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Celtic Christianity

in Scotland

September 11-20, 2024



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ITINERARY

September 11 – Depart the USA

Depart the USA on your international overnight flight.

September 12 - Welcome to Scotland

Our representatives will meet you at Glasgow airport and escort you to your bus. Pass the “bonny, bonny banks” of Loch Lomond as we make our way north to Celtic Scotland. From here, we will follow the coast to Oban, where we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

September 13 – Lismore

Take the ferry today to Lismore. Saint Moluag founded a monastery on Lismore in the 6th century AD. The island was a center of Celtic Christianity and later the seat of the medieval bishopric of Argyll. There are also two ruins of 13th-century castles on the island – Coeffin and Achanduin. Return to Oban for dinner and overnight.

Note - The Isle of Lismore involves over 7 miles of walking. Those not willing or able to walk the distance are offered the option to stay in Oban for the day and enjoy the various sites, shops and restaurants in the town.

September 14 – Mull & Iona

Iona is the internationally renowned place of Celtic Christianity. In 563, Columba was exiled from Ireland and founded the monastery here in 564 AD. From one of the best-preserved abbeys to St. Martin's Cross, the island is a place of pilgrimage and reflection for Christians from around the world. The ancient burial ground contains the graves of many of the early Scottish Kings. You will take the ferry back, returning to Oban for dinner and overnight.

September 15 – Oban to Glasgow

Depart Oban and head south for your city tour of Glasgow. Drive to George Square at the heart of the city. See the Clyde Arc or “Squinty Bridge” as locals refer to it. On the south side is the Pacific Quay and several parks to enjoy. Visit Glasgow Cathedral, also known as the Church of St. Mungo. Raised by St. Serf while ministering to the Picts (local Scots), he became a missionary to the people along the Clyde River, now Glasgow. His tomb is in the lower crypt. Check into your Ayr hotel for dinner and overnight.

September 16 – Whithorn

Journey south to the coastal town of Whithorn. Here, Candida Casa, or “White House,” was built by St. Ninian around 397 AD. A monastery was founded around the site and became a place of pilgrimage for centuries. The late medieval priory is ruinous, with only a portion of the nave still visible. The museum in town contains the Latinus Stone, a 5th-century, Christian memorial, as well as other finds from the site. See St. Ninian's Cave along the shore. See the Torhouse Stone Circle, considered a Druid site, and be reminded of the local traditions that Celtic Christians faced in Scotland. Return to Ayr for dinner and overnight.

September 17 – Glasgow to Edinburgh

Today, you'll cross Scotland and stop in Stirling. Visit the Church of the Holy Rude, built over the original structure in the 1400's. See the Battlefield at Stirling Bridge and continue to Edinburgh for dinner and overnight.



September 18 – Edinburgh

Edinburgh replaced Scone as the capital of Scotland in 1437. The site of Edinburgh Castle has held a fort since Celtic times and St. Margaret's Chapel dates to the 12th century. The present-day fortress continues to serve as a military post as well as a museum. Tour St. Giles Cathedral. It is dedicated to the patron saint of Edinburgh, which oldest portions date to 1124. See also Holyrood Palace, an official residence of the British Crown whose grounds date back to an Augustinian Monastery. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

September 19 – Dunfermline & St. Andrews

Cross the Firth of Forth to Fife. Stop at Dunfermline Abbey, where St. Margaret and Robert the Bruce are buried. Continue past picturesque fishing villages to St. Andrews, the ancient ecclesiastical capital of Scotland. Visit the ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral and the nearby castle with its notorious "Bottle Dungeon." Take a look at the "Old Course" at St. Andrews, renowned as the home of golf! Return to Edinburgh for dinner and overnight.

September 20 – Farewell or enjoy an extension

Return home from Edinburgh with memories of the people and places of Celtic Christianity in Scotland or continue on to the Celtic Ireland extension.

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\$150

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\$125

Register by November 11, 2023

\$100

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OPTIONAL EXTENSION



Celtic Ireland

September 20-23, 2024

\$1,448*

September 20 – Dublin

We will start our day in Dublin with a walking tour of Trinity College. Founded by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592, it is the oldest college in Ireland. We'll visit the Old Library here and see the Book of Kells, an ornately illustrated Bible produced by Celtic Monks around 800 AD. Continue on to St. Patrick's Cathedral. The church was transitioned from a Catholic church to the Church of Ireland over the centuries. Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels and a critic of British rule, was a pastor here. Enjoy a driving tour of the city before checking in to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

September 21 – Bru na Boinne, the Hill of Tara & Monasterboice

Head north and discover the rich history of Celtic life at the Bru na Boinne Prehistoric Monuments. You will see one of the Passage Tomb sites here, such as Newgrange and Knowth. They are richly decorated with megalithic art. From the time of the first Celtic influence until the 1169 invasion, the Hill of Tara was the island's political and spiritual capital. It contains several ancient monuments and according to tradition, was the seat of the High King of Ireland. Walk the grounds of Monasterboice Monastery, where some of the finest 9th-century High Crosses can be seen. Founded in 521 AD by St. Buite, the ruins remain a testament to their Christian heritage. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

September 22 – Glendalough & Dublin

Then, board the bus for a ride through scenic Wicklow County to Glendalough, one of the most beautiful spots in all of Ireland. Here St. Kevin founded a monastery in 498. See the Celtic High Crosses and a stone-roofed church. Explore the wonderful hiking trails around the two lakes. Finish the day with time on your own this afternoon in Dublin, before dinner and overnight.

September 23 – Return to the USA

Return home with memories of the people and places of your Celtic Christian heritage.

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Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: EO Tours • P.O. Box 6098, Lakeland, FL 33807-6098
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PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$500 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$798 during the basic tour; \$398 for Celtic Ireland Extension

SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 2 columns: Payment Amount, Payment Due Dates & Notes. Rows include \$100, \$300**, \$600, \$1,200, \$1,800, Full Payment, and Travel Protection Amount.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after May 29, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 05/29/24. Registrations received between 06/30/24 - 06/13/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 06/14/24 - 06/28/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 06/29/24 - 07/13/24 will incur a \$400 per person fee.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 05/29/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 05/09/23. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video, audio, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

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Host: _____ ID#: _____ Tour: ST24
Departure City: _____ Departure Date: 09/11/24 (K)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Preferred Name) _____
Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____ Send me emails about my trip/EO promos

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: Male Female

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Celtic Ireland Extension

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Preferred Name) _____

Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____ Send me emails about my trip/EO promos

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: Male Female

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Celtic Ireland Extension

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:
1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by EOT (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 05/29/24.
Guest 1: I Accept I Decline
Guest 2: I Accept I Decline

DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

Payment: \$ _____ Check # _____ (Payable to Educational Opportunities Tours)

To Register via Credit Card, you must go to www.EO.travel

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: ST23 Date: 091124 Code: K v. 003 03/09/23

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

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Schedule of Coverages Maximum Benefit
Part A: Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Missed Connection, Travel Delay.
Part B: Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Baggage and Personal Effects, Baggage Delay.
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Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Opportunities Tours, Inc. at or before the final payment due date for your trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure, being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency services of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).