



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

April 12-22, 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, April 12

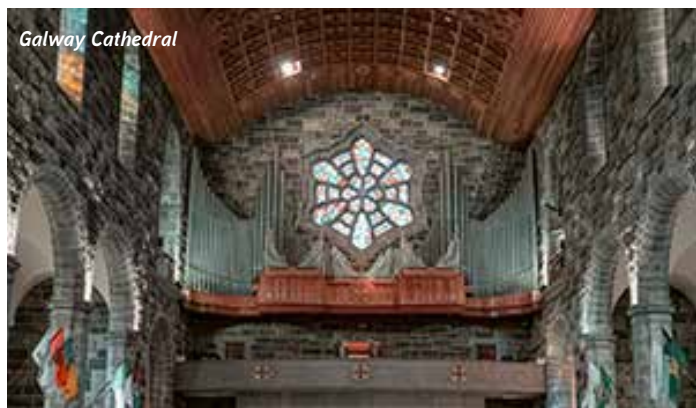
Depart USA

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

• Day 2 – Tuesday, April 13

Arrive Dublin / Knock

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 leave the capital and drive west across the green heart of Ireland to Knock, where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) Overnight Knock



Galway Cathedral



Basilica of Knock

• Day 3 – Wednesday, April 14

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. The balance of the day will be free for prayer and personal time. (B, D) Overnight Knock

• Day 4 – Thursday, April 15

Knock / Galway

Depart Knock for 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. 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. We then 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. Continue to Galway, "the City of the Tribes", and check into our hotel. (B, D) Overnight Galway



Cliffs of Moher

• Day 5 – Friday, April 16

Galway / Killarney

Depart Galway and travel to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic great sheer rock face rising 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. We will then travel via the lunar landscape of the Burren before taking a ferry across the River Shannon from Killimer to Tarbert. Continue to 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. (B, D) Overnight Killarney

• Day 6 – Saturday, April 17

Killarney

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. Visit Muckross House and Abbey before returning to your hotel in Killarney for the night. (B, D) Overnight Killarney

- **Day 7 – Sunday, April 18**
Killarney / Cashel / Kilkenny

Depart Killarney and drive to Blarney where we will visit Blarney Castle, which dates 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 who kiss it. After some shopping time in the Blarney Woollen Mills we make our way to The Rock of Cashel, a monumental 12th century complex dominating the surrounding landscape. Continue to Kilkenny for dinner and overnight. (B, D) Overnight Kilkenny



Ring of Kerry



Monasterboice

- **Day 8 – Monday, April 19**
Kilkenny / Ballyknocken / Dublin

This morning, we will drive to the town of Ballyknocken and the Ballyknocken Cookery School, House and Farm. Tour the farm and take part in hands-on, interactive cooking class built around traditional Irish fare. Beyond the kitchen, you can wander the herb, vegetable, and soft-fruit gardens with views of Carrick Mountain or join a sheep-herding demonstration with Pat the Shepherd and his collie, Jess. Time permitting, we will make our way to Glendalough before continuing to Dublin to check into our hotel overnight. (B, D) Overnight Dublin

- **Day 9 – Tuesday, April 20**
Dublin

Following breakfast, drive north to see the Celtic crosses in the historic ruins of Monasterboice and then continue 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. In the 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. (B, D) Overnight Dublin

- **Day 10 – Wednesday, April 21**
Dublin

This morning enjoy a city tour of Dublin, the vibrant capital of Ireland, with a romantic aura of Old-World Europe, 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 the Old Town. The balance of the day will be free to enjoy this city on your own. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local pub with traditional Irish music. (B, D) Overnight Dublin



St. Mary's Pro Cathedral

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- **Day 11 – Thursday, April 22**
Dublin / U.S.A.

Following breakfast transfer to the airport for our return flight home. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



IRELAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare	\$5,065.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges	\$708.53
<i>(subject to change until final ticketing)</i>	

ESTIMATED COST **\$5,773.53**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff	\$180.00
<i>(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)</i>	

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$982
- Land-only option: \$4,734 *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

January 2027

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Omaha to Dublin on United Airlines
- 9 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 10

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 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 \$708.53 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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