

## 6 DAY – NEEDLEWORK & EMBROIDERY TOUR OF SCOTLAND

The Needlework tours are designed so that they can be combined to make a longer tour. They can be operated with either a private driver or car hire and the accommodation can be a choice of either bed and breakfasts or hotels. The tours can also be extended with a pre or post tour, as we offer tailor made tours.

### Day One - Burrell Museum - Willow Tea Rooms - Glasgow

Enjoy a visit to the **Burrell Museum**, where Sir William Burrell and his wife, Constance, Lady Burrell, gifted his collection of over 9,000 works of art to Glasgow, the city acquired one of the greatest collections created by one person and he had been an art collector since his teens, and the collection is made up of a vast array of works of all periods and from all over the world and includes medieval tapestries. In the afternoon visit the **Willow Tea Rooms**, designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh in 1904, for a **traditional afternoon tea**. Check-in at your hotel in **Glasgow which will be your base for overnight**.



**Willow Tea Rooms**

### Day Two - Stirling Castle - Scone Palace - Perth

Depart Glasgow for the journey to **Stirling Castle**, which has played a key role in Scottish history and was the home of Mary Queen of Scots as a child and your visit will include a **special talk by the weavers**. The tapestries are part of the Stirling Tapestries Project, a fascinating project at Stirling Castle and it hopes to recreate the entire 'Hunt of the Unicorn' tapestry series which date from 1495 to 1505 and hangs in the Cloisters section of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. On then for an afternoon visit to **Scone Palace** which boasts a fabulous collection of French furniture, clocks, ivories, one of the finest collections of porcelain in Scotland, 16th century needlework, including bed hangings worked by Mary Queen of Scots. Check-in at your accommodation in **Perth for the next 3 nights**.



**Stirling Castle**

### Day Three - Blairs Castle - House of Bruar - Pitlochry Theatre - Perth

Depart your hotel for the journey to **Blairs Castle**, for a **special viewing** of the extensive collection of exceptional needlework not normally on display, worked and collected by Lady Evelyn Murray, daughter of the 7th Duke of Atholl. This will be followed by free time for shopping at **House of Bruar**. Take the journey to **Pitlochry Theatre**, known as Scotland's Theatre in the hills for an **evening performance**. Return to your hotel in **Perth for overnight**.



**Blair Castle**

### Day Four - House of Dun - Perth

Depart for a visit to the **House of Dun**, with its Needlework Collection. This is a beautiful Georgian house, overlooking the Montrose Basin Nature Reserve and was designed by William Adam and completed in 1730 for David Erskine the 13th Laird of Dun. The most famous lady of the house, Lady Augusta Fitzclarence, the daughter of William IV and actress Mrs Dorothy Jordan lived here and there are many examples of Lady Augusta's exquisite embroideries on display. Return to your hotel in **Perth for overnight**.



**House of Dun**

### **Day Five - Georgian House - Edinburgh**

Depart your accommodation for the transfer to Edinburgh for a visit to the **Georgian House**, which has rare applique bed hangings (c1790) and fascinating needlework pictures. Check-in at your accommodation in **Edinburgh** for the next **2 nights** and the remainder of the day is at leisure.



**Georgian House**

### **Day Six - Traquair House - Scottish Borders - Edinburgh**

After breakfast depart for the Scottish borders for a special tour of the Needlework Collection at **Traquair House**, the oldest inhabited house in Scotland. The collections include a quilted coverlet which was worked by Mary Queen of Scots and the house is full of wonderful embroideries. This will be followed by a **tour of the Scottish Borders to include stops in quaint villages** for shopping before returning to your hotel in **Edinburgh for overnight**.



**Traquair House**