

# ASC Alumnae and Friends Tour Ireland *AND* Scotland 2018

with Professor Christine Cozzens

## June 2-15, 2018

**\$3,600 per person**  
**Land price only—based**  
**on double occupancy**

**12 days** in Northern Ireland  
and Scotland with Agnes  
Scott alumnae & friends.  
Trip is **limited to 32 people**.

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Airfare options and a limited  
number of single spaces are  
available at an additional cost.



**Dear Friends** (those who went on the first alumnae trip to Ireland and demanded a second!),

At long last we have a definite plan and price for our Ireland-Scotland trip, and we hope you are ready to sign on to the experience!

ASC Alumnae and Friends Tour Ireland and Scotland 2018 takes us to Northern Ireland and the southern part of Scotland over 12 days. The trip has three themes: 1) Belfast During and After The Troubles; 2) Robert Burns, Ploughman Poet and National Icon, and 3) Walter Scott and the Birth of Scott-Land. We will also be looking to understand the Ulster-Scots connection in honor of Agnes Irvine. Each of the three main themes will be the focus of an on-campus lecture/discussion/social event, with time out for dinner at the dining hall, as we did last time. We hope some of you out-of-towners will be able to attend these sessions, which will also serve as reunions for the group.

Very soon I'll give you a reading and film list and PDFs of some texts, and I will also be reviving our trip website, which will include lots of relevant information about the itinerary, photos, and short essays by me on topics of interest. You can do as little or as much of this preparation as you choose—the trip will be enjoyable no matter what!

Enclosed you will find the three themes explained and the dates of the on-campus events, followed by a summary of our itinerary.

I am so excited to go on this adventure with you!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine Cozzens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine Cozzens

# Trip Themes **AND** On-Campus Events

The on-campus events will start with a lecture or short film followed by dinner in Evans and discussion. Details and recommended reading and film lists will be sent out in December.

## 1) Belfast During and After The Troubles: Monday, January 22, 5-8 p.m.

Like Derry, Belfast was an epicentre for The Troubles from the late 1960s to 1998, and the peace agreement of that year was negotiated in the capital city. At one time, the city was dotted with barricades, police vehicles looked like armored tanks, certain neighborhoods were off limits to certain groups, and tourism was virtually unknown. Today, Belfast is a major tourist destination with two “hop-on-hop-off” tour bus companies and a booming international film industry. Drawing on literature, history, and film, we will examine how the conflict came to be, what happened in Belfast and in Northern Ireland during that period, how the conflict shaped the city, and how Belfast has fared since the Belfast or Good Friday Agreement in 1998.



## 2) Robert Burns, Ploughman Poet and National Icon: Monday, March 26, 5-8 p.m.

It would be no exaggeration to say that Robert “Robbie” Burns (1759-1796) was the Elvis Presley of 19th-century Scotland. Even in his own day, his popularity was extraordinary. As a self-educated man from rural, agricultural Scotland, Burns wrote poetry that spoke to and of the people and also captured the attention of the upper classes. His interest in folk culture came at a time when other Europeans were beginning to turn to native influences instead of seeing the ancient world as the epitome of civilization. And his use of the Scots language in much of his poetry fueled the movement to preserve that language and the culture of Lowland Scots. To many, he seemed to embody the essence of what it was to be Scottish, and adulation of Robert Burns and all that he seemed to stand for became a cult in both Europe and America that persists to this day. We’ll examine the man, the poetry, and the myth, and we’ll try to discover what Burns’ poetry has to offer two and a quarter centuries after his death.



### 3) Sir Walter Scott and the Birth of Scott-Land: Monday, April 30, 5–8 p.m.

Sir Walter Scott (1771–1832)—jurist, poet, novelist, collector, architect, renaissance man—took what Burns had unwittingly accomplished to the next level. Many scholars and popular writers credit Scott with Scotland’s modern day identity—tartans, Highland heroes, romantic legends, nationalism, and all. He is probably the most popular author ever on a world scale with one exception—another Scot named J. K. Rowling. The monument commemorating him in Edinburgh bears this out: at 200 feet, 6 inches tall, it contains 68 figurative statues in addition to the enormous one of Scott and his dog. No monument to a writer anywhere in the world comes close to it in size. Had Scott only written poetry, his fame would have still been phenomenal. No writer has done more to bring poetry to

a wide audience. But in 1814 he changed careers and became even more famous as novelist, penning over 20 novels along with numerous plays and short stories before he was through. In addition to his astounding literary career, he orchestrated several dramatic historical events worthy of Geraldo Rivera and modern reality television. What did Scott accomplish and why was he so popular? Why are his works hardly mentioned and rarely taught today? We’ll try to answer these questions and more.



## Your Tour Includes:

**(\$3,600 per person, land price based on double occupancy)**

- Accommodations for 12 nights at the listed hotels, rooms with private facilities
- Full breakfast daily, including the day of arrival at the Man O’War Pub
- One welcome dinner at the Belfast hotel, and two dinners in Scotland—one dinner with Scottish music at the Townhouse Hotel in Melrose, and hotel dinner at the Lodge at Loch Lomond
- One lunch in Dumfries
- Admissions—Culzean Castle and Country Park, Robert Burns Birthplace, Ellisland Farm, Abbotsford House and Gardens, Dryburgh Abbey, Bowhill House, Locharron Visitor Centre, and Rosslyn Chapel
- Two-hour cruise on Loch Lomond
- Half-day guided tour of Belfast with Rosemary Connelly
- Reserved room at the Malone Lodge Hotel for the Panel of speakers on The Troubles
- Theatre performance at the Lyric Theatre
- One-way ferry ticket from Larne to Cairnryan—second-class foot passenger
- Edinburgh—guided “Book Lovers’ Tour”
- All transportation and sightseeing via deluxe touring motor coach with the services of a professional driver/guide (Dave Yeates) while in Ireland, and separate coach with driver and tour escort while in Scotland
- Tips and taxes on items included  
*NOTE: Tip to drivers/guides are included*
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- Portfolio of travel documents
- Optional add-ons: (for additional cost)
- Roundtrip airfare via Delta airlines from Atlanta to Dublin and from Edinburgh to Atlanta—\$1,224 (other departure cities are available—costs may change)
- Single travel—supplement is \$1,185
- Travel insurance

# Itinerary: June 2-15, 2018

Here is a brief day-by-day summary of our stops and visits. There may be some tweaking and rearranging between now and June 2018, but this is the plan.

## DAY 1

### Saturday, June 2

Depart Atlanta to Dublin on overnight flight.



## DAY 2

**Arrive Dublin, Ireland.** Our group will enjoy a warm welcome and a full Irish breakfast at our old favorite, the Man O'War Pub. After breakfast, we'll drive to Belfast. Upon arrival, we'll visit the Ulster Scots Society, where we will learn about efforts to preserve the language and culture of this unique community. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Malone Lodge Hotel, Belfast.



## DAY 3

Today, we will have a morning **city sightseeing tour** with Rosemary Connelly, who has guided Agnes Scott trips since 1998. We'll see the city sights, the famous political murals, the Titanic Quarter, Stormount, and much more. In the afternoon, we'll visit City Hall for a guided tour and speak with a member of the council. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Belfast.



## DAY 4

This morning at the hotel there will be a panel of speakers who were involved in **The Troubles**. You will hear about their experiences with violence and their efforts to achieve and maintain peace. Next we'll visit the Ulster Museum to see The Troubles exhibit and hear about plans to develop it. Free time in the afternoon. Tonight, attend a theatre performance at the Lyric Theatre. Overnight in Belfast.



## DAY 5

Today, you may enjoy a **scenic tour of the Antrim coast**, or enjoy a full day in Belfast City to explore on your own. We'll provide lots of recommendations for things to do. Overnight in Belfast.



## DAY 6

Transfer from Belfast hotel to Belfast pier in the morning. The group will take the ferry to Cairnryan, where we'll board our coach and transfer to Maybole for a guided visit of **Culzean Castle** and **Country Park**, a historic edifice perched on a cliff, which is always listed in Scotland's Top Ten Attractions. Continue journey to Ayr for overnight.



## DAY 7

Today the group will take a guided visit of the **Robert Burns Birthplace Museum** and the nearby garden dedicated to his memory. The site includes a modern museum with many Burns artifacts, a café and shop, and the actual cottage where Burns was born. The afternoon is free.



## DAY 8

Our first visit today is to the outskirts of Dumfries to see **Ellisland Farm** for a tour and lunch in this delightful rural setting. The farm was built by Robert Burns and was his home for many years. We'll do the "Tam O'Shanter" walk along the river, where Burns composed the famous poem, and we'll hear the poem recited in place. The visit includes lunch, and there's an antiquarian bookstore on site. Next stop, the house where Burns lived his last years in Dumfries, the church he attended, and his grave. Transfer to Melrose for the next three nights.



## DAY 9

Today, we'll visit Sir Walter Scott's magnificent home, **Abbotsford House and Gardens**, for a guided tour; the beautiful ruins of **Dryburgh Abbey**, where Scott is buried; and several local spots that were important to the author. The afternoon is free. There are many fascinating places to visit within a few miles of Melrose (castles and estates, gardens, abbeys, walks, etc.), or you may want to spend time in this lovely village and visit the famous Melrose Abbey, where Robert the Bruce's heart is buried.



## DAY 10

We'll drive to nearby Selkirk to visit **Bowhill House**, a magnificent estate and residence of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry that was important to Sir Walter Scott, followed by a guided tour of **Locharron Tartan Mill Visitor Centre** (and shopping). Return to Melrose for few hours of free time. In the evening we'll have a group dinner and enjoy a *ceilidh* [KAY-lee] (traditional music and dance) performance at the Townhouse Hotel.



**DAY 11**

It's a short drive to Roslin, where we will have a guided tour of the stunning **Rosslyn Chapel**, a 15th-century church with elaborate carvings made famous by Scott in his "Lay of the Last Minstrel," and more recently by Dan Brown in his thriller *The Da Vinci Code*. We continue our journey to South Queensferry for free time to explore this pretty town, where three magnificent bridges cross the Firth of Forth. The Hawes Inn next to the famous Forth Bridge (a cantilever bridge built for trains in 1890) was the setting for Robert Louis Stevenson's *Kidnapped*, and Stevenson used to stay here. We'll drive to our Loch Lomond hotel to stay for the next two nights.



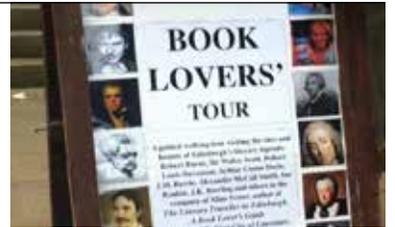
**DAY 12**

After all this literary and historical tourism, we need a day on a lake! This morning the group will tour the magnificent **Loch Lomond** by boat and later by bus. There will also be opportunities to arrange individual excursions. A farewell dinner for the group will be held at our hotel tonight (even though we have one more night in Scotland). Overnight in Loch Lomond.



**DAY 13**

Transfer to Edinburgh, where the group will take a half-day guided tour focused on the literary perspective: the world-famous **"Book Lovers' Tour."** We'll have a few free hours in the city before driving to our airport hotel for the last night. Overnight in Edinburgh.



**DAY 14**

**Friday, June 15**

Transfer to Edinburgh airport. End of services at the airport.



**DEPOSIT & PAYMENT SCHEDULE: \$500 P.P. Deposit plus insurance if taken due with reservation**

SECOND PAYMENT of \$1,400 p.p. due January 12, 2018 - FINAL PAYMENT Due by: March 09, 2018

\$3,600 P.P. Double (LAND ONLY) \*\$5,024 P.P. Double (LAND, AIR, TAXES, & FUEL) \$1,185 Single Supplement (Additional & limited)

Optional Travel Insurance (Additional & non-refundable): LAND & AIR \$249 p.p. double \$310 Single LAND ONLY: \$190 p.p. double \$234 Single

*\*PLEASE NOTE: Air taxes & fuel surcharges are included, based on time group air was originally reserved. Taxes & fuel surcharges are subject to change until group air is ticketed. All groups are ticketed at the same time, early ticketing is not permitted.*

**IF TAKING AIR, A SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION THAT YOU HAVE READ & ACCEPT THIS:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

**RESERVATION APPLICATION**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat (s) on **AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE ALUMNAE "Ireland & Scotland Tour" - June 2-15, 2018**

**\*\*\*A COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT IS REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE\*\*\***

\*PLEASE BOOK AIR: \_\_\_\_\_ LAND ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ (Will purchase my own air)  
Name (as on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(A valid US Passport is required-valid for 6 months beyond date of travel.)

American Citizen \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N Gender \_\_\_M\_\_\_F

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

(city) (State) (Zip)

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger Sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Twin (2 Beds) \_\_\_\_\_ Double (1 Bed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Supplement \$1,185 Limited Availability

Meal Restrictions YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (s) sending deposit w/ separate application? \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N

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**INTERESTED IN OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE?**

LAND & AIR: \$249 p.p. double / \$310 Single

LAND ONLY: \$190 p.p. double / \$234 Single

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If declining, please initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**Travel Insurance is additional per person, must be purchased with initial deposit & is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

**Please make initial deposit & all payments payable & send to:**

**CELTIC TOURS - 1860 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203**

**PH: 862-0042 FAX: 518-862-1820**

**EMAIL: Kathyg@celtictours.com**

**Deposit & Payment Schedule: (Non-Refundable)**

**\$500 Deposit PP required with reservation + Travel Insurance, if taking**

**2nd PAYMENT of \$1,400 p.p. due JAN. 12, 2018**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: MAR. 09, 2018**

**Credit Cards: You may if you wish, give authorization to Celtic Tours to charge each payment as per the payment schedule above- payments will be processed on the due dates-see below: I have read the terms and conditions per the brochure/flyer and understand that I may incur service charges, penalties and/or cancellation fees in the event of cancellation or change in my itinerary for any reason.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ authorize Celtic Tours to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on my Credit Card

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

By signing here: \_\_\_\_\_ I additionally authorize Celtic Tours to charge my second payment of \$1,400 per person due January 12, 2018 and final payment due March 09, 2018 to my charge card.

**Debit-Pay by check payments - Complete here:**

I (we) hereby authorize Celtic Tours to initiate a debit to my (our) \_\_\_\_\_ Checking \_\_\_\_\_ Savings account (select one) indicated below and

**Celtic Tours to debit same to such account:** Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

ABA #: \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Usually the ABA Number is the first 9 digits on the bottom of your

check. You may call your financial institution to verify.)

Signature of acceptance for Celtic Tours debit to above named account: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Airfare in all-inclusive cost is based on airline tickets being paid in full 125 days prior to departure. Airfares are subject to increase until ticketed. **No deviations from scheduled travel dates are allowed.** Tickets, once issued are non-refundable and are subject to a \$207 reissue fee if names are spelled incorrectly. Air mileage is not allowed for group space. **Seating assignments for group space are given at check-in, there are no exceptions for this.**  
**Cancellation - Land Penalty:** From 125 to 65 days prior to departure land penalty of \$150 per person will apply. From 64 to 31 days prior to departure a \$500 penalty per person will incur. On or after 30 days prior to the day of departure there is no refund. Travel Insurance is available and is recommended. Penalties waived for covered reason with our Travel Protection Plan. **Travel insurance must be purchased with initial reservation/deposit in order to cover pre existing conditions**