

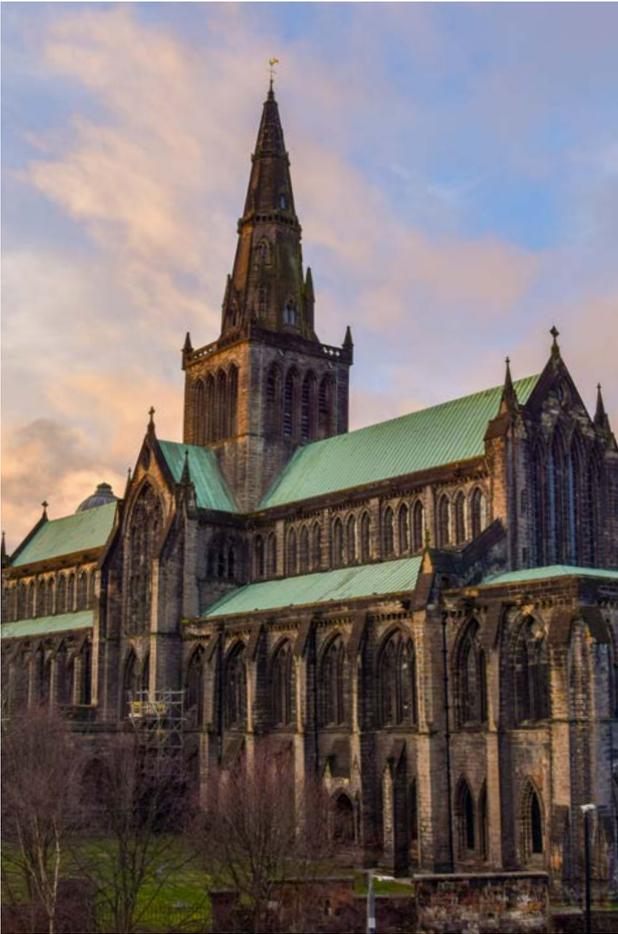


# Celtic Christianity in Scotland

September 14 - 23, 2022



# ITINERARY



## September 14 – Depart Home

Depart USA on your international overnight flight.

## September 15 – Welcome to Scotland

Our representatives will meet you at the 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 16 – Lismore

Take the Ferry today to Lismore. Saint Moluag founded a monastery on Lismore in the sixth 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.

## September 17 – 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 18 – Oban to Glasgow

Depart Oban and head south for your city tour of Glasgow. Drive to the 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. This area is now Glasgow. His tomb is in the lower crypt. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## September 19 – 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 fifth-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 Glasgow for dinner and overnight.

## September 20 – 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 21 – Edinburgh

Edinburgh replaced Scone as the capital of Scotland in 1437. The site of Edinburgh Castle has held a fort since Celtic times. St. Margaret's Chapel dates to the 12th Century. The present day fortress continues to serve as a military post as well as museum. Tour St. Giles Cathedral, dedicated to the patron saint of Edinburgh, whose 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 22 – Dunfermline & St. Andrew's

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. Andrew's, the ancient ecclesiastical capital of Scotland. Visit the ruins of St. Andrew's Cathedral and the nearby castle with its notorious "Bottle Dungeon". Take a look at the "Old Course" at St. Andrew's, renowned as the home of golf! Return to Edinburgh for dinner and overnight.

## September 23– Farewell

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



STARTING AT

**\$3,998**

FROM NEW YORK

### YOUR ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing

Round-trip International Airfare

Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes

Subject to change

Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees

Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches

First Class Hotels & much more!

# OPTIONAL EXTENSION

## Celtic Ireland Extension

September 23 - 27, 2022

Starting at: \$1,798

### Sep. 23 – Cliffs of Moher and Galway

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Shannon. Travel through the Burren Region, and arrive at the Cliffs of Moher, whose sheer cliffs drop 600 feet to the water below. The eroded limestone rock through the Burrens has flowers popping up through the crevices. You'll continue on to the ancient port city of Galway and enjoy a walking tour of the city. You will see Lynch Castle, home to the mayors of Galway and Saint Nicholas Church founded in the 13th century, and the famous Spanish Arch. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Sep. 24 – Clonmacnoise, and Bunratty Castle

Today, you'll visit Clonmacnoise, an important monastic site and the burial place of kings. Among these fascinating ruins are the famous thousand-year-old cross and the most important collection of tombstones in the country. Explore the cathedral or some of the eight churches. There are two round towers to capture your imagination. Three High Crosses, two hundred graves and the ruins of a 13th-century ring-fort also remain. But it is the 10-foot South Cross, with its Passion carvings, that testifies to the high level of artistic excellence of that day. Travel through the enchanting Irish countryside, an ever-changing patchwork of green dotted with ruins to Bunratty Castle, near the town of Limerick. Bunratty is Ireland's most complete and authentic medieval castle. Check in for dinner and overnight in Limerick.

### Sep. 25 – Rock of Cashel and Glendalough

You'll see the Rock of Cashel, the traditional seat of Irish kings. Here, St. Patrick is thought to have converted the King of Munster. The present ruins are from structures built in the 12th and 13th centuries. From here, you will make your way to Glendalough, one of the most beautiful spots in all of Ireland. Here, St. Kevin founded a monastery in 498. See Celtic High Crosses and a stone roofed church, as well as the wonderful hiking trails around the two lakes. Check into your Dublin hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Sep. 26 – Dublin

You will start your day in Dublin with a walking tour of Trinity College. Founded by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592, it is the oldest college in Ireland. You'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 returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Sep. 27 – Return to the USA with wonderful memories to share!

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

# TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

## PROGRAM CONDITIONS

Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: **09/14/22(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

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

- Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
- Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
- Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
- Premium must be paid in full no later than 06/16/22.

### Guest 1:

I Accept  I Decline

### Guest 2:

I Accept  I Decline

## \$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

### FINAL PAYMENT DUE 06/01/22

Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  via check: # \_\_\_\_\_

## 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: XR22 Date: 091422 Code: K v.002 08/13/21

### Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wp/427E](http://www.tripmate.com/wp/427E)

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

### Schedule of Coverages Maximum Benefit

Part A - Trip Cancellation ..... Trip Cost

Part B - Trip Interruption ..... Trip Cost

Missed Connection ..... \$500

Travel Delay (Up to \$100 Per Day) ..... \$500

### Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation

Accident and Sickness Medical Expense ..... \$25,000

Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation ..... \$50,000

Accidental Death & Dismemberment ..... \$25,000

Baggage and Personal Effects ..... \$1,000

Baggage Delay ..... \$100

### Additional Cancellation Protection

When you purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for your trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website ([www.etstours.com](http://www.etstours.com)). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. \*For New York Residents Only; Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

## 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 Travel Services 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 and 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 service 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, Easton, N.J. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7282 (in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

### 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 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour
- Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
- Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees
- Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)

### ALSO NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE - will appear on your statement:

Extension Border taxes, visas, tips and other fees. Contact your travel advisor for more information.

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we 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: \$598 during the basic tour, \$448 for Celtic Ireland Extension

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$300	At time of registration
Final Payment	Full payment	06/01/22   If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Premium Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 06/01/22 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

### REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than June 1, 2022:

We welcome registrations after 06/01/22. Registrations received between 06/02/22 - 06/16/22 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 06/17/22 - 07/01/22 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 07/02/22 will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

### 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. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

### STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do 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. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

### ABILITY 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, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of us, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request.

### PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 06/01/22. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

### 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, we do 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. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

### FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do 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. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

### 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. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

### DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

### ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we 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. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

### VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 02/13/22. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

### RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, 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 we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us 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.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van, or other vehicle, act of war or insurance, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.