

Ancient Celtic Church and Neo-Monastic Movements Pilgrimage and Prayer Retreat

SCOTLAND & THE ENGLISH BORDERLANDS

May 4-14, 2019



Pilgrimage Host: **Dr. Debbie Gill, Ph.D.**

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- Founder of the Community of Saints Aidan and Hilda
- Author/Expert on Ancient Celtic Christianity

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Glasgow Cathedral



Tour Itinerary

Saturday, May 4: Depart from US

Sunday, May 5: Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Isle of Cumbrae

Your flight should arrive at Edinburgh International Airport before noon. After you clear Customs and Immigration with your bags, we will meet outside of security at the Costa Coffee shop where you should look for a "AGTS - Gill" sign. From the airport, we'll drive to Glasgow and visit the Glasgow Cathedral, which houses the tomb and shrine of St. Mungo, the 6th century founder and patron saint of Glasgow. Next, we will head to the Isle of Cumbrae where we will stay at Britain's smallest working cathedral and join their community for evening prayers. Overnight at The Cathedral of the Isles (D).

St. Ninian's Cave



Monday, May 6: Whithorn

After breakfast and morning prayers, we will leave the island and head for Whithorn Priory, where Christianity first arrived in Scotland. In the past, it was a major pilgrimage destination where Christians journeyed to visit the shrine of St. Ninian, an 8th century missionary to the southern Picts in what is now Scotland. It has the largest collection of early Celtic stone crosses in Scotland, including the earliest surviving Christian memorial—the Latinus Stone. We'll visit St. Ninian's Cave nearby. Then we'll drive to the Scottish Borders where we'll stay at Whitchester Christian Guest House (B, D)

Key:

B = Breakfast included.

L = Lunch included.

D = Dinner included.



Tuesday, May 7: The Borders

Now in the heart of the great Border Abbeys, we will first visit Melrose Abbey. Best known today as the place where the heart of Robert the Bruce is interred, Melrose is also where St. Cuthbert started his religious life in AD 650. Like St. Cuthbert, we'll start our own pilgrimage to the Holy Island by foot. From Melrose, we will walk to Dryburgh Abbey along a portion of St. Cuthbert's Way (~ 6 miles), which is considered "one of the most beautiful, varied and enjoyable long distance walking routes in Britain." This Way ends on the Holy Island where St. Cuthbert's original pilgrimage shrine and his final resting place reside. Packed lunches will be provided. Those who don't feel up to walking will be driven to Dryburgh. Overnight at Whitchester Christian Guest House & Retreat (B, L, D)

Wednesday, May 8: The Borders to Lindisfarne, Holy Island

After breakfast, we'll leave Whitchester and cross the border into England to arrive at Lindisfarne, Holy Island. Arriving at the causeway that separates the island from the mainland, we'll complete the final section of the Pilgrim's Way by foot (~ 3 miles) that we began yesterday at Melrose. After check-in at the Open Gate House, our guided prayer retreat will begin around 4 pm. The teaching will focus on Ancient Celtic Spirituality and will be led by Rev. Dr. Ray Simpson. Overnight: The Open Gate House of The Community of Saints Aidan & Hilda (B, L, D)



Pilgrim's Way, Holy Island

Thursday, May 9 - Sunday May 12: Lindisfarne, Holy Island

For the next four days, Rev. Dr. Ray Simpson will lead us in our Ancient Celtic Christianity Pilgrimage and Prayer Retreat. We will learn more about many of the ancient Celtic Saints, such as Cuthbert, Patrick, Brigid, and more. We'll share Holy Communion and daily prayer times together while also making space for private prayer, reflection, and spiritual exercises. Ray will also be available for personal sessions for those who wish to schedule them (for suggested donation of £40). Overnight: The Open Gate House of The Community of Saints Aidan and Hilda (B, L, D)

Monday, May 13: Edinburgh

Today we'll depart Lindisfarne and head to the majestic city of Edinburgh, capital of Scotland. You will have a free afternoon and early evening to explore the city on your own. Our final devotional service and communion service will close our pilgrimage together. Overnight in Edinburgh. Ibis Edinburgh Centre Royal Mile (B)

Tuesday, May 14: Edinburgh: Drive to Airport.

Flight back to the States. Services End.

Edinburgh



ACCOMMODATION LIST



May 5-6 The Cathedral of The Isles

College Street, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, KA28 0HE, UK
Telephone: +44-147-553-0353
E-mail: office@cathedraloftheisles.org
www.cathedraloftheisles.org



May 6-8 Whitchester Christian Guest House

Whitchester Centre, Borthaugh, Hawick, TD9 7LN, UK
Telephone: +44-145-037-7477
E-mail: enquiries@whitchester.org.uk
www.whitchester.org.uk



May 8-13 The Open Gate Christian Retreat House

The Open Gate, Holy Island, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2SD, UK
Telephone: +44-128-938-9222
Email: opengate@aidanandhilda.org.uk
www.lindisfarne.org.uk/theopengate



May 13-14 Ibis Edinburgh South Bridge

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Telephone: +44-131-292-0000
Email: h8484@accor.com
www.accorhotels.com

EDINBURGH AIRPORT MEETING POINT



After you clear Customs and Immigration with your bags, we will meet outside of security at the Costa Coffee shop in the International Arrivals area. Look for a "ACTS - Gill" sign. If you have any trouble locating the group, please call Meg Ramey at +1-717-571-5770.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

DEPOSIT PAYMENT : \$200 per person November 15, 2018

FULL PAYMENT : March 1, 2019

CREDIT CARD

If you wish to pay with a credit card (Visa or Mastercard only), you can fill in the secure form at our website <https://secure.tutkutours.com>. The credit card form has tour/group title column, so make sure to fill in "ACTS Evangel" in that space.

BANK WIRE

Alternatively, you can make a bank wire transfer to our bank account:

Our Bank in Turkey : FINANSBANK A.S. (USD Account)
Swift Code : FNNBTRISIZM
IBAN Number : TR27001100000000012382654
Beneficiary's Name : Tutku Tours
Beneficiary's Account # : 12382654
Our Bank's address : FINANSBANK Alsancak Branch
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If you make a bank wire transfer, then please also email info@tutkutours.com to let us know about the wire.

CANCELLATION PENALTY

- 120-90 days prior to departure: No Penalty
- 89-60 days prior to departure: 10%
- 59-45 days prior to departure: 25%
- 44-30 days prior to departure: 50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure: 75%
- 14 days & After No refund

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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TOUR MAP



LAND ONLY

\$2,950 Per Person in Double Room

\$690 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- 9 nights accommodation in double, triple, or quadruple rooms, depending on the accommodation. The rooming situations at the Christian Guest Houses differ.
- Daily breakfasts, 6 Lunches, and 8 dinners
- All transportation by private AC Bus, 27-reclining seats with arm & foot rests, full carpeting, radio/PA/DVD system, air-conditioning climate control system, fridge & washroom (excluding May 9-12 during the prayer retreat portion on Lindisfarne)
- Guiding & tour management services for 6 days (excluding May 9-12 during the prayer retreat portion on Lindisfarne)
- Entrance fees to the abbeys, historic sites, and museums mentioned in the itinerary. Please note that we cannot guarantee that the sites will all be open for May 2019, as there might be closures due to ceremonies at short notice as well as a possibility for restoration works.
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Tips to guide and driver

EXCLUDING

- Meals and Drinks not included above
- All Flights
- Travel & health insurance, personal expenses (laundry, calls, etc)

Useful Information

Passports & Visas: It's your responsibility to secure a passport. The expiration date should be at least 6 months after your exit date from the UK. Otherwise, you'll need to apply for a new one. It's always a good idea to photocopy the details page of your passport and keep copies in separate places in your luggage. A UK visa for US citizens can be obtained upon arrival.

Time zone: (EST + 5:00) The UK is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), a.k.a. Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).



Electricity: Electricity in the UK is 220-240 Volts, alternating at 50Hz cycles per second (In comparison, electricity in the US is 110-120 Volts, alternating at 60Hz cycles per second). You will need to bring a three-prong plug adapter for any electronics brought from the US.



Currency: Currently, \$1 (USD) Dollar = £.75 (GBP) Pounds/ £1 (GBP) Pound = \$1.32 (USD) Dollars. US "cents" are like "pence" in the UK. Money is also referred to as "quid" in the UK. Exchange rates are constantly fluctuating and should be checked out prior to departure. You can find current rates of exchange here: xe.com

Credit Cards: Visa, Mastercard are accepted most everywhere, but many machines require Chip and Pin cards. Do make sure to sign the back of your credit cards in advance as they may refuse to accept them without signatures. It's also a good idea to call your credit card companies in advance to tell them where you're be travelling so that they don't block your card. Check with your credit card company regarding international fees, and consider getting a card that doesn't have any. Also, consider making a photocopy of the front and back of the cards you're taking and keeping it in a secure location so that you can contact your credit card companies quickly if your cards are lost or stolen.

ATMs: ATMs are widespread and easily available in most downtown areas in the UK. Consider withdrawing money at one of the ATMs at the Edinburgh airport. Make sure you know your PIN number. Check with your bank regarding fees.

Phones: To make a phone call back to the USA, you need to dial 00-1 (or +1), and then your area code and phone number. If you plan on using your mobile phone abroad, please check in advance with your phone company to know what they charge for calls, texts, and data usage abroad so that you're not surprised by huge fees on your next phone bill.

VAT: The value added tax in the UK is 20%, but this cost is already factored into the prices. In other words, the price you see is the price you will pay. International visitors can sometimes apply to have the VAT paid on large purchases reimbursed to them upon exiting the country. To find out more details, go here: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-on-shopping/taxfree-shopping>

Measurements: Like the US, the UK typically displays distances in miles rather than km, but petrol is sold by the litre rather than the gallon. You'll see a mixture of imperial and metric standard measurements throughout the UK.

Weather: For temperature, they use Celsius rather than Fahrenheit. To help in understanding the Celsius temperatures, remember the following rhyme: 30 is hot; 20 is nice; 10 is cool; and 0 is ice! Average temperatures in May are 7°C (45°F) to 13 °C (55°F). May is one of the prettiest and dryer months in Scotland, but it's still Scotland!!! In other words, always be prepared for rain. Dressing in layers and keeping a warm "hoodie" or "jumper" close to hand is good idea.

Tipping: Most tips are already included, but if you do need to tip, the standard tipping rate is 10-15%. Just check first to see if a "service charge" was added, which is often the case for larger groups. If so, your tip has already been included in your bill.

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