# Baden-Powell Council Blair Atholl Contingent - 2004 Itinerary

**Monday, July 12**
Leave JFK Airport 7:00 PM - British Airways flight 174

**Tuesday, July 13 - London Day 1**

Arrive in London 7:00AM.

Take bus to South London Scout Centre and check in. Then, take train back to London. Walk to **Buckingham Palace** and the **First Scout Shop**.

Morning: Tour the **Cabinet War Rooms**, the underground complex where Winston Churchill and the British High Command ran the war effort, then lunch at **Wesley s Cafe** in **Methodist Central Hall**

Afternoon - walk by **Parliament** and **Westminster Abbey** to the **Imperial War Museum -** a fascinating museum, including the Blitz Experience and the Trench Experience.

Afterward, ride the **London Eye Observation Wheel** before dinner.

Evening: Guided Walk - **The Ghosts of the Old City**

**Wednesday, July 14th Cambridge Day Trip**

Catch the 8AM train to Cambridge, then bus to Duxford.

Morning: **Imperial War Museum Duxford** – Europe's top Air Museum, including the American Air Museum dedicated to the American forces in Britain during WWII. Although best known for its 180 historic aircraft, Duxford's seven acres of indoor exhibition space include one of the finest collections of tanks and military vehicles in the country and a range of exhibitions, among them the recently opened *Normandy Experience* and *Monty*

Afternoon: walking tour of **Cambridge** on the River Cam, one of the famous seats of learning in the United Kingdom with 31 colleges of the University of Cambridge.

(7:50PM train back to London)

**Thursday, July 15th - London Day 2**

Morning: tour the **Tower of London** - since 1069 it has served as fortress, palace, prison and place of execution.

Take the Dockland Light Rail (DLR) to **Greenwich** for lunch, then we'll see the **National Maritime Museum** - a collection of over two million objects related to seafaring, navigation, astronomy and measuring time - and stand in two hemispheres at the **Royal Observatory**. We'll ride a riverboat on the **Thames** back from Greenwich.

Evening: Performance of *Romeo and Juliet* at **Shakepeare s Globe Theatre**

## Friday, July 16th  Southwest England

Morning: Drive to the **National Motor Museum** at **Beaulieu** in the **New Forest**. Few car museums in the world can match the unique collection of the world renowned National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, with over 250 vehicles and the **James Bond Experience**. At the same location is **Beaulieu Abbey**, a ruined Cistercian monastery founded in 1204 and destroyed by Henry VIII in the 16th century.

Lunch on the coast at **Lymington**

Afternoon: tour **Salisbury Cathedral** - built between 1220 and 1315, it houses an original copy of the **Magna Carta**. Afterwards, visit **Stonehenge -** no, the Druids had nothing to do with it. The henge is thousands of years older than that.

Dinner in **Bath** - one of the best Georgian cities in England, and a resort since Roman times.

Overnight at the District Scout HQ in Penarth, South Wales

## Saturday, July 17th  South Wales

Morning: **Caerphilly Castle** - one of the largest medieval fortresses in Britain, it was begun in 1268 by Lord Gilbert de Clare. Concentrically planned, the rings of stone and water defences with its famous "leaning tower" are formidable even today.

Afternoon: 100 years ago, if you lived in South Wales you'd have gone into the mines when you were eight or younger. We'll get some idea of the miner's life by putting on a helmet and headlamp and heading down 300 feet underground at the **Big Pit Mining Museum** - one of the last coal mines in Wales, former miners now lead tours through the pit.

Evening: Dinner in Shakespeare's home town, **Stratford-upon-Avon**

Overnight in York at the Lord Mayor's Own (York) Scout Group's Scout Hut

## Sunday, July 18th  York

Its narrow, winding streets still enclosed within its medieval city walls, York is an experience in itself. We'll ride a tram into the past at the **Yorvik Viking Centre** - a recreation of the York of the Vikings, found when excavating for a shopping center - and walk through the **York Dungeon** for a history of disease and torture. We'll wander the **Shambles**, the old butcher's street, so narrow that the houses almost meet overhead, and climb the tower at **York Minster**, largest Gothic cathedral north of the Alps.

Evening: train to Edinburgh

Overnight in Edinburgh – to be arranged by Jamborette

## Monday, July 19th  Edinburgh

We'll spend the day on the **Royal Mile** – starting at **Edinburgh Castle**, and ending downhill at **Holyroodhouse Palace** and **Holyrood Abbey**. Along the way, we'll see the **Camera Obscura**, **Museum of Childhood**; visit Greyfriars Bobby's grave at **Greyfriars Kirkyard**; see the new **Scottish National Museum**; and go through untold numbers of **gift shops.**

**Tuesday, July 20th- Friday, July 30th**
**Blair Atholl International Patrol Jamborette**
**Friday, July 30th - Tuesday, August 3rd- Home Visitation**
**Wednesday, August 4th -Leave Edinburgh 10:15 AM**
**Return JFK 4:05 PM**