



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WALK THE PILGRIM'S PATH: *CASTLES, CATHEDRALS, & CELTIC CROSSES*



YOU'RE INVITED
ON A PILGRIMAGE TO
IRELAND

June 15 - 26, 2022

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life. By visiting holy sites throughout Ireland, and walking in the footsteps of numerous saints, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Although we visit numerous sites and shrines, daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35) Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

● Day 1 - Wednesday, June 15

Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Rome. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

● Day 2 - Thursday, June 16

Arrive Dublin

Upon arrival in Dublin we will be met by our local Irish tour manager, who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. Depending upon our flight arrival time, we proceed into Dublin proper, the vibrant capital of Ireland, for a tour of this romantic, Old-World European city. Beginning at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, we venerate the tomb of Venerable Matt Talbot, 20th century commoner known for overcoming his alcoholism through the power of faith, then continue to St. Mary's Pro Cathedral – the Catholic Cathedral of Dublin. Visit Trinity College to see the famous Book of Kells, the 9th century illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels and end our day by visiting the Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church where we will venerate the relics of St. Valentine the Martyr at his shrine contained within the church, as well as the statue known as Our Lady of Dublin, the best loved statue in the city. Proceed to our hotel for check-in, dinner, and overnight. (D)



St. Mary's Pro Cathedral

● Day 3 - Friday, June 17

Dublin / Clonmacnoise / Knock

Depart Dublin this morning for the early Christian monastery of Clonmacnoise, founded by St. Ciaran on the banks of the River Shannon. Here we have the opportunity to explore the ruins, including the cathedral, two round towers, and numerous churches. We can take time to examine the various crosses and medieval writings, along with the largest collection of Early Christian grave slabs in Western Europe, before continuing to Knock for our overnight. (B, D, Mass)

● Day 4 - Saturday, June 18

Knock / Kylemore Abbey / Galway

This morning we celebrate Mass and First Saturday Devotions 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. Depart Knock and proceed to Kylemore Abbey, the only remaining home of Benedictine nuns in Ireland. Depending upon availability, we will visit and have tea with the nuns here. Venture through Connemara, an area of outstanding scenic grandeur, on our way to Galway. 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. Afterwards, check into our hotel in Galway, known as the "City of the Tribes," with the remainder of the day free to explore this charming city. (B, D, Mass)



Our Lady of Knock



Kylemore Abbey

● Day 5 - Sunday, June 19

Galway - Aran Islands

This morning we drive to Rossaveal where we will board a ferry for a trip to the largest of the Aran Islands, Inishmore. 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 100m above the sea. After exploring Inishmore we will return by ferry to Rossaveal and then return to Galway, where we will visit the cathedral dedicated to Our Lady and St. Nicholas and the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas with its famous Spanish Arch from where Columbus prayed before sailing to the Americas. (B, D, Mass)

● Day 6 - Monday, June 20

Galway / Cliffs of Moher / Ardferf / Tralee / Killarney

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 Ardfer to view the remains of the cathedral once dedicated to St. Brendan. Various aspects of the ruins date as far back as the 12th century, though the orifican monastery founded by St. Brendan stood here as early as the 6th century. Proceed to Tralee and the Church of St. John, famed for its numerous stained-glass windows depicting scriptural and sacramental scenes. Finally, journey to Killarney, where, time permitting, this evening you may explore the interesting craft shops, quaint historic buildings and churches, or perhaps sample the traditional form of local transport, the jaunting car (a horse drawn wagon). *(B, D, Mass)*

● **Day 7 - Tuesday, June 21**
Killarney – Ring of Kerry

Today we travel 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: Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, and Sneem. Stops along this route may include the Daniel O’Connell Memorial Church in Cahersiveen and Holy Cross Church in Kenmare. In addition, we will enjoy views of abbey ruins, island monasteries, cliffs, and the sea from our motorcoach. We return once more to Killarney for the night. *(B, D, Mass)*



Ring of Kerry

● **Day 8 - Wednesday, June 22**
Killarney / Cork

Begin this morning at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Killarney. As we depart this region, we pay visits to Muckcross House and Abbey. Proceed to Cork, where we will visit the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, and the Cathedral of Saint Mary and Saint Anne. Continue to our hotel for check-in and overnight. *(B, D, Mass)*

● **Day 9 - Thursday, June 23**
Cork / Cashel / Wexford

Journey to the Rock of Cashel, a monumental 12th century complex dominating the surrounding landscape. Tradition holds that it was here where Patrick first used the shamrock as an image of the Trinity and converted the pagan King of Munster. It hosts one of the most remarkable collections of Celtic art and medieval architecture in the region. After exploring this unique and historic location, we proceed to Wexford, and the Irish National Heritage Park, an open-air museum that brings to life over 9000 years of Irish history. *(B, D, Mass)*

● **Day 10 - Friday, June 24**
Wexford / Our Lady’s Island / Glendalough / Dublin

We begin this morning with a visit to Our Lady’s Island, a tiny island at the juncture of the Atlantic Ocean and Irish Sea, surrounded by a salt lake and cut off from the sea by a sand bar. It has been a place of pilgrimage since pre-Christian times, and St. Abban founded the original Christian settlement here, evangelizing the area and dedicating

the island to the Virgin Mary, thus establishing the first Marian shrine in Ireland. Afterwards, depart for Glendalough, tucked away in the Wicklow Mountains, and established by St. Kevin in the 6th century. Seeking a place where he could commune with God without the distractions of worldly life, the young Kevin lived first in a tree, then in a cave, eventually attracting a following of those who wanted to pursue a similar monastic vocation. Explore the ruins of this ancient monastery and marvel at the faithful asceticism of the medieval monks. We then return to Dublin, and check into our hotel, our home for the next two nights. *(B, D, Mass)*

● **Day 11 - Saturday, June 25**
Dublin – Faughart, Monasterboice, Drogheda

Following breakfast, depart for Saint Brigid’s Shrine and Well at the Hill of Faughart where this patron saint of Ireland was born and raised, includes ancient high cross and monastic settlement and St. Brigid’s Stone, a penitential station, beside a holy well. Drive south to see the Celtic crosses in the historic ruins of Monasterboice, the remains of an early Christian monastic settlement. The three high crosses were constructed as early as the 10th century and other remaining ruins are from the 13th and 14th centuries. Later this afternoon visit St Peter’s Church in Drogheda, famous for its tall west gable, rose window, and for containing the national shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett, the last Roman Catholic to be martyred in England. Return to Dublin for our farewell dinner at a local pub featuring traditional Irish music. *(B, D, Mass)*

● **Day 12 - Sunday, June 26**
Dublin / USA

Today our Irish pilgrimage comes to an end. Following breakfast, transfer to Dublin Airport for our return flight to the United States. *(B)*

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

These rates are based upon an assumption that the situation in Ireland will be free of the government-imposed social distancing restrictions which are currently in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot be held responsible for any increase in these quoted rates in the event that government regulations are not relaxed or further restrictions are put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic that may result in increased operational costs.



IRELAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare \$4,225.00

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges \$442.35

(subject to change until final ticketing)

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff \$155.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$4,822.35

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$946**
- Land-only option: **\$3,557** (no flights included)

Final Payment Due

March 2022

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Omaha on United Airlines
- 10 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)
- Dinner at a local restaurant on day 11

Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals

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 32 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 as well as any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 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 United Airlines. 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 or cancellations made within 120 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 in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$442.35 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, 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.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

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