

2027 Celtic Pilgrimage Itinerary

August 7–23, 2027 ~ The following is our basic itinerary

(May be subject to change depending on circumstances we cannot anticipate a year out)

There are many links to Facebook, YouTube and Google reels provided. Click on the underlined text. There are some places on the itinerary with more than one link. Those reels are different so click on both. Please make sure your video sound is ON. We apologize if you do not have access to Facebook.

Saturday, August 7 — Edinburgh → Iona

- Depart Edinburgh by Coach in the morning
- Travel by Ferry from Oban to Mull and then to Iona (foot passengers)
- [Arrive on Iona in the late afternoon](#)
- Check in to accommodations
- Dinner at lodging
- Evening: Welcome, orientation to the pilgrimage, and introductions

Sunday, August 8 — Iona

- [Worship at Iona Abbey](#)
- Guided walking tour of the island
- Evening: Gathering and prayer
- Optional Evening Prayers at the Abbey led by the Abbey Community

Monday, August 9 — Iona

- Optional Morning Prayers at the Abbey led by the Abbey Community
- Morning gathering and prayers, teaching, and introduction to *Celtic Spirituality*
- Afternoon: Free time for personal exploration, walking, prayer, and rest
 - [Hike to Columba's Bay- walk the Labyrinth](#)
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 - Pilgrim Walks around the island (self-guided) - Martyrs Bay, White Strand Beach, Bay at the Back of the Ocean, Nunnery, etc.
 - Hike to Hermit's Cell
 - Golf
 - Climb Dun I (highest point on Iona with spectacular views)
 - [3-hour boat trip to Staffa and Fingal's Cave](#) (highly recommended)
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 - Art Project
 - Swim (water is brisk)
 - Nap-io divina
 - Rest
- Optional evening prayers at the Abbey led by the Abbey Community

Tuesday, August 10 — Iona

- Optional Morning Prayers at the Abbey led by the Abbey Community
- Morning gathering and prayers, teaching. Explore Celtic Saints and Orders: The Life and Spirituality of *Saint Columba*
- Afternoon: Free time for personal exploration, walking, prayer, and rest
 - See above optional afternoon activities
- Evening Debrief gathering: Touch base & Sharing
- Optional evening prayers at the Abbey led by the Abbey Community

Wednesday, August 11 — Iona

- Optional Morning Prayers at the Abbey led by the Abbey Community
- [Morning gathering and prayers, teaching: The Life and Spirituality of Saint Patrick](#)
- Afternoon: Free time for personal exploration, walking, prayer, and rest
 - See above optional afternoon activities
- Optional evening prayers at the Abbey led by the Abbey Community

Thursday, August 12 — Iona

Quiet Day

- Optional Morning Prayers at the Abbey led by the Abbey Community
- Morning Gathering and Prayers: Introduction to the Quiet Day - *Wilderness*
- Time for personal prayer, reflection, and wandering
- Evening debrief and gathering
- Optional evening prayers at the Abbey led by the Abbey Community

Friday, August 13 — Iona

- Morning gathering and prayers, teaching: *The Life and Spirituality of St. Brigid*
- Explore the life and spirituality of *St. Brigid*
- Afternoon Tea and fellowship
- Evening Gathering and preparation for departure

Saturday, August 14 — Iona → Edinburgh

- Depart Iona by Ferry and Coach. (Across the Isle of Mull to Oban)
- [Visit St. Conan's Kirk on Loch Awe](#)
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- [Continuing to Edinburgh](#)
- Check in at hotel for three nights
- Dinner on your own. You might enjoy [Cafe Royal Edinburgh](#)
- Evening:
[Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo on the Edinburgh Castle esplanade](#)
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Sunday, August 15 — [Edinburgh](#)

- [Worship at St. Giles Cathedral](#)
- Afternoon and evening free to explore Edinburgh
 - [Iona Castle](#)
 - Walk the Royal Mile
 - Visit the house of John Knox, the great Reformer
 - [Holyrood Palace](#)
 - Afternoon Tea
 - [Royal Yacht Britannia](#)
 - Museums
 - Whiskey Tastings
 - [Climb Sir Walter Scott Monument](#)
 - Hike up Arthur's Seat
 - Golf
 - Bookshops and shopping
- Dinner on your own

Monday, August 16 — Edinburgh

- Morning: Visio Divina at the National Gallery on Princes Street
- Afternoon: Free to further explore Edinburgh
- [Rosslyn Chapel private guided tour](#)
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(Founded in 1446. This chapel features mysterious symbolism in its ornate stonework and was the filming location for the movie "The Da Vinci Code")
- Dinner at Rosslyn Chapel
- Evening Prayers

Tuesday, August 17 — Edinburgh → [Lindisfarne](#)

- Depart Edinburgh for Lindisfarne (Holy Island)
- Lunch on your own.
- Visit St. Mary's Church and explore the island
- Reflection on *Saint Aidan* (sent from Iona!) in the Abbey founded in 635 (weather permitting)
- Dinner at the Manor House Hotel private dining room
- Evening Prayers
- Overnight at Lindisfarne hotels

Wednesday, August 18 — Lindisfarne → Jedburgh → Dryburgh

- Depart Lindisfarne
- Lunch on your own at Café near Jedburgh Abbey
- Visit [Jedburgh Abbey](#)- established in the 1100s, built over 70 years. *Augustinian Spirituality*
- Continue to Dryburgh Abbey Hotel
- Dinner at the Hotel
- Evening Prayers and sharing
- Overnight at Dryburgh Abbey Hotel for 3 nights

Thursday, August 19 — Abbotsford → Melrose → Dryburgh

- [Visit Abbotsford House ~ Home of Sir Walter Scott](#)
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- Lunch at Abbotsford
- [Visit Melrose Abbey](#)- *Cistercian* Monastery founded by King David in 1136
- Dinner at The Shipyard
- Evening Prayers (as time permits)

Friday, August 20 — Dryburgh

Quiet Day

- [Visit Dryburgh Abbey](#)
- Morning for prayer and reflection ~ *Saint Hilda*
- Quiet Day- explore the Abbey ruins, walk, pray, & reflect
- Lunch on your own at the hotel
- Group Dinner in town at Marmion's Brasserie
- Evening Prayers and sharing of the day

Saturday, August 21 — Dryburgh → Jarrow → Durham

- Depart for Durham UNESCO City
- [Visit St. Paul's Church and Monastery at Jarrow – Brother Bede](#)
- Check in to Hotel Indigo
- [Private tour of Durham Cathedral](#)
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- Evensong at the Cathedral
- Dinner on your own
- 2 nights at hotel

Sunday, August 22 — Durham

- Worship at Durham Cathedral
- [Free time to explore Durham](#)
- Optional Evensong
- Group Farewell Dinner at the Hotel
- Final sharing and Prayers

Monday, August 23 — Durham → Edinburgh

- Depart Durham by coach after breakfast
- Arrive in Edinburgh approximately 1:00–2:00 p.m.
- Coach drop-off & continue onward for personal travel or airport transfer