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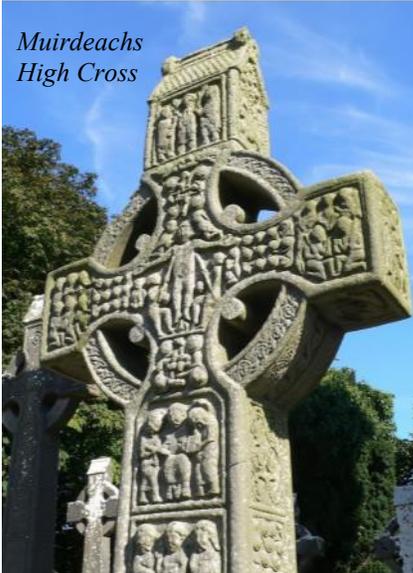
# *Ireland*

*October 10-19, 2017*

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*Cliffs of Moher*



**Day 1: Tuesday, Oct. 10 • Depart**

We board our trans-Atlantic flight bound for Dublin, Ireland.

**Day 2: Wednesday, Oct. 11 • Knock area, County Mayo**

At Dublin Airport we meet our Irish tour guide, who helps us discover this beautiful, picturesque and charming country. On our route to Knock we visit to **Clonmacnoise**, which is Ireland's most important monastic site. This site, overlooking the River Shannon, was founded by St. Ciaran in the 6th century and consists of a walled field containing numerous early churches, high crosses, round towers and graves of many high kings. From here we continue to Knock area in County Mayo where we enjoy dinner and a good night's rest. **B/D**

**Day 3: Thursday, Oct. 12 • Knock area, County Mayo**

Today we venture to County Galway to visit the fairytale **Kylemore Abbey**, now a Benedictine boarding school for girls. After Mass in the chapel, we carry on through **Connemara** and enjoy various picture stops along the way. On our return to Knock, we continue our Christian path with a visit to the shrine situated in the plains of East Mayo. It is one of the world's leading Marian shrines. On August 21, 1879 fifteen people; women, men and children, witnessed an apparition. We also visit the Basilica, the largest church in Ireland. Knock is a very popular pilgrimage destination, and in 1979 Pope John Paul II visited this holy place. We spend the remainder of the afternoon on our own, including private prayer time at the shrine and free time for shopping before dinner together at our hotel. **B/D**

**Day 4: Friday, Oct. 13 • Limerick**

Before departing, we attend Mass together in Knock. We visit the lovely **Cliffs of Moher** on Ireland's west coast. We enjoy the lovely landscapes as we drive, complete with glimpses of blue Atlantic on one side and natural rocky and forest landscape on the other side. Next we arrive in Limerick and have a picture stop at one of Limerick's most famous landmarks: **The Treaty Stone**. It commemorates the Treaty of Limerick signed in 1691. The Treaty Stone is situated on Clancy's Strand, beside the River Shannon and opposite King Johns Castle in the ancient City of Limerick. This evening we are treated to an Irish banquet featuring traditional food, Music, story-telling and dance. **B/D**

**Day 5: Saturday, Oct. 14 • Killarney**

We continue past Adare and Tralee to the **Dingle Peninsula** - the most northern of the Kerry peninsulas. This area is one of the last remaining parts of the country where Gaelic language is still spoken. We travel past the town of Inch, and explore the peninsula



*Kylemore Abbey*

including its beehive hut structures, forts and celtic crosses. In Early Christian Ireland, monks were looking for isolated places like **Gallarus Oratory**, a former prayer place for monks. It dates from the 9th century, and is excellently preserved, which testifies to very good construction quality. We also stop at **Kilmalkedar Church**, associated with St Brendan, built in the 12th century and once part of a complex of religious buildings. Time permitting, other stops might include the Cross at Sleah Head and Dunbeg Promontory Fort. We check in at our hotel in Killarney for overnight. After a day of wild, breathtaking scenery, we will have much to discuss at dinner time! **B/D**

**Day 6: Sunday, Oct. 15 • Killarney**

After a leisurely breakfast, we set out to drive the **Ring of Kerry**, one of the most spectacular drives in Europe. Names such as Ladies' View, McGillicuddy Reeks, and Cahirciveen will come to life as we negotiate a few fun hours of never to be forgotten views! We also stop at the **Skellig Michael Experience** on Valentia Island to learn more about this UNESCO World Heritage Site and former home to monks since 588 AD. Through recreations and artefacts, we can study and learn about the lives, activities and works of the Skellig monks, and their neighbors in the sea. On our return to Killarney, we have the remainder of the day free to shop and explore. There may be Irish folk entertainment at the hotel. Or a stroll through town to explore the shops would be a nice conclusion to our day. Perhaps an informal pub crawl or joining an impromptu jam set of Irish music? **B**

**Day 7: Monday, Oct. 16 • Clonmel**

This morning we drive in the direction of Cork and visit **Blarney Castle**. Of course, you will want to kiss the **Blarney Stone** and acquire the "gift of eloquence." Next we visit the **Queenstown Exhibit** in Cobh. Between 1840 and 1950 over six million men, women and children emigrated from Ireland. The Queenstown Story is an exhibition about that wave of emigration, including the story of Annie Moore, the first emigrant to be processed at Ellis Island when it opened in 1892. The exhibit also includes information about the Titanic and the Lusitania, as well as the maritime history of Cork. Our day concludes at the **Rock of Cashel**, standing high in the middle of the "Golden Vale." These religious buildings, dating from the 12th century, form the most spectacular medieval set in Ireland. The Cathedral, the Round Tower and Cormac Chapel, which is the first Irish Romanesque church, testify to the importance of the site. This place used to be the seat of the High Kings of Munster, so once more we find the two traditions and cultures meeting with one another. We have Mass and check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **B/D**



Tombstones at Glendalough

**Day 8: Tuesday, Oct. 17 • Dublin**

Today we will travel to the beautiful mountains of Wicklow, called the “Garden of Ireland.” We pass by interesting villages until we reach **Glendalough**, an ancient monastic city established in the 6th century by St. Kevin in the heart of “the valley of the two lakes” (Gleann da Loch). It was a very important center of learning as well as a pilgrimage destination. There are many legends concerning St. Kevin and he is often compared to St. Francis of Assisi. We’ll be taken on a guided tour of the site, which includes a Round Tower, the ruins of the Cathedral, and “St. Kevin’s Kitchen” surrounded by an old cemetery. Later in Dublin we visit the ancient library containing over twenty thousand manuscripts, among which is **Book of Kells**, a manuscript from the 9th century written by the monks at St. Colombo’s monastery on the island of Iona. We enjoy a wee bit of free time before meeting up for our transfer to **Abbey Tavern**. Located in the fishing village of Howth, we’ll enjoy Irish singers and musicians in an authentic Irish atmosphere. We return to Dublin for our overnight. **B/D**

**Day 9: Wednesday, Oct. 18 • Dublin**

On order for today is an excursion to **Newgrange**, where we will view one of the most spectacular prehistoric tombs in Europe. Built around 4000 BC, the tombs will both amaze and puzzle you. We will also stop at the Celtic **Hill of Tara** and the secluded village of **Monasterboice** to the view the Round Tower, as well as the collection of High Crosses, including the Muirdeachs High Cross, considered the finest example of a high cross in all of Ireland. It features biblical carvings of both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. On our return to Dublin, we have a panoramic city tour on both sides of the River Liffey. We pass by General Post Office on the city’s main thoroughfare, O’Connell Street, Custom House, and Phoenix Park, the largest city park in Europe. On the other side of the river are Georgian squares characterized by colorful doors, Grafton Street and Trinity College which is the oldest university in Ireland founded in 1592. Today we will also visit **St. Patrick’s Anglican Cathedral**, built in 1213. This Gothic Cathedral has a splendid interior with some beautiful tombs monuments and the ornate stained glass windows. We enjoy a lovely farewell dinner this evening including wine and craic! **B/D**

**Day 10: Thursday, Oct. 19 • Return**

In the morning after breakfast, we transfer to Dublin International airport for our flight back home or join the extension to Northern Ireland. **B**

**Abbreviations for Meals**

**B**=Breakfast, **D**=Dinner

**Tour Prices: \$4,150**

Prices are *per person, double occupancy* with a minimum of 20 participants

**Single supplement: \$425**

**Optional Northern Ireland Extension: \$965**

**Northern Ireland single supplement: \$200**

**Your Tour Includes:**

- Roundtrip transportation from Rochester to MSP airport
- Roundtrip **Airfare** plus related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour
- End of tour **Gratuity** for coach driver and tour manager
- **Travel insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)

**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to travel. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. **Early registration is encouraged.**

**Currency:**

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All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 100 days prior to travel a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 99 to 14 days prior to travel a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling 2 weeks prior or later will receive **no refund**.

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- Main Tour** Single Supplement • \$425
- Northern Ireland Extension:** • \$965
- N. Ireland** Single Supplement • \$200

## Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone/cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sleeping Preference** (circle one): Double bed    Twin Beds

**Roommate name:** \_\_\_\_\_ OR **Single supplement:** \_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No

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- I wish to purchase Travel Guard travel protection plan and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel protection plan offered through Travel Guard.

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- Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
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**Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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