



Pilgrimage to Ireland

Land of Saints and Scholars

August 20-30, 2023

11 days/9 nights

Led by: Fr. Joseph Dudzik

**Pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians
St Josaphat Church & Resurrection Church
Cheektowaga, NY**



Celebrate Mass at select holy sites

Featuring

- ◆ Knock Shrine & the Cliffs of Moher
- ◆ Trinity College & The Book of Kells, Dublin
- ◆ Kylemore Abbey & Selskar Abbey
- ◆ Glendalough & Clonmacnoise Monastic Sites
- ◆ Bunratty Castle Banquet Dinner with entertainment!
- ◆ Farewell dinner at Merry Ploughboy Irish Music Pub!



\$3,695



Cost per person sharing twin room from Toronto

Cost Includes: Round trip air from Toronto; 9 nights accommodations as described on itinerary or similar sharing twin bedded rooms with private bath; daily breakfast; 8 dinners including banquet dinner at Bunratty Castle and festive farewell dinner w/ drinks included at Merry Ploughboy Irish Music Pub; one lunch on Aug 25; comprehensive daily sightseeing with English speaking tour manager; entrance fees to sites; daily liturgy schedule planned; hotel taxes & services; portorage of one bag per person; air taxes of \$300, subject to changes until tickets are issued in July 2023.

Not included: Items not specified above, e.g. lunches except on Aug 25; travel protection insurance (if purchased at time of deposit, pre-existing conditions are covered); group gratuities(\$150 per person will be pre-collected on final invoice); items of a personal nature, passport fees; visa fees for non U.S. citizens if applicable.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

Complete the booking form below and submit with your deposit of \$500 + optional travel insurance payment as soon as possible. *(Premium is based on age and trip cost, please see Arch RoamRight travel insurance rates). All checks payable to Far Away Tours.* Final payment will be due on receipt of invoice in May 2023.

Any Questions? Contact Fr. Dudzik

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BOOKING FORM

GRP # 2318 Pilgrimage to Ireland, Land of Saints & Scholars; August 20-30, 2023. I (we) give my (our) deposit(s) of \$500 per person due as soon as possible to reserve your spot. If you are purchasing travel insurance, please add the insurance amount to your deposit check made payable to Far Away Tours.

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) _____
Please PRINT official, legal first & last name as on passport, no nicknames!

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Tel: Home _____ Mobile: _____

E Mail: _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year): ___/___/___

Check payable to: Far Away Tours
Mail to:
Fr. Joseph Dudzik, Pastor
Our Lady Help of Christians 4125 Union Rd.,
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

___ Twin Room ___ Single Room (\$800 supplement)

Sharing room with _____

IMPORTANT: Please include a copy of your Passport valid through the length of your stay in Ireland or longer.

AUG 20/SUN - DEPART TORONTO ON YOUR FLIGHT TO DUBLIN.

AUG 21/MON - ARRIVE DUBLIN. On arrival, meet your English-speaking guide, board your coach and transfer to your centrally located hotel in Dublin. En-route, enjoy a panoramic tour of this vibrant capital city. Free time for lunch on our own, then take a guided tour visiting Trinity College, the magnificent Book of Kells and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Check-in to your hotel and have a bit of time to rest and freshen up. Take a pre-dinner walking tour to see Whitefriars Carmelite Church with its many shrines including St. Valentine's and the venerated medieval Black Madonna of Dublin. See St. Kevin's Church and Adam and Eve Church, which in penal times doubled as a pub! Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) **Hyatt Centric The Liberties Dublin Hotel or similar www.hyatt.com**

AUG 22/TUE - DUBLIN/CLONMACNOISE/COUNTY MAYO. After breakfast, departs toward Knock, en-route stopping in Clonmacnoise to see the ruins of the 6th century monastic settlement on the banks of the River Shannon. Founded by St. Ciaran, the settlement became a great place of learning, attracting students and scholars from all over Europe. Admire the beautifully preserved Cathedral, Temple Doolin, Temple Hurpan and Temple Melaghlin. Board your coach and continue on to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, an important pilgrimage center where 15 people witnessed the visions and apparitions of Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist occurred in 1879. Tour the Shrine, visit Knock Museum. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in County Mayo near Knock. (B,D) **Park Hotel Kiltimagh or similar www.parkhotelmayo.com**

AUG 23/WED - COUNTY MAYO. After breakfast, board your coach for a tour of the region. Visit the grave of Ireland's most beloved poet, WB Yeats at Drumcliffe. Also stop at Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery to see the oldest and the densest concentration of Neolithic tombs in Ireland which date back 6,000 years. Visit Glencar Waterfall and Lough and its magical atmosphere which inspired WB Yeats. Next we visit the 17th century Parkes Castle, recently restored with traditional Irish craftsmanship. Lastly, we visit Tobernalt Holy Well, a place of reflection and pilgrimage since before Christianity arrived to Ireland in the 5th century. Return back to your hotel. This evening, enjoy dinner out at a local pub with traditional Irish music! (B,D)

AUG 24/THU - COUNTY MAYO (Kylemore Abbey). After breakfast, visit beautiful Burrishrule Abbey and its ruins, located on the edge of a quiet tidal estuary. Board coach and head south towards Westport, taking the Delphi/Dough Lough Route, passing Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Mountain. Arrive at Kylemore Abbey and Gardens for a guided tour. Return to your hotel, driving through beautiful Inagh Valley and Lough, taking the Partry Mountain route along the shores of beautiful Lough Mask. Dinner and overnight at your hotel. (B,D)

AUG 25/FRI - COUNTY MAYO/GALWAY/ENNIS. After breakfast, departs towards Galway. Tour Galway Cathedral and celebrate Mass. In the afternoon, we will have a special included lunch at Nimmo's Restaurant at the Spanish Arch. Take a guided walking tour of the city, then board your coach and continue on to Ennis. Check-in to your hotel. In the evening, transfer to Bunratty Castle for a banquet dinner with entertainment! (B,L,D)

Temple Gate Hotel or similar www.templegatehotel.com

AUG 26/SAT - ENNIS (Cliffs of Moher). After breakfast, visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights, situated along the Atlantic Ocean and standing over 700 feet high. Stop at the Woolen Mills Shop to browse traditional Irish clothing. Continue on north on the stunning Burren coastline to Fanore, stopping for a photo at the stunning Blackhead Lighthouse. Continue on, stopping in Ballyvaughan for lunch on your own. After, visit Caherconnell Farm for a sheep dog demonstration. Return to Ennis for dinner and overnight at your hotel. Perhaps in the evening you may wish to venture out on your own and explore the town's many traditional Irish pubs. (B,D)

AUG 27/SUN - ENNIS/WEXFORD. After breakfast, head east through Limerick to Waterford City. Visit the Waterford Crystal Factory for a tour and glass demonstration. Free time for lunch, then check-in to your hotel in Wexford. In the afternoon, take a guided tour, admiring the city walls and the ruins of Selskar Abbey. Walk to the Opera House and the Westgate Heritage Tower. Dinner and overnight at your hotel. (B,D)

Talbot Hotel Wexford or similar www.talbotwexford.ie

AUG 28/MON - WEXFORD/DUBLIN. After breakfast, depart northward through Wicklow, known as the "Garden of Ireland" for its scenic beauty. Arrive to the magnificent ruins of the monastic city of Glendalough, founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. Free time for lunch on your own, then check-in to your hotel in Dublin. This evening, celebrate a festive farewell dinner at the Merry Ploughman, with traditional Irish dancing! (B,D)

Hyatt Centric The Liberties Dublin Hotel or similar www.hyatt.com

AUG 28/MON - DUBLIN. Enjoy a free day to explore Dublin at your leisure. Dinner on your own. (B)

AUG 30/WED - RETURN HOME. Transfer to Dublin Airport for your return flight to Toronto. (B)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect January 2023. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms with two beds and private facilities throughout.

DOCUMENTS: Carry valid U.S. passport valid through the length of your stay in Ireland or beyond and another photo ID.

CANCELLATIONS: Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 130 days prior to departure less a \$150 non-refundable fee. In addition, airline tickets are nonrefundable from the day they are issued, which is sometimes several months before departure. Cancellation fees are as follows: 129-100 days prior: \$500; 99-70 days prior: \$1,500; 69-40 days prior: \$2,500; 39-0 days prior: up to total cost. **Optional cancellation/travel protection insurance is highly recommended at time of deposit.**

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 33 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, Far Away Tours of Higganum, CT 06441, Tel: 860-740-0325, or their agents act(s) only as agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.

TRAVEL AS IT RELATES TO COVID-19: International travel is subject to U.S. and Ireland's entry/exit requirements which are subject to change at any time. At the time of this printing in January 2023, there are NO entry restrictions as they pertain to covid-19. Proof of vaccination is not required, nor is it necessary to present proof of vaccination. Travelers are advised to visit the U.S. State Department travel website at www.travel.state.gov and the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov/travel to review the latest travel and health advisories, warnings and notices. It is the responsibility of the travel participant to be aware of current travel recommendations and restrictions with regards to the potential risks of Covid-19.

RETURN ENTRY TO USA: Effective June 12, 2022 travelers flying to the United States will longer need to provide a negative test result before boarding their plane.

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