



October 13-20, 2023



Oban • Isle of Iona • Inverness



Edinburgh • Culloden • Stirling Bridge

Join Christendom College President Dr. Timothy O'Donnell and his wife, Cathy, as they lead a pilgrimage to the beautiful sites of Catholic Scotland.

Price: \$4,200 (airfare included)  
Space is limited.  
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CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE

# JOURNEY TO SCOTLAND

# ITINERARY

*May Be Subject to Change*

- ▶ **Friday, Oct. 13 - Day 1:** Evening departure from Washington Dulles on a United Airlines nonstop transatlantic flight to Edinburgh, Scotland.
- ▶ **Saturday, Oct. 14 - Day 2:** Late morning arrival in Edinburgh, Scotland's premier and capitol city, situated on the country's east coast on the estuary known as the Forth which flows into the North Sea. Upon arrival we will travel westward to our hotel in Oban, a favorite getaway on Scotland's west coast. Make a mid-afternoon stop in the city of Stirling in central Scotland. Here enjoy views of the Stirling Castle and, time permitting, stop at the National Wallace Monument, 19th century tower overlooking the city and take a walk on the famous Sterling Bridge where the English were fought and defeated by William Wallace and his fellow Scots. Continue on to Oban for check-in and overnight. Enjoy the view of the Oban Bay while dining tonight.
- ▶ **Sunday, Oct. 15 - Day 3:** A day excursion to the Isle of Iona to follow in the footsteps of St. Columba. Enjoy a ferry crossing from Oban to the Isle of Mull, the second largest island of the Inner Hebrides. After a 40-minute ride to the west end of Mull we embark on a smaller ferry for a short trip to Iona. St. Columba's missionary zeal to bring Christ to the land of the Scots began when this great saint came from Ireland with 12 companions in the year 563. They founded a monastery on the tiny island of Iona, which became one of the most important and influential centers of Christianity for both the Irish Church and for the newly Christianized lands of Scotland. While the abbey stands in ruins today, the spirit of this missionary center still draws thousands of pilgrims each year. Enjoy time for a walk along the sea with magnificent views and quiet prayer. Return to Oban on the same route while taking in amazing views of the sea and island flora. Overnight on the Bay of Oban.
- ▶ **Monday, Oct. 16 - Day 4:** Today we travel north to Inverness. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Scottish Highlands, stopping in Fort William where you can see Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the United Kingdom. Then continue north along the shores of Loch Ness before arriving in Inverness. This afternoon we arrive at the Battlefield of Culloden where on April 16, 1746, a great battle took place between the Jacobin Movement Army, made up of mostly Scottish Highlanders and led by Charles Edward Stuart, also known as Bonnie Prince Charlie (who claimed the right to the throne from the Catholic Stuart line) and the British Forces led by the Duke of Cumberland, youngest son of King George II. Learn about the outcome of this battle and the implications it had on the future of Scotland's becoming part of the United Kingdom. Overnight in Inverness.
- ▶ **Tuesday, Oct. 17 - Day 5:** Morning departure for Edinburgh as we drive south through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Scottish Highlands. Along the way travel by the Cairngorms National Park and the Royal Castle of Balmoral as we make our way to Braemar, a village steeped in history and connected with the Jacobite movement. Enjoy some free time in this quaint village before making our

way south to Edinburgh with a late afternoon arrival and check-in at hotel in the city center. Overnight in Edinburgh.

- ▶ **Wednesday, Oct. 18 - Day 6:** Today explore the best of Edinburgh. Morning visit to St. Mary's Cathedral, Seat of the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh. The cathedral was built in 1878, shortly after the Restoration of the Scottish Catholic Hierarchy and after over 300 years of being outlawed. Enclosed within the cathedral is the National Shrine of St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland. Here you can venerate relics of the martyred apostle which were brought to Scotland more than 1100 years ago. This cathedral is also home to a world-renowned choir. This afternoon enjoy a city tour taking in the Royal Mile, main street through the old town, and the impressive Edinburgh Castle. Overnight in Edinburgh.
- ▶ **Thursday, Oct. 19 - Day 7:** This morning we cross over the River Forth traveling north to the city of Dunfermline in Fife. In centuries past this was the capital of Scotland which came to importance during the reign of Malcolm III, King of the Scots, and his beloved wife, Queen St. Margaret (of English descent but born in Hungary) who were married in 1070. St. Margaret was noted for her great love of God and the Church and for her magnificent generosity and care for the poor. She was canonized in 1250. Visit the ancient abbey (where the original tombs of the royal couple were placed) and St. Margaret's RC Memorial Church where her relics are. Then travel eastward to the city of St. Andrew on Scotland's west coast to see the ancient

Cathedral of Saint Andrew (which housed the relics of the Apostle Andrew until the cathedral was ransacked and destroyed in the 1500s). Here you can walk through the ruins in contemplation of the original greatness of this edifice of faith from centuries gone by. Also enjoy a drive-by of one of the most famous golf courses in the world, St. Andrews, known as the "home of golf" where the game originated in the 15th century, and, time permitting, take a walk on the West Sands Beach of St. Andrews where the famous movie, Chariots of Fire, was filmed. Return to Edinburgh to enjoy a farewell dinner.

- ▶ **Friday, Oct. 20 - Day 8:** Today we bid farewell to Scotland with a mid-morning transfer to the Edinburgh Airport. Early afternoon departure on a nonstop flight to Washington Dulles.

**PAYMENT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$750 is required to hold a reservation. Balance of payment is due 75 days prior to departure. Make check payable to Syversen Touring. If cancellation is received in writing more than 75 days prior to departure, a full refund excluding the \$750 deposit will apply. If cancellation in writing is received within 75 days prior to departure the deposit plus any amount that the airline, hotel & ground operator withhold are non-refundable. Personal Checks, Cashiers Checks & Credit Cards (with a 3.5% surcharge) are accepted

**DOCUMENTATION:** All passengers must have a valid passport. U.S. citizens do not need visas or vaccinations, however, visa and health requirements are subject to change. For citizens of other countries check with the consulate of Scotland for entry requirements.

**MEALS:** As the meals offered on the tour are pre-set, we are not able to accommodate special dietary needs.

**ITINERARIES:** Itineraries and hotels are pre-arranged and are subject to change. Activities are scheduled according to the best information available at the time.

**BAGGAGE:** 1 average size suitcase plus 1 carry-on are permitted at no charge as well as a personal item such as a purse.

**SINGLE OCCUPANCY:** Tour costs are based on double room occupancy. Accommodation in a single room is available at an additional cost as specified on the tour application.

**AIR CARRIER RESPONSIBILITY:** The airlines cannot be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their aircraft. The airlines, as International carriers are subject to International conventions limiting their liability; the limitations of liability contained on the passengers airline ticket shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the passenger under the conditions stated on the ticket. The airlines are not responsible for any negligent acts and/or omissions of independent contractors, their agents, employees or representatives. Tour participants will fly transatlantic by jet service in economy class.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as transportation is not permitted to pick up and

drop off in front of major sites. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** SYVERSEN TOURING LLC acts only as an agent for the hotels, airlines and bus company or contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other services, and all coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by the company are issued subject to any and all tariffs, terms and conditions under which any accommodations, transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such hotels, airlines or bus companies or owners or contractors, and by the acceptance of such coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets, the tour member agrees to the following and also agrees that neither SyversenTouring nor its affiliates or subsidiary companies shall be or become liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any person, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services resulting, directly or indirectly, from acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown, in machinery or equipment, acts of governments, or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars (whether declared or undeclared), hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, cancellations or delays, of or changes in itinerary or schedule, or from any causes beyond the control of Syversen Touring or for any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or any documents, and that neither SYVERSEN TOURING LLC nor any of its affiliated or subsidiary companies shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expense or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of any of the foregoing causes. If illness or other imperative reason compels a member to withdraw after a tour begins, SYVERSEN TOURING LLC will refund all savings possible. There will be no refund for an absence of less than two days for missing occasional sightseeing or meals. SYVERSEN TOURING LLC reserves the right to require any individual to withdraw from any tour at any time if his conduct is deemed detrimental to or not compatible with the interest, harmony, comfort, welfare of the tour as a whole. The airlines, bus company or other transportation company whose services are featured on this tour is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on-board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies & the tour purchaser.

## RESERVATION FORM

(one form per person, photo copies of form are permitted)

**Cost:** \$4,200 (Cost is based on double room occupancy. For single room occupancy, add \$795.)

**To reserve:** fill out application below and send with a \$750 deposit to: SYVERSEN TOURING - P.O Box 509 Bangall, NY 12506 (Phone: 1-800-334-5425)

Mr.     Mrs.     Miss

Name (as appears on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Name for name Badge \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like a roommate. Please put me in touch with other passengers looking for a roommate. I understand that I must pay the single supplement if no roommate is found.
- I prefer a single room and will pay an additional \$795. SINGLE ROOMS ARE LIMITED
- Passport (required): A copy of my passport's inside page (showing name and photo) is enclosed.
- I would like information on TRAVEL INSURANCE (highly recommended).

## PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of \$750 is required to hold a reservation. Balance of payment is due 75 days prior to departure. If paying by credit card, please complete the information below.

Credit Card:  Visa     Master Card     AmEx     Discover

Name (as it appears on card) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Card Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS on the backside of this form and the Liability clause and payment terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that by signing this form, I will not dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip. I also understand that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (required to confirm reservation) Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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