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# AECA Pilgrimage 2014

## Celtic Summer Pilgrimage

A journey of Faith and an insight into the Celtic tradition

7 July - 14 July 2014



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The Northern Saints associated with the north east of England & Scotland continue to inspire and encourage Christians into the 21st century. St Columba and the writings of the Venerable Bede, who tells of the lives of Aidan, Cuthbert, Hilda and Cedd – and all of their contemporaries – forms the backdrop to a remarkable week of journey and –



Our special holiday pilgrimage combines visits to the sites connected with the lives of the Saints, talks, services and also gives us time to relax and enjoy the particular hospitality of County Durham, Edinburgh and Oban.



### The Great Northern Saints

England's north has a great tradition of Saints, from the Venerable Bede, one of England's greatest scholars, to the Northern Martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries. Saints associated with the north east include Aidan, Bede, Cuthbert, Hilda, Cedd, Chad, Oswald, Bega, Ninian and Oswin.

During our pilgrimage, we will visit places connected with these great Saints and other sites enriched with Celtic meaning and Christian history such as Durham, Holy Island, Whitby & Lastingham.

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## TOUR COST - 1050

*No Hidden extras - All LTG tours are carefully calculated to include all items necessary to complete your tour at the advertised price.*

- ✓ All touring in modern air-conditioned coaches.
- ✓ 7 nights accommodation:
  - St Chad's College, Durham - 3 nights
  - Edinburgh - 1 night
  - Oban - 3 nights
- ✓ Bed & Breakfast basis throughout.
- ✓ Dinner on 5 nights
- ✓ Economy train travel
  - London to York & Glasgow to London.
- ✓ All lectures, visits and entrance fees.

### The only items Not Included:

Single room supplement - £345, Gratuities £3 a day, snack lunches, Dinner on two occasions, drinks and any items of a personal nature.

### Accommodation

Accommodation is mix of good university standard or better and 3 star touring hotels. All rooms are clean, comfortable and have ensuite facilities.

### Booking your place

All you need to book a place on this tour is to send a non-refundable deposit of £150 together with the completed booking form to:-



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### Coach Travel

LTG employ reliable and well established coach companies with courteous and experienced drivers.

### For your protection & peace of mind

All UKLTG tours are operated by the Tailor-made Groups Company Ltd. All monies paid for the holiday package are protected by a TOPP policy. UK customers prepayments for non flight inclusive packages will be reimbursed, in the unlikely event of financial failure







**Day 7 Sunday 13th July**  
**OBAN**

Today, after breakfast, we will worship in Oban in one of the local church there. More details will follow nearer the time. The afternoon is then free to purchase souvenirs and do some last minute shopping before our closing dinner together.



**Day 8 Monday 14th July**  
**OBAN - GLASGOW - LONDON**

We take the early morning train from Oban Station to Glasgow Queen Street after breakfast and then transfer onto our London bound train at Glasgow central. We are due back into London in the evening.

*Please note this complex touring programme may be subject to minor local amendments*

**Day 1 Monday 7th July**  
**LONDON - YORK - DURHAM**

We gather at the newly renovated King's Cross Station in north London where we will be assisted onto our train to York. In York we will be met by our coach where our luggage can then be stored. We proceed on foot to York Minster for a pilgrimage visit to one of the most famous churches in England. We then have some free time in York before boarding our coach and continuing north to the wonderful City of Durham for dinner and overnight stay.



**Day 2 Tuesday 8th July**  
**DURHAM**

After a leisurely breakfast we meet for a talk on the Anglo Saxon church and the influence of Iona and Rome. How did Christianity take root in these parts? Then in mid morning we proceed to Durham Cathedral for our pilgrimage visit where we will have an opportunity to pray at the shrine of St Cuthbert and to visit the resting place of The Venerable Bede. The afternoon is free to visit the Durham Heritage Centre and to drink in the wonderful atmosphere of this wonderful city. Dinner and overnight stay.







**Day 3 Wednesday 9th July**  
**WHITBY - LASTINGHAM**

After breakfast we travel by coach to Whitby. At Whitby Abbey we learn about the life and witness of St Hilda. There will be time for you to purchase lunch somewhere in the town. Then we head to the village of Lastingham to celebrate the Eucharist in the Crypt – a spiritual highlight for many. Dinner tonight will be in the Blacksmith's Arms in Lastingham (payable locally), before returning to Durham.



**Day 4 Thursday 10th July**  
**HOLY ISLAND - EDINBURGH**

Today we make our pilgrimage to Holy Island where the Lindisfarne Gospels were written. After breakfast we board our coach and travel north stopping off at Bamburgh to view the majestic castle and to visit the site where St Aidan died in what is now St Aidan's Church. We then proceed to Holy Island and to make our pilgrimage there visiting the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and many of the other sites associated with Cuthbert and Aidan. After our pilgrimage there we rejoin the great north road towards Scotland, arriving on the outskirts of Edinburgh in good time for supper and an overnight stay.



**Day 5 Friday 11th July**  
**EDINBURGH - OBAN**

After breakfast we have a coach tour around the main sites of Edinburgh and then proceed west towards the coast from where tomorrow we will make our pilgrimage to Iona. We enjoy some of the most spectacular scenery in the United Kingdom on the way. Arriving in the charming port of Oban in the late afternoon we settle in to our room before enjoying a talk in the evening on how to prepare for our pilgrimage to Iona. Dinner follows.



**Day 6 Saturday 12th July**  
**ISLE OF MULL - IONA**

An early start today and we board the ferry boat which crosses from Oban to the Isle of Mull where we will dock at Craignure. We take the Bowman's coach across the Isle of Mull enjoying magnificent scenery as we travel. Eventually, Iona comes into view and we arrive at Fionnphort from where we board our smaller ferry and continue across to land on the Island of St Columba. We make our pilgrimage visiting the Abbey and many of the other churches on Iona before doing the return journey back to Oban that evening. We find dinner ourselves locally tonight in one of the many restaurants available.