

## **Scotland Program Itinerary: July 8-July 29, 2017**

### **Environmental Literature**

#### **Week 1**

The Highest Village in Scotland (July 9-July 16)

- Depart for Edinburgh on the evening of July 8
- Arrive in Edinburgh in the morning of July 9
- Travel to Wanlockhead, Scotland's highest village
- Get acquainted with village life in Scotland
- Learn about the mining of lead, zinc, copper, silver, and gold that helped shape the history and culture of the surrounding landscape and community
- Explore the natural landscape through hill walking on the Southern Upland Way walking trails.

#### **Week 2**

The Isle of Skye, Scottish Highlands (July 16-July 23)

- Travel to Carbost, Isle of Skye on the morning of July 16
- Tour of Skye, the largest island in the inner Scottish Hebrides
- Nature hikes through rugged landscapes and picturesque villages
- Coastal walk to Talisker bay
- Reading and writing about perspectives of the natural landscape and our relationship to it

#### **Week 3**

The capital city of Edinburgh (July 23-29)

- Travel from the Isle of Skye via ferry and the west highland railway to Edinburgh, Scotland
- Explore the capital city's medieval old town and the neoclassical architecture and gardens of Edinburgh's new town.
- Tour Edinburgh's medieval castle, home of the Stone of Destiny and the Scottish crown jewels
- Climb Arthur's seat, an imposing peak with spectacular views of the city near the palace of Holyrood
- One final train journey into the Scottish countryside