



# Tekton Ministries

*"Serving God's people on their journey of faith"*



*Pilgrimage to*

# IRELAND



September 10<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## ✧ Pilgrimage Itinerary ✧



### ✧ Day 1 – Sep. 10: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Ireland. Meals and drinks served aloft.

### ✧ Day 2 - Sep. 11: Arrive Dublin

Upon arrival in Dublin we will be met by our local Irish guide and transfer to a nearby hotel. Dublin is the vibrant capital of Ireland, with a romantic aura of Old World Europe. The remainder of the day is free.

### ✧ Day 3 - Sep. 12: Dublin

Today we will enjoy a full day city tour of Dublin including visits to Trinity College to see the famous Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes Church where we will



see the Shrine of Matt Talbot, the Carmelite Church on Whitefriar Street where we will see the Shrine of St. Valentine, and Gardiner Street Church where we will visit the tomb of Fr. John Sullivan whose cause for canonization is in process in Rome. This evening enjoy dinner at a local pub with traditional Irish music.

### ✧ Day 4 - Sep. 13: Dublin / Cork

Depart Dublin for Glendalough. Tucked away in the Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough was established by St. Kevin in the 6th century. This most romantic of monastic sites was one of Ireland's greatest pilgrimage centers up to the middle of the 19th century. After Mass in Glendalough we will then proceed to the Rock of Cashel which is the site of the conversion of the King of Munster by St. Patrick in the 5th century.



- Continue on to Cork for overnight.

### ✧ Day 5 - Sep. 14: Cork / Killarney

- This morning we will enjoy a tour of Cork including visits to the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne where we will celebrate Mass, St. Finbarr's Cathedral, the Quays, Parliament Bridge and St. Ann's Shandon Church. We will then drive a short distance to Blarney where we will visit Blarney Castle, which dates back to 1446 and served as McCarthy's stronghold. We will climb onto the Battlements to reach the Blarney Stone, said to impart the gift of eloquence to all that kiss it.
- After some shopping time in the Blarney Woollen Mills depart for Killarney, situated in a spectacular location amidst mountains, glens and lakes. This evening you may wish to take an optional jaunting



- car ride, the traditional form of local transport by horse drawn wagon.

### ✧ Day 6 - Sep. 15: Killarney

- This morning we will celebrate Mass at the Franciscan Friary in Killarney. Then take an excursion along the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as "The Ring of Kerry."
- It is undoubtedly one of the most magical places in all Ireland. Here bogs, mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is often breathtaking beyond words. Even the names of the towns seem to whisper their beauty: Cahirciveen, Glenbeigh, Killorglin and Sneem. Visit Muckross House and Abbey before returning to our hotel in Killarney for the night.

☞ **Day 7 - Sep. 16: Killarney / Galway**

This morning we will celebrate Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral. We will then depart Killarney and drive to the charming village of Adare for a brief visit before taking a ferry across the River Shannon from Tarbert to Killimer. We will then travel via the lunar landscape of the Burren to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic great sheer rock face rising 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to Galway, "the City of the Tribes", and check into our hotel.

☞ **Day 8 - Sep. 17: Galway**

A ferry trip will take us to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. With forts, early Christian churches, villages, cliffs and caves, this island tilts up to the precipitous heights and prehistoric settlement at Dun Aengus, which hangs 100 meters above the sea.



☞ **Day 9 - Sep. 18: Galway / Knock**

This morning we will enjoy a tour of Galway including Eyre Square, the Spanish Arch, the Quays, the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas where we will celebrate Mass. We will then depart Galway and travel through Connemara, an area of outstanding scenic grandeur. There is a brooding sense of Ireland's ancient culture and traditions in this haunted and mystical area where Gaelic is still the everyday language. Visit and celebrate Mass at Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied today by the Irish Benedictine community of nuns who came from Ypres after World War I. Continue to Knock, where 14 people saw a vision of Our Lady with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist in 1879.

☞ **Day 10 - Sep. 19: Knock**

This morning we celebrate Mass in the magnificent Basilica next to the original church where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1879 and where Pope John Paul II announced that the Church would be known as the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. In the afternoon there will be free time for individual worship and to enjoy Knock. For those with the stamina, take an optional excursion to climb the holy mountain of Croagh Patrick where St. Patrick spent the 40 days of lent in the year 441 AD in prayer and fasting. Afterwards visit Ballintubber Abbey (c.1216), the one abbey where Catholics have continued to gather for Mass for the last 800 years, despite the savage persecution. Return to Knock.

☞ **Day 11 - Sep. 20: Knock / Armagh**

This morning we will depart Knock and drive to Armagh which is one of Ireland's oldest cities and has been its spiritual capital for over 1,500 years. Visit the Cathedral of St. Patrick, his Primatial See, where we will celebrate Mass. Then take a tour of the historic center of the city.

☞ **Day 12 - Sep. 21: Armagh / Dublin**

Depart Armagh and travel to Downpatrick to visit Down Cathedral and the tombs of St. Patrick, St. Brigit and St. Columkille. Then drive south and stop to see the Celtic crosses in the historic ruins of Monasterboice and then continue on to the Hill of Slane where St. Patrick is said to have lit an Easter fire as a challenge to the pagan High King of Tara. Continue on to Drogheda to visit St. Peter's Catholic Church containing the embalmed head of Oliver Plunkett, an archbishop martyred in 1681. After Mass we will continue on to Dublin where we will spend our final evening in Ireland.

☞ **Day 13 - Sep. 22: Depart Dublin**

Following breakfast transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

**Pilgrimage Price**

**\$3,745.00**

*per person/double occupancy*

*For a single occupancy please add \$881.00*

*For land only, please subtract: \$443.00*

**These rates include:**

- \* Arrangements for daily Mass
- \* Roundtrip economy class airfare from Birmingham to Dublin on Delta Airlines/KLM
- \* 11 nights accommodation
- \* All hotel taxes, parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- \* Breakfast and dinner daily at each hotel
- \* Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 12
- \* Professional local guide from arrival until departure
- \* All entrance fees as per itinerary
- \* Land transportation by private deluxe motor coach
- \* Arrival and departure transfers; group flights only
- \* Porterage of one piece of luggage at hotels
- \* Gratuities to driver-guide and hotel/restaurant staff

**These rates do not include:**

- \* Airline taxes/fuel surcharges \$550.83 per person (subject to change until the time of ticketing).
- \* Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

*Departures from other airports available upon request.*

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**Reservations and Payment:** Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 22 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any any airline penalties and other charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$150.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

**Travel Documents:** A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Ireland. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on Delta Airlines and KLM. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

**Not Included:** Passport/visa fees, Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$550.83, subject to change until the time of ticketing), personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

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