



Irish Bells ringing out to welcome you!



50th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - Dublin-June 10 -17, 2011

PILGRIM JOURNEYS TO THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS DUBLIN 2012

Designed & directed by Ministry to Tourism, Saskatoon in cooperation with Thomas Cook Travel, Saskatoon and Congress Support Services Ltd, Dublin

GENERAL Information including Terms & Conditions

The Congress Support Services Ltd. (CSSL) is the approved agent for the International Eucharistic Congress and it is entirely separate from the management or organization of the Congress. CSSL has arranged all our services during our visit to the Congress and touring in Ireland.

Payments

The Booking deposit (\$500.00) is to be made immediately in order to keep you on the list. Please make cheques payable to **Ministry to Tourism and forward to 314-619 Saskatchewan Cres., West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0A5**. This will enable payment of items not being handled by our general agent, Thomas Cook Travel. Please note that Travel Insurance on the Pilgrim Journey (I, II or III) of your choice should be in place to protect your Booking deposit (\$500.00 cheque) in case of your cancellation. Rhonda at Thomas Cook Travel will assist you.

First Payment (Dec. 5,2011) & Final Payment of balance owing (March 5, 2012) are to be paid to our general agent, Thomas Cook Travel Saskatoon. It can be done by cheque or valid Credit Card.

Air Ticket must be paid **only with a valid Credit Card** to Thomas Cook Travel. You will be advised when it is the best time for the group to be ticketed.

Note: To save Credit Card fees Ministry to Tourism invites you to make all your land segment payments by cheque. You will then be granted **25-60 Euros** cash for spending money while in Ireland.

Cancellation Information

Our Agencies require written notification of any cancellation. Penalties for land segment will be assessed as follows:

After payment of the Booking Deposit (\$500.00) a cancellation fee of \$200 will be assessed.

After first payment due Dec. 5, 2011- 80% will be assessed.

After final payment due March 5, 2012-100% will be assessed

Penalties for Air segment: assessed according to Airline's policies

Airlines generally have the right to pass on increases for fuel and airport taxes to passengers before ticketing. Ticket prices may go up. To ensure the price the ticket has to be issued and paid for.

Deviations from group: note that for pax who deviate from the group (leave early, arrive late etc.) any reduction on the tour for unused services is minimal. This is because we book group services and deviations involve extra work that must be worked into the cost.

In extreme cases such as dramatic exchange rate fluctuation, or fuel increase, we may face sudden **increasing rates** at little notice. **We reserve the right to pass on such sudden increases.**

Decisions to cancel a tour: will be based on "Travel Advisory or Warning" issued by Canadian or any relevant State Department. Refunds then become a negotiable item with the respective providers.

IEC2012 reserve the right to alter any of the arrangements for this Congress; including cancellation of the event should unforeseen circumstances require such action.

IEC2012 accept no responsibility for resulting costs and inconvenience to Pilgrims who are advised **to have their own travel and health insurance in place.**

Force Majeur

The International Eucharistic Congress, CSSL, and the pilgrim group organized by Ministry to Tourism (Saskatoon Diocese) are freed from any penalties under this contract for circumstances beyond their control which prevent them from fulfilling their obligations under the contract. However, parties commit to reaching the best possible resolution of any situation or difficulty that may arise during the period of the contract.

Hotels:

Our quotations are **based on the hotels listed or similar.** If the hotels listed are not available, we will look for the best alternative. The final hotels used will be the ones confirmed by us. If hotels of the quoted price range are not available we may have to charge a supplement for more expensive hotels.

In Dublin during the Congress the D4 Hotels- Ballsbridge Towers & Berkeley Ballisbridge- will be our point of stay. The D4 Hotel complex is excellently located just 10 minutes walk from the RDS (Congress main venues) and 20 minutes to the city centre, making it an excellent choice for groups attending the Congress, with no coach transfers required.

Located within the complex is a restaurant, café, bar, convenience store, hairdressers and beauty salon. Ballbridge's and Baggot Street's large and varied selection of restaurants and bars are also at the hotel's doorstep. Rooms are larger than average and offer tea/coffee making facilities, air-conditioning and WiFi internet access.

Note that Ireland **hotel grading** or category system might be somewhat different from Canada. The hotels used should be very good 3 * and 4 * properties..

Single Rooms are subject to availability. **Single Room Supplement** is charged by hotels regardless of the reason for the single. Thus singles that are forced (when there is no one for the person to share with) are charged by hotels regardless.

Hotel Room Types: Single Room-one single or double bed. Double Room-One double bed; Twin Room-Two single beds.

Porterage at hotels is included and is paid for to the hotel. It is a service fee. Most porters at hotels also ask for tips in addition to this fee; additional payments are at the client's discretion.

In Summary:

What is included

- In Dublin 9 or 5 nights in 3/4 Star hotel accommodations in shared twin/double room
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- Transport by deluxe AC vehicles for excursions
- Sightseeing and professional guiding as per itinerary
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Porters fee at hotels, one piece per person
- VAT taxes where applicable in hotels and restaurants
- Occasional "Happy Holy Hours".
- Tour designing, management & facilitation to enhance the experience
- Helpful tools, spiritual enrichment and materials to assist participants e.g. Journal & Handouts
- "Bon Voyage" Gathering
- Congress registration includes: Admissions for your Congress participation, including ticket for the *Statio Orbis* (closing ceremony) which includes a Solidarity Contribution of 10.00 Euro so that pilgrims from poorer countries might attend.

After Nov. 30, 2011 the Registration fees increase. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to make their Booking Deposit (\$500.00) before that date.

Specific Inclusions for the 9 Day Tour of the “Emerald Isle”-June 18-26/12

Price includes:

- 1 night in Dooleys Hotel, Waterford;Imperial Hotel, Cork; Cabra Castle, 2 nights in The Malton Hotel, Killarney; 3 nights in Jury’s Inn, Galway
- Daily full Irish breakfasts and Set menu dinner in hotel each evening
- Entry to Kilkenny Castle, Blarney Castle, Skellig Experience Centre, Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre, Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre
- Scenic trip of Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula and visit to Dingle town
- Optional supplement for Jaunting Cars in Killarney of €12 - €15 per person
- Visit to Gallarus Oratory & Riasc Monastic Settlement
- Ferry to Aran Island (Inis Mór)
- Visit to Knock and Mass at the Marian shrine
- Service of a luxury coach with English speaking tour guide/driver for duration of tour
- All local taxes
- **This tour will be subject to a minimum of 15-20 people.**

What is not included

-Passport & Visa fees(if required before arrival)

-Cost of a valid passport (valid for at least 6 months from date of arrival)

-All tips to drivers and guides

-Personal items and drinks with meals

-Lunches & Dinners unless otherwise specified

(A variety of balanced luncheon diets will be offered during the Congress for a nominal fee)

-Travel insurance. Please inquire at Thomas Cook Travel for rates

-Optional activities outside the included program

For your information

All government taxes and tour prices are subject to change without notice.

In the event of any changes beyond our Agencies’ control, including but not limited to, increases in government taxes, we reserve the right to increase price at any time.