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The Gathering Package – Clan MacGregor 24th July – 31st July

Day	Itinerary	Hotel Location
Day 1	Arrive Edinburgh. Check into accommodation	Edinburgh
Day 2	The Gathering events	Edinburgh
Day 3	The Gathering events	Edinburgh
Day 4	Depart on the Clan MacGregor Homelands tour	Inveraray
Day 5	On tour	Drymen
Day 6	On tour – arriving back in Edinburgh early evening	Edinburgh
Day 7	Edinburgh city tour	Edinburgh
Day 8	Depart for home	

Package Price 2009	3* Hotel
Twin/Double Room	£850
Single Room	£1385

Price includes

- 7 nights in central 3* hotels, with facilities, inclusive of Scottish breakfast.
- Edinburgh city tour (hop-on/ op-off ticket)
- 3 day Clan Homelands mini-coach tour with driver/guide. Maximum group size of 16
- Entertainment and refreshments at MacGregor's Barn
- Welcome Pack, service & VAT

Price does not include

- The Gathering passport
- Entry fees (approx £180)
- Lunches, dinners and drinks.
- Personal expenses.

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Itinerary – Clan MacGregor Homelands Tour

27th July 2009

Kilmhog – Balquidder – Kilchurn Castle – Inveraray



Departing Edinburgh we travel west past Stirling Castle and into the Highlands of Scotland. Journeying through the beauty of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, we make our first stop at the visitor centre at Kilmahog. From there, it is a short drive north to experience the serenity of Loch Lubnaig.

After a short stop at Loch Lubnaig, we continue north along the shores of the loch, through the ancient village of Strathyre and into Balquidder. Here we will visit Balquidder church, where you can see the grave of the infamous highland outlaw, Rob Roy MacGregor. From there we travel north, past Loch Earn and onto the town of Dalmally where we will visit Dalmally Kirk, an ancient MacGregor burial site, before enjoying lunch at the friendly, family-run, Glen Orchy Lodge Hotel.

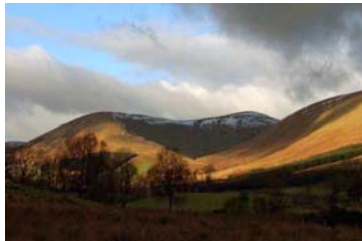
After lunch there is a short drive to the ancient MacGregor stronghold of Kilchurn Castle. Nestled on the shores of the magnificent Loch Awe and overlooked by the imposing Ben Cruachan, Kilchurn Castle has one of the most romantic settings of any castle in Scotland. From Kilchurn Castle, we will make our way to the picturesque town of Inveraray. Here you have the opportunity to visit Inveraray Castle, seat of the Duke of Argyll. The castle has on display the sporrans of Rob Roy MacGregor. We will spend the evening in Inveraray.



28th July 2009

Loch Lomond – Inchcailloch Island – Drymen

Upon leaving Inveraray we will follow the shores of scenic Loch Fyne, before travelling through the Arrochar Alps, past Loch Long and on to the beauty and splendor of Loch Lomond, Scotland's most romantic loch. We will stop at the picturesque conservation village of Luss where you can see the workers cottage, built in the 1750's, and even take a stroll along the beach. After our stop in Luss, we continue down Loch Lomond and on to Glen Fruin, scene of a battle between the Colquhouns and the MacGregors, in 1603, which led to the name MacGregor being proscribed, effectively turning the entire clan into outlaws.



From Glen Fruin, we return to Loch Lomond and follow its shores eastwards, as we make our way towards the village of Gartocharn, where we will stop for lunch. After lunch we make our way to the beautiful village of Balmaha. We will then take a ferry out to Inchcailloch Island, ancient burial ground for the MacGregors and an area of outstanding natural beauty. Upon returning to Balmaha, we will make the short trip to the historic town of Drymen where we will spend the night.

29th July 2009

Inversnaid – Aberfoyle – MacGregor's Barn

In the morning we take the stunning journey along the road to Inversnaid where we will take a short walk to see Rob Roy's Cave, one of the legendary outlaw's favourite hiding places. After experiencing the glorious views of Loch Lomond from Inversnaid, we have a short drive before arriving at the town of Aberfoyle where we will have lunch. After lunch it is another short drive to MacGregor's Barn, site of a farm dating back to 1474 and an annual gathering place for Clan Gregor for over 500 years. At MacGregor's barn we will enjoy an afternoon of Highland history, including whisky tasting and afternoon tea. From there we return to Edinburgh, via the scenic Duke's Pass and the beautiful Loch Achray.

