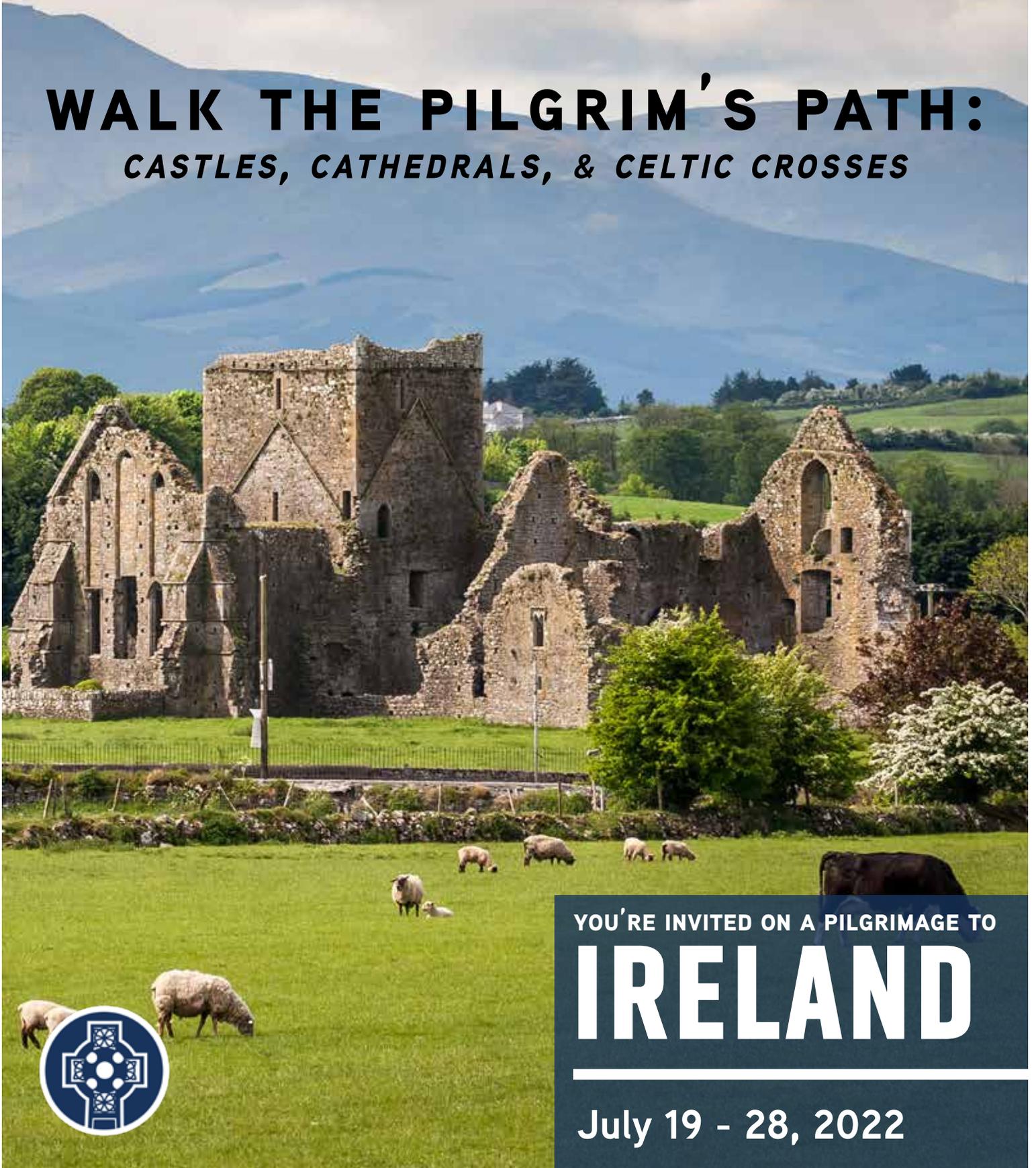




TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

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



YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

IRELAND

July 19 - 28, 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 - Tuesday, July 19

Depart USA

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

• Day 2 - Wednesday, July 20

Arrive Dublin / Knock

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. We journey west to the small village of Knock, where on August 21, 1879, witnesses saw three figures on the wall of a church standing raised about two feet off the ground. The central figure, Our Lady, had hands raised to shoulder height and eyes turned heavenward, as if in prayer. With her were St. Joseph and St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. In 1979, one hundred years after the Apparition, Pope John Paul II paid a visit and bestowed the status of Basilica to the Shrine Church of Knock. We have the opportunity to celebrate Mass, recite the rosary, and make the Way of the Cross. Eucharistic devotions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are also available to conclude this spiritual, peaceful day at the Shrine. We will visit the Museum of Knock and can browse in the bookstore. Dinner will be served in our hotel. (B, D, Mass)



Basilica of Knock



Shrine of Knock

• Day 3 - Thursday, July 21

Knock / Mayo

Today we journey west to Ballintubber Abbey, where we will be given a tour of this beautiful historic site, formerly a stopping place for pilgrims on their way to climb Croagh Patrick Mountain. When St. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland in 441, he founded a church at Ballintubber. The present Abbey was built in 1216 by King Cathal O'Connor. It is the only church in Ireland still in daily use that was founded by an Irish king, and, despite years of continuous attacks and religious repression, it retains an air of ancient beauty and spirituality. After lunch, continue to Croagh Patrick, where St. Patrick once spent forty days and nights in prayer. For centuries pilgrims have come here in imitation of St. Patrick, who often in his lifetime went up this mountain as a secluded setting for his meditation and prayer. We, too, can ascend part or all the way up this 2503-foot mountain. Return to Knock. (B, D, Mass)



Ballintubber Abbey



Kylemore Abbey

• Day 4 - Friday, July 22

Knock / Connemara / Galway

This morning we 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)

• Day 5 - Saturday, July 23

Galway / Clare

Following breakfast, visit the Galway 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 for America. We then travel across the Burren – a vast, bare, eerie limestone plateau – along the coastal road, where we see huge boulders deposited at the end of the Ice Age. On our stop at Burren Display Center, we can get a full idea of the origins of the topography

of this region before proceeding to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic great sheer rock face rising 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. Spend some time here marveling at the grandeur of the cliffs before returning to Galway, where we will enjoy a traditional Irish dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 6 - Sunday, July 24**
Galway / Adare / Tralee / Killarney

Depart Galway and journey south to Bunratty Folk Park. Here we learn about centuries of Irish Heritage and culture. Continue to Adare, regarded as Ireland's prettiest and most picturesque village. We can look at the two groups of world-famous thatched cottages that line part of the village's broad main street. Adare dates back at least to the early 13th century. Its strategic location has made it the subject of many conquests, wars, and rebellions. After lunch, 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)

Cliffs of Moher



Ring of Kerry



● **Day 7 - Monday, July 25**
Killarney / Cahersiveen / Kenmare

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. Visit Muckross House and Abbey before returning to Killarney for the night. (B, D, Mass)

Muckross House



● **Day 8 - Tuesday, July 26**
Killarney / Blarney / Cork

Depart Killarney this morning for Blarney, where we will visit Blarney Castle, dating back to 1446. We will climb 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, proceed to Cork, where we enjoy a city tour including visits to St. Finbarr's Cathedral, the Quays, Parliament Bridge, and St. Anne's Shandon Church. Dinner and overnight in our hotel in Cork. (B, D, Mass)

Blarney Castle



● **Day 9 - Wednesday, July 27**
Cork / Glendalough / Dublin

Journey this morning to the Rock of Cashel – the site of the conversion of the King of Munster by St. Patrick in the 5th century. Then travel north to 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. Continue to Dublin where we will check in to our hotel for our final dinner and overnight of our pilgrimage. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 10 - Thursday, July 28**
Dublin / USA

This morning, after Mass, enjoy a brief tour of this charming Old-World capital, including a visit to see the Book of Kells. Then, our pilgrimage comes to an end as we proceed to Dublin airport to catch our return flight home to the US, taking with us all the blessings and graces of this pilgrimage. (B, Mass)

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

Pilgrimage Coordinator – Jeannie Presley (901)-335-4563

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$3,650.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$501.77**

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$4,151.77**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$130.00**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$740
- Land-only option: \$3,182 *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

April 2022

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Memphis on American Airlines
- 8 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 5

Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals, gratuities

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 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 American 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 \$501.77 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.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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