

# Celtic Christianity Study Tour

Tour Dates: May 21 - June 01, 2018

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 21:** Depart Toronto on overnight flight and arrive in Dublin

**Tuesday May 22:** Arrive in Dublin. Mourning Guided tour of Dublin including visits to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral and Trinity College

**Wednesday May 23:** Travel south to tour the Wicklow Mountains, visit Powercourt Gardens and St. Kevin's 6th century monastery at Glendalough.

**Thursday May 24:** 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 May 25:** Travel north to the Giant's Cause and continue to Belfast to board the Stena Line ferry, crossing

over to Cairnryan, Scotland. Continue by coach to Paisley and overnight

**Saturday May 26:** Early departure by coach to Oban, and continue by ferry to the island of Iona. The day will conclude with vespers at the Abby of Iona". Stay 3 nights on Iona..

**Sunday May 27:** 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 May 28:** 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.

**Tuesday May 29:** Early departure by ferry to Oban where the coach is waiting and travel to Holy Isle (Lindisfarne). Here we join with the St.Aiden and St.Hilda community. Stay 2 nights on Holy Isle.

**Wednesday May 30:** 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 May 31:** 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 01:** 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 (except May 25)
- transportation and touring by coach as per itinerary

### NOT INCLUDED:

- lunches,
- airport taxes/fuel surcharge \$595.-per person,
- travel insurance, ● tips to coach chauffeur
- all items of a personal nature.



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### **Final Payment:**

Due: March 1, 2018

## 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.

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

The rates are outlined on the Booking Form.

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## 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.

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