

St. Patrick's Cathedral



12 DAY “Emerald Isle” IRELAND TOUR

Dublin ♦ Killarney ♦ Cobh ♦ Cork ♦ Galway ♦ Westport
Knock ♦ County Meath

May 20 – 31, 2024

\$4,190.00 Per Person From Orlando

Includes: Roundtrip bus transfer from Vero Beach and Royal Palm Beach to the Airport, Roundtrip Air Transportation From Orlando, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals A Day – Buffet Breakfast & Dinner (With 1 Glass Of Wine At Dinner), Daily Mass, Daily Sightseeing With English Speaking Tour Guides, Entrance Fees, Airport Taxes, And Fuel Surcharges - Which Might Subject To Change, And Tips To Guides And Drivers.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Brian Campbell
St. John of the Cross Catholic Church - Vero Beach, FL

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DAY 1 DEPART ORLANDO

Depart Orlando to Dublin.

DAY 2 DUBLIN

Arrive in Dublin. Upon arrival, our guide will meet us for an orientation tour of the city. Drive through statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, and pass by Phoenix Park with its many monuments including the Papal Cross. Visit St. Mary's Cathedral, built on the site of a 12th century Cistercian Abbey of St. Mary. Continue to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 DUBLIN

A full-day tour of Dublin to include the library at Trinity College to view the "Book of Kells," a splendidly illuminated version of the Gospels designed by unknown monks during the 9th century. We'll visit the 12th century St. Patrick's Cathedral with its impressive interior. The Cathedral was built in 1192 and is one of Ireland's largest Cathedrals. Visit White Friar Street, Carmelite Church, and view the Shrine of St. Valentine. See the Shrines of Our Lady of Dublin and St. Albert of Sicily, the water from which is said to be curative. Visit St. Mary's Pro Cathedral and St. Peter Church in Drogheda, which houses the national shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett, a very popular place for the Irish people. Drive and overnight in Dublin.



Shannon River in Limerick City, Ireland

DAY 4 KILKENNY / ROCK OF CASHEL / COBH / CORK

Drive to Kilkenny, a typical Irish city, where we'll see the Castle and St. Canice Cathedral. Then we'll continue to Cashel, where St. Patrick is said to have plucked a shamrock to explain the mystery of the Trinity, thus giving a new emblem to Christian Ireland. View the magnificent monastic remains of the Rock of Cashel. Stop at Cobh to see St. Coleman's Cathedral. Continue to Cork for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 CORK / KILLARNEY

Visit St. Finbarr's Cathedral, the 19th century French Gothic style cathedral, before continuing to Kerry and enjoy the highlights of the Ring of Kerry, which includes a drive through Kenmare and stops at Ladies' View and Molls Gap. Visit Muckross House and Gardens, a magnificent Victorian mansion built in 1843 that is one of Ireland's leading stately homes. The gardens of Muckcross House are famed for their beauty worldwide. Dinner and overnight in Killarney.



Kylemore Abbey

DAY 6 RING OF KERRY / KILLARNEY

Drive through Macroom into Killarney where we travel around the Ring of Kerry, one of Ireland's most popular drives. Starting in Killarney this tour takes us around the highest mountains, the Magillicuddy's Reeks, and the constantly changing views of mountains and shorelines makes this a memorable ride. En route we visit the Gallarus Oratory where we celebrate Mass. Drive through the remote villages of Cahirciveen and Derryname to Sneem; a village of colorful houses grouped around two squares. Then drive through Moll's Gap, with its views over the three lakes. Finally we stop at Muckross House and garden "Manor House" before returning to the hotel in Killarney for dinner and overnight.



Cliffs of Moher

DAY 7 KILLARNEY / CLIFFS OF MOHER / GALWAY

This morning depart Killarney and journey to Galway. Travel northward to Tarbert for a ferry crossing, and then continue up the Clare Coast to the Cliffs of Moher to view the majestic headlands rising 750 feet above the Atlantic. On to Galway, "the City of Tribes," to visit the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St. Nicholas, where we'll celebrate Mass. Continue through the Burren Region and enjoy a tour and tasting of the famed smoked salmon at the Burren Smokehouse. Dinner and overnight in Galway.

DAY 8 GALWAY

This morning enjoy time exploring the city of Galway before a cruise on Lough Corrib. The Corrib Princess sails from Wood Quay in the heart of Galway city, along the famous Steamers Line, which is the lakes traditional trade route. The journey takes passengers along the majestic River Corrib and onto the lake providing visitors with a guided commentary on the historic monuments and natural amenities on this waterway that leads to the largest lake in the Republic of Ireland. Overnight in Galway.



Adare Manor House - Ireland

DAY 9 CONNEMARA / CROUGH PATRICK / WESTPORT

Drive along the coast through the rugged scenery of Connemara to Kylemore Abbey where we'll visit the magnificent estate. Continue to Crough Patrick, the 2,500-foot conical tipped mountain. St. Patrick is said to have spent the 40 days of Lent in prayer and fasting here in the year 441 A.D. Situated on an inlet of Clew Bay is the most attractive wooded town of Westport where we will enjoy a stay for the next two nights.



Doonagore Castle - Ireland

DAY 10 BALLINTUBBER ABBEY / KNOCK / WESTPORT

Today we see the Ballintubber Abbey, Ireland's only royal abbey in continuous use for 776 years. Continue to Knock, known as the " Lourdes of Ireland", for a visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland. In 1879 the parish church of Knock was the scene of an apparition of the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist. We'll celebrate Mass at the Apparition Chapel, visit the Folk Museum, pray the Stations of the Cross, and join the Rosary Procession as well as the Anointing of the Sick at the Basilica. Return to Westport.

DAY 11 KNOWTH / TARA / DUBLIN

We visit St. Brigid's Shrine at Faughart. The area consists of a stone-lined prayer route where "the Mary of Gael," as the Saint is known in Ireland, is said to have worked miracles. We then travel to Knowth, an ancient monument of the World Heritage Site of Bru na Boinne, with some evidence of late Neolithic and Bronze Age activity. Continue to Boyne Valley Visitors Center, and the legendary Hill of Tara, arriving in Dublin for dinner and overnight.

DAY 12 DUBLIN / ORLANDO

Early morning transfer to the airport for our flight to Orlando, arriving home in the afternoon.

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SEATING IS LIMITED ON A FIRST-COME,
FIRST-SERVE BASIS**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airfare is based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and include certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once tickets are issued, they are **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL**. Please refer to our CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY below. Airfare and tour prices are based on prices effective as of **JANUARY 1, 2024** and are subject to change without notice.

Surface/Land Transportation: All surface/land transportation described in the itinerary will be provided by modern motor coach, designed for highway travel. Groups will be met and transferred upon arrival and departure.

Hotels: We only use first-class hotels. Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy (2 per room). We reserve the right to substitute hotels of similar quality for those specified in the itinerary.

Single Room Supplements: If you would like a single room, there is an additional cost of **\$1,200.00** that will be added to the tour price. Single rooms are limited and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none is available, you will be considered a "forced single," and charged one half (½) of the Single Room Supplement cost.

Meal Plan: Meal plans include two (2) meals per day, breakfast and dinner, with timing depending on the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on restaurant bills are included in the tour price for these meals. **A list of any and all dietary requests or food allergies must be emailed to cathy@inspirationaltoursinc.com for hotel / airline accommodation at least seven (7) days before departure.** We cannot guarantee any dietary accommodations but will make all efforts to secure special dietary requests. In the event airlines or hotels are unable to accommodate dietary requests, you will be responsible for your meals; it is the individual's responsibility to choose appropriate foods while on the tour. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: Inspirational Tours, Inc. restricts all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage (max. 50 lbs.) and one (1) carry-on (max. 18 lbs.). **All passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight/limit information and restrictions, which are subject to change at any time before departure.**

Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges: are included in the tour price and are subject to change.

Tips On The Tour: Tips to guides, porters, headwaiters, and drivers are included in the tour price, unless otherwise specified.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Expenses related to issuance/renewal of passports, laundry, mineral waters, wine & liquor, after-lunch/dinner tea, coffee, or food not included in the meal plan above; additional baggage; expenses of carriages, guides, sightseeing or other services other than those specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary; insurance for baggage or personal trip or health insurance; all items of a personal nature, in addition to those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: **A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person**, payable via cash, check or money order, is required at the time of registration. No registration will be processed without a deposit. Invoices for final balances are issued at or near 90 days before departure. Full and final payment is due 60 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full. If there is any outstanding balance by the Final Payment due date listed on your invoice, all travel services will be subject to automatic cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. A service reinstatement fee may be added to your invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services. **WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE.** Payment by credit card is accepted ONLY for final balances or payments towards final balances; all credit card payments will be assessed a **3% non-refundable** convenience fee, which will be added to the total amount being charged.

Cancellations and Refund Policy: All cancellations **MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR U.S. MAIL**. The date of the cancellation request is the date used for purposes of any assessed cancellation fees. Please note that some Registration Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE as stated on the Registration Form. Cancellation fees (as to any monies paid over the deposit for a tour with a non-refundable deposit) depend on the timing of the cancellation request, and are as follows: request received between time of registration and up to 59 to 45 days prior to departure—cancellation fee of **50%** of tour cost; request received 44 days or less prior to departure through date of departure—assessed **100%** of the tour cost (air and land, and any deviation fees) as the cancellation fee. Additional charges/fees for deviations and/or upgraded seats may require full payment at time of booking/confirmation, and may be non-refundable; **if a non-refundable air ticket has been issued prior to receiving notice of a cancellation request, you will be 100% responsible for those fees, in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above.** Package cancellation fees include airfare. Once airfare is purchased, either at time of booking, including but not limited to, deviations or seat upgrade requests, or at time of full payment, airline tickets will be issued and are always subject to a 100% penalty. Once full payment is received, Inspirational Tours, Inc. will issue airline tickets, which are non-refundable. If the tour is canceled for any reason, including but not limited to, tour leader's decision, decision of Inspirational Tours, Inc., weather or natural disasters, strike, acts of war, terrorism, acts of god, quarantine, disease, virus, epidemic, pandemic, compliance with government orders, travel restrictions issued by the U.S. Department of State, or any other force majeure event, Inspirational Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a minimum \$300.00 administrative fee per person, plus any non-reimbursable expenses incurred from airlines and/or overseas operators. **ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.**

Deviations/Seat Upgrades: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally allowed only on the return journey, **from the same departing city as the group, and is subject to availability.** There is a **minimum** change fee of \$150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. Seat upgrade requests may also require additional fees by the airlines and vary. Any additional fees required to be paid by the airline for deviation requests and/or seat upgrade requests will need to be approved by the passenger in writing before confirmed/reserved, and if the request requires payment at the time of confirmation, this must be paid by the passenger at the time requested, and may be non-refundable. **ALL deviation or seat upgrade requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days prior to your departure date.**

Tour Prices: All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this tour are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of the original tour agreement with your tour host and Inspirational Tours, Inc. and are subject to increase without notice prior to departure. **NOTE:** Our tours are based on a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any tour for any reason including insufficient participants, or events beyond our control. Any cancellation will be advised at the soonest date possible. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for any costs related to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets or visa fees that are not refunded by those entities.

Travel Insurance: To protect your travel plans, **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRIP INSURANCE.** A brochure for a company we recommend will be provided with your deposit confirmation letter, upon our receipt of your registration and deposit. We do not sell travel insurance and travel insurance is not included in the tour price.

Passports: It is your responsibility to provide us with a copy of your current passport with your Registration Form. **Validity date on passports must be for at least six (6) months after the date of return of the tour as per the tour dates, or any deviation request.** If we do not receive a copy of your current passport, the information you provide on your Registration Form will be used for ticketing purposes. If ANY information provided (name, date of birth, etc.) does not match what is on your passport, you may be subject to penalties or fees for corrections to airline tickets, and/or may be denied boarding by the airline. Any name change, including minor spelling corrections, may require reservations to be canceled and re-booked. Reservations will then be subject to availability and pricing at the time of re-booking; any increase in airfare will be borne by the passenger. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for the denial of services by a carrier due to any name or passport discrepancies. If you have a passport issued from any country other than the U.S., it is your responsibility to contact the embassies of the countries to be visited to determine if a visa will be required, and if so, it will be your responsibility to obtain such visa before departure. Please contact us for further information if this applies to you.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance: We recommend you please select a tour suitable to your physical capabilities. Our tours are often-times fast paced and may require lengthy walks over uneven terrain and/or steps. If you require any form of mobility assistance or for any sight/hearing disabilities, you are required to notify us before registering so we can best assist you and/or determine if this tour is suitable. Inspirational Tours, Inc., tour leaders/coordinators, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel, transfers or ship personnel will not provide individual services, such as assistance with walking, pushing wheelchairs, or helping one embark/disembark motor coaches, cruise ships, etc. We reserve the right to reject participation or remove an individual from a tour in the event that notification was not provided and/or when, in our sole judgment, continued participation would significantly hinder the services to be provided to all guests. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will be the responsibility of the passenger. All unused services are non-refundable. **Wheelchairs & Walkers:** certain features of tours may not accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, or other special equipment. We cannot provide individual assistance to travelers with wheelchairs or other mobility devices. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate these devices. You are required to notify us before registering of a need for a wheelchair, walker or other mobility devices.

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