

Celtic Christianity Study Tour

May 23 - June 04, 2011

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 two day long pilgrimages, one to Croagh Patrick near the town of Westport and the other will be on the island of Iona.

Those who wish to receive academic credit must apply to the Registrar at Tyndale Seminary.



I T I N E R A R Y

Monday, May 23

Depart Toronto on overnight charter flight and arrive in Dublin.

Tuesday, May 24

(Dublin) Morning guided tour of Dublin including visits to St Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral, and Trinity College. (D)

Wednesday, May 25

(Dublin) Travel south to tour the Wicklow Mountains, visit Powerscourt Gardens and St Kevin's 6th century monastery at Glendalough. (B,D)

Thursday, May 26

Depart for the beautiful town of Westport on the shores of Clew Bay. Free time to climb Croagh Patrick (please note this is weather dependant). (B,D)

Friday, May 27

(Armagh) Depart for Armagh, one of Ireland's oldest cities. We will do a guided walking tour including visits to St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral. (B,D)

Saturday, May 28

(Armagh) Our travel today is via Dungannon and Coleraine to the spectacular North Antrim Coast. We will visit Giant's Causeway and continue to the fortified walled city of Derry and do a private guided walking tour of the historic walls. (B,D)

Sunday, May 29

Fly from Dublin to Glasgow. From there we will take a coach to Oban and continue by ferry to the island of Mull. From Mull we will take a coach to the Island of Iona. The day will conclude with evening vespers at the Abbey of Iona. (B,D)

Monday, May 30

(Iona) - 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. (B,D)

Tuesday, May 31

(Iona) - Today will be the guided pilgrimage on Iona. It will take about 5 hours to complete as we will stop and worship and pray along the way. (B,D)

Wednesday, June 01

(Edinburgh) - We leave Iona and travel to Edinburgh where we will overnight. There will be a free afternoon to enjoy the sights and sounds of this great city. (B,D)

Thursday, June 02

(Lindisfarne) - We depart for the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. Here we will join with the community of St. Aiden and St Hilda. (B,D)

Friday, June 03

(Lindisfarne) - The day of learning and reflection with the Community of St. Aiden and St. Hilda under the leadership of Ray Simpson the International Guardian of the Community. After dinner depart for Glasgow and overnight at an airport hotel. (B,D)

Saturday, June 04

Fly from Glasgow with a charter flight to Toronto.

Tour Price from Toronto: \$3295. per person (based on dbl. occ) (Single supplement: \$775.00)

PRICE INCLUDES:

- roundtrip charter air transportation
- breakfast (B) and dinner (D) daily
- transportation by touring coach
- local touring and sightseeing as per itinerary
- hotel accommodations

NOT INCLUDED:

- lunches
- airport taxes
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Due: March 15, 2011

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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