

IRELAND

The Woodlands Methodist Church
ADULTS 55+ MINISTRY
October 11th – 20th, 2024

A 9-Day Experience:

Your journey includes round-trip airfare, tourist and superior first class hotels, deluxe motor coaches, daily breakfast, lunch and dinner as outlined, guided tours.

Getting To See:

- Dublin
- Glendalough
- Waterford
- Killarney
- Ennis
- Galway
- Adare
- & More!

ITINERARY DAYS 1-2

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN IRELAND

Saturday, October 12th

“Cead Mile Failte,” a hundred thousand welcomes! After clearing passport control, please claim your luggage to complete the arrival formalities. You will then exit through the Arrivals Hall, where your travel director will meet you and take you to your coach. Once settled, you will have a leisure day to enjoy the hotel and Dublin.

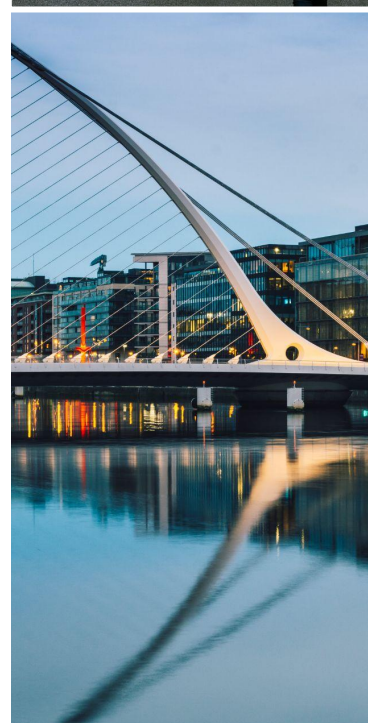
DAY 2 | DUBLIN

Sunday, October 13th

Breakfast is included at your hotel this morning. Meet your driver and guide at your hotel at 9am. Next, we venture to Trinity College in Dublin to view the Book of Kells, an exquisite combination of intricate illuminations and Latin text. A 9th-century masterpiece, the Book of Kells is a unique insight into a rich part of Ireland’s culture for bibliophiles and non bibliophiles alike. Learn how the famous medieval manuscript was created, explore a spectacular library home to more than 200,000 texts, and come to understand an ornate part of history.

Next, we depart to St. Patrick’s Cathedral. A stunning stalwart of medieval Dublin, St. Patrick’s Cathedral offers a rich cultural experience with its 800-year history. The largest cathedral in the country and one-time post of Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver’s Travel, St. Patrick’s Cathedral is a stunning work of gothic architecture, with its Lady Chapel, dating from 1270, recently being restored to its original glory.

Be sure to explore the building, stopping into the Lives Remembered exhibition and its specially commissioned tree sculpture in memory of World War 1. A true highlight is its choir, which performs during school terms and in the Lady Chapel. Following the cathedral, we will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. Please note that drinks are payable directly.





ITINERARY DAYS 3-4

DAY 3 | GLENDALOUGH & WATERFORD

Monday, October 14th

Breakfast is included at your hotel this morning. Following breakfast, we are off to Glendalough. Known as 'the valley of the two lakes', Glendalough is a true escape from the rush and pull of Dublin. A hotbed for hikers and walkers alike, Glendalough is rich in history and scenery, with a restorative sense of tranquillity. Make the short climb to the top and luxuriate in unfiltered views of swirling scenery and gentle lakes. While there, visit Monastic sites including historic churches, high crosses, and round towers dating back to the 6th-century.

We then venture to Waterford where we will enjoy lunch in a local venue. Following lunch, we will visit the House of Waterford Crystal whose wares are coveted by connoisseurs and collectors alike. Browse through the extensive showrooms with a chance to purchase a memento in the Gallery Store.

DAY 4 | KILLARNEY

Tuesday, October 15th

Breakfast is included at your hotel this morning. Following breakfast, we will experience the true 'spirit' of Ireland in the Jameson Distillery, a whiskey museum and visitor centre, located in the historic Old Midleton Distillery in County Cork. A bracing piece of local history, you'll have the chance to see the largest pot still ever built, take a walking tour past the old kilns, mills, maltings, and distiller's cottage, see the micro-distillery in action, and visit a live maturation warehouse all washed down with whiskey tasting along the way.

Next, we are off to visit Blarney Castle, built nearly six hundred years ago by one of Ireland's greatest chieftains. Legend tells us that the Blarney stone situated on the grounds of Blarney Castle imparts the gift of eloquence to those who kiss it. Later, we arrive in Killarney, and enjoy the town on the lakes. It is renowned for its lively pubs and open, cheerful atmosphere, full of what the Irish call 'craic'!

Our accommodations for the next two nights includes the spectacular architecture of this magnificent Victorian building melded with effortless service and genuine hospitality has made the Great Southern Hotel Killarney an iconic retreat for over 160 years. Originally opened as The Railway Hotel in 1854 & later named The Great Southern Hotel, stands proudly as Killarney's Premier Historic Hotel.

ITINERARY **DAYS 5-7**

DAY 5 | DINGLE PENINSULA

Wednesday, October 16th

Breakfast is included at your hotel this morning. Today you are taken on a tour of the Dingle Peninsula, thrusting out into the Atlantic it claims Ireland's most westerly point. Here majestic hills soar green and purple over vast bowls of unspoiled valleys, and glittering mountain streams which tumble down to lakes. Drive on to Dingle, a market town and fishing port.

Next, we are on to visit Gallarus oratory, Ireland's best preserved early Christian Churches and a must see on any tour of the Dingle peninsula.

This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel. Drinks are payable directly.

DAY 6 | ENNIS

Thursday, October 17th

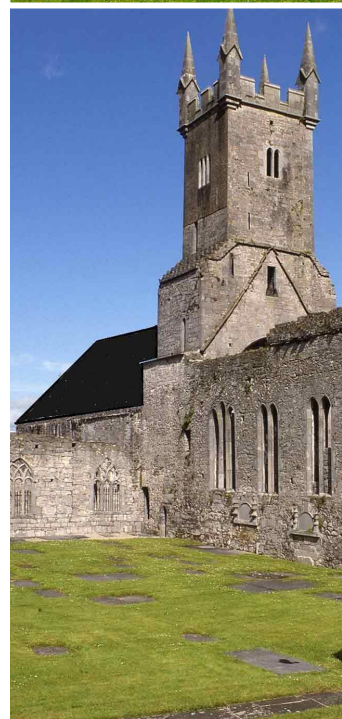
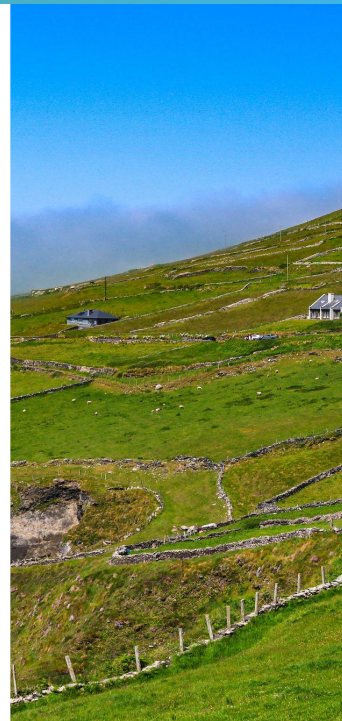
Breakfast is included at your hotel this morning. We will enjoy a visit to the Ennis Friary today. Here you will get to see a number of fifteenth and sixteenth century sculptures carved in local hard limestone as well as the ornate east window. We will get lunch in a local venue in Ennis. Please note that drinks are payable directly.

Following lunch, we will travel on to Galway, a thriving, bohemian & cultural city. The city is a joy to explore with its labyrinthine cobbled streets, colourful shop facades and busy café/ bar culture.

DAY 7 | CONNEMARA

Friday, October 18th

Breakfast is included at your hotel this morning. Today you tour Connemara, a wild land of rocky mountains, sparkling brooks, and rivers. Stop at lakeside Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied today by the Irish Benedictine community of nuns who came from Ypres after World War I. Continue on to Clifden, one of the prettiest towns in Connemara. Travel through bog land and villages and visit the Connemara Marble Factory and learn of the origin and uses of the area's splendid marble.





ITINERARY DAYS 8-9

DAY 8 | ADARE

Saturday, October 19th

Breakfast is included at your hotel this morning. Today, we travel to the Burren, an Irish word "Boíreann" meaning a rocky place. The rough, intriguing and attractive landscape was formed 320 million years ago. A natural masterpiece, the Cliffs of Moher are a must-see for any trip to Ireland. Set against the crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean, the Cliffs tower a striking distance above the sea.

Named a UNESCO Global Geopark, the Cliffs are best experienced on a walk or trek across the clifftop. Watch birds, study plants, and keep an eye on the water for breaks of dolphin pods or sharks. Come to know the myths and magic of the Cliffs of Moher with sights including the Tower viewpoint, the Aran Islands, and the Hags Head.

We move on to visit the picturesque village of Adare, which is billed as the prettiest village in Ireland with its thatched roof cottages and Tudor style houses. Lastly, we will enjoy a farewell dinner this evening at your hotel. Drinks are payable directly.

DAY 9 | FAREWELL

Sunday, October 20th

Breakfast is included at your hotel this morning. You will be transferred to Shannon airport for your flight home.

TRIP DETAILS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International economy air with full tour.
- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners.
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing.
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person.
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver.
- Hotel tips, restaurant tips for included meals, and local taxes.
- A group airport transfer on the first and last day of your guided holiday.
- Handpicked, high quality hotels, all tried and trusted.
- Gratuities to Travel Director, Coach Drivers, and Local Experts.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- No early check in / late check out.
- Travel insurance, visas, and items of a personal nature.

PRICING

Full Tour	\$5516
Land Only	\$3936
Single Supplement	\$1160
Deposit	\$750

- Price based on a minimum of 25 passengers traveling.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- Deposit payment of \$750 per person to hold space.
 - Final payment due July 12, 2024
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PROGRAM CONDITIONS INCLUDED IN PRICE OF STANDARD FULL TOUR PROGRAM: Round trip economy airfare; transfers with group to/from airport; First class hotels. Breakfast daily, some lunches and dinners. English speaking guide; transfers to/from and entrance fees for sites to be visited per itinerary. Gratuities.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: Additions or changes to the standard full tour program; individual transfers; travel insurance; any Covid testing required to travel both in the US and internationally, laundry; coffee and drinks; excess baggage and items of a personal nature; any increase in taxes and fees that may occur between registration and issuing of airline tickets. The price is based on the exchange rate at the time of registration and may be subject to change.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Deposit of \$750 due with registration of which \$500 per person is non-refundable. Deadline for registration is July 8th, 2024. Final payment date is no later than July 12th, 2024.

TOUR DOCUMENTS: The name on your airline ticket must exactly match your name as it appears on your passport which must be uploaded before we can purchase your airline ticket. If applying for a new or renewed passport, upload a copy as soon as you receive your new passport.

ROOMMATES: If you purchase double occupancy and are unable to find a roommate, or your roommate cancels, you will be charged the single room occupancy rate.

LUGGAGE: Limit of one suitcase and one carry-on per person, not to exceed 50 pounds or 62 linear inches total.

TRANSFERS: Group transport between airport, hotel and piers is included in the standard program. However, those who request changes from the standard program are responsible for their own transfers. Transfer costs may vary by trip brochure.

CHANGES FROM STANDARD FULL TOUR PROGRAM:

Changes must be requested and approved in writing by GOMEGA Travel and Tours. A minimum of \$150 will be charged and individual transfers to/from the airport are not included.

AIRLINE TICKETS: Tickets are nonrefundable; any changes are subject to the specific airline's policies.

FLIGHT TIMES: Subject to change by airlines without advance notice. GOMEGA Travel and Tours is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

ITINERARY LENGTH: Because airlines often change the flight schedules, GOMEGA Travel and Tours reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly and you will be notified in writing. If changes necessitate extra overnights, customers will be responsible for additional charges.

CANCELLATION FEES: From the day of registration to 120 days prior to departure the \$500 non-refundable registration fee will be charged. Thereafter, the following charges apply: 119-90 days \$750; 89-60 days 50% of total cost; 59-45 days 75% of total cost; 44 days to departure day 100% of total cost. All cancellation and refund claims must be made in writing.

REFUND REQUESTS: Allow up to 30 days for the process of any cancellation requests.

PROCESSING FEES: Any fees incurred during payment processing such as credit card fees, bank fees, GOMEGA Travel and Tours processing fees, etc. are non-refundable.

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Sherpa: <https://apply.joinsherpa.com/travel-restrictions?af%EF%AC%81liateld=sherpa&language=en-US>

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Enrollment in and payment for the tour, constitutes acceptance of the Program Conditions and Statement of Responsibility. The program conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by GOMEGA Travel and Tours in The Woodlands, Texas.

The venue for any disputes is Montgomery County, Texas. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of Texas.