

# THE REAL OUTLANDER: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE GRAND TOURS

28<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

DRAMATIC SCENES IN GLEN TILT

Join us to retrace the steps of the first intrepid tourists and discover the incredibly rich archaeological and historical landscapes of Scotland's tumultuous past.

The 18th Century was one of the most pivotal in the history of Scotland, with the dramatic twists and turns of the Jacobite Uprisings resulting in irrevocable social and cultural change, and the opening up of the Highlands to the first waves of Scottish tourism.

Led by two heritage professionals, our intimate tour will take you through the Jacobite Uprisings and their inevitable consequences, culminating in the beginning of the Highland Clearances. You will take in the sites of strategically important castles and military posts as well as simple homesteads and farmhouses, all in the beautiful backdrop of the Scottish Highlands. As part of the tour you will visit a landscape inhabited from prehistory right through to the Clearances, and currently the focus of an ongoing archaeological project. Our expert guides will not only take you through the history of the region, they will help you to understand how to read and interpret the landscape, and identify the more subtle elements of change in the archaeological remains.

You will stay in a range of historic, luxury country hotels, and a historic lodge on one of the oldest estates in Scotland. An outline itinerary of the tour is shown overleaf.

This tour has limited capacity to ensure a bespoke, friendly atmosphere. Given its archaeological nature, it includes several walks in uneven and moderately difficult terrain which may not be suitable for everyone.

Starting and finishing in Edinburgh, the 'Athens of the North', this eight day all inclusive\* tour costs £2,125 GBP per person (£395 sgl supp). For more information or to book your place, please contact us at [harparchaeology@gmail.com](mailto:harparchaeology@gmail.com), +44 (0)333 920 9495 or find us on the web: [www.harparchaeology.co.uk](http://www.harparchaeology.co.uk)



REDCOAT STRONGHOLD AT RUTHVEN BARRACKS



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**DAY 1** – Pick up in Edinburgh before visiting the Jacobites exhibition at the National Museum of Scotland. After lunch, a trip to Bonnie Prince Charlie's encampment leading into a walking tour of the Battle for Prestonpans.

**DAY 2** – Understanding the religious backdrop of the Uprisings is essential and precedes a visit to St Andrews Cathedral, the home of the Medieval Scottish Church until the Reformation. After lunch, we continue on to the ancestral crowning place for the King of Scots with a visit to Scone Palace.

**DAY 3** – A visit to the Battle of Killiecrankie, site of the first Uprising, before visiting the pivotal Blair Castle. After lunch our expert guides lead you through the archaeological landscape of prehistoric origins, military roads and cleared settlements in Glen Garry.

**DAY 4** – We head north to Ruthven Barracks, a strategic stronghold – crucial to controlling the Highlands, before a visit to the Highland Folk Museum, where you will experience first hand what it was like to live in the 1700's. We end the day with a wee dram at the Dalwhinnie Distillery.

**DAY 5** – Some retail therapy at the House of Bruar, specialising in Scottish produce and products is followed by a walk over the Drumochter Pass and visit to one of Scotland's earliest, post-rebellion, planned towns, Grantown-on-Spey. The day will wind down with a visit to one of Scotland's most evocative prehistoric sites at *Clava Cairns*.

**DAY 6** – The day begins at the end of it all – Culloden, with a trip to the battlefield and visitor centre, before heading to Urquhart Castle and a scenic trip on Loch Ness.

**DAY 7** – A trip to Fort William followed by a walk through the breathtaking Glencoe, site of one of the greatest betrayals in Scottish history.

**DAY 8** – On our return to Edinburgh we will visit Edinburgh Castle followed by the choice of: a tour of the historic Old Town, or sampling the shops of the Royal Mile.



GENERAL WADE'S BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER TAY

ABANDONED SETTLEMENT OF CLUNES, PERTHSHIRE