



CATHOLIC
FAITH
JOURNEYS

A Pilgrimage to Scotland & Ireland with

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September 22 - October 3, 2025

Day 1: Mon Sept 22: Depart USA for overnight flight to Edinburgh

Day 2: Tue Sept 23: EDINBURGH /ST ANDREW'S - This morning we arrive in Edinburgh. We depart for St Andrew's. Visit the historic ruins of St. Andrew's Castle and Cathedral. Learn about the Apostle Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, and explore the remains of what was once Scotland's largest cathedral, a major shrine for Christians despite being ransacked during the Scottish Reformation. Attend Mass at the Church of St. James at this small Roman Catholic parish, beautifully located on a cliff top overlooking the North Sea. Spend some quiet moments in reflection and enjoy the stunning views. St. Andrew's is also known worldwide as the home of golf. Discover the birthplace of golf at the Old Course, one of the oldest and most famous golf courses in the world. Take a guided tour or enjoy a round of golf if time permits. Dinner and overnight in St Andrew's

Day 3: Wed Sept 24: ST ANDREW'S/ ELGIN AREA - After breakfast we depart for Elgin. Explore the ruins of Elgin Cathedral, known for its stunning Gothic architecture and rich history. Learn about its significance and the historical events that shaped its current state. Visit the world's northernmost functioning Benedictine abbey. Take a tour of the abbey, meet the monks, and experience the tranquility and spirituality of this unique location. In the afternoon visit The Macallan Distillery, famous for its single malt Scotch whisky. Enjoy a tasting session and learn about the distillation process that makes Macallan whisky so special. Dinner and overnight in Elgin Area.

Day 4: Thu Sept 25: EDINBURGH - This morning we depart for Edinburgh. We enjoy a full day here with visits to include the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence of the Queen when she is visiting Scotland as well as Edinburgh Castle for a grand tour of this popular tourist destination. We will also visit Saint Patrick's Church, where we will see the Shrine to the Venerable Margaret Sinclair (Sister Mary Francis of the Five Wounds) as well as a Shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Dinner and overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 5: Fri Sept 26: EDINBURGH/ GLASGOW - This morning visit Scotland's national Marian shrine, Carfin Grotto before we arrive in Glasgow. Designed to resemble the Grotto at Massabielle (Our Lady of Lourdes), this serene location has been a place of procession and prayer since the early 20th century. Reflect on its history and significance. Continue on to our hotel in Glasgow for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 : Sat Sept 27: GLASGOW / BELFAST - This morning we leave Glasgow for the port of Cairnryan to board the ferry to Belfast, the capital of the Republic of Northern Ireland, where we will pass the Harland & Wolff shipyard where Titanic was built. After some time to take pictures, we arrive at our hotel in Belfast for dinner and an overnight stay.

Day 7: Sun Sept 28: BELFAST/KNOCK - This morning we depart for Knock, where we visit the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, the single most important Marian Shrine in all of Ireland. We visit and celebrate Mass in the Apparition Chapel where the apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist occurred and was witnessed by some 15 people in 1879. Dinner and overnight in Knock.

Day 8: Mon Sept 29: KNOCK/ GALWAY/ CLIFFS OF MOHER/ KILLARNEY
This morning, we continue on to Galway City for a walking tour of this seaside city and a visit to the beautifully stained-glass Galway Cathedral. We drive to the dramatic Cliffs of Moher which span some five miles along the rugged coastline and reach heights of greater than 700 feet over the Atlantic Ocean. We continue north and drive through The Burren, a vast lunar-like landscape harboring some 2000 species of rare flowers and plants that live on top of unique rock formations. In the afternoon, we will arrive in Killarney, where we will visit Killarney's Cathedral for our celebration of Mass. Dinner and overnight in Killarney.

Day 9: Tue Sept 30: KILLARNEY / BLARNEY/ COBH/ KILKENNY
This morning we arrive in picturesque Blarney and an opportunity to climb the staircase of the 15th century Blarney Castle, famous for the "Blarney Stone," the legendary "Stone of Eloquence". It is believed that after kissing the Blarney Stone, you will never again be lost for words. While here, we take time to shop at the famous Blarney Woolen Mill. In the afternoon we arrive in the harbor town of Cobh where we visit and celebrate Mass at Saint Colman's Cathedral, followed by a visit to Cobh's heritage center where we see an exhibit about the Old Queenstown Story, including its ties with the "unsinkable" Titanic. Finally, we arrive at our hotel for dinner and overnight in Kilkenny.

Day 10: Wed Oct 1: KILKENNY/GLENDALOUGH / DUBLIN - This morning we will visit the Kilkenny Castle. Following our visit we drive to peaceful Glendalough, where upon our arrival we will celebrate Mass at Saint Kevin's Church. Following free time for lunch, we enjoy a guided tour of the ruins of Saint Kevin's Monastery. After that we driver for Dublin and we will visit Saint Patrick's Cathedral, which was founded in 1190. We explore this famed Cathedral's majestic interior rich with ancient relics. Dinner and overnight in Dublin.

Day 11: Thu Oct 2: DUBLIN - Today we will visit and celebrate Mass at Saint Mary's Pro Cathedral. Following Mass we will visit the Legion of Mary, a lay organization whose members volunteer their time in service of the Catholic Church. Here we will learn about the life's work of Frank Duff, "Servant of God", who founded the Legion of Mary in 1921. In the afternoon we will visit the Kilmainham Gaol (Jail), which housed many prisoners from the Irish Rebellion of 1916. Our day of sightseeing in Dublin concludes with a visit to the highly renowned Guinness Brewery and its "Storehouse", including its Hop Store and Visitor's Centre. Here we sample the brewery's latest batch of their famous libation from high atop their observation deck overlooking Dublin. The remainder of our day is free to explore Dublin on our own. Dinner and overnight in Dublin.

Day 12: Fri Oct 3: DUBLIN / USA - This morning we depart for the airport and board our connecting flight home. Though our tour of Ireland & Scotland draws to a close, its blessings and memories will remain with us for a lifetime

NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to changes beyond our control. *All Masses times and locations are subject to final confirmation.*

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Land Only Cost: * \$ 4,649.00, per person, *Cash/Check*, based on 40 participants, & double occupancy.

**** Price could change depending on the currency exchange rate in the middle of 2025. We are unable to predict this aspect of the program so far in advance of travel.***

Airfare will be added once air contracts are confirmed.

Included

- 10 Nights accommodations
- Breakfasts & Dinners daily
- English speaking tour escort/ guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Transfers from international airport, for those on group air.
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Tips for Tour escort/guides & driver
- Private Mass arrangements, daily.
- Taxes and fuel surcharge
(subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)

Not Included

- Round trip airfare (coming soon)
- Optional Travel insurance:
(strongly recommended)
- Lunches & beverages w/meals other than those listed in "included"

NOTE: Some countries may require travel insurance.

- Any/all Covid-19, or other test(s), that may be required by airlines, departing /arriving country and transfer country. ***(Nothing required at this printing)***
- Transportation to/from Domestic Airport
- Items of personal nature
- Mass donations
- Airline imposed baggage fees
- ***New ETIAS travel authorization (due to be required in 2025. The exact start date has not yet been announced.)***
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms: CALL FOR COST AND AVAILABILITY.**

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*You must be physically fit and capable of walking on uneven terrain and being on your feet all day.
This is a very active pilgrimage with frequent movement from town to town.
Foreign countries do not have the “American Disabilities Act”.
You are responsible for handling your own luggage.*

*To register for this pilgrimage please read, complete and sign the
registration form, and return with your deposit.
I understand that countries may implement or change health requirements
at anytime and I will abide by the requirements of the country I am
visiting and transferring through.*

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departure due to major currency fluctuations, changes in fuel prices and/or
unforeseen economic circumstances beyond our control.*

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