

Fr Tony and St Jane Frances de Chantal Invite you on Pilgrimage

What's Included

- International roundtrip airfare: Detroit > Ireland
- Enchanting, elegant, and centrally located 4 star hotels
- Wonderful Irish breakfast daily
- 6 dinners and 3 lunches (several in great local restaurants)
- Catholic guide
- Luxury motor coach travel through the stunning Irish countryside (WiFi included)
- Entrance to: Cliffs of Moher, Kylemore Abbey, Friary at Ennis, Blarney Castle, Rock of Cashel, St Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral
- Mass each day with Fr Tony
- * Single supplement \$975



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St Jane Francis de Chantal - Pilgrimage to Ireland

Day 1 Monday, August 16 - Depart for Ireland - Depart USA on overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland

Day 2 Tuesday, August 17 Shannon, Cliffs of Moher, Galway - Upon arrival, our driver takes us to the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren, one of the most impressive stretches of shoreline on the west coast of Ireland. Before departing for Galway, we will stop in scenic Doolin for lunch of sea-fresh crab claws, Irish Beef & Guinness Stew. This evening we will celebrate the opening Mass of our pilgrimage at the Galway Cathedral along with the local community. Dinner and overnight in Galway. (L|D)

Day 3 Wednesday, August 18 - Knock & Ballintubber - Today we visit Knock, visited each year by more than 1.5 million pilgrims. In the autumn of 1979, Pope John Paul II declared: 'Now I am at the goal of my pilgrimage to Ireland!" We begin with Holy Mass at the Shrine, followed by a tour of the grounds. After lunch on our own, we visit Ballintubber Abbey where Holy Mass has been celebrated daily for over 800 years. This was the traditional starting point for the annual pilgrimage to the Holy Mountain of Croagh Patrick. Back to Galway and evening on your own. (B)

Day 4 Thursday, August 19 - Kylemore, Croagh Patrick, and Murrisk

- Today we make our way to Kylemore Abbey to visit the convent of the Benedictine Nuns of Ypres. After Holy Mass we travel to Croagh Patrick, an isolated coneshaped mountain rising 2,500 feet from the shore of Clew Bay. Here in the year 441 AD St. Patrick spent 40 days in prayer and fasting for the people of Ireland. Lunch is served in the award-winning Tavern in Murrisk. Off to the beautiful town of Westport and the ruins of Murrisk Abbey. Murrisk Abbey was founded in c.1456 by a local chieftain Hugh O'Malley who granted the lands to the Augustinian friars. We then return to Galway for dinner at a local restaurant. (B|L|D)

Day 5 Friday, August 20 - Ennis & Adare - Today we leave Galway and head south, with our first stop at the Friary at Ennis, a charming town of narrow streets. We celebrate Holy Mass here at St. Joseph's Church. After you will have some free time at leisure to enjoy lovely atmosphere of Ennis. Carry on for overnight at Bunratty Castle and the Bunratty Banquet. (B|D)

Day 6 Saturday, August 21 - Adare, Tralee, and Killarney - Free time today in the thatched-roof village of Adare, "The Most Beautiful Town in Ireland." After lunch, we continue to the town of Tralee, famed for the lovely Victorian song, 'The Rose of Tralee.' We arrive this evening in Killarney and celebrate Holy Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. (B | D)

Day 7 Sunday, August 22 - Killarney: The Ring of Kerry - We begin with Mass at Irish Franciscans, Killarney. Then we are off for a thrilling scenic ride (112 miles), a continuously changing landscape of dramatic cliffside views and breathtaking seascapes. Our trip finishes with some free time in Killarney, and those wishing to may take a ride on a horse-drawn carriage on their own to visit the Muckross House. (B)

Day 8 Monday, August 23 - Blarney, Holycross Abbey, Cashel, Water-

ford - To Blarney Castle, where you acquire the 'gift of gab' by kissing the Blarney Stone. Next stop is HolyCross Abbey, home to the first relic of the True Cross to have reached Ireland. Here we celebrate Mass. Our next stop is the Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland's most visited monuments. In 450 AD St. Patrick baptized King Aengus. We tour the ruins including the Cashel Cathedral, still in very good condition given its age. We arrive in Waterford for dinner and overnight. (B|D)

Day 9 Tuesday, August 24 - Glendalough and Dublin - A tour of Waterford before and then we continue to Glendalough — The Glen Between the Two Lakes. According to legend, St. Kevin isolated himself here because his good looks made him a source of temptation to the ladies. The 6th century ruins are from the monastic community he founded. We eat lunch in a traditional Wicklow Heather restaurant. After, we visit the Interpretive Center for Celtic Spirituality and celebrate Holy Mass at St. Kevin's Church. To Dublin for a traditional dinner in a local pub with Irish Coffee demonstration (B|L|D)

Day 10 Wednesday, August 254 - Dublin - This ancient city was known to Ptolemy the Great. It saw the High King Brian Boru killed nearby fighting the Vikings. Both the Normans and the English invaded it. Henry VIII established Trinity College here to nurture the New Faith (Protestantism), while Catholicism was outlawed for over three hundred years. The famous Book of Kells is kept at the college. Our half-day sightseeing tour includes: viewing Georgian Dublin, Leinster House (Parliament), St. Patrick Cathedral (Church of Ireland), dating from 450A.D., and visiting Christ Church (founded by King Sitric of the Dublin Norsemen in 1038 and rebuilt in 1169 by the Normans). Our last stop of the day is the Shrine of St. Valentine, after whom the February 14 holiday is named. Here we join the local community for the High Mass. After Mass, our day is at leisure for shopping and browsing before our Farewell Dinner at the Merry Ploughboys. (B | D)

Day 11 Thursday, August 26 - Depart for Home - We transfer to the Dublin airport for our return flight to home after a wonderful pilgrimage through Ireland. (B)