

# Thomas' Tours

Dr Thomas Bak will be offering tours of Edinburgh and surrounds. As well as his love for language, neuropsychology and neurology Thomas is also an expert on local culture and history and soon to be qualified STGA (Scottish Tourist Guide Association) Blue Badge tour guide.

Please contact Thomas at [thomas.bak@ed.ac.uk](mailto:thomas.bak@ed.ac.uk) if you are interested in either or both of the following options:

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, afternoon**

## **Free walking tour of Edinburgh**

including Castle Esplanade, Royal Mile, Holyrood and the New Town.  
Start from the McEwan Hall (packed lunch provided by ENCALS meeting)

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

## **Group day coach trips**

If you are extending your stay in Scotland, we can organise bespoke trips depending on interest and availability. Possible tours are below.

## **Options for weekend day trips**

**A. LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS:** The taste of the Highlands; see spectacular mountain and loch scenery and hear romantic stories of the clans. The tour will start with a short visit to Glasgow, Scotland second (and often underrated) city, formerly the second city of the British empire with much more historical and architectural interest than most people expect. We will then travel along the picturesque Loch Lomond and through Highland valleys, visit Killin with the Dochart Falls and Clan MacNab Burial Grounds and enjoy, on the way back, the view of the historic Stirling Castle, perched on a steep cliff above the town.

*(Photos: Glasgow Cathedral, Loch Lomond, Falls of Dochart in Killin)*



**B. FIFE:** a diverse and picturesque county of pilgrims and revolutionaries, fishermen and scholars, kings and miners. We will visit Falkland Palace (favourite residence of Stewart kings) and the exceptionally well preserved Falkland Village (with more recent Outlander fame). We will continue to St Andrews, the oldest University in the English-speaking world after Oxford and Cambridge; once a pilgrimage centre comparable with Santiago de Compostela, then a centre of reformation and later, the birthplace of golf. On the way back, we will pass through Fife coast with picturesque fishing villages and wide views across the Firth of Forth.



**C. EAST LOTHIAN:** The area East of Edinburgh is full of hidden treasures. We will visit Tantallon Castle, one of Scotland's most iconic strongholds, situated on cliffs on the East Lothian coastline, with dramatic views of the Bass Rock in the background. We will stop for lunch in the small fishing town of North Berwick and finish with a visit to Glenkinchie Whisky Distillery and to Rosslyn Chapel, with stunning carved pillars, made famous by theories of Knights Templar and the Holy Grail featured in Da Vinci Code.

*(Photos: Tantallon Castle, East Lothian Coast with Bass Rock, Rosslyn Chapel)*

