



**Trip to Scotland 2-5 September 2019
(Flyer No. 5: 20 September 2018)**



Caledonian Canal, Ft. W^m



Viaduct at Glenfinnan



Eilean Donan Castle



Culloden Battlefield

Following on from the previous Flyer (No.4) the pieces of the jigsaw have now come together with the reservation of the additional rooms required in the Clan MacDuff Hotel, Fort William.

EasyJet will release their schedules for 2019 at the end of October and Flybe at the end of November. At this point we need to be in a position to pay for our seats. As I said before the fares are not refundable once they are booked so I am going to need a level of commitment from you at this stage. The risk of financial loss if you have to drop out can be covered if you take out appropriate travel insurance.

Two of the hotels (Clan MacDuff and the Morar Hotel) require a non-returnable deposit and a 'global' non-returnable deposit figure covering air fares and hotel rooms has been calculated for both single and double room bookings (see below). The money will have to be received by our treasurer by the 18th October. These deposits will obviously contribute to the total costs that should come out at about £970/couple (£120/person /night) and about £600/person (£150/night) for those travelling on their own.

Just when I thought everything was sorted a significant problem has arisen over the return flight from Inverness. Originally it was scheduled to leave at 14:00 arriving in Bristol at 15:20. The latest schedule shows the flight leaving at 12:35 and my guess is that this could be the situation in Sep 2019. This would mean leaving the Culloden site at 10:30 *i.e.* with not much time there even if we got up early. In my view this would make the Culloden visit non-viable in such circumstances.

However, Plan B has been put smoothly into operation!! We shall have breakfast at a civilised hour and make our way to Culloden for, say, 10:00am. After spending a couple of hours there we then take a scenic drive to Edinburgh *via* Aviemore and Kingussie, with an extended stop at the famous House of Bruar shopping centre near Blair Atholl. We shall have lunch there and have time for a wander round the shops and their great delicatessen (everything is reassuringly expensive). We then proceed onwards to Edinburgh Airport, potentially to catch a Flybe flight to Cardiff at 19:40 arriving at 20:55. I am awaiting a response from Flybe but their 2019 schedule does not come out until the end of November. If they are not able to accommodate us there is an EasyJet flight to Bristol slightly earlier.

As always I do **not** anticipate any other major problems becoming an issue as your Fearless Leader will be on top of all such matters relentlessly! During the trip we shall have the priceless assistance of Dr Gerry Foy to ensure everyone and their luggage is looked after.

Sincerely

Euan Cameron

Non-returnable deposit details:- for single participants £150; for couples £300. These must be received by our treasurer by 18 Oct. Cheques payable to 'Probus Club of Cardiff Llanishen'

OR using a bank transfer to sort code 40-16-30: account no 51099396