

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH IRELAND

With Fr. Miguel Gonzalez

JULY 13 – JULY 23, 2019



DAY 01, SAT JUL 13: USA – DUBLIN

Depart your Orlando for an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your journey with Fr. Miguel. Depart Orlando on American Airlines at 04:26pm to Philadelphia and arrive there at 07:04pm. Continue on AA at 09:10pm to Dublin

DAY 02, SUN JUL 14: DUBLIN [D]

Arrive at Dublin Airport at 08:55am; meet your tour guide at the Arrival Hall. Transfer to your hotel. Free time to attend mass in one of the local churches. In the evening join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink and dinner in the hotel restaurant. **Dinner and Overnight in Dublin.**

DAY 03, MON JUL 15: DUBLIN [B]

After breakfast, set off with a local guide who will show you around the prominent historic buildings and monuments. Dublin is an ancient settlement, founded by the Vikings in the 9th century. The city has been molded through the centuries with many architectural styles, reflecting the economic, political and artistic influences. Stop to tour St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is almost as old as the city itself and famous for its connections with the brilliantly eccentric Dean Jonathan Swift. In Trinity College view the 8th century Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the gospels. The afternoon and evening are free for independent activities, sightseeing, shopping, dining, pubs and much more. **Overnight in Dublin.**

DAY 04, TUE JUL 16: MAYNOOTH –ATHLONE - GALWAY [B,D]

Leaving Dublin travel across Ireland from east to west today, first stopping in Maynooth, a small town dating back to the 13th century. The town is home to Maynooth University and St Patrick's College, a Pontifical University. After a visit of the ruined 12th century Maynooth Castle, once Ireland's biggest, we continue west through the fertile midland region, which has many farms and marketing towns. All along the way you can see how Irish people make a living from agriculture, one of the most important sources of revenue for Ireland. We stop in the medieval town of Athlone. Free time for lunch and a visit of Saints Peter & Paul church, considered to be one of the most beautiful churches in Ireland. Afternoon arrival in Galway. Check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. You may choose to relax in your hotel or explore on your own. In the evening dine in the hotel restaurant. **Dinner and Overnight in Galway.**

DAY 05, WED JUL 17: KNOCK SHRINE-ASHFORD CASTLE-GALWAY [B]

Today travel through Claremorris to 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. Celebrate Mass and spend some time visiting on your own. Next drive to Ashford Castle hotel where you will have some free time for lunch. In the afternoon we visit Kylemore Abbey acquired by the Benedictine nuns as a precious heirloom for Ireland. Return to your hotel where the balance of the day is free for independent activities and dining. **Overnight in Galway.**

DAY 06, THU JUL 18: GALWAY- CLIFFS OF MOHER-GALWAY [B]

Morning departure to the scenic route across the desolate limestone plateau known as The Burren. From the Visitor Center, the 700 foot spectacular Cliffs of Moher, enjoy breathtaking views of the Clare Coast. Continue to Bunratty, where there is a lot to see and do: visit the castle; stroll in the folk park, which depicts Irish life in the early 1900s; or try a refreshment in famous Dirty Nelly's Irish pub. **Overnight in Galway.**

DAY 07, FRI JUL 19: GALWAY- ADARE – KILLARNEY [B]

Leaving Galway travel through Gort and Ennis. Drive through the city of Limerick, strategically situated on the River Shannon. Continue to Adare, which is famous for its main street of thatched houses and colorful gardens.

After lunch there, journey into the mountainous country of Kerry and into Killarney, settled beside three lakes in the shadow of Ireland's highest mountains. **Overnight in Killarney.**

DAY 08, SAT JUL 20: RING OF KERRY EXCURSION [B]

Join the famed "Ring of Kerry" for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. Have your camera ready to take photos of the spectacular scenery that includes both land and sea. Afternoon return to Killarney. **Overnight in Killarney.**

DAY 09, SUN JUL 21: BLARNEY CASTLE - WATERFORD [B]

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 Woolen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. Then motor along the south coast of Ireland via Youghal and Dungarvan to Waterford, home of the fine hand-cut crystal. Upon arrival visit the Waterford Crystal Factory to see how skilled craftspeople create masterpieces of glass. Then check into your hotel where you are at leisure. This evening take a short walking tour through the older sections of Waterford with a local guide. Walk along Merchant's Quay where ships docked in former times and see the Clock Tower. **Overnight in Waterford.**

DAY 10, MON JUL 22: DUBLIN [B,D]

After breakfast, drive to Dublin. Enjoy some leisure time in Dublin where you can choose from a wide variety of pursuits. Use your Hop on Hop off pass to visit a number of places. There are plenty of museums of Irish interest such as the National Museum, the National Gallery or the Writers Museum. There are plenty of shops along Nassau Street and the pedestrian zed Grafton Street or Henry Street and you may like to explore Temple Bar or visit some of the traditional pubs. This evening celebrate Mass with your group. This evening head to the famous Jonnie Fox's Pub for dinner and a traditional "Hooley" show. **Dinner and overnight in Dublin**

DAY 11, TUE JUL 23: USA – DUBLIN [B]

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Transfer to the airport to meet American Airlines back home. Depart Dublin at 02:10pm to Dallas ft Worth and arrive there at 05:45pm. Continue on AA at 08:30pm to Orlando and arriving at 12:13am.

HOTELS:

2 Nights - DUBLIN	-	NORTH STAR HOTEL
3 Nights - GALWAY	-	MENLO PARK HOTEL
2 Nights - KILLARNEY	-	INNISFALLEN HOTEL
1 Night - WATERFORD	-	FITZWILTON HOTEL
1 Night - DUBLIN	-	VEAGH GARDEN HOTEL

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Round-trip airfare from Orlando
- Accommodation in first class hotels
- 09 Breakfasts, 03 dinners
- Tour coach as per itinerary
- All sightseeing with local guides as outlined in itinerary
- All entrance fees with guided tours
- Hotel portorage one piece per person
- Services of a professional tour manager

NOT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM:

- Items of personal nature
- Optional Travel Insurance
- Tips for coach drivers and guides

ALL INCLUSIVE LAND & AIR PRICE PER PERSON (sharing a Twin/Double): \$3,860.00

Single Supplement is \$ 1,085.00; prices are based on 32 tour participants

A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. Final payment is due May 30, 2019

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