



**16 DAY TOUR**

# **CELTS AND CEILIDHS**

**IRELAND • SCOTLAND**

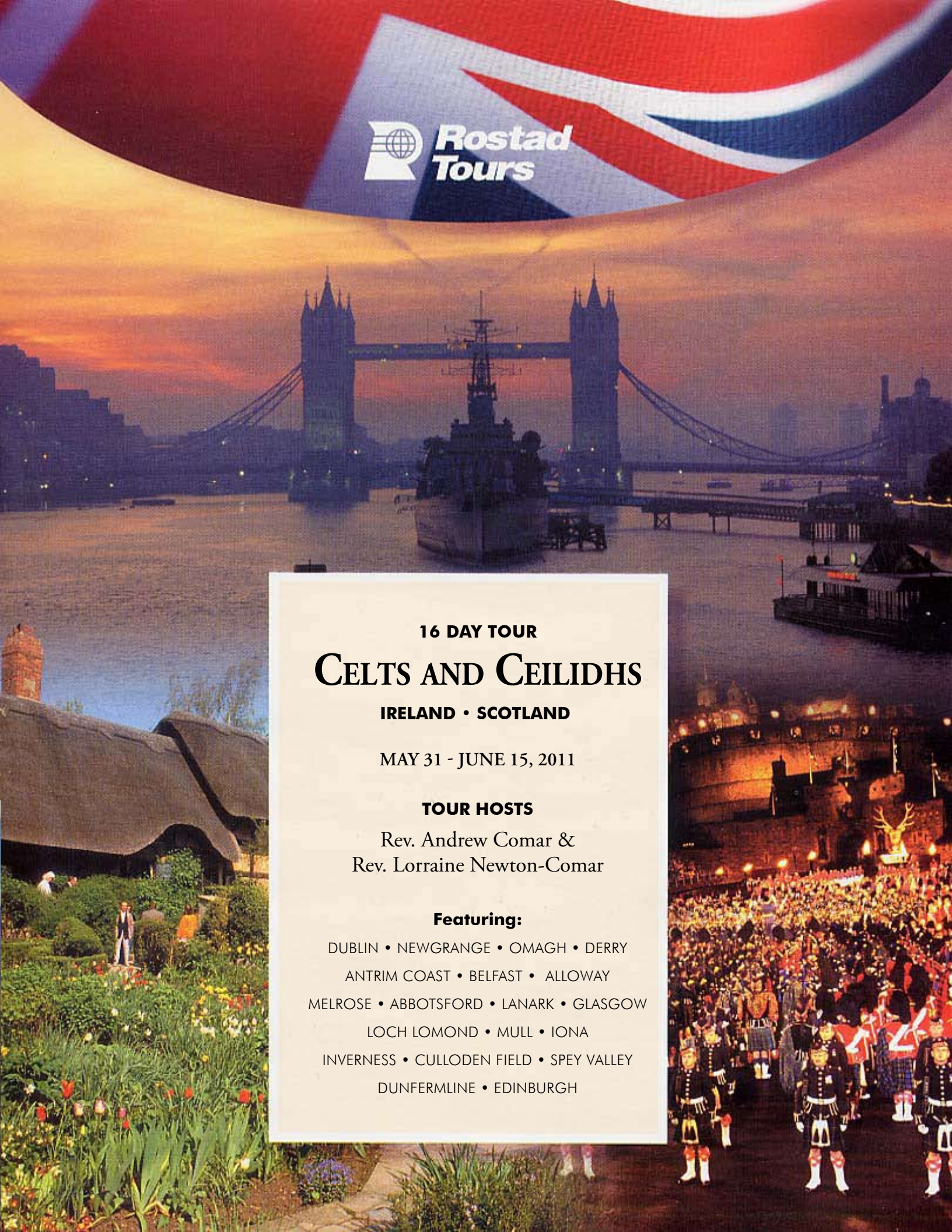
**MAY 31 - JUNE 15, 2011**

**TOUR HOSTS**

Rev. Andrew Comar &  
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**Featuring:**

DUBLIN • NEWGRANGE • OMAGH • DERRY  
ANTRIM COAST • BELFAST • ALLOWAY  
MELROSE • ABBOTSFORD • LANARK • GLASGOW  
LOCH LOMOND • MULL • IONA  
INVERNESS • CULLODEN FIELD • SPEY VALLEY  
DUNFERMLINE • EDINBURGH



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Come experience the enchantment, mystique and history of Ireland and Scotland. This tour features stunning scenery, friendly people and ancient historical and religious sites guaranteed to enrich your life. Your worry-free travelling experience includes all entrance fees, tipping, special highlights and much more. Join us as we explore the rich Celtic history of these storied shores.



## Day 1 • Departure Day

Tue, May 31

Our journey begins as we meet at the airport to board our flight across the Atlantic.

## Day 2 • Arrive Dublin

Wed, Jun 1 (D)

Upon arrival in **Dublin**, Ireland's charming capital, we meet our guide who will escort us to our waiting motorcoach. We'll travel a short distance to the pretty village of **Malahide** to visit the **14th century castle**. Set in magnificent gardens, the castle is furnished with the finest Irish period furniture and contains famous portrait paintings from the National Art Gallery. Then we have a short scenic tour of Dublin's coastline before arriving at our hotel.

## Day 3 • Dublin City Tour - Merry Ploughboys

Thu, Jun 2 (BD)

Our tour of the Irish capital includes **Dublin Castle**, elegant Georgian squares, **Phoenix Park** and **St. Patrick's Cathedral**. Then a visit to the **Trinity College Library** where we will admire the 1,200 year-old **Book of Kells**. Afterwards we travel a short distance

to the **Guinness Storehouse** where we learn about Ireland's greatest export, and enjoy the view from the **Gravity Bar** on the top of the Storehouse. The afternoon is free to relax, shop or wander, and this evening we attend the **Merry Ploughboys Dinner and Show** - the longest running show in Ireland.

## Day 4 • Newgrange - Omagh

Fri, Jun 3 (BD)

We take our leave of Dublin this morning and travel north, stopping first at **Newgrange**. This Stone Age Tomb is the most impressive in Europe and was built in 3200BC, before Stonehenge and the pyramids of Egypt. After an early lunch break we head for **Omagh**, where we visit the **Ulster American Folk Park**. This fifty acre outdoor museum tells the story of the floods of emigrants who left Ireland for the Americas in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. We continue on to **Derry** and our hotel for the night.

## Day 5 • Derry - Antrim Coast

Sat, Jun 4 (BD)

After checking out of our hotel, we enjoy a great walking tour of the **Walls of Derry**. We'll hear



the history and enjoy the views as we walk along 30 feet above the street level. Leaving Derry, we travel along the **Antrim Coast** stopping for a photo opportunity at **Dunluce Castle**, thought by some to be the most picturesque of all Irish castles. Next, we stop at the impressive **Giant's Causeway**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS)**. This area of hexagonal basalt columns was formed by cooling lava and has given rise to many legends. Then it's off to our hotel in Belfast.

## Day 6 • Belfast Sights

Sun, Jun 5 (BD)

This morning we have a tour of **Belfast**. The world's largest dry dock is here and the shipyard's giant cranes tower over the port. We'll also see the rejuvenated riverfront area and the **City Hall**, built around 1903, which dominates the main shopping area. The afternoon is free to relax or explore

on our own. This evening you may wish to take in a walking tour of Belfast's historic pubs.

## Day 7 • Ferry to Scotland - Alloway

Mon, Jun 6 (BD)

This morning we take our leave of the Emerald Isle and board the ferry that will take us to **Scotland**. After arrival in **Stranraer** we head northward into **Robert Burns country**. We'll stop in **Alloway**, where we will visit **Burns' cottage** and the **Burns' Monument**, before heading toward our hotel in **New Lanark**.

## Day 8 • Melrose - Abbotsford - Lanark

Tue, Jun 7 (BLD)

Today we visit **Melrose Abbey**, pleasantly situated in the **Tweed Valley**, with time to wander round the vast remains of this **Cistercian abbey** and its fine stonework. Then we'll visit **Abbotsford** - Sir Walter Scott's magnificent home. It contains numerous artifacts including an impressive collection of armour and weapons, **Rob Roy's gun** and **Montrose's sword**, and there are over 9,000 rare volumes in the library. We then return to **Lanark (WHS)**, where in the late 1700's,

Our family owned and operated company was founded in 1980 by Joe Rostad, a Lutheran pastor. The company was established in order to provide truly meaningful and quality tours for Christian travellers. Tours are comfortably paced with many stays of two nights or more. A Tour Host accompanies the group to ensure that everyone receives a fun, carefree and value-packed vacation.



## ROSTAD ALUMNI DISCOUNT

To celebrate our 30th Anniversary we are introducing discounts for Rostad Alumni who travel in 2011:

Receive a \$200 discount if you travelled with us in 2010 or receive a \$100 discount if you travelled with us in 2008 or 2009.

Robert Owen harnessed the **Falls of Clyde** to power four great linen mills. He also built adequate housing for his workers, provided them with medical support, classes for the children, and a nursery to relieve mothers.

**Day 9 • Glasgow City Sights**

Wed, Jun 8 (BD)

We travel a short distance to **Glasgow** this morning and enjoy a scenic tour of the city. We will also visit **St. Mungo's Cathedral**. The building is a superb example of Scottish Gothic architecture. It is also one of the few Scottish medieval churches (and the only medieval cathedral on the Scottish mainland) to have survived the Reformation intact. Next we visit **Kelvingrove Museum** - the largest civic museum and art gallery in the UK, with collections of international importance. The rest of the day is free to do as we see fit.

**Day 10 • Loch Lomond - Mull**

Thu, Jun 9 (BD)

We travel north today, stopping along the **Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond** for a photo opportunity, before continuing on to the ferry that will take us to the **Isle of Mull**. Once on Mull we will visit **Duart Castle** - the ancestral home of the Clan Maclean, and located at one of the most spectacular and unique positions on the west coast of Scotland. We then check into our hotel where we will stay for the next two nights.



**Day 11 • Full Day on Iona**

Fri, Jun 10 (BD)

We leave after breakfast for the western tip of the Isle of Mull.

Here we board the ferry for the short ride across to **Iona** where St. Columba founded a monastery in 563. Often attacked by Norse raiders, this monastery was replaced in 1203 but later fell into decay. We visit the **cathedral** where much restoration has been done and it now has a beautiful interior and interesting carvings. For centuries Iona was the burial place for Scottish kings and chiefs. After our day on Iona, we return to enjoy Mull's wild countryside which was the setting for many of the adventures in Robert Louis Stevenson's novel, "Kidnapped". The island is approximately 30 miles in area but its rocky indented coastline measures about 300 miles!

**Day 12 • Loch Ness**

- Inverness

Sat, Jun 11 (BD)

Today we leave Mull and travel further north via the dramatic valley of **Glencoe**, whose name in Gaelic means the "vale of tears". This was the scene of the tragic massacre of the Clan MacDonald by their long-time enemy, the Campbells, in 1692. Soon after we arrive in **Fort William**, situated at the foot of **Ben Nevis** - Britain's highest mountain at 1344 meters. We then continue alongside **Loch Ness** to the extensive ruins of **Urquhart Castle**. From here we join a boat cruise on this famous 700 feet deep loch and rejoin our coach on the edge of **Inverness** town.

**Day 13 • Cawder Castle**

- Culloden Field

Sun, Jun 12 (BLD)

Today we visit **Cawder Castle** - a magical name, romantically linked by Shakespeare with Macbeth. The castle dates from the late 14th century and was built as a private fortress by the Thanes of Cawdor. Next we explore **Culloden Moor**, scene of the last major battle fought on mainland Britain. It is

one of the most iconic and emotive sites in Scotland. The battle that took place here on 16 April 1746, effectively ended Jacobite hopes of restoring the exiled Stuart dynasty to the throne of Britain. We also stop at the **Clava Cairns** - one of the best preserved Bronze Age burial sites in Scotland. Lunch today will be at a local pub where we will enjoy a typical pub lunch.

**Day 14 • Spey Valley**

- Whisky Trail

Mon, Jun 13 (BD)

We spend the day leisurely exploring the **Spey Valley** where most of Scotland's malt whisky distilleries are found - this is an important part of Scotland's history and tradition and we may take a tour of one of the local distilleries to see the manufacturing process. (Tasting is available and is entirely optional for visitors). We then



travel south to **Crathes Castle**. This is a fine example of a Scottish Tower House and has a square castle tower dating back to 1533. Our final stop today is **Stirling Castle** which has dominated much of Scotland's vivid history. A favorite Royal residence, Mary Queen of Scots and James VI both spent some years here. Then it's on to Edinburgh.

**Day 15 • Dunfermline**

- Edinburgh

Tue, Jun 14 (BD)

A short trip outside Edinburgh this morning takes us to **Dunfermline** where we visit the **Abbey**, whose foundation goes back to 1072. It was built by King David I of Scotland in honour of his mother, the saintly Queen Margaret.

Next we will be taken on a tour of **Edinburgh (WHS)** - featuring the spine of the city - "**The Royal Mile**" - which runs down from the Edinburgh Castle, past St. Giles Cathedral to Holyrood Palace. Our tour includes visits to both mighty **Edinburgh Castle** and **St. Giles Cathedral**. The rest of the afternoon is free so we can explore and shop on our own. This evening we toast the success of our travels at a **farewell dinner**.

**Day 16 • Return Home**

Wed, Jun 15 (B)

This morning we are taken to the airport for our return flight, with fresh memories of our tour and the new friends we have made along the way. While we may be sad that our trip is over, we are excited about returning home to share our experiences with family and friends.

**SPECIAL INCLUSIONS**

- Irish Dinner & Show in Dublin
- Cruise on Loch Ness

**TOUR PRICES**

Toronto	\$6195
Ottawa	\$6195
Calgary	\$6495
Vancouver	\$6495

Prices from other cities available upon request. Prices are per person based on double occupancy. The supplement for a single room is \$715 per person.

Prices shown are based on currency levels, airfares, and taxes valid as at April 1, 2010 and are subject to change.

**This tour is not subject to GST/HST.**

**NEW FOR 2011!**

**Now included:**

Airline fuel surcharges & Airport Improvement Fees.

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- Professional tour guide
- Sightseeing tours including entrance fees
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- Tipping for all included services
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- Rostad Tours travel gift
- Tour documentation and travel information
- NOT INCLUDED: Meals not shown, beverages, items of a personal nature, increases to taxes or fees, insurance.

**DEPOSIT INFORMATION**

A deposit of \$300 is required to make a reservation on this tour. Make cheques payable to Rostad Tours Ltd. VISA or MASTERCARD accepted.

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# Tour Conditions & Information

## RESERVATIONS

A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required to make a reservation on this tour. This deposit is completely refundable up to 90 days prior to departure. A confirmation of your reservation will be forwarded to you after the deposit is received.

## FINAL PAYMENT

The final payment is due no later than 90 days before departure. If you are joining the tour within 90 days of departure, full payment is required.

## CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

For payments made by credit card, we reserve the right to have credit card charges processed by the suppliers of travel services such as the airline, cruise line, etc. If this occurs, your payment will be split between Rostad Tours and the other suppliers and will appear as separate payments on your credit card statement.

## SHARED & SINGLE ACCOMMODATION

Passengers must indicate at the time of booking whether they want to share a room or if they prefer a single room. Your roommate, if known, should also be indicated. If you do not have a roommate we will attempt to find a suitable travelling companion to share a room with you. If you join the tour more than 90 days prior to departure and we are unable to find a roommate, you will only be charged one-half of the single supplement. If you join the tour less than 90 days prior to departure and we are not able to find a roommate, you will be charged the full single supplement. Triple rooms, while not recommended, can be arranged.

## RESERVATION CHANGES

If you want to change your reservation, such as change your departure city or plan an extended stay, you must submit your request in writing at least 90 days

prior to departure. If planning an extension, an additional non-refundable payment may be required in order to reserve flights and other arrangements. Any subsequent changes, cancellations of extension arrangements or changes requested within 90 days of departure are subject to a service fee of \$100.00 per person in addition to any fees charged by the various travel suppliers.

## TOUR PRICE

The prices shown are based on currency levels, airfares, and taxes valid as at April 1, 2010 and are subject to change. Once you have paid in full we guarantee that there will be no price increases due to currency exchange fluctuations or airfare increases.

## FUEL SURCHARGES

It has become common practice for airlines, cruise lines and motorcoach companies to apply surcharges due to the volatile price of fuel. These surcharges are included in the price of the tour based on surcharges in effect as at April 1, 2010 and are subject to change.

## CANCELLATIONS

Your deposit is fully refundable for any reason up to 90 days prior to departure. Cancellations after this date are subject to the following cancellation charges:

90-61 days prior to departure	\$1000.00
60-31 days	\$2000.00
30-0 days	\$3000.00

If you cancel, you will receive back all money paid towards the tour less the applicable cancellation fee. The charges apply to the base price of the tour only and do not include cancellation charges for any extra arrangements such as single supplement, accommodation upgrades, additional tours, etc.

## INSURANCE

We recommend that all passengers buy insurance to protect themselves against

any possible cancellation charges or out-of-country medical expenses. An all-inclusive policy will be offered prior to making your final payment that has cancellation, hospital/medical and baggage coverage. As your deposit is fully refundable until 90 days prior to departure, you do not need to purchase insurance until that date.

## PASSPORTS & VISAS

A passport is required for all tour participants and should be valid for at least six months past your intended return date. If you do not already have a passport or if your current passport will expire within this period, apply for your new passport at least 90 days before departure. If visas are required to enter any of the countries on the tour, you will be informed at the time of final payment what is required to comply with regulations. Tour members who are not citizens of Canada or the United States are responsible to obtain their own visas.

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

During walking tours you will likely experience uneven ground, cobblestone streets and various amounts of steps or stairs. For your enjoyment, and in fairness to your fellow passengers, you should be in good physical condition, with the ability to stand for reasonable periods of time and walk up to one kilometre easily. Should you feel a particular excursion may be too strenuous, you are welcome to forego the sightseeing tour and rest or explore on your own. At the time of printing, no inoculations are required for this tour.

## TOUR DOCUMENTS

The tour documents (hotel list, flight itinerary, nametag, etc.) will be sent approximately 30 days prior to departure. Please notify our office in writing if you require any information in advance of this date.

## BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Tour members are allowed one suitcase per person with the total dimensions not to exceed 60" (i.e. 30" length + 20" height + 10" width). Your suitcase will be portered at all hotels but tour members are responsible for their flight bags/carry-on luggage at all times. Rostad Tours accepts no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, any baggage or any tour member's personal belongings.

## ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Rostad Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour due to airline schedule changes or any other circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to keep the tour as close as possible to the original itinerary.

## TOUR MEMBERSHIP

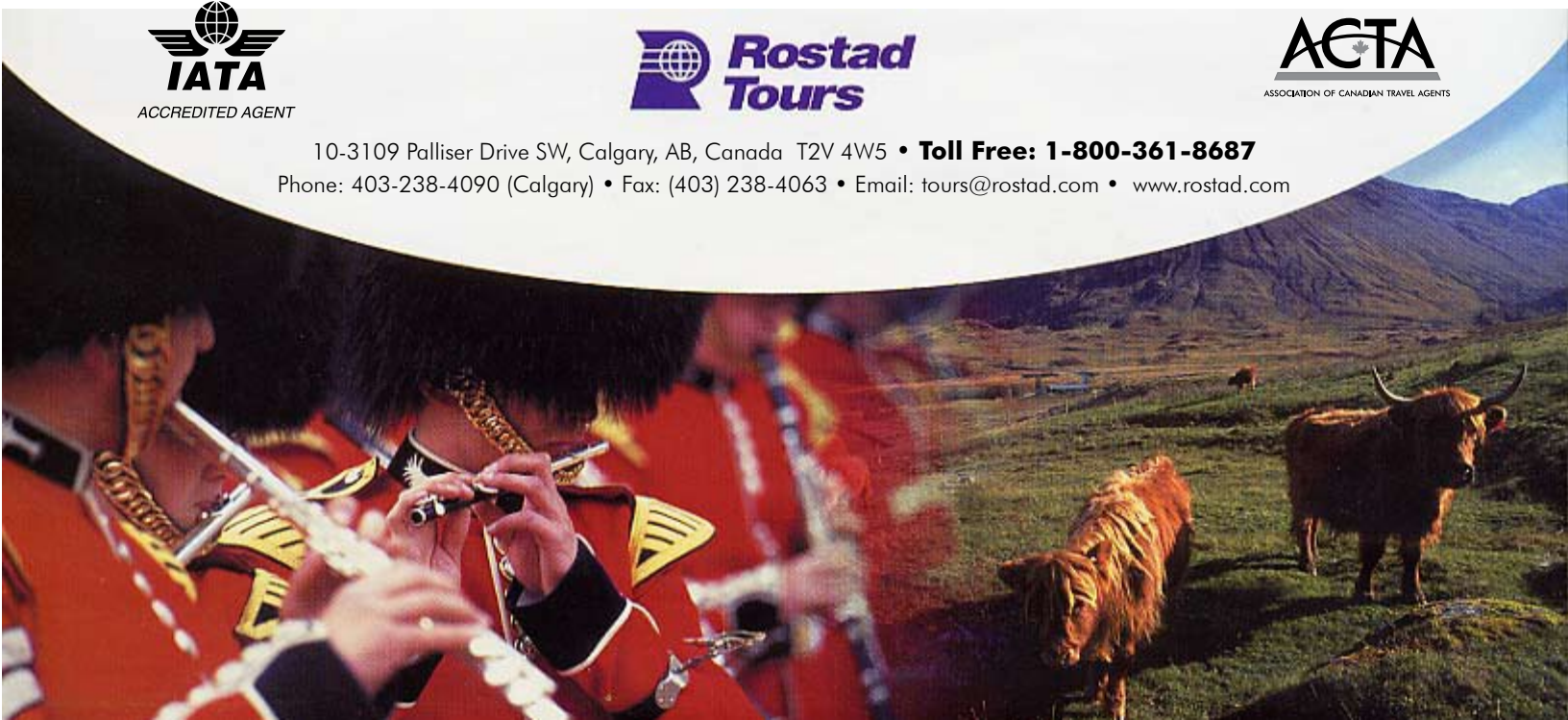
Rostad Tours reserves the right to reject any person as a tour member and to expel from the tour any person whose actions are deemed to be detrimental to the enjoyment of the tour by the other passengers. Children 6 years of age and under at the time the tour departs are considered too young to travel on tour.

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Please complete this form and mail it to the Tour Host or directly To Rostad Tours  
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### PASSENGER INFORMATION

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Title Last Name First Name Year/Month/Day

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Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Accommodation Requested:  Twin/Double or  Single Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ If unknown, would you like us to find you a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Deposit Required (per person): \$300x \_\_\_\_\_ = Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit is fully refundable until March 02, 2011

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