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Catholic Scotland Pilgrimage 2023

August 20-29, 2023 - 10 Days

\$5,399 from JFK

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Sunday, August 20 - Day 1 - DEPART USA -

Today, we depart New York for our overnight flight for Scotland. We enjoy inflight movies, dinner, and breakfast while aloft.

Monday, August 21 - Day 2 –

EDINBURGH/SCOTTISH

BORDERS/EDINBURGH – This morning, we arrive in Edinburgh, the glorious Scottish capital. We are met by our Tour manager and transfer to our motor coach for our scenic drive into Edinburgh to visit the Palace of Holyrood House, now the official residence of the England's royal family's while on holiday in Scotland (pending the vacation schedule of the Royal Family). It was once the home of none other than Mary, Queen of Scots. After our visit, we stop for lunch on our own before we finish our day in Edinburgh with time for leisure or shopping. We celebrate our first pilgrimage Mass at a local church on route to our hotel. We enjoy our "welcome dinner" and overnight in Edinburgh.

Tuesday, August 22 - Queenship of Mary - Day

3 – EDINBURGH – Today, we enjoy a panoramic tour of the "Old town", taking in the historic Royal Mile, then, the Georgian "new town", admiring the many fine Georgian crescents, squares, and streets with their distinctive architecture. Our first stop is the beautiful the Cathedral of St. Mary and its Shrine of St. Andrew, Scotland's Patron saint. The cathedral was designed by the prominent ecclesiastical architect, James Gillespie Graham, in 1814. Because of a fire at the adjacent Theatre Royal in 1891, the Cathedral was damaged and subsequently restored and expanded. The Shrine of St. Andrew, which houses Holy Relics of St. Andrew, was refinished in the 1980s for the Papal visit of the then Pope, John Paul II. Pending flight schedule, we celebrate Mass while there. Following our tour, we break for lunch on our own and then visit the 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 Scotland, England, and the United Kingdom for over a millennium. Built in the 12th century, it housed various monarchs and royals until the mid-17th century, when it became a military barracks because of its strategic location.

While there, we 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. Also located nearby is the Cathedral of St. Giles, the patron Saint of Edinburgh. If time permits, we conclude the day with a walking tour of some historical sites not visible on our coach tour. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Edinburgh.

Wednesday, August 23 - Day 4 –

EDINBURGH/GLASGOW - This morning, we depart Edinburgh and journey to Glasgow, now Scotland's largest city. On route, we stop to visit Rosslyn Chapel, which took some 40 years to complete. Its ornate stonework and symbolism have inspired and intrigued artists and visitors since it was completed. Today, there are countless theories, myths and legends associated with the Chapel, brought to prominence by NH author Dan Brown and his book "The Davinci Code", as well as the subsequent movie. Like most folklore, many are impossible to prove or disprove conclusively. Following our visit, we arrive at the Carfin Grotto and enjoy an opportunity to celebrate Mass at it's beautiful "Glass Church". Carfin "Lourdes" Grotto, is a Roman Catholic shrine in Scotland, 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, as in addition to the Lourdes Grotto, there are many other small replica shrines on the grounds. We enjoy lunch on our own along the way to Glasgow. Upon arrival, we enjoy a motor coach tour of the city, with views of Tollbooth Steeple, Clyde Arc, Cineworld, and the University of Glasgow. We conclude our day with dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, August 24 - Day 5 – GLASGOW

/INVERARAY - Today, we depart Glasgow and journey north to the picturesque Loch Lomond and the impressive Trossachs National Park. This stunningly beautiful loch holds more water than both Wales and England's lakes combined! This area of beauty marks the mid-point between the "Lowlands" and the "Highlands" of Scotland. After passing through this

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wonderful and scenic national park, we proceed west to the town of Inveraray. This centuries old town was planned around the centerpiece, Inveraray Castle, the home of the Duke of Argyll, of the clan Campbell. We break for lunch on our own before our tour of this impressive castle. Designed in the French style, it was constructed on the foundation of a much older fortress, built centuries before this 1740s era building! The castle is surrounded by lush, manicured gardens and walkways. The interior of this magnificent building is decorated with art, dating back several generations of the current Duke of Argyll's family. Though the current Duke still resides in part of the castle, the "public" part is literally a museum to his family and the clan Campbell, which has played a prominent part in the history of Scotland. One of the most impressive collections is found in the armory, which tastefully houses swords, daggers, spears, and rifles of various periods. Following our visit here, we conclude our journey north to the quaint town of Glencoe. We enjoy dinner and overnight in Glencoe.

Friday, August 25 - Day 6 – GLENCOE/FORT WILLIAM – This morning, we journey to Fort William, located in the heart of the Scottish Highlands and the backdrop for numerous movies (*Harry Potter*, *Outlander* & *Highlander* are some recognizable ones). We enjoy a tour of the Fort William Museum and then break for an early lunch on our own before boarding the Jacobite Steam Train & West Highland Line* for their scheduled 2:10pm steam train service from Mallaig to Fort William. On our ride, we enjoy a unique view of the picturesque Scottish countryside. (*pending the train schedule and availability). We overnight in the Fort William area with dinner at our hotel.

Saturday, August 26 - Day 7 – FORT WILLIAM/INVERNESS – Today, we depart Fort William and journey to Inverness. We stop to enjoy a Loch Ness boat cruise. Loch Ness is a freshwater loch (Scottish for lake), known for its fabled "Loch Ness Monster". Our two-hour cruise includes a visit to Urquhart Castle, located on the shore of Loch Ness. Once considered one of Scotland's largest castles, Urquhart saw great conflict during its five centuries as a medieval fortress. Control of this castle passed back and forth between the Scots and the English during the many wars over Scottish Independence. Sadly, the last of the government troops garrisoned here, blew up the castle when they evacuated. Urquhart's ruins are all that remain, offering glimpses into past medieval times and the lives of its noble residents. Upon arrival in Inverness, we celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Church. We conclude our day with dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Inverness area.

Sunday, August 27 - Day 8 – INVERNESS/ CULLODEN/PITLOCHRY. This morning, we celebrate Mass before departing Inverness for Pitlochry. Our first stop is the Culloden Battlefield, the scene of the famous 1746 Battle of Culloden between the Jacobite Clans and the British armies and the last battle fought on British soil. Though the battle lasted a mere hour or so, Culloden marked the beginning of end of Highland society. Following the battle, kilts and tartans were soon banned as a symbol of Scottish heritage. We continue our travels as we pass through the Cairngorms National Park and arrive at the Glen Grant Distillery*, which produces one of Scotland's most exclusive whiskies. While here, we enjoy a special tour and tasting at the distillery (*Pending distillery tour & visitor schedule) We continue to Pitlochry, which is considered the gateway to the Scottish Highlands. We conclude our day with and overnight at our hotel in Pitlochry.

Monday, August 28 - DAY 9 – PITLOCHRY/ FIFE/EDINBURGH – Today, we start our day with a visit Blair Castle, which was built in 1269 and is one of the most famous castles in Scotland. It is also home to Europe's only legal private army, the Athol Highlanders, which are the remnants of the old Scottish clan system, a time when every clan had its own army. It is also the seat of the Dukes and Earls of Athol. We enjoy a self-guided tour of not only the castle, but it's fascinating collections and beautiful landscaped gardens, stopping for lunch on our own along the way. 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 the original footprint of 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 Holy Relics of St. Andrew, Scotland's admired patron Saint, are said to have been brought here from abroad. 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 "X" 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 while in St. Andrews. We conclude our travels back to Edinburgh, where we enjoy a short time for relaxation before our "farewell" dinner. Tonight, we enjoy a special "Scottish" evening with traditional Scottish music, dance, and food. Overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, August 29 - Beheading of John - Day 10 - EDINBURGH/USA – This morning, we transfer to the airport for our return flight home, with memories of a lifetime!

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TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect December 28, 2022. 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 30 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 February 29, 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 British Airways. 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 \$1414 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.

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, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$259 plus current fuel surcharges of \$320 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$89 ARE NOT 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.

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