

## **Day by Day Itinerary**

Aug 14 Day 1: Depart USA: Our Pilgrimage begins with an overnight flight to Dublin.

Aug 15 Day 2: Dublin: This morning we arrive in Dublin and after visa formalities meet our Holy Land Travel Center Representative. We enjoy a motor coach tour of Ireland's capital, including a drive by the Christ Church Cathedral, or Cathedral of Holy Trinity, founded by the Danes in 1030. We arrive at Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church, where we will celebrate Mass and see the Shrine of Our Lady of Dublin and the Shrine of St. Valentine. Finally, we arrive at our hotel for dinner and overnight in Dublin. Overnight: Dublin (D)

Aug 16 Day 3: Dublin: This morning after an early Mass we travel to Malahide Castle & Gardens for a tour of the grounds and estate. Afterwards we return to Dublin for a tour of Dublin's churches, St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, and stopping in at Our Lady of Lourdes Church to visit the Shrine of the Venerable Matt Talbot. Afternoon free

Overnight: Dublin (B, D)

Aug 17 Day 4: Cashel/ Blarney Castle/ Cork: Today we depart Dublin to journey towards Cork. On our way, we will see the Rock of Cashel, which contains one of the most remarkable collections of Celtic art. We continue on to Blarney Castle, one of Ireland's oldest and most famous castles. Surrounding the castle are extensive gardens with paths along the grounds. Cork is the day's final destination where we will continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Cork (B, D)

Aug 18 Day 5: Cork: Mass at St. Peter and Paul's Church before we take a tour of historic Cork City Gaol, the picturesque harbor, and downtown. Afterwards, visit Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral which belongs to the Church of Ireland. St. Fin Barre's Cathedral stands on the site where the city of Cork was founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. We then visit the Shandon Bell's at St. Anne's Church where we will have the opportunity to climb the tower and ring the bells. Overnight: Cork (B, D)

Aug 19 Day 6: Killarney: We depart Cork this morning for Killarney. We drive the famous scenic Ring of Kerry on our way to the Killarney area where we will have a free afternoon before dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Killarney Area (B, D)

Aug 20 Day 7: Killarney National Park: Today we drive to the Killarney National Park where we visit Muckross Abbey and Muckross House. We then visit Ross Castle before we return to our hotel in Killarney for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Killarney Area (B, D)

Aug 21 Day 8: Killarney: After breakfast, we Celebrate Mass\* at St. Mary's in Killarney, considered one of the most beautiful Gothic Revival cathedrals in Europe. After Mass and a brief tour, we continue to the Irish Franciscans Monastery. We spend some time at the Killarney House and Gardens a beautifully restored estate where we can enjoy a tour of the historic rooms and take in the beauty of the gardens. Continue to Shannon for our dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Shannon (B, D)

Aug 22 Day 9: Shannon: This morning we visit the Cliffs of Moher which in 2009 were named one of 28 global finalists in the "New Seven Wonders of Nature." We then return to Shannon and attend Mass at Immaculate Mother of God Catholic Church before we take a day trip to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Shannon (B, D)

Aug 23 Day 10: Shannon/Lough Derg: Today we depart Shannon and continue to Lough Derg where St. Patrick killed a large serpent which turned the water red. While driving around the lake we stop at the Dominican Abbey Lorrha Ruins and the Saint Ruadhans Abbey Lorrha Ruins. Time permitting, we take a short boat ride to Station Island. We check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Lough Derg (B, D)

Aug 24 Day 11: Knock: We drive to Knock, where we visit the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, the single most important Marian Shrine in all of Ireland. We visit and celebrate Mass in the Apparition Chapel where the apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist occurred and was witnessed by some 15 people in 1879. Following Mass, we enjoy free time to explore the Sanctuary's grounds, including a visit to the shrine's museum. Later in the afternoon, we will visit Croagh Patrick; Saint Patrick's Holy Mountain, where tradition states that St. Patrick spent 40 days fasting during Lent in 441. The site has been a place of Christian worship and pilgrimage ever since. Those who wish may climb a short way to a small shrine which is part way up the mountain or "Croagh".

Overnight: Knock (B, D)

Aug 25 Day 12: Armagh: Depart for Northern Ireland, where we will visit the town of Armagh, where St. Patrick built Ireland's first stone church. In Armagh we will visit and celebrate Mass at the beautiful St. Patrick's Cathedral. Following Mass, we continue to Downpatrick for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Downpatrick (B, D)

Aug 26 Day 13: Downpatrick: Today we enjoy a day in Downpatrick where we will visit The Saint Patrick Centre, a wonderfully spiritual place dedicated to Ireland's patron saint, where we will enjoy interactive exhibits and stories about the life and legacy of Saint Patrick. On Cathedral Hill we will visit and celebrate Mass in the Down Cathedral, where we will see the grave of Saint Patrick. Next, we will visit St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, housing St. Patrick's Shrine. Before returning to Dublin, we will also visit the St. Patrick Statue, the tallest statue of Saint Patrick in the world, as well as Saul Church, known as the "Cradle of Christianity" in Ireland, built on the site of St. Patrick's earliest Christian worship. We continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Downpatrick (B, D)

Aug 27 Day 14: Boyne Valley/Dublin: Today we travel back to Dublin through Boyne Valley. We stop at Mellifont Abbey, the first Cisterian Abbey to be built in Ireland before exploring Fourknock Tombs. We return once more to Dublin to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral before checking into our hotels for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Dublin (B, D)

Aug 28 Day 15: Return Home: Today we board our flights home with memories and keepsakes to last a lifetime.

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\$4499.00\*

#### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount cash/check price

#### **OPTIONS**

For a single room\*: add \$950

\*Subject to availability

THIRD PAYMENT

Travel Insurance: add \$313

\*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

FIRST PAYMENT \$500.00 DUE: NOW

SECOND PAYMENT \$1249.00 DUE: MARCH. 17, 2023

\$1000.00

FINAL PAYMENT REMAINING DUE: JUNE 30, 2023

#### BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from St. Louis, MO (STL)
- All activities
- 13 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Tour guides /escorts
- · Spiritual director

# Why Travel with Us?

DUE: MAY 16, 2023

The Holy Land Travel Center is a family-run business providing pilgrims with an unmatched religious group travel experience. Operated by a husband and wife team from the Qumsieh family, one of the oldest Christian families from the Bethlehem suburb Beit Sahour; the center offers a unique opportunity to be fully immersed in the Christian community of the Holy Land.

The tours are professionally organized to ensure that pilgrims receive the highest quality in travel and lodging. But we pride ourselves most on offering a personalized experience. From the first day you are treated like family, welcomed into the local Christian homes, offered stories of faith by residents, and unfettered access to holy sites.

### **Terms & Conditions**

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred to as HLTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form on or before. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC A second payment of \$1249 is required on or before 150 days prior to departure. A third payment of \$1000 is due 90 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your signed cancellation, HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

In addition to any cancellation fees specific to your tour, the following fees apply.

- Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.
- From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
- 4. From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time before submitting your final payment. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable. To view/download the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$950.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book

the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline.

BAGGAGE: Transatlantic and transpacific flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 30.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: HLTC hereby expressly disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property damage, Loss of baggage, accident, delay or irregularity, any claim for special or consequential damages or any other loss which may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, intentional, wrongful or otherwise, of any air carrier, hotel/motel or other lodging operator, railroad operator, bus operator, public transportation, sea carrier, local sightseeing company, tour operator, tour leader or spiritual director, any employees thereof, or any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of HLTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. HLTC likewise expressly disclaims any responsibility for losses or expenses incurred, or inconvenience caused, due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults, over booking of hotels or airlines, sickness, weather, strikes, quarantines, pandemics, epidemics, acts of terrorism, constructions, war, force majeure or other such events which are beyond HLTC's control. HLTC likewise hereby expressly disclaims any liability for statements, actions or inactions of any intermediary agents such as group administrators, spiritual directors or tour leaders, travel agents or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion or operation of its tours. Group administrators, spiritual leaders and tour leaders likewise hereby expressly disclaim any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Please be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law and you may thus wish to consider purchasing additional insurance to protect yourself against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In all instances, HLTC's liability shall be limited to the amounts paid by you for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in the 'Brochure Terms and Conditions'. In the event that the tour leader and/or spiritual director named in a brochure or itinerary does not travel with the group, and a substitute is not named to replace such person(s), then HLTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s) in the operation of the tour. Tour Cancellation by Operator: On rare occasion, a tour departure may be cancelled due to lack of participation. In the event that HLTC would decide to cancel a departure, a full refund will be issued (not including travel insurance). HLTC is not responsible and does not assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not made through HLTC. Cancellations due to state advisories and/or state warnings, Pandemic, Epidemic, Acts of War, War, Terrorism, Acts of God, Natural Disaster, Force Majeure or any other circumstance outside the control of HLTC, are not the fault of HLTC. Great effort will be made to accommodate passengers on another trip, postponed date or to revise itinerary, however, cancellation for any of these reasons will not be eligible for refund.

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule, government regulations, travel restrictions, or any other reason. Holy Land Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary or name alternate dates due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies