commissioned Thomas Chippendale pieces. Owing to its significance and the risk of the furniture collection being distributed and auctioned, in 2007 the estate and its entire contents was purchased for £45m for the country by a consortium headed by Charles, Prince of Wales.

WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER



It is less than 30 miles to visit **The Burrell Collection.**

The eclectic collection was acquired over many years by Sir William Burrell, a wealthy Glaswegian shipping magnate and art collector, who then gave it to the city of Glasgow Corporation in 1944.† The gift was made on the

condition that the collection was to be housed in a building 16 miles (26 km) from the centre of Glasgow, to show the works to their greatest advantage, and to avoid the damaging effects of air pollution at the time.

The Collection has been closed for refurbishment for a number of years and is due to re-open in Spring 2021. We have hopes that this will not have been further delayed but...*

Hill House, Helensburgh

It is a 45 minute drive to visit the masterpiece of Charles Rennie Macintosh. Designed and built for Walter Blackie in 1902-04, he designed most of the interior, furniture and fittings.

It is in the hands on the National Trust for Scotland - so bring your NT membership card if you have one.



* Should we be unable to visit The Burrell Collection then other possibilities include Pollock House - "a sumptuous country House" - or Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in the entire of Glasgow.