

TRAVEL DATES:

April 19-29, 2018

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

January 5, 2018

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There are places in the world where heaven and earth have touched, where landscapes and lives are transformed before our eyes. Join fellow pilgrims as you breathe into the mystery of Scotland and Ireland and experience its depths, touch its sacredness, and stand in its richness and solitude.

This unforgettable 11-day pilgrimage to the heart of Celtic Christianity will put you in the footsteps of the mystics and saints as you allow their spirit of courage and trust to awaken your soul and transform your life.

Day 1: Depart for Scotland

We'll begin our adventure to the Scotland and Ireland with an overnight flight to Edinburgh, Scotland. Sit back, rest and enjoy the in-flight service.

Day 2: Welcome to Scotland

We arrive at the Edinburgh airport and meet our tour guide who will welcome us to Scotland. We transfer to Melrose Abbey and enjoy a tour of this famous historic abbey. We return to Edinburgh and check into our hotel with some free time to rest and freshen up before we enjoy a Scottish welcome dinner together.

Day 3: Edinburgh, Castle, St. Giles Cathedral, and John Knox

This morning tour Edinburgh takes us to the historic sites of Edinburgh Castle, the Queen's Holyrood Palace, and points out the Royal Mile. We visit the 15th century house where John Knox, leader of the Scottish Reformation and founder of the Presbyterian Church, lived for a short time before he died. Today it is a museum that holds an exhibition about his life. We also

visit St. Giles Cathedral to which Knox was appointed minister of the church and listen to the guides' testimony of Knox's great personal sacrifice and the contribution of his powerful sermons. Free time is allowed today for sightseeing and shopping. This evening we take part in a special dinner show, "Spirit of Scotland."

Day 4: St. Andrews University and Golf and Stirling Castle

This morning we enjoy a morning tour of St. Andrews in which the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, founded in 1754, gave us the rules of golfing. Stroll through the town, walk along the North Sea jetties that border the manicured fairways and visit the ruins of the cathedral, destroyed during the Reformation. This afternoon we enjoy a tour of Stirling Castle. One of the largest and most important castles in Scotland, it sits atop Castle Hill, an intrusive crag, which forms part of the Stirling Sill geological formation. It is surrounded on three sides by steep cliffs, giving it a strong defensive position. Its strategic location, guarding what was, until the 1890s, the farthest downstream crossing of the River Forth, has made it an important fortification from the earliest times. Several Scottish Kings and Queens have been



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crowned at Stirling, including Mary, Queen of Scots, in 1542. There have been at least eight sieges of Stirling Castle, including several during the Wars of Scottish Independence, with the last being in 1746, when Bonnie Prince Charlie unsuccessfully tried to take the castle. We return to Edinburgh this afternoon for our dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Glasgow & Ferry to Belfast Ireland, Dividing Walls Tour

This morning we enjoy a tour of Glasgow, the city that flourished in Victorian times due to the shipbuilding industry and international trade. We drive along George Square with its ornate City Chambers and Provand's Lordship, Glasgow's oldest house. We continue on to Cairnryan where we board our ferry and sail to Belfast, Ireland. We finish our day with a tour of the Dividing Walls and learn about the history and varying perspectives of the wall that has divided Catholics and Protestants.

Day 6: Titanic Belfast, Giant's Causeway and Dublin Fair City

After breakfast we visit Titanic Belfast to learn about this famous liner which was built in the adjacent docks. State of the art displays describe working conditions in the shipbuilding industry. Afterwards head north to Giant's Causeway to enjoy the natural beauty making it a national natural preserve and a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. This afternoon we head south to Dublin and enjoy an orientation tour of Dublin before checking into our hotel. This evening we visit Abbey Tavern for dinner followed by a great show with Irish music.

Day 7: Dublin's Touring and St. Patrick Center

Enjoy a full day tour of Dublin beginning on the North side of the river. We get to see the General Post Office on the city's main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, and the Custom House along the quays, as well as Europe's largest public park, Phoenix Park. The south side appears more sophisticated with its vast Georgian Squares, such as Merrion Square, where Oscar Wilde's House can still be found, its colorful doors along with Grafton Street and its quality shops. In this part of the city we find the house of Bram Stoker, Trinity College and the Medieval District. Visit Trinity College, Ireland's oldest University, founded in 1592 by Elizabeth I. Visit the ancient library, containing over 20,000 manuscripts and is home to the 9th century Book of Kells and then visit Christchurch Cathedral. This lunch we learn more of the story of St. Patrick and his place in Ireland's history at the St. Patrick Centre in the medieval heart of Downpatrick. This evening is free to explore Dublin and have dinner on your own.

Day 8: Ireland's Midlands, Blarney Castle and Kerry

After breakfast we depart Dublin and travel to the town of Blarney for a visit to Blarney Castle and its magical Kissing

Price Per Person
Based on Double Occupancy
and on the GB Pound Exchanged at 1.31
\$4,350.00
Single Supplement: \$845.00

Stone. We'll take some time to enjoy shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills. The presence of the Woollen Mills during the famine shielded Blarney from the worst effects of the famine, due to its employment of local workers. In 1976 Chris Kelleher, himself a mill worker, bought the old mill property and transformed the mill into what is perhaps the largest quality craft shop in Ireland.

Day 9: Ring of Kerry

Discover the famed Ring of Kerry for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. We take in spectacular scenery: mountains, peat bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean. We make a visit to Muckross House, built in 1843 by the Herbert Family in Elizabethan style. This house is one of the prettiest residences of Ireland. Muckross, surrounded by beautiful gardens, is in the heart of the Killarney National Park.

Day 10: Burren and Cliffs

This morning we travel northwards to Tarbert and take a short boat ride across the mouth of the river Shannon to land on Clare's shore at Killimer. We make our way to the Cliffs of Moher. These majestic cliffs in Ireland rise from the Atlantic Ocean over 600 feet and extend for over four miles. On a clear day, one can admire the Aran Islands, the Connemara Mountains and the many sea birds that live here on the cliffs. This afternoon we tour the Burren Region. The Burren is a strange and unique region in Europe. "Burren" means "large stones" and its name describes this impressive scenery perfectly well. We also discover the testimonies of its rich history thanks to countless castles and monastic ruins. This evening we enjoy a Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle. Guests are invited to enjoy an unforgettable evening in the splendor of this magnificent castle.

Day 11: Return Home

We fly out today with many fond memories of our time in Scotland and Ireland.

\$350 DEPOSIT DUE - January 5, 2018
\$2000 PAYMENT DUE - January 19, 2018
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**Questions? Contact The Reverend Matt Holcombe
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TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS

A completed reservation form and a \$350 deposit are due no later than January 5, 2018. Deposit early. Space is limited. Reservations can be sent to: PO Box 268, Morgantown, PA 19543.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment (total \$4,350.00) will be due on February 19, 2018. Payment for retail tours can be made by check, Visa, Discover, or Master Card. Payments not received on time will result in reservation cancellation without refund. *Additional bookings after the final payment deadline may result in additional administrative fees. Fee amounts imposed are at the discretion of Pilgrim Tours & Travel.

INCLUDED

Airfare roundtrip from Charlotte including air taxes, 9 nights' lodging, daily breakfast at hotel, dinners at hotel on Day 4, 5, 8 & 9, special dinners on day 2, 3, 6 & 10, full time professional English speaking tour guide, all touring and entrances as listed on itinerary, all transportation by modern air conditioned motor coach.

NOT INCLUDED

9 lunches, dinner on Day 7, tips to guide, driver and hotel staff of \$110 suggested, optional travel insurance- 6.5% of tour cost, optional credit card payments - additional 3% of total bill

CANCELLATION

Cancellation in writing must be received by Pilgrim Tours 91 days prior to departure for refund of deposit minus service fees. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy at the time of ticket issue. Travel insurance is non-refundable.

- 91+ Days Prior: \$100 Per Person Service Fee
- 90-61 Days Prior: Deposit Amount
- 60-46 Days Prior: 40% of tour cost
- 45-31 Days Prior: 65% of tour cost
- 30-8 Days Prior: 85% of tour cost
- 7 Days Prior or less: 100% of tour cost

AIR TRANSPORTATION

If needed, Pilgrim Tours will arrange for the best-priced airfare available at the time of booking. Please Note: We do not have the ability to assign seating for flights. Air carriers are responsible for seat assignments and will most often be done at airport check in. All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change based on the ticketing date. Passengers wishing to cancel or change their air reservation may be subject to cancellation penalties. Airfares quoted by Pilgrim are promotional fares and cannot be combined with other promotional offers. Airlines involved in tours are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for unforeseen flight delays, charges due to changes required during political unrest, or schedule changes imposed by the airlines. Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP & MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Tour membership is available to all travelers and will not be withheld if the tour operator can furnish the requirements that an individual may need. Because most of our Retail Tour sightseeing schedules require Tour Members to walk 1-2 miles at a time using a moderate pace. We cannot accept persons who are not able to navigate uneven terrain or need assistance. Should meeting these requirements materially add to the tour operator's cost, the Tour Member will be expected to pay these additional costs. The Tour Director retains the right to require non-mobile persons to stay behind when deemed necessary, and also terminate the membership of any member displaying disruptive behavior, delaying

or endangering fellow members and/or interfering with the operations of the tour. Private group tours vary in regards to mobility standards.

PRICING

Quoted tour prices include planning, handling and operational charges and are based on the current rate of exchange and tariffs. In the event of a marked change in foreign exchange rates, fuel costs or tariff rates, tour costs are subject to revision. Such increases will be added to the client's final billing. Pilgrim Tours reserves the right to vary itineraries and prices, and to substitute facilities and hotels of equal or better quality if necessary.

AIRLINE SECURITY

It is the passenger's responsibility to provide valid identification in the form of a passport or other required identification at the time of airport check-in.

DEPARTURE TAXES, SECURITY, FUEL CHARGES, & BAGGAGE FEES

When purchasing air transportation from Pilgrim Tours, various taxes, fuel charges, and airport fees are included in the air ticket expense. Such fees may be subject to increase by governments and/or airlines and will be the responsibility of the client at any time. Baggage weight, size restrictions and fees may change and are the responsibility of the client.

PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORT, VISA & MINOR CHILDREN REQUIREMENTS

Minors traveling with either one parent or no parents must have a certified letter of permission from the parent or parents who is/are not traveling. This letter must be presented at airport check-in. All international tours require a current passport. Entrance to Israel requires your passport be valid for 6 months after your return date. Your passport number must be recorded by a Pilgrim Tours agent when making your reservation. Names on airline tickets must appear as shown on passport. Photocopies are not acceptable forms of identification. Non U.S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill appropriate entry requirements of the destination countries. Contact the local Consulate of the country or countries you intend to visit for information.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE - AVAILABLE FOR ALL PASSENGERS

Pilgrim Tours strongly suggests purchasing Trip Cancellation insurance. Be sure to check with your healthcare provider as most U.S. medical coverage will not cover you outside of the country. Insurance costs are based on the total tour cost, including air taxes and charges listed under "Not Included." These charges are added to the final billing. Approximate amounts can be given at time of reservation in order to purchase the appropriate amount of insurance.

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PLAN COST PER PERSON

Standard Coverage: 6.5% of tour cost



POLICY QUESTIONS

ALLIANZ representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Toll Free at 1.800.284.8300 and refer to ACCAM - F201757.



BENEFITS INCLUDED IN PLAN COST

Benefits Included	Amount of Coverage
Trip Cancellation/Interruption	Trip Cost
*Cancel For Any Reason	up to 80%
Trip Delay (\$200 Max per day)	\$1,000
Missed Connection	\$500
Baggage Loss/ Damage	\$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$500
Emergency Medical & Dental	\$50,000
Emergency Medical Transportation	\$1,000,000

*Cancel for Any Unforeseen Reason coverage is available for 8.70% of trip cost and would refund passengers 80% of their trip cost. Cancel for Any Reason insurance must be purchased at or before Final Payment.



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