

Ireland and the World Meeting of Families 2018

Day 1

Upon arrival at Dublin Airport you will be greeted by your modern motor coach with driver and English speaking guide and you will depart for County Meath. Visit Monasterboice, where in the 5th century a monastic community was founded and today, it is home to an impressive collection of ruins. On the site, visitors can discover an old graveyard, two churches and a sundial. Then visit the Hill of Tara, best known as the seat of the High Kings of Ireland and an important site since the late Stone Age when a passage-tomb was constructed there. Return to Dublin to attend the Opening Ceremony of the World Meeting of Families 2018. **Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Dublin or area.**



Day 2

Enjoy the day at the World Meeting of Families Congress. **Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Dublin or area.**

Day 3

Take in the day at the World Meeting of Families Congress. Time at leisure in the centre to have dinner (under own arrangements). **Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Dublin or area.**

Day 4

Spend the day at the World Meeting of Families Congress. **Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast**

at your hotel in Dublin or area.

Day 5

This morning enjoy a panoramic city tour. The north side offers great striking monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office) on the city's



main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, or the Custom House along the quays, as well as the Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The south side appears more sophisticated with its vast Georgian squares, such as Merrion Square with its colourful doors and where Oscar Wilde's House can still be found, along with Grafton Street and its quality shops. Then visit White Friar Street Church, a Carmelite church dating back to the early 1800's. Boasting several interesting features, its most famous is the shrine to Saint Valentine which holds the saint's relics. This evening, attend the Festival of Families, an event which will include international family stories, musicians, singers, groups and cultural acts performing in a large stadium venue. **Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Dublin or area.**

Day 6

This morning visit Trinity College and the Book of Kells, dating from the 9th century. Then, take part in the closing Mass of World Meeting of Families 2018. **Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Dublin or**

area.

Day 7

This morning depart Dublin and journey to Belfast. Enjoy a leisurely morning and then take a panoramic city tour. The tour will take in the leaning Albert Memorial Clock tower (Ireland's answer to the Tower of Pisa), City Hall, the Opera house, The Crown Bar (dates from 1885), Queens University, and the Shankill and Falls Road. Then, visit the Titanic Belfast, located in the heart of Belfast, which recreates the story of the world's most famous ship right beside the historic site of the original ship's construction. **Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Belfast or area.**

Day 8

This morning depart Belfast and journey to Galway. En-route visit the St Patrick's RC Cathedral, an imposing site, perched on the hilltop in Armagh and dominating its skyline. The cathedral was designed and built in Neo Gothic style from pale limestone, with large twin spires dominating the approach up flight after flight of steps.



Continue to Galway.

Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Galway or area.

Day 9

Today you will explore the Connemara Region. Connemara is a land of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains. A land

Itinerary:

- Dublin area x 6 nights
- Belfast area x 1 night
- Galway area x 2 nights
- Clare area x 1 night

Highlights:

- Full participation in the World Meeting of Families
- Visit to the Hill of Tara
- Panoramic tours of the cities of Dublin and Belfast

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of small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken language and where little has changed since the beginning of time. It is without a doubt the wildest and the most romantic part of Ireland. Visit Kylemore Abbey, stunningly located in the Kylemore Pass in Connemara. The architecture is best described as neo-gothic and the house still displays all the characteristics of that period. One of Kylemore Abbey's most famous features is its miniature cathedral, built in 1870 and known locally as the Gothic church.



Return to Galway for a panoramic tour. Galway City is a delight with its narrow streets, old stone and wooden shop fronts, good restaurants and busy pubs. The city has attracted a

bohemian crown of musicians and artists, which add so much to the character of the city.

Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Galway or area.

Day 10

This morning depart Galway and journey to Clare. En-route journey through the Burren Region. The region is visually similar to a moonscape, yet shelters a mixture of flora and archaeological sites which have attracted visitors for centuries. Continue onto the Cliffs of Moher, situated on the Atlantic Ocean and bordering the Burren region, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. Standing 230 metres above the ground at their highest point and 8km long, the Cliffs boast one of the most amazing views in Ireland.



This evening enjoy a medieval banquet and entertainment at Bunratty Castle or similar. The evening begins with a mead reception in the Great Hall of the castle, then downstairs to enjoy a four course meal with red & white wine. This is followed by entertainment by the world renowned Bunratty Castle Entertainers accompanied by harp and violin.

Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Clare or area.



Day 11

Transfer to Shannon Airport for your journey home.

Slán abhaile!

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- Belfast area x 1 night
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- Clare area x 1 night

Highlights:

- Explore the unique region of Connemara
- Tour of Galway city
- See the Burren and the Cliffs of Moher

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