

Join Father Matthew Stanley on a Pilgrimage

Scotland & Ireland

Edinburgh - Knock - Galway - Killarney - Blarney Castle- Dublin & More!



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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1: Depart USA: Today we depart on our journey to Scotland. Enjoy onboard meals, rest, and prepare your heart for the pilgrimage ahead.

Day 2: Edinburgh / St Andrew's: This morning we arrive in Edinburgh. After visa formalities, we depart for St Andrew's. Visit the historic ruins of St. Andrew's Castle and Cathedral. Learn about the Apostle Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, and explore the remains of what was once Scotland's largest cathedral, a major shrine for Christians despite being ransacked during the Scottish Reformation. Attend Mass at the Church of St. James at this small Roman Catholic parish, beautifully located on a cliff top overlooking the North Sea. Spend some quiet moments in reflection and enjoy the stunning views.

Overnight: Edinburgh (Dinner*)

Day 3: Edinburgh: This morning we enjoy a full day visit to Saint Patrick's Church, where we will see the Shrine to the Venerable Margaret Sinclair (Sister Mary Francis of the Five Wounds) as well as a Shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Dinner and overnight in Edinburgh. Continue to Scotland's national Marian shrine, Carfin Grotto before we arrive in Glasgow. Designed to resemble the Grotto at Massabielle (Our Lady of Lourdes), this serene location has been a place of procession and prayer since the early 20th century. Reflect on its history and significance.

Overnight: Edinburgh (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4: The Johnny Walker Experience: Discover an acclaimed five-star visitor attraction in the heart of Scotland's capital. Enjoy immersive tours, a rooftop bar with breathtaking views of Edinburgh Castle, expertly crafted cocktails, and locally sourced cuisine. Embark on a theatrical, immersive Johnnie Walker whisky journey where tradition and innovation converge. This isn't merely a tour; it's an interactive exploration bringing to life the rich legacy and artistry behind our iconic whiskies.

Overnight: Edinburgh (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5: Fly to Dublin / Travel to Knock: This morning we take our short flights to Dublin. Upon arrival in Dublin, we are welcomed by our guide and board our coach to continue our pilgrimage. Our first destination is Knock, a peaceful village that became a sacred site following the 1879 apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist. Once we settle into our hotel, we celebrate Mass at the Shrine and have time to reflect in its serene atmosphere. The quiet holiness of this site sets the tone for the journey ahead and invites us into a posture of prayer and openness.

Overnight: Knock (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6: Knock Shrine & Surroundings: We return to Knock Shrine this morning for a more in-depth visit. Begin with Mass at the Apparition Chapel, followed by time to pray, light candles, and walk the beautiful outdoor Stations of the Cross. The Knock Museum offers moving accounts of the apparition and the lives of those who witnessed it. In the afternoon, we enjoy a short excursion to Ballintubber Abbey, a historic church where Mass has been celebrated for over 800 years despite centuries of persecution. The enduring faith present here inspires us as we continue on our own spiritual path.

Overnight: Knock (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7: Croagh Patrick / Galway: This morning we make our way to Croagh Patrick, the sacred mountain where St. Patrick fasted for 40 days in penance. While some pilgrims choose to climb part of the path, others may remain at the base and visit the chapel and visitor center for prayer and reflection. We then travel to the lively city of Galway, known for its colorful streets, warm hospitality, and deep Catholic roots. After Mass, enjoy time to stroll the cobbled lanes, browse shops, or listen to traditional Irish music that fills the air in this charming town.

Overnight: Galway (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8: Cliffs of Moher / The Burren / Galway: Today we set out on an excursion through Ireland's dramatic western coastline. Our journey takes us through the stark beauty of the Burren, a unique limestone landscape rich with ancient tombs and rare wildflowers. We continue on to the majestic Cliffs of Moher, rising over 700 feet above the crashing waves of the Atlantic. Take time to breathe in the sea air and marvel at God's handiwork in nature. We return to Galway for evening Mass, followed by a relaxed dinner and the chance to enjoy the city's warm, welcoming spirit.

Overnight: Galway (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9: Kylemore Abbey / Connemara: Today we journey into the wild beauty of Connemara, where rugged mountains meet sparkling lakes. Our destination is Kylemore Abbey, a stunning neo-Gothic structure nestled into the landscape. Once a family home, it is now a Benedictine monastery and a place of deep peace. We celebrate Mass in the beautiful chapel and explore the Victorian walled gardens, lakeside paths, and the lovingly maintained grounds. After soaking in this sacred retreat, we return to Galway for a restful evening and time to reflect on the grace-filled moments of the day.

Overnight: Galway (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10: Clonmacnoise / Travel to Killarney: Leaving Galway behind, we head to Clonmacnoise, one of Ireland's most important early Christian sites. Founded in the 6th century by St. Ciarán, its round towers, ancient crosses, and monastic ruins stand as a testament to the faith that has shaped this land. Here we celebrate Mass amid the tranquil surroundings. We then continue through the lush countryside to Killarney, a picturesque town in County Kerry. With its lakes, woodlands, and old-world charm, Killarney provides a perfect setting for prayerful rest and renewal.

Overnight: Killarney (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11: Ring of Kerry: Today we embark on one of Ireland's most iconic scenic drives: the Ring of Kerry. This breathtaking route winds through emerald pastures, coastal cliffs, and charming villages that seem frozen in time. Along the way, we stop at historic sites and points of natural beauty, including stone forts and panoramic views of the Atlantic. Celebrate Mass in a local parish and return to Killarney filled with awe at Ireland's natural and spiritual richness.

Overnight: Killarney (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 12: Blarney Castle / Rock of Cashel / Dublin: We begin our journey back toward Dublin, but not without visiting two of Ireland's most legendary landmarks. First, we explore Blarney Castle, where you'll have the chance to kiss the famous Blarney Stone—said to grant the gift of eloquence. We continue on to the Rock of Cashel, an ancient royal site dramatically perched on a hilltop. It was here that St. Patrick baptized the King of Munster. After celebrating Mass, we arrive in Dublin for a restful evening in the capital city.

Overnight: Dublin (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 13: Saints of Dublin: Our day begins with Mass at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, the heart of Catholic life in Dublin. We then visit the tomb of Venerable Matt Talbot, whose life of repentance and devotion has inspired many. At St. Patrick's Cathedral, learn more about Ireland's patron saint and the Christian roots of this historic city. We conclude the day with a visit to Trinity College, where the famous Book of Kells is housed—a masterpiece of early Christian art that reflects the beauty of faith through time.

Overnight: Dublin (Breakfast, Dinner)

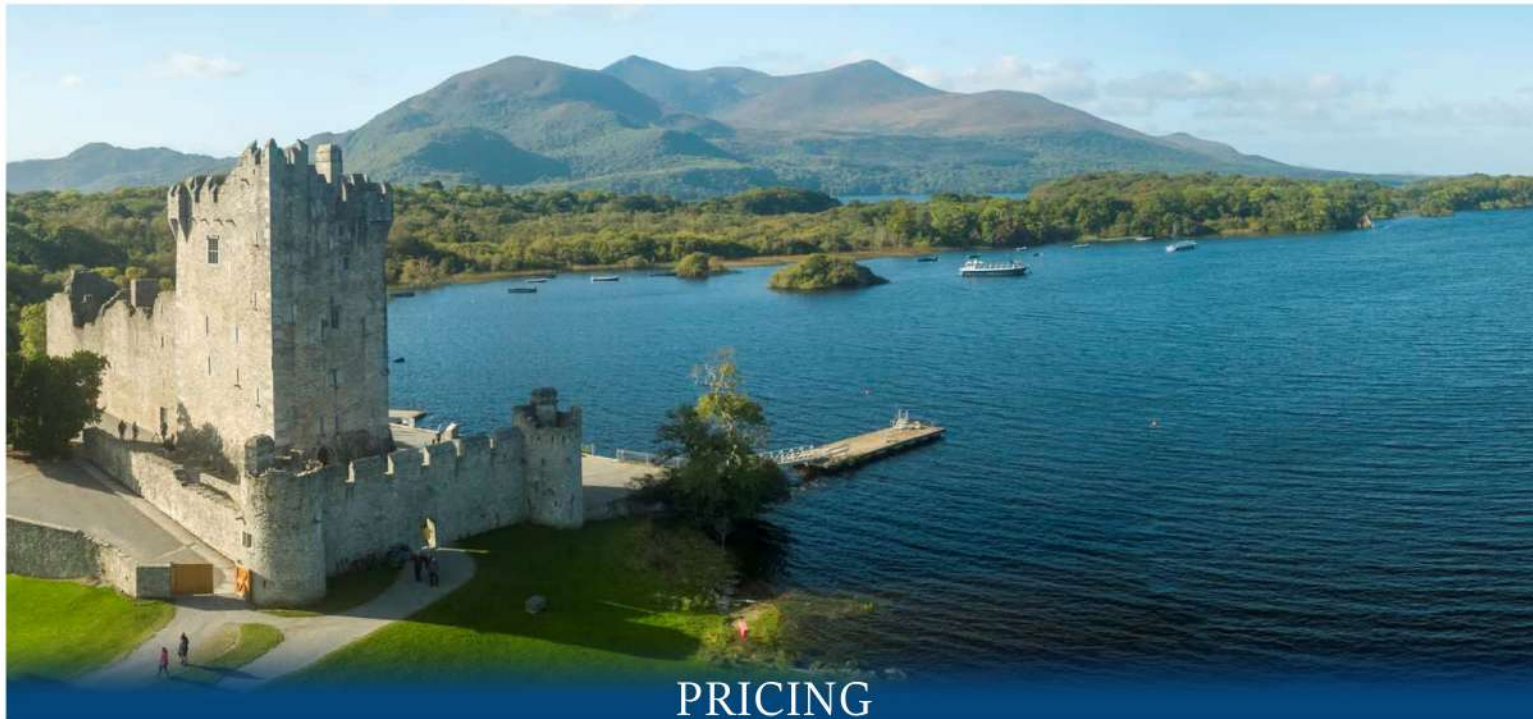
Day 14: Return to USA: After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our return flights home, carrying with us the blessings of Ireland and the graces of this spiritual journey.

*Time Permitting

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*Discount cash/check price

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- Professional Catholic tour guides
- Spiritual director
- Excursions per itinerary
- Daily Mass
- Pilgrims Backpack

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Below are the general terms & conditions. Dates and fees may change from tour to tour. For tour-specific information please refer to the terms and conditions on the travel brochure specific to your tour.

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MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. PVTT is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

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MOBILE APP: Final pilgrimage details will be available through an app before departure. Please be aware that the information on the app is regularly updated and subject to change. PVTT holds no liability for errors or discrepancies in the app's content.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each. Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

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