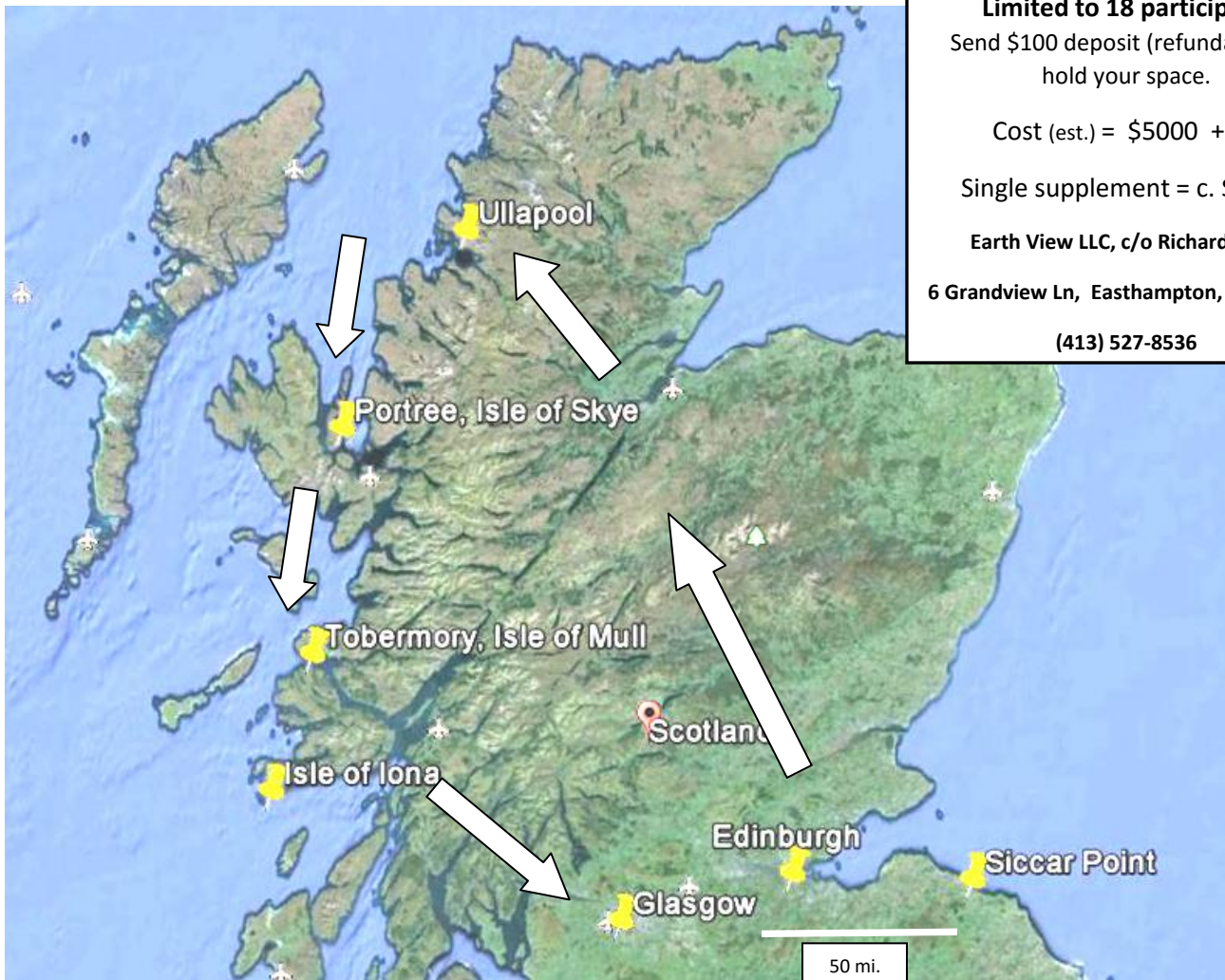


Prof. Richard Little's Fantastic Landscapes Tour: **SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS, SCOTTISH ISLANDS**

**Aug. 24 to Sept. 9, 2017 -- 16 days ....** Includes the *Edinburgh Military Tattoo*, too (optional).



**Limited to 18 participants.**  
Send \$100 deposit (refundable) to hold your space.  
  
Cost (est.) = \$5000 + air  
  
Single supplement = c. \$1050  
  
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**This tour will give you the best of Scotland!** The scenery is sublime whether in Edinburgh or a Scottish Isle. This is a “fantastic Landscapes” tour, after all, plus, after Edinburgh, we will be staying in scenic hotels, **right at the shore** in this rural, “highland” landscape. The geology stories are magnificent. Scotland is where many essential basic concepts of geology were recognized, most famously James Hutton’s insight into the depths of geologic time. We will see the world-famous outcrop at Siccar Point where Hutton proved, without doubt (in 1788), “There is no vestige of a beginning, no prospect of an end...” You can discover another geology fact right now... look at the map above. You will easily see a fault line that rivals the San Andreas! It is the Great Glen fault that splits the Highlands. Glaciers have eroded this long seam into a major valley. Like California’s great crack, it is a lateral fault (strike-slip), but unlike the San Andreas, it is “old” and not active. Great – no quakes!



Edinburgh Castle

**This is a multi-faceted trip.** Besides the astounding scenery, we will not neglect great historical and cultural traditions. We will be in Edinburgh for the final days of the world-famous Tattoo! There will be time for castles, distilleries, museums and shopping. There are free days plus time each day for you to wander at your leisure and discover at your own pace. Our daily departures are always after 9:00 and we stay 2 or more nights at each hotel. Breakfasts are included, but other meals are on your own. There are no regimented dining experiences, yet tour members can always find companions to share dinner and conversations.

**Angus Miller** is our Scotland consultant. He runs “Geowalks -- ‘geology with a human face’”. His web site is [www.geowalks.co.uk](http://www.geowalks.co.uk). Angus invites us to “walk back in time, exploring the long-lost oceans, volcanoes and great rivers that formed the rocks beneath our feet, millions of years ago. These rocks have been sculpted and eroded to form Scotland's beautiful and varied landscapes.” Angus was our consultant for our 2015 Scotland tour. He has done geologic work with Icelandic volcanoes and California earthquakes. In **2013 Angus received** the Royal Scottish Geographical Society's President's Medal for his volunteer work and we are honored to have him with us for 6 days on this tour.



**ITINERARY** **Day 1.** (Thurs, Aug. 24) .Flight Day (overnight). **Day 2** (Friday, Aug. 25) . Arrive in Edinburgh. Free day to explore the city. **Day 2** (Saturday, Aug. 26) Free Day, but we will meet at 9 am for an easy walk to interesting landscape spots. Free afternoon. TONIGHT: This is the last day of the Military Tattoo. There are two show times, 7:30 and 10:30. Important Note: You must book your own tickets . *Tattoo booking details will be available in late September 2016 on this website [www.edintattoo.co.uk](http://www.edintattoo.co.uk).* **Day 3.** (Sunday, Aug. 27) Final Edinburgh activities. Meet at 10 am for an excursion to Salisbury Crags (a sill) and Arthurs Seat, a volcanic neck, overlooking Edinburgh. **Day 4.** (Monday, Aug. 28) Siccar Point and East Lothian –Van trip to visit Hutton’s Unconformity at Siccar Point, where we can have a picnic lunch overlooking the point. Afterwards we will stop in the harbor town of Dunbar on the estuary of Firth of Forth, the birthplace of John Muir and visit the John Muir museum in his former home. **Day 5.** (Tuesday, Aug. 29) Tour bus day to Ullapool, the gateway to the Northwest Highlands, regarded as one of the classical areas of geology in the world. Edinburgh to Ullapool is about 200 mi, (6 hrs) with possible stops at historic battlefields, a distillery, and mountain views. **Day 6.** (Wednesday, Aug. 30) (no bus day). Ullapool explorations. Meet at 9 am for a morning walk introducing the varied rocks of the area, including billion year old Torridonian Sandstone and sparkling white quartzite formed in shallow seas in Cambrian times.. **Day 7.** (Thursday, Aug. 31) Visit to Knockan Crag to view the Moine Thrust Fault and some very interesting rocks of the Assynt area, which are famous throughout the world for their importance in interpreting the evolution of mountain belts. Overnight in Ullapool. **Day 8 .** (Friday, Sept. 1) Ullapool to Isle of Skye. Walk into the gorge of Corrieshalloch, then stop at Poolewe and the Inverewe Gardens for lunch. After lunch we continue along this magnificent Highlands coastline to the Isle of Skye. **Day 9. & Day 10** (Saturday – Sunday, Sept. 2, 3) Skye explorations including a boat trip to Loch Coruisk. **Day 11.** (Monday, Sept. 4) Depart for Mull. Ferry to Mallaig, drive to Ardnamurchan and ferry to Kilchoan. Overnight in Tobermory for next 2 nights. **Day 12.** (Tuesday, Sept. 5) No Bus Day. Free day to explore scenic Tobermory. **Day 13.** (Wednesday, Sept. 6) Head across Mull to Isle of Iona. Iona hotel overnight. **Day 14.** (Thursday, Sept. 7) Explore Iona and Isle of Staffa, location of Fingal’s Cave. Overnight on Iona. **Day 15** (Friday, Sept. 8) . Depart Mull and head to Glasgow. Airport hotel or late evening flight. **Day 16** (Saturday, Sept. 9) -- Flight home if not done the previous evening. **OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO LONDON:** Day 16 – Flight to London. Day 17 (Sunday, Sept. 10) Kew Gardens. Day 18 (Monday, Sept. 11) Windsor Castle or other London sites. Day 19. (Tuesday, Sept. 12) Flight Home.

**TOUR COST** \$5000 (estimated) per person (dbl. occupancy). Single supplement c. \$1050. This includes: 3-4-star accommodations (with breakfast), bus transport, local geo consultant and your tour leader. Video record of trip. Guidebook. Pre and Post trip meetings. NOT INCLUDED: airport transfers, air fares, food, admissions, and tips. This trip will have a maximum of 18 participants.

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE:** Send **\$100 deposit** per person, **fully refundable**.

**Payment schedule:** \$2000 due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Balance due June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. **Cancellation fees:** \$100 per person after Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. **No Refunds after July1, 2017. Trip insurance is advised.**

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