



Gardens of Scotland

May 25 – June 3, 2019



PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Thanks for your interest in joining the NARGS-sponsored Gardens of Scotland tour. The tour itinerary is presented in a separate PDF file posted on the NARGS website. Because the tour will be visiting a number of private gardens that are not able to handle large groups, we are limiting the tour to 15 participants. An optional excursion to the Chelsea Flower Show and to RHS Wisley Garden will precede the Gardens of Scotland tour. Instructions for pre-registering for both of these events are provided below. Once the pre-registration process is completed, you will be contacted by the tour company, Brightwater Holidays, in early 2019 to complete the registration process.

You need to be a NARGS member to pre-register. If you need to renew your membership or to join the society, please do so via the NARGS website (www.nargs.org) or contact Bobby Ward at nargs@nc.rr.com if you have questions or need help. One-year NARGS membership fee is USD\$40 if resident in North American or USD\$45 if overseas. Your membership must be up to date before we can complete your registration.

Gardens of Scotland Tour

To minimize the impact of banking fees and uncertainties in foreign exchange rates, Brightwater has requested that the tour be priced in the currency of Scotland. The cost for the tour is £1,800 (British pounds) per person based on double occupancy. The cost based on a single occupant room is £2,080. Based on a BP to USD currency exchange rates of 1.35 (as of June 1, 2018), these prices equate to approximately \$2,430 (USD) per person based on double occupancy and \$2,808 for single occupancy. These prices include all tour guide and admission fees, transportation, lodging, breakfast, and dinner during the tour. They do not include transportation (e.g., international flights) prior to and after the tour.

A deposit of 1/3 of the tour cost is payable to NARGS at the time of pre-registration. To minimize currency exchange fees, the deposit will be paid in USD: \$810 based on double occupancy and \$936 for single occupancy. NARGS will submit a single payment for all of the deposits to Brightwater in BP.

Chelsea Flower Show and Wisley Garden

The cost of the optional pre-tour visit to the Chelsea Flower Show (CFS) and the RHS Garden at Wisley is £560 based on double occupancy and £600 based on single occupancy. Based on a currency exchange rate of 1.35, these prices equate to \$756 and \$810. These prices include all tour guide and admission fees, transportation, two nights lodging (May 23 and 24), two breakfasts, two dinners, transfer to the airport, and the airline flight from London to Edinburgh. They do not include airline flights or ground transportation prior to the tour.

A deposit of \$90 is payable to NARGS at the time of pre-registration. The pre-tour price is based on a private tour for a group of at least 10 participants. If the number of registered participants is less than 10, Brightwater Holiday will assess the feasibility of providing tour services in conjunction with their already planned tour to Wisley and CFS on these same two days. If this option is not feasible, the pre-tour will be cancelled and deposits will be refunded.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration for the Scotland Tour and the Pre-Tour is being processed electronically via Google Forms. [Use this link to access the form](#) or copy and paste the following address into your web browser:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LMpdMTyMtX0lbeYOj-enpkbhLlprxyx4CAF1uh_azQ/viewform?edit_requested=true

Individuals who register for both tours will be given preference until the minimum of 10 participants for the Pre-Tour is reached. If you have problems or questions related to the form, send an email to dmwhite.nc@gmail.com.

INFORMATION RELATED TO PAYMENT, CANCELLATION, AND INSURANCE

Pre-Registration Payments

The preferred payment method for pre-registration is by credit card, debit card, or PayPal through the NARGS website (www.nargs.org). After logging onto the website, click on "Donate" in the dark-purple space near the top. Then scroll down to the bottom of the next page and in the box labeled "In Memory of" type in "Scotland Tour". Fill in the pre-registration deposit amount in USD, then "Add to Cart" and then "Check out." Then provide customer and billing information, and chose the "Payment method" of either check or PayPal (even if you do not have a PayPal account or do not want to use PayPal). If you choose PayPal, you will be routed to the PayPal website where you can either pay via PayPal (if you have a PayPal account) or proceed to "Pay with Debit or Credit Card." If you prefer to pay by check, please list "Scotland Tour" on the memo line of your check and mail it to NARGS at the address at the bottom of the webpage.

Final Payments

Final payment is due by March 15, 2019 and will be submitted directly to Brightwater Holidays. Payment can be made by credit card or by check denominated in British pounds. Brightwater will send an invoice in early 2019 indicating the amount due.

Cancellation

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to both Brightwater and NARGS by the person making the reservation. Cancellations requests received by October 1, 2018 will be subject to a \$100 per person cancellation fee. Cancellations received after October 1 will be subject to the following fee schedule based on the tour cost per person and the number of days prior to the start date of the tour: 25% if more than 70 days, 40% if 41-69 days, 60% if 28-40 days, 80% if 8-28 days, 100% if 0-7 days.

Insurance

Each registrant is urged to obtain private insurance to cover any costs associated with cancellations, baggage loss, travel interruptions, or medical expenses. Brightwater cannot offer travel insurance to non-UK citizens.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please contact David White at dmwhite.nc@gmail.com.