

CHERYL DELANEY KREGER, MERCY HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENT INVITES  
MERCY FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND ALUMNAE TO

# IRELAND

IN CELEBRATION OF

*Mercy High School's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

GALWAY | SNEEM | DUBLIN



May 9 – 18, 2016

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ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE

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## Your 10 Day Tour Includes

- Eight (8) nights accommodations at 3 or 4 star Hotels: 2 nights in Galway, 3 nights in Sneem, 3 nights in Dublin
- Continental Breakfast daily
- Five (5) dinners, including a Welcome & Farewell Dinner
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in Ireland and specified sightseeing
- Tour Escort while in Ireland
- Local Guides according to the itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to itinerary
- Featuring a visit to Baggot Street where Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy
- Hotel taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- City Taxes
- Round trip scheduled commercial air from Detroit, MI to Dublin, Ireland including fuel surcharges and government imposed fees of \$575 as of 11/05/14; final amount subject to change

# TOUR OF IRELAND

## ITINERARY\*

### Day 1 - Monday, May 9 🍷 Depart USA

Depart the USA on overnight scheduled commercial flights to Ireland's capital city, Dublin.

### Day 2 - Tuesday, May 10 🍷 Arrive Dublin | Galway

Arrive at Dublin Airport where you will be met with a cead mile failte (hundred thousand welcomes) by your Irish escort. Head west through the Midlands of Ireland, stopping at Clonmacnoise, a monastic site, chosen by St. Kevin, on the banks of the Shannon River. Take a guided tour then proceed to Galway, which is Ireland's fastest growing city. You will enjoy its rich history, quaint narrow streets, boutique shops and galleries as well as its lively pubs with great traditional music. Galway has a strong Gaelic influence as it is the gateway to Connemara, Ireland's largest Gaelic speaking area. Welcome Dinner and overnight in Galway. (D)

### Day 3 - Wednesday, May 11 🍷 Galway

After breakfast, depart for a visit to Ireland's most famous pilgrimage site at Knock in County Mayo. Learn about the 1879 apparition of Our Lady, after which you will Celebrate Mass in the Apparition Chapel. From Knock, travel on to Ballintubber Abbey and visit St. Patrick's Well, where the Saint baptized his converts and left an imprint of his knee in a stone that remains there to this day. Afterwards, return to Galway for dinner on your own and overnight. Your tour escort will advise on good pubs, live Irish music and theatre performances. (CB)

### Day 4 - Thursday, May 12 🍷 Galway | Sneem

Travel south and visit the natural beauty of the Cliffs of Moher. Then, stop in the pretty village of Adare, with its distinctive thatched houses. In the afternoon, we arrive in Killarney, with its wonderful scenery that includes Killarney National Park. Travel to the rural prize-winning Village of Sneem for dinner and overnight in Sneem Hotel, located on the estuary of Sneem River. Here you will have an opportunity to sample Irish rural life in a village of 350 people. Dinner on your own. (CB)

### Day 5 - Friday, May 13 🍷 Sneem | Ring of Kerry

Batt Burns will lead you on a walkabout of the attractive village of Sneem, which has a rich history, an attractive Garden of the Senses, and a number of pieces of public art. Next, depart for a tour of the famous Ring of Kerry, which includes beautiful Killarney National Park, where an ancient breed of Red Deer still roams. This is a botanist's Paradise with rare species of fern and wild flowers. Visit the grounds and gardens of beautiful Muckross House. You will have the options of touring the house, taking a jaunting car (horse and buggy) ride into the Killarney National Park, or simply enjoying the lovely gardens. Later, enjoy a visit to a 15th century Franciscan Abbey nearby. Continue through Killorglin and Glenbeigh and enjoy great views of Dingle Bay. Batt Burns will share the folklore of the Iveragh Peninsula as you head towards Coomakista Pass and Derrynane Bay. Celebrate Evening Mass in Sneem Church. Dinner in a village restaurant and overnight in the Sneem Hotel. Tonight Batt will host a traditional evening of music, song and dance in one of the village pubs. Top class entertainers will be invited in to perform and a group of village set dancers will dance an ancient Sneem Set Dance. Many villagers will join in the fun and you will have an opportunity to chat with them. (CB | D)

### Day 6 - Saturday, May 14 🍷 Sneem

After four days of travelling, it is time to relax and unwind with a free day on your own. Have a leisurely breakfast after which you might like to take a hike on one of the many trails in close proximity to the village. There are also more challenging mountain hikes. A round of golf, a boat trip, a visit to one of the local art galleries or a horse-riding experience on Derrynane Beach, are all possibilities. As an alternative, for those who are very energetic, a day trip to the Beira Peninsula and a visit to the island garden of Garnish is also a possibility. Dinner and overnight in Sneem Hotel. Tonight Batt will present his one-man show entitled "Whisperings of Ireland". (CB | D)

### Day 7 - Sunday, May 15 🍷 Sneem | Dublin

Bid farewell to Batt Burns, and the Village of Sneem, and travel over the Cork/Kerry border to Blarney Castle, with its famous Blarney Stone. We will have ample time here to kiss the Blarney Stone, if you so wish, and to shop in the extensive Blarney Woolen Mills, which houses gifts and crafts from throughout Ireland. After lunch, visit the Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland's most important ancient religious sites and a place where St. Patrick preached. This massive limestone outcrop, which dominates the Tipperary countryside, was originally the seat of the kings of Munster, but later it was handed over to the Church in the 10th century. You will see a perfectly preserved Round Tower, the magnificent Cormac's Chapel (1127), the 14th century ruined cathedral, the bishop's residence and the well-restored Vicar's Choral. Celebrate Mass in the beautifully restored Holy Cross Abbey, which houses a relic of the True Cross. Travel to Dublin for dinner and overnight. (CB | D)

### Day 8 - Monday, May 16 🍷 Dublin | Catherine McCauley Tour

Take a City Tour of Dublin, beginning with a morning visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Jonathan Swift was once Dean and where St. Patrick baptized converts to Christianity. Enjoy the Georgian architecture of Merrion Square and see the statue of Oscar Wilde. This afternoon take the Catherine McCauley Walking tour in Dublin and see the sites of Mercy associated with her life. Dinner on your own. Overnight Dublin. (CB)

### Day 9 - Tuesday, May 17 🍷 Dublin

Visit Trinity College and learn the history of this 16th century university. See the magnificent Book of Kells, an illuminated copy of the Four Gospels. Visit Ireland's National Museum. This afternoon is free to relax at a coffee and pastry shop, do some last minute shopping in the Grafton and Nassau Street areas or take optional tours that might include the wonderful National Gallery of Art, the Guinness Brewery, or the Jameson Distillery. Celebrate Afternoon Mass at Dublin's Pro-Cathedral. Farewell Dinner and overnight Dublin. (CB | D)

### Day 10 - Wednesday, May 18 🍷 Depart for USA

Today we bid goodbye to the Emerald Isle and new found friends. We will be transported from our hotel to Dublin Airport for our flight home. (CB)

\*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change  
CB=Continental Breakfast, D=Dinner



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**PRICING TERMS:** These are outlined adjacent to the estimated selling price listed in this brochure.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, CTS asks for prompt payment on the requested dates. Please see the reservation form for the payment schedule. CTS also accepts Visa and MasterCard for payment. Traveler agrees not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received in writing. Forfeit \$100 for cancellations between time of deposit and 12/8/15. Forfeit \$350 for cancellations between 12/8/15 and 1/27/16. Forfeit \$1,600 for cancellation between 1/27/16 and 3/7/16. After 3/7/16, there will be no refund. Penalties will be according to the fax or postmark date.

**CANCELLATION INSURANCE:** CTS highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. In order to receive the optimum insurance coverage, purchase travel insurance within 10 days of trip confirmation. Call CTS at 313-565-8888, ext. 151, or your insurance agent.

**PASSPORT:** A valid U.S. Passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports may take a long time to process. Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. **It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding or entry into the destination may be denied. Please provide CTS with a copy of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation.**

## GROUP AIR:

**Group Air Restrictions:** Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure. Accordingly, if you require specific air travel needs and are not flexible concerning group air travel, you may wish to consider purchasing a Land-Only package and secure your own preferred air arrangements.

**Deviations:** Not allowed on group air tickets. If you want to travel on different dates, you must take travel land only (see topic below) and purchase your own independent flight tickets.

**Group Air Seat Assignments:** Please note that group seats are assigned "at the discretion of the airline", although every effort will be made to fulfill requests, **SPECIFIC SEAT ASSIGNMENTS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED.** Seat numbers will not be advised until check in at the airport. If you require specific seats, Corporate Travel suggests you book the tour package as "land only" and arrange your own air. Note that 'bulkhead' and 'exit row' seats are assigned by the carrier at the airport.

**Group Air Mileage Credit - Reduced:** It is common for carriers to give partial or no credit for group flights. It is important to give your frequent flyer number when checking in at the airport to make sure any eligible miles will be recorded.

**Group Air Not Upgradable:** Group Air is economy class and is not upgradable to first class, business, economy plus, etc. To travel with an upgrade, you must choose "Land Only" and book independent air. (See "Land Only" topic.)

**Land Only:** Those electing to make their own air arrangements will travel "Land Only". In this case, you must notify Corporate Travel no less than 120 days before departure, be responsible for meeting the group at a specified location and time on the tour, and sign a Corporate Travel Land Only Waiver. Land only passengers are responsible for arranging and the cost of transfers to and from the airport. **NOTE:** Do not purchase independent Air Tickets until notified in writing that the minimum group size has been met and the trip will definitely operate.

**Flight Cancellations and Delays:** Corporate Travel will not be responsible for any loss incurred by travelers due to a cancelled flight or other means of transportation. Please investigate purchasing travel insurance to cover any type of loss associated with cancelled air or other transportation.

**Hazardous Materials:** Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard the aircraft, in your luggage, or on your person. A violation can result in five years imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 USD or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Unless otherwise notified, CTS will mail you your travel information approximately 10-14 days before departure.

**ITINERARY:** The Itinerary as presented in this brochure 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 or cancel the itinerary, at CTS's sole discretion, as it may deem necessary or advisable.

**GRATUITIES:** Gratuities for your escort, driver and guides are not included. In Europe it is customary to tip the escort four (4) Euros and the driver three (3) Euros per person per day. The tip for the local guides is usually about one (1) Euro for half-day tours and two (2) Euros for full day tours.

**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. Triples are one double bed with two persons sharing the bed and one single bed. Triples are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters.

**LUGGAGE:** Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

**Checked Baggage: Fees are not included in this tour package price.** Most airlines charge fees ranging from free to \$75 per bag one way. If traveling with group air, the air carrier for your flight will be announced in your final travel documents and an online link provided to learn the exact charges of your carrier. (Note: The website [iflybags.com](http://flybags.com) may be helpful and gives 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.

**Carry On Luggage:** You may also bring a small carry-on bag that will fit under an airline seat and on the small parcel racks of the motor coach, which average about 8 inches high by 18 inches deep. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided, as the parcel racks on the motor coaches are small. Currently, travelers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage. Details will be in your final travel documents.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are 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.

**CHILDREN UNDER 18:** For a minor under the age of 18 to travel out of the United States without both parents or legal guardians, a notarized affidavit from the non-travelling parent(s) or guardian(s) must be obtained and presented upon departure and return to the United States. You may request a form from our office.

**STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES:** From time to time the State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)) and the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://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. CTS 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 remain in full force and effect.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** CTS may take photographs or film of its trips and trip participants, and participant grants CTS express permission to do so and for CTS to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fee or royalties.

**UNUSED SERVICES:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services including airline tickets.

**CHANGES:** Changes in any of the terms and conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTS.

**PARTICIPATION:** CTS reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such participant as being detrimental to the tour. In the event any participant is removed from a trip, CTS's only obligation is to refund to that person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

**BINDING ARBITRATION:** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. Substantive (but not procedural) Michigan law shall apply in any such arbitration. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract. Including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

