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The primary goal of my trip is to visit, research, and photograph **ALL** the **Harry Potter Places** in London, England, and Scotland ... **ALL** the Da Vinci Code sites in London ... **and** **ALL** the JRR Tolkien sites in the area of Oxford, England. I'm also hoping to squeeze in some London "Amelia Peabody" places while there! We'll see what happens.

Ye can ELECTRONICALLY ACCOMPANY me on this trip by opening this PDF file on any day of my trip, and clicking on the WEBSITES of the places I'll be visiting that day.

FIRST: EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

* I rented an International (UK) Cell Phone! It arrives just before I leave, so I can't give you the number now. I'll Email that number to you on September 30th.

If you call me, you'll be charged International phone call rates! If I answer, I get to speak to you for FREE! If I don't answer, please **DO NOT** leave a message unless it is an EMERGENCY ... or very, very important info! I have to PAY to hear messages.

Plz keep in mind that there is a **6-hour TIME difference** between **USA Central Time** and **UK Time**.

When it's **12 noon** in Nebraska or Houston, it's **6 pm** in the UK.

When it's **6 pm** in Nebraska or Houston, it's **midnight** in the UK.

[12 noon in Philadelphia = 5 pm in the UK. 6 pm in Philadelphia = 11 pm in the UK.]

12 noon in Las Vegas = 7 pm in the UK. 6 pm in Las Vegas = 1 am in the UK.]

I swear I'll be sure not to call YOU while you're snoozing.

If you suspect that my CELL is out of range where I am (like in the remote Scottish locations), you can call the folkz who run the place I'm staying at THAT NIGHT & leave me a message via their LAND LINE.

Just be sure to **DIAL ONLY THE NUMBERS THAT I'VE LISTED**.

They each start with you dialing "0 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 4"!

Do not add anything to the numbers I've listed – no matter where in the USA you are calling from.

SECOND: CHECK OUT MY DAILY "BLOG"!!!: <http://oldblogaddresshere.com/>

I have my LAPTOP with me and will be writing notes about each day's adventures before I pass out for the night. Well. That's the plan, anyway! If you go there and read them, you can post COMMENTS on my Daily Blog pages if you wish.

Also, you can EMAIL me while I'm on the trip: c-d-miller@oldaddress.com

However, if I have difficulty getting access to the Internet in any particular place, it may take me more than a day to get your Email (or Blog Comment).

GOSH. I think that's IT! On to the ITINERARY!!!

* **Itinerary Abbreviations:** “HP” = Harry Potter Places ... “DVC” = The Da Vinci Code sites ...
 “JRRT” = JRR Tolkien sites

WEDNESDAY

October 1

I leave Lincoln at 2:48 pm, on **United Airlines 6450** to Chicago.
 There, I board **United Airlines 928** bound for London Heathrow.

THURSDAY

October 2

I arrive London Heathrow at 7:40 am, collect my checked bag and take the Heathrow Express to Paddington Station. From there, I walk “10 minutes” to where I’ll be staying for the **5 nights** I’m in London.

Cecil Court Hotel <http://www.cecilcourt.com/> **011 – 44 – 207 – 262 – 3881** enquiries@cecilcourt.com (They do NOT answer Emails promptly!) Since I’ll be arriving too early to check in, I’m leaving my bags stored at the desk and dashing off on a **Mostly DVC walking tour!**

Westminster Abbey .. Exterior scenes & Newton’s Tomb <http://www.westminster-abbey.org/>

Chapter House <http://www.westminster-abbey.org/visitor/plan-of-the-abbey/13597>

St James's Park (a DVC Novel site not in the movie) http://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/st_james_park/

The National Gallery for DVC **Madonna of the Rocks** <http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/>

National Portrait Gallery (HP site: Daniel Radcliffe Portrait!) <http://www.npg.org.uk>

Temple Church <http://www.templechurch.com/> Oh! I can’t wait to visit this DVC site!!!

King's College, Maughan Library Round Reading Room <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/iss/library/maughan.html>

Lincoln’s Inn Field: This is a Harry Potter site; #12 Grimmauld Place.

Then I’ll head back to the **Cecil Court Hotel**, getting “home” around 5:45 pm UK time.

FRIDAY, October 3

The Harry Potter London Huffandpuff Tour “DAY TWO”

One of the London Huffandpuff Day Two sites is closed on Sat/Sun. Since BOTH day’s sites are visited in physical location order, and not in order of novel or movie appearance, this is NOT a problem. To see the Harry Potter Places sample of this tour plan: <http://www.oldwebsite/HPsampleHuffandpuff.pdf>

Since my first stop doesn’t open until 9 am, I get to sleep in until **7 am**, and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the Cecil Court Hotel – both of these events are *rare treats* on this trip! Then, I head off to my first site ...

Australia House: arriving at around 9:00 am, the lobby of this site was used to film the lobby of Gringotts’ Bank, because of its gorgeous floor. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia_House From there, I board the **BIG BUS** (an open-top tour bus) and head to my next stop.

St. Paul’s Cathedral: 9:50 am; You have to PRE-book a 1 hour long £15 (\$30) “Triforium Tour” to visit the “geometric staircase” filmed for HP! So I’ll not be seeing that. LOL I’ll just be doing location research. <http://www.stpauls.co.uk/page.aspx?theLang=001Ingdef&pointerID=420942VcWMXu5zjyTltSHPzf12TImSU5> Then, I’ll be walking to my next stop.

The Millennium Bridge: 10:30 am; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium_Bridge_\(London\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium_Bridge_(London)), where opening sequence scenes were shot for Half-Blood Prince! As I walk over it, I’ll be taking pix of Blackfriars Bridge (to the West) and Southwark Bridge (East) – bridges Harry flew over or under. Then, I walk to ...

Borough Market (11:15 am) is a Leaky Cauldron & Diagon Alley film site. There are at least two sites where Prisoner of Azkaban scenes were filmed. One is right next to <http://www.markettaverns.co.uk/The-Market-Porter/> When I’m done there, I walk to my next stop.

Leadenhall Market: 12:40 pm; The Leaky Cauldron entrance in "HP & the Philosopher’s stone" is 42 Bulls Head passage. There really isn’t a website for it. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leadenhall_Market After that, I walk to a fairly nearby **BIG BUS** stop and **RIDE THE REST OF THE LONDON LANDMARK TOUR** ... getting off at **MARBLE ARCH**, which is just a 17 min walk from my lodgings (Cecil Court Hotel)

Once I’ve showered & changed, I’m going back out, heading for a Restaurant near Lincolns Inn Fields to have dinner (6 pm) with my London Actor Friend, Mr. Peter Name Deleted! <http://www.OldPeterWebsite/> It’s his

66th birthday today! My 52nd is tomorrow—so, we'll both be eating birthday cake! Peter is the guy who acted as a guide for Ruby & I and Ray & Carol on our 2006 UK Trip's London PUB CRAWL:
<http://www.oldwebsite/2006uk04.html>

After dinner, I'm hoping that Peter will accompany me while I do a **NIGHT SHOOT** at **Lincolns Inn Fields** (Sirius Black's home, #12 Grimmauld Place!) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincoln's_Inn_Fields Yes. I was there yesterday. But that was during the DAY TIME, and all scenes were shot at night.

After THAT = Back to **Cecil Court Hotel**, do daily BLOG (& notes), then nighty-night.

SATURDAY, October 4

The Harry Potter London Huffandpuff Tour "DAY ONE"

King's Cross Underground Station: I'll arrive around 8:15 am and do the exterior **St. Pancras Station** shots first. Then I'll play inside the station for an hour or so. Check out the Harry Potter Places SAMPLE of this site: <http://oldwebsite/KingsXStationSample.pdf>

London Zoo: I'll arrive here around 10:15 am, to visit the Reptile House and scope out the Gift Shops. Check out the Harry Potter Places SAMPLE of this site: <http://oldwebsite/ZooSample.pdf>

Charing Cross Road: At 12:15 pm I'll be walking along this street and taking pix. In the Harry Potter books, the Leaky Cauldron entrance was located on Charing Cross Road. In the movies, the Knight Bus was filmed travelling down Charing Cross Road http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Charing_Cross_Road

British Museum: 2 pm; The chess set that Harry & Ron played with in Sorcerer's Stone was modeled after the "Isle of Lewis Chessmen." (The *life-sized* Set was not.)

http://www.britishmuseum.org/the_museum/news_and_press_releases/statements/the_lewis_chessmen.aspx

Westminster Underground Station: 4 pm; Harry & Mr. Weasley were filmed using this Tube Station to get to the Ministry of Magic in Order of the Phoenix. After done there, I'll walk to the **Scotland Yard** area and look for the red telephone booth that was filmed as the secret MUGGLE entrance to the Ministry of Magic.



Surbiton Rail Station: It takes a train journey to get here. So, I'll probably arrive around 6:45 pm. Café Chaud "on platforms 1 and 2" was the site of some (currently unknown!) Half-Blood Prince filming.

I hope to make it back to the Cecil Court Hotel by **9 pm!**

SUNDAY

October 5

I'm leaving this day of my Itinerary "**OPEN**" ... I hope to spend the day visiting several **AMELIA PEABODY** sites in London (for a future travel guidebook based on Elizabeth Peters' best-selling series of novels). Since none of those locations have websites, you can take today OFF from following my journey! LOL

MONDAY

October 6

Today I start with a **Sussex Garden B&B & DVC SITE walking tour!** I'll be walking West from my B&B to 4 other B&B's on this Street, while enroute to 3 **Da Vinci Code** sites I didn't catch on my first day in London.

Gloucester Terrace, City of Westminster, is the first DVC site I visit after the Sussex Gardens B&Bs. Some place on this street was featured in the backstory bitz of the DVC DVD. So, it must have been **some** kind of film site, and I'll be looking for familiar landscapes as I walk it! Additionally, I'll be scoping out B&Bs in THIS area for my **Visit The Da Vinci Code** travel guidebook.

Orsett Mews, is another DVC DVD backstory-revealed film location.

I'll end up by walking to **The LONDON OPUS DEI House** (where Silas roomed) at 4 Orme Court!

After taking pix there, I'll walk to the **Bayswater Underground Station** and head to my next **Harry Potter Site: HARROW SCHOOL**; a fully functioning ALL-BOYS school just outside of London.

My OBJECTIVE: to visit and take pix of **The Fourth Form Room!**

<http://www.harrowschool.org.uk/downloads/overview/tour/fourthformroom.html>



Built in 1615, The Fourth Form Room is “the best preserved 17th century classroom in Britain.” It was used to film Professor Flitwick’s classroom at Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films.

UNFORTUNATELY!!! Harrow School takes only LARGE GROUPS on “tours” of their campus. Those tours last 1.5 to 2 hours, and, “**The minimum cost for a small group is £65**”!!!

Clearly, that is RIGHT OUT – for ME, and any other Harry Potter fans who just want to see Flitwick’s classroom! I’ve written to them, asking about various means of simply visiting the Fourth Form Room. But, they’re just NOT into finding ways to accommodate Harry Potter fans’ visiting interests.

THE HILL SHOP: Harrow School’s gift shop is my first recon site, because it is open on Monday from 8:20 am to 5:00 pm. I’ll arrive around 2:15 pm, and may or may not run into Mr. John Lee, the guy who runs it (and who corresponded with me). After I’m done shopping, I’ll head off to ...

The Old Speech Room Gallery & Museum: Admission is FREE. Open “every day, except Wednesday” 2.30pm – 5.00pm. Maybe I can sneak into the Fourth Form Room from there!

After leaving Harrow School, I should arrive back at Cecil Court Hotel by 5:20 pm. I’ll spend the night finishing London recon notes, BLOGing, and reorganizing my bags in preparation for my **TEN-ONE-NIGHT-STAND Driving Tour** of various places between London and the tippy-top of Scotland! I have to leave the Hotel **no later than 5:10 am** tomorrow to trek to Heathrow Airport and the AVIS car rental place!

TUESDAY

October 7

At 5:10 am I walk from Cecil Court Hotel to Paddington Station (10-15 min), to catch the **Heathrow Express** to Terminal 1. There, I catch the Shuttle Bus to the Avis Car Rental office on the outskirts of the Airport and get my car ... then, I’m OFF! My first stop is about 14 minutes away ...

An ASDA Store! This is the UK’s version of Walmart. In fact, it’s owned by the same corporation. I’ll be shopping for stuff I didn’t want to (or couldn’t) lug in my luggage; a Travel Mug, a box o’ fyne cheap Wine, Febreeze, a box o’ fyne cheap Wine, an extra Pillow, perhaps some road snax and the like. My next stop is “54 min” away ... that is, as long as I don’t get lost in this area, as I *have* in past years!!! LOL

Ashridge Park is the first of four WOODLAND areas where HP filming has taken place, all of which are fairly nearby the Leavesden Studios (where sets are built and filmed, but where no “tours” are allowed). I don’t think that this park has “recognizable” sites in it. But, I’ll only discover that by going there and looking.

Farnham Common is a Half-Blood Prince film site of some sort. (Harry pulled from “burning building”???) I’m hoping to meet some “locals” who can give me more info.

Burnham Beeches is a woodland near Farnham, and another Half-Blood Prince film site. Again, I have no idea whether “recognizable” sites can be found. So, I’m hoping the folkz who take care of the place can help.

Black Park: Another woodland film site with ? “recognizable” sites.

Virginia Water Lake: This woodland *does* have familiar sites in it! All I have to do is figure out (and record) how to find them efficiently.



#12 Picket Post Close, Martin's Heron, Bracknell, Berkshire: The exterior scenes that take place at the Dursley's house, "Number 4 Privet Drive, Little Whinging, Surrey" were filmed here for the first two HP movies. Thereafter, the house was sold, and the new owners want nothing to do with the films (or the fans). So, an exact recreation of

this street was built on the Leavesden Studio lot to film subsequent movies. Today, I hope to politely snag a few "night time" shots of the street & house. (Sunset is estimated at 6:24 pm.) Then can head "home"!

Derosen Bed & Breakfast is where I'll be lodging on October 7th. June Abbett is the proprietor: juneabbett@hotmail.com Derosen has no website. To call June, Dial: **011 - 44 -134 - 477 - 6400**

WEDNESDAY, October 8

7:15 am = Leaving Derosen B&B, and heading back to **#12 Picket Post Close**, to politely get some day time pix of the house and street. Then I'll be looking around the area for a nearby "culvert" similar to the set built for Order of the Phoenix, as well as for nearby "playgrounds" similar to those seen on film.

10:00 am = After a 1 hr 27 min drive I should arrive in **Lacock Village**. This is where footage of Harry and Dumbledore searching in "**Budleigh Babberton**" for Professor Slughorn was shot for Half-Blood Prince. This website shows WHY Lacock is so Potter perfect! <http://www.thornber.net/england/htmlfiles/lacock1.html> I'll be having brunch at the **Sign of the Angel** [<http://www.lacock.co.uk/contact.html>] (way too expensive to lodge there!), then wandering the village taking photos of HbP sites. Thankfully, a lot of pix taken of the filming have been posted on the Internet. So I have something of a guide to finding film sites here.

Lacock Abbey & Gift Shop: The Abbey is about an "8 min" drive away and doesn't open until 1 pm. But, the Gift Shop opens at 10 am. <http://www.thornber.net/england/htmlfiles/lacock2.html> So, I'll get there around noon and shop before exploring. Then, I head back to Lacock, where I'll be lodging tonight

Old Rectory on Cantax Hill: A "superb example of Victorian Gothic architecture."
<http://www.oldrectorylacock.co.uk/> **011 - 44 -124 - 973 - 0335** Elaine Sexton is the proprietor: sexton@oldrectorylacock.co.uk After checking in (2 pm or so), I'll go out exploring *more* of the Village.

THURSDAY, October 9

I'll leave the Old Rectory around 7 am and head for **Gloucester Cathedral**, about 1 hr 14 min drive. <http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/> Every HP film has had loads of exterior and interior Hogwarts School scenes filmed here!

Next, I drive about 1 hr 23 min to **Nanford Guest House B&B** in **OXFORD!** **011 - 44 -186 - 524 - 4743** <http://www.nanfordguesthouse.com/> b.cronin@btinternet.com I'll check in & then get a taxi to the first site. It's only about a 30 min walk to the first site from here, but I don't want to "waste" the time. LOL After visiting the first site, however, I will be walking between the other sites (they range from 3 to 12 min walk apart). Go to <http://www.londontaxitour.com/london-taxi-tour-Harry-Potter-tour-oxford-film-locations.htm> to see at least 1 pic from *each* Harry Potter Oxford site.

Christ Church College: Professor McGonagall was filmed greeting first-year students on the 16th century staircase that leads up to the Great Hall. The **Great Hall** was exactly replicated in a studio to film Hogwarts Hall scenes. http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=233&Itemid=283

New College Cloisters: Many HP movie scenes were filmed here, including the memorable Goblet of Fire scene where Malfoy is turned into a ferret. http://www.new.ox.ac.uk/The_College/Views_of_the_College.php

The Bodleian Library: Film site for the Hogwarts' Library. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bodleian_Library

Divinity School: Where Hogwarts School "sanatorium" (hospital) scenes have been filmed. <http://www.chem.ox.ac.uk/oxfordtour/panoofweek/divinityjava.html> After that, a TOLKIEN SITE!

Eagle & Child Pub: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Eagle_and_Child From the 1930s to the 1960s the Inklings (including C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien) met in the "Rabbit Room" at the back of this pub.

It's also only about a 30 min walk back to my B&B from this pub. But, I'll probably catch a taxi back to **Nanford Guest House B&B** (arriving around 6:30 pm). [Remember! I have to do WERK each night; writing

up notes on each day's research, and BLOGGING. LOL] That number again: **011 – 44 –186 – 524 – 4743**

FRIDAY
October 10

I leave Nanford Guest House B&B around 7 am and drive about “6 min” to the first TOLKIEN site of the day.

A Tolkien House: on Sandfield Rd, Headington, Oxford. The home of JRR Tolkien from 1953 to 1968. Tolkien wrote part of *The Lord of the Rings* here. The plaque over its door commemorates his years in this house. <http://www.headington.org.uk/oxon/streets/inscriptions/headington/tolkien.htm> After that, I continue North, about a “9 min” drive to the next site ...

Tolkien's Early Home(s): In 1926, JRR's family moved into **Number 22 Northmoor Road** in “leafy north Oxford. ... The family was to spend 20 years in Northmoor Road, but not all at Number 22. Basil Blackwell, the famous bookseller, had built the house next door, **Number 20**, in 1926. In 1929, the Blackwells moved out and ... the Tolkiens 'decided to move in over the fence'. They became 'deeply attached to this house, which was our home for 17 years” http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northmoor_Road Then I drive “6 min” further North to

Wolvercote Cemetery: “Tolkien's wife, Edith died on 29 November 1971, at the age of eighty-two, and Tolkien had the name Lúthien engraved on the stone at Wolvercote Cemetery, Oxford. When Tolkien died twenty-one months later on 2 September 1973, at the age of eighty-one, he was buried in the same grave.” It's just a TINY little thing on a corner lot!!! http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolvercote_Cemetery This is the last TOLKIEN site on this tour. A “15 min” drive North from here, and I'm back to **Harry Potter** sites.

Blenheim Palace: <http://www.blenheimpalace.com/> (Their website doesn't have any HP info. But, you can see pix of the Palace and Gardens.) The birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace is the sight of Order of the Phoenix (and Half-Blood Prince) forest & lake-side scenes. Since there wasn't any HP filming INSIDE the Palace, I won't be going INTO it! (It costs more than just the “grounds,” and I don't want to spend a ton o' time here!) After I've found and photographed “recognizable” forest & lake-side film sites, I have a “**4 hour and 18 min**” drive to **my lodgings** near the next Harry Potter location, GOATHLAND STATION.

Fairhaven Country Guest House: <http://www.fairhavencountryguesthouse.co.uk/> This was the LAST BED available in the area because of an annual “War-Time Weekend” held locally (“a demonstration of the operation of railways in the UK during the Second World War”). Fairhaven owners = Janet and Terry Mackey. **011 – 44 –194 – 789 – 6361** enquiries@fairhavencountryguesthouse.co.uk

I'll check in and then head to the Station. (It's only a 7 min walk away from my lodgings!)

Goathland Station: This is the station used to film the “Hogsmeade” station scenes for *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* ... where students disembark from the Hogwarts Express and head to Hogwarts school – or where they board the Hogwarts Express to go home. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goathland_railway_station

I'll have dinner somewhere nearby. Then, walk back to Fairhaven to write up my notes, BLOG, & go to bed!

SATURDAY
October 11

I leave Fairhaven at **7 am** and drive “1 hour 33 min” to the PARKING FACILITY closest to ...

Durham Cathedral: Used for several interior and exterior Hogwarts School film sites, including Professor McGonagall's classroom scenes. <http://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/> It seems that the Cathedral is open for VISITING 9:30 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday. The Gift Shop opens at 9 am Mon-Sat. So, I'll go there first. Once done there, I have a “1 hr 7 min” drive to ...

Alnwick Castle: has been a film site for a number of favorite movies! <http://www.alnwickcastle.com/film.php> The Castle Opens at 11 am. No Gift Shop info – but, there's SURE to be one! From THERE, I have a “1 hr 49 min” drive to my first **SCOTTISH LODGINGS!** ...

Edinburgh, Gifford House B&B: <http://www.giffordhouseedinburgh.com/> Margaret and David Dow giffordhouse@btinternet.com **011 – 44 –131 – 667 – 4688** This is where Ruby & I stayed when visiting Edinburgh in June of 2006: <http://www.oldwebsite/2006uk14a.html> NO ONE who doesn't live there should EVER drive in Edinburgh! So, I'll take a TAXI to the first Scottish HP site ...

The Balmoral Hotel: where JK Rowling finished her final Harry Potter novel, *Harry Potter and the Deathly*

Hallows, in room #652, on January 11th, 2007. Check THIS out!:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/celebritynews/2309627/Harry-Potter-fans-pay-and-pound1,000-a-night-to-stay-in-hotel-room-where-JK-Rowling-finished-series.html> Hello: “£1000” = \$2000!!! Clearly, I won’t be able to snap pix INSIDE that room. But, I should be able to get a pic of the DOOR to the room, where “a brass plaque [was] fixed to the front door and the door knocker [was] replaced by a brass owl in homage to those featured in the books”! From there, I’ll walk “12 min” to ...

The Elephant House Café: Check out the Harry Potter Places SAMPLE of this site:

<http://oldwebsite/ElephantCafeSample.pdf> After I’m done there, I’ll put away my camera and notebook, and walk to **the Beehive Inn**, where I’ll embark upon a purely fun event!

The EDINBURGH LITERARY TOUR: <http://www.edinburghliterarypubtour.co.uk/> My good friend CHET enjoyed this tour in 2007 and I intend to enjoy it tonight! This Walking and Drinking tour starts at 7:30 pm and lasts about 2 hours. From wherever the Literary Tour ends, I’ll take a TAXI back to ...

The Gifford House ... likely getting in around 9:45 pm.

SUNDAY
October 12

I’ll leave Gifford House, Edinburgh around 7 am, and drive for “2 hrs 35 min” to ...

Glen Etive: To plot my driving map to this Order of the Phoenix background scenes film site, I used the address of “Kings House Hotel.” <http://www.kingy.com/> Hopefully, someone there can tell me WHAT backgrounds were shot, and approximately where! After that, it’s about a “21 min” drive to ...

Clachaig Inn: Four iconic Prisoner of Azkaban film sets were built very near to this Inn (like, across the road)! Familiar landscapes remain even though the sets were destroyed. Scenes for Harry Potter movies 4, 5, and 6 also are reported to have been filmed nearby. See the SAMPLE: <http://oldwebsite/ClachaigInnSample.pdf> I’m sooooo excited to be **LODGING HERE!!!** 011 – 44 – 185 – 581 – 1252 I have no idea what the names of the **Clachaig Inn** proprietors are. The Email address is: inn@clachaig.com I’ll be chatting with folkz about how to find the set locations, then spend the rest of this day’s light taking pix.

MONDAY
October 13

I leave **Clachaig Inn**, around 7 am and drive “29 min” to ...

Fort William Railway Station: “Between May and October you can personally experience Harry Potter’s train journey to Hogwarts, by boarding the train that starred as the Hogwarts Express – the Jacobite Steam Train – for a round-trip journey between Fort William and Malliag. The route includes Glenfinnan Viaduct, the very familiar bridge traversed by the Hogwarts Express enroute to Hogwarts.”

<http://www.ukattraction.com/highlands/jacobite-steam-train.htm> Unfortunately, the train journey takes *an entire day*, and you see the same stuff on the way back. So, I’ll NOT be taking the train. LOL I’ll just be taking pix of the station. Leaving there, I drive “9 min” to ...

Steall Falls, Glen Nevis: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steall_Waterfall Quidditch World Cup and Tri-Wizard Tournament background landscapes were filmed in this area, with Steall Falls seen on film. Once done there, I drive to ...

Glenfinnan Viaduct (& Loch Shiel): Glenfinnan Viaduct is the iconic bridge traversed by the Hogwarts Express in several Harry Potter movies. <http://www.albamusic.net/glenfinnanviaduct.html> I’ll be visiting the Glenfinnan Visitor Center; “visitors walk up to the viewpoint behind the Visitor Centre to catch the superb views over the Glenfinnan Viaduct and down Loch Shiel” **Loch Shiel** is a frequent Hogwarts’ Lake filming location. A “32 min” drive later, I should arrive at ...

Spean Bridge Station: This railway Station was filmed for the Half-Blood Prince's "**Hogsmeade Station**" (rather than the Goathland Train Station) – where the Hogwarts Express was boarded for its return journey to London. From there, a "21 min" drive should see me at ...



Loch Arkaig: Half-Blood Prince aerial shots and ("most likely") cave scenes were filmed here. The closest village to the main highway out of Ft William that is ON Loch Arkaig, is ARDECHIVE Village! So, that's where I'm heading. Hopefully, I'll find folkz who can steer me to the film sites. After that, I have a "2 hour" drive to ...

Black Rock Gorge: "In April, 2004, ten days of filming took place in [this] area for the movie *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* and the Gorge is the setting for one scene." Since Black Rock Gorge is North of Inverness, and I'm not entirely sure how to find the film site, **I'm LODGING in the area!** **NOVAR ARMS HOTEL:** <http://www.novararms.com/> **011 – 44 –134 – 983 – 0210** Email "Gary": ge@novararms.com

TUESDAY
October 14

Unless the Black Rock Gorge is near enough for me to visit it the night *before*, I have to check out of **Novar Arms Hotel** at close to the crack of dawn; **6 am!** That gives me 1 hour and 30 min to find and visit the **Black Rock Gorge**. After that, a "1 hr 48 min" drive will get me to the first of TWO very Northern Scotland HP film sites: <http://www.worstpreviews.com/headline.php?id=4073&count=0> ...

Whaligoe Steps: 365 ancient stone steps and a nearby cave that MAY HAVE BEEN featured as Horcrux Sites in Half-Blood Prince (or WILL BE featured in the Deathly Hallows movies).
http://www.tugmistress.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=30&Itemid=36
Next I drive "2 hr 39 min" to ...

Cape Wrath: The cliffs and caves in this area are rumored to be film sites for places where Voldemort's Horcruxes are hidden in the Half-Blood Prince AND/OR the Deathly Hallows movies! Once I'm done in the Cape Wrath area, I drive "1 hr 43 min" South toward Inverness, to a place I've finally been able to get booked into after YEARS of attempts! ...

CARBISDALE CASTLE!: <http://www.carbisdale.org/virtualtour.htm> "In 1945 [Carbisdale Castle] was bequeathed to the **Scottish Youth Hostels Association** (SYHA) ... It is the Association's flagship Hostel, receiving fabulous reviews from travel writers and guests from all over the world." For only **£20 (\$40!!!)**, this is the cheapest way to spend a night in a REAL CASTLE! Plus, it's a **HAUNTED CASTLE!!!** "Carbisdale Castle has a long history of ghost appearances from before and during its time as a Youth Hostel. The castle has been investigated several times by paranormal experts with varying results."
<http://www.carbisdale.org/ghost.htm> Customer Services: **011 – 44 –870 – 155 – 3255**



WEDNESDAY

October 15

After checking out of **Carbisdale Castle** (no later than 10 am), I have a whopping “**7 hr 23 min**” drive back South into England!

Rose Cottage Lodgings: This B&B is slightly more than half-way back to Heathrow from Carbisdale Castle. <http://www.rosecottagebandb.com/> I should reach it by 5:30 pm.

Terry and Marje Adderley **011 – 44 –125 – 481 – 3223** bbrose.cott@talk21.com

Tonight I’ll be finishing up as many site notes as I can, adding a final post to my BLOGsite, and repacking in preparation for flying home tomorrow!

THURSDAY

October 16

I must leave Rose Cottage no later than 7:30 am, to drive “**3 hr 44 min**” to the Heathrow Airport area.

My first stop is a **TESCO Petrol Station** to gas-up. Then, I drive “13 min” more to return the car.

My flight leaves Heathrow at **3:20 pm: United Airlines # 959** to Chicago; arriving at 6:04 pm.

Next, I board **United Airlines # 6761** to Lincoln; leaving at 8:07 pm and arriving HOME at 9:48 pm.

If it only takes me ONE DAY to RECOVER from this trip, I’ll be terrifically surprized!!! LOL