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Pilgrimage to Ireland & Scotland (May 16 - 28, 2023)

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13 Day Pilgrimage to Ireland & Scotland

Day 1: Depart U.S.A.

Our tour begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Ireland. Meals and drinks will be served aloft.

Day 2: Arrive Shannon / Cashel

Upon arrival in Shannon we will be met at the airport by our local guide. After boarding our motorcoach we will drive to Cashel for check-in at our local hotel.

Day 3: Cashel / Killarney

This morning we will visit the Rock of Cashel which is the site of the conversion of the King of Munster by St. Patrick in the 5th century. Then drive to Blarney where we will visit Blarney Castle, which dates back to 1446 and served as McCarthy's stronghold. We will climb onto the Battlements to reach the Blarney Stone, said to impart the gift of eloquence to all that kiss it. After some shopping time in the Blarney Woollen Mills depart for Killarney, situated in a spectacular location amidst mountains, glens and lakes. This evening you may wish to take an optional jaunting car ride, the traditional form of local transport by horse drawn wagon.

Day 4: Killarney

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as "The Ring of Kerry." It is undoubtedly one of the most magical places in all Ireland. Here bogs, mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is often breathtaking beyond words. Even the names of the towns seem to whisper their beauty: Cahirciveen, Glenbeigh, Killorglin and Sneem. Visit Muckross House and Abbey before returning to our hotel in Killarney for the night.

Day 5: Killarney / Galway

Depart Killarney and drive to the charming village of Adare for a brief visit. We will then travel via the lunar landscape of the Burren to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic great sheer rock face rising 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to Galway, "The City of the Tribes", and check into our hotel.



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Day 6: Galway / Knock

This morning we will enjoy a tour of Galway including the Spanish Arch, the Quays, the Collegiate Church of St. Nicolas and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas. We will then depart Galway and travel through Connemara, an area of outstanding scenic grandeur. There is a brooding sense of Ireland's ancient culture and traditions in this haunted and mystical area where Gaelic is still the everyday language. Continuing on, visit Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied today by the Irish Benedictine community of nuns who came from Ypres after World War I. Continue to Knock, where 14 people saw a vision of Our Lady with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist in 1879.

Day 7: Knock / Armagh

This morning we celebrate Mass in the magnificent Basilica next to the original church where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1879 and where Pope John Paul II announced that the Church would be known as the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. In the afternoon depart Knock and drive to Armagh which is one of Ireland's oldest cities and has been its spiritual capital for over 1,500 years. Visit the Cathedral of St. Patrick, his Primatial See, and then take a tour of the historic center of the city.

Day 8: Armagh / Dublin

Depart Armagh this morning and travel to Downpatrick to visit Down Cathedral and the tombs of St. Patrick, St. Brigit and St. Columbkille. Then drive south and stop to see the Celtic crosses in the historic ruins of Monasterboice and then continue on to the Hill of Slane where St. Patrick is said to have lit an Easter fire as a challenge to the pagan High King of Tara. Continue on to Dublin for overnight.

Day 9: Dublin

Following breakfast, take a full day city tour of Dublin including visits to Trinity College to see the famous Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes Church where we will see the Shrine of Matt Talbot, the Carmelite Church on Whitefriar Street where we will see the Shrine of St. Valentine, the St. Teresa's Church on Clarendon Street, O'Connell Street, the Old Town, and the Guinness Factory where we will enjoy a pint of Ireland's favorite beer!

Day 10: Dublin / Edinburgh

Transfer to Dublin airport to catch your flight to Edinburgh. Upon arrival in Edinburgh we will be met at the airport and transfer to our hotel with the remainder of the day free. This evening we will attend a performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo which is world famous military drum performance conducted during the month of August at Edinburgh Castle.



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Day 11: Edinburgh

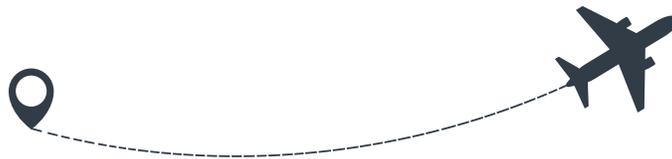
Today we will take an excursion to the Scottish highlands. Drive from Edinburgh to the city of Stirling to see the historical Wallace Monument and Stirling Castle, one of the largest castles in Scotland. Then proceed through the scenic Trossachs National Park and enjoy impressive views of the untouched nature of the Scottish Highlands. Travel along the banks of Loch Lomond, where you can walk the shores of Britain's largest expanse of fresh water. Then proceed to Glengoyne where we will visit a local whisky distillery. Return to Edinburgh.

Day 12: Edinburgh

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Edinburgh including visits to the New Town, the Scott's Monument, the Grassmarket, St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh Castle where we will see the Scottish Crown Jewels and Holyroodhouse which is the Queen's official residence in Scotland. This evening enjoy a traditional Scottish Dinner where we will sample Scottish Whisky and watch Highland Dancers, Bagpipers and the Ceremony of the Haggis.

Day 13: Edinburgh / U.S.A.

Following breakfast we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.



Pilgrimage Cost

\$4,899

per person / double occupancy

For single occupancy please add: \$850.00



This price includes:

- *Roundtrip airfare from Dulles International Airport
- *Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- *Accommodation in 4 star hotels during the duration of trip
- *All hotel taxes
- *Meals as per itinerary
- *Land transportation by deluxe motor-coach
- *All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- *Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- *Daily Mass

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

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GENERAL INFORMATION TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. The final payment is due 85 days before departure.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received after 5 PM Eastern Time or on weekends/holidays will be processed the following business day. The following per-person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more before departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days before departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days before departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days before departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel-related services, all sums paid to Alba's Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Alba's Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Alba's Tours agrees to provide passengers with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Travel Documents: A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity is required of all U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Alba's Tours is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs, and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). Alba's Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Airfare is in economy class. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares/flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted, and should be requested at the time of booking.

Travel Insurance: Alba's Tours strongly recommends that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Purchasing comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical treatment for COVID-19 is mandatory for certain countries. Insurance may be purchased directly through Alba's Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may buy online. You may purchase a policy through a third party if desired. Alba's Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall Alba's Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

Not Included: Gratuities, COVID-19 testing (if required), passport and/or individual visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Responsibility Clause: The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Alba's Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Please contact Alba's Tours further disclosures concerning travel risks, travels with special needs or disabilities, and arbitration.

Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

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Reservation Application

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Group Reference Number: _____
OFFICE ONLY

Please complete one application per person

Personal Information:

Name (as printed on passport):

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):

Passport Number:

Male:

Female:

Passport Date of Issue:

Passport Date of Expiration:

Country of Citizenship:

Date of Birth:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email Address:

Room Assignment Information:

Please Check One:

Double Occupancy:

Single Occupancy (\$850.00 Additional):

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

If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person?:

Yes:

No:

Emergency Contact:

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

Your deposit certifies that you agree with the terms and conditions.

I agree & accept the terms & conditions: _____

Signature Here

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to Alba's Tours and mail to:

Total price of Land & Air is \$4,899.

For a LAND ONLY package please contact Alba's Tours.

The \$300.00 deposit is included in that price.

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