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Celtic Christianity In Scotland

April 22 - May 1, 2025



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April 22 – Depart Home

Depart the USA on your international overnight flight to Edinburgh, Scotland.

April 23 - Welcome to Scotland!

Our representatives will meet you at Edinburgh airport and escort you to your bus. 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 and museum. Tour St. Giles Cathedral is dedicated to the patron saint of Edinburgh, whose oldest portions date to 1124. Also, see Holyrood Palace, an official residence of the British Crown whose grounds date back to an Augustinian Monastery. Check into your hotel in Edinburgh for dinner and your overnight stay.

April 24 - 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." Wander through the "Old Course" at St. Andrew's, renowned as the home of golf! Return to Edinburgh for dinner and your overnight stay.

April 25 – Edinburgh to Oban

Today, you will cross Scotland and stop in Stirling. Visit the church of the Holy Rude, built over the original structure in the 1400's, and Stirling Castle. See the Battlefield at Stirling Old Bridge and continue to Oban for dinner and your overnight stay.

April 26 – Lismore

Take the ferry today to Lismore. Saint Moluag founded a monastery on Lismore in the 6th 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 your overnight stay.

**Note - The Isle of Lismore involves over 7 miles of walking. Those not willing or able to walk the distance are offered the option to stay in Oban for the day and enjoy the various sites, shops, and restaurants in the town.*

April 27 – Mull & Iona

This morning, take the ferry to Mull and cross the island to reach Fionnphort. Take the ferry to Iona (passengers only – coaches aren't allowed on the island). 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 worldwide. The ancient burial ground contains the graves of many of the early Scottish Kings. You will take the ferry back to Oban for dinner and your overnight stay.

April 28 – Oban

Today, discover Dunstaffnage Castle, Chapel, and Ardchattan Priory near Oban. Enjoy free time at the end of the afternoon to discover Oban. Stroll the city and discover its cathedral or its distillery (entrance not included). Return to your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

April 29 – Oban to Glasgow

Depart Oban and drive along the coast, passing the "bonny, bonny banks" of Loch Lomond as we make our way south towards Glasgow. Drive to the George Square at the heart of the city. See the Clyde Arc or "Squinty Bridge," as locals call 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, now Glasgow. His tomb is in the lower crypt. Check into your Irvine hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

April 30 – Whithorn

Journey south to the coastal town of Whithorn. Here, Candida Casa – “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 5th-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 Celtic Christians faced in Scotland. Return to Irvine for dinner and your overnight stay.

May 1 – Return Home

PRICING

Starting at **\$4,698**

from Washinton, D.C.

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

Roundtrip International Airfare,
Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing,
Transfers, Breakfast & Dinner Daily
Tips , Taxes, 3 & 4 Star Hotels and much more!

*EOX highly recommends purchasing a
Travel Protection plan*

*A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.





PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Roundtrip International Airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Breakfasts & Dinners • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative fees • Transfers • Fuel surcharges \$500 • Government taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program • Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:
Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOX will try to match roommates, EOX 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: \$698 during the basic tour.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
\$300	Due upon registration
\$1500	2nd Deposit due by 12/28/24.
Full Payment	Final Payment is due 02/06/25. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Amount	EOX highly recommends purchasing a Travel Protection plan. Upon registration, you will be sent an email from Travel Insured with different options to choose from and instructions on purchasing. Please contact EOX if you have further questions or need help purchasing a Travel Protection plan.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after December 28, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 12/28/24. Registrations received after this date may incur additional fees based on 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

EOX does 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. EOX reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOX, and EOX reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOX, EOX 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.

FIT 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 and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, 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. If you have questions, please see eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 12/28/24. 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.

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, EOT does 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 guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does 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.

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. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOX 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 05/15/24. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOX or its 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 EOX or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOX 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, EOX acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall EOX 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 EOX assumes 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.**

EOX does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold EOX harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, 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. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of or concerns this brochure or your tour. Any and all litigation must be brought only in and for courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world.

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