



# IRELAND

*A Catholic Pilgrimage Visiting the Shrines and Abbeys of Ireland March 17 - 26, 2025*

**Only \$4190-Pilgrimage includes round trip Airfare, Luxury Hotel Accommodations, Breakfast, Dinners, Coach, Tour Guide, Daily Mass, taxes, tips and fees.**



**Visit:  
Dublin, Glendalough, Galway,  
Knock Basilica, Cliffs of Moher,  
Dingle, Ring of Kerry, Trinity  
College, Clonmacnoise Abbey,  
Rock Of Cashel and more!**



**Spiritual Guide  
Fr. Brent Thayer**



**Spiritual Support  
Dcn. Brian  
Edwards**



# Shrines and Abbeys of Ireland Pilgrimage Itinerary

## March 17 - 26, 2025

### Day 1.

#### Departure USA/Ireland

Depart USA for your overnight flight to Dublin. Meals will be served on board.

**Day 2 – Welcome to Ireland.** Arrive at Dublin airport and meet your driver and guide and depart for Galway. En route visit Clonmacnoise, a wonderful early Christian site founded by St. Ciarán in the mid-6th century on the eastern bank of the River Shannon. In a stunning setting, the site includes the ruins of a cathedral, seven churches (10th -13th century), two round towers, three high crosses and the largest collection of early Christian grave slabs in Western Europe. The original high crosses and a selection of grave slabs are on display in the visitor centre. Upon our arrival in Galway, enjoy an orientation tour of the city. We start at Galway's modern Cathedral, which was built in 1965. The visit then continues across the Salmon Weir Bridge and along the trout stream to the Collegiate of St Nicholas of Myra, which was built in 1320. The Collegiate is close to Nora Barnacle's house (Mrs James Joyce) and to the famous Lynch window from which the English language receive the word to *Lynch* (hang). We visit The Kings Hear Pub and find out exactly how it got its name. Continue to our hotel for time at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**Day 3 – Knock Shrine & Ballintubber Abbey** This morning visit Knock Shrine. This little town is an important pilgrimage centre and has been famous for over a century as the site of visions, apparitions, and miraculous cures. The story of Knock began on the 21st August 1879 when Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. Fifteen people, young and old witnessed the apparition. From this miraculous occurrence Knock has grown to the status of an internationally recognised Marian Shrine. The personal pilgrimage of Pope John Paul II in 1979, commemorating the centenary of the apparition, inspired an even greater devotion to the Shrine and endorsed the indelible seal of Vatican approval. Next visit Ballintubber Abbey, built in 1216, for the Canon Regulars of St Augustine, Ballintubber Abbey is the only church in Ireland that was founded by an Irish King, and which is still in use today. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Day 4 –Galway – Limerick** Today after breakfast depart Galway for Limerick. En-route, we visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. Standing 230 metres above the ground at their highest point and 8km long, the Cliffs boast one of the most amazing views in Ireland. Continue to and visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. This is one of the most complete and authentic medieval castles in Ireland. Built in 1425 and plundered on many occasions, it was authentically restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour and now contains mainly 15th and 16th century furnishings and tapestries capturing the mood and the style of the times. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Day 5 – Limerick to Killarney** This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of Limerick. Visit St. Mary's Cathedral. St. Mary's Cathedral is Limerick City's oldest church. It began as a palace, and some parts of the original building still stand. A mixture of Romanesque and Gothic styles, the majority of the present-day structure survives from the restoration of the building in 1580. Then we visit King John Castle situated on "King's Island" in the heart of medieval Limerick City. The Castle overlooks the majestic river Shannon. Depart Limerick and travel to Killarney. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Killarney.

**Day 6 – Ring of Kerry** We set off on an exciting day after breakfast embarking on the Ring of Kerry. The Ring of Kerry is the most famous and panoramic route in Ireland. The astonishing beauty of this large peninsula, Iveragh, comes from the great diversity of its scenery, which offers incessant contrasts. En route around the Ring, take in spectacular scenery - mountains, peat bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean as one travels along the coast road. Upon our return to Killarney enjoy a traditional afternoon tea at the 5-star Muckross Park Hotel. Tonight, we enjoy dinner and traditional Irish entertainment at famous Kate Kearney's Cottage. Kate Kearney's Cottage hosts a traditional Irish night which consists of dinner, traditional music and costumed dancers. Overnight at our hotel.

**Day 7 – Killarney to Waterford** Today travel to County Cork and visit Blarney Castle, an ancient stronghold of the McCarthy's, Lords of Muskerry, it is one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles and one of the strongest fortresses in Munster. Built in 1446, Blarney Castle is famous for its Blarney stone, The Stone of Eloquence, which is traditionally believed to have the power to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who kiss it. Afterwards we visit Blarney Woollen Mills. Originally established in 1823, Blarney Woollen Mills now houses a large selection of Irish products. With a wide selection of sweaters and woollens, crystal and china, gifts and souvenirs for all the family, this famous store has something for everyone. With five locations across Ireland, Blarney Woollen Mills offers an essential Irish shopping experience. Continue to Waterford and visit the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Day 8 – Waterford to Dublin** Following breakfast, depart Waterford and travel to Dublin via Wicklow. We visit the Glendalough Visitor Centre. Set in a glaciated valley with two lakes, the monastic remains include a superb round tower, stone churches and decorated crosses. Journey on into the Wicklow Mountains. Discover the romantic and quiet beauty of County Wicklow, the deserted mounts where nothing but heather grows, the small forests and the lush prairies illuminated by yellow gorse in spring. Continue to Dublin and check in to your hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**Day 9 – Dublin Fair City** Today we enjoy a panoramic Dublin City Tour. We visit the north and south side of the River Liffey. This area offers great striking monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office) on the city main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, or the Custom House along the quays, as well as the Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The south side appears more sophisticated with its vast Georgian squares, such as Merrion Square, where Oscar Wilde's House can still be found (today owned by an American College), its colourful doors, along with Grafton Street and its quality shops. Not so far from St. Stephen's Green, in Kildare St., you will see the house of Bram Stoker, the author of Dracula. This part of the city is also dominated by the students of Trinity College, where we will visit the famous book of Kells which is permanently exhibited in its library. We visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland (a church of the Anglican communion). St Patrick's is Gothic in style and its splendid interior is adorned with funeral monuments, such as The Boyle Family Memorial and the grave of Dean Jonathan Swift (author of Gulliver's Travels). Swift was dean here until his death in 1745. The Chancel has ornate stained-glass windows, and spectacular choir stalls, once used by the knights of St Patrick, adjoin the Altar. The massive west towers, houses a large peal of bells whose ringing tones are so much part of the character of Dublin. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in the city centre. We recommend a stroll down Grafton Street where you can enjoy the best in street entertainment. The shopping is also great in this area of the city! Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at our hotel.

### Day 10 – Dublin / USA.

After a final farewell breakfast at your hotel, transfer to Dublin airport for your departure flight.

**Note:** While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$750.00 per person is due by September 17, 2024 final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (December 17, 2024). Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted for the tour cost at the time of booking at 4% surcharge. Reservations received after December 17, 2024 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 121 days before departure. For cancellations 120-91 days before departure the cancellation fee will be \$250.00 per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 90 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Goodshepherd Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

**FARE INCLUSIVE:** Roundtrip air transportation from Atlanta, GA (ATL) or (as indicated on the registration form. Eight (8) nights hotel accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four hotels. All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full Local breakfasts (B), and dinners at the hotel (D). Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local English-speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Italian departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maitre d', table waiter, etc.) are **Not included**. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

**TOUR ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE:** Goodshepherd Travel constantly strives to adhere to the specifics shown in the itinerary; however, circumstances may necessitate changes. Such circumstances may require changes without advance notice during the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to change the itinerary if unforeseen circumstances beyond our control force a change. Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for any changes caused by unforeseen circumstances.

**TOUR CANCELLATION:** Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the tour at any time. In the event of a cancellation deemed necessary by Goodshepherd Travel, the sole and exclusive responsibility of Goodshepherd Travel is to refund all monies recovered.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport costs, visa fees (if any), and health documentation costs (when required); food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with the table d'hote meals; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident and baggage insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special personal services; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone, and cable expenses, room service orders, etc.; transportation between the home city and the international departure city.

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**HOTELS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$990.00 our participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

**BAGGAGE:** You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage who's overall

dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to

\$100.00. Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Goodshepherd Travel for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

**DISABILITIES:** Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse passage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking and the sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

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**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

**PRICE CHANGES:** Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in March 2024 and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of \$684.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

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**ACCEPTANCE:** Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

<u><b>Trip date:</b></u> March 17 - 26, 2025	<b>Package Price: \$4190.00 From Atlanta, GA (ATL)</b> <b>Single supplement: \$990.00 (Private Room)</b>
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<b>Package price includes the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round trip airline tickets</li> <li>• All taxes, fees and surcharges</li> <li>• Hotels on Half board Basis: 8 nights (open buffet breakfast, open buffet dinner)</li> <li>• Air-conditioned bus</li> <li>• Farewell dinner</li> <li>• English speaking guide</li> <li>• Entrance fees</li> <li>• Meeting and assistance at Arrival/Departure</li> <li>• Porterage Included in all hotels.</li> <li>• Whispers devises during the whole trip</li> <li>• Mass Daily</li> <li>• Porterage at airport</li> <li>• Breakfast, and dinner daily</li> <li>• Wine and mineral water with dinner</li> <li>• Tour escort throughout the pilgrimage</li> </ul>	<b>Package price does not include the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunches and Soft drinks.</li> <li>• Tips for Guide, Driver .</li> <li>• All Personal Expenses.</li> <li>• Travel Insurance.</li> <li>• All prices reflect a 4 cash discount and is forfeited when using a Credit card</li> </ul>
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I agree to the conditions as stated above  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes:  
 All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive

# RESERVATION APPLICATION

**St Edward Catholic Church**

**Catholic Church's**

**Spiritual Leader: Fr. Brent Thayer and**

**Spiritual Support: Dcn. Brian Edwards**

Pilgrimage to Shrines and Abbeys of Ireland

March 17 - 26, 2025

Group Reference Number: **1031725**



## PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

<b>Full Name</b> (as printed on your passport):			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
<b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		<b>Date of birth:</b>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	Street:	<b>Mobile phone:</b>	<b>Home phone:</b>
City:	State:	Zip code:	<b>Work phone:</b>
<b>Email address:</b>			

## PASSPORT INFORMATION

<b>Country of citizenship:</b>	<b>Passport number:</b>
<b>Passport date of issue:</b>	<b>Passport date of expiration:</b>
<b>Frequent flyer number:</b>	<b>Known traveler number:</b>

## ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

<b>Please check one:</b> Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy ( <b>Private Room</b> ) \$990.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/> <i>*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement*</i>
<b>If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:</b>
<b>If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b>
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<b>I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:</b> Signature: _____ Date: _____
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Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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