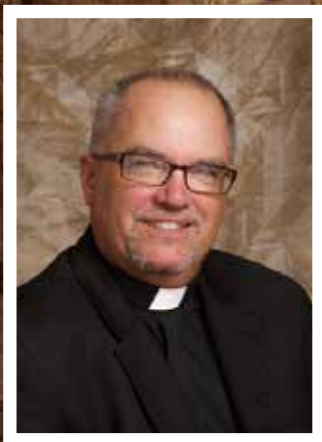




TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

CASTLES, CLANS, AND CATHEDRALS



Fr. Tom Lankenau invites you
ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE

SPIRITS OF SCOTLAND

including Edinburgh, Inverness, and Stirling

August 18-27, 2025

Land-Only



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages for more than 25 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life by taking you to the heart of our Mother Church today. Although we visit numerous sites in this holy and historic region, daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts of each day's experience.

On this *Spirits of Scotland* pilgrimage, you will explore the history of the Catholic Church in Scotland, connect with your ancestors, and raise a glass with friends both old and new. This is a moderately challenging pilgrimage utilizing public transportation and walking up to two miles each day.

● Day 1 - Monday, August 18 USA to Edinburgh

Pilgrims depart from the USA to Edinburgh Airport (EDI). Each traveler will be responsible for making and paying for his or her own flight arrangements. Most of the flights to Edinburgh arrive in the morning. Meals and drinks will be served aloft.

Pilgrim Tip: It's helpful to get some sleep on the flight so as to hit the ground running upon arrival.

● Day 2 - Tuesday, August 19 Edinburgh

Our pilgrimage begins in earnest today as we arrive at Edinburgh Airport. After exiting the secure area, follow the signs to the airport tram stop. You will need to purchase your ticket before boarding the tram. Take the tram to Haymarket Station (approximately 25 minutes). From there it is a 4-minute walk to the Eliza House hotel. Although the official check in time is 3:00pm, you may drop your luggage off for storage ahead of time. This afternoon, Father Tom will lead a walk through Princes St. Gardens to the Scottish National Galleries to view the sacred art housed there. Once check-in at the hotel opens, you will have time to freshen up before gathering as a group for our welcome Pizza and a Pint at Malone's Irish Pub.

(D) Overnight Eliza House, Edinburgh

Pilgrim Tip: There is also a bus that departs from the Edinburgh Airport you could take. You'd look for the Lothian Bus and take it to Haymarket Station. From there it is a 3-minute walk to the hotel.



Edinburgh Castle

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● Day 3 - Wednesday, August 20 Edinburgh City Center

The day will begin with a short walk to a hosted breakfast on the way to a guided tour of St. Giles Cathedral on the Royal Mile. After a hosted lunch we will tour the Edinburgh Castle, including St. Margaret's chapel. Then you will be free to explore the Royal Mile, Holyrood Abbey, and more, before enjoying dinner on your own. This evening we will gather together (specific time and place to be announced) to attend the Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo on the Esplanade of the Castle. *(B, L) Overnight Eliza House, Edinburgh*



St. Mary of the Assumption

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● Day 4 - Thursday, August 21 Edinburgh to Inverness

After checking out of the hotel and a quick "on the go" breakfast we will take the tram to St. Mary of the Assumption for Mass. After Mass we will have a hosted lunch and then board the train to Inverness. During this approximately 3.5-hour journey, we will have time to rest and enjoy the scenery out the windows. Upon arrival in Inverness there will be a half mile walk to the hotel to check in before dinner on your own. You will be able to check out some restaurants on the way to the hotel.

(B, L) Overnight Glen Mhor Hotel, Inverness



Culloden Battlefield

● **Day 5 - Friday, August 22**

Inverness

After breakfast at the hotel, today is free for personal exploration around Inverness. Options include walking through the town, visiting the Victorian Market, viewing the Inverness Castle, and tasting some Scotch Whiskey. Alternatively, you could spend the day resting and doing laundry. Lunch will be on our own, but this evening we will enjoy a hosted dinner on the banks of the Inverness River.

(B, D) Overnight Glen Mhor Hotel, Inverness



Urquhart Castle

● **Day 6 - Saturday, August 23**

Inverness

After breakfast we embark on a full-day guided tour of the landmarks around Inverness, including Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle, and Culloden Battlefield. We will also learn about and enjoy one of the most famous spirits of Scotland on a Scotch whiskey distillery tour. This evening, we will enjoy conversation and camaraderie during our hosted dinner at a local tavern. *(B, D) Overnight Glen Mhor Hotel, Inverness*

St. Mary's on the River Ness



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● **Day 7 - Sunday, August 24**

Inverness to Stirling

This morning, we will attend Sunday Mass at St Mary's on the River Ness. After Mass we will have Sunday Brunch together with the balance of the day free for personal activities and sightseeing, including dinner on your own.

(B) Overnight Glen Mhor Hotel, Inverness

● **Day 8 - Monday, August 25**

Inverness - Stirling

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and journey together to the train station in Inverness. From here, we take a 3-hour train ride to Stirling. Upon arrival will enjoy a hosted lunch and the Stirling Sightseer Bus. You can get off at any point and back on at your leisure. Points of interest include Stirling Castle, the William Wallace Monument, Statue of Robert the Bruce, and the Bannockburn Battlefield (made famous by the movie Braveheart). Dinner this evening will be on our own.



The Wallace Monument

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(B, L) Overnight Lost Guest House, Stirling

● **Day 9 - Tuesday, August 26**

Stirling

After breakfast we will attend Mass together in Stirling. We will then journey to St. Margaret's Shrine at Dunfermline Abbey, the final resting place of King David I – locally known as “The Saint” – his mother, St. Margaret of Scotland, and Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland. We return to Stirling in time for our final hosted dinner. *(B, D) Overnight Lost Guest House, Stirling*

Pilgrim Tip: Try to get a good night's sleep to be ready to travel to your final destination, whether it's on the Megabus back to Edinburgh or elsewhere.

● **Day 10 - Wednesday, August 27**

Departure Day

After checking out of the hotel this morning we are on our own to return home or travel onwards – taking with us all the blessings

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

** This itinerary is subject to change based upon availability and/or confirmation.*

LAND-ONLY PRICE PER PERSON

\$2,995.00

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$300

Final Payment Due

May 2025

Important Notes:

Travel Insurance is required for this pilgrimage. It is not included in the base price. Each pilgrim must provide proof of at least basic travel insurance prior to departure. For more information on travel insurance, please visit <https://www.tektonministries.org/travel-insurance/>

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 89 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 28 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 46 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 45 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Scotland. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of singles may be available for an additional cost and should be requested at the time of booking.

Baggage: Each passenger is responsible for the carrying of his/her own baggage. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: Basic travel insurance is required for this pilgrimage and not included in the pilgrimage price. We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included in base price: International airfare, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- 8 nights' accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- Ground transportation on various modes of public transportation
- Entrance fees and activities as per itinerary
- Guided tours as per itinerary with local guides or your priest
- Gratuities for meals

Rates do not include: International airfare, meals not listed on the itinerary, portage at hotels

This pilgrimage is moderately physically challenging. You can plan on walking up to two miles per day and we will be on and off public transportation throughout the pilgrimage. Pilgrims are also responsible for their own luggage, including to and from their hotel rooms (hotels do not have elevators) and on/off buses and trains.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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