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# Ireland Pilgrimage

Dublin | Wexford | Kilkenny | Cashel | Kinsale | Killarney | Dingle | Adare | Knock | Galway | Armagh

May 31st - June 11th, 2025

**Spiritual Director: Deacon Christopher Malone** 

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart - Richmond, VA





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## May 31st - Day 1: U.S.A / Ireland

Our tour begins today as we depart Dulles International Airport on our overnight flight to Ireland. Meals and drinks will be served aloft.

## June 1st - Day 2: Dublin / Glendalough / Wexford

Upon arrival in Dublin, our tour manager will meet us at the airport.

After boarding our motorcoach, we will drive to the serene medieval monastic settlement of Glendalough, founded by St. Kevin. We will then drive further south to visit Our Lady's Island in County Wexford, the oldest Marian Shrine in Ireland, founded by St. Abban. We will stay overnight in Wexford. **B/D** 

## June 2nd - Day 3: Wexford / Kilkenny / Cashel / Kinsale

This morning, we will depart Wexford and drive to Kilkenny for a visit. After a walking tour of Kilkenny, we will depart for a visit to the Rock of Cashel. It is the site of the conversion of the King of Munster by St. Patrick in the 5th century. Then, we will drive to Kinsale for our overnight stay. **B/D** 

### <u>June 3rd – Day 4: Kinsale / Killarney</u>

Enjoy the picturesque and colorful seaside town of Kinsale this morning at your own leisure! We will then drive to Blarney, where we will visit Blarney Castle, which dates back to 1446 and served as McCarthy's stronghold. We will climb onto the Battlements to reach the Blarney Stone. Legends state those who kiss the Blarney Stone will be endowed with the gift of the gab. We will then depart for Killarney, which is situated in a spectacular location amidst mountains, glens, and lakes. Visit the beautiful Killarney National Park, home to the 19th-century Victorian Mansion, Muckross House, Muckross Abbey, founded in 1448, and the Torc Waterfall. This evening, you may take an optional jaunting car ride, the traditional form of local transport by horse-drawn wagon, before returning to our hotel in Killarney for the night. **B/D** 

## June 4th - Day 5: Killarney

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as "The Ring of Kerry." It is undoubtedly one of the most magical places in all of Ireland. Here, bogs, mountains, valleys, lakes, and seas blend into a landscape that is often breathtaking beyond words. Even the names of the towns seem to whisper their beauty: Cahirciveen, Glenbeigh, Killorglin, and Sneem. Today, watch an excellent sheepdog herding demonstration. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local pub in spectacular Killarney! **B/D** 







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### June 5th - Day 6: Killarney / Dingle

Depart Killarney for the delightful port town of Dingle. Half the day will be dedicated to driving through one of Ireland's most scenic drives: Slea Head. For the remainder of the time in this lovely town, pilgrims will have a chance to explore on their own to taste the local culture and cuisine! **B/D** 

## <u>June 6th – Day 7: Dingle / Adare / Knock</u>

Depart Dingle and drive to the village of Adare with its charming thatched roofed cottages for a visit. We will then travel via the lunar landscape of the Burren to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic, great, sheer rock face rising 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to Knock, where 14 people saw a vision of Our Lady with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist in 1879. Later check into our hotel for our stay. **B/D** 

### June 7th - Day 8: Galway / Knock

This morning, we will drive to Galway, "The City of the Tribes," and enjoy a tour, including the Spanish Arch, the Quays, the Collegiate Church of St. Nicolas, and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas. We will then depart Galway and travel through Connemara, an area of outstanding scenic grandeur. There is a brooding sense of Ireland's ancient culture and traditions in this mystical area where Gaelic is still the everyday language. Continuing on, visit Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion occupied today by the Irish Benedictine community of nuns from Ypres after World War I. Return to Knock for overnight. **B/D** 

## June 8th - Day 9: Knock / Armagh

This morning, we will celebrate Mass in the magnificent Basilica next to the the original Church where Our Blessed Mother appeared in 1879 and where Pope John Paul II announced that the Church would be known as the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. In the afternoon, depart Knock and drive to Armagh, one of Ireland's oldest cities and has been its spiritual capital for over 1,500 years. Visit the Cathedral of St. Patrick, his Primatial See, and then tour the city's historic center. Stay overnight in Armagh. **B/D** 

## <u>June 9th – Day 10: Armagh / Dublin</u>

We will depart Armagh and travel to Downpatrick to visit Down Cathedral and visit the tombs of St. Patrick, St. Brigid, and St. Columbkille. Then, drive south and stop to see the Celtic crosses in the historic ruins of Monasterboice. We will then continue on to the Hill of Slane, where St. Patrick is said to have lit an Easter fire as a challenge to the pagan High King of Tara. We will then visit the fascinating Neolithic monument, Newgrange (subject to availability). We will then continue to Dublin for overnight. **B/D** 







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### <u>June 10th – Day II: Dublin</u>

Following breakfast, take a full-day city tour of Dublin, including visits to Trinity College to see the renowned Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, where we will see the Shrine of Matt Talbot, the Carmelite Church on Whitefriar Street, where we will see the Shrine of St. Valentine, the St. Teresa's Church on Clarendon Street, O'Connell Street, the Old Town, and the Guinness Factory where we will enjoy a pint of Ireland's favorite and iconic beer! **B/D** 

### June 11th - Day 12: Dublin / U.S.A

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport with the group. Meals and drinks will be served aloft.



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Land & Air \$5,998

per person / double occupancy For single occupancy please add: \$1,445.00

For a LAND ONLY package please contact Alba's Tours, LLC.

# This price includes:

- \* Roundtrip airfare from Dulles International Airport
- \*Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- \*Accommodation in first-class hotels during the duration of the trip
- \*All hotel taxes

- \*Land transportation by deluxe motor-coach
- \*All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- \*Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- \*Daily prayers & Mass on Sundays

\*Meals as per itinerary (Breakfast & Dinner)

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

# **ALBA'S TOURS, LLC**

# GENERAL INFORMATION TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment:** Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. The final payment is due 90 days before departure, January 25, 2025. All payment installments must be paid in full before January 25, 2025.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received after 5 PM Eastern Time or on weekends/holidays will be processed the following business day. The following per-person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 120 days or more before departure, a \$75.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 119 - 81 days before departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 80 - 61 days before departure, \$900.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 35 days before departure, \$1,750.00 will be charged. If canceled 34 - 20 days before departure, \$3,300.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 19 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable. Once airline tickets are issued they are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used for future travel. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel-related services, all sums paid to Alba's Tours, LLC for such services, which are not subject to cancellation charges and were not already remitted to third-party providers will be promptly returned to the participants, provided the participant is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the participant. This refund provision does not apply where Alba's Tours, LLC has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Alba's Tours, LLC agrees to provide participants with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment and, if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

**Travel Documents:** A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity is required of all U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for individual visas or passports. You must carefully observe all applicable formalities and ensure that the surnames and forenames used when submitting the application correspond exactly with those appearing on your passport, visa, etc.

**Tour Cost:** All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs, and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly or cancel the tour.

**Tour Documents and Tickets:** Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

**Baggage:** Each participant is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen baggage.

**Air Transportation:** Airfare is in economy class. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing, and fares/flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

**Hotels**: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Travel Insurance:** Alba's Tours, LLC strongly recommends that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Purchasing comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical treatment for COVID-19 is mandatory for certain countries. Insurance may be purchased directly through Alba's Tours, LLC. You may purchase a policy through a third party if desired. Alba's Tours, LLC acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider, and in no event shall Alba's Tours, LLC be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

**Not Included:** Gratuities, COVID-19 testing (if required), passport and/or individual visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

**Photos and Videos:** Alba's Tours, LLC may take photos and films during the duration of each tour and their participants. Alba's Tours, LLC participants grant Alba's Tours, LLC permission to do so and for Alba's Tours, LLC to utilize, edit, change, print, and copy such content for commercial or promotional usage without any compensation, payment, fee, royalties to such participants. Alba's Tours, LLC has the right to utilize, copyright, publish, or distribute over the Internet any photographs or film in any medium/media for promotion or advertising with regards to the law. Participants acknowledge and waive any rights to photography and film, and publicized work in association with Alba's Tours, LLC. By participating in an Alba's Tours, LLC trip, the participant grants Alba's Tours, LLC the right to use such photography in which the participant may appear in promotional advertisements unless explicit consent is provided. Alba's Tours, LLC participants acknowledge that other participants may also take photos and films during the tour. Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for resolving personal participant disputes regarding personal photos and films taken during the trip.

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**Roommates:** Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for arranging roommates for participants booking shared accommodations. Alba's Tours, LLC is not liable for any issues or financial losses resulting from participant/roommate dropouts. Moreover, Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for any damage, losses, injury, death, or distress caused by a roommate during a tour.

**Travelers with Special Needs or Disabilities:** Alba's Tours, LLC makes no guarantee as to the ability of any accommodations, activity providers, or facilities advertised on its site to meet the special needs of disabled participants. If you have special needs (e.g., wheelchair-accessible room, traveling with a seeing-eye dog, etc.) you must call ahead of time and verify that special needs can be met. Depending on the terms and conditions and our travel provider, and their abilities to accommodate those needs, your reservation may be refunded, canceled, or modified if those special needs cannot be met. We have no special knowledge regarding the suitability for disabled participants of any portion of any tour or activity offered.

**Travel Risks:** Although most travel to international destinations is completed without incident, travel to certain areas may involve greater risk than others. You assume sole responsibility for your own safety at any destination traveled to. Alba's Tours, LLC does not guarantee your safety at any time and assumes no responsibility for gathering and/or disseminating information for you relating to risks associated with your destinations. For State Department information about conditions abroad that may affect travel safety and security, go to http://travel.state.gov/travel/travel\_1744.html.

**Responsibility Clause:** The participant contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the participant. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space, or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the participant. Alba's Tours, LLC reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

Limitation of Liability: The airlines, hotels, and other suppliers (jointly: "travel suppliers") providing travel or other services sold by Alba's Tours, LLC are independent contractors and not agents or employees of Alba's Tours, LLC. Alba's Tours, LLC and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their travel suppliers offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, airports, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public. To the extent permitted by law, Alba's Tours, LLC does not assume liability for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident, or delay due to an act or omission of a travel supplier and/or airports, including, without limitation, an act of negligence or the default of a travel supplier and/or airports. Alba's Tours, LLC disclaims all liability for any personal injury, harm, or loss sustained by participants during the pilgrimage, including but not limited to incidents arising from interactions with the local environment, people, or laws of the destination country. Participants acknowledge that they undertake the pilgrimage at their own risk and are always responsible for their own safety and well-being. To the extent permitted by law, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to injuries suffered by participants during the tour, including injuries from falls and other related injuries not caused by the negligence of Alba's Tours, LLC. Participants waive any claims against Alba's Tours, LLC for injury or damage due to force majeure, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, bankruptcy, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism, or any causes beyond Alba's Tours, LLC's control.

Further, no responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, failure to make connections, non-performance or poor performance, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated profits, any additional expenses or lost business, attributable to you yourself, acts or omissions of any third parties, or acts of any governmental authority, even if Alba's Tours, LLC has been advised that such damages were possible or probable.

Please contact Alba's Tours, LLC for further information regarding questions related to travel risks, travel insurance, travel options for those with special needs or disabilities, or other matters. Any disputes or claims arising from any travel arrangements or travel undertaken in accordance with these Terms & Conditions shall be submitted exclusively to arbitration in accordance with the rules of The American Arbitration for commercial disputes.

\*For inquiries about land-only packages, kindly reach out to our office for detailed terms & conditions.

Sign per person and submit with application & deposit:

By signing you agree with the above terms and conditions.
Failure of signature will result in reservation for trip being void.
In addition, your \$300.00 deposit certifies that you agree with the two pages of terms & conditions.

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Name Signature Date

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# LBA'S TOURS, LLC

**Reservation Application** 

Ireland Pilgrimage (May 31st - June 11th, 2025)

Group Refrence Number:

Personal Inform	ation:		Please complete	Please complete one application per person									
Name (as printed on pass	sport):												
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If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at time of booking:													
If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person?:  Yes:  No:													
Emergency Contact: Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is NOT traveling with you:													

Please review and sign the terms and conditions.

Please enclose a deposit of \$300.00 per person made payable to Alba's Tours, LLC and mail to:

Total price of Land & Air is \$5,998. For a LAND ONLY package please contact Alba's Tours, LLC. The \$300.00 deposit is included in that price.

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