
Let Ireland be Glad!

14 Day Tour of Ireland and Edinburgh.
Friday, August 30 to Thursday September 12, 2024

Psalm 97:1 *"The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad."*

*Explore, marvel, and share in Ireland's past, present, and future.
As we discover these places together, we pray for Ireland and Scotland
and for each of us to know Christ and to be glad in Him.
This unique spiritual pilgrimage awaits you.*

A "Ground Up Grace" Tour guided by Samuel Chestnutt with David and Cynthia Robinson.



The "land only" cost for this 14 day tour is...	\$4670.
Airfare is an additional estimate of...	<u>\$1500.</u>
The total cost will be about...	\$6170

All arrangements are being organized by Ground Up Grace. We will accompany this tour. We are working out the details to make our discoveries of Patrick and CS Lewis a renewal for our faith. We want our experience to shape our actions as followers of Jesus when we come home.

In Jesus, Sonja and Johan Kinderlie

Overview with Highlights of this 14 day tour

August 30: Depart USA

Aug 31 arrive Dublin. Stay at Jury's Inn. Explore the darkness of pagan Ireland at the National Museum, then visit the Book of Kells and the 'Piercing the Darkness' exhibition. Free time to explore Dublin city centre. Dinner at hotel followed by a praise and orientation gathering. Then early night to beat the jet-lag for a fresh start tomorrow. **Overnight Dublin.**

Sept 1 Visit Dublin region. Travel north and visit the fully intact monument of 3000BC, Four Knocks tomb. Then learn how early Irish believers shared the gospel at the 9th Century Monasterboice High Cross. The evening meal is in your pub of choice and the delightful "Riverdance" show climaxes our day at the Gaety Theatre. **Overnight Dublin.**

Sept 2 Ireland's Midlands. As we travel west to Galway, we discover how Christians after Patrick shared the gospel as we visit the former beating heart of church planting at Clonmacnoise. Then in Galway, the musical capital of Ireland, we will enjoy free time to explore its magical streets, shop and visit some of its many quaint pubs where you will eat your evening meal. **Overnight Galway.**

Sept 3 Aran Islands (weather permitting): A picturesque 40-minute crossing takes us from Rossaveal in Galway, Inishmore, Inishmaan, and Inisheer. Discover Ireland frozen in time. Its limestone walls, golden beaches, and jagged sea cliffs transport you to another world. We'll spend the day here exploring its isolated culture, food and people. We will return and enjoy another evening meal in one of Galway's pubs. **Overnight Galway.**

Alternate Sept 3 Cliffs & Dolmens. The stunning and majestic Cliffs of Moher await us in this morning's exhibition. Creation really does proclaim His wonders! Take some time to walk along the cliff tops and take in the view returning to explore the visitor centre and have a wee cup of tea before heading on. We will travel back across the moonlike lunar landscape of County Clare's Burren, stopping to explore one of Ireland's most iconic archaeological monuments, Poul nabrone Portal Dolmen. Some believe this structure was built by the generations just after the tower of Babel in Genesis 11. **Overnight Galway**

Sept 4 to Northern Ireland. Today we head north for Donegal via the Wild Atlantic Way. We will stop off at Kylemore Abbey, weather permitting. Visit the viewing point at Croagh Patrick. And then visit Ireland's most revered Marian shrine at Knock, gaining an understanding of traditional Roman Catholic Ireland. We'll travel to the quaint Donegal Town to explore this little town and have an evening meal. **Overnight Sligo/Donegal Town.**

Sept 5 to Londonderry. We'll visit the Amazing Grace platform on the way to hear the story. We will visit the Free Derry Museum to understand an infamous event in Northern Irish troubles history, 'Bloody Sunday.' After this you have a free afternoon and evening to rest within its ancient walls, explore its cathedral or visit its many museums and good shopping. We enjoy a meal in the city. **Overnight Londonderry.**

Sept 6 to Belfast. We will travel along the North Coast towards Belfast. This coastal road has breathtaking views and enchanting stops along the way. We will visit the Giant's Causeway, Dunluce Castle, aka C.S. Lewis's "Cair Paravel," enjoying folklore stories as we go. We overnight in bustling Belfast in time for an optional visit to the Titanic Exhibition Center. More free time options after checking in. Your evening meal in one of the cities many eateries. **Overnight Belfast.**

Sept 7 a day with Patrick and Narnia. Visit The St Patrick's Centre, his grave and associated sites, including the first church plant in Ireland, still in operation since 432AD. Our host is a Patriciologist. He will introduce us to Patrick's love for Christ through his writings as well in the locations we visit. Then we learn more about CS Lewis as we climb to Cloughmore stone to see the views that inspired and shaped CS Lewis' Narnia Chronicles and his theology of the New Earth. After visiting other Lewis childhood favorites in the Mourne, we'll head back to Belfast for one last night before catching our flight to Scotland the next morning. **Overnight Belfast.**

Sept 8 fly to Edinburgh. We'll catch our morning flight to Edinburgh, Scotland. This Celtic capital is packed with history, culture, character, and buzz! With its impressive castle dominating the city skyline, we will storm its gates to explore its history and central role in British history. Afterwards, we will check into our central city hotel, allowing you to explore Edinburgh at your leisure and catch your evening meal at the hotel. **Overnight Edinburgh.**

Sept 9 explore Christian Edinburgh. A unique guiding experience awaits you as a medieval monk brings to life the extraordinary Christian history of the Royal Mile. The old streets are filled with the stories and exploits of Christians over the centuries who have impacted the world through law, democracy, human rights, education, social reforms, science and medicine. We visit Magdalen Chapel, the birthplace of the Scottish Reformation led by John Knox, the beautiful Presbytery Hall with its treasures, the Covenanter memorials, Greyfriars' Kirk, St Giles' Cathedral and the historic St Columba's Free Church. The history of the Royal Mile spans from before Columba and Cuthbert to the present day. It is against the backdrop of movements such as The Enlightenment, which produced such people as David Hume, James Hutton, Adam Smith and Charles Darwin. After this experience, you will have free time to enjoy the city and find a Scottish pub for your evening meal. **Overnight Edinburgh.**

Sept 10 visit Lindisfarne, Holy Island. This mysterious tidal island off Northumberland's coast becomes inaccessible when the tide washes over its causeway. When it's safe to cross the causeway, expect to find charming cafes, an ancient priory, and a castle that teeters on the coastline. Words cannot describe the magic of The Holy Island of Lindisfarne, particularly as you cross the causeway, admire staggering views as you go, and feel like you are entering a secret world as you approach the island. This is a place of worship, tranquillity and breathtaking beauty which was the home of St Cuthbert, who allegedly held the power of spiritual healing. You'll find the 12th-century Lindisfarne Priory, the epicentre of Christianity in Anglo-Saxon times and once the home of St Oswald. Ransacked by marauding Viking raiders in the 8th century, the evocative ruins of Lindisfarne Priory include the famous "rainbow bridge," which spirals skywards with the ghost of a long-vanished tower. You will have time to explore this pint-sized island and enjoy an evening meal in one of its quaint pubs. **(Accommodations permitting) Overnight Lindisfarne.**

Sept 11 island life and return to Edinburgh. Enjoy the tranquillity of this little island in the morning. Prayer and reflection are in the fabric of this place, and you are encouraged to join the thousands who have done the same before you. When the tide is ready, and not before, we will cross back over the causeway and head back to Edinburgh. We will enjoy one last afternoon in this beautiful city before enjoying our farewell dinner. **Overnight Edinburgh.**

Sept 12 travel home: Transfer to Edinburgh Airport for return flight to USA

Tour Manager, Guide and Inspirational speaker: Samuel Chestnutt; edengatetravel.com

Samuel is Irish, and his best friend, Sarah, is American. Together, they are the perfect combo-team to help U.S./ international guests prepare for, explore and experience *authentic* Ireland! Sarah and Samuel met and fell in love in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 2006. Many plane rides, Skype calls, and love letters later, Samuel proposed to Sarah in his homeland, Northern Ireland. She said, Yes! The two have lived in Northern Ireland since 2009 and have four beautiful children. Their family enjoy days at the park and spending time with relatives right across the field.

Moved by the spiritual need in Ireland, Samuel left his job as a high school teacher and founded a travel company in 2014. Samuel's extensive, international, and religious touring experience and the pair's desire to see churches supported throughout Europe led them to create a business with a mission. As a master of logistics, Samuel delights in hosting visitors; sharing locations, stories, and people with his guests. In addition, Samuel's many cross-denominational connections with the Irish churches allow him to share how God has been working in Ireland right up to today. This makes for a uniquely rich and meaningful touring experience. We know no other guide who can offer this depth of connection and faith/culture balance while on tour.

Samuel's passion is to utilize his many contacts in the tourist industry to raise awareness of and facilitate Christian missions across Ireland and Europe. He was born and raised in the region where St Patrick ministered in the 400's A.D. and where C.S Lewis holidayed as a boy. Near Samuel's home, St. Patrick planted the first church in Ireland, and Lewis inspired his Narnian Chronicles. Yes, Samuel lives in the real Narnia and will be delighted to not just show you around in person but to share with you how these two men have shaped and moulded his life, view of mission and love for Christ... and Ireland!

David and Cynthia Robinson, Podcast speakers and guides

We are thankful to have the pastoral, intellectual and spiritual support of the Robinsons on this tour. They have become partners in the preaching of the gospel through our Ground Up Grace podcast. This year they are sharing their gifts as teachers at Mount Carmel. David and Cynthia were the co-hosts of our tour in 2022 and we are thankful they will lead this tour in 2024. They live outside of Belfast in Newtownards. They have two sons, both married, each with one child.

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PAYMENT

Check payable to “Ground Up Grace”

(Credit card is acceptable but you need to add the 3% credit card surcharge)

_____ \$1000 deposit due before September 30, 2023 to reserve your place.

_____ \$1000 due on December 31, 2023

_____ \$2000 due on February 29, 2024 (100 % refund as of this date)

_____ \$2170 due on May 31, 2024 (From March 1 to May 31, 75% refund)

\$6170 total is based on airfare cost at \$1500. We will know flight costs by January 1, 2024.

Land only- \$4670. You get your own air tickets to Dublin, returning from Edinburgh.
Travel insurance is recommended. You can contact TravelGuard.com (800-826-5248).

Post-tour extensions to London or other sites are possible. Please let us know if you are interested.

For any questions call Sonja Hinderlie at 763-228-5231.