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Scotland

Castles, Highlands &
World Pipe Band Championships



August 6-18, 2024 (13 days)

with President Suzanne M. Rivera

& Professor of English Andrea Kaston Tange

Inveraray Castle
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Travel with Macalester Alumni, Family & Friends

Macalester College Host



Dr. Suzanne M. Rivera is the President of Macalester College. A bioethicist by training, she is a scholar, teacher, and leader with over 25 years of higher education experience. Rivera is engaged in numerous professional, civic, and municipal leadership roles, including serving on the boards of the American Association of Colleges & Universities, the Science Museum of Minnesota, and College Possible. She also is a member of the Executive Council for Minnesota's Young Women's Initiative and TeenSHARP's National Advisory Board, and is an elected Member-at-large of AAAS' Social, Economic, and Political Sciences section. Before arriving at Macalester, Rivera worked at Case Western Reserve University, UT Southwestern, and UC-Irvine. Rivera received a BA in American Civilization from Brown University, an MSW from University of California, Berkeley, and a PhD in public affairs (health policy emphasis) from University of Texas at Dallas. She and her spouse, Dr. Michael Householder, have two children.



Dear Macalester alumni and friends,

You are cordially invited to join English professor Andrea Kaston Tange and me on this exclusive, custom-designed, luxurious tour in Scotland, 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.

Highlights:

- With Professor Kaston Tange and an expert Scottish guide, we will explore spectacular Highland scenery of lochs and mountains that are dotted with castles and charming towns.
- Our journey ends in Glasgow to attend the World Pipe Band Championships, cheering on Macalester's own Pipe Band!
- 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 several castles including Edinburgh, Stirling, Kilchurn, and Inveraray, the latter home to the Duke of Argyll.
- Travel aboard the renowned Jacobite Steam Train.
- Look out for "Nessie" during our cruise on famous Loch Ness.
- Explore Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, which houses one of Europe's great art collections.
- Visit the Centre for Robert Burns Studies to learn about Glasgow's literary and cultural history, and the legacies of Scotland's national poet.
- Savor excellent meals and enjoy splendid hotels.

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

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Suzanne M. Rivera'.

Dr. Suzanne M. Rivera
President, Macalester College



Macalester College Faculty Leader



Dr. Andrea Kastan Tange is a professor of nineteenth-century British literature in the Macalester English department and President of the Midwest Victorian Studies Association. She has published widely on Victorian domesticity, empire, travel, and visual images—scholarly work ranging from new takes on well-known novels to discussions of notable nineteenth-century travelers such as Isabella Bird to photographs of Victorian infants in which adults are half-concealed. Andrea loves giant novels, small ephemera, and the quirky details that reveal themselves in archives. Her interest in visual images has also found audiences in mainstream publications, such as an article in *Slate* on delightfully strange Victorian Christmas cards. As Special Assistant to the Provost for Strategic Initiatives (a Mellon/ACM collaboration), Andrea is working to build a tool that will enable current and prospective members of the Mac community to learn more about the career paths alumni have taken. She is presently working on two projects: a monograph on travel entitled *Imagined Encounters: Public Impressions and Private Lives in the Age of Empire*, and a book-length piece of creative nonfiction based on her great-grandmother's 1926 diary. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, gardening, and photography. Andrea and her husband Rick are proud parents of two teenagers, the older of whom is currently a sophomore at Mac.



ITINERARY

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

- # = Overnight stays
- = Itinerary stops
- 🚂 = Jacobite Steam Train
- 🚢 = Cruise excursion
- ✈️ = Flights

Tuesday, August 6, 2024: Fly to Edinburgh, Scotland

Depart home on flights to Edinburgh Airport (EDI).

Wednesday, August 7: Arrive Edinburgh | Optional city tour | The Royal Yacht Britannia | Transfer to hotel | Welcome dinner

Arrive at Edinburgh Airport and transfer to the city center to either enjoy a short, guided, walking tour or take some time to explore on your own. Take a short coach ride to Edinburgh's historic port of Leith for a visit to The Royal Yacht Britannia. This former floating palace was built in Scotland and served Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her family for over 40 years. Continue on to our hotel to check-in and get settled before we gather for a welcome dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel](#) for two nights.* (L,D)

Thursday, August 8: Edinburgh: Walking tour, Edinburgh Castle, Palace of Holyroodhouse | Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

This morning we explore one of Europe's most charming capital cities on a walking tour of the center of Edinburgh. We visit the 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. Next, we will visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, located at the foot of the Royal Mile, which is the King's official residence in Scotland. After 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,L,D)



Bell of the Royal Yacht Britannia



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Friday, August 9: Stirling: Stirling Castle, National Wallace Monument | Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park | Inveraray

After breakfast we depart Edinburgh and drive north 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 as well as The National Wallace Monument, a 220-foot-tall tower overlooking Stirling. We finish our day traveling through the stunning scenery of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park – 720 square miles of beautiful mountains, glens, and lochs. Arrive in Inveraray and check-in to our hotel before gathering for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Loch Fyne Hotel & Spa](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)



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Saturday, August 10: Inveraray Castle | Kintyre Peninsula | Inveraray

We spend the morning touring the stunning Loch Lomond and Argyll area, viewing the surrounding mountains. Visit 18th-century Inveraray Castle and its lovely gardens, built along the shore of Loch Fyne, Scotland's longest sea loch. This splendid Gothic Revival castle has been the seat of the Dukes of Argyll, chiefs of Clan Campbell, since the 18th century. After lunch, enjoy a leisurely drive around the Kintyre Peninsula before returning to our hotel. Gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 11: Scenic drive to Kilchurn Castle | Oban | Isle of Eriska

After breakfast we depart Inveraray and continue our journey northward, until we reach the village of Crianlarich, at the northern end of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. We then head west, until we reach the northeastern end of Loch Awe, where we will stop briefly to see the evocative ruins of Kilchurn Castle. Built in the mid-1400s, it remained the base of the mighty Campbells of Glenorchy for 150 years. We end our day in Oban, known as the “Seafood Capital of Scotland.” Explore the town and harbor with the opportunity to walk from the town center up to the prominent landmark of McCaig’s Tower to enjoy spectacular views across Oban Bay. This evening, we check-in to our hotel located on 365 acres on a private island. *Overnight at the 5-star [Isle of Eriska Hotel, Spa & Island](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Monday, August 12: Jacobite Steam Train from Fort William to Mallaig | Isle of Eriska

We travel further north this morning to the Highland town of Fort William for an 84-mile, round-trip journey aboard the Jacobite Steam Train. Starting near the highest mountain in Britain, Ben Nevis, the train stops at the village of Glenfinnan (time permitting). Beyond Glenfinnan are the beautiful villages of Lochailort, Arisaig, Morar, and Mallaig. We may alight at Arisaig by request to the guard. From here, on a



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Isle of Eriska Hotel, Spa & Island (near Oban)

Photos (from top): Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo performance, The National Wallace Monument (Stirling), the Jacobite Steam Train

clear summer's day, the "Small Isles" of Rum, Eigg, Muck, Canna, and the southern tip of Skye can be seen. The train continues on from here, passing Morar and the silvery beaches used in films such as the Harry Potter series, *Highlander*, and *Local Hero*. Finally, we will reach the end of the line at the picturesque and busy fishing port of Mallaig, where we will have time to explore the shops and have lunch at one of the popular seafood restaurants in the village. Make the return trip to Fort William and then drive back to our hotel. Gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 13: Cruise on Loch Ness | Inverness: Walking tour

This morning we drive north to the shores of Scotland's most famous loch, Loch Ness, for a cruise. Loch Ness 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 sightings there have been of 'Nessie' – the Loch Ness Monster! Just a short drive from Loch Ness sits the charming city of Inverness, the largest city and 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. Check-in to our lovely hotel on the bank of the River Ness, and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [Ness Walk](#) hotel for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 14: Culloden Battlefield | Fort George or Cawdor Castle | 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, we visit either Fort George or Cawdor Castle. Fort George is an imposing garrison that was built at huge cost by the British to quell the Jacobites. From here we may be able to see the world's most northerly dolphin colony (sightings are not guaranteed). The magnificent Cawdor Castle and Gardens has been home to the Thanes of Cawdor since 1370 and was mentioned in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. We return to our hotel and then gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 15: Speyside | Cairngorms National Park scenic drive | Dundee | St. Andrews

After breakfast we head south to St. Andrews, making several stops along the way. First we stop at Speyside, Scotland's largest and most famous whisky-producing region, home to over 50 distilleries! We will see how they make Scotland's own aqua vitae, Scotch whisky. World-renowned brands invite visitors to tour their distilleries and extensive visitor centers. Of course no tour would be complete without a wee dram! We continue traveling into Cairngorms National Park along some of Scotland's most scenic roads. Pass by Balmoral Castle, the private residence of King Charles and the British royal family; and stop briefly in Dundee for photos of its iconic new V&A Museum of Design and the adjacent RRS Discovery, the ship Captain Scott sailed on his Antarctic adventures, at Discovery Point. Drive onward to St. Andrews, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 4-star [Rufflets](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)



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Photos (from top): Glenfinnan, Inverness, Kilchurn Castle, bagpiper



Friday, August 16: Glasgow: Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, Centre for Robert Burns Studies | 150th anniversary reception
Drive to Glasgow and visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, which houses one of Europe's great art collections. There are 22 galleries to explore everything from art to animals, ancient Egypt to Charles Rennie Mackintosh, and much more. After lunch we visit the Centre for Robert Burns Studies at the University of Glasgow and learn a bit about Scotland's literary and cultural history—from Glasgow's role in transatlantic economies to the poems, songs, and legacies of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. Check-in to our luxurious hotel, and then gather for a happy hour reception with our pipe band members and fellow alumni. *Overnight at the 5-star [Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,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,L,D)

Sunday, August 18: Fly home
Transfer to Edinburgh Airport (EDI) for flights homeward. (B)

Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Group transfers (times TBD) are included on your arrival at and for 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.*



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. Included meals are of a very high quality. 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.*

Photos: (top from left) Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, Balmoral Castle; (next page from left) Whisky barrels in Speyside, reindeer in Cairngorms National Park, Cawdor Castle & Gardens



Tour Prices Per Person (11 nights)

Double Occupancy (18-20+ participants)	\$15,545
Double Occupancy (15-17 participants)	\$16,995
Single Supplement (limited availability)	\$3,725

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.
With fewer than 15 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

Prices Include:

- Leadership of **President Suzanne M. Rivera, Professor Andrea Kaston Tange**, a professional **tour manager, and expert local guides**
- **Eleven nights** at luxurious, well-located, 4-and 5-star hotels as indicated
- **Delicious meals:** Breakfast daily; 11 lunches; and 10 dinners including special welcome and farewell dinners with wine/beer. Meals include coffee/tea, and dinners include wine
- **Group arrival and departure airport transfers**
- **All call reception**, including the Macalester Pipe Band members and other Macalester alumni
- Special visit to the **Centre for Robert Burns Studies at the University of Glasgow**
- Transportation by **modern, air-conditioned motorcoach, a Loch Ness cruise, and a Jacobite Steam Train excursion**, including bottled water while touring
- **All excursions, entrance fees, and sightseeing**, including a distillery tour and whisky tasting, and the World Pipe Band Championships, 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 \$2,000 per person is required to reserve your space and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “Eos MAC-ScotlandPres8/24.” Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure (April 28, 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.

Participant Cancellation Fees: All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by Eos Study Tours. Cancellations received by December 1, 2023 are fully refunded. Cancellations received on December 2, 2023 through March 15, 2024 will forfeit the full deposit of \$2,000 per person. Cancellations received on March 16, 2024 through April 27, 2024 are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the total tour cost. Cancellations received on or after April 28, 2024 are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the total tour cost. *For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information will be provided with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.*

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 leaders 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 \$2,000 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-ScotlandPres8/24 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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By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to all Terms & Conditions delineated throughout.

Signature (participant #1) Date

Signature (participant #2) Date

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