

# JOIN US ON A PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

#### JOIN- Bishop William Waltersheid

Few places capture the imagination as well as Ireland. Whether you have roots there or not, there is something about Ireland that calls to the human heart. If you are looking for a travel experience that is both religious and fun, look no further than Ireland in March 2025. A pilgrimage is a perfect opportunity to encounter God in sacred places and in one another. Join Bishop William Waltersheid as he leads a pilgrimage to Ireland. This is a Catholic pilgrimage, and we will have daily Mass. However, all are welcome to join!



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Round trip airfare on International
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Breakfast daily and meals per itinerary
Specially selected hotel accommodations
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Full-time tour manager
International Taxes and CURRENT fuel
charges.

**Saturday March 1 | Day 1 DEPART USA** - We depart Pittsburgh to connect with our overnight flight to the Emerald Isle. We enjoy inflight movies, dinner, and breakfast aloft.

Sunday, March 2 | Day 2 DUBLIN/ARMAGH – This morning, we arrive in Dublin where we are met by our driver and guide who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. We journey straight to Armagh, the spiritual capital of Ireland for 1500 years, famous for its two St Patricks' cathedrals, Catholic and Anglican. We celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Armagh and hear the history of this impressive building. We tour the Anglican St. Patrick's Cathedral. Continue to Belfast for dinner and overnight.

Monday, March 3 | DAY 3 BELFAST—Today after our Irish breakfast we enjoy a panoramic tour of Belfast ending at the famous St. Malachy church where we celebrate Mass. Our tour includes a stop at Shankill and Falls roads where we will learn about past strife and view the political murals, plus a stop at the Europa Hotel, the most famous hotel in Belfast. We continue to the Titanic Museum, a salute to Belfast's maritime heritage. We uncover the true legend of the Titanic, while exploring the shipyard where the ill-fated ship was built. After some free time for lunch, we depart for the Giant's Causeway- one of the most spectacular natural spots in the world and a UNESCO world heritage site. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Belfast.

Tuesday, March 4 | DAY 4 KNOCK/GALWAY – This morning we travel to Knock, to visit the Marian Shrine, internationally recognized and an important pilgrimage center. Knock Shrine is renowned as a site of visions, apparitions, and miraculous cures. In August 1879, fifteen people witnessed the apparition of the Blessed Mother, St Joseph, and St John the Evangelist at the south gable of the Knock parish church. St Pope John Paul II visited Knock in 1979, during the centenary of the apparition. Pope Francis also visited during the World Meeting of Families in 2018. We celebrate Mass here and enjoy some free time for personal prayer. We continue to Galway, a city on Ireland's west coast. We enjoy a brief panoramic tour of its delightful narrow streets, old stone and wooden shop fronts, Spanish Arch, the 19th century Eyre Square, the Latin Quarter and Lynch's Castle. Next to the castle is the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, Galway's finest medieval building and where Columbus is said to have prayed before setting sail for the Americas. Dinner at a local restaurant in Galway. Overnight at our hotel in Galway.

Wednesday, March 5| Day 5 CLIFFS OF MOHER/TRALEE Today we visit the Cliffs of Moher celebrating Mass en route at St. John the Baptist church. The Cliffs of Moher, situated in the Atlantic Ocean, boast one of the most spectacular views in Ireland. On a clear day, the Aran Islands are visible in Galway Bay as well as the valleys and hills of Connemara. We visit O' Brien Tower, north of the Cliff's highest point, then the Atlantic Edge, and its exciting new interpretive center. We pass the Burren National Park with myriads of wild flora, megalithic tombs, and Celtic crosses plus a Cistercian Abbey dating back to the 12th century. We stop at the Holy Well of St. Brigid where testimonies to lost loved ones fill our spirit with hope. We continue with our journey to Tralee via a ferry from Shannon. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Tralee.

**Thursday, March 6 | Day 6 TRALEE** - This morning we wake in beautiful Tralee, in County Kerry. Saint Brendan, one of the early Irish monastic saints and one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland, hailed from this area. After morning Mass at a local church in Tralee- we head to Dingle. On route we stop and enjoy a sheepdog demonstration with tea and scones. Upon arrival in Dingle we enjoy free time to wander the streets, shop and have lunch. We sightsee some of the Dingle peninsula before we head back to Tralee. Tonight, we eat out at a Tralee restaurant with local flavor. Overnight at our hotel in Tralee.

Friday, OMarch 7 | Day 7 RING OF KERRY Today we enjoy a free day for total relaxation or if there is interest, we will offer an optional tour around the King of Kerry! We will stop at Torc Waterfall and the Ladies View and continue in awe at some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world. Dinner is on your own tonight. Overnight at our hotel in Tralee.

Saturday, March 8 Day 8 KILLARNEY/ROCK OF CASHEL – Today after breakfast, we journey to St. Mary's Cathedral in Killarney to celebrate Mass and then enjoy a brief visit of this picturesque town. We drive down to the Ladies View the Ring of Kerry, including a short walk to the Torc waterfall, before departing for Blarney Castle! Over the past several hundred years, millions of people have flocked to Blarney Castle to kiss the Blarney Stone- making it a world landmark and one of Ireland's greatest treasures. hailed as the site of the conversion of Aenghus, the King of Munster, by St. Patrick in this 5th century. The legendary Stone of Eloquence, found at the top of the tower, if kissed, legend says it delivers the gift of eloquence! We continue to the Rock of Cashel, known more formally as St. Patrick Rock, Dinner and overnight in Cashel

**Sunday, March 9** | **Day 9 DUBLIN** – Today before departing for Dublin, we visit and tour beautiful Holy cross Abbey. The church has many interesting features including a variety of fascinating windows, mural paintings, and many fine carvings. We celebrate Mass here. We also pay homage to St. Kevin, the son of royalty and one of Ireland's most popular saints. We visit the Glendalough Monastic site founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century which later became a famous center of learning throughout Europe. St. Kevin's has attracted pilgrims and those with vocations to religious life for centuries. We continue to Dublin, where we will have a driving tour of her sites, including St. Mary's Cathedral, before arriving at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Monday, March 10 | Day 10 DUBLIN - Today we start our day at White friar Carmelite Church to see the relics of St. Valentine and celebrate Mass. Then we tour all the sites of Dublin with a local guide, including a visit to Trinity College, to view the Book of Kells. We visit the National Museum of History which contains many of the Holy relics of Ireland. We enjoy some free time for lunch and shopping in Dublin this afternoon. You may also like to visit the Guinness factory. Tonight, we celebrate our pilgrimage with a special dinner at the Merry Ploughman's Pub. Overnight at our hotel in Dublin

**Tuesday, March 11 | DAY 11 RETURN TO THE USA** – Today we enjoy our last hearty Irish breakfast and then head for the airport for our flight home. We will carry the stories of the Saints and the beauty of the Emerald Isle in our hearts forever and, of course, we will have the gift of eloquence!

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Enclose a copy of your passport (must be valid until Sept 12, 2025, or after).

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