

Durgan Travel Service *presents...*

12 Days / 10 Nights

CATHOLIC IRELAND

DEPARTURES

March & November at \$TBA*

April & October at \$TBA*

Early May at \$TBA*

**Valid
Passport
Required!!**

Passport must be valid for 6
months after return date



***Rates are for payment by credit card. See back for discount cash and check prices. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, & INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, fuel surcharge (subject to change).**

OUR 12-DAY/10-NIGHT CATHOLIC IRELAND TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~SHANNON: Depart Boston's Logan Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Shannon, Ireland with full meal and beverage service en route, including complimentary stereo headsets. (*possible intermediate stop*)

DAY 2 – SHANNON~GALWAY: Upon arrival in Shannon, we will meet our Tour Escort to begin our journey through this beautiful country. We begin with a leisurely drive to the coast where we will stop at the impressive Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic wall of rock that plunges 700-feet into the churning ocean. We continue to Galway, where, upon arrival, there will be a short orientation tour of the city before we check into the *Carlton Hotel* (or similar). The rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

DAY 3 – CONNEMARA PENINSULA: After a full Irish breakfast, we depart for a full-day excursion to the Connemara Peninsula. We will experience the wild charm of this rugged coastline, which features bogs, lakes, and mountains (*known as the Twelve Pins*). Visit Kylemore Abbey, a lakeside castle in white granite and gray limestone that was built in the 1860's by a Manchester tycoon, Mitchell Henry, for his wife. We return to Galway via Recess and Naam Cross for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – GALWAY~CONG~KNOCK~ARMAGH: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we depart Galway Bay. Along the way, we'll pass through the village of Cong, where beautiful Ashford Castle is situated. Our next stop is the pilgrimage shrine of Knock, where we will have time for prayer and contemplation at the apparition site. We continue to Armagh, our home for the next two nights, and check into *City Hotel Armagh* (or similar). Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – ARMAGH: After breakfast, we will spend the entire day in Armagh, the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland where St. Patrick founded a monastic school in 443 AD. There will be some free time in Armagh with the opportunity to visit St. Patrick's Trian. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 6 – ARMAGH~NEWGRANGE~DUBLIN: After breakfast, our journey takes us to the 5000-year old tombs at Newgrange. These Neolithic burial tombs predate the pyramids and remain one of Europe's great archaeological mysteries. The Megalithic Passage Tomb at Newgrange was built about 3200 BC. The kidney-shaped mound covers an area of over one acre and is surrounded by 97 kerbstones, some of which are richly decorated with megalithic art. A 19-meter long inner passage leads to a cruciform chamber with a corbelled roof. It is estimated that the construction of the Passage Tomb at Newgrange would have taken a workforce of 300 at least 20 years. This afternoon we continue to Dublin, Ireland's capital city, where we check into the *Camden Court Hotel* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 – DUBLIN: After breakfast, we'll enjoy a half-day panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin. Sights on the tour will include Trinity College (*home of the famous Book of Kells*), St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Post Office (*scene of the Easter Rising in 1916*) to name but a few. Our tour will also include the statue-lined O'Connell Street and Grafton Street. The afternoon is at leisure to explore on our own. Dinner is on our own this evening. There will be an optional dinner with entertainment at Merry Ploughboys Pub. Overnight in Dublin. (B)

DAY 8 – GLENDALOUGH~AVOCA~WATERFORD: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will head south to Glendalough in the Wicklow Mountains. In Glendalough there will be a visit to the 6th century monastic settlement founded by St. Kevin, which became a prominent seat of learning in Europe. Continuing into the beautiful countryside, we will stop at the small village of Avoca, home of the famous television series "Ballykissangel." Avoca is also home to Avoca Handweaving, where we will have the opportunity to experience the skill of spinning yarn and weaving wool. On the road to Waterford, we will stop for a visit to Ardmore, St. Declan's town. Continuing to Waterford, we can visit the famous Waterford Crystal Visitor's Centre to view the manufacturing of their famous crystal. We will check into *Granville Hotel* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – COBH~BLARNEY~KILLARNEY: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will depart for Cobh and a visit to the Queenstown Story, a dramatic exhibition of the origins, history, and legacy associated with this port city. After our tour, we will travel to Blarney, where we will have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone, said to bestow eloquence and the gift of the gab on all who dare. There will be some time for shopping at Blarney Woolen Mills before continuing to Killarney, where we will check into the *Eviston House* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 10 – RING OF KERRY~CAHIRCIVEEN~SNEEM: After breakfast, we leave for what promises to be a spectacular day touring through Killarney National Park and the world famous "Ring of Kerry." The Ring offers some of the most magnificent scenery in Ireland. With its mild climate and rapid changes in light, it is a truly enchanting place. There will be plenty of opportunities to stop and enjoy the views. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 11 – DINGLE PENINSULA~DINGLE~TRALEE: Our last full day in Ireland takes us to one of the most unspoiled parts of the country - the Dingle Peninsula. This region of Ireland still boasts communities who speak the traditional Irish Gaelic; life has changed little in decades. As

well as a stop in the town of Dingle, there will also be some time for last-minute shopping in the town of Tralee before returning to Killarney. This evening, we will enjoy a special "Farewell Dinner" prior to overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 12 – SHANNON-BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the Shannon Airport for our return flight to Boston. (*possible intermediate stop*). (B)

OUR CATHOLIC IRELAND TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ✦ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. A slight additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ✦ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Shannon (*possible intermediate stop*) and return, with full meal and beverage service en route and including complimentary stereo headsets, movies, beer, and wine.
- ✦ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ✦ 10-nights at first-class hotels (*as described in the itinerary*) throughout the tour based-on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge*. Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ✦ Sightseeing aboard a deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach with an expert bilingual guide.
- ✦ Full services of a local, expert host/guide for the entire tour.
- ✦ Sightseeing, as illustrated in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ✦ All room tax and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen
- ✦ Full Irish breakfast (B) and nine dinners (D), including a "Farewell Dinner" in Killarney.
- ✦ Complimentary wine and water with dinner each evening.
- ✦ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag.

A DEPOSIT OF \$TBA IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: All persons traveling with Durgan Travel Service are offered **Travel Protection Insurance** through **Trip Mate** (1-800-888-7292), and are required to accept or decline said offer on their reservation form. Please call **Trip Mate** if you have questions about your insurance or your eligibility. The plan covers trip cancellation or pre- or post-trip interruption, and tour operator/cruise line/airline bankruptcy up to the cost of the trip and travel delay up to \$750 (*max. \$150 per day*). Emergency evacuation is covered up to \$50,000. Accident or Sickness Medical Expense is covered up to \$25,000. Lost or stolen baggage/personal effects are covered up to \$2500. Baggage delay (24-hours or more) up to \$250 reimbursement, and death or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max.. This plan is underwritten by: The United States Fire Insurance Company. **This policy is administered by:** Trip Mate, Inc. (In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency), 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114, 1-800-888-7292.

TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150, *should* be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120-days prior to departure. After processing, the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

RESPONSIBILITY: Durgan Travel Service and their agents, in accepting bookings for this tour, clearly stipulate that they are not liable for faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in the carrying-out of the tour services, also for accidents, baggage losses, delays, or cancellations, strikes, political unrest, riots, and acts of God and war, and changes in schedules. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable, for the comfort or well being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operator. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw the tour due to insufficient participation or for any reason whatsoever; also to decline to accept or to retain any person as members of the tour. The airlines and bus lines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not onboard. The pass contract in use by the airlines or bus companies concerned constitutes the sole contract between the company and purchase of this tour and/or passengers. The issuance and acceptance of receipt tickets and/or tour membership coupons, along with making the initial deposit, shall be deemed to be consent to and acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions.

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