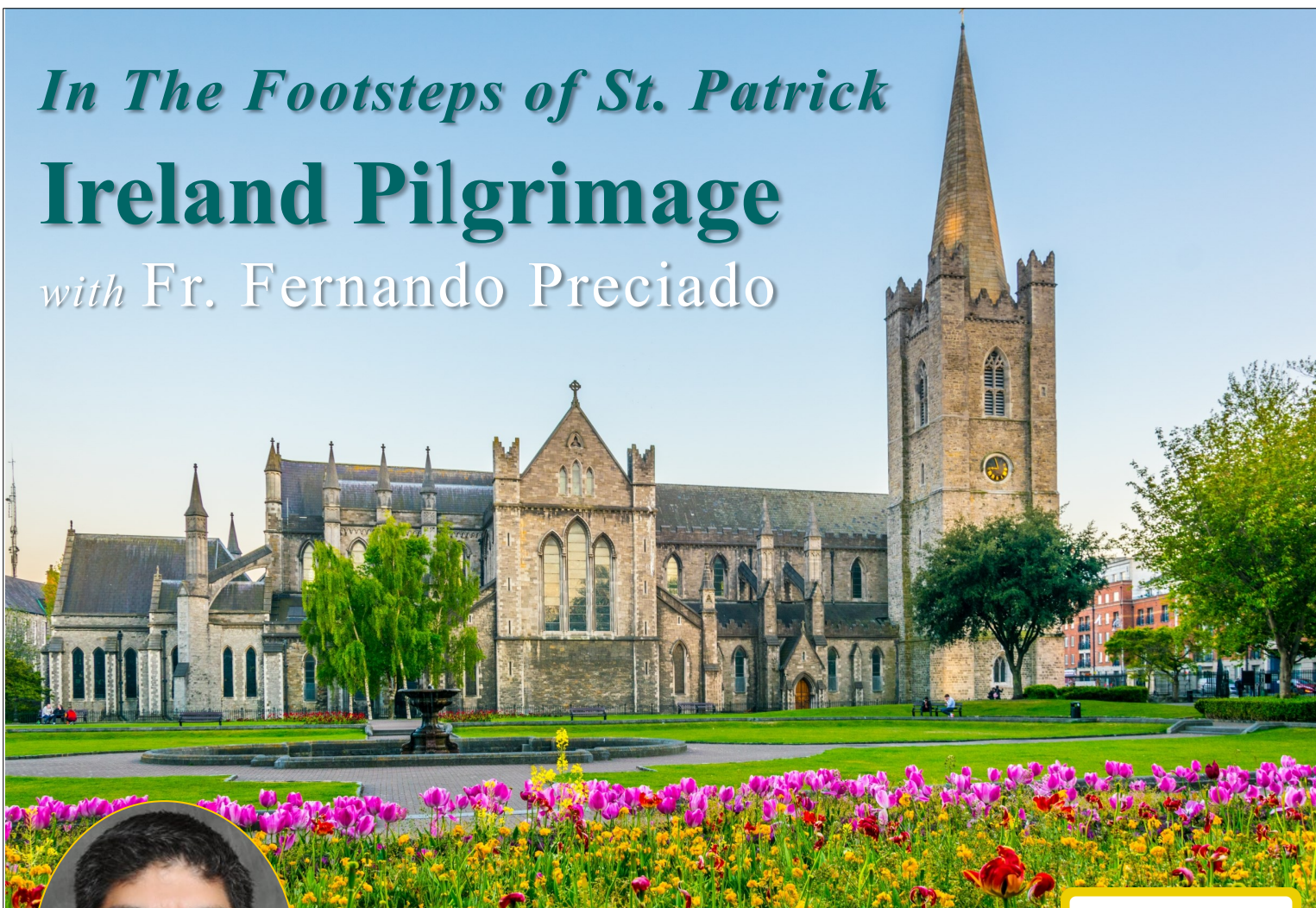


In The Footsteps of St. Patrick

Ireland Pilgrimage

with Fr. Fernando Preciado



September 25 - October 4, 2023

Group Leader: Carmine Esposito



Your Trip Includes

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| † Round-trip airfare from Dallas (DFW) | † Wine and mineral water with dinners |
| † Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges | † Transfers as per itinerary |
| † 8 nights at centrally located hotels: | † Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach |
| † 1 night: Sep 26 – Sep 27: Dublin | † Wireless headsets where needed |
| † 1 night: Sep 27 – Sep 28: Tipperary | † Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide |
| † 2 nights: Sep 28 – Sep 30: Killarney | † Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary |
| † 2 nights: Sep 30 – Oct 02: Galway | † Mass daily & Spiritual activities |
| † 1 night: Oct 02 – Oct 03: Knock | † Luggage handling (1 piece per person) |
| † 1 night: Oct 03 – Oct 04: Dublin | † Flight bag & Portfolio of all travel documents |
| † Breakfast and Dinner daily | |



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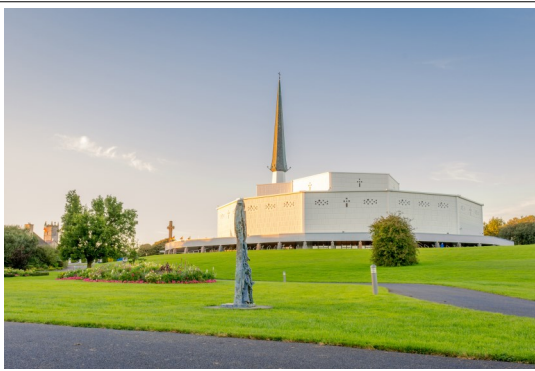
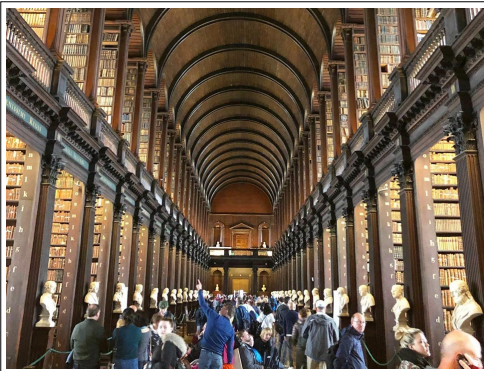
All pricing is per person based on double occupancy.

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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1, Mon, Sep 25: Depart for Dublin

Depart from your hometown for your overnight flight(s) to Ireland. Meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Tue, Sep 26: Arrive Dublin

Cead Mile Failte - Welcome to Ireland! Upon arrival into Dublin you will be greeted by your tour guide and driver. We will have a panoramic city tour on both sides of the River Liffey, where we pass by the General Post Office on the city's main streets, O'Connell Street, Custom House, and Phoenix Park, the largest city park in Europe. On the other side of the river are Georgian squares characterized by colorful doors, Grafton Street and Trinity College which is the oldest university in Ireland, founded in 1592 by Elizabeth I. Time permitting we visit the ancient library containing over 20,000 manuscripts, among which is the Book of Kells, a manuscript from the 9th-century written by the monks at St. Colombo's monastery on the island of Iona. Today we will also visit St. Patrick's Anglican Cathedral, built in 1213. This Gothic Cathedral has a splendid interior, with some beautiful tombs and monuments. The ornate stained glass windows can be found in the Chancel. In the late afternoon we transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3, Wed, Sep 27: Wicklow - Glendalough - Tipperary

Following breakfast, we will travel through the beautiful mountains of Wicklow, called the "Garden of Ireland" until we reach Glendalough. This ancient monastic city, established in the 6th-century by St. Kevin, is in the heart of "the valley of the two lakes." It was a very important centre of learning as well as a pilgrimage destination. There are many legends concerning St. Kevin and he is often compared to St. Francis of Assisi. You will be taken on a guided tour of the site, in which you will see the Round Tower, the ruins of the Cathedral, and "St. Kevin's Kitchen" that is surrounded by an old cemetery. The tour continues to Baltinglass where the ruins of a Cistercian Abbey are found. We will then pass by Castledermot, where we set eyes upon the remnants of a Franciscan Abbey, before arriving into Tipperary for dinner and overnight.

Day 4, Thu, Sep 28: Rock Of Cashel - Kerry

Today we are on to the "Rock of Cashel," standing high in the middle of the "Golden Vale." These religious buildings, dating from the 12th-century, form the most spectacular medieval set in Ireland. The Cathedral, the Round Tower and Cormac Chapel, which was the first Irish Romanesque church, testify to the importance of this site which used to be the seat of the High Kings of Munster. So, once more we find two traditions and cultures meeting with one another where the story of St. Patrick's Cross will tell us more. Our journey continues towards Kerry for dinner and overnight.

Day 5, Fri, Sep 29: Kerry - Dingle Peninsula

This morning continue towards the Dingle Peninsula, the most northern of the Kerry peninsulas. From the town of Inch, where David Lean shot the movie "Ryan's Daughter," and the last part of the country where Gaelic language is spoken, we continue along the Eagle Mount and the cliffs of Sleat Head. In Early Christian Ire-

land, monks were looking for isolated places such as Gallarus Oratory. It is dated from the 9th-century, and excellently preserved. Oratory used to be a place of prayer for monks. Our next stop is the Kilmalkedar Church, built in the 12th-century and once part of a complex of religious buildings in Romanesque style. Dinner and overnight in Kerry.

Day 6, Sat, Sep 30: Shannon - Cliffs Of Moher - Galway

After a good Irish breakfast we will be going north through Listowel and embark on the ferry at Killimer to cross the Shannon estuary. County Clare is a beautiful landscape with a Victorian seaside resort, and where we will visit the Cliffs of Moher. The coastal road with Galway's intensely blue bay on one side and natural rocky landscape on the other. From here we go on to Galway, a city that has kept its medieval charm with its colorful streets and authentic pubs. Dinner and overnight in Galway.

Day 7, Sun, Oct 1: Galway - Corrib Lake - Clonmacnoise

Today we will enjoy a Cruise on Corrib Lake, which is the largest lake in the Republic of Ireland. It is also the best way to see Galway and its surroundings. Today we will visit to Clonmacnoise, which is Ireland's most important monastic site, overlooking the River Shannon. This site was founded by St. Ciaran in the 6th-century and consists of a walled field containing numerous early churches, high crosses, round towers and graves. Dinner and overnight in Galway.

Day 8, Mon, Oct 2: Knock

Today we will visit Knock and the shrine situated in the plains of East Mayo, which is one of the world's leading Marian shrines. On August 21, 1879 fifteen men, women and children witnessed an Apparition of Mary. We will visit the Basilica, the largest church in Ireland. Knock is a very popular pilgrimage destination, and in 1979 Saint John Paul II visited this holy place. After Mass we will have time for private prayer at the shrine, followed by free time for lunch and shopping on our own. We will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9, Tue, Oct 3: Knock - Dublin

Today as we leave Knock, we will enjoy beautiful scenery traveling to Dublin. We will arrive in Dublin in the afternoon and visit the National Museum, situated in the heart of the city. Its collection of golden prehistoric jewelry is without a doubt the most beautiful in Europe. You will be particularly interested in the Celtic finery as well as numerous early Christian ornaments and relics of great beauty. In the afternoon there will be some free time for lunch and relaxation. Dinner and overnight in Dublin.

Day 10, Wed, Oct 4: Depart Dublin

This morning we will transfer to Dublin Airport for your return flight(s) home.



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