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CELTIC PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND WITH OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO IONA

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WITH SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL, SEATTLE
LED BY THE VERY REV. STEVE L. THOMASON
& THE REV. CANON JENNIFER KING DAUGHERTY

Early registration discount ends: January 1, 2024

Registration closes: March 15, 2024 | Full payment due: May 20, 2024

\$500 deposit to reserve your space. Max of 30 pilgrims.

Register online:

<https://progressivepilgrimage.com/saintmarks24>



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Led by the Very Rev. Steve L. Thomason and the Rev. Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, this ten-day pilgrimage provides an opportunity to explore Celtic Spirituality and presence in three “thin places”; Inis Mor, Glendalough, and a day at Corrymeela, with a five-day extension to Iona for further exploration and reflection. Pilgrims will enjoy a sense of retreat, with spiritual guidance and organized time together, while also having the opportunity for personal reflection. Highlights include exploring Inis Mor, one of the Aran Islands, a visit to the Solas Bhríde Center corresponding with the 1500th anniversary of St. Brigid’s death, a walking pilgrimage through Glendalough, modern Belfast, and a visit to Corrymeela with programming and personal time. Those continuing on to Iona will enjoy three nights on the island before spending the last evening in Edinburgh.

JULY 24	Our pilgrimage begins today with our flight to Dublin. Exact times and flight details will be released in early September.
JULY 25	After arriving in Dublin, board a private coach and travel west. Stop for lunch (on your own) along the way; we arrive in Doolin to board our ferry. The ferry takes the group to the island of Inis Mor, where we check into the Aran Islands Hotel. Dinner (included) and overnight on Inis Mor.
JULY 26	The first day on Inis Mor is spent with Deirdre Ni Chinneide, a resident of Inis Mor, a world-renowned singer, spiritual director, and worship facilitator. The day involves a retreat, island insights, intention setting, and island exploration. Lunch (included). Dinner (on your own). Overnight stay on Inis Mor.
JULY 27	After spending yesterday reflecting on our spiritual journey and exploring the island, today is largely a free day that you can use to explore the island further, to journal or study, or to spend time in personal retreat. Lunch and dinner are on your own. Overnight on Inis Mor.
JULY 28	We depart Inis Mor, boarding a ferry for Doolin, and travel east towards Kildare. We visit the Solas Bhríde Center. Lunch (included). Explore the history and myth of Bhríde (Brigid) with members of the Solas Bhríde Center. We leave Kildare for Glendalough in the late afternoon, checking into The Glendalough Hotel. Dinner (included) and overnight in Glendalough.
JULY 29	Explore the monastic city of St. Kevin with members of the Glendalough Hermitage Centre. After touring the city, we embark on a pilgrimage walk up the glen, reflecting on our personal journey in a breathtaking outdoor setting. Lunch (included) is at the Glendalough Hotel. Free time for personal exploration and reflection—dinner (included) and overnight in Glendalough.
JULY 30	Leave Glendalough for the Hills of Tara and Slaine, historically significant in Irish and Celtic Christian history. Guided by Anthony Murphy, a preeminent scholar on mystical Ireland. We visit the megalithic passage tomb in Fourknocks, before reaching our hotel in Belfast, The Clayton, for dinner (included).
JULY 31	In Belfast, spend time on more modern themes, focusing on The Troubles. We start with a dual narratives tour of Falls and Shankill Roads, exploring Catholic and Protestant areas and Peace Walls. After lunch (included), we visit Crumlin Road Gaol, once holding political prisoners. Evening return to the hotel, with dinner (on your own). Overnight at The Clayton, Belfast.
AUGUST 1	Today, we head to Ballycastle on the Antrim Coast. We engage with the Corrymeela Community, focusing on peace and reflection. We discuss our prior day's experience and have personal time. Lunch (included). We return to Belfast for a closing dinner (included), spending our final night at The Clayton, Belfast.
AUGUST 2	We depart Belfast for Dublin International Airport this morning. Some pilgrims will return to the US, while those continuing on to Scotland will fly to Glasgow —dinner (TBD) and overnight at a Glasgow Airport hotel.

For the full itinerary, including the optional 5-day visit in Scotland, please refer to the trip registration page.



TOTAL COST: \$4,825 per person, double occupancy
\$800 single-room supplement

Discounts: \$150 for registrations received by January 1, 2024



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Round-trip airfare from Seattle, WA
- 8 nights accommodations in better three-star hotels
- Meals: Ireland: breakfast daily, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- Ground transportation in Ireland and Scotland
- Entry fees to sites and licensed local guides
- Gratuities
- Pre-trip educational materials
- Accompaniment by a guide from Progressive Pilgrimage

Note: Our pricing includes standard airfare estimates. The exact airfare costs will be available 330 days prior to departure. Please note that there might be an increase if actual airfare rates surpass our estimates. We anticipate providing the final price around September 15, 2023. Your deposit remains fully refundable until October 15, 2023. Thereafter, the regular terms and conditions apply.

Optional — Iona Extension: \$2,250 per person (double occupancy)
\$250 single-room supplement

Add a five-day visit to the ancient wonders of Iona. On August 2, fly from Dublin to Glasgow in the late afternoon. On August 3, we journey via coach and ferry from Glasgow to Iona. Overnight on Iona. Multiple worship options throughout the Iona experience. On August 4, start with Abbey worship, a guided tour of the Abbey and Nunnery. Explore southern Iona's geography and natural history. On August 5, the last day on Iona: morning mini-retreat, free afternoon to explore. On August 6, depart Iona, and travel via Mull, Craginure, and Oban, reaching Edinburgh in the early afternoon for personal city exploration. Visit notable sites like Edinburgh Castle, St. Giles Cathedral, and more. Depart in the morning on August 7 for the US.

PREPARING FOR YOUR PILGRIMAGE

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Progressive Pilgrimage is proud to offer educational resources to help travelers get the most out of their pilgrimage. A few months before your trip, we will send short articles on the history, religion, politics, and culture of the region. We will also send a reading list for travelers desiring more in-depth study.

PREPARE YOUR SPIRIT

Traveling as a pilgrim is a little different than being a tourist. While we will see many of the major tourist sites, we will also pause to pray, worship, and reflect along the way. You do not need to be a “holy roller” to enjoy a pilgrimage. We simply invite you to come with a heart open to encountering the divine along the way. To prepare, you may wish to set an intention for your pilgrimage, whether that's to learn, connect with the divine, plumb your own soul, or simply to rest. You may also want to reflect on your favorite Biblical stories or moments in church history that connect with your destination. Reflect on who is making this trip possible for you and who you carry with you in your heart as you travel.

LOGISTICAL PREPARATIONS

What to pack? What about prescriptions? How much money should I bring? Is it safe? Progressive Pilgrimage will provide more detailed information about these and other questions as your trip approaches. In the meantime, visit our website, www.progressivepilgrimage.com/tours/faqs, for answers to many common questions. The safety and security of our travelers is always a top priority so we monitor the political situation carefully and travel with experienced guides.

ABOUT US



Heather and Eric Doss founded Progressive Pilgrimage to fill a void in the travel industry for thoughtful, curious religious travelers with a mainline Protestant orientation. Heather is an ordained Minister in the PC (USA), and Eric has a Masters degree in History.

At Progressive Pilgrimage, our vision is to inspire Christians to become more engaged citizens, more faithful disciples, and more thoughtful neighbors, shaping God's peaceable kingdom on earth today. We pursue spiritual experience rooted in, but not limited to, mainline Protestant traditions. We value learning and support all of our pilgrimages with educational resources to help you prepare. We also value authentic cultural encounters that respect the diverse voices of the people who live in the land and minimize the negative impacts of tourism. Finally, we believe in the importance of community and work to help travelers build meaningful connections with one another.

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