

SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 4, 2018

# EXPLORING THE RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF IRELAND

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Father Nicholas Mammi, pastor of St. Anne's parish in Bristol, VA, invites you to join him for an inspiring journey to Ireland. Ireland is a land of incredible beauty, rich history, deep spirituality, and a lively cultural heritage of storytelling and music. We have created a program that allows us to explore the historic and breathtaking areas of the Dingle peninsula and Burren region – visiting ancient religious sites, castles and panoramic coastal roads. We will learn more about Celtic Christian roots in Clonmacnoise and Hill of Slane. We plan on a special day of retreat at a sanctuary of St. Patrick at Lough Derg. We end our program in the dynamic city of Dublin. Throughout the program we will enjoy warm local hospitality, professional tour manager, guided visits, liturgies each day, and enough time to savor Ireland at your own pace and leisure. Come join us!

## Program Highlights

**Tue Sep 25:** Depart Charlotte, NC for Shannon.

**Wed Sep 26:** Arrival Shannon. Meet the tour manager and transfer to the city center. Since hotel check-in will be later in the afternoon, go on a tour and visit to Limerick. After the tour, check into the hotel for the afternoon at leisure. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Limerick.

**Thu Sep 27:** Breakfast. Celebrate Eucharist at St. Augustine's, continuing after with an excursion to the Dingle Peninsula. Enjoy a scenic drive to Sleah Head and Dun an Oir Fort. Then visit some of the historical sites, including the Reasc monastery, the Gallerus Oratory and visitor center, and Kilmalkedar Church. Afterwards, stop in Dingle for free time. This evening, enjoy a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle or a similar site. Overnight Limerick.

**Fri Sep 28:** Breakfast. Travel to Galway through the scenic Burren region, visiting the Cliffs of Moher, the Poulabrone Dolmen, and the Corcomroe Abbey. The Burren landscape covers over 150 square kilometres and is one of Ireland's 6 National Parks. The region is visually similar to a moonscape, yet shelters a mixture of flora and archaeological sites

which have attracted visitors for centuries. Human beings came here over 6000 years ago, cleared the forests and set in motion soil erosion. Centuries of weathering has produced a terrain of fissured limestone pavements, disappearing lakes, terraced mountains, and underground cave systems. For millennia, man has left his mark; megalithic tombs and cooking sites litter the pavements, while medieval tower houses and churches guard the valleys. Proceed to Galway for dinner and overnight.

**Sat Sep 29:** Breakfast. Visit Clonmacnoise. Clonmacnoise is a wonderful early Christian site founded by St. Ciarán in the mid-6th century on the eastern bank of the River Shannon. Celebrate liturgy here at the outdoor covered altar. Return to Galway for the afternoon and evening at leisure. Overnight Galway.

**Sun Sep 30:** Breakfast. Travel to Sligo via the Connemara region. Connemara is a land of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains. It is a land of small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken language, and where little has changed since the beginning of time. It is without a doubt the wildest and the most romantic part of Ireland. Connemara is a vast peninsula bordered by the arid and rocky coastline

of Galway Bay in the south - a land characteristic for its stone walls and thatched cottages. Visit the Kylemore Abbey (with Mass), a sheep wool center, and Croagh Patrick. Continue to Sligo for dinner and overnight.

**Mon Oct 1:** Breakfast. Depart for Lough Derg Retreat Centre for a one day retreat. The Sanctuary of St Patrick – Lough Derg – has been welcoming pilgrims for over a thousand years. In the past 150 alone over 2 million people have spent time in prayer and contemplation on this Holy Island. Lunch is included today. Return to Sligo for dinner and overnight.

**Tue Oct 2:** Breakfast. Travel to Dublin, visiting the Hill of Slane and Slane Castle. Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral upon arrival in Dublin, with dinner at the hotel tonight. Overnight Dublin.

**Wed Oct 3:** Breakfast. Celebrate Mass at the Whitefriar Carmelite Church, and then proceed with guided visits to Trinity College (and the Book of Kells) and Dublin Castle. This evening, enjoy a guided visit to the Guinness complex and storehouse, including a buffet dinner. Overnight Dublin.

**Thu Oct 4:** Breakfast. Transfer to the Dublin airport for the return flight to Charlotte.

## Inclusive Features

Roundtrip air from Charlotte to Shannon and Dublin to Charlotte, 8-nights accommodations in central 3-star superior hotels, breakfast daily, one lunch, 7 dinners, a full time tour manager, guided visits with local experts per the itinerary, local transportation via deluxe motorcoach

## Travel Resource Center

Visit [www.travelillum.com/trc/aqp](http://www.travelillum.com/trc/aqp) for details and registration information.

With questions please contact:

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## Complete Program Prices

Includes group airfare and airport transfers

**\$3,575** per person based on double occupancy

**+\$450** additional - airline taxes, airport fees, security fees, fuel surcharges (estimate as of December 26, 2017)

**\$575** supplement for single occupancy

## Land Only Program Prices

Excludes all airfare and airport transfers

**\$3,325** per person based on double occupancy

**\$575** supplement for single occupancy

Please note: Single rooms for single use are limited to 10% of the total number of rooms reserved. Should additional single rooms be requested, hotels may impose a higher supplement for all single rooms of \$750. If you have selected double occupancy but no roommate is available due to uneven numbers or if your roommate should cancel you will be in a single room and responsible for the single room supplement.

All prices listed are discounted for payment by check. When paying with a credit card you will be charged the standard base price which is 5% higher.

All program prices are based on availability of services at the time registration material is received; currency exchange rates in effect December 26, 2017—and on 2017 land and air tariffs—and are subject to change. All services are provided subject to Illume's Conditions and Clauses.

The program prices will be reviewed before the invoices for the final payment are mailed, and will reflect the current prices.

## Travel Protection

Illume suggests that you purchase travel insurance to help protect your trip and your investment from unexpected circumstances. Please read the Illume Conditions and Clauses attached to the Program Registration Application to review the charges that will apply in the event that you cancel your program participation. Illume offers you the option of purchasing a Group Deluxe Travel Protection Plan for your program. If you wish to purchase the plan, **the premium should be paid with your initial deposit on the same check.**

## Travel Protection Rates

### Group Deluxe

**\$276** per person – double occupancy

**\$319** per person – single occupancy

### Group Deluxe – Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR)\*

**\$414** per person - double

**\$478.50** per person – single

\*CFAR coverage is 75% of the nonrefundable trip cost. Trip cancellation must be 48 hours or more prior to scheduled departure. CFAR is not available to residents of New York State.

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To download the Plan Document, please visit the "Travel Protection" link on your program's Travel Resource Center.

## Program Registration

Complete the Application and forward with your **\$1,200.00** deposit per person (and travel protection payment, if purchasing) by **April 2, 2018** to:

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Registrations will be accepted after April 2 on a space-available basis. Additional costs may apply. Contact Illume for pricing and availability after April 2.

Checks should be made payable to Illume.

Balance of payment due not later than: **June 27, 2018**

Note: Any changes to the program will be outlined in the final documents which you will receive one month prior to departure. If changes are made that affect the program price, you will receive an invoice or a credit accordingly.

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