



# PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

May 14-25, 2017

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### Day 1 - May 14: Depart U.S.A.

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

# Day 2 - May 15: Arrive Dublin / Portarlington

Upon arrival in Dublin this morning we will be met by our local Irish guide and enjoy a half day tour including visits to Trinity College to see the famous Book of Kells, St. Stephen's Green and the National Museum. We will then proceed to Our Lady of Lourdes Church where we will see the Shrine of Matt Talbot. Then proceed to our accommodations at Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre in Portarlington.



# Day 3 - May 16: Portarlington / Dublin / Portarlington

Following breakfast we will drive to Dublin for a full day city including visits to the Presentation Sisters Convent at George's Hill, Christchurch Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, the Carmelite Church on Whitefriar Street where we will see the Shrine of St. Valentine, the Old Town and the Guinness Brewery. Return to Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre in Portarlington for overnight.

# Day 4 - May 17: Portarlington / Belfast / Portarlington

Today we will take an excursion to Belfast to spend some time visiting the Houses of the Presentation Sisters. We will also have an opportunity to visit Flax Trust, City Hall, Queens University, St. Anne's Cathedral and Prince Albert memorial Clock before returning to Portarlington for overnight.

# Day 5 - May 18: Portarlington / Cork

Depart Portarlington for 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. Then proceed to Kildare to visit the Presentation Sisters Convent. Then

proceed to the Rock of Cashel which is the site of the conversion of the King of Munster by St. Patrick in the 5th century. Continue on to Cork for overnight.



Day 6 - May 19: Cork

Today we will enjoy a tour of Cork including visits to the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, St. Finbarr's Cathedral, the Quays, Parliament Bridge and St. Ann's Shandon Church. We will also visit the South Presentation Convent which is the birthplace of the Presentation Congregation founded by Nano Nagle in 1775. After having a prayer service at Nano Nagle's grave we will walk to the North Presentation Convent to see the neighborhood where she did her work.



Day 7 - May 20: Cork / Killarney

This morning we will then drive a short distance to Blarney where we will visit Blarney Castle, which dates back 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 that kiss it. After some shopping time in the Blarney Woollen Mills depart for Ballygriffin to visit the Nano Nagle Centre which is located amongst breath-taking scenery along the River Blackwater near Mallow, County Cork. The centre, run by the Presentation Sisters, marks the birth place of their foundress Nano Nagle. Then continue on to Killarney, situated in a spectacular location amidst mountains, glens and lakes.

### Day 8 - May 21: Killarney

This morning we will celebrate Mass at the Franciscan Friary in Killarney. Then take an excursion along 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 our hotel in Killarney for the night.



# Day 9 - May 22: Killarney / Galway

This morning we will celebrate Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral. We will then depart Killarney and drive to the charming village of Adare for a brief visit before taking a ferry across the River Shannon from Tarbert to Killimer. We will then travel via the lunar landscape of the Burren to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic great sheer rock face rising 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to Galway, "the City of the Tribes", and check into our hotel.



# Day 10 - May 23: Galway / Knock / Galway

Depart Galway and 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. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied today by the Irish Benedictine community of nuns who came from Ypres after World

War I. Then continue to Knock, where 14 people saw a vision of Our Lady with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist in 1879. Visit the Apparitions Chapel and 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. Return to Galway for overnight.

### Day 11 - May 24: Galway / Dublin

This morning we will enjoy a tour of Galway including Eyre Sqaure, the Spanish Arch, the Quays, the Collegiate Church of St. Nicolas and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas. Then depart Galway and drive to Clonmacnoise to visit the ruins of the monastic settlement which was founded in 544 by St. Ciarán. Proceed on to Dublin where we will spend our final evening in Ireland.

# Day 12 - May 25: Dublin / U.S.A.

Following breakfast transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

# **TOUR COST**

\$3,445.00

per person based upon double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$518.00.

# This price includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from Fargo, ND on American
  Airlines
- Accommodation at Mount St. Anne's Retreat &
  Conference Centre in Portarlington from day 2-5
- Accommodation in First Class/4 star hotels in Cork, Killarney, Galway and Dublin from day 5-12
- □ All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Baggage handling at hotels
- Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- Comprehensive sightseeing with a professional local guide
- ➡ All entrance fees as per itinerary

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

### GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 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. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to 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 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, 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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Travel Documents: A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity remaining is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require visas for entry to Ireland. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. George's International Tours is not responsible for visas or

**Tour Cost**: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 15 tour members not be reached. the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on American Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Travel Insurance**: We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at www.georgesintl.com. George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

Not Included: Gratuities, passport and visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Responsibility Clause: 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. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

Limitation of liability: The airlines, hotels, and other suppliers (jointly: "travel suppliers") providing travel or other services sold by George's International Tours are independent contractors and not agents or employees of George's International Tours. George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their travel suppliers 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. To the extent permitted by law, George's International Tours does not assume liability for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay due to an act or omission of a travel supplier, including, without limitation, an act of negligence or the default of a travel supplier. To the extent permitted by law, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to force majeure, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, bankruptcy, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or any causes beyond George's International Tours' control. Further, no responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, failure to make connections, non-performance or poor performance, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated profits, any additional expenses or lost business, attributable to you yourself, acts or omissions of any third parties, or acts of any governmental authority, even if George's International Tours has been advised that such damages were possible or probable.

Please refer to www.georgesintl.com for further disclosures concerning travel risks, travels with special needs or disabilities, and arbitration.

Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

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### **RESERVATION APPLICATION**

# Pilgrimage to Ireland (May 14-25, 2017)

Group Reference Number: 051417A-I

# PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your p	assport):		
First Name:	Middle Name:		Last Name:
Name (as you wish it to app	pear on your name badge):		
Passport number:		Male □	Female □
Passport date of issue:		Passport date of expiration:	
Country of citizenship:		Date of birth:	
Street address:			
City:	_	State:	Zipcode:
Home phone:		Work phone:	
Mobile phone:		Email address:	
ROOM ASSIGNMENT I	NFORMATION		
Please check one:	Double occupancy □	Single occupancy (\$518.00 additional) $\ \Box$	
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If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes □ No □			
EMERGENCY CONTACT	г		
		r for a family mo	ember/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling

Please enclose a deposit of \$300.00 per person made payable to George's International Tours and mail to:

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