

Walls for the wind,
And a roof for the rain,
And drinks beside the fire —
Laughter to cheer you
And those you love near you, and

CHRISTENDOM
COLLEGE

all that your heart may desire.



CASTLES & CATHEDRALS

MAY 27–JUNE 7, 2026



Join Christendom College President Emeritus Dr. Timothy O'Donnell and his wife, Cathy, as they explore the natural, cultural, and spiritual beauties of the Emerald Isle. Trip includes lectures in Irish history, daily Mass, and more!

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL TRAVEL@CHRISTENDOM.EDU

ITINERARY

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Daily Itinerary

- › We begin each day with a sumptuous traditional Irish breakfast.
- › Lunches are on your own.
- › We will gather in the evenings for lectures in Irish history during cocktail hour.
- › We have arranged with local chefs to prepare dinner for our group using seasonal ingredients and an innovative menu with the finest foods Ireland has to offer.
- › With our tea and dessert on select evenings we will have seminars in Irish literature discussing the various Irish short story of the day.

› **Wednesday, May 27**

Travel day - depart US - flight on your own with arrival by Thursday, May 28 at 10:00 AM.

› **Thursday, May 28**

Arrive in Dublin. Meet group at airport. 11:00 AM depart for Galway. On our way we will stop at Clonmacnoise with time for lunch. In the evening we'll begin with an overview of Irish history, then have dinner at Galway Bay Hotel.

› **Friday, May 29**

After Mass in Galway Cathedral, we will depart for our excursion to the Aran Islands. We will return by ferry from the Island and have dinner as a group.

› **Saturday, May 30**

After breakfast, depart Galway Bay Hotel for a visit to Croagh Patrick, site of St. Patrick's 40 day vigil during Lent. Lunch and shopping stop in nearby Westport. We continue on for our pilgrimage to Knock, site of the famous Marian apparition where our accommodations and dinner will be at the Knock House Hotel (adjacent to the Shrine).

› **Sunday, May 31**

After Mass in the Apparition Chapel, we will depart Knock for Lough Eske Castle. En route we will have a tea break at Drumcliff, Co. Sligo, burial place of William Butler Yeats.

› **Monday, June 1**

Visit to Slieve League (highest cliffs in Ireland). Travel onward to Glencolumcille, visit reconstructed homes with spectacular views of the area beaches and cliffs and time for lunch. Continue to Ardara, traveling through the Glengesh Pass, where we will visit and see a demonstration of Donegal weavers. Return for lecture, seminar. Dinner tonight will be at the Cedars Restaurant at the castle.

› **Tuesday, June 2**

Today we will head north. Our first stop will be a tour of Newmills Corn and Flax Mill Museum, then on to Letterkenny to tour St. Eunan's Cathedral (with a stop for lunch). It's a short distance to visit Doon Well and Doon Rock with Mass celebrated at the Mass rock there. We next travel to Doe Castle on Sheephaven Bay for some history and poetry. Finally, we will relax at The Olde Glen Bar before our dinner in their exclusive restaurant to the rear of the premises.

› **Wednesday, June 3**

Today you will have a chance to hike along the famous Blue Stack Way, take advantage of a walking history tour of the castle and Lough Eske or enjoy some time at the spa. We will visit Donegal Castle in nearby Donegal Town and visit the ruins of the Franciscan monastery and take a waterbus tour of Donegal Bay. Dinner at Smugglers Creek Inn along the Wild Atlantic Way. Later we'll gather for a seminar on an Irish short story with a whiskey tasting.

› **Thursday, June 4**

After breakfast, depart Lough Eske Castle for a visit to Newgrange Prehistoric Site. Tonight we will stay and dine at Cabra Castle Hotel.

› **Friday, June 5**

This morning we will visit Drogheda and the relic of St. Oliver Plunkett in St. Peter's Church. On our way to Dublin, we will stop at the Hill of Slane and visit Tara. Before checking into our hotel, we will tour Kilmainham Gaol. Dinner at a historic pub this evening.

› **Saturday, June 6**

After visit to Newman's Chapel on St. Stephen's Green, there will be a walking tour with the honorable barrister Benedict O'Floinn. This evening we will have our farewell dinner at Clontarf Castle.

› **Sunday, June 7**

After breakfast, transfer to Dublin airport for your flight home.

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\$5,450 per person (airfare not included)

RESERVATION FORM (one form per person, photo copies of form are permitted)

Please register early to secure a place as group size is limited.

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss

Name _____ (as is appears on passport)

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email address _____

Preferred Name for Name Badge _____ (Roommate) _____

☐ I would like a roommate. Please put me in touch with other passengers looking for a roommate. I understand that I must pay the single supplement if no roommate is found.

☐ I prefer a single room and will pay an additional \$900

Passport (required): ☐ A copy of my passport's inside page (showing name and photo) is enclosed.

PAYMENT

A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. The final balance is due February 16, 2026.

Please scan the code to pay online or visit: **give.cornerstone.cc/christendom+castles**

If sending payment via mail, please send to:

**Christendom College
Attn: Madeline Gecosky
134 Christendom Dr.
Front Royal, VA 22630**



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PAYMENT: In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, Christendom College asks for prompt payment in full to register. Please see the reservation form for the payment schedule. Christendom College accepts Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover for payment. Traveler agrees not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds without exception.

CANCELLATION INSURANCE: Christendom College HIGHLY RECOMMENDS the purchase of travel insurance. We recommend: **www.travelinsured.com/agency**.

PASSPORT: A valid U.S. Passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for passport immediately as passports may take a long time to process. It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied reentry into the destination may be forbidden. Please provide Christendom College with a copy of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Unless otherwise notified, Christendom College will mail you a more detailed itinerary and General Information Sheet by February 16, 2026.

ITINERARY: The itinerary as presented by Christendom College is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organizations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan. The right is reserved to alter the itinerary, at Christendom College's sole discretion, as it may deem necessary or advisable.

GRATUITIES: Gratuities for your driver and guides are NOT included.

ROOMS: Tour prices are per person according to a room type: A "Single" room is one person in a room and a "Double" is two persons in one room. "Triple" rooms are discouraged because of cramped quarters. Triples are one double bed with two persons sharing the bed and one single bed. Triples, are not always available.

LUGGAGE: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour. Checked Baggage: Most airlines charge fees ranging from free to \$75 per bag

one way. (Note: The website iflybags.com may be helpful and gives you sample fees for all carriers.) Checked baggage is limited to one bag per person. There can be no exceptions. For most airlines, the one checked bag is limited to 50 pounds and 62 inches (length + width + height). If these specifications are exceeded, excess charges may be collected by the airline at the airport. Do not lock baggage you intend to check in at the airport. Please confirm these specifications when you receive your final travel documents, as they can and do change.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as transportation is not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation. Should any special assistance be required, traveler agrees to bring a companion capable and willing to assist traveler.

STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES: From time to time the State Department (www.state.gov) and the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on tour. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. Christendom College cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties must remain in full force and effect as outlined on the reservation form.

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