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JOIN SISTER KATHLEEN AND FRIENDS OF SOAR! FOR A SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL JOURNEY TO THE EMERALD ISLE

OCTOBER 8-17, 2020

DAY 1: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

NEWARK / EN ROUTE

Depart for your overnight trans-Atlantic flight to Dublin, Ireland.

DAY 2: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

DUBLIN • DOWNPATRICK • BELFAST (D)

Welcome to Ireland! You will be met at the airport and depart immediately for Belfast. En route you will stop in Downpatrick.

Visit the St. Patrick Center

The Saint Patrick Center in Downpatrick is one of Northern Ireland's major Millennium Projects, housing the first permanent exhibit to tell the story of Ireland's patron saint. The exhibit, entitled "Ego Patricius," presents Patrick's story in his own words and in the context of the period. The exhibit uses state-of-the-art interpretation that gives visitors a real understanding of the arrival and establishment of Christianity in Ireland. Enjoy a talk from Dr. Tim Campbell on the St. Patrick Center and religion in the North of Ireland (subject to availability).

Visit Down Cathedral

In the afternoon you will visit Down Cathedral, which is best known as the burial site of St. Patrick.

The Cathedral is the property of the Church of Ireland and has been a place of pilgrimage and Christian worship for centuries. Benedictine monks first established the site of the church in 1183. The structure you see today dates back to the remodeling of the old church carried out between 1789 and 1812. There are some beautiful stained-glass windows inside the cathedral and an ancient Irish High Cross featuring some intriguing carvings stands to the east of the building within the cathedral grounds. Continue to Belfast.

Panoramic Tour of Belfast

Later you will enjoy a panoramic Belfast city tour. You will see the leaning Albert Memorial Clock Tower (Ireland's answer to the Tower of Pisa) and the Opera House, which is one of Belfast's great landmarks. Pass by the City Hall, the Crown Bar that dates from 1885, Queens University, and the Botanic Gardens.

Dinner

Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel.





Visit the Giants Causeway

In the afternoon you will depart Belfast and travel to Derry. En route you will encounter Northern Ireland's favorite giant Finn McCool at the Giants Causeway Visitor Center on the North Antrim Coast. According to legend Finn McCool created the Giants Causeway by building stepping stones to Scotland to challenge the Scottish giant Benandonner! The Visitor Center explores the major themes of mythology, geology, landscape, ecology, culture, and social history based on the UNESCO World Heritage Site that consists of 40,000 basalt polygonal columns formed 60 million years ago after a volcanic eruption. There are various interactive exhibits and short video presentations and the self-quided visit will culminate with a spectacular two minute audio-visual projection of a volcanic eruption flowing over the walls and onto the floor. Continue to Derry.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner at the hotel in Derry.

DAY 3: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

BELFAST • DERRY (B,D)

Visit the Titanic Belfast

The Titanic Belfast recreates the story of the world's most famous ship in an iconic, six-floor building right beside the historic site of the original ship's construction. Opened in April 2012 to coincide with the centenary of its launch, the self-guided journey begins upon entering the building's giant atrium, where you are surrounded by the four "ship's hull" shaped wings, which house the Titanic Experience. As you journey through the nine large galleries of the interactive exhibition, you will uncover the true story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and subsequent place in history.



DAY 4: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

DERRY • GALWAY (B,D)

This morning you will depart Derry and travel to Galway. En route you will visit Knock Shrine.

Visit Knock Shrine

This little town is an important pilgrimage center and has been famous for over a century as the site of visions, apparitions, and miraculous cures. The story of Knock began on August 21, 1879 when Our Lady, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. Fifteen people, young and old, witnessed the apparition. From this miraculous occurrence Knock has grown to the status of an internationally recognized Marian Shrine. The personal pilgrimage of Pope John Paul II in 1979, commemorating the centenary of the apparition, inspired an even greater devotion to the Shrine and endorsed the indelible seal of Vatican approval. One and a half million pilgrims visit the Shrine annually. Continue to Galway.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner at the hotel.





DAY 5: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

GALWAY • CONNEMARA • GALWAY (B,D)

Today you will explore the Connemara Region. Connemara is a land of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains. A land of small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken language and where little has changed since the beginning of time. It is without a doubt the wildest and the most romantic part of Ireland. Connemara is a vast peninsula bordered by the arid and rocky coastline of Galway Bay in the south, a land characteristic for its stone walls and thatched cottages. On its northern shore the land is harsher and more secret, with spectacular views of the ocean and the beautiful fjord of Killary Harbor, as well as the steep mountains overlooking numerous lakes and large bog areas. (*cont.*)



Visit Kylemore Abbey

Visit Kylemore Abbey and meet the Benedictine Sisters (subject to availability). Kylemore Abbey is stunningly located in the Kylemore Pass in Connemara. Mitchell Henry built the house in 1868, after having spent his honeymoon in the area. The architecture is best described as neo-Gothic and the house still displays all the characteristics of that period. One of Kylemore Abbey's most famous features is its miniature cathedral, built in 1870 and known locally as the Gothic Church. Today, the abbey is home to an Irish order of Benedictine nuns. They established a private school for young girls, which was the renowned Kylemore Abbey International School. The school eventually closed in 2010. Return to Galway.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 6: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

GALWAY • LIMERICK (B,D)

Excursion to the Burren Region

This morning you will travel southward to County Clare via the Burren Region, part of which forms the 100square kilometer Burren National Park. The Burren Region is a unique place. It is a karst limestone region, which lies in the Northwest corner of County Clare. It is composed of limestone pavements, which have been eroded to a distinctive pattern. This pavement is criss-crossed by cracks known as grykes in which grow a myriad of wild flora and under which are huge caves and rivers that suddenly flood when it rains. The Burren contains dozens of megalithic tombs and Celtic crosses as well as a ruined Cistercian Abbey dating back to the 12th century. You will discover small villages abandoned during the famine period and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. The flora on the Burren is a mixture of Arctic and Mediterranean and rare flowers such as gentian, orchids, and bloody cranesbill are the rule rather than the exception. The Burren is truly an exceptional part of Ireland. *(cont.)*



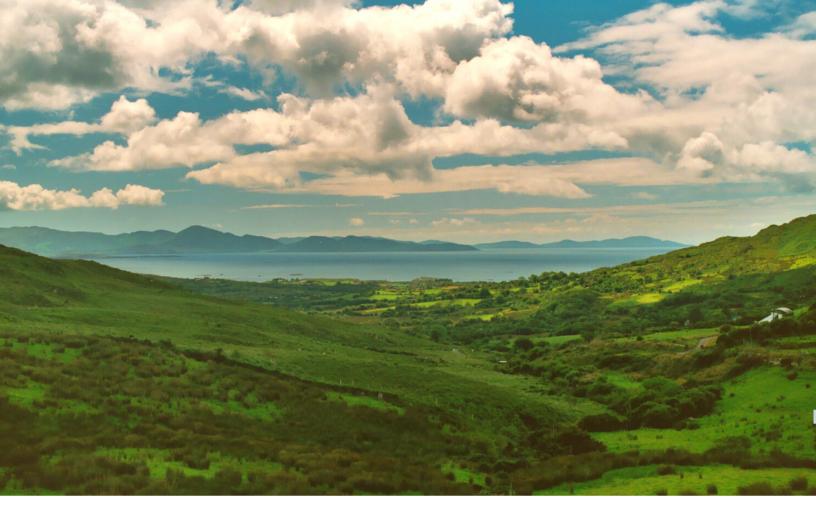
Visit the Cliffs of Moher

Situated on the Atlantic Ocean and bordering the Burren Area, the Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. The cliffs boast one of the most amazing views in Ireland. On a clear day, the Aran Islands are visible in Galway Bay as well as the valleys and hills of Connemara. To the south of the cliffs is Hag's Head. The Cliffs of Moher reach their highest point just north of O'Brien's Tower. Cornelius O'Brien, a descendant of Brian Boru (who defeated the Vikings in battle), built a tower at the cliffs in order to enjoy some tea with his lady friends. The tower is adjacent to the sea stack, Breanan Mór that stands over 70 meters above the foaming waves and is home to some of the Burren's wildlife. You are advised to dress warmly because of the cool Atlantic winds blowing in off the ocean. Continue to Limerick.

Dinner

Tonight enjoy dinner and entertainment at the Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet. Bunratty Castle was built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond and stands on the banks of the Rathy River. For over 40 years the ladies of the Castle, aided and abetted by the Earl's Butler, have welcomed guests from all over the world to join them at the Earl's Banquet. The evening begins with a mead reception in the Great Hall of the castle. Proceed downstairs to enjoy a four-course meal with red and white wine. This will be followed by entertainment by the world-renowned Bunratty Castle Entertainers accompanied by harp and violin.





DAY 7: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

LIMERICK • KILLARNEY (B,D)

Today you will enjoy touring the Ring of Kerry, which is the most famous and panoramic route in Ireland. The astonishing beauty of this large peninsula, Iveragh, comes from the great diversity of its scenery, which offers incessant contrasts.

En route around the Ring, take in spectacular scenery, mountains, peat bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean as you travel along the coast road. Leaving Killarney pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, then to Glenbeigh where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. Continuing to Cahirciveen, you will pass the birthplace of the national hero, Daniel O'Connell.

Continue through peat bogs to the town of Waterville. Proceed to Sneem Village, famous for its brightly colored houses. The road then continues through the mountains to Molls' Gap and Ladies View with superb views of the famous Lakes of Killarney. At Molls' Gap you are presented with a magnificent view of the Black Valley. Close by is the famous Ladies View that provides a different perspective of this magnificent countryside, with the three Lakes of Killarney all surrounded by the Kerry Mountains. Ladies View received its name from Queen Victoria, who was so impressed with the view that she insisted that her ladies-in-waiting should also visit here.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner at the hotel.



DAY 8: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

KILLARNEY • DUBLIN (B,D)

This morning you will depart Killarney and travel to Dublin. En route you will visit the Rock of Cashel.

Visit the Rock of Cashel

Possibly the most photographed site in Ireland, the Rock of Cashel towers over the town of Cashel from its perch on a 200-foot high outcrop of limestone. It was once the seat of the Kings of Munster. St. Patrick visited the rock in 450, while Brian Boru was crowned the first high King of Ireland here in the 10th century. Granted to the church in the 12th century by the O'Brien clan, today the impressive stone walls enclose a round tower, a cathedral, a 12th century Romanesque chapel and high crosses. Continue to Dublin.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 9: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

DUBLIN (B,D)

Panoramic Tour of Dublin

This morning you will enjoy a panoramic tour of Dublin, discovering the north side of the River Liffey. This area offers great striking monuments such as the General Post Office on the city main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, or the Custom House along the quays, as well as Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe.

The south side appears more sophisticated with its vast Georgian squares, such as Merrion Square, where Oscar Wilde's House can still be found (today it is owned by an American College), its colorful doors, along with Grafton Street and its quality shops. Not far from St. Stephen's Green, on Kildare Street, you will see the house of Bram Stoker, the author of "Dracula." This part of the city is also dominated by the students of Trinity College, where the famous Book of Kells is permanently exhibited in its library. (*cont.*)

Visit Trinity College and See the Book of Kells

Trinity was founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth 1st on grounds confiscated from an Augustinian priory and is the oldest University in Ireland. The Campanile, erected in 1852, was built on what is believed to be the center of the monastery.

Most of the main buildings off the main square were built during the Georgian period, some of which replaced older buildings. Within its walls, you will be able to admire Parliament Square and its 18th century edifices.



Thomas Burgh built the Old Library building in the 18th century. Today it houses one of Ireland's most illustrious books, the 9th century "Book of Kells." Before viewing the famous book, visitors pass through an excellent exhibition based on the Book of Kells and other important books written in monasteries around Ireland from the 9th century. After viewing the Book of Kells you will visit the Long Room built in 1745. Once the principal library of the university, it now contains over 200,000 books and manuscripts of Trinity's oldest volumes. Brian Boru's harp, said to be the "oldest harp in Ireland," and a copy of the 1916 proclamation, one of the most important documents relating to Irish history, are also on display in the Long Room.

Visit the Mercy House

Catherine's House is the first "House of Mercy" built by Catherine McAuley in response to the needs of the poor of Dublin. It was built in 1824 in the Georgian style and is home to the "Mercy family" from all over the world. Enjoy a tour and tea and scones.

Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure for last minute shopping or exploring Dublin on your own.

Dinner

Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner and entertainment at Taylors Three Rock or similar. Taylors Irish Night is a rip roaring night of traditional Irish song and dance, accompanied by a great selection of quality Irish food to delight the palate. The resident band and professional Irish dancers provide breathtaking performances for their audience and never fail to entertain. The night will begin with a delicious traditional four course Irish dinner, followed by the traditional Irish band accompanied by a cast of professional Irish dancers.

DAY 10: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

DUBLIN • NEWARK (B)

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight. You return with wonderful memories and feeling spiritually renewed.

B=BREAKFAST; D=DINNER

TOUR CONDITIONS

PASSPORT/VISA REQUIREMENTS

A valid passport is required for all tour members. U.S. citizens do not require visas for travel to Ireland. If you are not a U.S. citizen call the Consulate of EVERY country you will enter (even in-transit when changing planes) to check on visa requirements. ALL passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the tour.

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TOTAL PRICE FROM NEWARK

\$3,899.00 per person, double occupancy; \$899.00 single room supplement The price includes all air taxes and fuel surcharges.

COST INCLUDES

Air: Round-trip airfare from Newark, economy class
Hotels: 8 nights in first class hotels, all rooms with private facilities
Meals: Breakfast and dinner daily
Sightseeing: Extensive as per itinerary * All sightseeing in private deluxe motor coaches and includes the services of expert English speaking guides and entrance fees
Tour Director: Experienced English speaking Tour Director will accompany group throughout Ireland
Transportation & Transfers: In private deluxe motor coaches
Miscellaneous: Hotel taxes and service charges * Baggage handling and porterage at the hotels

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICE: Tour price is based upon current tariff and exchange rates and is subject to change. It is based upon a minimum of 30 fully paid passengers.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS: A deposit (by check) of \$1,000 per person is required at time of registration, along with a signed registration form. A second deposit of \$1,000 per person (by check) is due on or before April 8, 2020. You will be billed for the balance, which is due on or before June 8, 2020 by check. All registrations received after June 8, 2020 must be accompanied by full payment.

CANCELLATION TERMS

Cancellations received: prior to June 8, 2020, \$200 per person; from June 8-June 30, 2020, \$500 per person; from July 1-July 31, 2020, \$1,000 per person; from August 1, 2020 onward, no refund. All cancellations must be received in writing.

NOTE: Comprehensive insurance is available to cover trip cancellation and interruption, baggage protection, medical, accidental death & dismemberment and emergency evacuation and repatriation. A descriptive booklet will be mailed to you upon receipt of your deposit.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Economy class via any regular IATA carrier. Any cancellation, itinerary change or failure to use confirmed air space may be subject to penalties levied by the airlines at the time of ticketing. Air tickets, once issued, are non-refundable. This is in addition to above "Cancellation Terms."

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TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE: Passport, visa, and insurance, all items of a personal nature, beverages and meals not included in the tour. Gratuities to guides, bus drivers, tour escort, and hotel and restaurant staff. Optional tours and excess baggage charges. Transfers are not included if you arrange your own air. There is no refund for unused land arrangements or any cost incurred through absence or deviation from the stated itinerary for any reason, including illness.



October 8-17, 2020

RESERVATION REQUEST

Join Sister Kathleen and friends of SOAR! on a spiritual and cultural journey to the Emerald Isle.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$1,000.00 per person for the above Journey to Ireland.

Homeland Security rules require that you provide us with your exact name as it appears on your PASSPORT and your date of birth.

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