

Good Day, LACS Travelers!

Below is updated information regarding this summer's trip.

1. Passport Deadline: We need a photocopy of your passport, on or before March 15, which we will carry with us at all times while on the trip. This is a requirement of the tour company and is needed for emergency purposes only. Joanie will transfer all the information to the official form provided by the tour company. You can mail your copy to us at 523 Lakeside Dr, Hastings, 49058 (please wait until after March 1 to mail it), or bring it to the full rehearsal on March 7 or the SSA sectional on the 14th. **Do not** scan and email it.
2. If you have a KTN (Known Traveler Number for expedited airport TSA Pre-Check) issued to you through the TSA, we will need that number as well on or before March 15. This is NOT required for travel.
3. If you planning on using a credit card while in the UK, it MUST be a chip-ready card, as this is the new standard overseas. Cash (local currency) also works just fine.
4. When we have to supply the hotel rooming list, your choices are two twin beds or one double.
5. Several months ago I spoke with Caro, our tour agent, regarding the bus situation, as it was completely full at that time. While one bus would certainly promote a close-knit family, it could become uncomfortably tight for the duration of the trip. I asked about the feasibility of a second bus. Instead of cramming 55 adults into one bus, I felt it would be more comfortable for everyone to have some open seats on two buses. Since then, however, we have taken on three more travelers, two of whom are singers. We are now past the limit for one bus, which took the decision out of my hands. However, because we are now using two buses, there will be an additional charge of \$60.00 per traveler, UNLESS we get at least two more people to go, bringing the total to a minimum of 60 travelers. If we get 60 travelers, the cost will remain as originally bid, \$4289. If we do not reach 60, the additional cost will be reflected in the final payment: Total for 58 or 59 = \$4349. So, if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the trip, as a singer or not, please let me know ASAP.
6. There have also been some adjustments to the itinerary, which is normal when planning a trip so far in advance as we did. For example, we just learned that the Scottish Themed Dinner is not available on the dates we will be in Edinburgh. Caro is working to find an alternate activity for us. Our concert scheduled for Monday, June 20, has been moved back to Sunday, June 19. I've attached the updated itinerary. There are still a few "to be announced" activities that will be finalized in the weeks ahead. As they are finalized, I will forward the updates to you.
7. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. (location TBA) for all trip participants. Our tour agent will be there, and we will have answers for your submitted questions. While this meeting is not mandatory, you will be responsible for all information discussed. Caro will also be distributing important trip materials at this meeting (bag tags, passport holders, etc.). Please get this date on your calendar, and as soon as I have secured a venue, I'll let you know.

That's it for now. Remember, in the weeks ahead, if you have questions regarding any aspect of the trip, please email Joanie. She will collate all questions and have them to Caro before our meeting on May 24.

Thanks for your cooperation in meeting the on or before March 15 passport deadline.

Thanks!

Bob