

**GEORGE'S**  
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



# PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

**May 16-26, 2017**

with

**Father Mark Stec**

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Our Catholic Family's Connection

# ITINERARY

## Day 1 - May 16: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Ireland. Meals and drinks served aloft.

## Day 2 - May 17: Arrive Dublin

Upon arrival in Dublin we will be met by our local Irish guide and transfer to a nearby hotel. Dublin is the vibrant capital of Ireland, with a romantic aura of Old World Europe. The remainder of the day is free. Overnight in Dublin.



## Day 3 - May 18: Dublin

Following breakfast, take a city tour of Dublin including visits to Trinity College to see the famous Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral where we will celebrate Mass, Old Town, the National Museum & Library, O'Connell Street and Phoenix Park. Overnight in Dublin.



## Day 4 - May 19: Dublin

This morning we will travel north to Monasterboice, famous for its sculptured Celtic crosses and round towers. Then proceed to Drogheda to visit St. Peter's Catholic Church containing the embalmed head of Oliver

Plunkett, an archbishop martyred in 1681. Continue to Newgrange, the pre-historical burial site of the High Kings of Ireland and then drive on to the Hill of Tara, the site of a former Acropolis. Return to Dublin.



## Day 5 - May 20: Dublin

This morning we will take an excursion outside of Dublin and drive to Wexford to visit the Irish National Heritage Park which provides a good introduction to the country's ancient history. Then continue on to the village of Avoca to visit the Avoca Handweavers Outlet which is the oldest surviving working mill in Ireland. We will next visit Glendalough. Tucked away in the Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough was established by St. Kevin in the 6th century. This most romantic of monastic sites was one of Ireland's greatest pilgrimage centers up to the middle of the 19th century. Return to Dublin for overnight.



## Day 6 - May 21: Dublin / Killarney

This morning we will depart Dublin and drive to the Rock of Cashel which is the site of the conversion of the King of Munster by St. Patrick in the 5th century. After Mass we will then continue our drive to Blarney to visit the Blarney Castle which dates back to 1446 and served as McCarthy's stronghold. We will climb onto the Battlements to reach the Blarney Stone, said to impart the gift of eloquence to all that kiss it. After some shopping time in the Blarney Woollen Mills depart for

Killarney, situated in a spectacular location amidst mountains, glens and lakes. This evening you may wish to take an optional jaunting car ride, the traditional form of local transport by horse drawn wagon.



### Day 7 - May 22: Killarney

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as "The Ring of Kerry." It is undoubtedly one of the most magical places in all Ireland. Here bogs, mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is often breathtaking beyond words. Even the names of the towns seem to whisper their beauty: Cahirciveen, Glenbeigh, Killorglin and Sneem. Visit Muckross House and Abbey before returning to your hotel in Killarney for the night.

### Day 8 - May 23: Killarney / Galway

Depart Killarney and drive to the charming village of Adare for a brief visit before taking a ferry across the River Shannon from Tarbert to Killimer. We will then travel via the lunar landscape of the Burren to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic great sheer rock face rising 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to Galway, "the City of the Tribes", and check into our hotel.



### Day 9 - May 24: Galway / Knock

Today we will travel through Connemara, an area of outstanding scenic grandeur. There is a brooding sense

of Ireland's ancient culture and traditions in this haunted and mystical area where Gaelic is still the everyday language. Continuing on, visit Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied today by the Irish Benedictine community of nuns who came from Ypres after World War I. We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours at the abbey before we continue to Knock, where 14 people saw a vision of Our Lady with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist in 1879.

### Day 10 - May 25: Knock / Dublin

This morning we celebrate Mass in the magnificent Basilica next to the original church where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1879 and where Pope John Paul II announced that the Church would be known as the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. In the afternoon depart Knock and drive to Dublin.

### Day 11 - May 26: Dublin / U.S.A.

Following breakfast transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

## TOUR COST

**\$3,640.00**

*per person based upon double occupancy*

*For single occupancy please add \$732.00.*

### This price includes:

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from St. Louis
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation in First Class/4 star hotels in Dublin, Killarney and Galway
- ✘ Accommodation in a Superior Tourist Class/3 star hotel in Knock (best available in the area)
- ✘ All hotel taxes and service charges
- ✘ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✘ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✘ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✘ Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ Comprehensive sightseeing with a professional local guide
- ✘ All entrance fees as per itinerary

*Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment:** Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

**Trust Account Disclosure:** California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

**Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"):** George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if the Seller of Travel was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which the Seller of Travel failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to the Seller of Travel, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

**Travel Documents:** A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity remaining is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require an entry visa for entry to Ireland. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need an entry visa. George's International is not responsible for entry visas or passports.

**Tour Cost:** All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on American Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Tour Documents and Tickets:** Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at [www.georgesintl.com](http://www.georgesintl.com). George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

**Not Included:** Gratuities, passport/entry visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

**Responsibility Clause:** The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

**Limitation of liability:** The airlines, hotels, and other suppliers (jointly: "travel suppliers") providing travel or other services sold by George's International Tours are independent contractors and not agents or employees of George's International Tours. George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their travel suppliers offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public. To the extent permitted by law, George's International Tours does not assume liability for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay due to an act or omission of a travel supplier, including, without limitation, an act of negligence or the default of a travel supplier. To the extent permitted by law, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to force majeure, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, bankruptcy, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or any causes beyond George's International Tours' control. Further, no responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, failure to make connections, non-performance or poor performance, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated profits, any additional expenses or lost business, attributable to you yourself, acts or omissions of any third parties, or acts of any governmental authority, even if George's International Tours has been advised that such damages were possible or probable.

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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

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### RESERVATION APPLICATION

**Pilgrimage to Ireland (May 16-26, 2017)**

Group Reference Number: 051617B

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)**

<b>Name</b> (as printed on your passport): First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
<b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):	
<b>Passport number:</b>	<b>Male</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Female</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Passport date of issue:</b>	<b>Passport date of expiration:</b>
<b>Country of citizenship:</b>	<b>Date of birth:</b>
<b>Street address:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b> <b>Zipcode:</b>
<b>Home phone:</b>	<b>Work phone:</b>
<b>Mobile phone:</b>	<b>Email address:</b>

#### **ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Please check one:</b> Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$732.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:</b>
<b>If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

#### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

<b>Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b>
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Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **The Messenger** and mail to:

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