

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- Round trip air between St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City or Indianapolis and Shannon, Ireland. Other major U.S. cities may be available, rates vary, ask our office for price.
- Double occupancy bed and breakfast with private bath in Galway and Killarney
- All breakfasts and dinners in Ireland and enroute
- Deluxe motor coach throughout Ireland
- Escort and all local guides
- All entrance fees for sights listed in itinerary
- Visits to Galway, Killarney, Our Lady of Knock, Killary Harbour, Celtic Crystal factory
- *Up to \$350 fuel surcharge allowance per person

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- Optional tours and lunches not designated
- Customs, Immigration, Airline taxes, approx. \$150.00 per person
- Fuel Surcharges exceeding \$350 per person,
- Airport/Airline security fee, \$12.00; Airline e-ticket service fee, approx. \$55.00; documentation fee, \$25.00
- Airline Baggage Fees or Excess Baggage Charges, Flight Delay/Trip Interruption Expenses
- Items of a personal nature such as passport, laundry, valet services, alcoholic beverages and wines, telephone
- Tour escort and driver gratuity at trip's end

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GOLDEN FRONTIER

IRELAND

May 3 to 12, 2017



**Our Lady of Knock, Killarney,
Galway, and Foynes
\$3,040.00***
**including round trip air from St. Louis,
Chicago, Kansas City or Indianapolis**

10-day Trip to Ireland, May 3 to 12, 2017

Mail this application and fee to GOLDEN FRONTIER, 4100 North Illinois St., Swansea (Belleville), IL 62226. \$300.00 registration fee per person must accompany this application. Cancellations and requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to Golden Frontier and will be issued in agreement with the cancellation policies of this brochure. Terms are printed elsewhere in this brochure. Balance of fee is due no later than 91 days prior to trip departure. Please make your check payable to GOLDEN FRONTIER. Confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your deposit and application. **Your registration indicates acceptance of all terms and conditions of this brochure.**

A copy of the inside identification pages of your Passport is required prior to ticketing by enclosing with this application, fax to 618-234-9861, or email to request@goldenfrontier.org with "Passport 2017 Ireland Trip" in the subject line.

Name(s) (As on passport) _____

Mail Address _____

City, State, Zip + 4 _____

Phone (Area Code) _____

Cell Phone (Area Code) _____

E-Mail: _____

Single room requested @ \$256.00 additional cost

I am single and will accept a room mate if GF can find a room mate. If no roommate is found and single accommodations are used, single supplement is charged

I have special dietary needs and explain those on an attached sheet.

Add **Cashel and Holy Cross option @ \$74.00** per person

Add **Killarney National Park and Muckross option @ \$74.00** per person

My roommate for this trip is _____

I/We are traveling with friends: _____

Nick name(s) on name tags _____

Airport of departure _____

Deposit check enclosed and bill my balance of payment

Charge my: MasterCard VISA Discover

16 digit card no. _____ Expiration date: _____

3 digit security code on reverse of card: _____

Please charge my credit card as indicated.

Ireland

The Land of Saints and Scholars, where the faith, planted by St. Patrick, despite trial and persecution, has flourished and grown. This land has endeared itself to the minds and hearts of so many Americans by its poetry, songs and legends, this Emerald Isle that the angels said looked so peaceful there.

As a member of the Golden Frontier group, you will be able to take this 10-day trip flying to Shannon, Ireland from St. Louis/Chicago/Kansas City/ or Indianapolis during the most beautiful time of year. Other U.S. cities may be available; call our office for price. Included will be the famed Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, the Cathedrals of Galway and Killarney, Cliffs of Moher, Killary Harbour and Adaire. (Northern Ireland and Dublin are not part of this trip.)

May 3 to 12, 2017

Day 1. Our trip begins and soon we are airborne and on our way to the Emerald Isle. The airline's courteous staff will serve us a hot dinner as we cross the Atlantic. (Dinner)

Day 2. Breakfast will be served before we set down at Shannon. Upon arrival we pass through customs, show our passports, and board our bus. South from Shannon, we drive to Killarney via Adaire, one of the most picturesque villages of Ireland. Our motor coach continues to Killarney and our B&B. Because of the time change we suggest a nap after our arrival at the B&B. Dinner tonight will be in Killarney. (B,D)

From Day 3 to 9 there may be differences in sequence; however, the tour content is the same for each group.

Day 3. Killarney is a delightful town. After a visit to St. Mary Cathedral in Killarney you may choose to spend the day in Killarney town or you may have selected to take an optional tour to the Lakes of Killarney, Torc Falls, and Muckross House. The option includes the bus trip to Molls Gap, Ladies View, Torc Waterfalls, Killarney National Forest, Muckross House and a light lunch. This portion of the Ring of Kerry is one of the world's outstanding beauty spots and the Muckross House, a beautiful Irish estate which has a commanding view of



Holy Cross and Old Abbey Inn Pub Lunch

Muckross Lake and McGillicuddy's Reefs. Time will be available for shopping in Killarney after the optional tour. Dinner tonight is back in Killarney. (B,D)

Day 4. Mass this morning is at the Church of the Prince of Peace in Fossa, a delightful village unspoiled by tourism, a few miles from Killarney. The trip continues on the Dingle Peninsula. (B,D)

Day 5. Today you have a free day in Killarney. Or you may have selected the second available option. The optional tour takes us to Cashel, where St. Patrick baptized the high king of Munster and Holy Cross Abbey, a pilgrimage destination for centuries. Holy Cross houses two relics of the True Cross. Lunch is included with today's option. The option includes a pub lunch at the Old Abbey Inn. (B,D)

Day 6. This morning we bid farewell to Killarney and proceed to Galway. En route, we drive along the Shannon estuary, and have a coffee stop at Foynes, the birthplace of Irish Coffee! Late afternoon, we arrive at our hotel on Eyre Square in the City Centre of Galway. Before dinner, Mass this afternoon is offered at Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St. Nicholas in Galway. This impressive building was constructed of Galway limestone and Connemara marble and blessed by the late Cardinal Cushing of Boston in 1965. (B,D)

Day 7. After breakfast we drive north to the most famous of all Irish shrines, Our Lady of Knock. Here appeared St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, the Lamb of God and the Blessed Mother to members of the local parish church of Knock. Since 1857, the time of the apparition miracles of faith and healing have occurred here, and like Fatima and Lourdes, this has become the Marian Shrine of Ireland. On the grounds of the parish church now are built numerous facilities, including the Basilica of Our Lady of Ireland. Holy Mass will be offered here. We return to Galway via Tuam. (B,D)



Day 8. We visit Celtic Crystal Factory. Later in the morning we will drive through the marble producing area on our way through the Connemara, this strange and stark land on the Atlantic shore with its coastline and many bays and sandy beaches. The scenery is superb and the skyline is dominated by a rocky mountain range known as the Twelve Pins. Holy Mass is offered in the parish church in the quaint village of Killarone where the church is along side a babbling brook. We drive on through the peat bogs, lakes, and mountains of County Galway. As we near the northern boundary of the Connemara, we stop for a lunch visit at Kylemore Abbey before continuing to Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Over twelve miles long and open to the sea, Killary Fjord is shaped like a U-shaped valley, carved out by glaciers. Along the way, we see the film site known as *The Quiet Man Bridge*, from the movie of similar name starring John Wayne. Before returning to Galway we pass the remains of now deserted famine villages, a reminder of the 19th century Irish famines. (B,D)

Day 9. We drive through the area known as the Burren, a wild and picturesque land. Then we continue to a very picturesque stop, the Cliffs of Moher high above the blue Atlantic. At over 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean below, the Cliffs of Moher are the highest point for 5 miles on Ireland's County Clare western coastline. On a clear day, the Aran Islands and Galway Bay, as well as the Twelve Pins and the Maum Turk mountains in Connemara, Loop Head to the south and the Dingle Peninsula and Blasket Islands in Kerry are viewable. (B,D)

Day 10. Farewell to Ireland. This morning we pack and prepare to leave the Emerald Isle. As we leave Shannon and this isle of saints and scholars, we will take with us an understanding of the faith of our Irish forefathers and a deep appreciation of what they did to preserve it. Our flight to the U.S.A. takes us high over the Atlantic, where we will be served lunch and snack prior to landing. An early evening arrival in St. Louis is scheduled. (B,L,Snack)

The participants acknowledge receiving, reading, and agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth below covering the inclusive tour charters to be operated by Golden Frontier.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS. A \$300.00 deposit per person holds your reservations. Passport validity must extend through three months after the completion of the trip. Full and all final payments are due 91 days before departure. Make checks payable to Golden Frontier. MasterCard, VISA and Discover payments are accepted.

PASSPORTS. United States citizens must have a valid Passport. **Passport validity must extend through six months after the completion of the trip.** All others must have valid passports and necessary visas. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens with a valid U.S. Passport. **There are no refunds if you are denied boarding by local officials at the airport or border entry for lack of a valid passport or visas, if required.**

BAGGAGE. Each member is limited to one checked bag not to exceed 62" linear total (height+length+width), 50 pounds maximum weight, and one carry-on bag not to exceed 22" x 14" x 9" and 26 1/2 pounds. Golden Frontier Tours is not responsible for loss or damage to passenger's baggage and belongings. Airlines liability for loss, damage, or delay of baggage in connection with air transportation it provides is limited by its tariff to approximately \$9.07 per pound of checked baggage and is approximately \$400.00 per passenger in case of unchecked baggage or other property.

INSURANCE for trip cancellation, health, and accident coverages is available. A brochure will be sent to all applicants.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS must be requested in writing. Cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure receive a full refund of all monies paid. Cancellations received 119 to 100 days before departure forfeit one half deposit. Cancellations 99 to 92 days forfeit full deposit. Cancellations received 91 days and less prior to departure receive those monies recoverable by Golden Frontier Tours from various suppliers. All refunds are made following completion of trip. **Airline tickets are not refundable once purchased.** Trip cancellation insurance is available with separate application. Golden Frontier shall not be obligated to refund any portion of a fare for a passenger who must leave the trip prematurely for medical or other reasons. No refunds are made for unused tour features. Golden Frontier Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants. Should this happen, entire guest payment will be refunded automatically without further liability on the part of Golden Frontier.

Carrier reserves the right pursuant to U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board requirements to cancel any flight for any reason, including unavailability of fuel. Landing and uplift rights are subject to government approval. Golden Frontier Tours reserves the right to require any individual to withdraw from any tour, at any time, if Golden Frontier Tours determines his acts of conduct detrimental. A complete refund covering daily pro-rated portion of the unfinished tour will be made to such individuals as soon as possible, but without further obligation or liability on the part of Golden Frontier Tours.

TOUR PRICES are quoted for air transportation between St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City or Indianapolis and Ireland and land arrangements based on rates, including foreign exchange rates, expected to be in effect at the time of departure and, accordingly are subject to change. Other major U. S. departure cities may be available, prices vary, our office can advise these rates. Tour prices do not include transportation between home city and airport, air taxes, U.S. customs and immigration fees, airport facility use fees, arrival or departure taxes, flight delay/trip interruption expenses, items of personal nature such as laundry, meals, beverages, after dinner teas, coffees, wines, etc., and gratuities not specifically mentioned.

RESPONSIBILITY. Golden Frontier Tours is the principal and is responsible to the participants in making the arrangements for all services offered herein, except to the extent such services cannot be supplied due to delays, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes beyond the control of Golden Frontier Tours for any delay or damage to or loss of property or baggage or injury or deaths of persons due to any act of negligence of a direct air carrier, hotel, bus company, or service company of any kind or any other person or persons rendering any of the services being offered in connection with this inclusive tour charter, except due to negligence on the part of Golden Frontier of Swansea. Golden Frontier Tours reserves the right to substitute aircraft equipment, accommodations, or tour features where advisable or necessary during the progress of any tour. Should any substantial changes be made in the tour itinerary prior to departure, participants will be notified and given the opportunity to cancel with full refund provided they do so in writing within seven days after such notice. Should the charter price increase, passengers may elect to cancel without penalty upon notification thereof. Tour members are advised that the provisions of the Warsaw Convention Treaty apply to the air transportation of these tours. The convention in most cases limits the liability to direct air carriers and other air carriers to passengers for death or personal injury to approximately \$10,000 or \$20,000 except to the extent that the direct air carrier has agreed to a higher limit pursuant to tariffs filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board. Carrier has agreed to proven damages not to exceed \$75,000 per passenger. The tour members are also advised that in the event the air carrier providing the air transportation described herein is delayed in performance or unable to perform, the provisions of the Special as well as the Economic Regulations of the Civil Aeronautics Board tariffs filed by the air carrier with the Civil Aeronautics Board may govern the rights and obligations of the parties. Golden Frontier, sponsored by Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage, Inc. is independent of the Diocese of Belleville. Participants agree to the use of their photo or image which may be taken on this trip in future Golden Frontier publications and presentations without compensation by or claim to CSP.

PRICE for the ten-day trip is \$3,040.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$256.00 for the ten-day tour. Triple accommodations can be requested. Registration should be made 120 or more days prior to departure. Reservations made 120 days or less prior to departure are subject to availability of airline space.

ACCOMMODATIONS are in Irish guest houses, B&B's (Bed & Breakfast) and hotel. Irish guest houses are somewhat like the New England country inns. B&B's are Irish family homes ranging from three to six private guest bedrooms each with private bath. Staying in a B&B is rather unique, as guests may share the living room, have tea and their breakfasts with the host Irish family and yet have the comfort and privacy of a hotel room. In Galway, Golden Frontier has arranged the Imperial Hotel on Eyre Square in the City Centre. Guesthouses and B&B's may be used in Killarney. All guesthouses and B&B guestrooms have private bath facilities.

CLOTHING is casual and more simple than in past years. Dress code for the entire trip including evening meals is casual. Comfortable walking shoes are essential. Suggested are clothes that can be layered or mixed and matched. Light/medium weight jackets, and sweaters that can be layered on and off as the day warms are better than one heavier weight jacket or coat. A top coat, rain gear, or a small travel umbrella are good to have.

WEATHER A folding travel umbrella is a good item to have on the trip. The weather should be fairly similar to home. May temperatures average daytime highs in mid 70's and overnight lows in low 50's.

TWO OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS are available:

Killarney National Park and Muckross House Option - Tour to the Lakes of Killarney, Moll's Gap, Muckross House, Ladies View, Torc Waterfalls, Killarney National Forest, and a light lunch is included. This portion of the Ring of Kerry is one of the world's outstanding beauty spots and the Muckross House, a beautiful Irish estate which has a commanding view of Muckross Land and McGillicuddy's Reefs. Priced at \$74.00 per person.

Rock of Cashel and Holy Cross Abbey - A full day to Tipperary, Cashel, and Holy Cross. The Rock of Cashel, truly the most impressive ruins of all Ireland is the place where St. Patrick baptized the high King of Ireland in the 5th century. The impressive ruins look down from a high limestone rock over the surrounding countryside like a giant from the past. Lunch is provided at Old Abbey Inn at Holy Cross before we visit the Holy Cross Abbey. This Cistercian Abbey founded in 1180 was endowed by Donal Mor O'Brien, King of Thomond and the King's mother's people, the O'Fogarty family. It was a place of pilgrimage for nearly 400 years when it was dissolved by order of Henry VIII of England and given to "Black Tom Butler". Today it has been restored and is a beautiful church once again. Price of the full day option including lunch is \$74.00.

There is a \$8.00 surcharge per option per person for any option booked while on tour. Due to timed reservations and advance purchase requirements, options are best booked at the time of trip application. Due to venue guarantees, no refunds apply to your cancelled optional reservation.