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# Father Mike Koller Ireland Pilgrimage

**August 26-September 5, 2024 - 11 Days**

**\$4,899 from Kansas City**

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**Monday, August 26 - Day 1 - DEPART USA** - We depart from Kansas City to connect with our overnight flight to the Emerald Isle. We enjoy beverages, in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast aloft.

**Tuesday, August 27 - Day 2 – GLENDALOUGH & WATERFORD** - After customs and immigration formalities at Dublin Airport, your driver and guide will welcome you to Ireland and take you to your motorcoach. Get a first taste of the Irish countryside with a scenic drive through the Wicklow Mountains. Here we take a guided tour of the sixth century monastic settlement to see the round tower and remains of several churches. The Visitor Center explains the history of this early Christian site which was an important center of learning and well-known throughout Europe. Continue to Waterford, a riverfront city of Viking origins, famous for its hand cut crystal. We visit the House of Waterford Crystal including the world's largest collection of Waterford Crystal and a tour of the factory to see the fascinating process of glass blowing and cutting. There is an opportunity to browse the opulent new store selling crystal. We conclude our day with our first pilgrims Mass at a local church before our "welcome" dinner and overnight in Waterford.

**Wednesday, August 28 - Augustine - Day 3 – BLARNEY & TRALEE** – This morning, we celebrate morning Mass before leaving Ireland's Ancient East and travel cross country to County Kerry in the Southwest. En-route stop in Blarney where we may climb to the battlements of fabled 15th century Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "stone of eloquence". We spend time in the Blarney Woolen Mills where there is an excellent selection of Irish goods. Dinner and overnight in Tralee.

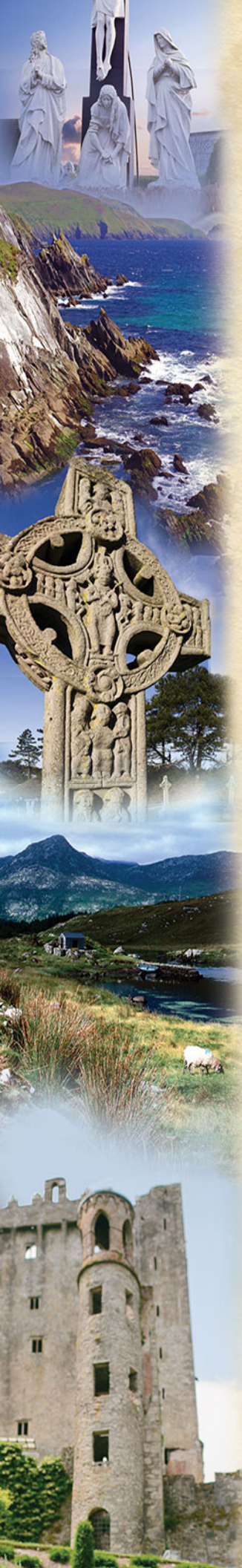
**Thursday, August 29 – Beheading of John- Day 4 – RING OF KERRY** – Today, travel

around the Ring of Kerry, one of Ireland's most popular drives. With its spectacular scenery, unusually mild climate and rapid changes in light and weather, this is a bewitching place of intense beauty. Ireland's highest mountains, the Magillicuddy's Reeks, raise a jagged edge to the sky while at their feet rest three still lakes, studded with little islands, set among forests and lush glens. We drive through the remote villages of Cahirciveen and Derrynane to Sneem, a village of colorful houses grouped around two squares. We continue through Moll's Gap, with its views over the three lakes, and stop at Ladies' View for another spectacular view. We celebrate Mass at a local church before checking in to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Tralee.

**Friday, August 30 - Day 5 – DINGLE PENINSULA & ADARE** – This morning, following Mass at a local church, we enjoy a drive along the Dingle Peninsula. The peninsula juts out into the Atlantic to claim Ireland's most westerly point. Here, majestic hills soar green and purple over vast unspoiled valleys, glittering mountain streams tumble down to lakes, hedgerows blaze with fuchsias, and soft, golden beaches stretch for miles. The peninsula is Gaeltacht, an area where the Irish language is preserved. It also has some two thousand sites of prehistoric and early Christian remains. We stop in the thriving, colorful fishing port town of Dingle before leaving County Kerry on the way to the Limerick area. One final photo stop for the day is in the picturesque village of Adare where thatched houses line the street. This evening, we join in the fun and feasting at Bunratty or Knappogue Castle. Your medieval-style banquet is served in the Great Hall of the 15th century castle during which the lords and ladies of the castle transport you in spirit to the Middle Ages with their songs and stories. Overnight in Limerick/South County Clare.

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**Saturday, August 31 - Day 6 – CLIFFS OF**

**MOHER & GALWAY** – Today, following morning Mass, we journey up the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way and through the rounded limestone hills of the Burren country. Along the way visit the Cliffs of Moher. This impressive wall of rock rises to heights of almost seven hundred feet above the Atlantic and stretches for five miles along the coast. We continue to Galway City and enjoy a walking tour of this bohemian city. We pass by the Spanish Arch in the Claddagh area, formerly a fishing village but now a suburb of the city, and Lynch's Castle, one of the finest town houses remaining in Ireland. Lastly, we visit to the majestic marble catholic Galway Cathedral. In the afternoon spend some time around Eyre Square, the hub of the city, where most of the shops are within easy reach. You may choose to stop by one of the many quaint pubs where traditional Irish music is played, as this evening's dinner is on your own. Overnight at our hotel.

**Sunday, September 1 - Day 7 –**

**CONNEMARA & KNOCK** – This morning, we travel through the Connemara region renowned for its gentle mountains, the Twelve Pins and open landscape with constantly changing skies and subtle colors. We continue the drive past the stark and soaring pinnacle of Croagh Patrick, where tradition tells us that St. Patrick fasted for forty days and won the mountain for Christianity. Pass by Westport, an attractive estate town situated on Clew Bay and on to Knock. We visit Knock Shrine, a center of pilgrimage, where an apparition of the Virgin Mary appeared to fifteen people from the village on August 21, 1879. We celebrate Mass here before concluding our day at our hotel for dinner and overnight in County Mayo.

**Monday, September 2 - 8 – DONEGAL –**

Today, we journey further into the wild northwest and enjoy a tour of the countryside of the untouched County Donegal. It is a region famous for its scenery and varying colors of the hills. We drive along the heavily indented coast, which is open to the Atlantic Ocean, and pass through some fishing villages including Killybegs. We continue through windswept mountains and open countryside where few people can survive but where sheep graze freely. With so many sheep, Donegal is famous for its tweed and wool production, often dyed in soft hues, which reflect the colors of the countryside. We conclude our

day with Mass at a local church before enjoying dinner and overnight in Donegal.

**Tuesday, September 3 – Labor Day - Day 9 –**

**DONEGAL & DUBLIN** – This morning, we travel from west to east toward the capital city of Ireland. En route we stop in the town of Boyle to visit the ruins of Boyle Abbey, which dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. We also visit Strokestown Park House, which dates from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. This fine mansion shows the lifestyle of the affluent owners and the conditions of the servants and farmers of the area during the past centuries. The Famine Museum contains displays and description of the Famine of the 1840's when many Irish emigrated to the United States. We conclude our day with Mass before arriving at our hotel for dinner and overnight in Dublin.

**Wednesday, September 4 - Day 10 - DUBLIN**

– Today, following Mass, a city sightseeing tour will introduce you to this capital city with its many historic buildings, delightful gardens, and lively shopping streets. Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral where author Jonathan Swift was once Dean and then Trinity College where the Book of Kells, an early Christian manuscript of the four gospels, resides. The afternoon is at leisure so that you can browse shops and sightsee independently. If you enjoy shopping, there are a considerable number of department stores and boutiques. On the north side of the city try O'Connell Street with its tree-lined walk of massive statues, or the pedestrianized Henry Street which leads to the Moore Street Market where modern day "Molly Malones" sell cockles, mussels, fruit, and vegetables. The other main shopping hub is around Powerscourt Center, Nassau Street and Grafton Street, Dublin's most fashionable walkway with its gaudy shop signs, department stores, restaurants, and cafes. - In the evening you are free to choose from the many restaurants, theaters, and pubs that Dublin has to offer as dinner is on your own. Overnight in Dublin.

**Thursday, September 5 - Day 11 – RETURN**

**TO USA** – This morning, we transfer to the airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories to cherish always.

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Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until March 5, 2025, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport)

My Roommate:

Address:

City, State & Zip

Telephone:

Email address:

Name(s) to use on nametags:

\_\_\_ Please assign a roommate (if available)

\_\_\_ I prefer a single room - \$925 supplement and limited in number.

\_\_\_ Apply \$50 if booked by May 10, 2024.

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I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost, and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. I have read and understand the Deposit and Cancellation Fees.

Signature

**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect April 10, 2024. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

**PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas but may require COVID vaccination for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until March 5, 2025, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

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**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$925 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$112 plus current fuel surcharges of \$410 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$97 ARE NOT INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

**DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS:** A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of

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