

St. Margaret of Scotland

Scholar Choral Pilgrimage

June 9 – 18, 2028

As of August 1, 2026

Provided meals: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Friday, June 9 – Departure from St. Louis (D-in flight)

Evening Depart St. Louis for your transatlantic flight to Edinburgh, Scotland. Get ready for a musical and spiritual journey following the path of St Margaret of Scotland through the historic towns and scenic landscapes she once knew.
Dinner provided in-flight

Saturday, June 10 – Edinburgh airport / Walk the Pilgrim's Way / Arrive Dunfermline (B,D)

Morning Arrive to Edinburgh airport, meet your Scottish tour leader and begin a scenic drive north towards the Firth of Forth and the ferry towns of South Queensferry and North Queensferry. It was at this crossing in the 11th century that Queen Margaret established a free ferry for pilgrims enroute to St Andrews Cathedral in Fife.

Afternoon Lunch independent.
Walk a small portion of the St Margaret Pilgrims' Way, as the pilgrims did before you. Arrive to Dunfermline, where St. Margaret was married, resided, founded Dunfermline Priory (which her son David I made an Abbey in 1128) and where she is buried.
Arrive to your hotel.

Evening Dinner provided in the hotel.



Sunday, June 11 – **Sing mass** / St Margaret's Cave / **Procession** / Mass / Dinner (B, D)

Morning Day spent in Dunfermline, Scotland's ancient capital and the burial site of many Scottish royals. Today is the day of the annual Pilgrimage in Dunfermline and you will participate in the activities.
Transfer to St. Margaret's church where you will sing the mass with their church choir.

9:30 am **Sing mass with the St Margaret church choir.**

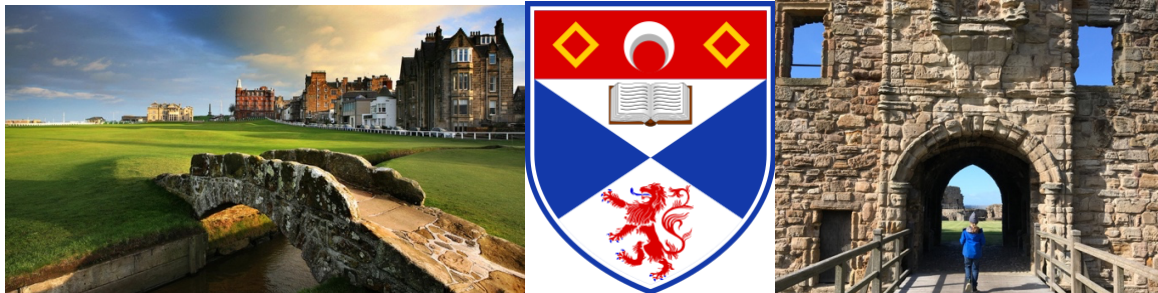
Noon Angelus at St. Margaret's cave before making a visit.

- Lunch independent before this afternoon's procession.
- 2 pm **Walk in the procession that leads with a relic of St. Margaret.** You'll travel from Louise Carnegie Gates at Pittencrieff Park (the Glen), through the main High Street in Dunfermline to St. Margaret's church for a 3 pm Holy mass.
- 4:30 pm End of the day's activities.
Return to hotel to relax.
- Evening Dinner provided in the hotel.



Monday, June 12 – Travel to St Andrews / City tour / Free time / Arrive hotel (B)

- Morning Depart Dunfermline to St Andrews, named after Saint Andrew, the Apostle and patron saint of Scotland. According to legend, the bones of Saint Andrew, were carried to Scotland from Greece by the monk Regulus around 350. The relics included three fingers, a kneecap, upper arm bone, and a tooth, and put the town on the map as an international pilgrimage site.
Tour this small town (18,000 residents) with an outsized reputation. You'll learn about the Old Course – the birthplace of golf, St. Andrew's University – the oldest in Scotland at 612 years and about St Andrews Cathedral and Castle.
- Afternoon Lunch independent, then time free.
Continue to your hotel and check in.
- Evening Dinner independent and overnight in Dundee.



Tuesday, June 13 – Tour Cathedral ruins / Private lecture at St Andrews / Shared Concert (B, D)

- Morning Explore the ruins of St Andrews Cathedral, constructed in 1158 and the center of Medieval Catholic Church in Scotland. Capture photos of St Rule's Tower—rising 108 feet (33 meters)—and climb to the top for sweeping views of the sea and surrounding countryside.
Lunch independent with time free.
- 2 pm **Private lecture at St. Andrews University titled “St. Margaret of Scotland: Life, Spirituality and Legacy”.** The talk will be led by Dr. William P. Hyland, OSB Oblate, a Senior Lecturer in Church History, School of Divinity at the St Andrews University.
- 3 pm Lecture finishes, 30-minutes time for questions.

Free time to explore St. Andrews.
Dinner provided.

Evening

Concert in St Andrews shared with a local ensemble. Possible venues include Holy Trinity Church, St Andrews or the McPherson Recital Room at St Andrews University. Return to your Dundee hotel following your performance.

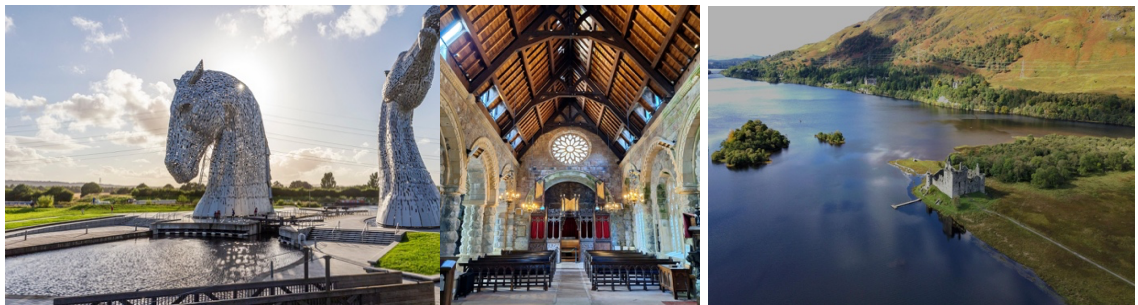


Wednesday, June 14 – Kelpies / St Conan's Kirk / Kilchurn Castle / Oban-Mull (B,D)

Morning Depart Dundee and journey west to Oban, making a stop to visit the spectacular Kelpies sculptures. Visit St Conan's Kirk, an unusual early-20th-century church that blends Norman, Gothic, and Celtic architectural styles, before continuing along Loch Awe to the striking ruins of Kilchurn Castle, one of Scotland's most photographed castles, set dramatically at the head of the loch against a backdrop of rugged Highland mountains. Lunch independent.

Afternoon Continue to your Oban hotel.

Evening Dinner and overnight provided in your hotel.



Thursday, June 15 – Isle of Mull / Bunessan / Ferry / Iona Abbey / Informal recital/Dinner (B,L,D)

Morning Cross the Isle of Mull by coach and pass through the village of Bunessan. The village is famous for the Scottish Christmas carol written in the 1800s by Mary Macdonald that used a traditional local melody for a song that was translated as "Child in the Manger". The tune was reused in the 1930s for the hymn "Morning Has Broken". Arrive to Fionnphort ferry port and board a ferry as foot passengers for the short trip to the Isle of Iona.

Midday Packed lunch will be provided.
Visit Iona Abbey and the nunnery.
Informal recital in Iona Abbey.

Evening Free time to explore before returning to your hotel.
Dinner provided in your hotel.



Friday, June 16 – Depart Oban / Edinburgh / Free time / Concert (B)

Morning Depart Oban to Edinburgh.
Lunch independent.

Afternoon Arrive to Edinburgh for a free afternoon.

Evening **Concert in Edinburgh at St. Giles Cathedral. (afternoon or evening TBD)**
Dinner independent.



Saturday, June 17 – Edinburgh City Tour / St Margaret’s Chapel /Free / Farewell dinner (B, D)

Morning Edinburgh tour including a visit to the Castle with the oldest building in Edinburgh – St Margaret’s Chapel. St. Margaret’s Chapel Guild puts fresh flowers in the Chapel each week and every member has the name Margaret or a derivative of, for example Maggie. Continue your walking tour with a stroll down the Royal Mile.

Afternoon. Lunch independent. Free afternoon in the city.

Evening Farewell dinner provided in Edinburgh city.



Sunday, June 18 – Return Flight to St. Louis (Two meals in flight)

Morning Transfer to Edinburgh airport for your flight home.

Afternoon Arrive to St. Louis airport.

Welcome home!

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Highlands Extension

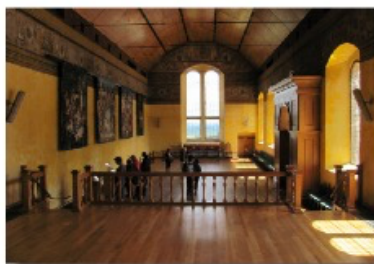
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Sunday, June 18 – Stirling / Pitlochry / Tomatin Whiskey Distillery / Inverness / Dinner

- Morning** Depart Edinburgh with your Private guide to the Scottish Highlands with your first stop in the town of Stirling. Visit ancient Stirling Castle where Scottish Kings and Queens have been crowned, including Mary Queen of Scots. Near the Castle, William Wallace (of movie Braveheart fame) had one of his greatest triumphs at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in September 1297.
- Afternoon** After Stirling, continue north to the Victorian town of Pitlochry, gateway to the Scottish Highlands where you'll have time to explore and find lunch. Then it is time for a wee dram during your tour at the Tomatin Whiskey Distillery! After your tour, it's a short drive to Inverness and your hotel.
- Evening** Check in then enjoy dinner provided in the hotel restaurant. Evening free.



Monday, June 19 - Isle of Skye

- Morning** Depart Inverness on a day excursion to the Isle of Skye. As we cross over the Kessock Bridge, we'll enjoy a comfort break in the lovely Kyle of Lochalsh, gateway to the Isle of Skye, a perfect place for a picture of the Skye Bridge. Next, we'll cross onto the little island of Eilean Ban to arrive at the star of this tour: Skye. The tour of this magical island takes in the stunning sight of the Cuillin Hills and the Sligachan Bridge.
- Afternoon** We'll stop in the town of Portree for lunch; its colorful harbor is one of the most recognizable spots of Skye. It is a wonderful place to enjoy fish and chips and watch the world go by. After a relaxing lunch, we'll head further north to see impressive sights such as The Old Man of Storr, Kilt Rock and Mealt Falls. Next, on to Eilean Donan, one of Scotland's most picturesque castles, perched on its own island at the head of Loch Duich. You will have time here to tour the castle inside and out.



Tuesday, June 20 - Loch Ness cruise / Fort Augustus

- Morning** Wave goodbye to Inverness and head to Loch Ness, the largest lake in the United Kingdom. All aboard on your cruise on the Loch - in search of Nessie. At the other end of the Lake, you'll arrive to Urquhart Castle, a gorgeous ruin on the banks of the river.
- Afternoon** Lunch independent in Fort Augustus at the southern end of Loch Ness before touring through Glen Coe and travel through Rannoch Moor – simply stunning Highland scenery! Arrive to Edinburgh via Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. Overnight in Edinburgh with dinner independent.



Wednesday, June 21 – Flight home

- Morning** Morning transfer to Edinburgh airport where you will check in for your flight to the United States.
- Afternoon** Arrival to St. Louis.