

Thistle & Shamrock: A Presbyterian Journey  
4-13 October 2012

Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church  
Oak Park, Illinois

Rev. Sarah Iliff-McGill  
Tour Leader

in partnership with

**Off We Go Tours, Inc** of Glen Ellyn, IL

sharing with you over 20 years of experience in quality group travel

Dr. Robb Frank, Principal



**Thu 4 Oct** Depart Chicago/O'Hare on Aer Lingus, evening



**Fri 5 Oct** Arrive early morning in Dublin and transfer to Aer Lingus flight to Edinburgh International Airport, SCOTLAND where you will be met by a 30 seat deluxe coach for the short journey to the capital of Scotland, Edinburgh for three nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Premier Travel Inn (or equivalent). Afternoon city/orientation tour of Edinburgh.



**Sat 6 Oct** Day of Mission Engagement—join our new Scottish friends in the Church of Scotland as we engage in a day filled with mission activities in and around Edinburgh. Devotions and time for reflection,



**Sun 7 Oct** Morning worship at the Kirk of St Giles (Mother-Church of Presbyterians); John Knox House, and the Royal Mile, and afternoon excursion to the beautiful Rosslyn Chapel., ca. 1456. This little gem was made famous, more recently, in the book/film “*The DaVinci Code.*” DBB at the Premier Travel Inn.



Kirk of St Giles, Edinburgh



John Knox House, on the Royal Mile



Rosslyn Chapel

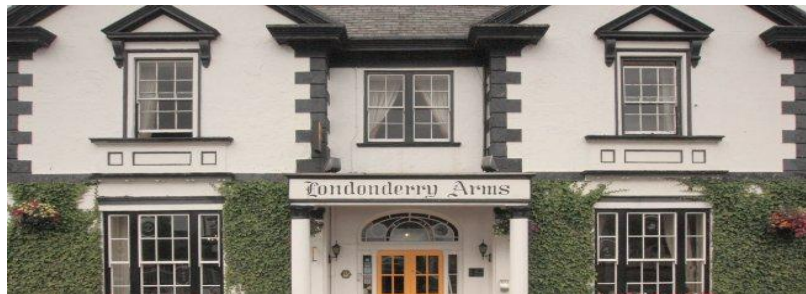


Edinburgh Castle, at the head of the Royal Mile

**Mon 8 Oct** Morning transfer from hotel to Edinburgh airport for the 55 minute FlyBe flight to Belfast City airport, only 4 miles from the city centre. On the way into town you will pass the Harland & Wolff shipyard, home of the Titanic, whose centenary falls this year. First a visit to the ornate Belfast City Hall for a tour and lunch, followed by a visit to and more *mission opportunities* at the Belfast Central Mission of the Methodist Church. Dinner, bed and breakfast at one of Belfast’ best-known hotels, the four star Europa – just opposite the Crown Bar, the only pub in the British Isles owned by the National Trust as a national treasure.



**Tues 9 Oct** Morning city tour, followed by trip up the scenic Antrim Coast Road, passing the 13<sup>th</sup> century Carrickfergus Castle and stopping for tea/coffee at the Londonderry Arms, once owned by Winston Churchill. Visit to the Giants Causeway and dinner, B&B at the Ramada Hotel in the seaside resort of Portrush



**Wed 10 Oct** Journey to counties Derry and Donegal, where many of the Scots Irish settled in the Plantation of the 17<sup>th</sup> century before emigrating to North America in the 18<sup>th</sup>. Visit the walls of Derry and the Grianán of Aileach, a small ringfort built in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century early Christian period. We will also stroll through the small port of Ramelton, scene of both the Flight of the (native Irish) Earls in 1607 and of the birth of Francis Makemie, founder of the Presbyterian Church of America. DBB at Castlegrove House near Letterkenny.



**Thu 11 Oct** Morning 3 hour journey through the lush Irish countryside to Dublin for a short city tour and then afternoon check in at the four star Ashling Hotel, just across the River Liffey from the Guinness factory. Dinner and “Irish Nights” together in a typical Irish pub. Get ready to dance and sing!



The Haypenney Bridge on the River Liffey



St. James's Gate at the Guinness Brewery



St. Stephen's Green



Wonderful Grafton Street

**Fri 12 Oct** Morning service in St Patrick's Anglican Cathedral. *Mission opportunity to follow.* Afternoon free for shopping, or peruse the classic engravings in the Book of Kells at Trinity College. Dinner, bed and breakfast in the Ashling.



Trinity College Dublin, Founded 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I



Trinity College Library



Engravings from the Book of Kells, ca. 800 (Trinity College Library)



**Sat 13 Oct** Morning transfer to terminal 2 at Dublin airport for the flight back to Chicago.

Pay one reasonable price and get **ALL of this included** in your value-added package tour:

- **Transatlantic airfare to/from Chicago O'hare**
- **inter-Ireland/Scotland Airfare**
- **Ground Transportation on a deluxe, roomy motor coach with experienced drivers** (a must on Scottish/Irish roads)
- **Services of a professional tour guide and tour host**
- **Daily Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at fabulous hotels and inns**
- **Daily Devotions with Pastor Sarah**
- **Mission opportunities in both Scotland and Ireland**
- **All entry fees on scheduled itinerary attractions and sites**
- **All tips, gratuities, and tax** (no need for change and small bills at every turn-IT'S INCLUDED)

**Only \$250.00 per person holds your seat** for this fabulous journey of faith and fellowship.

Final Balance not due until 1September 2012.

TOTAL COST: \$3585.00 per person, double occupancy.

Cost accepted in 3 easy payments.

\$250	Due NOW to hold your seat
\$1250	Due 29 June 2012
FULL BALANCE	Due 1 September 2012

See TERMS & CONDITIONS for full details

**Have air miles you want to you use?** SAVE with OFF WE GO TOURS. We will help you arrange your Transatlantic Flights to meet us in either Dublin or Edinburgh PRIOR to our landing . Transatlantic discount will be applied based on your arrival city. **NOTE:** You must fly with the group between Edinburgh and Belfast. See Terms and Conditions for full details.

**Reserve your seat now, seats are limited!**

**Registration form included in this packet.**

## Terms & Conditions

### Fair Oaks Thistle and Shamrock Tour

**Fair Oaks Thistle and Shamrock Tour** (hereinafter Tour) is being offered by contractual between **CVI/Off We Go Tours (hereafter OWGT) (a division of Carpe Vitae, Inc. of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, an Illinois Corporation)** and **Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church of Oak Park, Illinois (an Illinois 501c3 corporation)** on 4 October to 13 October 2012 and this represents the participant's (an individual that has made a payment to participate in this tour) acceptance of the Terms & Conditions set out herein. Participant should carefully read and understand these Terms & Conditions prior to both agreeing to these Terms & Conditions and making payments. These terms and conditions are governed under the laws of the State of Illinois.

**Tour Price:** Tour Price is \$3585 per person, air, and land only and based on group occupancy; foreign exchange rates, taxes, tariffs, and charges known at the time of publication; a minimum of 16 Participants; and payments made by credit card, check or money order. A single occupancy supplement is available for an additional \$600. Tour Price includes some meals, lodging, transportation (air, motor coach, trains, planes, and hotel transportation), and fees and gratuities for attractions and activities described in the Tour's brochure. Tour Price is subject to change without notice at any time prior to the Tour start date. All prices are stated in US Dollars at current Suppliers' rates and current rates of exchange.

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Per person taxes, fees, and charges imposed by government entities; any passport, visa, and vaccination fees; some meals; laundry; telephone; mini-bar; alcohol; beverages and food outside of the contracted Tour menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant; additional excursions and activities; Travel Protection premiums; baggage and excess baggage fees; and all other items of a personal nature.

**Deposit & Final Payment:** A non-refundable, but transferable with mutual agreement of the Participant and OWGT, deposit of \$250 per person is required by Suppliers to reserve a space on the Tour for Participant. Payment is not deemed made until received by Suppliers. Participant's reservation is not confirmed until the deposit is received by Suppliers and Participant receives a confirmation invoice. A Second Payment, and all previously due payments, in the amount of \$1250 is due on or before 29 June 2012. Final payment of balance due is due on or before 1 September 2012. If OWGT does not receive final payment by the due date, OWGT and/or Suppliers reserve the right to cancel the reservation and retain the Participant's full deposit. OWGT and Suppliers(s) are not responsible for cancelled reservations in the event payment is not received by the due date. Payment in full is required if Participant registration is received after 1 September 2012, if space is available. There may be additional charges for late reservations imposed by all Suppliers. Checks and money orders must be made payable to CVI/OFF WE GO TOURS, memo FAIR OAKS 10/2012, and mailed or delivered to:

CVI/OFF WE GO TOURS, 22W150 Glen Park, Ste 204, Glen Ellyn IL 60137, or payment may be made via credit card using Pay Pal.

**Cancellations & Cancellation Fees:** If Participant cancels their reservation by 15 June 2012 then all but \$100 of Participant's deposit will be returned to Participant. Cancellations after 15 June 2012 will result in forfeiture of entire deposit. For the balance of payments made, the following per person cancellation penalties apply: Payments made between 15 June and 1 September 2012 are non-refundable, but ARE transferrable to another person wishing to join the trip. Participant is responsible for notifying, in writing, OWGT about the change of participant name. OWGT will make every effort to refund payments on items that have not been deposited with Suppliers, though this is not guaranteed. OWGT must receive cancellations in writing. Penalties will be assessed according to the email, fax, or postmark date. OWGT and/or Suppliers reserves the right to cancel the Tour at any time and for any reason. If OWGT and/or Suppliers cancel the Tour then OWGT and/or Suppliers will refund all payments, including deposit, made by Participant to OWGT and/or the Suppliers. Participant should be aware that OWGT and/or Suppliers may cancel the Tour if there is an insufficient number of Participants. Suppliers reserves the right to change the Tour's start date and/or duration at any time and for any reason. If OWGT and/or Suppliers changes the Tour's start date and/or duration then OWGT and/or Suppliers will refund all payments, including deposit, made by Participant to OWGT and/or the Suppliers if the Participant wishes to cancel their reservation because of OWGT and/or the Suppliers changing the Tour's start date and/or duration.

**Refunds:** Refunds are subject to these Terms and Conditions. No refund, price reduction, substitution, or cash equivalent will be given for unused services including meals, lodging, transportation, and entrance fees for attractions and activities.

**Travel Arrangements:** OWGT and Suppliers are not responsible for cancellations, reschedules, or delays in Participant's travel for any reason before and after the Tour. Participants may find their own Transatlantic airfare but must agree to plan to arrive at destination of the beginning of the tour PRIOR to those Participants flying as part of the group travel. Total cost reduction is based on the arrival city of the Participant traveling using their own arranged air travel. Participants MUST travel by air with the group between Edinburgh and Belfast in order to maintain the timing of the trip schedule and itinerary. If

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Participant misses the Tour's start, it is Participant's sole responsibility to make the necessary arrangements and incur any additional costs to join the Tour already in progress. OWGT and Suppliers are not responsible for any refund for portions of Tour missed.

**Participation:** For the benefit of everyone on the Tour, OWGT and Suppliers reserves the right to accept or reject any Participant and to remove any Participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other Participants. OWGT and Suppliers will not refund nor cover any costs Participant incurs if OWGT or Suppliers has to terminate Participant's Tour participation due to Participant's unacceptable conduct. All Participants must be at least 18 years of age as of the start date of the tour, or if under 18 years of age, be accompanied and chaperoned at all times by a legal adult participant of the tour.

**Participants Who Need Special Assistance:** Participants must report any disability requiring special attention while on Tour to Suppliers at the time the reservation is made. Suppliers will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of a disabled Participant, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent Suppliers. Most transportation services, including the motor coach and most public transportation, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. OWGT and Suppliers regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a Participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must pay as a Participant, and accompany a Participant who needs such assistance and must assume full responsibility for their well-being.

**Visas & Passports:** Participants are responsible for obtaining and paying for all visas and entry documents, for meeting all health and other requirements, and for any documents required by the laws, regulations, orders, and/or requirements of the countries Participant will visit. (The Tour will take the Participant to the countries of the United Kingdom (Scotland and Northern Ireland), and the Republic of Ireland.

Non-U.S. citizens must consult with appropriate consulates to determine if any visas are needed and are responsible for obtaining all visas and entry documents independently. OWGT and Suppliers are not responsible for providing Participant with specific visa and passport information or documentation, and OWGT and Suppliers cannot accept liability for any passenger refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure of the Participant to carry correct documentation. All Participants travelling internationally are required to have a passport or passport card (as appropriate). Most countries require that the passport be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the conclusion of Participant's trip. It is recommended Participant have a minimum of three blank pages in Participant's passport when travelling, as many countries require blank pages. Multiple-entry visas may be required. It is Participant's responsibility to verify all visa and passport requirements.

**Accommodations:** The Tour's accommodations are listed in the Tour's brochure. If accommodations need to change then the accommodations substituted will be equivalent to those shown.

**Baggage Policy:** Due to limited motor coach capacity, each Participant is limited to one piece of hand-luggage that should have dimensions not exceeding 12"x11"x6" and one suitcase that should have dimensions not exceeding 30"x21"x11" and weight not exceeding 50 lbs (22kg). Hand-luggage must be small enough to store in overhead bins or under the seat in front of Participant on motor coaches and other transportation. For safety reasons, wheeled bags are not suitable as hand-luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses. Suppliers is unable to accept a second suitcase or any luggage exceeding these limits. OWGT and Suppliers assume no responsibility for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the Participant's belongings throughout the duration of the Tour. Baggage insurance is recommended. Participant is responsible for all baggage fees imposed by common carriers.

**Holidays:** During local or national holidays or special events, (e.g. national holiday) on Sundays, and religious occasions, certain facilities such as museums, churches, restaurants, sightseeing tours, and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible. OWGT and Suppliers cannot be held responsible for any closures or curtails for any reason.

**Health and Safety:** Participants must be medically and physically fit for this Tour. This Tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of many major attractions. Please be aware that during Participant's participation on the Tour, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond OWGT and Suppliers control. Including but not limited to: the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft, or other means of transportation;

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the forces of nature; political unrest; acts of lawlessness or terrorism; and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. OWGT and Suppliers will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. While Suppliers will use its best efforts to ensure the adequate measures are taken, by agreeing to participate in a tour and/or optional excursions Participant agrees that Participant will hold OWGT, Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church of Oak Park, IL, the Tour Hosts, and/or any Suppliers and their staffs harmless regarding any provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care rendered.

**Participant's Chosen Optional Excursions & Activities:** Optional activities and excursions not described in the tour itinerary are not run, supervised, or controlled in any way by OWGT or contracted Suppliers. Local operators or other third parties that are entirely independent of OWGT and Suppliers which have no control and have no right of control over the operations of these independent contractors provide these services. Such activities and excursions do not form any part of the product or services sold to Participant by OWGT and Suppliers or of these Terms and Conditions even where OWGT or Suppliers suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assists Participant in booking such activities or excursions. Participant's contract for such activity or excursion will be with the organizer or operator of that activity or excursion and will be subject to its Terms & Conditions, which may contain exclusions or limitations of liability. OWGT and Suppliers have no liability for any such activity or excursion or for any act(s) or omission(s) of the organizer or operator or for any of its employees or agents or any other person(s) connected with the activity or excursion. Any advice or assistance on or with any activity or excursion provided by any local representative does not mean or imply that OWGT or Suppliers sells the activity or excursion, supervised, or controlled or that any such advice or assistance is given on behalf of OWGT or Suppliers. Participant is asked to check with the operator of any activity or excursion and the applicable Terms & Conditions before booking.

**Itinerary:** The itinerary as presented in the brochure is tentative and represents what OWGT and the Suppliers is planning for Participant but is subject to confirmations from many organizations. Because of changes in local schedules, Suppliers may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan.

**Travel Insurance:** OWGT and Suppliers highly recommend that Participant purchases travel insurance. OWGT can help with any arrangements and suggestions, but does not endorse nor receive compensation from any insurance Suppliers.

**Liability:** Participant agrees that OWGT, Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church of Oak Park, IL, the Tour Hosts, and/or Suppliers and their staffs will not be responsible for any damage or loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss) incurred by Participant.

**Agreement and Acknowledgement:** Participant agrees that any payment made by them or in their behalf for their name(s) as Participants for this tour will constitute their agreement and acknowledgement that they have read and accept these Terms of Conditions.

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# Registration for Tour Travel

## Personal Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name (Please print) First Name Middle Initial

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Cell Phone Email

Date of Birth; \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male Female

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Yes No

Is your passport valid until at least April 15, 2013? Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

(maybe added later)

(If you do not have a passport, please consult with OWGT IMMEDIATELY!)

Do You Have a Roommate Preference?: \_Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Important Dates/Deadlines

BY 31 May 12	\$250 deposit (non-refundable, but is transferrable)
29 June 12	\$1250
1 Sept 12	BALANCE IN FULL

Questions re. Passports, trip cancellation insurance, or other things can be directed to Dr. Robb Frank of Off We Go Tours at 630.747.5038 or by email at rfrank@planbeforesuccess.com.

### Payment Information:

All payments can be made by check written to **CVI/Off We Go Tours**. Though a check is the preferred mode of payment, Credit Card payments can be made through Off We Go. Due to fluctuating exchange rates, a 3 to 5% up charge MAY be added to all credit card transactions.

### WE RECOMMEND:

FOR EASY REPLACEMENT PURPOSES: Two photocopies of:

- Passport page showing passport number, place and date of issue and photo
- Major credit and/or debit card you intend to take with you to Scotland/Ireland

**I have read and agree with the Terms and Conditions provided to me by Off We Go Tours Inc.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please PRINT name

**OFF WE GO TOURS**

**MEDICAL INSURANCE INFO**

**SUBMIT THIS FORM NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE**

The undersigned recognizes that s/he may encounter certain illnesses or medical emergencies when traveling which may require hospitalization or medical treatment. I further understand that neither Off We Go Tours it's agents or employees nor any service provider nor supplier, and/or Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church of Oak Park, IL (or it's agents or staff) have any responsibility to me or any member of my family for medical costs incurred on my behalf in the event of an illness or medical emergency. Furthermore, I agree to hold harmless Off We GoTours and/or any provider/supplier, and/or Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church of Oak Park , IL for any such costs.

I hereby certify that I am covered by a medical insurance plan and have verified that the coverage provided is in force and effect in the country(ies) to which I am traveling.

PROVIDE A PHOTO COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD, **OR** FILL OUT:

Name of Medical Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Claims

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: this information will be kept confidential by the tour hosts, and will only be used in the event of an emergency. It will be destroyed at the end of the trip, or can be returned to the participant, if so desired.**

**Off We Go Tours**

Medical Information

**SUBMIT THIS FORM NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE**

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Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Bloodtype (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any known allergies, or allergies

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently being treated for any illnesses? If so, please list:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently using any prescription medicines? If so, please provide info.

*(it is incumbent on you to update this information with the tour hosts prior to departure)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage info: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage Info: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Personal Physician phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Emergency Contact Home Phone Cell Phone

PLEASE USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.