

Celtic Christianity Study Tour

Tour Dates: May 29 - June 09, 2017

TOUR LEADER: DR. DAVID SHERBINO

Tyndale Seminary is offering a study tour on Celtic Spirituality to Ireland and Scotland lead by Dr. David Sherbino, Professor of Pastoral Ministries and Spiritual Formation and Minister of Cornerstone Community Church (PCC). This tour will provide an overview of the mission and ministry of St. Patrick as we trace his footsteps throughout Ireland and the influence of St. Columba as he brought Christianity to the tiny island of Iona. From this island, Christianity spread to Lindisfarne which today is a centre of spiritual renewal through the community of St Aiden and St. Hilda. As an educational experience, this trip will be highly interactive: interesting lectures, pilgrimages and daily worship in the Celtic tradition. You will have the opportunity to see and experience places that previously were simply words on a map. These places will come alive as history unfolds itself before your eyes. This study tour is for those who have an interest in learning about the spread of Christianity to Ireland and Scotland and the influence of St. Patrick and St. Columba. This trip will also feature a day long pilgrimage on the island of Iona.



Those who wish to receive academic credit must apply to the Registrar at Tyndale Seminary.

ITINERARY

Monday May 29: Depart Toronto on overnight flight and arrive in Dublin

Tuesday May 30: Arrive in Dublin. Mourning Guided tour of Dublin including visits to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral and Trinity College

Wednesday May 31: Travel south to tour the Wicklow Mountains, visit Powercourt Gardens and St. Kevin's 6th century monastery at Glendalough.

Thursday June 1: Depart for Armagh, via Downpatrick (St. Patrick's Center) Afternoon walking tour of Armagh City and visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and Church of Ireland Cathedral.

Friday June 2: Travel north to the Giant's Causeway and return south to Dublin.

Saturday June 3: Fly from Dublin to Glasgow. From there we take a coach to Oban and continue by ferry to the Island of Mull. From Mull we will take a coach to the Island of Iona. The day will conclude with vespers at the Abby of Iona.

Sunday June 4: We will explore the Island of Iona and have the opportunity to learn about St. Columba. We will participate with the community at the Abby in Morning and Evening prayer and celebrate with the Islanders in an evening of music and dance.

Monday June 5: Today will be a guided pilgrimage on Iona. It will take about five hours to complete as we stop and worship, meditate and pray along the way. Later in the day we will return to Oban for an overnight.

Tuesday June 6: We leave Oban and travel to Holy Isle (Lindisfarne). Here we join with the community of St. Aiden and St. Hilda.

Wednesday June 7: A day of learning and reflection with the community of St. Aiden and St. Hilda. Weather permitting a pilgrimage by boat will be made to Farne (This is where St. Cuthbert died in 687) It will be a time of prayer a reflection.

Thursday June 8: We will continue our day of learning and reflection with the community of St. Aiden and St. Hilda. Later in the day we will travel to Glasgow for an overnight at an airport hotel.

Friday June 9: Return flight from Glasgow to Toronto, arriving same day.

Tour Price from Toronto: **\$3595.** per person (based on dbl. occ) (Single supplement: \$895.00)*

PRICE INCLUDES:

- roundtrip air transportation from and return to Toronto
- Hotel/Inn/Guest House accommodations
- breakfast and dinner daily
- transportation and touring by coach as per itinerary

NOT INCLUDED:

- lunches,
- airport taxes/fuel surcharge \$595.-per person,
- travel insurance, ● tips to coach chauffeur
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Due: March 15, 2017

BOOKING DEADLINE:

All reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Since we are limiting the number of participants, we recommend that you book as soon as possible.

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend the purchase of Trip Cancellation or All-inclusive insurance.

The rates are outlined on the Booking Form.

PASSPORTS:

It is your responsibility to make sure that you have a **valid passport**. It must be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. Canadian passport holders do not need a visa. If you are travelling with a non-Canadian passport it is your responsibility to inform our staff so that they can advise you of entry requirements.

PRICING:

All prices are based on minimum group size, current exchange rates and supplier quotations. In the event that significant changes take place due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to adjust the prices. *Single supplement note: This applies to/is available in Ireland and Iona only. On Holy Isle everyone shares accommodations.

MINIMUM GROUP SIZE: 20

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