

ABBEY BOOKING FORM 2013

I confirm that I have read the information overleaf before completing the details requested below:

Please use one form for each person or produce the same information on a separate sheet.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK CAPITALS

TITLE: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Rev / Dr **FULL NAME** _____

ADDRESS: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Gender: Male Female If coming with a spouse/partner, please give their name _____

Age Group: 18-21 22-25 26-40 41-60 60-69 70-79 80+

Community Link: Are you an Iona Community: MEMBER ASSOCIATE FRIEND none of these

Occupation: _____ Have you stayed with us before? Yes No

Can you manage a top bunk bed? Yes No (if there are only top bunks left, we will contact you to check whether or not you Wish to proceed. with your booking)

Evacuation: In an emergency, would you need assistance to leave the building? yes no

Other information: (do you have a medical condition, special medical diet, disability, special needs, do you snore loudly, are you vegetarian/vegan?)

Dates Applied for: May 25 to 31, 2013 Center applied for: ABBEY

Please enclose a non-refundable deposit of \$100. per person. Make checks payable to: Heartsong

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION WE ARE UNABLE TO OFFER REFUNDS*****

*****IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE OUT TRAVEL / CANCELLATION INSURANCE*****

PLEASE SIGN to acknowledge that you understand accommodation is shared and that you have read both sides of this form:

_____ Date _____
signature

Return application and Deposit by October 10 to:

Susan Copeland
Heartsong
644 Calle de los Amigos
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

STAYING AT THE ABBEY CENTER

The Iona Community welcomes anyone, regardless of age, background or belief, to come and stay in the Abbey or Macleod Centre and share its common life of worship, work and recreation. **These are not conference. or retreat centers.** We do not offer 'lectures', and there are no 'invisible hands' to do the chores. Everyone, staff and guests alike, help with these, so a stay with us means helping with the washing-up and housework in the company of people from all over the world. We also invite you to share in the worship of the Abbey, not only by attending, but, if you wish, by participating in services. There is no internet or wi-fi access for guests but there are two hotels on the island that provide this.

There is also ample time to relax and laugh in *ceilidhs*, impromptu concerts and to use our art and craft facilities and enjoy music and drama. You may wish to read or write in the old library, to be silent in the peace of the church or the hills, to explore this beautiful island with its profusion of wildlife, or visit the white sandy beaches and even swim (if you are hardy!) One of the highlights of every week is the Pilgrimage held each Tuesday (weather permitting) – a guided walk of around 7 miles round the island, visiting places of natural, historical and spiritual significance, and sharing prayer and song on the way. Proper walking boots with good ankle support are essential for this walk.

Living in community will also include a time of reflection and discussion, as part of the whole experience. Your group leader, Susan, will also lead activities appropriate to your pilgrimage to Iona

With the exception of guide dogs and hearing dogs, we cannot take any other pets. Please note that there is a no-smoking policy, and alcohol and illegal drugs may not be possessed or consumed on the premises.

There are public telephones in the center - 01681 700343

ACCOMMODATION: Please note that none of our rooms are *en-suite*, and none have tea/coffee making facilities. Accommodation is mostly up one or two flights of stairs in BUNK-BEDDED rooms for two, but there are also four twin-bedded rooms, one sleeping four, two sleeping three, and, in an annex, two single rooms for those with medical/disability needs, and one six-person room. All rooms sleeping more than two contain bunk beds. Please state your preference when applying if it is important to you, although **WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT EVERYONE WILL BE ALLOCATED THEIR PREFERRED ACCOMMODATION.** All bed linen is provided (duvets), but please bring your own towels

We welcome people in committed relationships with partners of the same or opposite sex to both centres.

MEALS are eaten in the Abbey Refectory on the first floor and the food is simple, healthy and attractive, including home-baking. The diet is mainly vegetarian, with always a vegetarian alternative, and special medical diets will be catered for happily. Please note your requirements on the Booking Form.

DISABLED PEOPLE are also welcome, and while we make every effort to facilitate their stay with maximum comfort, the limitations of the Abbey regarding stairs and the existence of bunk beds must be noted. The Macleod Centre was designed to be wheelchair friendly and there is good access on the ground floor for those with special needs. Please note, however, that one part of the drive up to the Mac is quite steep. We have an electric buggy to help individuals with walking difficulties to get around. Please let us know on this form and on arrival if you would need assistance to leave the building in the event of a fire or other emergency.

THE ISLAND has two general stores, a restaurant, Post Office, craft shops, pottery and bookshop. There is no doctor or chemist's shop so any guests on medication should bring what they will need with them. Basic aspirins, plasters, etc. can be bought in the village shops. There are no banks or ATMs – the nearest are in Oban. There will be opportunities to explore the island, and it is possible in calm weather to sail to the nearby island of Staffa, with its famous Fingal's Cave.

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