



# Ireland 2018 - A Pilgrimage plus World Meeting of Families Cliffs of Mohr, Galway, Knock, Dublin... August 16 - 27, 2018



**Day 1– Thursday August 16 - Depart USA** for overnight flight to Shannon.

**Day 2 - Friday August 17** - Arrive Shannon Airport where we meet our Irish Guide. Our first stop will be Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor and now contains mainly 15th and 16th century furnishings, tapestries and works of art which capture the mood of the times. Enjoy lunch, included, at Durty Nelly's, one of Ireland's most famous pubs. End the day at Falls Hotel & Spa, Ennistymon, for dinner and overnight. (D)

**Day 3 - Saturday August 18** - After breakfast we begin with a visit to the Cliffs of Moher in County Clare, Ireland's most visited natural attraction. The cliffs stretch for 8km (5miles), as the crow flies, along the Atlantic coast of County Clare in the west of Ireland and reach 214m (702 feet) at their highest point at Knockardakin. We continue on to Galway City for a free afternoon of exploring, shopping, and experiencing the Irish culture. Return to Ennistymon for overnight. (B)

**Day 4 - Sunday August 19** - This morning we take leave of County Clare for the beautiful Connemara, region of County Galway. We will visit the Kylemore Abbey, an iconic attraction, famous around the world. From its beginnings as a romantic gift in the 1860s to becoming home to the Benedictine Nuns in 1920, Kylemore is steeped in history and tales of tragedy, romance, royal visits, spirituality and education. The Benedictine community welcome visitors to experience the Victorian atmosphere of the restored rooms of the abbey and Neo- Gothic Church. We continue to Westport, Castlecourt Hotel, for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 5 - Monday August 20 - Knock.** The story of Knock began on the 21st August, 1879 when 15 people from the village of Knock witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a Lamb and cross on an altar at the gable wall of the Parish Church. The Shrine is one of Ireland's most sacred sites. In 1979 Pope John Paul II made a personal pilgrimage to Knock and Mother Teresa visited in 1993. Mass in the Apparition Chapel, pending confirmation. After Mass we will have a tour of the Shrine Grounds. Enjoy lunch in the area before heading back to Westport. Remainder of the day free to enjoy Westport. Experience dinner at one of the many local establishments. (B)

**Day 6 - Tuesday August 21** - After breakfast we leave Westport and head East to Dublin. On the way, make some comfort stops and then onto Silverstream Priory, pending confirmation. As Benedictines of Perpetual Adoration, they aspire to assure ceaseless prayer before the Eucharistic Face of Christ in a spirit of reparation. Praying and working in the enclosure of the monastery, the monks of Silverstream offer their life for the sanctification of priests labouring in the vineyard of the Lord. Continue onto Dublin for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 7, 8, 9 August 22-24** World Meeting of Family Conferences. Dinner included on day 7. Enjoy Dublin's restaurants on day 8 & 9 on your own. (Transfers to/from conferences included). (2 one day hop on hop off Dublin bus passes per person included)

**Day 10 - Saturday August 25** - Today you are free to explore Dublin on your own. Perhaps use your hop on hop off bus pass. This evening we will head to the Festival of Families to join families from around the world for a celebration of faith, family and friends. (B)

**Day 11 - Sunday August 26** –Today we head to the closing Mass location (TBD). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 12 - Monday August 27** - After breakfast transfer to Dublin airport for our return flight home. (B)

*Mass Celebrated daily, locations pending confirmation.*

**NOTE:** While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to pending schedule confirmations, and/or, due to changes beyond our control.

**\$ 4,439.00** per person, **Cash/Check discount**, based on **30** participants, & double occupancy.  
**Full price, for 30 paying with credit card: \$ 4,609.00.**

#### Included

- Air from Detroit to Shannon / Dublin to Detroit
  - 10 Nights accommodations
  - 10 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners, 1 Lunch
  - English speaking tour escort/guide
  - Entrance to WMOF Conferences/ Family of Festival/closing Mass
  - 2 - 1 Day Hop on Hop off bus passes in Dublin.
  - Transportation to/from Toledo / DTW
  - Private motor coach throughout
  - Transfers from international airport, for those on group air.
  - Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
  - Private Mass arrangements, pending confirmation
  - Taxes and fuel surcharge
- (subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)*

#### Not Included

- Optional Travel insurance: *(strongly recommended)*
- Lunches, beverages and dinners not mentioned.
- All tips to tour escorts/guides/drivers
- Items of personal nature
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms add: \$ 1229.00**

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