



**Majestic Scotland 2023 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 4 nights, 5 days**

I started to put this tour together on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September having decided I wanted to go to Scotland and I wanted a Royal theme. I spoke to Balmoral castle on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> and Crathie Kirk afterwards, what an immeasurable shock later that day. I am therefore looking upon this tour as a tribute to our greatest ever Monarch Queen Elizabeth II and I hope you will join with us to sing in some very special places.

Our Royal themed tour starts with a night in Edinburgh and singing in St Giles' Cathedral, where our late Queen laid in state. We follow this with a visit and singing on the Royal Yacht. We then head up to Pitlochry for 3 nights visiting and singing at Hopetoun House and Scone Palace on the way, and visiting and singing at Blair Castle, Dunkeld Cathedral and Glamis Castle, and visiting Balmoral Castle and Crathie Kirk plus of course some scenic touring in Royal Deeside with a Blue Badge Tour Guide and time spent in Pitlochry, Braemar and Dunkeld.

<p>Atoll Palace Hotel</p>  A photograph of the Atholl Palace Hotel, a large stone building with multiple towers and turrets, set against a backdrop of green hills and a clear sky.	<p>Glamis Castle</p>  A photograph of Glamis Castle, a large stone building with multiple towers and turrets, set against a blue sky with some clouds.	<p>Royal Yacht Britannia</p>  A photograph of the Royal Yacht Britannia, a large blue and white ship docked at a pier.
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**Accommodation and Food**

We are staying in Edinburgh for 1 night bed and breakfast at the Holiday Inn Express, Edinburgh City Centre, Picardy Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3JT and dining at a local restaurant. We then move to the 4 star Atholl Palace Hotel, Perth Rd, Pitlochry PH16 5LX

Our accommodation at Athol Palace is on a half board basis with bed, breakfast and evening meal included.

**Travel**

You will make your own way to the hotel in Edinburgh and to St Giles Cathedral and the Royal Yacht on day 1. Our coach will depart from Edinburgh on day 2 and be with us until day 5 when we return back to Edinburgh, to Waverly railway station, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## Music

The programme will be a mixture of music drawn from our existing library together with some new songs.

The rehearsals will take place on the following days;-

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Moor Hill Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD3 3SF

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 12.30 to 5.30 pm - Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Ramilies Ave, Cheadle, SK8 7AL

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 12.30 to 5.30 pm - Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Ramilies Ave, Cheadle, SK8 7AL

You will receive your music and CD electronically. If you wish to have a copy of the music printed and the CD sent please confirm this by email when you receive your electronic copy to the person who has sent it. There will be a £5 fee for this which you can add to your singing fee.

Our rehearsals will be recorded and if there is a suitable signal at the venue they will be live screened and if not they will be recorded and put up on line afterwards.

Please make sure you attend as many rehearsals as possible either in person or on zoom or using the link afterwards.

Our musical director for the tour will be Joe Diggle and we will sing from books on the tour.

## Itinerary

### **Day 1 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Travel to Edinburgh, St Giles Cathedral, The Royal Yacht Britannia**

Make your own way to Edinburgh, to the hotel, to St Giles Cathedral and to The Royal Yacht. There are public buses to the Cathedral and also to the Royal Yacht.

12.30 – 1.30 pm Rehearsal at St Giles Cathedral, one of Scotland's most important medieval parish church buildings and scene of nationally important events

1.30 to 2.15 pm Recital at St Giles Cathedral

4.15 pm Visit and sing on the Royal Yacht Britannia, which travelled over a million miles for the Monarchy until its retirement in 1997

7.30 pm Dinner at a restaurant close to hotel

### **Day 2 – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Travel to Pitlochry, Hopetoun House, Scone Palace**

Breakfast in the hotel.

08.45 am Depart Hotel

09.30 am Private visit and Sing at Hopetoun House, regarded as Scotland's finest stately home.

12 noon Depart Hopetoun House and travel to Scone Palace, coronation place of Scottish kings where Macbeth, Robert the Bruce and Charles II were once crowned

1 pm Free time for lunch in Scone Palace café follow by a guided tour of Scone Palace and singing outside on moot hill.

4.00 pm Depart Scone Palace

5.00 pm Arrive at Atholl Palace Hotel

7.30 pm Dinner in the Hotel

### **Day 3 – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – The Hermitage and Dunkeld with our Blue Badge tour guide and Blair Castle**

Breakfast in the hotel

9.30 am Depart with our Blue Badge tour guide for The Hermitage

9.50 Arrive at the Hermitage for a magical walk through mature forest to the picturesque folly of Ossian's Hall above a waterfall where we will sing.

10.35 Depart the Hermitage and make our way to Dunkeld

10.45 Visit the pretty town of Dunkeld and its historic Cathedral on the banks of the River Tay. We will have a guided tour and sing by the river, then visit Dunkeld Cathedral

11.45 am Sing in Dunkeld Cathedral

12.15 to 1.30 pm free time for lunch

2 pm Visit Blair Castle and gardens and sing in the ballroom. Blair Castle dates back to the 1200s and is the ancestral home of the Clan Murray and their chief, the Duke of Atholl

4.30 pm Depart Blair Castle

4.45 pm Arrive back at the Hotel

7.30 pm Dinner in the hotel

### **Day 4 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Scenic Touring with Guide, Balmoral, Crathie Kirk, Pitlochry**

Breakfast in the hotel

9.00 am Depart for scenic touring through the Cairngorms National Park and travel to Balmoral Castle.

10.40 Visit Balmoral Castle, where our most memorable Monarch peacefully passed in September 2022 in one of her favourite places. The Castle is steeped in royal history. It was privately purchased for Queen Victoria by Prince Albert in 1852. It is not possible at this time to confirm whether we can sing there.

12.45 pm Depart Balmoral Castle for nearby Crathie Kirk to sing in the parish church (tbc), used by the royal family when in residence at Balmoral Castle, and where the Princess Royal was married.

1.30 pm Depart Crathie Kirk to Braemar

1.45pm Arrive in Braemar for free time for late lunch

2.45 pm Depart Braemar

4.00 pm Arrive in Pitlochry for circular walk taking in the dam, the suspension bridge and the festival theatre with singing points along the way.

5pm Arrive back at the hotel

7.30 pm Dinner at the hotel

## **Day 5 – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Glamis Castle and return to Edinburgh**

Breakfast in the hotel

9 am Check out of the hotel and journey to Glamis Castle

10.30 Visit and sing at Glamis Castle with time for lunch. The castle has been the ancestral seat of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne since 1372. It is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth, the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother and the birthplace of Princess Margaret.

1.30 pm Depart Glamis Castle to travel to Edinburgh Waverley Railway Station

3.30 pm Arrive at Edinburgh Waverley Railway Station for fond farewells.

### **Timings**

The above itinerary timings may be adjusted nearer the time, but the arrival and departure times will remain the same.

### **Covid 19**

For up to date information as to covid precautions and preventions we recommend you visit the Public Health England website -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

### **Prices and Booking**

The singing fee is £100 payable either with your application or by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

For the package prices please see the booking form below.

As you can imagine, time is of the essence here in view of recent events, and we need to give the hotels an indication of the rooms required to ensure the booking is secure. We have therefore put in 2 initial deadlines. The first deadline is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please complete the booking form below and return it to us by this date to be sure of your place. Once we can secure it we can extend the deadline to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Once we get sufficient numbers, we hope to keep the bookings open thereafter for as long as we can, but prices and places cannot be guaranteed.

Please refer to our terms and conditions on our website or request a copy directly from us.

Please ensure you supply us with an up to date e-mail address for yourself so that we can correspond with you through email. Please advise us if you are unable to receive emails and we will post things

out to you.

Please tick this box to give your consent to us using your data to keep you informed of news, events, rehearsal details and schedules for UVT. Please see privacy statement on our website.

Please note once we have sufficient numbers we will confirm your application to you.

Please make sure we have confirmed your place before you book your transport.

Please return your application forms as soon as possible to:- Majestic Scotland Tour 2023, Unlimited Voices Travel, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1PL.

**Majestic Scotland Tour 2023 – Booking Form - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Lead Name	
Address	
Post Code	
Home Phone No.	Mobile No
Email address	

Please note that all correspondence relating to the payment for this trip will be forwarded to the lead name only as our system does not enable us to duplicate it. PLEASE THEREFORE MAKE SURE YOU PASS IT ON TO EVERYONE ON YOUR FORM. With regard to other information relating to the trip if you wish us to send it to everyone on your form please include their email address below.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL IN YOUR VOICE TYPE, AGE, AND NATIONAL TRUST YES/NO**

Individual names of all participants including lead name	If singing please indicate voice type including 1 or 2	Age/DOB	National Trust Member Yes/No	**E-mail address

**Room Requirements** - Please circle - **Single**      **Double**      **Twin**

<b>The Full Package – 4 Nights/5 days – as per the above itinerary</b>	<b>Price Per Person</b>
Single – Price per person	£1050
Double/Twin – Price per person	£875

Special Requirements (i.e. Mobility) and dietary requirements

Please note an administration fee of **£50** will be applied to all changes after the initial booking and to any late payments or late applications.

**Deposit & Balance Due**

**Deposit on Application - £125 per person, Balance due Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Please pay by bacs (details below) or alternatively send a cheque payable to **Unlimited Voices Travel**, **noting on the back of the cheque what the payment is for**. **Please note that all monies are strictly non-refundable once the trip has been confirmed.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM AS WELL AS PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT**

**By applying and paying a deposit you agree to our terms and conditions which are available on our website. If you are unable to obtain access to these please request a copy directly from us.**

Please make sure you have valid and adequate travel insurance to cover this trip. Once the trip is confirmed all monies are strictly non-refundable and the full balance is due whether you or your party travels or not. Unlimited Voices Travel can take no responsibility for changes in the economic climate that might affect the services of the suppliers.

**Please return as soon as possible to Majestic Scotland Tour 2023, Unlimited Voices Travel, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1PL.**

Please note that our system only allows us to generate receipts to the lead person. Please therefore help us by sending in just one payment each time an instalment is due, eg if you are sharing a twin room please just send in one deposit payment to cover both people, and the same for the interim payment and final balance. However, with regard to the singing fee we can accept payments individually.

**Please make sure that you make a note of when the singing fee and the balance for the tour is due to help us with our administration and ensure prompt payment as sadly we don't have the resources to chase up individual cases.**

**Please note once we have sufficient numbers we will confirm your application to you.** Wherever possible we will send all correspondence by e-mail. If however you prefer to receive things by post, please send us 2 self addressed, C5 stamped envelopes.

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## **Majestic Scotland Tour 2023– Bacs Payments**

**BANK TRANSFER DETAILS** – please quote Majestic Scotland Tour 2023 and send an email to confirm transfer to [teresa@unlimitedvoices.uk](mailto:teresa@unlimitedvoices.uk) **Remember to tell us if any of your personal details have changed**

**Account Name:** Unlimited Voices Travel Ltd      **Sorting Code:** 20 61 46      **Account No:** 23999343

**REF: Majestic Scotland Tour 2023**