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40 Years of Service
Day 1 - Wednesday - Depart USA
Depart on your international overnight flight.

Day 2 – Thursday - Arrive in Dublin
On arrival at the Dublin Airport meet your driver and guide. Travel to the Hill of Slane. Here St. Patrick lit the first Paschal Fire in 434 in challenge to King Laoghaire’s fire on the nearby Hill of Tara. Legend holds that only St. Patrick could extinguish the flames, and that he first explained the Holy Trinity using the shamrock in this place. Stop at Monasterboice, one of the most famous religious sites in the country, built in the 5th century. It is said that the monastic site was founded by St. Buithe, a follower of St. Patrick. With two churches, a round tower and two High Crosses, it is one of the most visited religious sites in Ireland. The treasure of this site is the High Cross of Muiredach. Muiredach was the Abbott in Monasterboice until 922 and the prayer at the base of the cross is translated as “a prayer for Muiredach for whom the cross was made.” Check into your hotel in the Malahide area for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 – Friday - Downpatrick and St. Patrick Center
Today visit Downpatrick, home to the Saul Church - the first church that St. Patrick established in Ireland. Also visit Down Cathedral which is best known as the burial site of St. Patrick - Ireland’s patron saint. The Cathedral is the property of the Church of Ireland and has been a place of pilgrimage and Christian worship for centuries. Benedictine monks first established the site of the church in 1183. The structure you see today dates back to the remodeling of the old church, carried out between 1789 and 1812. Visit the St. Patrick Centre in Downpatrick. It is one of Northern Ireland’s major Millennium Projects, housing the exhibition, “Ego Patricius.” The exhibition uses state of the art interpretation to give visitors a real understanding of the arrival and establishment of Christianity in Ireland. Appropriately, the Centre is located in a stunning new building below the reputed burial site of St. Patrick. Overnight in Malahide.

Day 4 – Saturday - Glendalough and Rock of Cashel
Today you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of Wicklow County, known as the “Garden County” of Ireland. You will stop in Glendalough where St. Kevin founded a monastery in the 6th century. From this beginning, the site grew to become famous as a center of learning throughout Europe. See the Rock of Cashel, the traditional seat of Irish kings. Here St. Patrick is thought to have converted the King of Munster. The present ruins are from structures built in the 12th and 13th centuries, during the Norman era. Dinner and overnight in Cork.

Day 5 – Sunday - Cobh and Blarney
In Cobh, you will visit the Heritage Center. It was from this port, between 1845 and 1860, that 2.5 million people sailed to America. If you have an ancestor who came from Ireland to America, chances are they departed from this very place. Find your family name on the archived passenger lists. Travel to Cork to visit Blarney Castle and Blarney Woolen Mills Shop. At the Castle of Blarney you will see the fabled Blarney Stone. Legend says that those who kiss the stone acquire the gift of eloquence. Overnight in Killarney.

Day 6 – Monday - Adare, Bunratty Castle, and Cliffs of Moher
Enjoy the beauty of the thatch roofed streets of Adare. The church here has a Norman Castle keep at its center. Travel through the enchanting Irish countryside, an ever-changing patchwork of green dotted with ruins, to Bunratty Castle near the town of Limerick. Bunratty is Ireland’s most complete and authentic, elaborately furnished medieval castle. As you travel through the Burren Region, you arrive at the Cliffs of Moher. With sheer cliffs dropping 600 feet to the water below, it is one of the most impressive stretches of shoreline on the west coast of Ireland. Stop at St. Brigid’s Well nearby, a place of pilgrimage and healing. Overnight in Galway.

Day 7 – Tuesday - Connemara, Croagh Patrick, Kylemore Abbey, Knock
This morning visit the Connemara region, famous for its
rugged scenery. The National Park consists of 5,000 acres where ponies and Irish red deer roam freely. The scenic mountains, bogs and grasslands are a feast for the eyes. Visit Croagh Patrick, named for Saint Patrick, who reputedly fasted on the summit of Croagh Patrick for forty days in the 5th century and built a church there. It is said that at the end of Saint Patrick’s 40-day fast, he threw a bell down the side of the mountain, banishing all the snakes and serpents of Ireland. Travel to Knock, where in 1879, it was claimed that the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist were seen at the gate of the parish church. Ever since, millions have made pilgrimage to the town. Spend the balance of the day enjoying a time of peace, prayer and contemplation. Overnight in Galway.

**Day 8 – Wednesday - Clonmacnoise, Kildare and Dublin**
Visit Clonmacnoise, founded by St. Ciaran in 548-9. Dermot, a local prince, helped Ciaran build his first church on the site and later, when Dermot was elected High King, he richly endowed the monastery. It was plundered six times between 834 and 1012, and burned 26 times between 841 and 1204. Clonmacnoise was a great centre of learning, and many manuscripts, including the Annals of Tighermach (11th century) and the Book of the Dun Cow (12th century), were written here. The heritage centre contains early grave slabs and the three remaining High Crosses, replicas of which now stand in their original location. Continue on to Kildare. Here worship of the Celtic goddess Brigit was replaced by Christianity, and St. Brigid founded a monastery here in the 6th century. Continue on to Dublin and enjoy the balance of your day at leisure for some personal shopping or sightseeing. Overnight in Dublin.

**Day 9 – Thursday - Dublin**
Enjoy a panoramic tour of Dublin as an ideal introduction to “Dublin’s Fair City.” The tour will introduce you to the principal sites, which you may then revisit at your leisure. You will visit Trinity College, with the 8th century Book of Kells and the long room with its 200,000 books. Brian Boru’s harp said to be the “oldest harp in Ireland” and a copy of the 1916 proclamation, one of the most important documents relating to Irish history are also on display in the long room. Continue to St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Built in 1192, it is one of Ireland’s largest cathedrals, made famous by its former dean Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver’s Travels. You will also see Christchurch, built by the Anglo-Normans in 1172 to replace an earlier church built by the Vikings in 1038. Like St. Patrick’s Cathedral, it is adorned with funeral monuments, including the reputed tomb of Strongbow, its founder and Ireland’s first Norman Conqueror. Continue on your way to Phoenix Park with its many monuments including the Papal Cross. Return to the city centre via the Quays, passing by the Guinness brewery and Collins Barrack, now part of the national museum, before arriving back at O’Connell Street and the city centre. Overnight in Dublin.

**Day 10 - Friday - Return Home**
Return home with an enriched faith and memories to last a lifetime!
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