

ITINERARY.

Day 1. Depart Chicago

Day 2. We arrive in Dublin, where we will begin our pilgrimage at Trinity College, viewing the Book of Kells (a 9th century completion of the Gospel as written by monks) housed in its ancient library. We continue with a panoramic tour around Dublin, including the General Post Office and Phoenix Park, before visiting St. Patrick's Anglican Cathedral dating back to 1213. After viewing the cathedral's tombs, monuments and stained-glass windows, we check into our hotel in the late afternoon. Welcome dinner included

Day 3. In the morning, we leave for Armagh, the spiritual center of Ireland and home of the Catholic St. Patrick's Cathedral and medieval-Byzantine, Anglican St. Patrick's Cathedral. We continue to Downpatrick and Down Cathedral, where St. Patrick is buried along with St. Columba and St. Brigid. We enjoy a short city tour of Belfast before returning to Dublin. Free night in Dublin to explore the Temple Bar area

Day 4. Departing Dublin for Galway, we make a stop in the medieval city of Kilkenny, founded as a Monastic center. We tour its castle and breathtaking medieval architecture before continuing our journey to Galway with a stop at the "Rock of Cashel," where we view the 12th century, Romanesque

Comac Chapel, Cathedral and Round Tower. Dinner included en route to Galway

Day 5. Today we travel to the 13th century, Ballintubber Abbey, an Augustinian Monastery built next to the site where St. Patrick baptized his earliest converts. Afterwards, we continue to Croagh Patrick, the mountain where St. Patrick fasted for 40 days. We have an opportunity for prayer and reflection. Those who wish to climb may do so. Free night with dinner option at a local pub in Galway

Day 6. Traveling along the coast, with the the Atlantic on one side and a rocky landscape on the other, we arrive at the Cliffs of Moher. Jutting more than 700 feet from the water, the spectacular cliffs stretch over five miles and are Ireland's number one tourist attraction. We continue our journey with a visit the 12th century, Cistercian's Corcomroe Abbey, viewing its Romanesque carvings before returning to Galway. Free night for dinner and Irish folk dancing

Day 7. Our pilgrimage concludes with an all day visit to Knock where, in 1879, Mary appeared to 15 women, men and children. We tour and pray in Ireland's largest church, Knock Cathedral, and the apparition site before having free time for prayer and contemplation. We have our farewell dinner in Galway. Farewell dinner included

Day 8. Depart Shannon for Chicago

REGISTRATION

Enclosed is my deposit of \$ _____
(Minimum \$250/person, paid to "Franciscan Spirit Tours.")

Name as it appears on passport: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I need an add-on flight from _____

Please assign a roommate _____

The name of my preferred roommate is: _____

Single Room (added charge.) _____

I will leave from New York _____

★ **Included: Round trip air from Chicago, three/four star hotels, entrance fees, local guides and transfers by private coach, daily Mass, spiritual directors, tour manager, all breakfasts and three dinners.**

\$250 Deposits made by May 1, 2019:

\$3,068

**\$250 Deposits made between
May 2, 2019 - July 25, 2019**

\$3,168

**\$250 Deposits made after July 25, 2019
(on a space available basis)**

\$3,368

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