

Spring Tour to Perthshire

7 – 12 June 2023

From £1045 per person (based on minimum 25 paying guests)

Itinerary

Day 1 – Wednesday 7 June 2023

Travel independently to our comfortable accommodation at the **4-star Dunkeld House Hotel**, near Dunkeld. This country house hotel sits on 280 acres of woodland overlooking the River Tay, which is renowned for its famous salmon fishing. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea and coffee-making facilities and Wi-Fi. The hotel boasts a spa and health club with an indoor pool, sauna and steam room. Rooms will be available from 3.00pm.

At an agreed time, we will assemble for a welcome drink followed by dinner in the hotel this evening.

Day 2 – Thursday 8 June 2023

This morning, following breakfast, we travel to our first visit at **The Hermitage**, which is owned and managed by the National Trust for Scotland. The waterfalls, rapids and swirling pools of the River Braan provide the focal point for this wild 'tree garden'. Created by the Dukes of Atholl in the 18th century, it includes two romantic 'follies'. A short nature trail takes you through varied woodland, with a good chance of seeing red squirrels. Also featured is Britain's tallest tree, a stately Douglas fir measured at 64.5 metres (212 ft).



Continuing north we will take in the marvellous vista over Loch Tummel known as the **Queen's View**. The queen it is named for is thought to be Isabella, the first wife of Robert the Bruce, and not Queen Victoria as some have assumed - including Victoria herself!



Next we visit **Blair Castle**, the ancient seat of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl. The romantic, whitewashed castle is filled with treasures, including a spectacular display of arms and armour which greets the visitor on arrival in the main entrance hall. The extensive collections also include pictures, furniture, porcelain, embroidery, Masonic regalia and family memorabilia. Within the extensive estate surrounding the castle are two notable features. The **Hercules Garden** is a walled enclosure of about 3.5 hectares, recently restored to its original 18th century form

with landscaped ponds, plantings, fruit trees, vegetables and herbaceous gardens. **Diana's Grove** is a magnificent stand of tall trees including grand fir, Douglas fir, larch and wellingtonia. Lunch is available at the Tullibardine Restaurant here (not included).

It is hoped we will be able to visit **Edradour Distillery** in Pitlochry, renowned as the smallest and most picturesque in Scotland. In the course of our guided tour, we will see how the making of this handcrafted 'Water of Life' remains a living tradition in the twenty-first century, before sampling the finished product for ourselves. **Should Edradour remain closed we will visit Blair Athol Distillery instead.** We return to the hotel for dinner.

Day 3 – Friday 9 June 2023



Following breakfast, we depart for our first visit of the day, the splendid formal gardens of **Drummond Castle**, near Crieff. They were first laid out in the early 17th century and re-designed and terraced in the early 19th century. The gardens we see today were replanted during the 1950s preserving such features as the ancient yew hedges and the copper beech trees planted by Queen Victoria to commemorate her visit in 1842. The garden was principally the work of Lewis Kennedy of Vineyard Nursery in Hammersmith, who supplied plants to many of Britain's finest gardens. We will see the famous sundial and the white Italian statuary.

We continue to the nearby **Innerpeffray Library**, Scotland's first free public lending library founded in 1680. Used by people from the local community until 1968, today one can still read the rare books in its diverse collection and trace the families who took the time to cross the fields in pursuit of knowledge, education or just fun.

After an opportunity for lunch in Crieff (not included) we travel to Kenmore on the shores of Loch Tay where we hope to visit the new **Scottish Crannog Centre** (due to open in Spring 2023). Replacing a single reconstructed crannog, a type of house built on an artificial island, the new centre will have three crannogs, expert-led but community-built, along with a new museum that will tell the story of these Iron Age dwellings that are found all over Scotland and Ireland.



Scottish Crannog Centre before the fire

We conclude today at **Cluny House Gardens**, near Aberfeldy. Wandering through this wonderful, wild woodland garden, we will discover rare and exotic plants from around the world. The gardens feature trees and shrubs from America, New Zealand, Japan, China and Tibet, creating the unique atmosphere of a Himalayan woodland paradise. We'll also see Britain's widest conifer - a giant Wellingtonia, 11 metres in girth and over 130 years old.

We return to our hotel, where once again dinner will be served in the evening.

Day 4 – Saturday 10 June 2023



This morning following breakfast, we depart for Stanley, a 'planned village' near Perth where we visit the **Stanley Mills**, in the care of Historic Environment Scotland. For 200 years, this spectacular mill harnessed the power of the River Tay to produce textiles. Built in the 1780s, the mill complex was altered many times to keep up with the industry's changing demands, before it finally closed in 1989. We will hear the clamour of the factory floor, learn how engineers harnessed water

power and see the machinery that turned raw cotton into products that were exported from Scotland across the globe.

In the heart of historic Perth, we visit the **Black Watch Museum**, in the former residence of the Earls of Kinnoull. This tells the extraordinary history of this illustrious regiment from its formation in 1739 to the amalgamation of the Regiment in 2006. The Black Watch has played many pivotal roles in our military history. From its early years keeping "watch" over the highlands to the French Wars, Empire, the First and Second World Wars and more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the regiment has witnessed and contributed to many key moments in World history. Lunch will be available here (not included).

Also in Perth is the **Fergusson Gallery**, home to over 5,000 works of art, including oil paintings, watercolours, drawings, sketchbooks and sculptures by the prolific Scottish Colourist J D Fergusson. In addition, there are around 6,000 archival items, which include photographs, letters, exhibition catalogues and news cuttings as well as Fergusson's library, many personal items and the sofa that he had made for his very first studio in Edinburgh in the 1890s.

Our final visit today is to NTS's **Branklyn Garden**, a haven of peace and colour on the outskirts of Perth. Begun in 1922, on a south-facing slope with acid soil, the garden represents a wonderful collection of small rhododendrons, maples, magnolias and woodland plants along with this winding paths.



A popular area is the Chinese Hillside which provides a showcase to the historic and contemporary Chinese plant collections, with the largest collection of Chinese-origin plants in cultivation. In June, we should also see the blue Himalayan poppy in flower. Other highlights include the world-famous Rock Garden a new Centenary Alpine Crevice Garden and the Scottish Heath Garden with its native wonders. We return to our hotel for dinner this evening.

Day 5 – Sunday 11 June 2023

Following breakfast, we visit nearby **Dunkeld**. The Cathedral, begun in 1260, is on the site of an earlier monastery, and may have held the relics of St Columba until the Reformation. Though partly ruined, it remains the town's parish church with services held every Sunday. Around twenty of the houses in the town have been restored by the NTS. In the adjoining village of **Birnam**, we will see the ancient **Birnam Oak**, believed to be the last surviving remnant of Birnam Wood, the great oak forest made famous in Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. The gnarled and ancient oak certainly looks medieval - its lower branches rest wearily on crutches and the first 3 metres (10 ft) of its trunk are hollow! We will also visit the **Beatrix Potter Garden**, where the celebrated author and illustrator spent her childhood summers.

Our final visit of the tour is to historic **Scone Palace**, which was the crowning place of the King of Scots from the 9th century to 1651. For the last 400 years it has been the home to the Earls of Mansfield. As well as touring the Palace we will have time to explore the grounds, home to a magnificent Douglas fir raised from the original seed which plant hunter David Douglas sent back from America in 1827. Lunch will be available here (not included).



We then return to our hotel for our final dinner as a group.

Day 6 – Monday 12 June 2023

After breakfast you are free to check out of the hotel and return home. Check-out time is by 11am.

Included in the price

- Five nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4-star Dunkeld House Hotel. All rooms have private facilities
- Comfortable coaching Day 2 – Day 5
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of a Brightwater Holidays tour manager
- Donation for the NTS-LMC

Not included (per person)

- Single room supplement £200.00

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Booking form

Please send completed Booking form to: Brightwater Holidays
 Eden Park House, Cupar, Fife, KY15 4HS Tel: 01334 657155
 E-mail: info@brightwaterholidays.com

Name of tour: Spring Tour of Perthshire Departure date: 7-12 June 2023

Where did you see the holiday advertised? NTS-LMC

Please complete details as they appear on your passport (if travelling overseas)

Full name (including middle name/s)	Date of birth	Passport number	Issue date	Expiry date	Nationality

Address for correspondence (lead name)	Address of accompanying passenger(s)

Post code: _____ Post code: _____

Tel (Home): _____ Tel (Home): _____

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Email: _____ Email: _____

Emergency contact name: _____ Emergency contact name: _____

Emergency contact tel: _____ Relationship: _____ Emergency contact tel: _____ Relationship: _____

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Accommodation Requirements: Single _____ Twin/Double _____

Departure point: _____ As indicated on the detailed itinerary.

Special requests (eg Vegetarian / Wheelchair / Travel Upgrades) _____

Extra Accommodation Before / After holiday – dates required _____

Are you members of the following organisations?: National Trust/NTS Yes No Royal Horticultural Society Yes No
 Historic Scotland Yes No

Insurance

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Please note my alternative travel insurance policy. I understand Brightwater Holidays Limited are absolved for any liability arising if I or any member of my party are not adequately insured.

Insurance company: _____

Policy No: _____

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I have decided not to take travel insurance and I fully accept that I am no way covered by Brightwater Holidays and will abide by their booking conditions.

On behalf of all named persons on this Booking Form, I accept the booking conditions as detailed overleaf. Signed: _____ Date: _____

Deposit payment of £125 per person

Please tick method of payment:

- Cheque – please make this payable to Brightwater Holidays Ltd and return this with your completed booking form.
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Bank: Santander Account No: 10545537 Sort Code: 09-02-22 Account Name: Brightwater Holidays Ltd
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YOU MUST PAY THE BALANCE IN FULL TWELVE WEEKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE (TWENTY WEEKS FOR CRUISES) UNLESS OTHERWISE STIPULATED. Should payment not be received within the time specified we may treat your holidays as cancelled by you in which case cancellation charges will apply.

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INSURANCE & EMERGENCY CONTACT

It is a condition of booking that you have adequate insurance protection for all overseas holidays and we strongly recommend insurance cover for all other holidays and that you do not travel against medical advice. You should organise your insurance when you book, to ensure you have cover against possible cancellation charges, medical treatment and repatriation. Should you have your travel insurance in place we will need to know the details of your policy four weeks before departure at the latest. It is a requirement of booking that you provide us with an emergency contact number while you are on holiday stating your relationship (e.g. family member, neighbour, workplace). This is purely for your benefit in the unlikely event of you becoming ill or incapacitated on tour.

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Email: enquiries@globaltravelinsurance.co.uk

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COMPLAINTS

In the unlikely event that you have a complaint please inform your tour guide or our office immediately so that action can be taken on the spot. If the matter cannot be resolved complaints should be submitted in writing to us within 28 days of your return from holiday. We cannot accept liability for claims reaching our office more than 28 days after the conclusion of the holiday concerned.

OUR PRICE PROMISE

It is our principle that the earlier you book, the lower the price you pay. When we launch our new holidays our lowest prices are made available to give you the very best value for money. It pays to book early as prices can increase as the departure date approaches.

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR HOLIDAY

If, after we have accepted your booking, you wish to change details of that booking, we will make every effort to satisfy your requirements, although this cannot be guaranteed. When a request has been met, an amendment fee of £50 per person will be charged in addition to any additional booking costs as a result of the change and a revised invoice will then be issued.

IF WE CHANGE YOUR HOLIDAY

It is unlikely that we have to make any changes to your holiday, but we do plan the arrangements many months in advance. Sometimes we do need to make changes which we reserve the right to do at any time. Most changes are minor, but where they are significant you will be informed as soon as is reasonably possible. Please note pick-up points are subject to minimum numbers and will be confirmed when we send out joining instructions.

DATA PROTECTION

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General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679. We may need to disclose personal data to a third party including countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) for the purpose of providing your holiday. In addition, your data may be disclosed to regulatory bodies or public authorities such as customs or immigration for the purposes of monitoring and/or enforcing compliance with any regulatory rules/codes; and it may be used for marketing, offering renewals, research and statistical purposes and crime prevention. For full details of how we may use your personal information and your rights in relation to your personal information, please see our Privacy Policy. www.brightwaterholidays.com/cookies-privacy-policy By booking online, or over the phone, you are stating that you have read and agreed to our Privacy Policy, a copy of which can be found here: www.brightwaterholidays.com/cookies-privacy-policy A copy can also be requested and supplied via email during the booking process.

IF WE CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

We reserve the right in any circumstance to cancel your holiday. We will not cancel your confirmed booking after the final 'balance due' payment date, except for unavoidable and extraordinary circumstance. In the unlikely event of this being necessary, you will have the choice of taking an alternative available holiday (and paying or receiving a refund/credit in respect of any price difference) or accepting a full refund of all monies paid. A minimum of 20 passengers is required to operate a tour with a Brightwater Holidays representative.

IF YOU CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

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Days' notice prior to Departure Date price	Cancellation charge % of holiday
More than 84 days	No charge
83-64	35%*
63-46	55%*
45-31	75%*
30-0	100%

If you are on **Lord of the Glens** cruise, cancellation terms are:

From date of booking until 113 days before sailing: loss of deposit.* Within 112 days of sailing - 100% of the tour cost

*plus any invoiced flight or hotel costs

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