

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING LTD

15
DAYS

Ireland & Rome Pilgrimage & Study Tour

Embark on a profound journey into the heart of Ireland's Catholic heritage. Walk in the footsteps of the faithful, from St. Patrick, St. Kevin and St Brigid, to the devoted Sisters of Mercy and Presentation Sisters. Experience the timeless beauty of Ireland's sacred sites and historic cities, each graced by the warmth of traditional Irish hospitality. Then, continue onward to Rome to take part in the International Safeguarding Conference.

This pilgrimage invites you to reconnect with the rich spiritual legacy that has inspired countless pilgrims through the ages, while also engaging in meaningful conversations about safeguarding and the future of the Church.



DEPARTS SUNDAY 08 JUNE 2025. 15 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

Dublin (6 nights) • Glendalough • Rome (6 nights)



St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

the genuine pilgrim experience

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journeys



Dublin



Glendalough

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pilgrim highlights

- + Visit the Trinity College Library to see the stunning 8th-century Book of Kells and explore Ireland's largest cathedral, linked to Jonathan Swift.
- + Walk in the footsteps of Mother Catherine McAuley at the first Mercy Convent and visit the resting place of the first Sisters of Mercy.
- + Discover the peaceful monastic site founded by St Kevin, featuring Ireland's best-preserved Round Tower, a medieval cathedral, and St Kevin's Kitchen.
- + Engage with faith leaders at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, and learn about the work of Irish missionaries at AMRI.
- + Enjoy an evening of authentic Irish food, music, and culture to celebrate the journey through Ireland.
- + Visit Solas Bhride Centre, St Brigid's Cathedral, and her sacred well, immersing in the legacy of Ireland's beloved female saint.
- + Attend the *Women of Faith, Women of Strength* conference at the Pontifical Gregorian University.



Meal Code B: Breakfast D: Dinner

Itinerary

DAY 1: SUNDAY 08 JUNE 2025 - DEPART FOR IRELAND

DAY 2: MONDAY 09 JUNE - ARRIVE DUBLIN

Cead Mile Failte – Welcome to Ireland!

On arrival in Dublin, we will be met by our Irish guide and transferred by coach to our hotel for check-in.

Dublin overnight (D)

DAY 3: TUESDAY 10 JUNE – DUBLIN

Proposed Mass – Morning Mass close to the Hotel

Our morning sightseeing tour will include statue-lined O'Connell Street as we drive around and view some of the city's elegant Georgian Squares. Visit the Trinity College Library, home of the famous 8th century Book of Kells and onwards to St Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest Cathedral made famous by its former dean Jonathan Swift, author of 'Gulliver's Travels'.

We continue our drive past Dublin Post Office and on to St Mary's Pro Cathedral. The original, partially completed facade was replaced by the present imposing neo-Romanesque structure by Sir Thomas Dean in 1868.

In the afternoon we visit Coolock House.

Dublin overnight (BD)

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE – DUBLIN

Proposed Mass – Mercy Convent

After breakfast we visit the Mercy Convent in Baggot Street, the first house of Mother Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy. This is where the determined

Mary MacKillop met with the inflexible Bishop Quinn of Bathurst on Oct 10, 1874 who wanted the Sisters kept under his diocesan control (visit under own arrangements).

This afternoon, visit the Presentation Sisters. We also visit the Crypt at St Theresa's Church where the first thirteen Sisters of Mercy are buried.

Dublin overnight (B)

DAY 5: THURSDAY 12 JUNE - GLENDALOUGH DAY

Proposed Mass – St Kevin's Church, Laragh

This morning, we depart for the holy town of Glendalough – 'Valley of the two lakes'. This renowned place of pilgrimage is the site of the monastic settlement founded in the 6th century by St Kevin – a man of noble stock. Coming here to be alone as an ascetic contemplative monk, his prayerful inspiration ironically attracted many others and thus the community of Glendalough springs from a hermitage. From a simple beginning, the site grew to become famous as a centre of learning throughout Europe. Standing for 600 years, it was destroyed in 1398. Our visit here in Glendalough is focused on the remains at both the upper and the lower lakes in the valley. The upper site is simpler and more in fitting with his life as a hermit, whereas the lower one has the more famous monastic monuments – one of Ireland's best preserved Round Towers, a roofless Cathedral, St Kevin's kitchen and the diminutive Priest House over the Saint's tomb-shrine

On the way back this afternoon we will stop in Maynooth, where we will visit with representatives from the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church at St Patrick's College. We then continue on for a visit to the Association of Missionaries & Religious of Ireland (AMRI).

Dublin overnight (B)



Rome



Vatican Museums

DAY 6: FRIDAY 13 JUNE - DUBLIN

Proposed Mass - Morning Mass close to the Hotel

Today we will hold a series of meetings with Safeguarding Ireland and the University of Dublin.

Tonight enjoy a traditional Irish dinner venue.

Dublin overnight (BD)

DAY 7: SATURDAY 14 JUNE - DUBLIN TO KILDARE

Proposed Mass - St Brigid's Parish Church in Kildare

Today we will travel to the Solas Bhride Centre where we will visit the Cathedral, St Brigid's Well, the Heritage Centre and St Brigid's Parish Church. Morning tea and lunch will be included.

Dublin overnight (BL)

DAY 8: SUNDAY 15 JUNE - DUBLIN TO ROME

Proposed Mass - Morning Mass close to the hotel (will depend on flight time)

Today we will be transferred to Dublin airport for our flight connections to Rome.

Rome overnight (B)

DAY 9: MONDAY 16 JUNE - ROME

Proposed Mass - TBA

Today we will enjoy a free day in Rome.

Rome overnight (B)

DAYS 10-13: TUESDAY 17 - FRIDAY 20 JUNE | ROME: INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome - "Women of Faith, Women of Strength"

Over the course of 4 days, we have the opportunity to participate in the 2025 International Safeguarding Conference – an important event that helps to promote the safety and well-being of vulnerable

individuals around the world. By bringing together experts and advocates from a range of backgrounds, the ISC is able to foster collaboration, share best practices, and raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding.

Rome overnight (B)

DAY 14: SATURDAY 21 JUNE - DEPART ROME

Today there will be a group transfer to Rome airport for our homebound or ongoing flight connections. (B)

DAY 15: SUNDAY 22 JUNE - ARRIVE HOME



Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	PV25117
STARTS	Sunday, 08 June 2025
FINISHES	Sunday, 22 June 2025
AIR & LAND COST	AUD \$8390 (Twin Share) *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$1420 Supplement
PREPAID TIPPING	AUD \$150 Per Person

* Costs have been based on prices as at January 2025 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

INCLUDED

AIRFARES: Return Economy Class airfare Sydney-Dublin//Rome-Sydney • Economy Class airfare Dublin-Rome

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Central 3 star hotel accommodation in Dublin • Breakfasts & dinners as per the itinerary

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: Airconditioned private coach transportation • Driver/guide in Ireland • Sightseeing and entrance fees

OTHER: Daily Masses • Porterage (where available) • Harvest backpack, travel wallet, pilgrim's journal and sunbrella.

NOT INCLUDED

Rome accommodation (Harvest can assist in providing a quotation if requested)
 • Travel Insurance • Passport and visa costs (if applicable) • Other meals not stated • Drinks with meals • Items of a personal nature
 • Any costs associated with the International Safeguarding Conference in Rome

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