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Winona Diocese Choir in

Ireland

July 12 - 20, 2024

Kilkenny Castle



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St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin



Day 1: Friday, July 12, 2024 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Dublin, Ireland. **Inflight meals**

Day 2: Saturday, July 13, 2024 • Dublin

Upon arrival in Dublin, we meet our driver and guide. A local guide joins us for a panoramic tour of Ireland's fair capital. We visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, home of Ireland's largest and most beautiful organ as well as memorials to Dean Jonathan Swift. We also visit the famed Trinity College founded in 1592 by England's Queen Elizabeth I. Of course, while at the college we see the Book of Kells, the ancient manuscript of the four gospels in Latin on vellum dating back to the year 800. We have dinner at our hotel. **D**

Day 3: Sunday, July 14, 2024 • Dublin

This morning we attend Mass. Afterwards, regardless of how well we've behaved so far, we're going to jail! Yes, we spend some time behind bars at historic Kilmainham Gaol, one of the largest unoccupied prisons in Europe. Next, we unwind a bit during a tour of the Guinness Brewery Museum and Hop Store. After viewing the displays that chronicle a humble 200-year history of brewing at St James Gate, we finally have a chance for a taste. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore Dublin. Tonight, we celebrate our final evening in Dublin with dinner, dancing, singing and entertainment at the famous Abbey Tavern. **B, D**

Day 4: Monday, July 15, 2024 • Cobh area

Our first stop today is the medieval city of Kilkenny. We walk

Cobh



through St. Canice's Cathedral and admire the high crosses found in the cemetery, and the round tower adjacent to it. With a chance to appreciate the strength and charm of the Anglican influence, we visit the imposing fortress, Kilkenny Castle, and its lovely gardens. After some free time in Kilkenny, we head to Cobh for our overnight. **B**

Day 5: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 • Killarney

This morning we visit the Queenstown Exhibit in Cobh. Between 1840 and 1950 over six million men, women and children emigrated from Ireland. The Queenstown Story is a museum about that wave of emigration, including the story of Annie Moore, the first emigrant to be processed at Ellis Island when it opened in 1892. There's also information on the Titanic, and the Lusitania, as well as the maritime history of Cork. Next, we visit the St. Colman's Cathedral. Later, we visit the Blarney Castle. Of course, we want to kiss the "Blarney Stone" and acquire the "gift of eloquence." We also visit the renowned Blarney Woolen Mills. We then continue to our hotel in Killarney. **B, D**

Day 6: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 • Killarney

Today we travel on one of the most scenic roads in the world: the Ring of Kerry. Sights such as Ladies View, McGillicuddy's Reeks, Waterville and Cahersiveen come to life as we negotiate narrow, winding roads with stunning views. We return via the Killarney National Park with a jaunting cart ride and have the chance to view the area's lush woodlands, deep blue lakes, and varied wildlife. This evening is free to explore more of Killarney. **B**



Kilmainham Gaol Prison



Jaunting Cart



Bunratty Castle

Day 7: Thursday, July 18, 2024 • Galway

Today we head to Galway where a local guide introduces us to the city's main attractions, including the vibrant Eyre Square, Salmon Weir Bridge and the Galway Cathedral, the last great building in Ireland to be built of natural stone. We have free time to explore Galway. **B**

Day 8: Friday, July 19, 2024 • Limerick

We venture out via the Burren to see the Cliffs of Moher; dark, limestone cliffs that stretch for five miles dropping down to the raging, foaming sea! We head to Bunratty Castle to stroll in the Folk Park. A living reconstruction of the homes and lives of Ireland a century ago, we delight in the rural farmhouses, village shops and Bunratty House, all furnished as they were then. In the evening we are treated to a medieval banquet featuring wholesome food, music, song, and dance. **B, D**

Day 9: Saturday, July 20, 2024 • Return

Regretfully, it's time to say "Slán agat" (Goodbye) and transfer to the Shannon Airport, where our international flight is waiting to return us to the USA. We return, however, with memories of lovely landscapes, verdant fields, fabulous castles, interesting pubs and people, enchanting music and most importantly, a wealth of new friends! Welcome home! **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast, D=Dinner



Cliffs of Moher

TOUR COST: \$4,139* *per person*
Includes estimated air from Minneapolis
Payment by cash/check will receive a \$100 discount
 *Price is based on a minimum of 25 paying participants, double occupancy
Single supplement = \$675

Your Tour Includes:

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Minneapolis to Dublin and return from Shannon, related taxes and fees (\$1,500)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of a **professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
(Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.
(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration: \$500 per person
Final payment due April 13, 2024: Balance per person

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100/person administrative fee plus any airfare & land penalties will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300/person cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive no refund. Please refer to the terms and conditions on your brochure for further information.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

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Ireland

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of your passport with the application.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female (*required by airline*)

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of your passport with the application.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female (*required by airline*)

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR **Single supplement:** ____ Yes ____ No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make check payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

