Highlights & Inclusions

Experience spiritual, educational and fellowship enrichment as part of a traveling community under the leadership, teaching and hospitality of Fr. Columba Stewart.

Be inspired visiting Dublin, Belfast, Derry, the Isle of Iona, and Edinburgh with the services throughout of an English-speaking tour manager along with local guides and use of audio headset system for touring.

Friends and contacts of Fr. Columba’s at Trinity College library, home to the world-famous Book of Kells will provide a unique opportunity to explore their rich collection of the beautiful Gospels in depth, unlike most visitors who stand in line for a quick glimpse.

Stay in select 4-star accommodations in city centers for eleven nights, based on sharing a room in hotels described in the itinerary.

Journey throughout in private, deluxe motorcoach along with handling of one piece of baggage at hotels.

Enjoy 21 meals including buffet breakfast daily, and 7 dinners plus 3 lunches.

Feel the ease and comfort of knowing entrance fees for inside visits and activities described in the itinerary are included along with the gratuities for tour manager, motorcoach drivers, local guides, restaurant and hotel staff plus group travel insurance.

About Your Program

Dear Friends,
We invite you to come to Ireland and Scotland with HMML and journey in the footsteps of St. Columba and the monks of Iona. Join Fr. Columba Stewart and your fellow HMML supporters as we learn about St. Columba’s life and impact and visit sites important in the history of manuscripts, monasticism and politics in this region. We will begin in Dublin, where we will enjoy a private visit in the library at Trinity College, home to the world famous Book of Kells. Our next stop will be in Derry and the monastery of Kells, established by the followers of St. Columba. Our group then drives to Belfast where we will meet with a member of the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly for discussions on more recent political and religious conflict. After a picturesque journey across the sea, we will arrive in Scotland, where the highlight will be three nights on the Island of Iona. After St. Columba established an abbey on Iona in the 6th Century, the island was the center of monastic life and development in the region for centuries, until repeated conflicts with Vikings forced the community to relocate back to Ireland. On Iona we’ll explore the island, learn about St. Columba’s revitalization of monasticism, and worship at the Abbey. A night in Glasgow and a farewell dinner in Edinburgh will allow us to reflect on our experiences and enjoy a last meal together. Please consider joining this unique experience.

About Your Host

The career of Father Columba Stewart, OSB, D.Phil., links the ancient past with current events in some of the world’s most volatile regions. Since becoming HMML’s executive director in 2003, Fr. Columba has traveled extensively throughout the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and India, cultivating relationships with communities possessing manuscript collections from the early medieval to early modern periods. Fr. Columba has overseen the expansion of HMML’s manuscript preservation projects in these regions from one project in Lebanon to projects located in more than a dozen countries. A graduate of Harvard, Yale, and Oxford universities, Fr. Columba has published extensively in his research field of early Christian monasticism. He has just delivered the prestigious NEH Jefferson lecture.
**Customized Program Itinerary**

**Saturday October 10, DUBLIN Arrival.** Arrive in Dublin on own and make your way to **IVEAGH GARDEN HOTEL** for check-in. In the afternoon meet your tour manager, who will be with the group through to Edinburgh, and depart by private motorcoach, with a local guide, for an orientation tour of the historic city of Dublin including Georgian Dublin, passing by Parliament buildings, St. Stephens Green, Dawson Street, Mansion House and Trinity College. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

**Sunday October 11, DUBLIN.** This morning celebrate Mass with Fr. Columba in a local church in Dublin. Enjoy the remainder of the day and evening exploring the city on your own. A few suggestions to consider include: Kilmainham Jail, with tickets obtained online in advance; **EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum,** a privately owned museum ranked the #1 leading tourist attraction in Europe since its opening in 2016; **Guinness Brewery** or **Jameson Distillery;** Dublin Castle, Christchurch and St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Evening options on own can include the Temple Bar area, perhaps Gogarty’s with traditional Irish food & music or a Literary Pub Crawl. This walking tour covers much of the literary history of Dublin and the haunts of its writers. (B)

**Monday October 12, DUBLIN.** Further exploration of Dublin begins with a morning guided walking tour highlighting Trinity College and the Book of Kells. A special viewing of the Book of Kells to be confirmed by HMML. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant during the tour, followed by afternoon and evening on own. (B,L)

**Tuesday October 13, DUBLIN (Kells) DERRY.** Depart Dublin this morning for Derry with an en route stop in Kells, where you’ll meet a local guide for a historic tour, retracing the steps of St. Columba and monks in building the Kells Monastery. Lunch on own in Kells. Upon arrival in Derry, check-in at **MALDRON HOTEL DERRY.** Meet your local guide for a walking tour of the St Columba Trail, focusing on the history of St Columba in the city. Enjoy a group dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

**Wednesday October 14, DERRY/BELFAST.** Spend the morning in Derry with your local guide and Peace Activist, Jon McCourt, (pending confirmation) for a walking tour and discussion of the peace and reconciliation process. As a young man Jon went on the first Civil Rights March in October 1968 and was actively engaged in the conflict including the Battle of the Bogside and Bloody Sunday when 14 people died at the hands of the British Army. Since 1978 he has worked at building bridges between the two major communities in Derry, With Jon, visit the Bogside and Derry City walls followed by the Museum of Free Derry. After lunch in a local restaurant or pub, depart Derry by private motorcoach to Belfast for check-in at the **GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL BELFAST.** (B,L)

**Thursday October 15, BELFAST.** Proceed to the Stormont Estate for a meeting with a Member of Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly Raymond McCartney (pending confirmation) for a discussion on Northern Ireland. Continue for a tour of Crumlin Road Gaol. In mid-afternoon, split into small groups for Black Taxi tour of the Falls and Shankill Road Murals just before the closing of the gates between the two sections (Protestant/Catholic). Evening dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

**Friday October 16, BELFAST/GLASGOW.** Early morning transfer to the Port of Belfast for check-in on Stena Ferry Line as foot passengers for departure to Cairnryan. Arrive in Cairnryan and depart by private motorcoach to Glasgow. Stop en route in a small Scottish town for lunch in a local restaurant. Continue to Glasgow for check-in at **GLASGOW MARRIOTT HOTEL.** Meet your local guide in the afternoon for a tour of St. Mungo’s Cathedral with special attention to the history of St Mungo, a bishop from 6th century, patron saint of Glasgow and a contemporary of St Columba. (B-boxed,L)

**Saturday October 17, GLASGOW/IONA.** Today, travel among the lochs to Oban. Begin traveling north along the shores of Loch Lomond, the largest freshwater loch in Scotland. Continue west across the northern shores of Loch Awe to the southern shore of Loch Evite to arrive in Oban for the ferry across the stretch of water known as the Sound of Mull to Craignure on the Isle of Mull. Continue by motorcoach across Mull to the tip of the island at Fionnphort, where you board the ten-minute ferry to Iona. Proceed to the **ST. COLUMBA HOTEL** for check-in and an evening group dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**Sunday October 18, IONA.** Morning worship at the Iona Abbey. This afternoon enjoy a boat ride to the island of Staffa to take in the spectacular views including the puffins and other wildlife. Return to Iona for group dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**Monday October 19, IONA.** The Isle of Iona is well known as “The Cradle of Christianity” in Scotland. This small island is a natural spiritual retreat for many visitors, and its beginnings go back to St. Columba, who came to Iona from Ireland in 563 A.D. with 12 companions and founded the monastery that initiated the spread of Christianity throughout Scotland. Meet your local guide who will provide a personalized tour of Iona Abbey and grounds, focusing on the history of Iona. Have the chance to find out what it is like to live on such a remote, but famous island. Enjoy time on own for lunch. Explore the shops on the island or take a guided walk to discover the natural landscape and wildlife. Gather together for a group dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**Tuesday October 20, IONA/EDINBURGH.** Return by foot passenger ferry to Mull, where you will board your private motorcoach and travel across the island to Craignure where you’ll depart again by ferry, with your private motorcoach on board, to Oban. Upon arrival to Oban, depart immediately for Edinburgh, enjoying spectacular scenery through Crianlarich while traveling south along the western shores of Loch Lomond to Glengoyne Distillery, a small, 200-year old craft whiskey distillery, for customized tour and tasting. Continue to Edinburgh for check-in at **LEONARDO ROYAL HAYMARKET.** Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local traditional Scottish restaurant. (B,D)

**Wednesday October 21, EDINBURGH Departure.** Morning transfer by private motorcoach to Edinburgh International Airport for departure on flights arranged on own. (B)

*Included meals: B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner*

*Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.*

*Click hotel names or other sites in blue for website link.*
Passport, Health, Insurance and Travel Information

U.S. citizens need a passport valid at least six months beyond the tour return date. Passport applications are available at the U.S. Department of State website. No vaccination or visa requirements for U.S. citizens to enter Ireland, Northern Ireland & Scotland. Consult your physician and utilize information on the Centers for Disease Control website for precautions.

Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for their own passport and any visa requirements for the countries visited and must travel with a permanent resident card or other documentation to re-enter the U.S. Without proper documents, entry could be denied at participant’s expense.

For international travel information, including country specific background, travel advisories and alerts click here.

Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance included in cost covers evacuation and major medical as described in Statement of Conditions. Cancellation insurance and coverage for pre-existing medical conditions is not included and highly recommended for health situations that may prevent you from traveling or interrupt your travels.

Travel Guard is recommended for travel cancellation insurance. Access insurance options using this link to Travel Guard and completing a worksheet. For coverage questions, call Travel Guard at 800-826-4919 and use Seminars International referral number 14847980. Thoroughly read the coverage to ensure it meets your needs. Purchasing travel insurance within 15 days of enrollment may waive pre-existing medical conditions.

Registration

To secure registration, you must complete the enrollment form and pay the required deposit. You need passport details (unless applying for a passport) and emergency contact information to properly fill out the enrollment form.

Step 1: $600 deposit due immediately to secure registration. Make check payable and mail to Seminars International, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 2870, Chicago, IL 60603. Please add Tour# 5299 to the memo portion of your check.

Payment is available by credit card at http://www.semint.com/payments.html or by calling 800.541.7506. A 3% service fee is added to all credit card transactions.

Step 2: If this is an electronic brochure, click below to fill out one enrollment form per person. The T# is 5299. A printed copy of the enrollment form is also available by contacting Jeaneen Lincoln at 800-541-7506 or jeaneen@semint.com. Deposit payment must be received within 10 days of completing enrollment form to maintain your registration. A letter of confirmation is emailed after receipt of both the deposit and the enrollment form. If program is full upon submitting enrollment form, you will be notified.

Passport Name: Complete this form with your full name exactly as it appears on your passport. Include your middle name or initial plus any suffix (Jr., Sr., or III) exactly as printed on your passport. If you do not have a passport at this time, enter your name exactly as it will appear on the passport.

Note: If you need an electronic brochure, email travel@semint.com and reference T# 5299.

Land Only Program Cost

$4,625
Supplement for single accommodations - $965
Limited availability of single accommodations.

Program cost based on a group size of 22-23 and will increase if group size is smaller.

Further Information

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For travel and destination information, click website link:
Ireland  •  Northern Ireland  •  Scotland

Tours of historic city centers are usually all by foot. Fully participating requires: walking some days up to four miles; walking often one mile at a time at a moderate pace; managing uneven surfaces, steps and inclines without assistance. Itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible. Consult with Seminars International (SI) or tour host with questions about walking and mobility requirements. SI, in consensus with tour hosts and destination partner, reserves the right to not accept or withdraw any participant whose ability to participate in the tour or whose conduct is incompatible with the operation of tour or the interests of the entire group.

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Statement of Conditions

Program cost and minimum number group size: $5,215.00 based on a group size of 17-21 participants. $4,625.00 based on a group size of 22-23 participants. Program cost will increase if group size is smaller. Program cost based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect as of October 2019 subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%. This is a land-only program. Seminars International is not responsible for international air reservations or costs. Should this program cancel for any reason, international air costs are the responsibility of each participant.

Surface travel and transfers: By private, deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring plus handling of one piece of bagage in/out of hotels. Public ferry transportation from Ireland to Scotland, and to and from Iona.

Accommodations and meals: Shared occupancy at hotels listed in itinerary or similar as hotels subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Single accommodations supplement is $965.00 and limited. Buffet breakfast daily, three lunches and seven dinners for a total of 21 meals as indicated in the itinerary. Upon request, Seminars International and sponsor/host(s) will try to pair participants traveling as a single with a roommate. There is no guarantee of a roommate and if one is not available, the single supplement is assessed at time of invoice. Some hotels provide a smaller room size for single occupancy.

Program arrangements: English-speaking professional tour manager upon arrival in Dublin through departure in Edinburgh; local guide services as indicated in itinerary; inside visits described in itinerary include entrance fees or donations as needed; arrangements and honoraria for speakers; use of audio headsets throughout the program. Note: Participants with special needs may incur surcharges for additional services. Accessibility for people with disabilities varies significantly from country to country. Be advised the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States, and facilities outside the United States, such as ramps, elevators and hand railings may be limited. This itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible.

Deposit and payment schedule: $600 per participant due to secure enrollment no later than January 15, 2020 priority deadline; final deadline of April 10, 2020 (for remaining spaces after priority registration) A waiting list is maintained when registrations exceed 25. Full payment due July 12, 2020. Upon receipt of enrollment and deposit, a confirmation of registration is sent by Seminars International via email. Any payments by credit card incur an additional 3% to cover merchant fees. Invoices are sent in advance of final payment.

Group insurance: The following Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance coverage is included for each participant. This insurance does not include individual trip cancellation and pre-existing medical condition coverage, additional insurance is highly recommended.

Schedule of Benefits Policy # GLM N0496486A

Coverage and Services Maximum Limits:
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Per Insured Person $10,000.
- Medical expenses (per Covered Accident or Sickness).
- Deductible zero.
- Basic Medical $100,000 at 100%.
- Home Country Coverage Limit $10,000.
- Emergency Medical Reunion $3,000.
- Team Assist Plan (TAP): 24/7 medical, travel, technical assistance.
- Emergency Medical Evacuation 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Repatriation/Return of Mortal Remains 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Security Evacuation (Comprehensive) $100,000.
- Trip delay of $100 per day to a maximum of $500/5 days if delayed more than 12 hours.

Click here to access further information on travel insurance.

Trip delay: In the unforeseen circumstance your program experiences travel delays and unexpected expenses are incurred, Seminars International will invoice participants for any additional costs associated with the delay minus the $100 per day CISI trip delay coverage, if qualified. Obtaining additional travel insurance as recommended on page three may offset these expenses.

Cancellation and refund policy: Should cancellation occur prior to April 10, 2020, the initial deposit will be refunded less a $100 fee per person. In addition to non-refundable for Iona accommodations, the following specified costs are non-refundable: April 10 - July 11, 2020 = half of deposit; July 12 - July 26, 2020 = full deposit; July 27 - August 23, 2020 = 50% of program price; August 24 - September 9, 2020 = recoverable costs only (possible forfeiture of entire program cost); cancellations received 30 days or fewer from departure will receive no refund. Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date such notification is received by Seminars International is the cancellation date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

Leadership: The person(s) identified as the leader/host is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Seminars International. In the unlikelihood of a change in leadership, a qualified replacement will be selected by the sponsoring organization or previous leader. Seminars International will operate the program as planned and is not responsible for the change in leadership. The cancellation and refund policy remain as stated.

Exclusions: Items not listed above, including but not limited to international flights, meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast; baggage handling at airports; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; cancellation insurance; non-tour related gratuities; passport fees; increases in air ticket taxes or fuel surcharge; increases in VAT or city/hotel taxes.

Management and responsibility: Seminars International (SI) acts only as an agent and neither SI nor any employee or appointee nor any other person, party or organization or agency collaborating with it is or shall be responsible or liable for any injury or loss, accident or damage, delay or deviation or curtailment, howsoever caused or arising or the consequences thereof, which may occur during any part of the travel or program or during such free time as the members may elect to spend independently on the program. The airlines or commercial carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contracts in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, will constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this program and/or passenger.

Program Evaluation - Upon return we invite you to complete an evaluation to share feedback on how we may enhance your experience in the future.

St. Columba’s Church, Derry

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Custom Design - We design customized international programs sensitive to the needs and interests of a group while focusing on value and affordability.

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While Abroad - Along with our Chicago-based team, our network of on-the-ground international partners and CISI Team Assist are prepared 24/7 to provide support and assistance, particularly with an emergency situation.

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