

Scotland and Lutherland

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One of the questions shaping contemporary society is “What kind of community do we want and need to be as we face the future?” Monasticism, a form of community practiced over time in many cultures and religions, has served as a laboratory of human community. Whether it is the community of Taize, the holy island of Lindisfarne, the deeply loved music of the Iona community or the Finkenwalde seminary led by Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Germany, the spirit of monastic community has been and remains formative of the vision and practice.

Join us for this thrilling, exotic pilgrimage to Scotland and Germany which will bring us to places associated with monasticism and human community. We’ll travel by motorcoach through picturesque Scotland, England, Netherlands and Germany. We’ll enjoy the memorable overnight ferry ride between Newcastle and Amsterdam.

Throughout the pilgrimage, we’ll be asking questions that are both ancient and modern: How has monasticism shaped the way we live, work, pray and sing together? How has it influenced art, music, literature and culture? How can it transform our lives today?

We hope you’ll join us as we visit some of the places that continue to promise renewal and transformation!

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Glasgow – Oban – Iona – Edinburgh – Durham – Lindisfarne – Newcastle – Eisenach – Erfurt – Eisleben – Leipzig – Wittenberg – Berlin

Day 1: Monday, May 26, 2025: Leave the US

We leave the US for our overnight flight to Edinburgh, Scotland.

Day 2: Tuesday, May 27, 2025: Glasgow

Arrive in Edinburgh in the morning where we meet our bus and tour director. After everything is settled, we leave for Glasgow and start with a guided tour of the modern city with historic monuments and memories. In the afternoon we check in at our hotel. In the evening gather for a welcome dinner. D

Day 3: Wednesday, May 28, 2025: Oban

In the morning we board our bus and head north through the Western Highlands to Oban. The scenery is spell-binding. What we will be doing is following the flow of Celtic monks from Ireland to the British mainland. It was led by St. Columba who sailed to Iona in 563. We will visit his island tomorrow, but tonight it is into our hotel where we will attend a *ceilidh*. Have you got your dancing slippers? BD



Day 4: Thursday, May 29, 2025: Iona

Iona is one of the two “holy islands” we will visit on this tour. We will catch the spirit of St. Columba’s monastery, the heart of early Scottish Christianity, a renowned centre of learning and art which enjoyed a vast international reputation. From here Christianity was carried across Scotland and back into northern England. We return to Oban for the night. BD

Day 5: Friday, May 30, 2025: Edinburgh

We leave the Western Highlands and continue to Edinburgh, the capitol of Scotland. We will visit the Edinburgh Castle and the Royal Mile. The afternoon offers some free time to explore the Scottish capital on your own. Free evening, no group dinner tonight. B

Day 6: Saturday, May 31, 2025: Melrose ad Durham

Today it is onto the bus to follow the monks to Melrose in the *Borders*. The monastery we will visit there was built in the twelfth century, but we will also see the site of the seventh century establishment of the Celtic monks. Continue to Durham. After arrival, we have a thorough tour of Durham Cathedral. It is a magnificent building with a fascinating history. One of the more interesting shifts between Anglo-Saxon/Celtic and Latin/Roman monasticism took place here. Check in for the next two nights. In the evening, we meet at the cathedral for Evensong. BD



Day 7: Sunday, June 1, 2025: Lindisfarne

Now it is on to the other "holy island," Lindisfarne. Having been summoned by King Oswald of Northumbria, St. Aidan established a monastery and the seat of his diocese here in 635 AD. We will spend the day here, wandering the site and listening to talks by local experts. Then before the tide rolls in we will leave the island; a short drive will bring us back to Durham. BD

**Day 8: Monday, June 2, 2025: Newcastle**

In the morning we travel to Newcastle. We will stop at Bede's World. The site is a museum boasting artifacts from north-east of England and a full-sized eighth century Anglo-Saxon village. In the afternoon we board our overnight ferry to Amsterdam. BD

Day 9: Tuesday, June 3, 2025: The Netherlands and Germany

In the morning we arrive in Amsterdam and board our bus to follow our way to Lutherland. In the afternoon we arrive in Eisenach where we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. BD

Day 10: Wednesday, June 4, 2025: Eisenach

Join a city tour of Eisenach and take the beautiful trip up the mountain to the Wartburg Castle. After his excommunication, Martin Luther was kidnapped by his prince and hid here for almost a year under the alias of "Junker Jorg." See the room where Luther lived and made his translation of the New Testament. Later visit the Bach House - experience what a typical home looked like in the 18th century, see an interesting collection of antique instruments and hear a demonstration on a variety of these pieces. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. BD

**Day 11: Thursday, June 5, 2025: Erfurt**

Discover Erfurt this morning: Wealthy merchants founded Erfurt's university. When Luther studied here, the university was a center of humanist thought where church dogma was brought into question. We will visit St. Mary's Cathedral, where Luther was ordained. The stained glass windows, bronze candelabra, and Gloriosa bell were all here during Luther's time. We will enjoy a walk through the Augustinerkloster, where Luther celebrated his first mass and lived as a monk for six years. Another historic son of Erfurt is the philosopher and theologian of the 13./14. Century, Meister Eckhart. We visit his working place Predigerkirche where he was the Prior of the Dominican Convent. Return to Eisenach. Free evening to discover the Thuringian cuisine on our own. No group dinner tonight. B



Day 12: Friday, June 6, 2025: Eisleben

This morning we drive to Eisleben. We have a guided tour of Eisleben: Luther's birth and death occurred here, his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. His home is typical of the Middle Ages. An exhibition interprets the spiritual environment of Luther's childhood. You can further understand the foundation of Luther's faith when you visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul, where Luther was baptized. The late medieval residence where Luther died is preserved nearby. Our tour includes a stop at St. Andrews, where Luther gave his last four sermons. After lunch on our own, we continue to Wittenberg. We check in at Colleg Wittenberg for the next four nights. Dinner and overnight. BD

Day 13: Saturday, June 7, 2025: Leipzig

In October 1989, the people of Leipzig first organized the demonstrations that brought hundreds of thousands into the streets for the "Peaceful Revolution." We will visit their rendezvous point at the Gothic (12th century) St. Nicholas Church and have a guided city walking tour. Afterwards free time for lunch on our own. In the afternoon enjoy the Motette at the 14th-century St. Thomas Church, where Luther preached and where Bach served as cantor and choirmaster for 25 years. Meet with a local pastor who shares the story of how the Peaceful Revolution began. Tonight we will dine at the historic Auerbachs Keller, where, in a scene made famous by Goethe's *Faust*, Mephistopheles and Faust drank with the local students before flying away on a barrel. Return to Wittenberg. BD

Day 14: Sunday, June 8, 2025: Wittenberg

We join the City Church Congregation for Sunday Worship Service. A local guide will help us explore the city, where Martin Luther lived and taught for 36 years. The first part of the tour includes the City Church, where Luther preached thousands of times, and the Castle Church, where he posted his "95 Theses," thus sparking the Reformation. Free evening; explore Wittenberg restaurants on your own. B



Day 15: Monday, June 9, 2025: Wittenberg

After breakfast meet for part two of our city tour. In 1883, the Prussian Crown Prince established the "Lutherhaus" as a museum, which archives more than 10,000 prints, 6,000 manuscripts, 2,000 coins and medals, and 14,000 illustrations. We explore the three-story museum, which displays only a fraction of its Reformation collection, the world's largest. The Reformer's living room, known as the "Lutherstube," is especially well preserved. Another museum is the Melancthon House museum, which we will visit afterwards. Free evening tonight, no group dinner. B



Day 16: Tuesday, June 10, 2025: Berlin

We leave Wittenberg for Berlin. Our visit include the bomb-damaged tower of Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag and "Unter den Linden", the government district. At noon, stop at Berlin Cathedral for a short organ devotion. The afternoon is free to discover Germany's capital by yourself. After check in at our hotel, we gather again for our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. BD

Day 17: Wednesday, June 11, 2025: Good Bye

All too soon we have to say Good Bye to Europe and will be transferred to the airport for our homebound flights. B



GENERAL INFORMATION

Rates:

The rate for the land arrangement is based on a minimum of 20 participants, double occupancy, and does not include airfare.

Per Person:	US-Dollar	4,850.00
Single room supplement:	US-Dollar	1,800.00

Accommodation (or similar):

Glasgow	1 night	AC Hotel Glasgow
Oban	2 nights	Oban Bay
Edinburgh	1 night	Radisson BLU
Durham	2 nights	Delta Hotel
Newcastle	Ferry to Amsterdam, double cabins	
Eisenach	3 nights	Thueringer Hof
Wittenberg	4 nights	Colleg Wittenberg
Berlin	1 night	Maritim proArte Berlin

Included:

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director from Edinburgh to Berlin Airport.
- Transportation in a 4- star European-styled motorcoach with climate control, reclining seats, restroom, sink, refrigerator, and coffee machine. Maximum 44 seats.
- Accommodations in typical Scottish and German hotels, double occupancy.
- Overnight ferry from Newcastle to Amsterdam, double occupancy cabin.
- Taxes, parking and road fees.
- Local guides in Glasgow, Iona, Edinburgh, Melrose, Durham, Lindisfarne, Erfurt, Leipzig, Eisleben, Wittenberg and Berlin.
- Entrance fee to the monasteries and castles in Scotland.
- Entrance fee to Bede's World.
- Ferry crossings from Oban to Mull to Iona and return.
- Entrance fee to Wartburg castle and Bachhaus.
- Entrance fee to Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt.
- Entrance fee to both churches and Luther museums in Eisleben.
- Admission to the Motet at St. Thomas Church.
- Entrance fee for Castle church and Town Church, Luther House and Melanchthon House museums in Wittenberg.
- Sightseeing and excursions as cited in the program.
- 26 meals: 15 buffet breakfasts and 11 dinners (beverages are not included with lunch and dinners but with welcome and farewell dinners.)
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen, dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and the customary gratuity to tour directors, drivers, step-on guides are included.
- Information folder for all participants including town and country brochures, country information and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Edinburgh.

Not included: Airfare, expenses for passports, visas, beverages, bar bills, telephone calls, laundry or items of a personal nature, baggage or other insurance, meals other than those included in the itinerary, tips for beverages and drinks.

Deposit/Payment/Cancellation:

Dick and Naomi Bruesehoff will serve as the registrars for this trip. They will accept deposits and arrange for bank transfers to Christian Tours Europe. An initial US\$ 1,500 non-refundable deposit will be due by November 1, 2024. Full payment is due by March 1, 2025. The entire tour, a portion of it, or the participation of individual tour members may be cancelled without a fee up to November 1, 2024. A \$ 1,500 fee is required for cancellation made between November 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025. A 70% fee is required for cancellation made between March 1, and April 1, 2025. No refund for cancellation made after April 1, 2025. Group rates are subject to change if size of group varies due to cancellation. Checks should be made to Dick and Naomi Bruesehoff, 1425 Miterwald Lane, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538, USA.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Terms and Conditions:

Any person reserving a Christian Tours Europe ("CTE") tour accepts the condition that CTE reserves the exclusive right to change tour itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary, although tours are planned and hotels are booked with all possible care. Published times in our itineraries are as accurate as possible and subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions that prevent CTE from operating under normal conditions. CTE cannot accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to carrier's over-booking of a flight, nor does it accept liability in the case of a cancelled or delayed flight. It shall be the passenger's responsibility solely to provide the means to join a missed tour that is already in progress. In the event that any dispute arises in which any party has a right to assert a claim, the exclusive jurisdiction for that claim shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Wittenberg, Germany. The tour is operated exclusively under German law.

Responsibility:

Christian Tours Europe, Wittenberg, Germany acts only as an agent for all suppliers of service offered on this tour and does so upon the express condition and agreement that it shall not be liable for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity, or expense arising from strikes, war, weather, quarantines, sickness, government restrictions or regulations, from any act or omission of any individual, firm or corporation furnishing transportation, sightseeing, hotel accommodations, or any service in connection with such travel plan, or from any other cause whatsoever in connection therewith.

Baggage:

Transportation for one full-sized suitcase per person is included. For extra luggage, an additional Euro 30.00 per bag will be assessed. There is no charge for an additional carry-on bag, which must fit under your seat or in the overhead rack and for which you will be responsible. Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Christian Tours Europe cannot be responsible, assume liability, or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear though hotel and group carrier handling.

Travel requirements and insurance:

For US citizens, a valid passport is all that is required. Participants are responsible for all visa, health and passport regulations. Please check your medical insurance for overseas coverage. It is recommended that participants purchase trip insurance to cover health, trip cancellation, and loss of baggage. Should you desire such insurance, please mark that on your registration form; the registrar will mail an offer for trip insurance to you.

Gratuities:

All necessary tips, such as maid, doorman, and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and the customary gratuity to escorts, drivers and step-on guides are included. Tips for beverages and drinks are not included; if you wish, such appreciation may be extended on a voluntary and individual basis.

Physical activities:

There will be physical activities for you. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance, and to walk at a modest pace for more than a mile at a time. Christian Tours Europe requires all handicapped or disabled clients requiring special assistance to be accompanied by a responsible paying adult and that Christian Tours Europe must be notified, in advance, of this special required assistance.

RESERVATION FORM
Please complete and sign below.
Return by February 1, 2025 to:

Registrar:
Dick and Naomi Bruesehoff, 1425 Miterwald Lane, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538, USA

() Yes, I want to join the travel program

Scotland and Lutherland

From May 26 – June 11, 2025 for US-Dollar 4,850.00 per person (double occupancy)

Space is limited, and we encourage you to book early.
Registrations will be accepted until the bus capacity has been reached.

Please complete a separate registration form for each participant.

Name: _____

Age: _____
(legal passport name, please)

I prefer to be called

(name): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Accommodations desired: _____ Double _____ Twin _____

(specify roommate)
_____ I request assistance in securing a roommate. If none is found by November 1, 2024,
I will pay the single room supplement
_____ Single room throughout the tour for an additional supplement of US-Dollar 1,800.00
per person

I am a vegetarian: _____ Yes _____ No

I am allergic to _____

Deposits, Acceptance and Payments:

I understand the per person cost covers land transportation, double occupancy accommodation, Scottish and German standards, with supplement for single occupancy, and all attractions cited in the program. The tour cost includes only the land arrangements for travel in Scotland and Germany. Air service must be arranged and paid for separately.

Initial deposit of _____ US\$ 1,500 per person is paid with this reservation
Balance is due _____ by March 1, 2025

I will pay by check, payable to Dick and Naomi Bruesehoff, 1425 Miterwald Lane, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538, USA, to be received by the listed due dates.

Airline Reservations:

To avoid airline cancellation penalties, you may wish to purchase your airline tickets after you have been notified that the required minimum of 20 participants have registered for the program. In order to join the group hotel transfer, you should plan to arrive at Edinburgh (EDI) around noon on May 27.

My anticipated flight information (if known at this time) is:

Date: _____
 Departure Airport: _____
 Airline: _____ Flight number: _____
 Arrival time: _____ at Edinburgh (EDI)
 Homebound flight from Berlin airport (BER):
 Date: _____ Departure Time: _____
 Airline: _____ Flight number: _____

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Notice of Responsibility:

Please read carefully and sign below.

"I have read and understand this entire document and agree to the General Information, including the Terms and Conditions therein. I understand that the tour operator for this trip is Christian Tours Europe ("CTE"). Dick and Naomi Bruesehoff don't own or operate any of the firms or vendors that are expected to or will provide goods or services for this trip. Those firms include, but are not limited to, CTE; any hotels or other lodging establishments; sightseeing attractions; air, land or water transportation companies; and restaurants or other eating establishments. As a result, Dick and Naomi Bruesehoff are not responsible for any death, injury of any sort, loss of property, delay or inconvenience occasioned by any negligent or willful act or omission of any such firm or vendor. In addition, Dick and Naomi Bruesehoff are not responsible for any death, injury of any sort, loss of property, delay or inconvenience occasioned by force majeure or other acts of God, acts of government, acts of war, labor discord, criminal or terrorist conduct, or for any other act, action or inaction, whether negligent or otherwise, by any entity which it does not own or operate. I understand and accept that this trip is operated exclusively under German Law. I also understand and accept the conditions under which the trip will be conducted, particularly those which apply to flights, health, payments, refund policy, insurance and participant's responsibilities."

The sale of this trip to you is specifically conditioned on your agreeing to these terms and conditions.
