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Catholic Ireland Pilgrimage

September 17-27, 2023 - 11 Days

\$4,699 from Indianapolis

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Sunday, September 17 - Day 1 - DEPART

USA - We depart Indianapolis to connect with our overnight flight to the Emerald Isle. We enjoy beverages, in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast while aloft.

Monday, September 18 - Day 2 -

DUBLIN/GLENDALOUGH/ WATERFORD -

This morning, we are greeted by our Tour Manager and transfer to our motorcoach for our drive across the Wicklow Mountains just south of Dublin on our way to Glendalough. There we visit the 6th century monastic settlement with the ruins of seven churches and a round tower. The nearby Visitor Center explains the history of the region and the settlement. We break for lunch on our own before continuing southwest of the city to Kilbarry for a visit to the famous Waterford Crystal Factory. There we see a demonstration of the blowing and cutting of this popular crystal and visit the showrooms, where there is a permanent exhibition of glassware. We view a wide range of tableware and special trophies and have an opportunity to purchase this world-famous crystal. Depending on flight arrive time, we have an opportunity for our 1st Pilgrimage Mass at either Waterford Cathedral or St. Kevin in Laragh. We celebrate our "welcome" dinner and overnight in Waterford.

Tuesday, September 19 - Day 3 -

WATERFORD/BLARNEY CASTLE/

TRALEE - Today, we travel through Tralee, as we head south to lovely Killarney, where we have time to browse around the town independently. Set in the shadow of Macgillicuddy's Reeks, it is a place of intense beauty and history. We drive into the rich dairy farmland of County Cork to Blarney, where we climb to the battlements of fabled 15th century Blarney Castle, where many go to kiss the famous "stone of eloquence". We pause for lunch on our own before visiting the Blarney Woolen Mills, where there is an excellent selection of authentic Irish goods. We conclude our day with Mass at either Waterford Cathedral or Immaculate Conception Church in Blarney. Dinner and overnight in Tralee.

Wednesday, September 20 - Day 4 - RING OF

KERRY/TRALEE - This morning, we travel around the Ring of Kerry, one of Ireland's most popular scenic 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 stop along the way for lunch on our own as we drive through the remote villages of Cahirciveen and Derrynane to Sneem, a village of picturesque colorful houses grouped around two squares. We continue through Moll's Gap, with its views over the three lakes; stop at Ladies' View for another spectacular view. We celebrate Mass at St. Mary Cathedral in Killarney, or the Franciscan Friary or Prince of Peace Church in nearby Fossa. Dinner and overnight in Tralee.

Thursday, September 21 - St. Matthew - Day 5 -

TRALEE/DINGLE PENINSULA/TRALEE -

Today, we drive through Limerick to the picturesque village of Adare, which is famous for its main street of quaint thatched houses. We then journey into the mountainous country of Kerry and through Tralee. We break for lunch on our own before continuing 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 2000 sites of prehistoric and early Christian remains. We stop in the thriving, colorful fishing port town of Dingle. We celebrate Mass at St. Mary Church our way to Clare for our Medieval banquet at the enchanting Bunratty Castle. Overnight in Limrick/Clare.

Friday, September 22 - Day 6 - LIMERICK/

GALWAY - This morning, we journey south through pleasant farming country to Galway, the capital of the west of Ireland. Here, we view the Cliffs of Moher. This impressive wall of rock rises to heights of almost

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700 feet above the Atlantic and stretches for five miles along the western coast of Ireland. We visit the popular pilgrimage site nearby of St. Brigid's well. The water at this grotto is believed to have healing powers and is visited by thousands each year. While in Galway we see the principal sights as we drive around the city. We pause for lunch on our own before we visit the large modern cathedral set on an island on the River Corrib. We see the Spanish Arch in the Claddagh area, formerly a fishing village but now a suburb of the city. We pass Lynch's Castle, one of the finest town houses remaining in Ireland and now a branch of the Allied Irish Bank. We enjoy some time around Eyre Square, the hub of the city, where most of the shops are within easy walking distance. We celebrate Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in nearby Ballyvaughan or St. Mary Church in Claddagh. Dinner and overnight in Galway.

Saturday, September 23 - Day 7 – GALWAY/ CONNEMARA/KYLEMORE/ KNOCK -

Today, we travel west of Galway, through the Connemara region, known for its constantly-changing skies, subtle colors and the gentle hills of the Maumturk Mountains. Wrapped around the Twelve Pins, or Benna Beola, and jutting out into the Atlantic, is a landscape of wild, rocky bogland, of ragged coastline colored with the autumnal shades of seaweed, and pine trees on tiny pincushion islands mirrored in the loughs. We visit Kylemore Abbey, a 19th century neo-Gothic mansion rising from the shores of Fannon Pool and backed by the thickly wooded escarpments of Doughruagh. We then continue to the pilgrimage town of Knock, to visit Knock Shrine, one of the world's leading shrines to the apparition of the Virgin Mary, who appeared to 15 people on August 21, 1879. We celebrate Mass there at the shrine. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Mayo/Knock area.

Sunday, September 24 - Day 8 – DONEGAL -

This morning, we tour the countryside of Donegal, with a stop at at Drumcliffe Churchyard, which contains the grave of the famous writer, W. B. Yeats. Donegal is a region famous for its scenery and varying colors of the hills. We drive along the heavily indented coast which opens to the Atlantic Ocean and pass through some fishing villages including Killybegs. We enjoy lunch on our own along the way, before continuing through windswept mountains and open countryside where few people can survive but where sheep graze freely. With so many sheep, Donegal is world-famous for its tweed and wool production, often dyed in the soft hues reflecting the colors of the countryside. We celebrate Mass at St. Mary of the Visitation along the way. Dinner and overnight in Donegal.

Monday, September 25 - Day 9 – DONEGAL/ DUBLIN –

Today, we pass through Bundoran, as we travel across the country, through heart of Ireland. We stop in the town of Boyle, to visit the ruins of Boyle Abbey, which dates from the 12th century. We visit Strokestown Park House, which dates from the 17th 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 descriptions of the Famine of the 1840's, when many Irish emigrated to the United States. We stop for lunch on our own along the way. We celebrate Mass at either Our Lady, Start of the Sea Church while in Bundoran, Boyle Abbey or St. Mary Pro Cathedral before entering Dublin. This evening, dinner will be on our own at one of the many great restaurants that populate this Capital City!

Overnight in Dublin.

Tuesday, September 26 - Day 10 - DUBLIN–

This morning, we enjoy a city sightseeing tour, introducing us to this capital city with its many historic buildings, delightful gardens, and lively shopping streets. We visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, where author Jonathan Swift was once Dean. We stop at the Epic- The Irish Museum of Emigration, which is dedicated to those who left Ireland for hopes of a better life during a bleak time in Irish history. This afternoon, following lunch on our own, we enjoy leisure time to browse, shop and sightsee independently. There are a great number of department stores and boutiques. On the north side of the city is 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 café's. We celebrate Mass along our route at either Whitefriar Carmelite Church, St. Mary Pro Cathedral, or Newman University Church. This evening, our "farewell" dinner will be at our hotel or one of the many restaurants that dot the area.

Overnight in Dublin.

Wednesday, September 27 Day 11 – DUBLIN/USA

– Today, we transfer to the airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories we will 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 27, 2024, or later.)

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___ I/we wish to purchase optional travel insurance starting at \$245 now in order to cover preexisting conditions. (See "Travel Insurance" on pilgrimage terms for price and details.)

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Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect August 29, 2022. 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 27, 2024, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on American Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

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 \$572 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 \$102 plus current fuel surcharges of \$400 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$99 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 tour. Final payments received by Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made within 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include

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