

Scotland Pilgrimage 2024

June 18 - June 26, 2024



This June, we have an opportunity to travel to Scotland and experience, through sights, sounds, and culture, the history and living faith of Catholic Scotland! It is an opportunity to grow in or rediscover our faith in Christ through the history of the places and people we encounter. We will be blessed by our experience while blessing those we meet during our travels. After the events of the last several years, this pilgrimage can truly be a moment of renewal! Please consider joining us as we enjoy the awesome songs and merriment of Scottish hospitality and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Fr. John Kelly

THIS PILGRIMAGE INCLUDES:

Round trip airfare on United Airlines
Breakfast and dinner per itinerary
Specially selected hotel accommodations
Air-conditioned motor coach
Full-time tour manager
Departure tax and current fuel charge

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Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to www.Unitours.com/questions.

Unitours will provide the travel arrangements for this tour. You will discover joining us is a wise choice, given Unitours' extensive worldwide reputation for quality tours since 1957. Under the same American ownership since its founding, Unitours maintains close partners in Tel Aviv, Athens, Italy and London. Unitours has arranged for your transfers, hotels, meals, air-conditioned motor coach, English-speaking guides of the highest quality, sites for your Masses and other services along the way and every detail. You can rest assured that Unitours' financial security, attention to detail and high standard of service will assure you the most memorable travel experience.

ITINERARY

Tuesday, June 18 — **Day 1** — **DEPART USA** — Today, we depart Pensacola to connect with our overnight flight to Edinburgh. We will be served dinner and breakfast and enjoy in-flight movies while aloft.

Wednesday, June 19 — **Day 2** — **EDINBURGH** — We arrive in Edinburgh, the glorious Scottish capital. We enjoy a panoramic tour of the old town, taking in the historic Royal Mile in the old town and the Georgian 'new town', taking in the many fine Georgian crescents, squares, and streets with their distinctive architecture. Our first stop is the beautiful Cathedral of St. Mary and its Shrine of St. Andrew. Because of a fire at the adjacent Theatre Royal in 1891, the Cathedral was completely restored and expanded. The Shrine of St. Andrew, which houses relics of St. Andrew, was refinished in the 1980s for the Papal of visit of the then Pope, John Paul II. If time permits, we have the opportunity for Mass while here. After our tour, we break for lunch on our own and then visit nearby Edinburgh Castle, which sits on an extinct volcano. On view are the "Honors of Scotland" — the magnificent Crowned Scepter and the Sword of State, which are the oldest Crown jewels in the British Isles. Also housed here is the fabled "Stone of Destiny", the symbol of nationhood used to inaugurate monarchs of the United Kingdom for over a millennium. While there we will also stop at St. Margaret's Chapel, which withstood numerous destruction attempts. Dating back to the 12th century, during the reign of King David I, who dedicated this Chapel to his mother, Queen Margaret, who we now know as St. Margaret of Scotland. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Edinburgh.

Thursday, June 20 — **Day 3** — **EDINBURGH** — This morning we visit the Palace of Holyrood house, now official residence of England's royal families while in Scotland, but once the home of Mary, Queen of Scots. If the King is in residence, we will visit the Royal Yacht. On the way back to Edinburgh, we stop for lunch on our own before we finish our day in Edinburgh. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Edinburgh.

Friday, June 21 — Day 4 — EDINBURGH/GLASGOW — This morning we depart Edinburgh and journey to Glasgow. En-route, we visit Rosslyn Chapel, which took some 40 years to complete. Its ornate stonework and symbolism have inspired and intrigued artists and visitors ever since it was completed. We visit Carfin Grotto and have an opportunity to celebrate Mass there. Carfin Lourdes Grotto, a Roman Catholic shrine in Scotland, is dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes and was created in the early twentieth century. For more than ninety years the Grotto at Carfin has been a special place of pilgrimage, prayer, and grace for those who visit it. We stop for lunch on our own along the way to Glasgow. On arrival we enjoy a motor coach tour of Glasgow, with views of Tolbooth Steeple, Clyde Arc, Cineworld, and the University of Glasgow. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Glasgow.

Saturday, June 22 — **Day 5** — **GLASGOW/FORT WILLIAM** — Today, we depart Glasgow and journey to Fort William. We stop for scenic photos at beautiful Loch Lomond and picturesque Glencoe. We enjoy a packed lunch, then board the Jacobite Steam Train & West Highland Line for their 2:10pm steam train service from Mallaig to Fort William, enjoying the picturesque Scottish countryside along the way. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Fort William. (2024 Train Table subject to change.)

Sunday, June 23 – Day 6 – FORT WILLIAM/INVERNESS — Following breakfast, we travel to Inverness, stopping for a Loch Ness boat cruise. Loch Ness is a freshwater loch (lake), known for its fabled Loch Ness Monster. Aside from its monstrous connection, this stunningly beautiful loch holds more water than Wales' and England's' lakes combined! Our two-hour excursion includes a half-hour cruising and one hour visit to the ruins of Urquhart Castle, located on the shore of Loch Ness. [Could be longer.] On route to Inverness, we tour the Glen Ord Distillery or another if Glen Ord not available. On arrival in Inverness, we celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Church. We conclude our day with dinner and overnight in our hotel in Inverness.

Monday, June 24 — Birth of John Baptist Day 7 — INVERNESS/PITLOCHRY — Following breakfast, we celebrate morning Mass before departing Inverness for Pitlochry. Our first stop, Culloden Battlefield, the scene of the famous 1746 Battle of Culloden between the Jacobite and the British armies and the last battle fought on British soil. We continue through the Cairngorms National Park and arrive at the Royal Lochnagar Distillery, which produces one of Scotland's most exclusive whiskies or another if Royal Lochnagar not available. Here we enjoy a special tour and tasting at the distillery. We continue to Pitlochry, which is considered the gateway to the Highlands. Dinner and overnight in our castle hotel in Pitlochry.

Tuesday, June 25 — Day 8 — PITLOCHRY/FIFE /EDINBURGH — This morning, we visit Blair Castle which dates to 1269. One of the most famous castles in Scotland, it is also home to Europe's only legal private army, the Atholl Highlanders. We enjoy a tour of the castle and beautiful landscaped gardens. Then we travel to St. Andrews in Fife and visit St. Andrews Cathedral. Once Scotland's largest and most magnificent church, these ruins still show how impressive St Andrews Cathedral would have been when it was originally built in the 12th century. As a Catholic stronghold in medieval Scotland, it was captured by Calvinist zealots during the Protestant Reformation in 1560. St. Andrews was the seat of the country's leading bishops. Used for worship since the 8th century AD, when the relics of St. Andrew, Scotland's patron Saint, are said to have been brought here. It soon became a major pilgrimage Shrine for Scotland and northern Europe's early Christians. The cathedral and buildings are surrounded by a graveyard and a massive enclosure of walls. The shape, in which St. Andrew was crucified, is a symbol on the Scottish national flag to remind the country of his martyrdom. We celebrate Mass in St. Andrews, then continue to Edinburgh.

Tonight. we enjoy a special "Scottish" evening with traditional Scottish music, dance, and food. Overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, June 26 — **Holy Trinity** — **Day 9** — **EDINBURGH/USA** — This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight home, with memories of a lifetime! We enjoy lunch and a snack on the return flight home.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Total Tour Price: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 12, 2023. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 45 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

Passport And Visa Requirements: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas but may require the COVID vaccination for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until December 26, 2024, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. — please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

Air Transportation: International flight reservations are being held on United Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

Domestic Airfare: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

Hotel Accommodations: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$1274 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

Meals: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

be necessary. I have read and understand the deposit and cancellation fees. Signature:

Tips And Taxes: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, porterage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$226 plus current fuel surcharges of \$400 are included (subject to change). Tips to Tour Manager/Guides, drivers and dining rooms staff of \$79 are included. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

Not Included: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

Deposits And Cancellations: A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received by Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made within 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date including insurance. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

Bank Fee: A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

Deviations: A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

Travel Insurance: Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance for full details including optional Cancel for any reason coverage. (NOT AVAILABLE FOR NEW YORK RESIDENTS.) Cost of travel insurance for this trip starts at \$390. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased with your reservation. (See reservation form). If paying by check, add insurance cost to your deposit. Insurance can also be purchased at the time of your final payment.

Land Arrangements: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

Responsibilities: Unitours, Inc., the organizer, and their representatives act only as agents for the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, sightseeing, restaurants or any other services in connection with the itinerary. They will exercise reasonable care in making such arrangements, however, they do not assume any liability whatsoever, for any injury, damage, loss, accident or delay to person or property because of any acts of war or terrorism, any act of default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tours. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules or contracts currently in use by any carrier, hotel, restaurant or other contractor rendering services shall constitute the sole contract between such contractor and the tour member. Unitours Inc., or the organizer, accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other cause beyond their personal control. No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events during the time passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage losses the purchase of accident and baggage insurance is strongly recommended. Optional travel insurance offered by Unitours must be paid with your final payment.

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Please reserve seat (s) on this trip. Enclosed please find deposit of _	(\$500 per person). Make check payable to <u>UNITOURS, INC.</u>
Please enclose a copy of your passport (must be valid until December 26, 2024 or after.)	
Name(s) (as it appears on passport)	My roommate is:
Name(s) to use on nametag(s)	Please assign me a roommate (if available)
Address:	I prefer a single room (\$1,274 additional, availability limited)
City, State, Zip:	☐ I/we wish to purchase optional travel insurance starting at
[elephone:	\$390 per person now in order to cover pre-existing conditions (See "Travel Insurance" on pilgrimage Terms for price and details.)
Charge my deposit to: Visa MasterCard AmericanExpress Discover	(see maver insurance on pingrimage rerins for price and declars.)
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understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments	

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

Unfortunately, Unitours can no longer offer travel Insurance. If you want travel insurance, you will need to get your own. I have the names of two companies: Aliance Travel, Inc., and Trip Mate Travel Insurance you may want to check out or you also may have one of your own.

Also, due to changes in airline carriers, Unitours has had to make some changes to earlier announced conditions for our Scotland Pilgrimage. The good news is, there is no change in price for the trip. More good news, we will be flying Delta and the flights are excellent – Pensacola to Atlanta. Atlanta to Edinburgh. Unfortunately, as you know, flights are always subject to change so don't hold me to that schedule. But that is it for the foreseeable future. The bad news is, there will be two billings. You made a deposit of \$500 when you made your reservations. The airline is requiring Unitours to issue tickets on March 7, therefore you will be billed on March 1, 2024, \$2100 for air fare and the balance and final payment will be due on April 1, 2024.

Also, due to terms imposed by Delta Airlines, Unitours has had to modify the Cancellation Policy. The new policy now reads as follows: "Cancellations made from time of reservations to within 91 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus \$100 air penalty. In the event of a cancellation from 90 to 31 days prior to departure -- \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus \$2100 air penalty. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc."

Of course, these terms do not apply if you have travel cancellation insurance. The terms of the policy apply if you should have to cancel for covered reasons. Also, they will not affect those of you that have signed up for the Land Only Package.

In summary: Again, there is <u>no change in price</u>. The changes are: if you decide to cancel prior to the 91 days of departure, you will lose the entire \$500 deposit not just the \$400 administration fee as before. Second, instead of paying the deposit when you make your reservations and the final payment 60 days prior to departure, you will pay the \$500 deposit when you make you reservations, you will pay \$2100 on March 1, and you will pay the remaining \$3099.00 on April 1.

I am attaching the original flyer in case you want to compare the difference.

I hope this will not cause an inconvenience. Please keep in mind that the price is the same and the flights really are great.

Thanks for your understanding,

Judy