



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

September 6-16, 2027



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 30 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 – Monday, September 6**

- Depart USA**

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

- **Day 2 – Tuesday, September 7**

- Arrive Dublin / Galway**

- Upon arrival in Dublin, we will be met by our local Irish pilgrimage manager, who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. We then drive west to Clonmacnoise for a visit to this holy site in a beautiful setting in a bend in the River Shannon. Continue to Galway, where we'll begin with a visit to the Galway Cathedral dedicated to Our Lady. Continue to the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas where Columbus prayed before sailing for America. We will also see the famous Spanish Arch. Proceed to our hotel where we'll check in for dinner and overnight. (D, Mass) Overnight Galway

- **Day 3 – Wednesday, September 8**

- Galway (day trip to Kylemore Abbey and Knock)**

- Following breakfast, we drive to Kylemore Abbey, the only remaining home of the Benedictine nuns in Ireland. After time here, we head 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 and declared that the Church would be known as the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. Afterwards, we return to Galway for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Galway

- **Day 4 – Thursday, September 9**

- Galway / Killarney**

- Depart Galway traveling south via the lunar landscape of the Burren to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic sheer rock face rising 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to Killarney, situated in a spectacular location amidst mountains, glens and lakes. Sometimes known as the "Best Kept Town" in all of Ireland, Killarney teems with history, Irish heritage, and hospitality. The remainder of this afternoon is free to 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 cart). This evening we enjoy dinner on our own. (B, Mass) Overnight Killarney

- Ring of Kerry**



- **Day 5 – Friday, September 10**

- Killarney**

- 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: Cahirciveen, Glenbeigh, Killorglin and Sneem. We return to the hotel with the remainder of this afternoon free to enable us to explore the area a bit until our dinner together back at our lodging. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Killarney

- **Day 6 – Saturday, September 11**

- Killarney / St. Finbarr's / Blarney / Cork**

- This morning, we visit Muckross House and Abbey as we begin our journey east, traveling first to St. Finbarr's Oratory. Tucked away on an island, the church was rebuilt in the 19th century at the site where St. Finbarr himself used to retreat. Afterwards, proceed to Blarney Castle, which dates to 1446 and is the third castle built on this site. We will climb the battlements to reach the Blarney Stone, said to impart the gift of eloquence to all who kiss it. We then spend time at the Blarney Woollen Mill, one of the best shopping opportunities in Ireland. Travel a short distance to Cork to check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Cork

- **Day 7 – Sunday, September 12**

- Cork / Cobh / Cashel / Wexford**

- This morning, we journey to the port town of Cobh. Cobh is famous

Galway Cathedral



as the last port of call for the Titanic and was also the departure point for many Irish emigrants in the 19th and 20th centuries. We will visit St. Colman's Cathedral and marvel at the stunning views of the town and surrounding islands. We'll walk by the charming "Deck of Cards" Houses on our way to the seaside, where we visit the Queenstown Heritage Center, dedicated to Irish emigration and history, including exhibits about the Titanic and Lusitania. After some free time for personal exploration and lunch, we drive northeast to the Rock of Cashel, a monumental 12th-century complex dominating the surrounding landscape. Tradition holds it was here St. 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 for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Wexford*



St. Mary's Pro Cathedral

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• **Day 8 – Monday, September 13**
Wexford / Glendalough / Dublin

This morning, we will visit 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. We will then depart for Glendalough. Tucked away in the Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough was 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. Continue to Dublin where we will check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Dublin*

• **Day 9 – Tuesday, September 14**
Dublin

Today we explore Dublin proper, the vibrant capital of Ireland, with a romantic aura of Old-World Europe. Beginning at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, we venerate the tomb of Venerable Matt Talbot, a 20th-century commoner known for overcoming his alcoholism through the power of faith. We continue to St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral – the Catholic Cathedral of Dublin. Our final stop together will be at Trinity College to see the famous Book of Kells, the 9th-century illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels. The remainder of the day will be free for personal activities before we meet back at the hotel for dinner and overnight.

(B, D, Mass) Overnight Dublin

• **Day 10 – Wednesday, September 15**
Dublin

We will enjoy a half-day tour of this historic city once again, 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 two majestic Anglican Cathedrals: St. Patrick's Cathedral, the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland, and Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin's oldest building, dating from the year 1030. We'll end our guided visit today in the Old Town at Dublin Castle, the historic heart of Dublin. The remainder of the day will be free to enjoy this city once more until our farewell dinner at a local pub featuring traditional Irish music.

(B, D, Mass) Overnight Dublin

• **Day 11 – Thursday, September 16**
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



IRELAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

Please note all the pricing below is currently estimated

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare \$5,200.00

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges \$700.00

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED COST \$5,900.00

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff \$180

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

Final pricing and pilgrimage details are expected to be available late 2026

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add TBD
- Land-only option: TBD (no flights or gratuities included)

Final Payment Due

June 2027

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Detroit/Chicago to Dublin
- 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)
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 11

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

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure - after receiving the final invoice. All pilgrimage registrations must be made online through our website. Reservations made within 89 days of departure (or after the final invoices are sent) must be accompanied by payment in full. Any credit card payments other than the deposit will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. Pilgrimage prices are based upon a minimum number of 21 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for smaller group sizes.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be received in writing (email or letter). 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, \$300 will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$2000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 30 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 TBD. 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 \$700 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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