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## Photos

### $\mathbf{V}$ O'Brien's Tower at the Cliffs of Moher



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Day 1: Sunday, September 22, 2024, USA / DUBLIN Pilgrims are welcomed at an international **airport** for our departing flight to the Emerald Isle aboard a wide-bodied jet, arriving the next morning. Meals are served on board.

### Day 2: Monday 9/23, DUBLIN / DOWNPATRICK / BELFAST

Upon our arrival in Dublin, we meet our full-time tour escort, board our private coach, and proceed north **to Downpatrick**. We stop in for a visit at the St. Patrick's Centre, where Dr. Tim Campbell will speak on St. Pat-rick's vision. Then, we visit the Down Cathedral, the histori-cal burial place of Saint Patrick and visit his grave. We continue to Belfast and proceed to Saint Malachy's Church, the 3rd oldest Catholic Church in the city of Belfast. It's ecclesiastical style was inspired by the Tudor period but its



fan vaulted ceilings are an architectural adaptation from the Henry VII Chapel in Westminster Abbey. The church boasts the largest bell in Belfast which sounds at least three times daily. After Mass, we check in at our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]

### Day 3: Tuesday 9/24, BELFAST

We delve into some of the incredible history that surrounds Belfast. We begin northeast of the city in Carrickfergus, home to a castle that tops the list of best preserved in Northern Ireland. Dominating Lough Belfast's shoreline, we'll see why its strategic position ensured success in defending against invaders and sieges. For nearly 600 years **Carrickfergus Castle** was used in battles including the American War of Independence, the Napoleonic Wars and the first World War but in 1928 its future was to become a preserved monument. See the battlements, can-nons, and positional views. Inside, we see the thickness of its walls, arrow slits, and more. From there, we return to Belfast, where we learn more about the ship-build-ing industry, particularly the well-known RMS Titanic. We spend some time at the **Titanic Museum**. Master-planned, the museum sits where the RMS Titanic was designed, built, and launched. We learn about its path from conception to its ill-fated place in history. Belfast is compact and walkable. The **remainder of the day is free** 

to explore on our own. Suggestions include: Check out the murals (Shankhill Road/Falls Road area) or take a black taxi tour to see city highlights. This evening, join new friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Irish' cuisine at the restaurant of your choice as <u>din-</u> <u>ner is on your own</u> Overnight in Belfast. [B]



Day 4: Wednesday 9/25, BELFAST / GIANT'S CAUSE-WAY / LOUGH DERG (ST PATRICK'S PURGATORY) / SLIGÓ

Our morning begins with drive to Giant's Causeway, a unique geological landscape that is truly unlike any place

else on earth. The causeinterway's locking hexagonal columns, resulting from basaltic the lava of an ancient volcanic eruption 6 million years ago, forevchanged eř County Antrim's northern coast, earning it the prestige of a "Unesco World Heritage Site" title. Reading and

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the causeway does not begin to offer any realistic glimpse into this natural phenomenon. Only seeing is believing! Therefore, we shall "see". From there, we drive to an ancient site of pilgrimage on a small island called Lake of the Cave (now Simply Lough Derg), where a 5th-century legend says Christ revealed to St. Patrick the entrance to Purgatory. We explore Lough Derg (St. Patrick's Purgatory) and then travel to Sligo to check in at our hotel for dinner and every and the second to be a second to overnight. [B,D]

### Day 5: Thursday 9/26, SLIGO / KNOCK / BALLINTUB-**BER ABBEY / WESTPORT**

Today we travel to Knock, a humble village whose shrine attracts pilarims from all over the world, including Pope Saint John Paul II (1979) and Saint Mother Teresa (1993). On August 21



1879, the eve of the Octave of the Assumption, the parish church of Knock was the scene of a heavenly apparition. The Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, and an altar with a Lamb upon it were seen by 15 townsand an altar with a Lamb upon it were seen by 15 towns-people. The saints were silent; no message was given to the people, only an example of prayer and a rich sym-bolism in their appearances. We visit the location of the apparition, the Basilica of Our Lady, and have the opportunity to explore the grounds. From there, we head to Ballintubber Abbey which was founded in 1216 by an Irish King after St. Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland. We tour the Abbey and hear the story of Sean patrix patrice in the patrice priori bunter. Nearby: na' Sagart, the notorious priest hunter. Nearby is the an-cient, sacred path called Tóchar Phádraig that connects the Abbey to Croagh Patrick. Next, we travel to Westport to check in at our hotel. Westport is so quaint and charming that it makes exploring easy and fun. Wander the streets and sample authentic Irish fare at the restaurant or pub of your choice as dinner is on your own. After dinner, choose from the endless options of pubs occupying every other storefront and enjoy a glass of Guinness or a mug of Irish ale. The city boasts one of the most well-

known and visited pubs around, Matt Malloy's. Many of the pubs, including Matt Malloy's, have traditional Irish music and/or dancing as well. Overnight in Westport. [B]

# Day 6: Friday 9/27, WESTPORT / CROAGH PATRICK / KYLEMORE / CONNEMARA AREA HOTEL

We drive **to Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Moun-tain**. It was at Croagh Patrick's summit where in 441 AD St. Patrick spent forty days and forty nights devoted to Lenten prayer and fasting. We explore the foothills of Croagh Patrick and see the National Famine Memorial, the sculpted "famine ship" with skeletal depictions. It's a visual reminder of the devastation the county of Ireland suffered, especially the western regions where the impact was the most severe. Then, you choose how to spend the next several hours...

- [HIKERS]: Those interested in a challenge should make the arduous hike to the summit. The visual and spiritual rewards are worth your physical investment. [Notes: Weather Permitting. Reasonable level of fitness and hiking experience recommended. Expect it to take a half day. Wear well supported walking shoes/boots as terrain is in its natural state. Walking stick are advised and there is a rental booth to do so. Have a hearty breakfast. Pack a snack and water. Bring a change of clothes].
- [NON-HIKERS]: For those who prefer a different option, the coach will transport you to the Westport House which is just 15 minutes away. The historic Westport House, where we see artifacts, artwork and original antiques that offer an insight into this well-preserved and important piece of Irish heritage. The famous Pirate Queen (Grace O'Malley) built one of her castles here in the 1500's and there has been a "big house" on the grounds ever since then. The current "big house" was built by the Browne family in 1730 and it remains in their family today. Of the 30 rooms, 5 exhibits are open to the public.

The coach will gather the Westport House group and return to the mountain to pick up those who hiked. Then, we make our way to the shores of Kylemore Lough to visit **Kylemore**. Upon our arrival, we break for lunch at the onsite restaurant (on your own). After lunch we gather to tour the gothic castle, now a Benedictine Abbey. We enjoy time explor-ing the Abbey, gardens, and the walk along the lake up to the beautiful chapel. We proceed to our hotel in the Connemara area to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



## Day 7: Saturday 9/28, CONNEMARA AREA HOTEL / CONNEMARA / MAMEAN (PILGRIMAGE WALK) / CONG / CONNÉMARA AREA HOTEL

Today we enjoy the sites of the Connemara, characterized by peat bogs, rugged, mountainous terrain and lush countryside that is home to a great variety of wildlife. We will stop to do the Máméan Pilgrimage Walk (weather

permitting). Formerly a pagan site, it was "christianised" by St. Patrick and has since become an important pilgrimage site. [Note: not suitable for wheelchairs/walkers]. From there, we stop in **Cong**, home of the remains of the 12-century **Cong Abbey**. The village is also noted for be-ing the set of "**The Quiet Man**", a Hollywood classic star-ring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Landmarks from the film are scattered throughout the village and we'll get to see a few. We return to our hotel in the Connemara area for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

# Day 8: Sunday 9/29, CONNEMARA AREA HOTEL / GALWAY / LIMERICK

After Mass at the Galway Cathedral (subject to confirma-tion), we spend the day in the city, where we are exposed to a vibrant cultural experience packed with street artists, magicians and musicians, restaurants, shops, and more. You will have plenty of free time to explore on your own or take an optional walking tour with the tour escort to explore Column site. From there we make our works to explore Galway city. From there we make our way **to** Limerick to check in for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]** 



Day 9: Monday 9/30, LIMERICK / CLIFFS OF MOHER / ADARE / BUNRATTY / LIMERICK This morning we depart Limerick for the incredible and dramatic Cliffs of Moher, where nearly 5 miles of layered black shale and sandstone cliff rock defiantly soars almost 700 feet above the aggressive might of the Atlantic Ocean. The grandeur of this breathtaking natural phenomenon makes it a "must see" for locals and country guests. The best vantage point (weather permitting) is from O'Briens tower located on the highest cliff. Next, we travel to Adare, a beautifully manicured village of thatch-roof cottages. We visit Holy Trinity Church and then continue to Bunratty to explore the grounds and attend Bunratty Castle's festive Medieval Banquet, a traditional-Irish dinner experience Medieval Banquet, a traditional-Irish dinner experience with story-telling and song. Afterwards, we return to Lim-erick. Overnight in Limerick. **[B,D]** 

## Day 10: Tuesday 10/1, LIMERICK / GALLARUS ORATORY / DINGLE PENINSULA (SLEA HEAD AND **DINGLE) / KILLARNEY**

Our day begins with the journey to the Dingle Peninsula which thrusts out into the Atlantic Ocean to claim Ireland's most westerly point. Here, majestic hills soar in hues of green and purple over vast unspoiled valleys. Mountain streams tumble down to lakes, hedge rows blaze with fustreams tumble down to lakes, hedge rows blaze with fu-chias and golden beaches stretch for miles. The Dingle Peninsula is a place of intense, shifting beauty. We visit historic **Gallarus Oratory**, believed to be over 1000 years old and is the best preserved ancient church in Ireland. It's one of the few remaining shrines of this type to sur-vive today and is the most distinctive edifice on the Din-gle peninsula. It is typical of the type of church in which St. Patrick himself worshipped. Then, we wind around the picturesque coast to **Slea Head and Dingle**. Our journey today concludes as we travel **to Killarney** to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight **IB D1** our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

# Day 11: Wednesday, October 2, 2024, KILLARNEY / GOUGANE BARRA PARK / COBH / CORK



We head to Gougane Barra Park where a scenic backdrop of towering hills collide with the tranquil beauty of Gougane Barra Lake on the shore of the River Lee. St. Finbarr's Or**atory** is uniquely positioned there to afford guests the opportunity to enjoy the

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opportunity to enjoy the majestic landscape in a prayerful, peaceful environment conducive to intimate one-on-one time with Jesus. Just behind the Oratory are the remains of St Finbarr's Monastery from the 6th-century. From there, we proceed **to Cobh** which was known as Queenstown before reverting back in 1922 to its old Irish name. Cobh (meaning the cove of Cork) is full of poignant memories because of its embarkation point for travel to America. Remember, Cobh was the last port of call for the ill-fated Titanic. This waterside town is comcall for the ill-fated Titanic. This waterside town is com-prised of brightly colored homes where its streets climb steep slopes leading to beautiful **St. Colman's Cathedral** that crowns the top. From there, we proceed **to Cork** to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]** 

# Day 12: Thursday 10/3, CORK / ROCK OF CASHEL / HOLY CROSS ABBEY / GLENDALOUGH / DUBLIN

On this full day, we begin at the **Rock of Cashe**l, an impressive medieval complex called "The Acropolis of Ancient Ireland" and is one of the most spectacular archeological sites in the country. Dating from the 4th century, it was originally used as a fortress. Mighty stone walls encircle a complete round tower, a roofless abbey, a 12th-century Romanesque chapel, and numerous other buildings and high crosses. It was here that St. Patrick converted the King of Munster. Our next stop is at **Holy Cross Abbey**. Built in 1169, Benedictines and Cistercians have occupied the Abbey during different periods of its history. Here we view a piece of the True Cross. From there, we proceed to the monastic settlement established in the 6th century by St. Kevin. Born in 498 of royal blood, St. Kevin had rejected his life of privilege to live as a hermit in a cave in **Glendalough** (pronounced Glen-dole-lock). Amid the ruins, one can feel the powerful sense of peace and tranguility. Our day concludes as we head **to Dublin** to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]** On this full day, we begin at the Rock of Cashel, an im-

Day 13: Friday 10/4, DUBLIN Dublin is a city known for its modern influences uniquely blended with the beauty and heritage of the past. We be-gin with a **brief city tour**, where we see the statue-lined O'Connell Street, Georgian Squares, and Phoenix Park. We of Kells". We visit there, view the book, and then stop to see St. Mary's Pro Cathedral. We enjoy a bit of **free time** to explore. Those interested in souvenir shopping should check out Carroll's as the chain of stores offer a wide selection of merchandise at quite reasonable prices. Other suggestions include: This evening, we meet in the hotel lobby for our transportation to **The Merry Ploughboy Pub** for a festive **farewell dinner** to the sounds of tradi-tional Irish music. Overnight in Dublin. **[B,D]** 

Day 14: Saturday, October 5, 2024, DUBLIN / USA This morning we begin our journey back to the United States. Our journey offered our mind and soul a treasure trove of memories inspired by God's majestic landscape and a world we explore one pilgrimage at a time. [B]

## Photos

### **▼**GLENDALOUGH



▼NATIONAL FAMINE MEMORIAL (CROAGH PATRICK)



▼HOLY CROSS ABBEY



▼Gougane Barra Park



### TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 2/14/2024 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$109 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Twelve full hot breakfasts and ten dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: •: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$529); •: tips to guides, drivers and meal servers (est. - \$15 per day); and •: optional travel protection. A travel protection flyer will be provided with more information. Also not included: airline baggage fees, luggage handlers, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature.

**NOTE**: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

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▶ [PENALTY PHASE ONE] In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 5/25/2024 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ [PENALTY PHASE TWO] From 5/25/2024 to 6/22/2024 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ [PENALTY PHASE THREE] If cancellation is received after 6/22/2024 refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater.

There will be no refund for cancellations within 65 days of departure.

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**NOTE**: Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights, automatically advances into the next penalty level or the current level, whichever is greater. Once the change request/alteration is made, those arrangements are final and can NOT be changed back to the group arrangement.

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect you and your trip investment. Plans can provide benefits such as Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. You will be mailed a travel protection flyer along with an enrollment and waiver form. Full terms and details of a travel insurance plan, including limitations and exclusions can be found in the travel insurance plan policy or description for coverage. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

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