



Ireland Pilgrimage 2021

April 19 • November 8



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Travels*



ITINERARY



Day 1 – Depart USA

Depart USA on your international overnight flight.

Day 2 - Arrive in Dublin

On arrival at the Dublin Airport meet your driver and guide. Travel to the **Hill of Slane**, where St. Patrick lit the first Paschal Fire in 434 in challenge to King Laoghaire's fire. He first explained the Holy Trinity using the shamrock here. Stop at **Monasterboice**, one of the most famous religious sites in the country, which was built in the 5th century. Founded by St. Buithe, the site features two churches, a round tower, and the High Cross of Muiredach. Continue north to your Armagh hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 – Downpatrick and Armagh

Today visit **Downpatrick**, home to the Saul Church - the first church that St. Patrick established in Ireland. Also visit **Down Cathedral**, the burial site of St. Patrick - Ireland's patron saint, and a place of pilgrimage for centuries. Benedictine monks first established the site of the church in 1183. Visit the **St. Patrick Centre** in Downpatrick, housing the exhibition, 'Ego Patricius'. Return to the town of **Armagh**, that St. Patrick declared the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland. See the two cathedrals dedicated to him here, the Church of Ireland's dating back to the Fifth Century AD. Celebrate Mass here and then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 – Sligo and Knock

Cross the north of Ireland to **Sligo**. You'll visit **Drumcliffe Church** and cemetery, where St. Colmcille founded a monastery in 574 AD. W. B. Yeats is buried here. Continue on to the remains of **Sligo Abbey** and walk the grounds of the church. Finish your day in **Knock**, where, in 1879, it was claimed that the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist were seen at the gate of the parish church. Ever since, millions have made pilgrimage to the town. Celebrate mass at Knock, where you will spend the balance of the day enjoying a time of peace, prayer and contemplation.

Day 5 – Croagh Patrick and Kylemore Abbey

This morning, you'll stop in sight of **Croagh Patrick**. Here Saint Patrick fasted on the summit for forty days and built a church there. At the end of the fast, he threw a bell down the side of the mountain, banishing all the snakes and serpents of Ireland. Pass through the scenic mountains, bogs and grasslands of the **Connemara** region. Stop at beautiful **Kylemore Abbey**, run by the Benedictine Nuns. This granite and limestone structure is one of the most photographed buildings in the country. Finish the day in Galway for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 – Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Castle

Pass through the Burren Region to the Cliffs of Moher. With sheer cliffs dropping 600 feet to the water below, it is one of the most impressive stretches of shoreline on the west coast of Ireland. Travel through the enchanting Irish countryside to Bunratty Castle near the town of Limerick. Bunratty is Ireland's most complete



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and authentic, elaborately furnished medieval castle. Finish your day in Limerick for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 – Clonmacnoise

Visit **Clonmacnoise**, founded by St. Ciaran in 548-9. It was plundered six times between 834 and 1012, and burned 26 times between 841 and 1204, yet continued as a great center of learning, with many manuscripts, including the *Annals of Tighearmach* (11th century) and the *Book of the Dun Cow* (12th century) written here. Continue on to Dublin for a Panoramic tour of the city. Make your way to **Phoenix Park** with its Papal Cross. Check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – Glendalough and Dublin

Today you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of Wicklow County, known as the 'Garden County' of Ireland. You will stop in Glendalough where St. Kevin founded a monastery in the 6th century. From this beginning, the site grew to become famous as a center of learning throughout Europe. Return to Dublin for a visit to **Trinity College**, to see the 8th century *Book of Kells* and the long room with its 200,000 books. Continue to **St Patrick's Cathedral**, built in 1192. It is one of Ireland's largest cathedrals, made famous by its former dean Jonathan Swift, author of *Gulliver's Travels*. You will also visit **Christ Church**, built by the Anglo-Normans in 1172 to replace an earlier church built by the Vikings in 1038. It also is adorned with funeral monuments, including the tomb of Strongbow, Ireland's first Norman Conqueror. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 – Return to USA or continue on your Southern Ireland Extension.



Southern Ireland 5-day Post-Tour - \$1,248

Day 9 – Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle

See the Rock of Cashel, the traditional seat of Irish kings. Here St. Patrick is thought to have converted the King of Munster. The present ruins are from structures built in the 12th and 13th centuries, during the Norman era. Travel to Cork to visit Blarney Castle and Blarney Woolen Mills Shop. At the Castle of Blarney you will see the fabled Blarney Stone. Legend says that those who kiss the stone acquire the gift of eloquence. Check in for dinner and overnight in Kinsale.

Day 10– Cobh and Kinsale

In Cobh, you will visit the Heritage Center. From this port, between 1845 and 1860, that 2.5 million people sailed to America. If you had an ancestor who came from Ireland to America, chances are they departed from this very place. Walk the streets of the city to see memorials to the Lusitania and Titanic. Enjoy the afternoon in the port city of Kinsale. Walk the restored 17th Century Charles Fort. Stop at the courthouse used for the inquiry over the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 11 – Ring of Kerry and Muckross House

Delight in some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery as you travel around the Ring of Kerry. Stop around lunchtime in Waterville. Charlie Chaplin brought his family here in the summers. This afternoon you'll visit the 19th century Muckross House. Enjoy this magnificent Victorian mansion that is considered one of Ireland's leading stately homes. Experience the elegance of the day when you see the elegantly furnished rooms. Downstairs, however, reveals the working conditions of the servants employed in the house. Check in to your hotel in Killarney for dinner and overnight.

Day 12 – Killarney National Park and Adare

Today you will travel and hike in portions of Killarney National Park. Stop to walk the beautiful streets of thatch-roofed homes in Adare. Check in to your Shannon area hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 13 – Return to USA

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.



STARTING AT
\$3,398

Select Your Departure Date
 All inclusive prices based out of New York

April 19 \$3448
 November 8 \$3398

YOUR ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing
- Round-trip International Airfare from New York
- Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details
- Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes
- Subject to change
- Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees
- Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches
- First Class Hotels & much more!



Tour: XD21 Code: C

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Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000.....	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit	Additional Cancellation Protection
Part A *		When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website (www.elstours.com). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.
Trip Cancellation.....	Trip Cost	
Part B		
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost	
Missed Connection	\$500	
Travel Delay (Up to \$100 Per Day).....	\$500	
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation		
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense.....	\$25,000	
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$50,000	
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000	
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000	
Baggage Delay	\$100	

Part A -Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only, Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services, Inc. at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 210, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-895-7292 (In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

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INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities
- Program fees • Fuel surcharges • Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Extensions
- Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
- Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees
- Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour
- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)
- Visas for non-US citizens
- Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$598 during the basic tour; \$298 for Southern Ireland Extension.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration deposit	\$300	Due at registration
Final Payment	Full Payment	105 days prior to departure

If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.

Travel Protection Premium Amount No later than 105 days to be in full effect.
Travel protection premiums must be paid in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 105 days prior to departure:

We welcome registrations after 105 days prior to departure. Registrations received between 104-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received by 74 days prior or less will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences.

PASSPORT INFORMATION, CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY & CHECK IN PROCESS:

Photo copies of the passport must be submitted to our office no later than 105 days prior to your trip. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date will result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information or failure to check in for your tour may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed", airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or travelling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel agent for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 10/23/20. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date

RELEASE INFORMATION

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. We assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service. We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.