

# Pilgrimage to Iona; And The Heart of Scotland



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# SCOTLAND

September 15 - 26, 2026

Washington, DC (IAD)

Package Price: \$4990

## PILGRIMAGE



*Register Online*

### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Round-trip airfare | All nights' accommodations in double occupancy hotels/guest houses  
Breakfast daily and 2 dinners, while in hotels, and all meals while on Iona |  
Two days of sightseeing in a modern, air-conditioned private bus | And Much More

# SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS | SEPTEMBER 15 - 26, 2026



### Day 1 Tuesday, September 15 – Discovering Edinburgh

Depart for your overnight flight to the United Kingdom. Meals will be served onboard.

### Day 2 Wednesday, September 16 – Arrival in Edinburgh

Arrive in Edinburgh (EDI Airport)

Transfer to the hotel and settle in after travel

**Evening:** *Welcome Meet & Greet* at the hotel

**Overnight:** Edinburgh



### Day 3 Thursday, September 17 – Discovering Edinburgh

**Morning–Afternoon:** Explore Edinburgh at your own pace

Suggested highlights:

Edinburgh Castle & the Royal Mile

St Giles' Cathedral and Holyrood Palace

National Museum of Scotland

Optional: Walk up Arthur's Seat for panoramic views

**Evening:** **Introduction to the Isle of Iona** presentation

Learn about the island's history, spirituality, and your upcoming stay

**Overnight:** Edinburgh



### Day 4 Friday, September 18 – Journey to Oban via Stirling

Depart from Edinburgh in the morning by private coach

**Stop 1:** *Stirling Castle* – one of Scotland's grandest castles with sweeping views

**Scenic Drive:** Continue by bus through the Scottish Highlands, passing through **Glencoe** for a glimpse of its dramatic mountains and historic valleys

**Evening:** Dinner on your own — explore Oban's waterfront restaurants and pubs

**Overnight:** Oban



### Day 5 – Day 10 - Saturday, September 19 – Friday, September 25 – Retreat on Iona

**Morning:** Travel from Oban to the ferry terminal

Ferry from Oban → Craignure (Isle of Mull)

Scenic drive across Mull → Fionnphort

Short ferry crossing → *Isle of Iona*

Arrive on Iona and settle into accommodations

Orientation walk of the island (Abbey grounds, village, and shoreline)

**Overnight:** Isle of Iona



### Day 11 Friday, September 25 – Return to the Mainland & Travel to Glasgow

Early morning ferry: Iona → Mull → Oban

Travel to Glasgow by private coach)

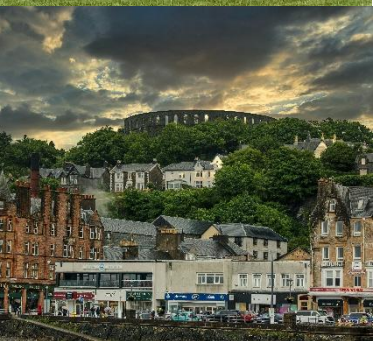
Afternoon: Free time to explore Glasgow

Suggestions: Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Riverside Museum, Buchanan Street shopping

**Evening:** *Farewell Group Dinner & Processing Gathering*

Reflect on the journey and share highlights together

**Overnight:** Glasgow



### Day 12 Saturday, September 26 – Departure Day

Breakfast and airport transfers to Glasgow International Airport (GLA)

Depart for flights home to the U.S.

**Note:** \*While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour Leaders and tour guide.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$750.00 per person is due six months prior to departure. The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour. Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% surcharge at the time of booking. Reservations received less than 90 days prior to departure may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 121 days before departure. For cancellations 120-91 days before departure the cancellation fee will be \$250.00 per person. 90-61 days before departure the cancellation fee will be 50% of the Cost per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 60 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Goodshepherd Travel in writing. [Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.](#)

**FARE INCLUSIVE.** Roundtrip air transportation from Washington, DC (IAD) International Airport as indicated on the registration form. Eight (9) nights hotel accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four star hotels by (local standards). All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full Local breakfasts (B) and dinners at the hotel (D). Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local English speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Europe departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

**TOUR ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE:** Goodshepherd Travel constantly strives to adhere to the specifics shown in the itinerary; however, circumstances may necessitate changes. Such circumstances may require changes without advance notice during the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to change the itinerary if unforeseen circumstances beyond our control force a change. Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for any changes caused by unforeseen circumstances.

**TOUR CANCELLATION:** Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the tour at any time. In the event of a cancellation deemed necessary by Goodshepherd Travel, the sole and exclusive responsibility of Goodshepherd Travel is to refund all monies recovered.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport costs, visa fees (if any), and health documentation costs (when required); food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with the table d'hote meals; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident and baggage insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special personal services; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone, and cable expenses, room service orders, etc.; transportation between the home city and the international departure city. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maître d', table waiter, etc.)

**AIR ROUTINGS:** The brochure price includes IATA jet economy class transportation from the international departure city applicable on all IATA and ARC carriers, based on the 6/45 day Apex fare to the Middle East. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to choose the air carrier, routing, and departure time for each passenger. Airfares used are based on contracted group fares and are highly restrictive. Payments for and restrictions on airline tickets are governed by the applicable fare. Cancellation fees levied by the airlines are applicable if you cancel or change your air ticket for any reason after purchase of air ticket. Ticketing must be completed 45 days prior to departure. Group fares do not permit deviations; passengers who wish to deviate may arrange their own airfare. An airline credit of \$1350.00 will be given to those passengers who arrange their own airfare. Passengers planning to arrange their own air transportation must notify Goodshepherd Travel, in writing on or before June 13, 2026. Seat numbers will be assigned by the airline at check-in; specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Passengers are responsible for providing frequent flyer information upon check-in.

**HOTELS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$1090.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

**BAGGAGE:** You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to \$100.00. Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Goodshepherd Travel for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

**DISABILITIES:** Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse passage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking, and the sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

**INSURANCE:** Acting only as agents for suppliers, Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident, illness and/or death as a result of any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, terrorist attacks, hostage situations, kidnappings, hijackings, protests, riots, public demonstrations, or theft. For your protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Additional information and application forms for all types of coverage will be supplied you prior to departure.

**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

**PRICE CHANGES:** Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in August 2025 and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of \$423.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

**DISCLAIMER:** Goodshepherd Travel acts as a tour operator and only a tour operator. The suppliers providing transportation, sightseeing arrangements and hotel accommodations for the tour program are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of Goodshepherd Travel. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. By utilizing the services of the suppliers, you agree that Goodshepherd Travel shall not be liable for any accident, loss, injury, death, or damage of any kind to you or to those traveling with you. This includes, but is not limited to, conditions beyond its control, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, terrorist attacks, hostage situations, kidnappings, hijackings, protests, riots, public demonstrations, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedules. At the time of printing a TRAVEL WARNING as issued by the United States Department of State was in effect for parts of Europe. Remember also that all travel documents as well as compliance with customs regulations are your responsibility. The terms under which you agree to take these tours cannot be changed or amended except in writing, signed by an authorized officer of Goodshepherd Travel. Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not on board the aircraft. The passenger contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole agreement between it and you. By virtue of my signature on the registration form below I acknowledge and assume all risks associated with this trip and I agree that Goodshepherd Travel assumes no liability of any kind and I hereby expressly waive any and all possible claims against Goodshepherd Travel. Or Tour Leaders: Pr. Ralph Patrick, Sr. Marianne Brock, and Amy Brokus/United Lutheran Seminary.

**ACCEPTANCE:** Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

**Trip date:** September 15 - 26, 2026 | **Package Price:** \$4990 | **Single supplement:** \$1090 (*Private Room*)

**PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING**

- Round-trip airline tickets
- All taxes, fees, and surcharges
- Place of arrival/departure: Edinburgh Airport / Glasgow Airport
- Accommodation of 4 x nights at good 4/3 star hotels as per individual offer, all rooms with private bath or shower
- Food & Beverage: Breakfast at the hotel each day, days 2 - 3 & 6 -7 inclusive & Dinner at the hotel on days 2 & 5
- All meals will be provided in Iona
- Modern motor-coach with driver x 1 airport transfers on day 1 & 6
- Ferry from Oban to Craignure on day 4 and return on day 5
- Ferry as foot passengers from Fionnphort to Iona on day 4 and return on day 5
- Meeting room on day 2
- Services charges and taxes at existing rates
- Portage of one piece of luggage in and out of hotels

**PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING**

- Lunches
- Soft drinks
- Tips for Guide, Driver, and Hotels
- All Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Anything not mentioned as included
- All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a credit card/electronic payment

Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the conditions as stated above!

# 2026 SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE | RESERVATION APPLICATION

## AIRLINE PREFERENCE

- Airline Ticker From IAD \$4990  
 Airline Ticker From \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO Airline Ticker (-1350)  
**Please select One!**

**United Lutheran Seminary**  
**Tour Leaders: Pr. Ralph Patrick, Sr. Marianne Brock, and Amy Brokus**  
**Tour Dates: (September 15 - 26, 2026)**

Group Reference Number: S091326



## PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

|  |              |                |  |
|--|--------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Full Name</b> (as printed on your passport):            |              |                |  |
| First Name:  | Middle Name: | Last Name:     |  |
| <b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): |              | Date of birth: | <input type="checkbox"/> Male<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| <b>Mailing Address:</b>                                    |              |                |  |
| Street:  | City:        | State:         | Zip code:  |
| Cell Phone:  | Home Phone:  | Work Phone:    |  |
| Email address:   |              |                |  |

## PASSPORT INFORMATION

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Country of Citizenship: | Passport Number:             |
| Passport Date of Issue: | Passport Date of Expiration: |
| Frequent flyer number:  | Known traveler number:       |

## ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION *Please Note: IONA Abbey will not accommodate Single supplements due to limited space!*

**Please Check One:** Double/Triple Occupancy  Single Occupancy (Private Room \$1090.00 additional)   
*\*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement\**

If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:

If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes  No

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is NOT traveling with you:

**I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of \$500.00 per person made payable to

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