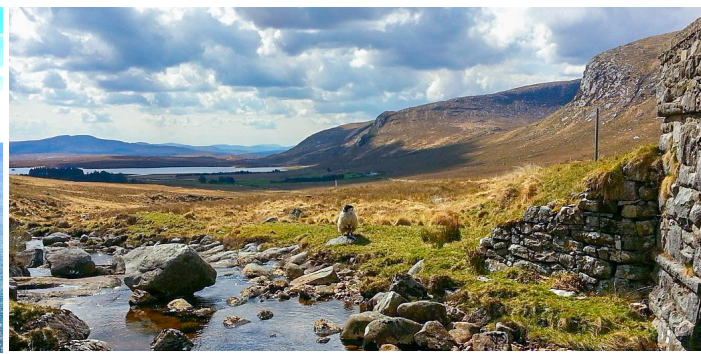


CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

In the Footsteps of *St. Patrick*

DECEMBER 1 - 9, 2025



ITINERARY



December 1 - Depart the USA

Depart on your international overnight flight.

December 2 - Arrive in Dublin, Bru na Boinne, & Monasterboice

On arrival at Dublin Airport meet your driver and guide. Travel to the Hill of Slane, where St. Patrick lit the first Paschal Fire in 434 in challenge to King Laoghaire's fire. He first explained the Holy Trinity using the shamrock here. Head north and discover the rich history of Celtic life at the Bru na Boinne Prehistoric Monuments. You will see one of the Passage Tomb sites here, such as Newgrange and Knowth. They are richly decorated with megalithic art. From the time of the first Celtic influence until the 1169 invasion, the Hill of Tara was the island's political and spiritual capital. It contains several ancient monuments and, according to tradition, was the seat of the High King of Ireland. Walk the grounds of Monasterboice Monastery, founded in 521 AD by St. Buite, and the ruins remain a testament to their Christian heritage. The monastery features two churches, a round tower, and the High Cross of Muiredach. Continue to your Armagh hotel for dinner and overnight stay. (D)



December 3 - Armagh, Downpatrick & Northern Lights

Celebrate Mass in Armagh, where St. Patrick declared the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland. See the two cathedrals dedicated to him here, the Church of Ireland's dating back to the fifth century A.D. Visit Downpatrick, home to the Saul Church - the first church that St. Patrick established in Ireland. Also, visit Down Cathedral, the burial site of St. Patrick - Ireland's patron saint and a place of pilgrimage for centuries. Benedictine monks first established the site of the church in 1183. Visit the St. Patrick Centre in Downpatrick, housing the exhibition, 'Ego Patricius'. Have dinner in Derry and then travel to Malin Head, the most Northerly point on the Island to view the Northern Lights this evening. Overnight in Derry. (B, D)



December 4 - Sligo, Donegal, and Knock

Cross the north of Ireland to Sligo. You'll visit Drumcliff Church and cemetery, where St. Colmcille founded a monastery in 574 AD. W. B. Yeats is buried here. Continue to the remains of Sligo Abbey and walk the grounds of the church. Visit the restoration work at Donegal Castle and stop at the Franciscan Abbey ruins nearby. Donegal was abandoned during the flight of the Earls in 1607. Travel to Knock, where in 1879, it was claimed that the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist were seen at the gate of the parish church, ever since, millions have made pilgrimages to the town. Celebrate Mass at Knock, where we will spend the balance of the day enjoying a time of peace, prayer, and contemplation. (B, D)



December 5 - Croagh Patrick and Kylemore Abbey

This morning, you'll stop in sight of Croagh Patrick; here, Saint Patrick fasted on the summit for forty days and built a church there. At the end of the fast, he threw a bell down the side of the mountain, banishing all the snakes and serpents of Ireland. Pass through the scenic mountains, bogs, and grasslands of the Connemara region. Stop at beautiful Kylemore Abbey, run by the Benedictine Nuns. This granite and limestone structure is one of the most photographed buildings in the country. Finish the day in Galway for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, D)

December 6 – Cliffs of Mohr, Bunratty Castle

Pass through the Burren Region to the Cliffs of Moher. With sheer cliffs dropping 600 feet to the water below, it is one of the most impressive stretches of shoreline on the west coast of Ireland. Travel through the enchanting Irish countryside to Bunratty Castle near the town of Limerick. Bunratty is Ireland's most complete and authentic, elaborately furnished medieval castle. Finish your day in Limerick for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, D)

December 7 – Clonmacnoise & Christmas Market in Dublin

Visit Clonmacnoise, founded by St. Ciaran in 548-9. It was plundered six times between 834 and 1012 and burned 26 times between 841 and 1204, yet continued as a great center of learning, with many manuscripts, including the Annals of Tigernach (11th century) and the Book of the Dun Cow (12th century) written here. Continue to Dublin for a Panoramic tour of the city. Make your way to Phoenix Park with its Papal Cross. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. Explore the Christmas Markets in Dublin after dinner. (B, D)

December 8 – Glendalough and Dublin

Today you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of Wicklow County, known as the 'Garden County' of Ireland. You will stop in Glendalough where St. Kevin founded a monastery in the 6th century. From this beginning, the site grew to become famous as a center of learning throughout Europe. Return to Dublin for a visit to Trinity College, to see the 8th century Book of Kells and the long room with its 200,000 books. Continue to St. Patrick's Cathedral, built in 1192. It is one of Ireland's largest cathedrals, made famous by its former dean Jonathan Swift, author of "Gulliver's Travels." You will also visit Christchurch, built by the Anglo-Normans in 1172 to replace an earlier church built by the Vikings in 1038. It also is adorned with funeral monuments, including the tomb of Strongbow, Ireland's first Norman Conqueror. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

December 9 – Return to the USA or Continue your Journey on the Southern Ireland Extension

Starting at

\$4,898* from NEW YORK

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Round-trip International Airfare

Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes

Subject to change

Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees

Breakfast & Dinner Daily, Deluxe Motorcoaches

First-Class Hotels & much more!



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December 9 – Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle

See the Rock of Cashel, the traditional seat of Irish kings. Here St. Patrick is thought to have converted the King of Munster. The present ruins are from structures built in the 12th and 13th centuries, during the Norman era. Travel to Cork to visit Blarney Castle and Blarney Woolen Mills Shop. At the Castle of Blarney, you will see the fabled Blarney Stone. Legend says that those who kiss the stone acquire the gift of eloquence. Check in for dinner and your overnight stay in Kinsale. (B, D)

December 10 – Cobh and Kinsale

In Cobh, you will visit the Heritage Center. From this port, between 1845 and 1860, 2.5 million people sailed to America. If you had an ancestor who came from Ireland to America, chances are they departed from this very place. Walk the streets of the city to see memorials to the Lusitania and Titanic. Enjoy the afternoon in the port city of Kinsale. Walk the restored 17th-century Charles Fort. Stop at the courthouse used for the inquiry over the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915. Return to the hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, D)

December 11 – Ring of Kerry, Waterville, & Muckross House

Delight in some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery as you travel around the Ring of Kerry where the sea crashes into the soaring coastline. Weather permitting, take in a sheep dog demonstration. Stop around lunchtime in Waterville. Charlie Chaplin brought his family here in the summers. You can choose from several seafood restaurants along the shore for a delicious lunch. After lunch, visit the 19th-century Muckross House. Enjoy the magnificent Victorian mansion, considered one of Ireland's leading stately homes. Imagine yourself in that time when you wander through the elegantly furnished rooms. Downstairs, however, reveals the working conditions of the servants employed in the house. Finish the day in Kinsale and enjoy a walking tour. See the Norman French inscriptions at St. Multrose Church, which was built in 1190, and remains in use to this day. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

December 12 – Killarney National Park and Adare

Today you will travel and hike in portions of Killarney National Park. Walk the beautiful streets and see the thatched roofed homes in Adare. Travel back to Dublin for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, D)

December 13 – Return to the USA

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & Dinner Daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$599 during the basic tour; \$399 Southern Ireland Extension.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

| Deposit | Payment Amount | Due Date |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Registration Deposit | \$300 | At time of registration |
| Final Payment | Full payment | 08/18/25 If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed. |
| Travel Protection Premium Amount | The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 08/18/25 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect. | |

Departure City: _____ Departure Date: **12/01/25 (X)**

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)
Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: ___/___/___ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F
Dietary Restrictions: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
How did you learn about this tour? _____
Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Southern Ireland Extension

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)
Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: ___/___/___ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F
Dietary Restrictions: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
How did you learn about this tour? _____
Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Southern Ireland Extension

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited - \$599)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

- Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
- Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
- Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
- Premium must be paid in full no later than 08/18/25.

Guest 1:
 I Accept I Decline
Guest 2:
 I Accept I Decline

**\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 08/18/25**

via check # _____ via credit card (circle): **VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX**

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Name on Card: _____ CVN: _____

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: XD25 Date: 120125 Code: X ID: _____ V.001 08/01/24

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

| Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost |
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| \$ 0 to \$1000 | \$ 99 | \$2501 to \$3000 | \$299 | \$4501 to \$5000 | \$499 | \$6501 to \$7000 | \$699 |
| \$1001 to \$1500 | \$149 | \$3001 to \$3500 | \$349 | \$5001 to \$5500 | \$549 | \$7001 to \$8000 | \$799 |
| \$1501 to \$2000 | \$199 | \$3501 to \$4000 | \$399 | \$5501 to \$6000 | \$599 | \$8001 to \$9000 | \$899 |
| \$2001 to \$2500 | \$249 | \$4001 to \$4500 | \$449 | \$6001 to \$6500 | \$649 | \$9001 to \$10,000 | \$999 |

Schedule of Coverages

| Schedule of Coverages | Maximum Benefit |
|--|-----------------|
| Part A - Trip Cancellation | Trip Cost |
| Part B - Trip Interruption | Trip Cost |
| Missed Connection | \$500 |
| Trip Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day) | \$1,500 |
| Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation | \$25,000 |
| Accident and Sickness Medical Expense | \$25,000 |
| Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation | \$50,000 |
| Accidental Death & Dismemberment | \$25,000 |
| Baggage and Personal Effects | \$1,000 |
| Baggage Delay | \$200 |

Additional Cancellation Protection

When you purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website (www.etsours.com). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

Part A - Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate. In MN and NY, a different cancellation waiver is available. Available for purchase separately in NY.

Conditions and Limitations

The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. The plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. You may obtain information on the plan fees by emailing assistance@tripmate.com. This advertisement contains highlights of the plans developed by Trip Mate Inc., which include travel insurance coverages underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Principal Office located in Morristown, New Jersey, under form series 17000, T210 et al and TP-401 et al, and non-insurance Travel Assistance Services provided by General Global Assistance and FootprintID® and a non-insurance Cancellation Waiver provided by Educational Travel Services. The terms of insurance coverages in the plans may vary by jurisdiction and not all insurance coverages are available in all jurisdictions. Insurance coverages in these plans are subject to terms, limitations and exclusions including an exclusion for pre-existing medical conditions. In most states, your travel retailer is not a licensed insurance producer/agent, and is not qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the terms, benefits, exclusions and conditions of the insurance offered or to evaluate the adequacy of your existing insurance coverage. Your travel retailer may be compensated for the purchase of a plan and may provide general information about the plans offered, including a description of the coverage and price. The purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from your travel retailer. CA DOI toll free number is 800-927-4357. The cost of your plan is for the entire plan, which consists of both insurance and non-insurance components. Individuals looking to obtain additional information regarding the features and pricing of each travel plan component, please contact Trip Mate, Inc. (dba Trip Mate Insurance in CA and UT; CA license #0805270); P.O. Box 527, Hazelwood, MO 63042; 1-833-297-2255; assistance@tripmate.com. While Trip Mate, Inc. markets the travel insurance in these plans on behalf of USF, non-insurance components of the plans were added to the plans by Trip Mate, Inc., and does not receive compensation from USF for providing the non-insurance components of the plans.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after August 18, 2025:

We welcome registrations after 08/18/25. Registrations received between 08/19/25-09/02/25 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 09/03/25-09/17/25 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 09/18/25 will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 08/18/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES and SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS and AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 02/01/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of God or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.