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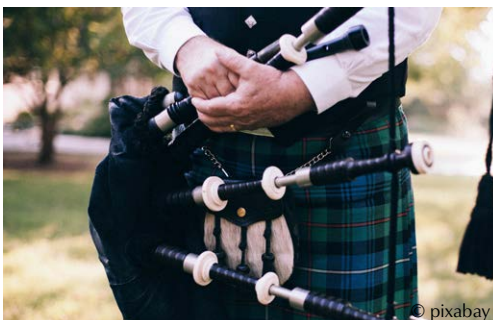
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Scotland

Landscapes, Lochs &
World Pipe Band Championships



August 10-18, 2024 (9 days)
with **Professor of Geology Kelly MacGregor**



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Travel with Macalester Alumni, Family & Friends

Macalester College Faculty Leader



Dr. Kelly MacGregor is a Professor of Geology at Macalester College, where she has been teaching since 2003. She has a B.A. in Geology (and almost Art History!) from Williams College, and a Ph.D. in Earth Sciences from UC Santa Cruz. Professor

MacGregor is a geomorphologist – someone who studies the dynamic forces that shape the Earth’s surface – and has an interest in how humans interact with landscapes. Her expertise in glacier dynamics and subglacial erosion has brought her to work and live on glaciers in Alaska, British Columbia, Montana, and Argentina. Professor MacGregor once spent eight weeks on an Alaskan glacier without leaving (and without a shower). She was a postdoctoral fellow at the US Geological Survey in Menlo Park, CA, where she studied the impact of dams on water and sediment transport in the Columbia River Basin. Professor MacGregor is currently working on several projects, including using lake sediment cores to understand climate and environmental change in Glacier National Park, Montana, over the past 18,000 years, and examining interactions between sediment and native mussels in rivers and lakes in Minnesota. Her recent work is focused on landscape changes over the last century in response to anthropogenic changes. Professor MacGregor teaches courses in Environmental Geology, Geomorphology, Dynamic Earth and Global Change, Geocinema, Surface and Groundwater Hydrology, and Art and Science of Landscapes. She enjoys reading YA and vampire romance novels, gardening, sweating in her backyard sauna, running, cooking, and cross-country skiing.

Dear Macalester alumni and friends,

We are excited to celebrate Macalester’s Sesquicentennial in Scotland! You are cordially invited to join Dr. Kelly MacGregor, Macalester College Professor of Geology, plus an expert Scottish guide on this special trip celebrating Macalester’s 150th anniversary. We have reserved nine double accommodations and two singles for our group. After these rooms are booked, we will request additional rooms on a space-available basis, so please do not wait—confirm your reservation today. The trip will end with the World Pipe Band Championships, where I will join you all to celebrate and cheer on our Scots.

Highlights:

- Explore spectacular Highland scenery of lochs and mountains that are dotted with castles and charming towns.
- Learn about the geology and cultural history of Scotland.
- Enjoy a 150th anniversary happy hour reception with our pipe band members and fellow alumni.
- Attend the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle.
- Visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the British Royal Family’s official residence in Scotland, and visit The Royal Yacht Britannia.
- Visit Edinburgh and Cawdor Castles as well as Stirling Castle, whose steep cliffs are even more impressive than those at Edinburgh Castle.
- Look out for “Nessie” during a cruise on famous Loch Ness.
- Explore Glasgow’s Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, which houses one of Europe’s great art collections.

Feel free to share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you. I hope you will join Professor MacGregor for this unique, sesquicentennial celebration tour!

Yours,

Dr. Suzanne M. Rivera
President, Macalester College



Cover: (Main) Cawdor Castle, (bottom from left) bagpiper, Glasgow, Highland sheep

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park



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- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops
- 🚢 Cruise excursion
- ✈ Flights

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B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • R=Reception • D= Dinner

Saturday, August 10, 2024: Fly to Edinburgh, Scotland

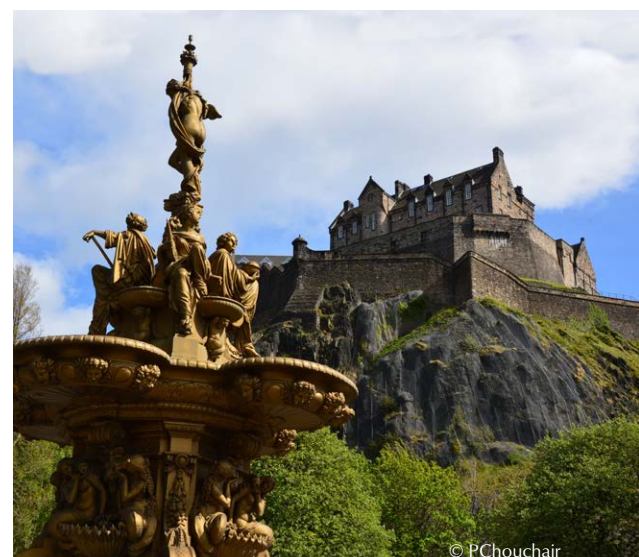
Depart home on flights to Edinburgh Airport (EDI).

Sunday, August 11: Arrive Edinburgh | Edinburgh: Walking tour, Edinburgh Castle | Transfer to hotel | Welcome dinner

Arrive at Edinburgh Airport and transfer to the city center to enjoy a walking tour of one of Europe's most charming capital cities. We also visit iconic Edinburgh Castle, set atop an ancient volcano in the heart of the city, which was fortification for the city for 900 years. Our visit will include the early 16th-century Great Hall, with a superb wooden roof and displays of weapons and armor; Mons Meg, one of the world's oldest cannons; and St. Margaret's Chapel, the oldest building in Edinburgh. Continue on to our hotel to check-in and get settled before we gather for a welcome dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hilton Edinburgh Carlton](#) for two nights.* (D)

Monday, August 12: Edinburgh: Palace of Holyroodhouse, The Royal Yacht Britannia | Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

This morning we visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, located at the foot of the Royal Mile, which has been the British Royal Family's official residence in Scotland since the 16th century. After an independent lunch, we set out for Edinburgh's historic port of Leith to visit The Royal Yacht Britannia. This former floating palace was built in Scotland and has served the British Royal Family for over 40 years. After an early independent dinner, enjoy a performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo – a spectacular show of military and cultural performances on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. (B)



Photos (from top) Highland Cow, Palace of Holyroodhouse (Edinburgh), Edinburgh Castle

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Tuesday, August 13: Speyside: Whisky distillery | Cawdor Castle and Gardens | Inverness

After checking out of our hotel this morning we journey north, driving through stunning scenery. We will stop at one of Scotland's popular whisky distilleries and take a guided tour to see the production process firsthand. At the end of the tour we will enjoy a 'wee dram' or two. After lunch on our own, we visit Cawdor Castle and Gardens, a magnificent example of a Scottish castle dating from the late 14th century. We arrive in Inverness, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Kingsmills Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,D)

Wednesday, August 14: Culloden Battlefield | Loch Ness cruise | Inverness

Today we continue our exploration of the Scottish Highlands, beginning with a visit to Culloden Battlefield, fascinating site of the final battle of the 1745 Jacobite Uprising. Learn about this short and extremely bloody battle, the last to take place on mainland British soil. Next, take a cruise on Loch Ness, which is roughly 23 miles long and contains more fresh water than all the lakes in England and Wales combined! It is world famous for the many alleged sightings of 'Nessie' - the Loch Ness Monster. Return to the charming city of Inverness, the largest city and the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands. Enjoy a guided walk around the city, easily walkable due to its compact nature, and take in the lovely River Ness and views of historic Inverness Castle. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B)



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Photos (from top): Loch Ness, Loch Lomond, The Old Leanach Farmhouse at Culloden Battlefield, Glencoe, (inset) Cooperage in Speyside



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Thursday, August 15: Scenic drive to Dunblane

After breakfast, we head south to Dunblane and enjoy beautiful scenery along the way. We will pass through the valley of Glencoe and briefly stop to take in the majestic mountain peaks that surround us. We will travel through Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, taking in the stunning scenery of the Park's beautiful mountains, glens, and lochs. As we continue our journey to Dunblane, we travel down the side of Loch Lomond and briefly stop in the picturesque village of Luss. Check-in to our hotel in Dunblane and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [DoubleTree by Hilton Dunblane Hydro](#).* (B,D)

Friday, August 16: Stirling Castle | Glasgow: Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum | 150th anniversary reception

After breakfast we drive south to Stirling. Due to its central location, strategically guarding a crossing of the River Forth, the magnificent Stirling Castle has seen some of the most important battles in Scottish history. We will explore the castle grounds and make a photostop for The National Wallace Monument, a 220-foot-tall tower overlooking Stirling. Continue on to Glasgow where we visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, which houses one of Europe's great art collections. This evening, we gather for a happy hour reception with our pipe band members and fellow alumni to celebrate Macalester's 150th anniversary. *Overnight at the 4-star [voco Grand Central Glasgow](#) for two nights.* (B,R)

Saturday, August 17: Glasgow: World Pipe Band Championships, Optional city walking tour | Farewell dinner

After breakfast, we attend the World Pipe Band Championships at Glasgow Green and cheer on Macalester bagpipers. Then you may choose to stay on at the Championships; join a guided walking tour of the city, from Glasgow Green to the city center; or take some time on your own for shopping or other independent pursuits. Gather this evening for a special farewell dinner. (B,D)

Sunday, August 18: Fly home

Transfer to Edinburgh Airport (EDI) for flights homeward. (B)

Photos (from top): The National Wallace Monument (Stirling), Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo performance, World Pipe Band Championships (Glasgow), Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum



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MODERATE: Must be able to walk one to three miles per day on mostly flat, but often uneven, terrain.

What to Expect

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps, some without handrails. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. Gratuities in Scotland are not required or expected, but are appreciated for exceptional service. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Average August temperatures in this region range from the mid-50s to mid-60s (F), and there is always the chance of rain. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Group transfers (times TBD) are included on your arrival at and for your departure from Edinburgh Airport (EDI). Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Photos: (left) Edinburgh, (next page from left) Glasgow, reindeer at Cairngorms National Park, Stirling Old Bridge



Tour Prices Per Person (7 nights)

Double Occupancy (18-20+ participants)	\$7,495
Double Occupancy (15-17 participants)	\$7,995
Single Supplement	\$1,599

We currently have enough rooms reserved for a maximum of 20 participants. This space is available on a first come, first served basis. Once those spaces are filled, all other reservation requests will be on a case-by-case basis, subject to availability, so call for your space today!

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).
With fewer than 15 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

Prices Include:

- Leadership of **Professor Kelly MacGregor**, plus a professional **tour manager and expert local guides**
- **Group arrival and departure airport transfers**
- **Seven nights at comfortable, well-located, 4-star hotels** as indicated
- **Delicious meals:** Breakfast daily, and four dinners including special welcome and farewell dinners. Meals include coffee/tea, and dinners include wine
- **All call reception**, including the Macalester Pipe Band members and other Macalester alumni
- Transportation by **modern, air-conditioned motorcoach**, including bottled water while touring
- **All excursions, entrance fees, and sightseeing**, including entrance fee to **the World Pipe Band Championships, a cruise on Loch Ness**, and a distillery tour and whisky tasting, as per itinerary
- **Gratuities** to waitstaff at included meals
- **Baggage handling** where available
- **VAT, local taxes, and service charges**
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; private airport transfers; passport and visa fees; airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of or fees for excess baggage; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, medical expenses, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; meals or beverages except as noted; deviations from scheduled tour; other items not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to reserve your space and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “Eos MAC-ScotlandAlum8/24.” Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure (May 2, 2024) and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

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Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, and the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and tour leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason. Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions are available upon request.

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RESERVATION FORM

To fill out an online reservation form, [click here](#). Or, print and mail or fax this form to the address below.



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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at (800) 856-8951 or eos@studytours.org.

Participant Name 1 (as it appears on passport) Macalester Class of:

Participant Name 2 (as it appears on passport) Macalester Class of:

Address

City State Zip

Phone (home) Phone (cell)

Email(s)

I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes,

How did you hear about this tour? eNewsletter mailing website friends/family other

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single

I will be sharing with: Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed). Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

Check payable to: Eos MAC-ScotlandAlum8/24 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

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Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement below. Submit via email, mail, or fax to:



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Signature (participant #1) Date

Signature (participant #2) Date

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