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A Catholic Pilgrimage through Ireland

Join Father Bjorn Lundberg & Sacred Heart Parish in Winchester, Virginia

This carefully crafted 11-day journey through the Emerald Isle puts the Catholic faith at the center of the experience, and includes daily Mass in Ireland's most sacred sites, visits to the Marian shrine at Knock where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in 1879, and encounters with the legacy of Ireland's saints, martyrs, and patriots.

From the rugged beauty of Connemara to the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, from the ancient monastic settlement of Clonmacnoise to the revolutionary history of Dublin's GPO and Kilmainham Gaol, this pilgrimage weaves together Ireland's rich spiritual heritage with its cultural and historical treasures. Overnights include Galway, Cork, and Dublin, with featured day trips to Knock Shrine, the Dingle Peninsula, Blarney Castle, the Rock of Cashel, and Armagh—the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland.

Your pilgrimage includes professional Catholic guides, superbly located four-star hotel accommodations including the Galway Bay Hotel, Maldron Hotel Shandon Cork, and Iveagh Gardens Hotel Dublin, and thoughtfully paced itineraries with ample time for prayer, reflection, and rest between sites.

May 18 - 28, 2026

\$3640 per person, land only + \$1350 per person group airfare from Washington Dulles IAD

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/ireland-2026 or contact ProRome directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com.



Pilgrimage Itinerary

Day 1 - Monday, May 18, 2026

Depart USA

The pilgrimage begins with departure from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on Aer Lingus Flight EI 116 at 5:20 PM. The overnight flight to the Emerald Isle takes approximately 6 hours and 50 minutes. During the flight, travelers enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast. The group arrives at Dublin Airport (DUB) at 5:10 AM on May 19 (local time).

Day 2 - Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Arrive Dublin/travel To Galway

After customs and immigration formalities at Dublin Airport, the Tour Manager welcomes the group to Ireland as everyone boards the motorcoach. The journey to Galway includes a stop at Clonmacnoise, one of Ireland's most important early Christian monastic sites. Following the tour of this ancient site, the group enjoys lunch on their own in the charming village of Shannonbridge before continuing west to Galway.

Upon arrival in Galway, the group begins a day-tour of this vibrant coastal city. Mass is celebrated at the historic St. Nicholas of Myra Church, followed by a walking tour of the medieval streets and the famous Spanish Arch. The group explores The Claddagh, the traditional fishing village that gave its name to the famous Claddagh ring, and has time for shopping along the pedestrian streets. The first evening concludes with a "Fáilte" (welcome) dinner at the hotel.

The group stays at the beautiful Galway Bay Hotel, a four-star property in the Salthill neighborhood of Galway offering modern elegance with exceptional amenities including a luxurious leisure center, contemporary rooms, and stunning views of Galway Bay.

Day 3 - Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Galway/knock Day Trip

An early departure brings the group to Knock Shrine, one of Ireland's most important Marian pilgrimage sites. Mass is celebrated at the famous apparition site where the Blessed Virgin Mary, along with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, appeared to fifteen witnesses on August 21, 1879. After Mass, lunch is arranged at a guesthouse in Knock.

The return journey to Galway takes a scenic route that includes a cruise on Corrib Lake, Ireland's largest lake. This peaceful boat trip offers spectacular views of the surrounding countryside and mountains. The group arrives back in Galway with the afternoon and evening free to explore at leisure and enjoy the excellent facilities at the Galway Bay Hotel.

Day 4 - Thursday, May 21, 2026

Connemara

The day begins with morning Mass at Galway Cathedral, officially known as the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St. Nicholas. The group then sets off to explore the breathtakingly beautiful region of Connemara, famous for its rugged landscapes, pristine lakes, and wild beauty. As the motorcoach travels through the Gaeltacht (the Irish-speaking region), there's a possibility of visiting Ros Muc to see Padraig Pearse's cottage, the home of one of the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising.

The group visits the stunning Kylemore Abbey, a Benedictine monastery set on the shores of Lough Pollacapall. After touring the abbey and its Victorian walled garden, there's lunch and free time in the picturesque town of Clifden, often called the "capital of Connemara." The evening brings a return to Galway and the final night at the Galway Bay Hotel.

Day 5 - Friday, May 22, 2026

Galway to Cork Via Cliffs of Moher

After morning Mass at the Augustinian church, which has a beautiful chapel to today's patron saint, Saint Rita, the group departs Galway for the journey south to Cork. The route takes

everyone through County Clare with an unforgettable stop at the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular natural wonders. These dramatic cliffs rise over 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean and stretch for five miles along the coast. The group also visits Doolin, a traditional music village, where lunch is enjoyed on their own in either Doolin or nearby Lahinch.

The journey continues south to Cork City, arriving in time for dinner at the hotel. The group stays at the Maldron Hotel Shandon Cork, a stunning four-star hotel perfectly situated in the heart of Cork City. The hotel features beautifully appointed rooms, a state-of-the-art fitness center, and the award-winning Market Lane Restaurant. Its prime location makes exploring Cork effortless.

Day 6 - Saturday, May 23, 2026

Dingle Peninsula or Cork City Tours

The morning begins with Mass at either the Cathedral of Saint Mary and Saint Anne or at Mater Dei Academy. Today offers a choice between two wonderful options.

Option A - Dingle Peninsula Day Trip: The full day is spent exploring the spectacular Dingle Peninsula, one of Ireland's most scenic coastal drives. This magical peninsula offers dramatic coastline, ancient sites including early Christian beehive huts, and the charming town of Dingle. Lunch is on their own in Dingle town.

Option B - Cork City Tours: For those staying closer to Cork, the day includes a 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St Mary and St. Anne, followed by a visit with Pádraig Cantillon-Murphy for a tour of Mater Dei Academy, the pioneer independent classical academy in Ireland. There's an option to sit in on classes and have lunch with students. The day also includes a trip to Cobh, the Titanic's last port of call, to learn about Irish emigration history.

Both groups return to Cork for dinner and enjoy the Maldron's excellent amenities.

Day 7 - Sunday, May 24, 2026

Gougane Barra/blarney Castle

Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Mary and Saint Anne before the group drives to Gougane Barra in County Cork, where St. Finbarr built his 5th century oratory. Along the way, we visit Beal na Bláth, where Michael Collins, President of the Irish Republican Brotherhood and the Director of Intelligence in Ireland's War of Independence, was ambushed in 1922. There's an option to visit a Holy Well in Macroom or St. Olan's Well at Aghabullogue along the way.

The route includes a stop at Carrigadrohid Castle on the River Lee, where the Bishop of Ross was hanged by Cromwell's men during the English conquest. The group then visits Blarney Castle, built in 1446 and famous for its Stone of Eloquence, which supposedly

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bestows the gift of eloquence on all who kiss it. There's an option to explore the castle gardens, which cover sixty acres and include a water garden, fern garden, and poison garden. Shopping time in Blarney village offers opportunities to browse clothing, crystal, linen, pottery, and jewelry. The evening brings a return to Cork for dinner at the beautiful hotel.

Day 8 - Monday, May 25, 2026 **Cork To Dublin Via Cashel**

After breakfast, the group departs Cork and travels to the Rock of Cashel, also known as St. Patrick's Rock. This historic site was the seat of the Kings of Munster and the place where St. Patrick baptized King Aengus, the first Christian king in Munster. After touring this magnificent hilltop fortress, lunch is on their own before continuing the journey to Dublin for dinner.

The group stays at the Iveagh Gardens Hotel Dublin, a magnificent four-star boutique hotel located in Dublin's prestigious Georgian district. The hotel features elegantly designed rooms, exceptional dining, and overlooks the peaceful Iveagh Gardens. Its prime location on Harcourt Street puts guests steps away from St. Stephen's Green and Dublin's finest attractions.

Day 9 - Tuesday, May 26, 2026 **Dublin Day Tours**

A full day tour of Dublin covers both Catholic sites and Easter Rising historical sites. Catholic sites include St. Patrick's Cathedral (Ireland's largest Church of England cathedral), Christ Church Cathedral (a medieval Protestant cathedral), the Pro-Cathedral (St. Mary's, Dublin's main Catholic church), and St. Audoen's Church (the oldest parish church in Dublin, also Protestant since the Reformation).

Easter Rising sites include the GPO (General Post Office), which served as headquarters of the 1916 Rising, along with the GPO Museum and its interactive exhibition. The tour also visits Kilmainham Gaol, where the leaders of the Rising were executed, various Michael Collins sites and memorials throughout the city, and Dublin Castle, the seat of British rule for centuries.

Lunch is on their own in Dublin city center. Optional visits include Trinity College with the Book of Kells and the National Museum to see the Faddan More Psalter. The evening brings time to relax at the elegant hotel.

Day 10 - Wednesday, May 27, 2026 **Armagh Day Trip Via Drogheda**

An optional full-day trip to Armagh via Drogheda is available. The route includes a stop in Drogheda, the medieval town where Oliver Cromwell began his conquest of Ireland. The group visits St. Peter's Church, the site of Cromwell's massacre, and the National Shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett to venerate his relic. The tour continues to Mellifont Abbey ruins, built by Cistercian Monks in 1152AD, and Monasterboice, a 5th century monastery with magnificent Celtic Crosses in the graveyard. Mass is celebrated at Monasterboice Parish Church.

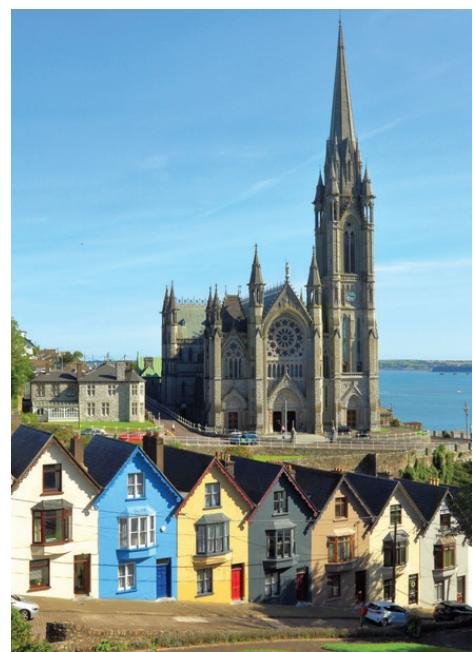
The journey continues to Armagh in Northern Ireland, where Mass is celebrated at Armagh Cathedral, with a tour afterwards. The group visits the ancient Struell Holy Wells, believed to have miraculous healing properties. Lunch is on their own before returning to Dublin for a farewell dinner.

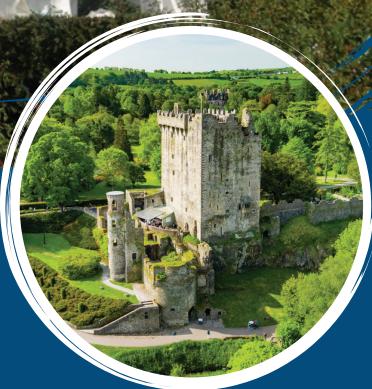
For those not taking the Armagh trip, there's a free day in Dublin to enjoy the hotel's amenities or explore the city at leisure. The farewell dinner and final evening at the beautiful

Iveagh Gardens Hotel brings the Irish portion of the pilgrimage to a close.

Day 11 - Thursday, May 28, 2026 **Return To USA**

After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel and final packing, the group transfers to Dublin Airport (DUB). It's recommended to arrive 3 hours prior to the international departure. Aer Lingus Flight EI 117 departs Dublin Airport at 12:50 PM (local time). The flight duration is approximately 8 hours, with in-flight entertainment, lunch, and refreshments served. The group arrives at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) at 3:50 PM (local time, same day). After clearing U.S. Customs and Immigration and collecting luggage, everyone proceeds to ground transportation.





More Details

► Cost

\$3640 per person + \$1350 roundtrip direct airfare from Washington Dulles (IAD)

► Payment Schedule

- \$300 Registration Fee - Due upon Registration
- 50% First Installment - Due 6 months prior to departure
- 50% Second Installment - Due 4 months prior to departure
- \$1190 Single Occupancy Surcharge (If Applicable) - Due 4 months prior to departure

► Price Inclusions

- Roundtrip airfare on Aer Lingus in Economy Class from Washington Dulles
- 9 nights lodging in double occupancy room
 - Three nights lodging at the four-star Galway Bay Hotel, offering stunning views of Galway Bay
 - Three nights lodging at the four-star Maldron Hotel Shandon Cork, nestled in the historical center of Cork
 - Three nights lodging at the four-star Iveagh Gardens Hotel Dublin, a boutique hotel in Dublin's prestigious Georgian district
- Catholic Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily three-course dinner (without choice of menus)
- Deluxe a/c coach throughout itinerary
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

► Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- One daily meal (either lunch or dinner)
- Beverages at included lunches and dinners
- Gratuities for driver and tour manager
(suggested \$20-\$30 per person for both driver and guide)
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome Tours)



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