



Blarney Castle (above) & Clonmacnoise

Roots of Faith Journey:
IRELAND



Land of Saints & Scholars

April 7-17, 2008

June 16-26, 2008

September 8-18, 2008



Led by
(Name & Organization)



Cost Includes:

- Round trip air;
- 9 Nights at great hotels listed in itinerary on page 2 in twin bedded rooms with private bath;
- Full Irish Breakfast daily; 8 Dinners;
- Deluxe, private motor coach tour per itinerary below;
- Services of professional Irish bus driver/guide & local guides;
- Entrance fees to sites visited; hotel taxes & services;
- Porterage of one bag per person;

Single Room Supplement:

NOT INCLUDED: Items not specified above, e.g. lunches, 1 dinner ; passport fees, optional cancellation insurance, group gratuities (will be collected prior to departure); items of a personal nature.

Add optional Cancellation Insurance to above rate at time of deposit to cover cancel fees in event of medical emergency.

Special Features...

- **Daily Mass celebrated at selected sites**
- **Pray at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Cashel, Glendalough, Ballintubber Abbey, Clonmacnoise and more!**
- **Two (2) Festive Events:**
 - Dinner & Folk Show in Dublin!
 - Medieval Banquet at Irish Castle!
- **Visit the best of Ireland:**
 Dublin - Cork - Blarney Castle - Ring of Kerry - Galway - Cliffs of Moher - Limerick

ANY QUESTIONS?
 Call _____
 Email: _____

BOOKING FORM

Group Pilgrimage to Ireland IN 2008

Enclosed is my (our) check for \$____ (\$500 deposit + optional insurance per person, due immediately to secure your space) for ____ (number of persons).

Checks payable to **GTA TOURS**

My Name is: (Rev./Mr./Mrs./Ms) _____

MAIL TO:

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

All correspondence related to the reservation will be mailed to the above address
 Sharing room with: _____

Room Occupancy
 Twin Single Triple _____

U.S. Passport No.: _____

Tel: Day _____ Eve: _____

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**DAY 1/MON– DEPART
USA.**

**DAY 2/TUE – ARRIVE
DUBLIN.** Meet coach driver and local English speaking guide for city tour. Visit Trinity College & Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, enjoy festive dinner and entertainment at the Abbey Tavern or other great Dublin establishment. (D)

**HOTEL CAMDEN COURT (2
nights)** www.camdencourthotel.com

DAY 3/WED – DUBLIN. Day is free for independent activities. Optional tour to Boyne Valley can be arranged for additional cost. Dinner is on your own today. (B)

**DAY 4/THU – DUBLIN/
GLEN DALOUGH/CORK.** Travel to Cork via the Wicklow mountains. Visit Glendalough, the ruins of a center of Irish Christianity founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. The Abbot Kevin (d. 618) of royal lineage is said to have followed an angel to the upper reaches of Glendalough where he lived for seven years as a hermit clad only in animal skins and sleeping on stones on the water's edge. The monastic city that he founded has become one of the four principal pilgrim sites of Ireland. See the visitor center and a fascinating audiovisual show "Ireland of the Monasteries". Continue to the Cork area. (B,D) **Rochestown Park Hotel (2 nights)**

DAY 5/FRI CASHEL & BLARNEY – Morning visit to the Rock of Cashel, an impressive collection of ecclesiastical ruins perched high on a limestone outcrop. In the afternoon visit Blarney, a charming village with a spacious green. Climb the steps of Blarney Castle to kiss the stone located in the battlement to gain the gift of the gab! There will be free time to shop at the great Blarney Woollen Mills, before returning to hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 6/SAT- CORK/RING OF
KERRY** - Travel day today and a tour of the lovely Ring of Kerry, a most spectacular route through high mountains with soaring peaks and bordered by the Atlantic Ocean pounding its way into steep cliffs. (B,D) **Brandon Inn in Tralee, County Kerry 1 night** (or similar)

DAY 7/SUN – TRALEE/GALWAY – In the morning, travel through the Burren, a vast lunar-like plateau, home to rare Irish wild flowers, to the Clare coast to view the **Cliffs of Moher**, an impressive wall of limestone which rises 700 feet over the Atlantic surf. In the afternoon, arrive in charming Galway City with its quaint winding streets, broad quays and medieval houses. (B,D) **Days Hotel Galway 3 nights** www.dayshotelgalway.com

DAY 8/MON – KNOCK. Morning visit and **Mass at Ballintubber Abbey**, a magnificent site, recently restored to emphasize its simple shape. Mass has been celebrated continuously here for eight centuries.

Continue to the **Shrine of Our Lady at Knock**, where the Virgin Mary appeared to 15 people on August 21, 1879. This internationally recognized shrine is a major pilgrimage site and draws over 1.5 million visitors per year. Pray and reflect at this holy place. Return to Galway for the night. (B,D)

DAY 9/TUE – CONNEMARA TOUR. In the morning, enjoy a most scenic drive on the Connemara coast with sweeping views of boglands and misty mountains. Past the Maamturk Mountain and the Twelve Bens. Visit charming **Kylemore Abbey (Mass)**, a 19th century Benedictine establishment. (B,D)

**DAY 10/WED – GALWAY/
LIMERICK –** Travel to Limerick stopping in a local village to enjoy "tea and scones". Then visit Clonmacnoise, one of the most important monastic settlements, seeped in Irish history. In the evening, enjoy a most festive **farewell dinner at the Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet**. Served in the Great Hall, the lords and ladies transport you in spirit to the Middle Ages with their songs and stories. (B,S,D) **Jury's Inn Limerick 1 night** www.jurysdoyle.com

DAY 11/THU – SHANNON/USA. (B)

B-Breakfast; S-Tea 7 Scones

D-Dinner;

Itinerary Subject to Modification.

Daily Mass Celebrated at Selected Sites.



GENERAL CONDITIONS

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect, subject to change.

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Twin bedded rooms with private facilities throughout.

DOCUMENTS: Valid U.S. passport.

CANCELLATIONS: Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 60 days prior to departure **less non-refundable**. After that period, additional cancellation fees must be assessed; 60-45 days prior; \$1000; 45-10 days prior: up to total cost.

BAGGAGE: One (1) standard-sized suitcase and small carry on is allowed on coach portion of this trip.

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 26 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, GTA TOURS d/b/a/ GTA TOURS, POB 1008, Madison, CT 06443, Tel: 203-245-8980, or their agents act(s) only as agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for

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