

Twenty-fourth Annual Scotland and England Organ and Castle Tour

July 17 - 30, 2012

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TUESDAY, JULY 17

Edinburgh

The tour will begin with lunch at the Holiday Inn Express, in the heart of Edinburgh. This afternoon, we will visit the organ of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, a wonderful Willis instrument, built in 1878 or four manuals and 58 ranks, rebuilt by Harrison & Harrison. Dinner will be at the hotel, with a free evening - time to relax for those who arrived today.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Edinburgh

Today we will visit two other organs in Edinburgh, the IV/62 Hope-Jones in McEwan Hall of the University of Edinburgh, and the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Mary, with its new (2006) Matthew Copley organ (III/63).

And this evening, we will attend the recital at St. Giles Cathedral (1992 Rieger III/69).

Transportation will be provided by taxis while in Edinburgh. Dinner will be at our hotel every evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Perth, Dundee, Edinburgh

This morning, our coach will meet us at the hotel, and we will drive into Northern Scotland to visit the organ of Caird Hall (III/30 Harrison & Harrison, considered to be the finest organ in Scotland), and/or the Dundee Cathedral (III/35 Hill), and/or the organ of Perth Cathedral, a IV/49 Nicholson. After some sightseeing in the area, we will return to Edinburgh for dinner and a quiet evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Hexham, Newcastle, Durham

We will begin our journey south with a visit to Hexham Abbey, with the first American organ to be installed in England, the Phelps 1974 II/34. Then on to Newcastle for the organs of the Cathedral (Nicholson IV/56) and the Municipal Concert Hall (Harrison & Harrison IV/56).

We will drive on to Durham, where we will spend the next three nights at the Royal County Hotel, with great access to the river at the back of the hotel.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Middlesbrough, Durham

Just one out-of-town adventure today - a 26 mile drive will take us to Middlesbrough, where the Town Hall contains a Hill, Norman and Beard IV/53, built in 1898. This journey will of course be optional - if you wish to simply take the day off and enjoy Durham, that is fine. Back to Durham for the evening. And we plan to visit the organ of the great Durham Cathedral (Harrison & Harrison IV/98).

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Durham

We will attend Sunday morning service at Durham Cathedral. The remainder of the day will be free to enjoy this lovely city, and perhaps attend Evensong at the Cathedral. Hopefully everyone will cross the bridge over the river to see the finest view of the Cathedral.

MONDAY, JULY 23

Durham, Bridlington Beverley

This morning we will visit the largest organ builder in England, Harrison & Harrison, with their new shop in Durham, built in 1996. Harrison & Harrison have built some of the finest organs in England, including Westminster Abbey.

We will leave the Durham area, for our longest drive of the tour, about 95 miles, to Bridlington Priory, with a large Compton/Nicholson IV/76. Then on to Beverley, where we will spend two nights. After dinner, we will visit the organ of St. Mary's Church, a T. C. Lewis IV/73, rebuilt in 2006.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

Kingston Upon Hull, Beverley

Kingston Upon Hull, only ten miles from Beverley, has two of the largest Compton organs ever built, still in good condition. The City Hall has a IV/141, and Holy Trinity, a IV/104, built in 1938. Holy Trinity is the largest Parish Church, with the largest Parish Church organ in England.

We will return to Beverley, where we will visit one of the most beautiful churches in the

world, Beverley Minster, with its Hill, Norman & Beard IV/73.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Shelby, Doncaster, Sheffield, Huddersfield

Leaving Beverley this morning, we will go first to Selby Abbey, with the marvelous John Jackson instrument (IV/72). Then downhill for twenty-one miles will take us to Doncaster Minster, with an instrument of V/92 by J. W. Walker, and a new console built in 1999.

One more stop before landing in Huddersfield for two nights - Sheffield City Hall, where there is a 1932 Willis organ, IV/75.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Bradford, Rochdale, Huddersfield

A short fifteen mile drive will take us first to Bradford Cathedral, to see and play the Hill, Norman & Beard organ, IV/72. Then we will drive to Rochdale Town Hall, an organ you can listen to at youtube.com, a large historic Walker IV/73.

Back to Huddersfield to visit one of the finest Town Hall organs in England, built by Willis, and rebuilt by Harrison & Harrison, IV/66.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

Manchester, Chester, Liverpool

There are two magnificent auditorium organs in Manchester - we will see whichever one we can get in to. Occasionally concerts make it difficult to access concert hall instruments. The Town Hall has an 1893 five manual, Cavallé-Coll of 65 stops. And Bridgewater Concert Hall has a 1996 Marcussen IV/76, with, surprisingly, four En Chamade Trompetes!

Then we will head southwest, to Chester Cathedral (Rushworth & Draeper IV/71), before ending the day in Liverpool.

We will arrive early, and have an early dinner, so that everyone can watch the Opening Ceremony of the Summer Olympics in London.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Liverpool

Being in this area, it would be sad if we did not visit the largest organ in England. For many years, Royal Albert Hall in London was the largest. But recently, additions have been made to the Liverpool Cathedral organ, making it now the largest (Willis V/168). We will also again visit the great St. George's Hall, with another five manual Willis of 121 ranks, and the Metropolitan Cathedral (Walker 1967, IV/88).

These visits again will be optional. Any time we stay in a city more than one night, time may be taken off to simply relax or do other projects (shopping?).

SUNDAY, JULY 29

Liverpool

This morning we will attend the Sung Eucharist at Liverpool Cathedral. The rest of the day will be free. You might attend Evensong at the Anglican Cathedral or Evening Prayer at the Catholic Cathedral. This evening we will have our farewell dinner at the hotel.

MONDAY, JULY 30

The tour will end with breakfast this morning. It is recommended that you fly out of Manchester instead of Liverpool. Many more flights, less cost, and trains run three times an hour from Liverpool the short distance to the Manchester Airport.

Tour Cost

Double Occupancy - \$3565.00

Single Occupancy Supplement - \$485.00

Tour cost is based on twenty participants

Complete information concerning the 2012 Scotland and England Organ and Castle Tour is included in this brochure. However, I would like to call your attention to a few considerations.

In order to foster a greater sense of community among the group, all morning and evening meals are included in the tour cost, and will be at our hotels. Also, lunch is included on the first day of the tour, at the Holiday Inn Express in Edinburgh. Other luncheons will be independent in the various locations we will visit.

While in Edinburgh at the beginning of the tour, and in Liverpool at the end, taxis and busses will be used for our transportation (included in the tour cost). All travel between those two venues will be with an air-conditioned coach.

Please note that in addition to transportation, all breakfasts and dinners, and luncheon the first day, the tour cost includes admission to Edinburgh Castle and hotel handling of your luggage. Since the tour officially begins at the Holiday Inn Express in Edinburgh, transportation from the airport to the hotel is not covered. Nor is travel from our Liverpool hotel to the Manchester airport. Also, any programs discovered later are not covered.

Airfare is not included in the tour cost.

I do hope you will be able to join the group this year. If you have further questions, please call, write, or email.

LESLIE PEART

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PAYMENT - In an effort to hold down costs, we cannot accept credit cards. Use of credit cards would add to the tour cost. Payment must be made by check to *Leslie Peart*.

TRANSPORTATION - Air arrangements are not included in tour cost. The tour will officially begin from the HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS in Edinburgh.. While in Edinburgh and Liverpool, we will use taxis and busses for transportation, included in the tour cost. On traveling days, we will have the services of an air-conditioned coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS will be in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels on the basis of two persons sharing a room with private bath. **The supplement for anyone requiring single accommodations is \$485.00.**

SINGLE TRAVELERS - If you desire a roommate, and are traveling alone, we will make every effort to make a compatible match. If no roommate is available, the single supplement will be assessed.

MEALS - **Two meals** are provided **each day** including full English breakfast and dinner in the hotel of the day. Luncheon at the HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS in Edinburgh is also included the first day.

PORTERAGE of one medium-size suitcase per person is provided with the tour cost. You are also permitted one carry-on, which **must** be kept with you - coach driver will not be responsible for carry-on luggage. Additional bags will be charged at the rate of £2.00 (\$3.40) per day for coach and hotel portorage.

SERVICE CHARGES, TIPPING AND TAXES are included in the tour costs, with the exception of the coach driver.

ADMISSION to Edinburgh Castle and the organ recital at St. Giles, Edinburgh is included in the tour cost. Any additional concerts or visits we may find along the way are not included in the tour cost.

TOUR COST is based on a group of 20 persons and on current charges for hotels, coach provider, etc. If it is necessary to increase the cost more than 5% of the published tour cost, participants may cancel and receive a full refund. This cancellation, to be valid, must be received by Leslie Peart not more than ten days subsequent to notification of cost increase.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS - Written notice of cancellation must be sent to Leslie Peart. The following penalties will be charged according to the date written notice of cancellation is received by Leslie Peart:

Before May 12	\$300.00 plus any non-recoverable advancements to England.
May 13 to June 30	\$500.00 plus any non-recoverable advancements to England.
July 1 or later	No refund given

There will be no refunds for unused land arrangements.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE - A deposit of \$500.00 is required with your enrollment. Additional payments are as follows:

April 1 - \$1000.00	May 1 - \$1000.00	June 15 - Remaining Balance
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If your application is sent after April 1, sufficient funds should be included to bring your account up to date.

GENERAL - Leslie Peart will be responsible for providing services and accommodations as outlined in this brochure, except where such services cannot be supplied, wholly or in part, owing to circumstances beyond his control. In such cases, he will supply alternative services and accommodations, and no refunds will be granted provided that the alternatives are comparable to services and accommodations as originally outlined. Leslie Peart shall not be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, act, or omission on the part of any individual or company furnishing transport, accommodations, or any other services, nor will he be responsible for any injuries, death, damages, loss or delay in any means of transport or by reason of any event beyond his control. Leslie Peart reserves the right to make changes in the tour itinerary routing should such be necessary prior to departure. In case of insufficient participation, Leslie Peart reserves the right to cancel the tour. If tour is canceled, liability will be limited to a refund in full of all monies paid by the participants.

COMMENTS FROM FORMER TOUR MEMBERS

Thank you for your kindness and care in making sure that everything ran like clockwork and that our every need and comfort were taken care of. Your attention to the finest detail is much appreciated -
Craig Tocher

We are still basking in the memories of the wonderful organ trip to England. You did a terrific job in planning and executing the trip. No detail was left out. We have taken several group trips by professional tour companies and none were as well planned as yours. You could certainly give the tour companies some good tips! - Sam and Helen Kershaw

Everything was SO wonderful – it's not even possible to describe the emotions and sense of satisfaction your tour provided! I'm sure I've made some new lasting friendships – that's probably the MOST wonderful part! – Bob Richardson.

Looking back on it, we wonder how you ever pull together all the wonderful accommodations, transportation and venues at so many important places with such grace and apparently cordial hosts. It takes practice and perseverance to begin with. Many thanks again. – Marilyn and Alison Newland

I can't imagine how we could have packed any more thrills into our two weeks. The food was great, David a gem, and the company superb! Thank you so much for making it such a memorable experience. I will treasure the memories for years to come. – Jennifer Kolmes

We appreciate all you did to make each day so well planned and worthwhile. We enjoyed our stay in the local hotels and the food was great. I will never forget the experience of playing the organ of Westminster Abbey! –

Carol and John Graham

Leslie Peart does all of the hard work arranging things for us – we only have to get there and then enjoy. You might be able to make arrangements to visit the same places yourself, but you have to do a lot to get so much with the same quality for the price. – Robert Jackson

The memories linger for a long time! – G. Dene Barnard
