

THE 2018 CELTIC SPIRITUALITY PILGRIMAGE TO SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND

October 7-17, 2018, with Advent Episcopal Church, Sun City West, AZ

Hosted by the Rev. Canon Timothy M. Dombek and featuring Anglican priest and professional Storyteller, Rev. Simon Airey

Where will we go on this Celtic Spirituality pilgrimage?

This trip will cover some of the most important and historic sites related to Celtic Christianity in Scotland and England. Specifically, the island of Iona, the center of early Celtic Christianity missionary activity; the holy Isle of Lindisfarne, the home of Cuthbert, bishop and monk, one of great saints of the seventh century; Durham, and its massive and impressive Cathedral; the abbey ruins at Whitby, site of the important Synod in 664, where the Roman rule and practice won out over the Celtic custom and traditions as the official expression of Christianity in the British Isles.

In addition to Celtic Christianity, we will also visit important places in Anglican Church history; in addition to Durham, we will see Cambridge and its famous university; multiple places in and around London, and a trip out to the County of Kent to see the Holy Mother Church of the Worldwide Anglican communion: Canterbury Cathedral—plus a stop by Dover on our way back to London.

What is included in the price of the pilgrimage?

The cost of the trip includes breakfasts and dinners most nights, except for dinners in Edinburgh, Scotland, and London—where we will be surrounded by wonderful restaurants of all types of food. We will have professional guides in Edinburgh and London for sight-seeing. And of course, with us all the way will be our own professional story-teller (and Church of England priest!) who will tell us stories of the Celtic saints, quite possibly near the location where the story takes place in some cases. It adds a fantastic element to the experience of the trip!

What is NOT included in the price of the pilgrimage?

Not included in the basic price is: A love offering for the drivers and guides; dinners in Edinburgh and London; any oversized or overweight baggage charges; lunches each day; beverages at meals; any laundry you may need to do; costs for your passport and Global Entry expense (if desired); and personal items needed while traveling.

What level of accommodation can we expect?

ACTS typically books four-star level of accommodation, or its equivalent—and sometimes five stars. We should have great accommodations for this trip. We will spend two nights on Mull, two nights in Edinburgh; one night in Durham; one night near Lincoln, and three nights in London.

Why is the single supplement so expensive?

The single supplement expense is based on the reality that these quality hotels in Scotland and England are reluctant to reserve rooms for single use by a group—they tend to pass the extra cost onto the traveler. It's like paying for the person who, in the mind of the hotel, should be there. No getting around it, really.

Keep in mind that part of the expense is related to the currency exchange rate between the US Dollar and the British Pound Sterling—which is used in England and Scotland. As of this writing (1-11-2018), one British Pound costs \$1.35 USD.

Where do our flights take us?

On our way to the United Kingdom, we will fly from Phoenix to Newark, and then change planes and fly overnight to Glasgow, Scotland; on our return to the USA, we will fly London to Washington, D.C., and change planes and return to Phoenix. The carrier is United Airlines.

Should I have travel insurance?

Absolutely! It is completely worth the expense. You may obtain travel insurance from our group, or on your own. For our group, the rate per person in double accommodation, is \$316. This is based solely on the cost of the trip (not taking in account one's age). Most all other travel insurance takes into account the total expense of the trip **and** the age of the traveler. Single accommodation travelers pay \$397 for the travel insurance through the group rate, not accounting for one's age, only the cost of the trip.

When do I have to pay?

When you register, you must place a \$350 per person deposit; if you register by February 15, you can save \$75 per person.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask me, or contact Betty Ann Buckley at ACTS at (919) 783-8714; Alpha Christian TourS, 621 Macon Place, Raleigh, NC 27609