



SCOTLAND & NORTHERN ENGLAND

20 JULY – 02 AUGUST 2026

FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH

Sacred Places, Ancient Stories, Natural Beauty

“Surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1)

This trip to Scotland and Northern England is far more than a typical tour, it's a spiritual journey, a pathway of prayer and a unique opportunity to strengthen your walk with God. We will journey through the landscapes and legacies that are part of our faith story as we walk in the footsteps of saints, reformers, and martyrs. From ancient cathedrals to windswept abbey ruins, each day offers the opportunity to explore, learn and connect with the histories of those who carried the light of Christ in this remarkable land.

While the breathtaking beauty of the Scottish Highlands, the timeless charm of the Lake District, and the rich heritage of cities like Edinburgh, Durham, and Lindisfarne will surely stir the senses, it is the spiritual rhythm of this journey that sets it apart. With intentional moments of prayer, reflection, and shared fellowship woven into each day, Footsteps of Faith is a journey designed to renew the soul. As Hebrews 12:1 reminds us, we are “surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses”. Let us walk this path together, inspired by their stories and open to the transforming work of God in our lives.

DAY 1: MONDAY 20 JUL: DEPART FOR SCOTLAND

Today, we depart from Toronto on our overnight flight to Scotland. Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. (D)

DAY 2: TUESDAY 21 JUL: ARRIVAL IN SCOTLAND

Upon our morning arrival in Scotland and through customs formalities, we will be met by our guide Morag Brodie and driver.

This morning, we jump right into the history books with a visit to the **Battle of Bannockburn** visitors center. If you have watched the movie 'Braveheart' then no further explanation required. Not too far from here is the **Wallace Monument**. Dedicated to the life of Sir William Wallace, this magnificent tower offers great views over Stirling and surrounding area.

From here, we shall make our way to Edinburgh city center but not before stopping in the lovely town of South Queensferry for lunch.

For those making their own flight and travel arrangements, we would meet you at the hotel in Edinburgh this afternoon. **The Parliament House Hotel** is home for our first three nights in Scotland.

Our “Welcome to Scotland” dinner will be at Howie’s restaurant, located beside our hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 22JUL: EDINBURGH

After your first hearty Scottish breakfast, you will be ready to begin the journey. Our first full day has us staying in Edinburgh, visiting:

Edinburgh Castle- One of the most stunning castle settings in Europe, Edinburgh castle has centuries of history to unveil before us. With views overlooking the New City, you can see the Kingdom of Fife well off into the distance. The ‘Honours of Scotland’ exhibit is just one of many “must see” sights at the castle.

St. Giles Cathedral- For almost a century this church has seen many turbulent times and was also the parish church of John Knox during the Reformation

The Royal Mile- Connecting the castle to the palace, this one mile stretch of shops, pubs and cafes is punctuated with historic buildings such as that of John Knox’s House and much more.



Dinner will be at Howie’s restaurant. Located beside the hotel. **(B, D)**

Evening Prayers (Vespers) - A gathering at dusk to review and give thanks for the day in prayer.

DAY 4: THURSDAY 23JUL: EDINBURGH

Today, we travel outside of Edinburgh and visit:



Rosslyn Chapel- Built in the 15th century by the Sinclair family, there is much history to unfold during your visit. From the attacks of Oliver Cromwell’s army to the Hollywood infamy of the Da Vinci Code movie, Rosslyn Chapel has become a “must see.” Who were the Sinclairs? What is the connection to the Holy Grail? What is the story behind the Apprentices Pillar? Lets find out.

Glenkinchie Distillery- A taste of Scotland’s culture and voted Scotland’s best whisky visitor’s centre, this experience gives you a comprehensive insight into the origins of the malt process and the inner workings of a distillery.

Free afternoon- Scheduling permitted, we will have some free time in the afternoon to shop, explore and enjoy the beautiful city centre of Edinburgh.

Tonight, we have left the evening free for you to enjoy one of the plethora of dining options available in Edinburgh. **(B)**

DAY 5: FRIDAY 24JUL: EDINBURGH TO INVERNESS

This morning, we leave Edinburgh and journey north to Inverness.

On our way north, we will first take a slight detour to the Kingdom of Fife and the world famous “Home to Golf”, **St. Andrews**. Photo opportunities for those wishing to take pictures of where the great golfing legends have played. Our visit to St. Andrews will also include the ruins of the once majestic cathedral that hugged the rugged coastline.



We will also listen to the importance of St. Andrews and the life of the reformer **John Knox**, including his time spent at the university and a chapter in his life spent as a galley slave out at sea.

From St. Andrews, we head north through the stunning Cairngorm mountains, before arriving at the scenic setting of our hotel (nested on the banks of the river Ness.)

The **Inverness Palace Hotel**, will be our home for the next two nights.

Dinner will be at our hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 6: SATURDAY 25JUL: INVERNESS

This morning, we will take the short ride to the pier as we embark on a **Loch Ness boat cruise**.

Circumnavigating the UK’s deepest body of water, we search for the elusive monster and here many tales of lore about the existence of such a creature and even an encounter between St. Columba and the “beast.” Loch Ness holds more water than all other bodies of water in England and Wales combined.

From Loch Ness, we drive back through Inverness to the site of the **battle of Culloden**. The last battle fought on British soil!

Here, we will listen to the stories leading up to the events at Culloden and the subsequent aftermath that changed history forever.

For those who have watched the television series ‘Outlander’ you will be reminded of the trials and tribulations of Jamie Fraser’s clan.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 7: SUNDAY 26JUL: INVERNESS TO OBAN

After breakfast, we will attend the Choral Eucharist service at beautiful **St. Andrew’s Cathedral**. The most northern cathedral in Britain, is located just a short walk from our hotel.



From Inverness we continue our voyage by heading towards the beautiful seaside town of Oban. Our route today takes us back along the shores of Loch Ness to the village of Ballachulish and the stunning ruins of **Urquhart Castle**.

After our time at the castle, we enjoy more stunning scenery of beautiful lochs and mountains before arriving at the Firth of Lorne and the seaside resort town of Oban.

The **Great Western hotel**, will be our home for the next two nights. Once checked-in, dinner will be served at the hotel. **(B, D)**

Evening Prayers (Vespers) - A gathering at dusk to review and give thanks for the day in prayer.

DAY 8: MONDAY 27JUL: ISLE OF IONA

Today is dedicated to the little island of Iona and the story of **St. Columba**.

We begin by taking the short ferry ride across the waters to the Isle of Mull then onto a place that is one of the cornerstones in Scottish and English Christian heritage. Columba established a monastery here in the 6th century and Iona became the hub for conversion of many local tribes, both in Scotland and Northumbria (north east England.)

When we visit **Iona Abbey**, you are walking in one of the oldest religious centers in Europe.

People come to Iona to connect with God, drawn by the peace and tranquility of the island and the heritage of Christian faith. We will gather for a time of worship and devotion. Then you will have an opportunity for reflection, silence and spiritual retreat, walking the paths that pilgrims have taken since the 7th century, before we share in communion together.



Dinner will be back at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 9: TUESDAY 28JUL: OBAN TO LAKE DISTRICT

After a very meaningful day on Iona, we pack and depart for the north west of England, The Lake District.

Yet another beautiful scenic drive awaits as we wind our way south, along the shores of Loch Lomond and onto the city of **Glasgow**, where we will learn about the life and times of St. Mungo, who is said to have founded the city of Glasgow.

From Glasgow we continue to the lovely village of **Gretna Green**. With stricter marriage laws in England, many have eloped to Scotland during the last 250 years, to marry and then return home. Learn about a wedding ceremony that involves the local blacksmith and more at this location filled with romance.

Just a short drive from Gretna Green is the city of Carlisle. **The Cumberland Park Hotel** will be home for the next two nights. **(B, D)**

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY 29JUL: LAKE DISTRICT

This morning, we set off into the Lake District of Cumbria. Home to some of the tallest peaks in England, our drive is truly scenic and photo opportunities are too many to mention.



Grasmere- This beautiful village has been home to many artisans over the years, such as William Wordsworth and more

Castlerigg Stone Circle- For those who like a hike. The 1.5km hike is worth it to be able to see one of the best examples of a standing stone circle in the UK.

Dinner is back at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 11: THURSDAY 30JUL: CARLISLE TO DURHAM

Our journey today takes us across the country to the picturesque city of Durham.

The route is already mapped out for us by the Romans, almost two thousand beforehand. Today we are at the northern most part of the Roman Empire!

Starting in approx. AD110 **Hadrian's Wall** (over 117kms long) was constructed to keep the norther tribes from invading. Parts of the fortresses and wall remain to this day and we will have a chance to visit and walk along the remnants of this engineering accomplishment. Soldiers were deployed from Rome to guard these very walls. Soldiers who conceivably may have already heard the message of Jesus.



Beamish Museum- Located close to Durham, Beamish is Europe's largest outdoor museum. A "must see" on our journey as we go back in time to life during the industrial revolution, coal mining and onto modern times. It is here that we begin to understand the inroads made by preachers such as John Wesley in such impoverished working class communities.

The **Marriot Hotel** will be our home for our time in Durham. **(B, D)**

DAY 12: FRIDAY 31JUL: DURHAM AND CATHEDRAL

Today, we stay in Durham city. Located in the very heart of Durham, our hotel gives us the opportunity to experience the beauty of the city on foot. During medieval time, Durham became the epicenter for pilgrimage. All “Northern Saints Trails” led to and from Durham.



Durham Cathedral sits overlooking the city on the banks of the river Wear. It is here, that we will be guided through 1300 years of church history and learn how Durham cathedral was born out of the need for monks to leave The Holy Island (Lindisfarne) after waves of Viking raids. The shrines to St. Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede are located in the cathedral. Their stories and much more will be unveiled to us by our guide. If open (and you enjoy the exercise) the climb to the top of the cathedral tower offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

This afternoon, we shall have free time to meander through the ancient streets and shops of this lovely city.

This an opportunity to undertake your own personal spiritual journey. Bible readings and spiritual discernment exercise that will aid prayer and silent reflection will be provided. After dinner, we will gather for worship and reflect over these incredible days together and prepare for our journey to Lindisfarne.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

DAY 13: SATURDAY 01AUG: “The Way of Learning” DURHAM TO LINDISFARNE

Our last day of the journey is truly a special one. We leave the idyllic setting of Durham and begin our journey back to Scotland, but not before visiting two key locations.

The first port of interest is that of **St. Paul’s church** and the monastic ruins of Jarrow. Our route to Jarrow, follows those who, many centuries before you, had travelled on Pilgrimage.

It is here that we learn about the **Venerable Bede**. A monk and scholar, Bede’s theological texts and extensive writings gave him the title of “The Father of English History.” His most renowned works was that of the “Ecclesiastical History of the English People.”

From Jarrow, we continue to drive north towards the Northumberland coast and the **Holy Island of Lindisfarne**. Access to the Holy Island is made available with the ebb and flow of the North Sea. Our coach travels across the same paths that pilgrims have walked for many centuries.



Once we arrive at Lindisfarne, we will have time to explore and hear about St. Aidan who came from Iona and founded the very abbey whose ruins we see today.

Some free time is given to explore cafes and shops, whilst some may wish to walk out to the castle for some wonderful photo opportunities.

Alas, we must depart before the tide comes back in. Our day ends by arriving back in Scotland for our overnight stay and packing preparations for our journey home.

Tonight is our 'Farewell dinner'. A wonderful time to share and reflect on a truly inspirational journey. **(B, D)**

DAY 14: SUNDAY 02AUG: HOMEWARD BOUND

Early this morning, we depart for the airport and our departure to Toronto. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided throughout the return journey. **(B, L)**

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

INCLUDED

Group Air travel: Round trip from Toronto

Hotels: Parliament House Hotel, Edinburgh
Palace Hotel, Inverness
Great Western Hotel, Oban
Cumberland Park Hotel, Carlisle
The Marriot Hotel, Durham
Edinburgh airport Hotel

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner (1 free night Edinburgh) with tea and coffee (some hotels charge for beverages with dinner).

Transportation: Air-conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program, as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Tour Guide: Government licensed Tour guide, Morag Brodie will accompany the group and work with the Leadership Teams to maximize the educational/spiritual benefits and enjoyment of the group.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Embarkation package: An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

Air Transportation Taxes: Included in group airfare.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

Travel Insurance: Christian Journeys requires that you must have – “out of country” – emergency medical insurance. We have many insurance policy options to offer which include cancellation and interruption coverage. Please call www.travelguard.com for policy details and premiums.

Gratuities: Equivalent to GBP\$240.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport not expiring before 02 Feb. 2027. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for the UK.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of \$750 is required along with the registration form. Cancellations made prior to 20 April, 2026 incur a \$500 cancellation fee, per person.

Currency surcharge: If, in the event that the Canadian dollar devalues by over 7% between the time of printing and 90 days before departure, Christian Journeys may levy a currency surcharge.

Fuel surcharges: The air transportation costs include a ‘fuel surcharge’. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing 90 days prior to departure.

Itinerary changes- The leadership team has the ability to change or alter the itinerary content at anytime.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

14 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

LAND JOURNEY PRICE: \$6499CAD

GROUP AIR TRAVEL: \$1500CAD**
JOURNEY PRICE: \$7999CAD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1299CAD

**Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.
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** Group air schedule and pricing confirmed by end of August 2025**

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