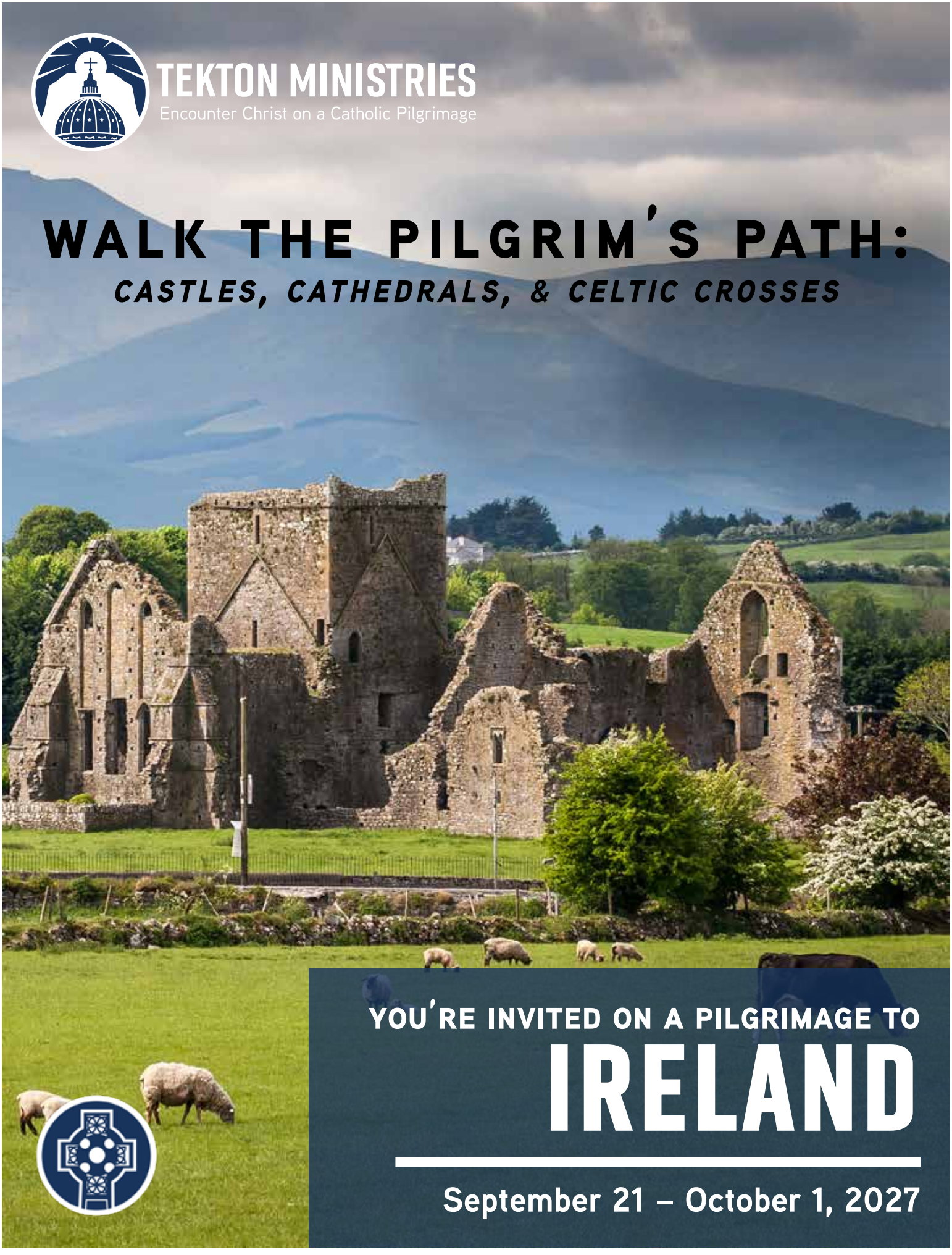


TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WALK THE PILGRIM'S PATH:

CASTLES, CATHEDRALS, & CELTIC CROSSES

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

IRELAND

September 21 – October 1, 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 – Tuesday, September 21**
  Depart USA
  Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Ireland. Meals and drinks served aloft.

- **Day 2 – Wednesday, September 22**
  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 to visit this holy site in a beautiful setting on a bend in the River Shannon. Continue to Galway, where we'll begin with a visit to the Galway Cathedral dedicated to Our Lady. Then on to St. Nicholas Collegiate Church, where tradition holds Christopher Columbus prayed in 1477, and the nearby Spanish Arch. Proceed to our hotel where we'll check in for dinner and overnight. *(D) Overnight Galway*


Galway Cathedral


Kylemore Abey

- **Day 3 – Thursday, September 23**
  Galway
  Following breakfast, we drive around Connemara National Park 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 gable wall of the parish church, standing about two feet off the ground. The central figure, Our Lady, had her 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 St. John Paul II paid a visit and raised the Shrine Church to the status of Basilica, to be known as the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. Afterwards, we return to Galway for dinner and overnight. *(B, D) Overnight Galway*


Cliffs of Moher

- **Day 4 – Friday, September 24**
  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. Depart for Tuamgraney and St. Cronan's, now belonging to the Church of Ireland, reputed to be the oldest church in continuous use in Ireland. 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. We return to the hotel for an early dinner before enjoying a traditional Irish music, song, and dance show presented by Riverdance (pending confirmation). *(B, D) Overnight Killarney*


Ring of Kerry

- **Day 5 – Saturday, September 25**
  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: Cahersiveen, Glenbeigh, Killorglin and Sneem. The remainder

of this evening is free for us 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 wagon). *(B, D) Overnight Killarney*

- **Day 6 – Sunday, September 26**
  Killarney / Blarney Castle / Cork / Kinsale
  This morning, we begin our journey east, traveling first to visit Muckross House and Gardens, a stunning location in Killarney National Park. Then on 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 Cork. Visit St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, a continuous site of Christian worship for over 1400 years. Afterwards we check into our hotel in nearby Kinsale for dinner and overnight. *(B, D) Overnight Kinsale*

- **Day 7 – Monday, September 27**
  Cork / Cobh / Waterford / New Ross
  This morning, we journey to the port town of Cobh. Cobh is famous 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 Cobh 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 proceed to Waterford to visit the famous crystal factory. Afterwards transfer to our hotel in nearby New Ross for dinner and overnight.
  (B, D) Overnight New Ross


Glendalough

- **Day 8 – Tuesday, September 28**
  New Ross / Our Lady's Island / Glendalough / Dublin
  We begin our 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. 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 dinner and overnight. *(B, D) Overnight Dublin*

- **Day 9 – Wednesday, September 29**
  Dublin
  Today we explore Dublin proper, the vibrant capital of Ireland, with a romantic aura of Old-World Europe. Our first stop is at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, pray at the tomb of Venerable Matt Talbot, 20th century commoner known for overcoming his alcoholism through the power of faith. 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, including dinner on our own. *(B) Overnight Dublin*



- **Day 10 – Thursday, September 30**
  Dublin
  Following breakfast, we will head north 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. 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. St Oliver was the last Roman Catholic to be martyred in England. After returning to Dublin this evening we will celebrate our farewell dinner at a local pub featuring traditional Irish music. *(B, D) Overnight Dublin*

- **Day 11 – Friday, October 1**
  Dublin / USA
  Today our pilgrimage to Ireland 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

REGISTER ONLINE AT TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare	**$4,975.00**
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges *(subject to change until final ticketing)*	**$758.39**
ESTIMATED COST	**$5,733.39**
Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff *(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)*	**$180.00**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add $1,186.00
- Land-only option: $4,706.00 *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due **June 2027**

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Las Vegas to Dublin on United Airlines
- 9 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage 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 22 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 $758.39 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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