

The ABC's of Celtic Christianity

Highlights of Scotland & England:
Edinburgh to York

October 3rd – 13th 2025

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Why Pilgrimage Matters



Benefits of Pilgrimage

Spiritual Growth

Pilgrimage offers a chance for deep spiritual reflection and renewal, a time for introspection and understanding one's own spiritual path.

Cultural Enrichment

It allows for learning about different cultures, traditions, and histories. Visiting sacred sites enhances knowledge of religious heritage and history.

Community Building

Traveling with a group can form new friendships and strengthen existing relationships

Rest and Renewal

Pilgrimage offers a break from daily routines, providing rest and rejuvenation, as well as offering solace and comfort, aiding in emotional healing.

Our travel partner



Go Ahead handles the details



Authentic local cuisine



Personalized flight options



Expert
Tour
Directors



Guided sightseeing tours



Handpicked hotels

When you travel with Go Ahead Tours, you can always count on:



Trips that immerse you
in new cultures



Flexible itineraries



55+ years
of experience



Smaller group sizes



In-house sales and customer
experience teams



Best price guarantee



What's always included:

1. Handpicked hotels
2. Breakfast daily and select local dinners
3. Expert Tour Directors and local guides
4. Pre-booked tickets to enter iconic sites as quickly as possible
5. Comfortable transportation
6. Flexible flight options
7. 24/7 on-tour support
8. An in-house Customer Experience Team

What you're responsible for:

- **Tips**
Anticipate the equivalent of \$12 per day.
- **Some meals**
This is our time to explore! Plus, our Tour Director will always be there to suggest restaurants, cafes, and bars.
- **Daily spending money**
Think: Free time activities and souvenirs.
- **Fees for additional or overweight baggage**
We all love a souvenir (or two) so be prepared to pay for any extra weight.
- **Passport**
Make sure your passport is up to date and doesn't expire within six months of your return date.





Travel documents

Passport:

When traveling internationally, U.S. and Canadian citizens need a valid passport with an expiration date extending at least six months beyond the date of reentry.

Country entry requirements:

We are responsible for obtaining the necessary travel documents for each country we are visiting on tour. This could include:

- Visas
- Medical documents
- Testing and/or proof of vaccinations

Our Pilgrimage Route

Tour map





Day One: Departure from USA

We will board an overnight flight from the United States to Edinburgh, Scotland. The majority of the group will depart from Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

*EF Go Ahead can arrange departure from most major airports.
Additional fees may apply.*

Day Two: Arrival in Edinburgh

Welcome to Scotland!

Take some time to settle into your four-star accommodations and explore the city or get some rest. Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Included Meals: Dinner





Day Three: Edinburgh

Attend a service at St. Giles Cathedral on the Royal Mile and spend some time touring the church. (subject to availability). Afterward, get to know Edinburgh in all its medieval beauty on a tour led by a local expert, then enter Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish crown jewels and Stone of Scone. Finally, spend a free afternoon and evening in Edinburgh.

Included Meals: Breakfast



Day Four: Edinburgh

Spend a free day in Edinburgh exploring the city at your own pace, taking in sites like Greyfriars Kirk, the Palace of Holyrood House, or even taking Afternoon Tea after shopping on the Royal Mile.

Or you can choose to add an optional excursion to visit Rosslyn Chapel and the Royal Yacht Britannia (add \$125)

Included Meals: Breakfast





Day Five: Heavenfield and Hexham

En route to Hexham, we will stop at the pilgrimage site of St. Oswald's Church in Heavenfield. Then, we will continue along a scenic coastal route to Hexham for a guided tour of the historic Abbey. Afterwards, we will make our way to the Newcastle region where we will check into our second hotel before sitting down for an included dinner this evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day Six: The Holy Island of Lindisfarne & Bamburgh

Today we will explore the ancient heart of Northumberland with a local guide. We will tour the Castle of Bamburgh which has stood guard for over 1400 years and also travel out to Holy Island, the cradle of English Christianity to visit Lindisfarne Priory and St. Mary's church to learn about the historic importance of this spiritual center of Celtic Christianity.

Included Meals: Breakfast





Day Seven: Durham

Today we will head to the famed college town of Durham for a sightseeing tour. We'll stroll through the old city and along the banks of the River Wear before touring the UNESCO-recognized Durham Cathedral where St. Cuthbert and St. Bede still rest within their saintly shrines, a rare occurrence for English saints. Afterward, we will explore the cathedral treasury and view the relics of St. Cuthbert, including his gold and garnet pectoral cross.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day Eight: York

Today we will drive through the charming English countryside to York. After getting settled into our York accommodations, we will step aboard a cruise along the River Ouse to see the City of York from the water. Tonight, we will join the group for an included dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner





Day Nine: Whitby

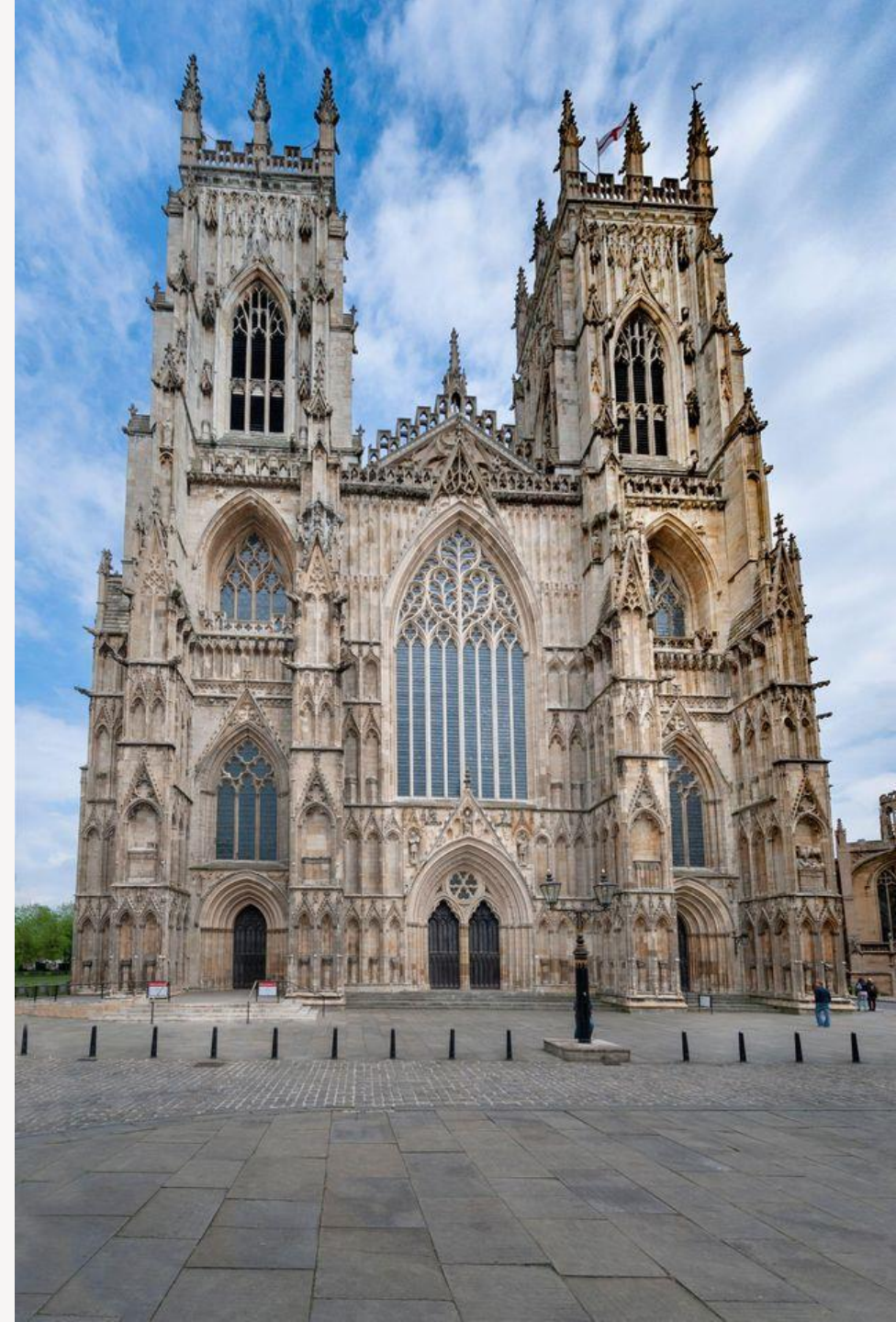
Head across the North York Moors to the charming fishing port of Whitby, made famous by its Abbey where the synod of Whitby convened under the watchful eye of St. Hilda. Visit the Abbey and learn about its connections to Dracula, see the 199 steps leading to the port and the beach, then spend some time wandering around the port before enjoying a fish-and-chips lunch at Trenchers – voted the best in the UK!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day Ten: York

Attend Holy Eucharist at York Minster Cathedral before embarking on a sightseeing tour of York, taking in the Roman walls, the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey, and the Shambles, the most complete Medieval street in the city, and join a local guide inside York Minster for a tour, including seeing the world's largest collection of medieval stained glass. Tonight, celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner with our group.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner





Day Eleven: Flight Home

Today we will transfer to Manchester airport to board our flight home.

EF Go Ahead can arrange delayed departure should you wish to extend your time in the United Kingdom, and can arrange flights home from a different airport as well. If you are interested in this service, reach out to EF Go Ahead for more details. Additional fees may apply

Included Meal: Breakfast (excludes early morning departure)

How to Reserve Your Spot

Reserve today and you'll pay:

Total tour price

\$6,174

- The main tour includes round-trip flights from RDU (can remove and book your own)
- Option excursion available (+\$125)
- Single room supplement available (+\$700)

Tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 1 lunch
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 7 sightseeing tours
- 1 boat ride
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach



Your travel coverage options

Two coverage options:

1. Basic Trip Protection
2. Trip Protection*

*When you add our Trip Protection plan within three days of enrolling on tour, you'll receive:

- Pre-Existing Condition Waiver
- AnyReason Protection

Each plan provides you with coverage for:

- Tour cancelation and interruption
- Baggage and personal effects
- Travel and baggage delay
- Accident and sickness

Flexible payment options



Pay in full at enrollment

- Pay your balance in full upon enrollment
- Accepted payment methods: Visa, MasterCard, ATM/debit card, or personal checks

★ Enroll in AutoPay

- \$99 Deposit
- Select a monthly date for payments to be automatically deducted from your bank account
- Accepted payment method: checking account or debit card

Pay manually

- \$450 Deposit
- Accepted payment methods: Visa, MasterCard, ATM/debit card, or personal checks

Reserve your spot today

Enrollment deadline:

- Open: today!
- Early Bird Booking Window: July 28th – August 12th

Early Booking Credit:
\$150 off when you reserve by August 12th!



Call our team at 800-438-7672

- Mention “Jeremy Clos” and phone number “(919) 846-8338”



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