



FUMC TRIPPERS SCOTLAND/IONA PILGRIMAGE

September 19 – October 1, 2024

Iona has been a place of Christian pilgrimage for more than three millennia. It is considered the birthplace of Celtic Spirituality. Additionally, it is home to some of the oldest geological formations in the world, has been an inspiration for Scottish colorist painters and the composer Felix Mendelssohn. Since the 1950's it has been the spiritual home of the modern-day Iona Community— an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for justice and peace, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship.

Pilgrims will have the opportunity to engage in a week of worship, prayer, and programmes led by notable worship leader and composer John Bell.

The trip will also include stops in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and the Scottish Highlands.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND



Glasgow is the most populous city in Scotland and the third most populous city in the United Kingdom. It is known for its architecture and is home to the Kelvingrove Museum which houses a large pipe organ as well as paintings by Monet, Van Gogh, numerous Scottish painters, and Salvador Dali's controversial *Christ of Saint John of the Cross*. Our time in Glasgow will also offer opportunities to visit the Glasgow Cathedral and Buchanan Street— the hub of Glasgow's shopping and entertainment district.



GLASGOW ACCOMODATIONS

Overnight accommodations in Glasgow will be at the Fraser Suites (at the beginning of the trip) and at the Holiday Inn Glasgow Airport directly across from the airport terminal (at the conclusion of the trip).



THE ISLAND OF IONA

The bulk of our trip will be spent on the Island of Iona. We will take a train through the Loch Lomond National Park on our way to Oban, Scotland where we will board the ferry to travel across the Isle of Mull to a second ferry and on to Iona. Once there, we will stay in the refurbished monks quarters in the 8th Century Benedictine Abbey. We will participate in the programme week led by the Iona Community. See below for a description of this event.



THE MIRACLE UNBOXED WITH JOHN BELL

The miracle stories in the Bible are that section of the Gospels to which the least attention is paid. It may be that contemporary believers are cynical about them or believe that in time science or anthropology will explain them away. But there are thirty one of them, and no two are the same; and if you removed them from Mark's Gospel, it would be an even smaller book than it is presently.

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ABOUT JOHN BELL



John Lamberton Bell (born 1949) is a Scottish hymn-writer and Church of Scotland minister. He is a member of the Iona Community, a broadcaster, and former student activist. He works throughout the world, lecturing in theological colleges in the UK, Canada and the United States, but is primarily concerned with the renewal of congregational worship at the grass roots level.

OBAN, SCOTLAND

On our return, you will have the opportunity to explore scenic Oban home to the Oban Distillery and the launching off point for the Western Hebridean Islands.



EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Our trip continues in historic Edinburgh home to the Royal Mile, St. Giles Cathedral, Holyrood Castle and our launching off point for day trips to Loch Ness, Glenfinnan, Fife, St. Andrews, and the Scottish Highland





EDINBURGH ACCOMODATIONS

We will stay in the well-known European brand, Ibis, hotel near the Royal Mile while in Edinburgh.

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SEPTEMBER 19

Flight to Glasgow \$1,500.00

SEPTEMBER 20

Cab from Airport (price based on 4 riders) \$20.00

Cab to Kelvingrove \$10.00

Tour Kelvingrove FREE

Stay overnight in Glasgow (price based on double)* \$150.00

SEPTEMBER 21

Taxi to Glasgow Queen Street Station \$10.00

Train to Oban \$40.00

Ferry to Craignure \$10.00

Bus to Fionnphort \$10.00

Ferry to Iona \$3.00

Stay overnight on Iona (Sa-Th) (price based on double)* \$1000.00

SEPTEMBER 27

Ferry to Fionnphort \$3.00

Bus to Craignure \$10.00

Ferry to Oban \$10.00

Afternoon to explore Oban

Train to Glasgow then Edinburgh \$40.00

Stay overnight in Edinburgh (price based on double)* \$200.00

SEPTEMBER 28

OPTION 1 – St. Andrews & Fife Day trip \$100.00

OPTION 2 – Glenfinnan & Fort William Day trip \$100.00

Free day in Edinburgh

Stay overnight in Edinburgh (price based on double)* \$200.00

SEPTEMBER 29

Worship @ St. Giles Cathedral	
Tour Edinburgh Castle/Royal Mile/Hollyroode Castle	\$60.00
Stay overnight in Edinburgh (price based on double)*	\$200.00

SEPTEMBER 30

Loch Ness, Glen Coe, and Scottish Highlands day trip	\$200.00
Train to Glasgow	\$40.00
Cab to Hotel (based on 4 riders)	\$20.00
Stay overnight in Glasgow (price based on double)*	\$100.00

OCTOBER 1

Flight to DFW	
Travel Insurance Through Allianz	\$400.00

TOTAL COST/PERSON	Approximately \$4,500 (based on double occupancy)
Single Occupancy	\$5,500

DEPOSIT DUE BY FEBRUARY 14 **\$1,400.00/person**

*meals included. Breakfast is included at all hotels. All meals are included during our stay on Iona. Most lunch and dinners are on your own.

Cancellation up to May 31 \$750.00 fee.

Cancellations up to June 30, 2024 forfeit the full deposit.

Travelers responsible for full cost after July 1