

# Enchanted Ireland: A Pilgrimage of Heritage and Faith

Pilgrimage #1 (8 nights/10 days)

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## Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Dublin

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## Day 2

**Dublin**

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Arrive in Dublin

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach to Dublin's city center

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Dublin's highlights including O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, Trinity College, and Christchurch Cathedral

Late afternoon check-in at the hotel

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight



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## Day 3

**Dublin / Cashel / Blarney / Cork (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning, we will travel to County Cork stopping to see the Rock of Cashel, also known as St. Patrick's Rock. This historic site is one of the most photographed in Ireland. Only a few remnants of the early structures survive from the 5<sup>th</sup> century

Lunch, on own

Continue to Blarney Castle, one of Ireland's oldest and most famous castles. At the top of the castle, lies the Blarney Stone. Those who visit Blarney Castle may hang upside-down over a sheer drop to kiss the stone, which is said to give the gift of eloquence.

Continue to Cork for evening dinner and overnight



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## Day 4

**Cork / Gougane / Killarney (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a panoramic tour of beautiful Cork, a major Irish seaport. Explore the English Market which has been in existence since 1788

Lunch, on own

Continue to Killarney stopping en route in Gougane Barra, whose name derives from St. Finbarr, who was said to have built a monastery here during the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Enjoy a stroll through Gougane's Forest Park

Continue to Killarney for evening dinner and overnight



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## Day 5

**Killarney / Dingle Peninsula (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Begin in the town of Dingle with its thriving fishing harbor, shops, pubs, and narrow streets. On our drive along the Peninsula, we will admire scenic Iveragh Peninsula, Rossbeigh Beach, and the Basket Islands.

Lunch, on own

Continue to the excavated monastery at Riask to see the ruins of a 6<sup>th</sup> century monastery and 7<sup>th</sup> century cross slab of St. Mura, the patron saint of Fahan

Explore the impressive Gallarus Oratory, an early Christian monument built



in the shape of an upturned boat dating from 7<sup>th</sup> century. It was part of a larger monastic site and was used as a place for prayer and reflection  
Continue to the Kerry area for evening dinner and overnight



**Day 6** **Burren Region / Cliffs of Moher / Galway** (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel  
This morning we will travel to County Clare, rich in Christian history and contains many abbeys and priories whose ruins date back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century. As we drive along the coast, we will behold the majestic Cliffs of Moher  
Lunch, on own  
Continue to Galway through the Burren Region, a high plateau of porous limestone. Visit Corcomroe Abbey and three early Christian Churches  
Continue to Galway for evening dinner and overnight



**Day 7** **Connemara** (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel  
Visit the Connemara Region, famous for its scenic lakes and mountains. See Lough Corrib (the second largest lake in Ireland) then proceed through Maam Cross to the village of Leenane and Kylemore Abbey  
Lunch, on own  
Explore Kylemore Abbey, a monastery founded in 1920 for Benedictine Nuns who fled Belgium in World War I. A craft shop, pottery studio, restaurant, and gardens also surround the Abbey  
Return to Galway for evening dinner and overnight



**Day 8** **Galway / Clonmacnoise / Dublin** (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel  
Enjoy a panoramic tour of Galway including Lynch's Castle and St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church before returning to Dublin via Clonmacnoise.  
Lunch, on own  
Explore Clonmacnoise to see the large round tower built in 1124, ruins of churches, and remarkable Cross of the Scriptures which dates from 900 AD  
Continue to Dublin for evening dinner and overnight



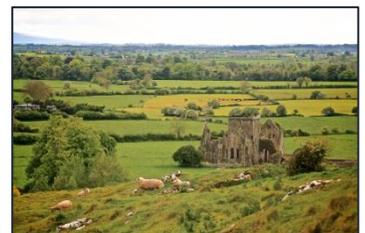
**Day 9** **Boyne Valley** (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel  
This morning we will visit the Boyne Valley, a complex of tombs, standing stones, hinges, and other prehistoric enclosures predating the Egyptian pyramids. Visit the Abbey of Kells, a former monastery located in Kells  
Lunch, on own  
Visit Mellifont Abbey, the first Cistercian abbey to be built in Ireland which served as a model for other Cistercian abbeys in Ireland  
Return to Dublin for Farewell Dinner and overnight



**Day 10** **Depart for home** (B)

Breakfast at the hotel  
Transfer to Dublin Airport for return flight



For a more detailed itinerary, please visit [our website](#).

***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable

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