

ST Mary's Church
Grand Tour of Ireland
Escorted by Fr. Shawn Monaghan
on

June 27— July 7, 2010

Air & Land Price: \$3359.00 per person sharing twin room

Single Room Supplement: \$435.00

Airline Departure Taxes: included in price (*subject to change until paid in full and ticketed*)

Travel Protection Plan (optional but highly recommended): \$159 per person

Tour Includes:

- Transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide (one man) for 10 days
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed opposite for 9 nights
- Full breakfasts (9)
- Table d'hôte dinners (6)
- Dinner and Irish Cabaret with show in Dublin
- Medieval banquet at Irish Castle
- Lunch in Bushmills Inn
- Guided tour of Dublin
- Guide walking tour of Derry
- Boat trip and bus tour to the Aran Islands
- Visits and admission fees to: Blarney Castle & Wollen, Mills Dublin, Castle Kilmainham Jail
Giants Causeway, Triona Designs, Tobernault Holy Well, Knock Shrine, Dun Aengus, Cliffs of Moher
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes.
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

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OUTLINE ITINERARY

June 27: UNITED STATES TO SHANNON

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

June 28: SHANNON ARRIVAL & KILLARNEY

After customs and immigration formalities at Shannon Airport, your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you to the motorcoach. Leaving Shannonside, drive into Limerick for a panoramic tour of the city. Continue south to Adare, which is famous for its main street of thatched houses. After a stop for photos and a walk along the main street, journey into the mountainous country of Kerry and into Killarney, settled beside three lakes in the shadow of Ireland's highest mountains. Check into your hotel and spend some of the afternoon at leisure before dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY

June 29: RING OF KERRY TOUR

Today explore the Ring of Kerry □ 100 miles of marvelous scenery consisting of the highest peaks in Ireland on one side and a coastline scattered with golden beaches and rocky headlands on the other. Enjoy plenty of stops to view the scenery and take photos. Travel through Glenbeigh and Cahirciveen and on to Waterville and the colorful village of Sneem. Stop at Moll's Gap for a view of the three lakes of Killarney with the mountains and the town in the background. Return to Killarney for some free time to look around the town before dining in your hotel. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY

June 30: BLARNEY CASTLE & DUBLIN

Leaving Killarney drive into the rich farming country of Cork. At Blarney, stop to climb to the battlements of Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types and will ship and insure goods for you. Then drive into County Tipperary to reach Cashel. Stop for photos at the Rock of Cashel. Travel through the towns of Portlaoise and Kildare and into the metropolitan area of Dublin. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy some time to settle in. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner and entertainment at a local cabaret. OVERNIGHT: MONT CLARE HOTEL, DUBLIN

July 1: DUBLIN'S HIGHLIGHTS

This morning discover the delights of central Dublin with public buildings, elegant Georgian townhouses and squares as well as modern sculptures and busy shopping hubs. Stop to visit Kilmainham Gaol to see what punishment was like during its years of operation from 1796 to 1924. Learn about political prisoners, especially from the 1916 Rising, detained here because of their efforts to shape Ireland's history. Next tour Dublin Castle to see the State Apartments where many state functions are held in the richly decorated chambers. Spend the afternoon shopping or sightseeing independently and in the evening you may like to sample Dublin's traditional pubs. OVERNIGHT: MONT CLARE HOTEL, DUBLIN

July 2: DUBLIN TO DONEGAL

Depart Dublin and journey through farming country of the midlands to Cavan, a region dotted with many lakes. Travel on to Enniskillen and drive along the shores of the surrounding lakes which provide enchanting views. At Ballyshannon, reach the Atlantic shoreline and drive around Donegal Bay and on into the town of Donegal. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy some time to settle in before joining your group for dinner. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MILL PARK HOTEL, DONEGAL

July 3: DERRY WALKING TOUR & GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

Today travel along the north coast of Ireland to Derry and embark on a walking tour to see the principal sights. See the 17th century city walls, which are some of the best-preserved in Europe, and the Diamond, the main central square. Also pass the 17th century St. Columb's Cathedral, the Tower Museum with local history displays and the Guildhall where the history of Derry is depicted in stained-glass windows. Then continue your drive through Limavady and Coleraine to visit the Giant's Causeway. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MILL PARK HOTEL, DONEGAL

July 4: TRIONA DESIGNS, TOBERNAULT HOLY WELL & KNOCK SHRINE

Depart Donegal and travel to Ardara to visit Triona Design. See demonstrations of spinning, weaving and knitting. Then journey along the shores of Donegal Bay and into County Sligo, an area associated with the great poet W.B. Yeats. Stop to visit his grave at Drumcliffe Churchyard in the shadow of the Benbulbin mountain range before driving to the Mass Rock at Tobernauld, a site of devotion in Penal times. Celebrate Mass with your fellow travelers before driving into County Mayo to reach the pilgrimage town of Knock. Visit Knock Shrine, one of the world's leading shrines where the Virgin Mary appeared to 15 people on August 21, 1879. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: RADISSON SAS HOTEL, GALWAY

July 5: TOUR TO THE ARAN ISLANDS

Today visit the Aran Islands, which are located in Galway Bay 30 miles west of Galway city. Irish is still the vernacular in this isolated setting and the islanders retain many traditional ways of farming and fishing. Travel around the island by minibus with a local driver who will explain many of the island traditions to you. At the western end of Inis Mór visit Dun Aengus. This vast fortification is perched on the side of a cliff that falls to the Atlantic Ocean 300 feet below. The site consists of three concentric enclosures and dates back to 1,000 BC or earlier. Return to Galway in time for dinner. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: RADISSON SAS HOTEL, GALWAY

July 6: CLIFFS OF MOHER & MEDIEVAL BANQUET

Drive around the shores of Galway Bay and through the Burren Country, a unique region of limestone hills where many rare flowers thrive in the sheltered crevices. Stop at the Cliffs of Moher, a wall of rock that plunges 700 feet to the churning Atlantic Ocean below. See part of the Burren Country, a region of limestone hills containing a wealth of rare flowers and prehistoric stone monuments on the way to Bunratty. Check into your hotel where you will have some free time in the afternoon. This evening join in the fun and feasting at Bunratty or Knappogue Castle. Your medieval-style banquet is served in the Great Hall of the 15th century castle during which the lords and ladies of the castle transport you in spirit to the Middle Ages with their songs and stories. OVERNIGHT: BUNRATTY CASTLE HOTEL, BUNRATTY

July 7: RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Sadly, today your Irish vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Shannon Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores. Then clear U.S. Immigration before boarding your aircraft and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.

For reservations complete the coupon below and send it with your deposit check for \$500.00 or \$659.00 if you choose to purchase travel insurance

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Name(s) of passenger(s) *Must match passport(s)* _____ Number of Passengers _____

Type of Room Twin Single

I (we) wish to purchase the Optional Travel Protection Plan YES NO I am enclosing a deposit check for \$ _____
Premium of \$149 per person must be included with deposit \$500 per person + \$159 per person for the Travel Protection Plan if purchased

Street Address: _____ I am pay- ing via credit card. Please charge \$ _____ to this card:

City/State/ Zip: _____

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