

# Catholic Pilgrimage to Ireland

May 16-27, 2023 - 12 Days

\$4,199 from El Paso

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**Tuesday, May 16 - Day 1 - DEPART USA** - We depart El Paso to connect with our transatlantic flight aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast aloft.

**Wednesday, May 17 - Day 2 - DUBLIN** - We arrive in Dublin and are met by our guide and clear customs. Depending on our arrival time we have lunch on our own at a local Irish pub, then we are taken to our hotel for check in. The remainder of the day is for personal exploration or rest following our overnight flight. This evening we gather for dinner and overnight at our hotel in Dublin.

**Thursday, May 18 - Ascension - Day 3 - DUBLIN** - This morning our city sightseeing tour will introduce you to this capital city with its many historic buildings and delightful gardens. Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral where author Jonathan Swift was once Dean and then visit Trinity College where the Book of Kells, an early Christian manuscript of the four gospels is housed. Following lunch on our own, we will visit Ireland's number one visitor attraction that takes you deep into the heart of the world-famous Guinness brand and company. The Storehouse has several floors and a glass atrium that is shaped in the form of a pint of Guinness. On the top floor, you will find the "Gravity Bar" which will provide you with great views of Dublin and a pint of Guinness. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Dublin.

**Friday, May 19 - Day 4 - DUBLIN/DROGHEDA/NEWGRANGE/DUBLIN** - Following breakfast we make our way to Drogheda to the shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett. Here we celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Church. From here we travel to the Neolithic passage grave site of Newgrange. Older than the Pyramids of Egypt, it has housed the remains of a Stone Age People for 5,000 years. Returning to Dublin and following lunch on our own, the remainder of the day is free time for shopping, exploring, or resting. Tonight, dinner is on our own as we explore the many culinary options the capital has to offer. Overnight at our hotel in Dublin.

**Saturday, May 20 - Day 5 - GLENDALOUGH/WATERFORD** - This morning, it's onward to visit one of Ireland's most important monastic monasteries founded by St. Kevin located in Glendalough, also known as "The Valley of the Two Lakes". We continue to Waterford, a riverfront city of Viking Origins, famous for its hand cut crystal. We visit the House of Waterford Crystal and enjoy a tour of the factory to see the fascinating process of glass blowing and cutting. There will be an opportunity to browse the opulent new store selling the crystal. Dinner and overnight in Waterford.

**Sunday, May 21 - Day 6 - BLARNEY CASTLE/KILLARNEY** - This morning we leave Waterford and drive along the beautiful south coast. We make a stop in the delightful, picturesque villages of Dungarvan and Youghal, pronounced "Yawl". We continue towards Cork to visit Blarney Castle. We climb to the battlements of the 15<sup>th</sup> century castle to kiss the famous "stone of eloquence". We enjoy lunch on our own, then experience the best shopping opportunity of the tour - The Blarney Woolen Mills - which offer a wide range of Irish merchandise. We continue, driving into the beautiful lake and mountain region of the famous Killarney National Park in County Kerry. We arrive in Killarney, nestled at the foot of the Magillicuddy's Reefs, Ireland's highest mountains. Dinner and overnight in Killarney.

**Monday, May 22 - Day 7 - RING OF KERRY/KILLARNEY** - 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, that is a bewitching place of intense beauty. We drive through the remote villages of Cahirciveen and Derrynane, to Sneem, a village of colorful houses grouped around two squares. Set in the spectacular scenery of Molls Gap on the Ring of Kerry, Kissane Sheep Farm is a traditional, working sheep farm with approximately 1,000 mountain sheep and hundreds of lambs. We visit the farm and enjoy its activities such as Sheepdog demonstrations, Sheep shearing demonstrations, and bottle feeding the orphan (pet) lambs in season. Moving on to Killarney National Park we relax aboard a jaunty car as your Jarvey (driver) takes you through the magnificent scenery of the park. The scenery is stunning, and the trap will stop as often as you wish to facilitate your taking photographs. Tonight, we once again enjoy dinner on our own at a local pub or restaurant. Overnight at our hotel in Killarney.

**Tuesday, May 23 - Day 8 - DINGLE/MEDIEVAL BANQUET** - We depart Killarney this morning and drive through the busy market town of Killorglin, and out along the Dingle Peninsula. The peninsula is in Gaeltacht, an area where the Irish language is preserved. It also has some 2,000 sites of prehistoric and early Christian remains. We stop in the thriving Dingle before driving north to the picturesque village of Adare, with a broad main street lined with thatched houses, crumbling ruins, and Gothic style mansions, all set in a bend of the River Maigue. This evening, we join in a fun and feasting at Knappogue Castle or similar. Your medieval-style banquet is served in the Grand Hall of the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Wednesday, May 24 - Day 9 - CLIFFS OF MOHER/GALWAY** - Today we drive to the coast of County Clare to visit the famous Cliffs of Moher. This impressive wall of rock rises to heights of almost 700 feet above the Atlantic and stretches for five miles along the coast. After our visit, we continue to Galway City, the capital of the west, where we check in to our hotel and have some personal time to browse, shop, or do some independent sightseeing before dinner and overnight at our hotel in Galway.

**Thursday, May 25 - DAY 10 - GALWAY/KNOCK SHRINE/GALWAY** - Following our traditional Irish breakfast, we travel to the highlight of our Catholic journey, the Knock Shrine. On August 21, 1879, the Virgin Mary appeared to 15 people from the village. We celebrate Mass here. After our visit we return to Galway for an early dinner at our hotel. Later, we go out to attend "Trad on the Prom". Ireland's premier music, song, and dance experience. Dinner and overnight in Galway.

**Friday, May 26 - DAY 11 - CLONMACNOIS/DUBLIN** - The itinerary today takes us across Ireland from west coast to east coast. Leaving Galway, drive to the midlands into west County Offaly, rich in prehistoric treasures. We stop to visit one of the largest and greatest ecclesiastical centers ever founded in Ireland, Clonmacnois. Set on the banks of the River Shannon, Clonmacnois was founded in 545 AD and contains a round tower and the remains of nine churches. After our visit we continue east and stop at the Tullamore Dew Visiting Center, to tour one of Ireland's premier whiskey distilleries. After the tour, we will have the opportunity to taste 3 of their popular blends. We enjoy lunch on our own at their onsite restaurant before moving on to Dublin. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Dublin.

**Saturday, May 27 - DAY 12 - DUBLIN/USA** - Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories to cherish always.

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to [www.Unitours.com/questions](http://www.Unitours.com/questions)."

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Please reserve \_\_\_ seats on this Catholic Pilgrimage to Ireland - May 16-27, 2023

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

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until November 27, 2023, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport

My Roommate:

Address:

City, State & Zip

Telephone:

Email address:

Name(s) to use on nametags

Charge my deposit to \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_ Discover

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Exp. Date

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 6, 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 35 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 November 27, 2023, 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 \$602 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 \$104 plus current fuel surcharges of \$400 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$109 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 full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date including insurance. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc. **BANK FEE:** A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

**DEVIATIONS:** A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See [www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance](http://www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance) for full details including optional Cancel for any reason coverage. (NOT AVAILABLE FOR NEW YORK RESIDENTS.) Cost of travel insurance for this trip starts at \$206. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased with your reservation. (See reservation form). If paying by check, add insurance cost to your deposit. Insurance can also be purchased at the time of your final payment.

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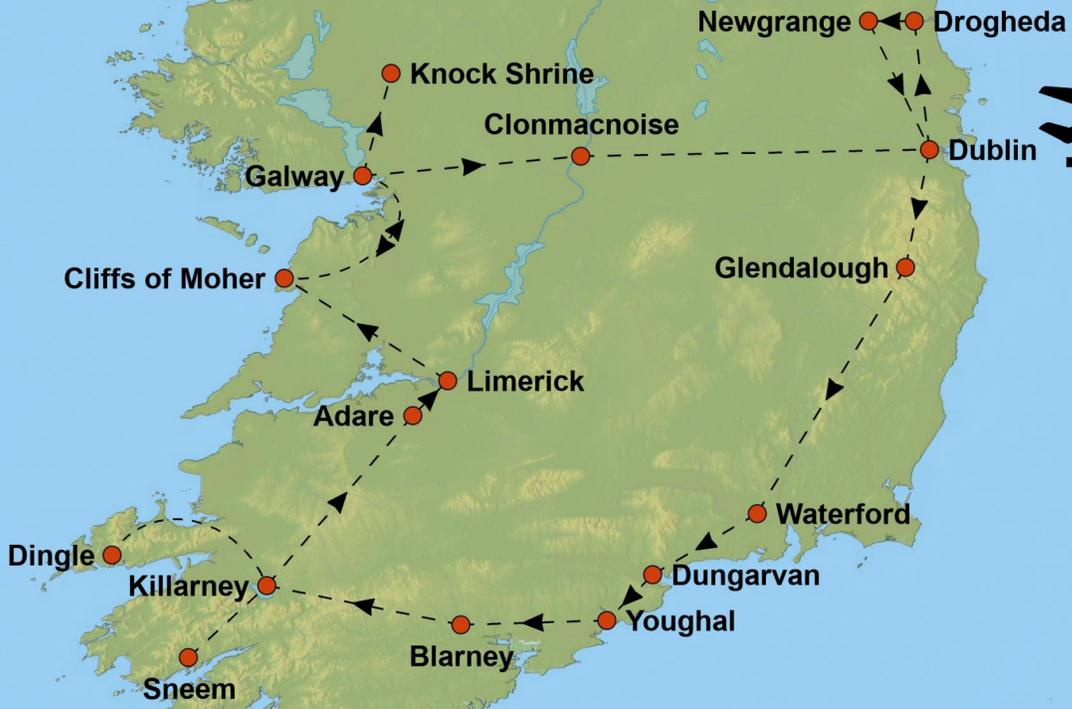


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