The Edinburgh Festival Fringe
Hosted by Director of the Institute for Performing Arts, Missy Pfohl Smith

University of Rochester Travel Club
August 5-12, 2019
Dear Rochester alumni and friends,

The University of Rochester Travel Club is pleased to invite you to join us on this brand new, six-night program to Edinburgh for the 72nd Edinburgh Festival Fringe, hosted by our own Missy Pfohl Smith, Director of the Institute for Performing Arts. Our small group program will experience the world’s single largest celebration of arts and culture, set to the backdrop of Edinburgh’s stunning rocky hills and beautiful sea views. The extraordinary month-long Festival Fringe features performances that vary from theater to dance to comedy to experimental performance art, showcasing some of the best and emerging artists from across Europe and around the globe. Having been a featured choreographer and performer at the festival herself, Missy Pfohl Smith is the ideal guide for your exploration of all this unique global happening has to offer! On this tour, you will discover Edinburgh’s charming streets with a local-led walking tour of Old Town and experience a delightful afternoon tea, set in a library restored to its 19th century glory. We will have the opportunity to learn about Scotland’s history through its medieval castle and world-class museums, and take in a special global performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Between a variety of curated performances, enjoy local Scottish food and whisky tastings, as we get an authentic feel of the city. Our relaxed schedule provides you with plenty of time to discover the festival and its many activities and performances independently. Join us as we rub shoulders with talented aspiring artists, take in world-class performances, indulge in the abundance of creativity that takes over Edinburgh, and so much more! Please enjoy the detailed itinerary for this tour, and do not hesitate to reach out to me at corinne.dagen@rochester.edu with any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming you for this extraordinary learning adventure!

Meliora,
Corinne Dagen ’03
Director, University of Rochester Travel Club
Day-by-Day Itinerary

Monday, August 5: Depart the US
Depart the United States on independent flights to Edinburgh.

Tuesday, August 6: Edinburgh
Arrive in Edinburgh and transfer independently to The Principal Edinburgh George Street Hotel. This afternoon meet as a group and begin the program by attending one of the many performances of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the single largest celebration of arts and culture, transforming Edinburgh into the center of explosive creative energy from around the world. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

Wednesday, August 7: Edinburgh
This morning we begin the day with a walking tour of Edinburgh’s Old Town, led by a local guide. This UNESCO listed district is the heart of Edinburgh and our tour will focus on the city’s central artery, the Royal Mile. Take in the views from Edinburgh Castle which sits on Castle Rock, originally a military base and royal residence where tension between the English and the Scottish monarchies always centered around Edinburgh Castle. Walk through the city’s narrow streets dating back to the 1600’s and learn about some of its monuments, such as St. Giles Cathedral and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

We will enjoy afternoon tea at Colonnades at the Signet Library before seeing an Edinburgh Festival Fringe Performance. You will have the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure to explore the festival at your own pace. B,L

Thursday, August 8: Edinburgh
Today begins on Chambers Street with a visit to the National Museum of Scotland. Here will explore the museum’s diverse collection which will take you on a journey of discovery through the history of Scotland, taking in the wonders of nature, art, design, fashion, science, and technology.

End the morning enjoying a festival performance as a group. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure to explore the festival and performances that most appeal to you.

This evening we will have dinner at a local restaurant before continuing on to experience a performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. With Edinburgh Castle as their backdrop, the four corners of the world meet for a spectacular global performance of music, ceremony, theater, and dance. B,D

Friday, August 9: Edinburgh
The morning is at your leisure to continue to explore and take in the many events taking place around Edinburgh. We meet back
together as a group in the afternoon for lunch at Amber Restaurant before enjoying a special tour of the Scottish Whisky Experience, where 19 Scottish whisky companies joined together to create the world’s largest collection of Scotch whisky. Here we will have the opportunity to learn about the 3,384 different bottles they house and have a chance to taste a variety of Scotch whisky.

Enjoy an afternoon performance at one of the festivals many theaters. We end the day making our way to the oldest bookshop in town, the Blakwell, for an evening with the best in Scotland’s literary scene.

Dinner this evening is at your leisure. **B,L**

**Saturday, August 10: Edinburgh**

Today is at your leisure to discover the festival and the city at your own pace. Your hosts will help you select and pre-book shows that most appeal to you and provide you with more information on when and how to purchase tickets. **B**

**Sunday, August 11: Edinburgh**

The morning and afternoon are free for you to explore the festival and the city. We meet as a group in the evening for an early evening performance before a lovely farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **B,D**

**Monday, August 12: Depart**

After breakfast, depart the hotel and independently transfer to the airport for your international flight home. **B**
Program Costs and Inclusions

Trip price: $4,375 per person based on double occupancy
Single room supplement: $1,325

Trip price includes hotel accommodations as listed in the itinerary based on double-occupancy, meals as listed in the itinerary (B,L,D), all excursions, sightseeing and entrances as listed in the itinerary, tickets to five Edinburgh Festival Fringe shows, tickets to Royal Military Tattoo performance, $100 per person for transportation via Uber, a Distant Horizons tour manager, a University of Rochester host, and gratuities to local guides and waitstaff. Trip price based on a minimum of 10 travelers.

Trip price does not include international airfare, visa fees, drinks with meals, other than included soft drink and wine at welcome and farewell dinners, airport transfers, gratuities to tour manager, porterage, any meals not listed in the itinerary, trip insurance, and personal items.

To register: Please submit the attached application, along with a deposit for $1,000 per person and a copy of your passport to Distant Horizons.

For additional information, please contact Karen Siman-Tov at 800-333-1240 or via email at KarenS@Distant-Horizons.com.

Please note that this trip will require walking for long distances over uneven cobblestones and up and down stairs without problems.
WHEN YOU RETURN THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE INCLUDE A DEPOSIT OF $1,000 PER PERSON, AND A LEGIBLE PHOTOCOPY OF THE PHOTO & SIGNATURE PAGES OF YOUR PASSPORT.

(Please print)

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Trip Dates: August 5-12, 2019

Name Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. ___________________________________________________________________________

Exactly as listed in your passport (First) (Middle) (Last)

Preferred first name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________________ Business Phone: ___________________ Cell Phone: ____________________

E-mail Address: _________________________________________________________________________________

Describe your health ____________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any allergies or physical limitations ______________________________________________________

Do you have any diet restrictions __________________________________________________________________

Are you presently under a doctor’s care or taking any medications? If yes, please elaborate. ___________________
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Emergency contact person, phone number, and relationship: ____________________________________________
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ACCOMMODATIONS

Distant Horizons will do everything possible to satisfy requests to share a room for single tour members. On occasions when it is not possible, the single supplement will apply.

☐ I want a single room (limited availability)    ☐ I will share a room with:

BED TYPE (not guaranteed): ☐ One large bed    ☐ Two twins

I have read the terms and conditions and agree to abide by them.

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Mail completed and signed application, passport copy, and a check for $1000 (per traveler) made payable to Distant Horizons to: Distant Horizons, 350 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802

Signature_________________________________________  Date________________________
Payments:
Registration requires a $1000 per person deposit. Final payment is due by May 7, 2019, and must be paid by check.

Tour Price Includes:
Accommodations in hotel as outlined in the itinerary based on double occupancy, meals listed in the itinerary with soft drink, sightseeing and excursions as listed including all special events and lectures, tickets to five Edinburgh Festival Fringe performances, tickets to the Royal Military Tattoo, $100 per person for transportation via Uber, services of a Distant Horizons tour manager, a University of Rochester host, local guides and gratuities to local guides and waitstaff. Tour cost is based on rates of currency exchange at the time of printing (August 2018) and is subject to change with or without previous notice. If there is a price increase prior to the day of departure in the basic costs, such increases may be passed on to the participant. The University of Rochester receives a modest per-person commission from the tour operator for this program, which supports University of Rochester Travel Club activities.

Tour Price Does Not Include:
International airfare, passport fees, visa fees, luggage fees, meals not listed, additional drinks at meals, except for wine at welcome and farewell dinners, airport transfers, gratuities to tour manager, poterage, trip cancellation, lost baggage, and medical insurance, items of a purely personal nature and any items not listed.

Any increases in the in-tour security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program may be passed along to the travelers.

Deviations:
Distant Horizons can assist with any pre- or post-tour arrangements in the United Kingdom and neighboring countries.

Cancellations:
Distant Horizons and the University of Rochester, Office of Alumni Relations reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including an insufficient number of participants, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant at any time. Should this happen, refunds will be made, although we cannot be held responsible for any additional costs already incurred by participants. The tour price is based on a minimum number of travelers. If bookings fall below the minimum 10 required, passengers will be advised of additional small group surcharge costs. If the small group surcharge is more than $300 per person, travelers can cancel without penalty. Otherwise, if a participant cancels, the following refunds will be available upon written notice of cancellation to Distant Horizons:

Notice more than 90 days prior to departure: a refund less a $500 cancellation charge.
Notice between 89 and 60 days prior to departure: a refund less 50% of trip price
Notice between 59 days and 30 days prior to departure: a refund less 75% of trip price.
No refund shall be issued if cancellation is received less than 30 days prior to departure date.
No refunds shall be issued after the tour has commenced. No refunds shall be issued for occasional missed meals, sightseeing tours or any unused services.

Insurance:
We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for travel insurance will be mailed upon the receipt of the application and deposit. Distant Horizons does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour. Please contact Karen Siman-Tov at Distant Horizons at 800-333-1240 or via email at KarenS@Distant-Horizons.com with any questions.

Responsibility:
Distant Horizons and University of Rochester Office of Alumni Relations act only in the capacity of agents for the hotels, airlines, bus companies, railroads, ship lines or owners or contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other services. As a result, all coupons, receipts or tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier. By acceptance of tour membership, the participant agrees that neither Distant Horizons nor University of Rochester Office of Alumni Relations nor any of their subsidiaries shall become liable or responsible for personal injury, damage to persons or property, loss, delay or irregularity caused by persons not controlled by it, such as (without limitation) airlines, bus and shipping companies, suppliers of accommodations or other services, or resulting from any acts of God, defects in vehicles, strikes, wars, whether declared or otherwise, civil disturbances, medical or customs regulations, acts of terrorism, epidemics or government restrictions. Distant Horizons and University of Rochester, Office of Alumni Relations cannot be held responsible for unfavorable weather or closure of access routes due to bad weather conditions. Distant Horizons and University of Rochester, Office of Alumni Relations cannot be held responsible if the tour lecturer or leader cancels, and passengers will be advised of a comparable replacement should time permit. Distant Horizons and University of Rochester, Office of Alumni Relations are not responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the participant as a result of the above mentioned causes.