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$500 deposit to reserve your space

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This 11-day journey explores Celtic culture, spirituality, and the Episcopal history of Scotland. Pilgrims will also connect with the contemporary Iona community on Iona. Highlights include Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Isle of Iona with its evocative abbey, and Kilmartin Glen, the location of hundreds of ancient stone markers and structures. Pilgrims will also spend a day on Lindisfarne, the Holy Island, learning about Saints Cuthbert, Aidan, and Hilda. This itinerary offers a glance at what you can expect on your pilgrimage. Schedule may be adjusted for efficiency and guide availability.

OCTOBER 10	We depart Washington-Dulles airport tonight on United flight 978.
OCTOBER 11	Arrive in Edinburgh this morning. After dropping bags at the hotel we have lunch together at Coffee Saints, a social enterprise ministry of Greyfriars Kirk. After lunch we visit Greyfriars Kirk and Old St. Paul's Episcopal. Opening dinner (included). Overnight at Radisson Blu, Edinburgh for 3 nights.
OCTOBER 12	We'll start with a walking tour on the Royal Mile, concluding at St. Giles Cathedral. After free time for lunch, we'll reconvene to visit Edinburgh Castle with our guide. You'll have the balance of the day free to explore Edinburgh on your own.
OCTOBER 13	Take a daytrip from Edinburgh to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne in the north of England. Here, St. Aiden founded a monastery in the model of St. Columba. It later became a crossroads of Celtic and Roman Christian traditions. We'll tour the ruins of Lindisfarne Priory and visit St. Mary's Parish Church. You'll have free time for lunch and independent exploration in the afternoon. Return to Edinburgh in time for dinner on your own.
OCTOBER 14	We make our way north to Kilmartin Glen one of the oldest remnants of human activity on the British Isles with over 350 monuments, standing stones, stone circles, cairns, and an ancient fort. After an orientation and museum visit, we'll tour the site before continuing to Oban for overnight accommodations at Premier Inn.
OCTOBER 15	Enjoy a free morning in Oban. Midday we depart Oban by ferry for the Isle of Mull, travel across Mull, and arrive in Fionnphort for our final ferry of the day. We arrive on Iona in time to unpack and walk around before our dinner (included). Overnight at St. Columba, Iona for 3 nights.
OCTOBER 16	We start our day with worship at Iona Abbey. Following worship, we tour the Abbey, the nunnery, and the village. After lunch (included), our guide will lead a nature walk towards the south end of the island, discussing the natural history, geography, and geology of the island and the region. After dinner (included) at the hotel, we'll return to the Abbey for evening worship.
OCTOBER 17	On our final day on Iona, we'll join Sunday Eucharist at Iona Abbey then spend some time in reflection and retreat as a group. The afternoon is free and you can explore the island, play a round of golf, take the boat out to Staffa, or fill your time as you desire. Dinner is included.
OCTOBER 18	We depart Iona today, traveling by ferry and coach back to Oban. Enjoy another bit of free time in Oban for lunch before we continue on to Glasgow. Dinner is on your own in Glasgow. Overnight at Radisson Blu, Glasgow for 2 nights.

OCTOBER 19	We'll start the morning at Govan Church, home of the Govan Stones: carved stones, crosses, and sarcophagi dating to the Viking period in Scotland. We continue with a walking tour around Glasgow, including St. Mungo's (Glasgow Cathedral), George Square, and other sites of interest. We'll finish our tour near George Square, with many lunch options (on your own). You'll have the balance of the afternoon to explore Glasgow at your own pace. We'll regather in the early evening for closing worship, followed by our closing dinner (included).
OCTOBER 20	We depart Glasgow by private coach for Edinburgh Airport, where we board United 979 to Washington Dulles.

For the full itinerary, please refer to the trip registration page.

EARLY REGISTRATION: $6,780 per person, double occupancy (Until Jan. 31)

STANDARD REGISTRATION: $6,930 per person, double occupancy

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT of $1,200 (Only 6 available)



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Roundtrip economy airfare between Washington-Dulles and Edinburgh
- Accommodations in four-star hotels
- Ground transportation in Scotland
- Ferry crossings to and from the Isle of Iona
- Meals: Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
- Entry fees to sites and licensed local guides
- Gratuities
- Pre-trip educational materials

Note: This price is based on estimated airfare. Final pricing will be available by November 27. We will notify travelers if there is a price change. Any deposits paid before the price is confirmed are fully refundable.







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** 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 master's degrees in History and Organizational Leadership.

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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