

## Exploring Anglican Heritage

The Anglican community draws on a rich heritage of Celtic, Roman and Reform influences stretched across Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England. Illume collaborates with pastoral and educational leaders to create travel programs that help pilgrims connect with these roots, make sense of the people, places and events of history, and nurture an appreciation and passion for the artistic, liturgical and spiritual treasures of the Anglican communion.

### Program Objectives

#### Explore the roots of Celtic monastic spirituality

Visit monastic complexes evocative of the original Celtic impetus for their founding. Visits to these sites provide an opportunity to learn about monastic spirituality, Celtic art and architecture, and the role of these early monastic communities in shaping Irish, English and European culture.

#### Visit centers of great historical change

Visit sites of great historical significance – including the Rock of Cashel, Iona, Lindisfarne and Whitby. Travel to places where important change took place inspires change and transformation in participants as they hear the stories of visionary men and women who forged new faith traditions many centuries ago.

#### Trace the development of Christianity over the centuries

Frequent invasions and settlements over the centuries by Anglo-Saxons, Normans and others influenced the development of Christianity and local beliefs and practices. Many great cathedral towns offer great opportunities to dig through layers of history to ponder important developments of Christian beliefs, practices, art, architecture and spirituality. The establishment of the Church of England, the dissolution of the monasteries, and subsequent developments of Calvinist and Methodist traditions make England a great venue for ecumenical and faith heritage programs.

The way we travel the world is always changing but the reasons remain constant - to become citizens of the world, *leading and inspiring respectful and compassionate ways of life*. People who travel the globe begin a lifelong journey of worldly citizenship to gain valuable insight about themselves and the world around them through the discovery and exploration of cultures outside their own.

### Program Destinations

#### England and Wales

In the Middle Ages, two traditions of spirituality thrived in the British Isles. Celtic spirituality flourished in the North and West, while a more cosmopolitan tradition promoted from Rome took root in the Southeast, centered in Canterbury. Travel to England offers an opportunity to visit key cities of Celtic and Roman Christianity in the north and southeast of England, with activities that combine historical study and spiritual reflection in settings that inspire participants. Explore the great cathedral towns. Visit ancient Roman sites and meet the earliest generations of Christians.

#### Ireland

Visit ruins of ancient Celtic monasteries that helped shape European spiritual traditions for centuries. Learn about the roots of Celtic Christianity in earlier pre-Christian religious traditions by visiting ancient burial grounds and other monuments and markers that express unique spiritual perspectives. Create ecumenical activities with visits in the north.

#### Scotland

Explore the influence of Celtic monks on the development of Christianity in the north – such as in Iona. Explore the people, places and events of the Scottish Reformation and its clash with both Roman Catholic and Anglican communities. Savor the beauty and majesty of the Scottish countryside and consider the relationship between the land and the spirituality of the Scots.

**Illume works with group leaders to create customized and unique programs with activities, visits, and resources that support your vision and objectives. Call us to begin planning a program tailored to your constituency.**