



EXPLORING THE CELTIC SPIRITUALITY OF IRELAND: A PILGRIMAGE TO THE LAND OF SAINTS AND SCHOLARS

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Land Only Program: 14 Days: July 6-19, 2026

Our program is being offered on a Land Only basis,
so all pilgrims are responsible for making their own airline reservations to Dublin, Ireland.

If coming from the USA, you'll need to depart on July 5 for an overnight flight, arriving July 6



AN INVITATION TO JOIN US



Fr. Felix Just, SJ

Dear Friends –

We invite you to join us on a pilgrimage to Ireland, a land of wonders and delights, saints and scholars! Many of us are drawn to visit the Emerald Isle because of its legendary music, laughter and poetry, as well as its beautiful landscapes and good beer.

But Ireland also allows us to explore a fascinating Christian spiritual tradition with a distinctive culture that lay outside the ancient Roman Empire. How did the Celtic tribes of Ireland in the 400's hear the Gospel message and make it their own? How did their unique perception of the world lead them to emphasize certain Christian elements? How did the Celtic approach to Christianity influence its development in other lands?



Ms. Gail Gresser

On this 14-day journey through this enchanting island, as we explore the Ring of Kerry, the Dingle Peninsula and the Cliffs of Moher, we'll come to understand Celtic Christianity's *sacramental worldview*, seeing God's presence especially in natural wonders. Visiting Glendalough and the Aran Islands, we'll discover the priority given by the Celts to a reverence for *learning*, and many varieties of *monastic life*. As we hear the stories of Irish missionary saints and centuries of emigrants, we'll come to know their spiritual call to constant movement and *pilgrimage*. From graveside high crosses to the Book of Kells, we'll witness the distinctive *art* form that blended Celtic culture with Christian faith. Everywhere we go and in everything we do, we'll encounter the great Celtic spiritual priority of *hospitality*, of welcoming Christ in the guest or stranger.

In addition to praying together and learning about a vibrant spirituality, we'll also experience wonderful Irish meals and festivities, song and conversation, as well as the contemporary realities of Irish life.

Because so many visitors want to spend more time in Ireland or explore more of Europe, our pilgrimage will be "land only", allowing you to arrange your own additional travels before and/or after our group pilgrimage, during which we promise rich and inspiring days of discovery of the wonders of Ireland and its gift of Celtic Christianity.

Beannacht Dé ort (*May God's blessing be upon you*) —

Your fellow-pilgrims and spiritual guides,
Gail Gresser and Fr. Felix Just, SJ

OUR DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1, MONDAY, JULY 6: ARRIVE DUBLIN: FAILTE (WELCOME) TO IRELAND

- Welcome to Ireland! Upon arrival, you can take a taxi to our centrally-located Dublin hotel. Taxis are widely available at the airport.
- Check-in time is 3:00 pm. If you arrive sooner, you are welcome to leave your luggage with the front desk and explore the neighborhood.
- We gather this evening for dinner in the hotel dining room, followed by a Failte Orientation meeting, also at our hotel. (D)

DAY 2, TUESDAY, JULY 7: DUBLIN: EXCURSION TO THE BOYNE VALLEY (DROGHEDA, MONASTERBOICE, SLANE & TARA)

- After breakfast, we travel north through the historic Boyne Valley, home to some of the first settlements in Ireland, to Celtic kings, and to sites of St. Patrick's daring early missionary work.
- We celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Drogheda. Built in 1791, it is the National Shrine to the Irish martyr St. Oliver Plunkett, the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. In 1681, he was the last Catholic to be executed for the faith by the English.

- At the Monastery of Monasterboice, founded in the late 5th century, we view the famous Muiredach Cross, the most perfectly preserved of all of Ireland's ancient high crosses. It features biblical carvings of both the Old and New Testaments and the Celtic Christian symbol combining the circular ring and the cross.
- On the Hill of Slane, we visit the site where, according to tradition, St. Patrick lit an Easter paschal fire in direct defiance of the Celtic King Laoghaire, who could see the fire from the nearby Hill of Tara. This act is considered the symbolic launch of Patrick's missionary efforts to bring Christianity to his former oppressors.
- We go on to the Hill of Tara, one of the most important archaeological sites in Ireland, identified by tradition as the place where the Celtic High Kings were inaugurated, and the sacred location through which pagan gods entered into the world.
- We return to our hotel for dinner and perhaps an evening stroll. (B, D)

DAY 3, WEDNESDAY, JULY 8: DUBLIN / KILDARE

- This morning, after breakfast and checkout, we board our motor coach for Kildare, the home of St. Brigid, the "Patroness of Ireland", whose Feast Day (February 1) was recently declared an Irish National Holiday.
- We stop along the way at the Irish Stud Farm, the only stud farm in the country open to the public, where we also can enjoy its renowned Japanese Gardens.
- In Kildare City, we hear some of the many stories about St. Brigid. Though little about Brigid is historically certain, many accounts of her life (thought to be in the late 400's) spread in the Middle Ages – portraying her as the daughter of a Druid, a Christian convert who became the highly influential Abbess of Kildare and founder of at least two monasteries, one for men and one for women. Following the model thought to be set by Brigid, the Abbess of Kildare for several centuries was regarded as an abbess-bishop and superior general of all Irish monasteries. Brigid's Kildare oratory became known as a center of art and learning, and accounts abound of Brigid's compassionate, radical care for the poor.
- We celebrate Mass at St. Brigid's parish church (Catholic) and then visit St. Brigid's Cathedral (Anglican), which dates back to 1223 and is thought to stand on the site of Brigid's original oratory. It adjoins St. Brigid's Fire House – likely the Christianized site of an ancient pagan sacred fire.
- We visit the Solas Bhride Centre, founded by the Anglican Brigidine Sisters. This retreat center – a "Christian Centre for Celtic Spirituality in the spirit of Brigid of Kildare" – provides quiet prayer space and hermitages.

- We stop by Brigid's Well, fed from an underground stream and next to a tree on which you can hang a ribbon or cloth to represent your prayer for Brigid's assistance.
- We check in to our Kildare hotel, where we enjoy dinner. (B, D)

DAY 4, THURSDAY, JULY 9: KILDARE: EXCURSION TO GLENDALOUGH

- This morning, after breakfast, we depart for Glendalough (the "Glen between the Two Lakes"), one of Ireland's most beloved early Monastic sites. It is generally thought to have been founded around AD 498.
- According to tradition, St. Kevin retired to this spot to be alone, living as a hermit for years. When his followers became too numerous, he was compelled to found a monastic community to accommodate them, the ruins of which we can still see here today. In time, this community became a great center of learning known as the "Rome of the West."
- Our visit includes the Interpretative Center for Celtic Spirituality, an audiovisual presentation, and a tour of the grounds.
- We celebrate Mass at St. Kevin's Church.
- Lunch is included at a local community center.
- We return to Kildare for time at leisure. Dinner tonight is on our own. (B, L)

DAY 5, FRIDAY, JULY 10: KILDARE / COBH / KERRY

- This morning, after breakfast and checkout, we travel to Cobh to visit the Cobh Heritage Centre, which tells the story of the 2 million-plus emigrants who departed from its harbor for foreign lands. Between 1848 and 1950, over 6 million adults and children left Ireland, and 2.5 million of them from Cobh Harbor, making it the single most important port of emigration in the country. Many people fleeing poverty and famine braved the arduous journey to the United States, where, despite intense anti-immigrant/anti-Irish resistance, they eventually flourished and brought untold gifts to American society.
- Cobh was also the last port of call for the Titanic before she sank.
- We celebrate a Mass for Refugees & Migrants at St. Colman's Cathedral in Cobh.
- After time for lunch on our own, we continue on to Kerry, and check in to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

DAY 6, SATURDAY, JULY 11: KERRY: RING OF KERRY TOUR & VALENTIA ISLAND

- This morning, after breakfast, we tour the famed Ring of Kerry, renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty, featuring stunning landscapes, rugged coastlines, mountains, and picturesque

villages. The beauty of this large peninsula, Iveragh, comes from the great diversity of its scenery, which includes peat bogs, lakes, and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean.

- Leaving Killarney, we pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, and we take the cliff road giving us vistas of Dingle Bay and the Dingle Peninsula.
- Continuing to Cahirciveen, we pass the birthplace of Daniel O'Connell, known as "The Liberator", whose political leadership helped secure Catholic Emancipation from British repression in 1829.
- From Portmagee, we cross over to Valentia Island for a pub lunch.
- We visit *The Skellig Experience*, a multi-media exposition telling the story of the monks on nearby Skellig Michael. Atop an isolated twin-peak crag grew a monastic settlement of hermits between the AD 500's and 700's, one that stood out even among the extensive network of early monastic communities in this region of Ireland.
- We celebrate the Sunday Vigil Mass with the local community at the Cathedral in Killarney.
- Dinner tonight is served at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 7, SUNDAY, JULY 12: KERRY / DINGLE PENINSULA / LIMERICK SHANNONSIDE AREA

- After breakfast and checkout, we travel the spectacular coastal road girdling the mountains as we visit the Dingle Peninsula, famous for its Celtic pre-Christian monuments and its early Christian sites. It is also a 'Gaeltacht' (Irish speaking) area, where the Irish language and traditional ways of life are preserved.
- We visit Gallarus Oratory, built between the 6th and 9th centuries, which is among the best of the surviving examples of early Christian churches in Ireland.
- This area was an embarkation point for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela to visit the shrine of St. James.
- The road around the Peninsula passes through a mountain chain called Slieve Mish. From Inch, we see a long beach bordered by dunes and made famous by David Lean's movie "Ryan's Daughter."
- From Dingle town, we drive around the coast to Sleah Head, where we can take in a view of the deserted Blasket Islands and see the Skellig Michael from another angle.
- Lunch today is on our own.
- We continue on to our hotel in the Shannonside/Limerick area for check-in.
- Dinner tonight is at Bunratty Castle. Built in 1425, the castle is famous for its medieval banquets. Here we enjoy a goblet of Mead (or two!) as we hear the stories of the history of Bunratty and

enjoy a medieval madrigal. After sampling our four-course Irish meal, we join in singing traditional Irish songs.

- We return to our hotel to retire for the evening. (B, D)

DAY 8, MONDAY, JULY 13: LIMERICK / ENNIS / CLIFFS OF MOHER / GALWAY

- After breakfast and checkout, we travel to Ennis, a charming town of narrow streets and rich history.
- We first visit the Franciscan Friary, established in the 13th century. Today the friary remains in a ruined state but is open to the public as a National Monument of Ireland.
- We celebrate Mass at a local church.
- After lunch on our own, we continue on to the Cliffs of Moher, which drop 600 feet to the water below. There we enjoy one of the most impressive stretches of shoreline on Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way." On a clear day on the cliffs, the Aran Islands are visible in Galway Bay, as well as the valleys and hills of Connemara. The cliffs reach their highest point just north of O'Brien's Tower, built by a descendant of Brian Boru, Cornelius O'Brien, to entertain his lady friends. A visit to the tower is also possible.
- We continue on to our hotel in central Galway for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

DAY 9, TUESDAY, JULY 14: GALWAY: EXCURSION TO THE CONNEMARA REGION

- This morning, after breakfast, we enjoy a panoramic tour of the city of Galway, including the City Museum, the National University of Galway, the Cathedral of Our Lady, and Eyre Square. Galway is the 4th largest city in the Republic of Ireland, and known as a center for higher education, music and the arts. It is an easily walkable city in which you may quickly discover architectural reminders of medieval times, when the city expanded and thrived.
- We continue on to a tour of the Connemara Region, an area of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains. In small villages, Gaelic is still the spoken language. Known as the wildest and the most romantic part of Ireland, Connemara is a vast peninsula bordered by the arid and rocky coastline of Galway Bay on the south.
- On its northern shore, the land is harsher, with views of the ocean and the beautiful fjord of Killary Harbor, as well as the steep mountains. Here, in 1951, John Ford's movie "The Quiet Man" was made (starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, and Barry Fitzgerald). Filming was centered in the village of Cong on the Mayo-Galway border.
- We visit Kylemore Abbey and Gardens, home of the Benedictine Nuns of Ypres, set on Lake Kylemore.

The Benedictine Nuns consider “Integral Ecology” to be one of their primary missions. Drawing upon Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si* and the Celtic spiritual tradition, they focus upon the protection of the wondrous natural environment.

- Here we celebrate a Mass for the Care of Creation.
- After our visit, we return to our Galway hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

DAY 10, WEDNESDAY, JULY 15: GALWAY: EXCURSION TO THE ARAN ISLANDS

- Today we enjoy a full-day excursion to the Aran Islands by ferry. The three Aran Islands – Inisheer, Inishmaan, and Inishmore – stand out in the Galway Bay.
- We visit Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands, home to 14 tiny villages.
- Inishmore is filled with early Christian sites, indicating the rich spiritual heritage of these islands. In Inishmore, St. Enda established a monastery around AD 490, which became a center of learning. We find on this island the ruins of small chapels and churches, pointing to its crucial role in the growth of monasticism in newly-Christianized Ireland.
- Inishmore was also the site of pre-Christian sacred spaces, which may have provided the basis for the spread of innovative Christian practices. We also visit the Iron Age fortresses of Dun Aengus (Dun Aonghasa), one of the finest prehistoric monuments in Western Europe.
- We will celebrate Mass at a parish church in Inishmore.
- We will visit a local goat farm and enjoy a tasting of their fresh local cheeses.
- A pub lunch is included at a local restaurant.
- We'll board our boat to return to Galway, where dinner tonight is on our own, giving us a chance to further explore this vibrant city. (B, L)

DAY 11, THURSDAY, JULY 16: GALWAY: EXCURSION TO KNOCK OR LEISURE IN GALWAY – TAKE YOUR PICK!

- This morning, we have two options from which to choose after breakfast:
 - Option 1: An included excursion to Ireland’s most beloved shrine to the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Knock. Our guide will take us to the shrine where we will have an initial orientation tour, then free time for prayer and lunch on our own. We will celebrate Mass at the Shrine, with an Anointing of the Sick for anyone who wishes to receive that sacrament. We return to Galway in the late afternoon.
 - Option 2: Spending the day further exploring Galway city on your own.
- This evening, we will gather for dinner at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 12, FRIDAY, JULY 17: GALWAY / DUBLIN

- This morning, after breakfast and checkout, we celebrate Mass at the Galway Cathedral and then board our motor coach for Dublin.
- Upon arrival in Dublin, we enjoy a panoramic tour of the city and have some free time on our own for lunch.
- Later in the afternoon, we visit Trinity College, established by Queen Elizabeth I in 1593 on lands confiscated from an Augustinian priory. Its purpose was to nurture the new Protestant faith among the ruling Anglo-Irish while Catholicism was outlawed. Restrictions preventing Catholics from studying at this oldest Irish university were not lifted until the 1970’s. However, Trinity first admitted women in 1902, earlier than most British universities.
- At Trinity College, we find the Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript from AD 800 containing the four Gospels of the New Testament in what is considered a masterwork of Western calligraphy. The manuscript takes its name from the Abbey of Kells in County Meath, its home for centuries.
- After our visit here, we continue on to our hotel for check-in, dinner, and a free evening in central Dublin (B, D).

DAY 13, SATURDAY, JULY 18: DUBLIN: FREE DAY

- After breakfast, the day is available to explore Dublin and its many sites, to relax, or to finish some shopping. (We'll be given good guidance on available options!)
- In the late afternoon, we gather at the hotel to board our bus for our evening excursion.
- We will celebrate a Vigil Mass at the University Church of the Notre Dame Newman Center for Faith and Reason. Now a ministry of the American Catholic university in South Bend, this was where St. John Henry Newman established a university for Catholic students in Ireland and gave some of his famous theology lectures.
- After Mass, we board our bus to the celebrated Merry Ploughboys Irish Music Pub for our festive farewell dinner. (B, D)

DAY 14, SUNDAY, JULY 19: RETURN TO USA OR CONTINUE FURTHER TRAVELS

- This morning, after breakfast, our pilgrimage draws to a close. The hotel staff at the front desk will be pleased to assist anyone who would like a taxi to the airport or another destination. (B)

Note: *While no changes are anticipated, there might be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to the itinerary, due to changes in airline schedules or for any other reason. All Masses are subject to final Church schedules.*

Pricing & Registration Information: Tour Number 26-015-0706

HOW TO REGISTER: Registrations are processed in the order received and many groups fill up quickly, so please register soon. Deadline for initial registration is **December 15, 2025**. To attempt to register after this date, inquire first to learn if any space is still available. Online registration is not available at this time.

To make your reservation, complete the Registration Form included in this PDF document and submit your \$1,000 per person deposit, mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the Registration Form. CTC will send your invoice via postal mail within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure, by **March 8, 2026**.

LAND ONLY PACKAGE: This package is sold exclusively on a 'Land Only' basis, meaning all travelers will make their own airline arrangements.

Payment

- 1) Discount Price (payment by check or money order)
- 2) Standard Price (payment by credit or debit card).

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. A very limited number of single rooms may be available at the supplement shown below.

DISCOUNT PRICE (payable by check or money order)

Land Only Package: \$5,399 plus tips of \$215 for total tour cost of \$5,614

STANDARD PRICE (payable by credit or debit card)

Land Only Package: \$5,698 plus tips of \$215 for total tour cost of \$5,913

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,495

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES: First & superior tourist class hotels or best available accommodations (all with private facilities); sightseeing; and meals per itinerary (B, L, D); and is based on a minimum of 30 fully paying passengers per motor coach. Please see the Registration Form and Terms & Conditions for more details.

GRATUITIES: Tips are included for sightseeing guides, restaurants, hotel porters, motor coach driver and your tour manager.

HOLY LAND 2024 VOUCHERS: If you were registered to travel to the Holy Land in 2024 and received your \$500 travel voucher, please enclose the voucher when mailing your completed registration form and initial deposit. Your voucher amount will appear on your invoice as a credit toward your final balance due; voucher cannot be applied toward your initial registration deposit.

NOTICE ON ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization System)

The European Union plans to implement ETIAS Travel Authorization for U.S. Citizens wishing to enter a member country of the European Union. At the time of creating this brochure, the start date for this ETIAS program was not available. Catholic Travel Centre will continue to monitor the situation and advise passengers accordingly. Passengers will be responsible for securing and paying for their own ETIAS Authorization online (about \$10 per person) once the program officially begins.

HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of this brochure for guidance on documentation requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Once CTC processes your initial registration deposit, you will receive an email with information on suggested travel insurance providers. CTC strongly suggests the purchase of travel insurance to help protect your investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits for pre-existing conditions, cancel for any reason or for other coverages, we encourage you to do your research and consider purchasing optional travel insurance soon after making your initial tour registration deposit with CTC.

WALKING: Please note, this journey involves considerable walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pavement and requires being on your feet more than usual. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this pilgrimage to its fullest.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS: Any payments made by a Traveler or on behalf of the Traveler ("Traveler", "you") to Catholic Travel Centre (CTC) toward any CTC tour shall constitute acceptance of all Terms & Conditions provided herein.

PAYMENT TERMS: All payments shall be made on the dates indicated in the payment schedule, noted in the Registration Information section. Late payments are subject to a non-refundable \$150 fee, and may result in cancellation. A Traveler registering within 120 days prior to departure must provide full payment by cashier check, plus a non-refundable late registration \$150 fee. CTC reserves the right to cancel registrations not paid in full 105 days prior to tour departure and to charge fees per the Cancellation Policy. A non-refundable \$75 fee is charged on all returned payments. Travelers agree not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip before contacting CTC first to resolve their concerns. CTC retains the right to dispute any chargeback that is improper and recover any costs, including attorney's fees related to improper chargebacks. Additionally, in the event of an improper chargeback, CTC retains the right to cancel any travel reservation related to that improper chargeback. **NOTE:** Credit card charges will not show as "travel expense" on your credit card statement, but will appear as "specialty services", "shopping" or another designation.

CHANGES IN FORM OF PAYMENT: To change from Cash Discount to Standard pricing, the difference between prices plus an additional \$75 fee applies. After a Traveler's credit card has been charged for any portion of the tour, s/he is ineligible for the Cash Discount Price.

PARTIAL PACKAGES NOT AVAILABLE: Tour Packages are offered as described in this brochure, at the stated price. Partial package purchase is not available.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION POLICY: CTC's cancellation policy is in effect upon first payment toward any CTC tour. A Traveler's cancellation must be provided in writing either by email, fax, or registered mail to CTC. The cancellation by the Traveler is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. The Traveler forfeits the following fees to CTC based on the date of cancellation notice: anytime up to 150 days prior to departure, \$500 fee; 149 to 120 days prior to departure, \$1,000 fee; 119 to 90 days prior to departure \$1,000 fee plus 25% of Land Cost; 89 to 60 days prior to departure, \$1,000 fee plus 50% of Land Cost; 59 days or fewer, all payments by Traveler made to CTC are forfeited, and there are no refunds. In event of individual cancellation, no name changes or substitutions are permitted. **No shows:** Land only passengers who do not show for first hotel night will be considered as tour cancellations: their hotel reservations will automatically be cancelled and cannot be reinstated.

PRICES: If the group does not reach the size advertised, the price or programming will be adjusted accordingly. Pricing is based on exchange rates and fares applicable at the time of quotation and is subject to change. Fuel surcharges are subject to increase up to 30 days prior to departure.

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required of all U.S. citizen passengers. Travelers of other nationalities should inquire with the appropriate embassies, and such Travelers are responsible for securing their own visas if required in addition to their valid passport. Travelers' passports must be valid for six (6) months following the return date of the trip. CTC expressly denies any responsibility for any losses incurred due to insufficient validity of a Traveler's passport.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE: CTC strongly suggests the purchase of Travel Insurance to help protect Travelers' investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Travel Insurance is encouraged because CTC strictly adheres to our Cancellation Policy. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits for pre-existing conditions, cancel for any reason or for other coverages, we encourage you to do your research and consider purchasing optional travel insurance soon after making your initial tour registration deposit with CTC. CTC is not qualified to answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, and conditions of travel insurance plans. CTC cannot evaluate the adequacy of the prospective insured's existing insurance coverage. If you have any questions about your travel protection, call your insurer or insurance agent or broker. Declining to purchase an adequate travel protection plan could result in the loss of your travel cost and/or require more money to correct the situation. You also acknowledge that without this coverage, there may be no way to recoup any losses, costs, or expenses incurred. If you choose to travel without adequate coverage, CTC will not be liable for any of your losses howsoever arising, for which trip protection plan coverage would otherwise have been available.

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FINAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Travelers receive travel documents approximately two weeks prior to departure. Bulk items such as luggage and names tags will be shipped by CTC to group leaders for distribution.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Accommodations are based on double/twin rooms with private bathroom facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available and are subject to a single room supplement fee. If no roommate is available for you, or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single room supplement surcharge applies. Triple rooms are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters; no price reduction for triple rooms. Meals are either menu of the day or buffet. Included meals are as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). If you have a medical restriction for your meals, please notify us and we will try to accommodate you. However, we are not able to guarantee your meal as meals are provided by suppliers on a group basis.

LAND ONLY PASSENGERS: Travelers arranging their own airline ticket must meet the group at the first hotel of the itinerary and are responsible for their own airport transfers.

BAGGAGE & PORTERAGE: Baggage is at Traveler's risk. Porterage for one piece of luggage is included at hotels.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: Passports, visas, meals and beverages not mentioned, extras beyond standard menu, baggage fees, telephone calls, laundry, medical tests, and other items not explicitly stated as included.

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UNUSED SERVICES: There is no right to a refund for any unused services.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: CTC hereby expressly disclaims any and all 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 that may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, wrongful, or intentional 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 for any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of CTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. CTC further disclaims any liability for any damages, 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, acts of terrorism, construction, war, pandemic, force majeure, or other such events that are beyond CTC's control. CTC likewise disclaims any liability for statements, actions, or inactions of any intermediary agents, such as group administrators, spiritual directors, tour leaders, travel agents, or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion, or operation of CTC's tours. Furthermore, to the fullest extent permitted by law, CTC disclaims any liability for any damages or injuries, or other losses whatsoever, sustained or incurred as a result of the negligence of CTC. Group administrators, spiritual leaders, and tour leaders likewise 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 Travelers may thus wish to consider purchasing a Travel Protection plan and/or additional insurance to protect themselves against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In no event shall CTC's liability exceed the amounts paid by the Traveler for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in this brochure. In the event 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 therein, CTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s). CTC is not responsible for any misquotes contained in this brochure or other accompanying documentations, and the contents therein may be changed at any time without notice and at CTC's sole discretion.

GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER: The group coordinator and/or spiritual leader is not an employee, agent, or contractor of CTC. Statements made by group coordinator and/or spiritual leader are not binding on CTC, and we will not be liable for their actions, words or promises.

CANCELLATION BY GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER: As CTC does not plan trips for individuals, a cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader effectively cancels the trip for all individuals booked on that trip. The cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. CTC will not be liable for any losses or expenses incurred due to the cancellation or alteration of the tour by your group coordinator and/or spiritual leader and you shall forfeit your \$500 per person non-refundable operational fee in the event of any such cancellation.

CANCELLATION BY THE SUPPLIER: CTC will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if a supplier needs to cancel. CTC will also liaise between you and the supplier in relation to any alternative arrangements offered by the supplier, but CTC will have no further liability to you.

CANCELLATION BY CTC: CTC reserves the right to cancel any tour if the minimum number of travelers is not met. In such event, CTC shall refund all amounts paid by Traveler.

CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC'S CONTROL: CTC disclaims any responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of the tour resulting from, but not limited to: travel advisories or warnings issued by the State Department or any other relevant authority, acts of war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disasters, pandemic, or any other circumstance beyond CTC's control. In such case, CTC will assist Travelers in requesting refunds for all land services not received by the Traveler, less a non-refundable operational fee of \$500 per person, that covers all trip planning and refund processing. CTC shall not be responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to service providers on a Traveler's behalf. Suppliers may choose to provide a travel voucher or credit in lieu of refund. CTC is not responsible for a supplier's failure to pay a refund or for supplier bankruptcy or insolvency.

POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION: CTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam or other veteran in the provision of its tour and pilgrimage services.

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JURISDICTION/VENUE/CLASS ACTION WAIVER/LIMITATION OF DAMAGES/NOTICE OF CLAIM: These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. Any dispute arising from the contract shall be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Los Angeles. You agree you will only bring claims against CTC in your individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class action or representative proceeding. CTC shall not in any case be liable for other than compensatory damages, and your payment of a deposit on a trip means you agree to these conditions of sale and expressly waive any right to punitive damages. You understand and agree no claims will be considered and you will not bring suit against CTC unless you have first provided a typewritten notice of claim to CTC within 30 days after the trip or cancellation of the trip.

TERMS & CONDITIONS CHANGES: Changes in any of the Terms & Conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTC.

FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY: Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where the passenger is not at fault and has not canceled in violation of any terms and conditions previously clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger, all sums paid to CTC for services not provided will be promptly paid to the passenger, unless the passenger advises the CTC in writing, after cancellation. This provision does not apply where CTC has remitted the payment to another registered wholesale seller of travel or a carrier, without obtaining a refund, and where the wholesaler or provider defaults in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service. In this situation, CTC must provide the passenger with a written statement accompanied by bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a wholesale seller of travel, proof of current registration of that wholesaler.

EXPLORING THE CELTIC SPIRITUALITY OF IRELAND

JULY 6 to 19, 2026 • Tour #: 26-015-0706 • Group Name: GRESSER JUST

****If any section below is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage****

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name as they appear on your PASSPORT:

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

How would you like your first name to appear on your nametag?

Email *(Forms submitted without email address cannot be processed)*

Date of Birth

Gender

Street Address

Apt

City

State

Zip

Mobile Tel

Home Tel

2. PASSPORT INFORMATION

Will you hold a U.S. Passport at the time of travel? (Yes / No)

If "no," what nationality?

You must select one of the two choices below:

- ☐ I have enclosed a copy of the photo page of my passport showing my name, passport number and expiration date.
- ☐ I understand I must submit a copy of the photo page of my passport 90 days or more prior to departure.

Note: Catholic Travel Centre is not liable for passports expiring within 180 days of the return date of the pilgrimage.

3. ROOMING INFORMATION

You must select one of the three choices below:

- ☐ I wish to room with: (enter name/relationship)

- ☐ Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.
- ☐ I wish a single room at a supplement of \$1,495. A limited number of single rooms are available at this price.

4. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration deposit: \$1,000 by December 15, 2025

Final payment: by March 8, 2026

You must select one of the two choices below:

DISCOUNT PRICE (payment by check or money order only)

\$1,000 deposit & balance paid check or money order. Make check payable to Catholic Travel Centre.

- ☐ **LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$5,399 plus tips of \$215 for total tour cost of **\$5,614**

STANDARD PRICE (payment by credit or debit card only)

\$1,000 deposit and payment by credit or debit card. Please fill in your credit card information below.

- ☐ **LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$5,698 plus tips of \$215 for total tour cost of **\$5,913**

CREDIT / DEBIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the Standard Price amount to my credit or debit card (\$1,000 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to my card per the invoice due date).

I agree to the terms and conditions and cancellation terms attached here.

☐ VISA

☐ MASTERCARD

Card Number

Exp. Date

Name as it appears on credit card

Signature

Date

Office Use Only:

Please complete one registration form per person (couples, submit two separate forms).

If any section above is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage.

Enclosed please find my \$1,000 deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure, including information related to pricing and cancellations.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please make checks payable to Catholic Travel Centre and mail it along with this form to:

Catholic Travel Centre, 4444 West Riverside Drive, Suite 301, Burbank, CA 91505

Further information and invoice will be sent within two weeks of receipt of your registration and deposit.