



A 7-night “In the Steps of St Canice Tour” through Ireland in May 2027

Join us for this beautiful and deeply meaningful journey following The Steps of St Canice blending history, spirituality and stunning landscapes throughout the Emerald Isle in May 2027.

Be touched by the Spirit in ancient Cathedrals and Churches brimming with history and stories connecting us to the past .

Feel exhilarated by the splendour of creation exploring Ireland’s gentle meadows, intimate village and island communities, soaring sea cliffs, pristine beaches and the wild Atlantic Coast.

Immerse yourself in this gentle country of soft lilting accents, conversations that sound like secrets, green manicured pastures, ragged cliff tops, foot-stomping music, raw novelists, fresh Atlantic Ocean seafood, caramel-coloured cows, winding wee roads bordered with rocky fences and delicate flowers and a mad national sport called Hurling.

We’ll explore from the bustling city of Dublin through Kildare Town in County Clane, Glendalough (Valley of the Two Lakes in County Wicklow); Kilkenny the medieval jewel of St Canice; Stradbally, County Laois to visit the Mass Rock; Tralee in County Kerry; Kilmore in County Clare; Galway City, Inish Mor n the Aran Islands, and Knock Shire in County Mayo.

This tour is organised by St Canice Parish Rushcutters Bay.

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KEY INFORMATION



Dates	Sunday 9 th May to Sunday 16 th May 2027
Departs	Coach from Dublin International Airport for Clane in County Kildare at 1.00pm on Sunday May 9
Ends	Knock, County Mayo with a coach transfer to Dublin.
Cost	\$3600pp for a twin room / \$4600pp for a single room
Group Size	Limited to 20
Enquiries	sonia@stcanice.org.au

Accompanied by

Fr David Braithwaite Parish Priest, St Canice's Parish Rushcutters Bay

Fr Paul O'Boyle Parish Priest of Clane and Rathcoffey, North Kildare

Inclusions

- Accommodation in three- and four-star hotels
- Dedicated Tour Guides, including County Clane Parish Priest, Father Paul O'Boyle and Aran Islands Parish Priest, Father Mairtin O Conaire
- Coach transfers from Dublin International Airport to Clane and return transfers from Knock to Dublin
- Entry Fees
- All Breakfasts
- Two lunches and three dinners
- Ferry Fares to the Aran Islands and County Clare

Exclusions

- International Airfares
- Gratuities
- Travel Insurance
- Some lunches and Dinners
- Alcoholic and non alcoholic Beverages Personal Expenses

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ITINERARY 1/2



DAY ONE

Sunday
May 9
2027

Fly into Dublin and travel 30 kilometres by coach to Clane in County Kildare. The 'In the Steps of St Canice' coach departs Dublin International Airport at 1.00 pm.
Check into the Westgrove Hotel, followed with a tour of the nearby Jesuit College of Clongowes Wood, accompanied by local Parish Priest, Father Paul O'Boyle.
Dinner: Evening Free
Overnight: The Westgrove Hotel (breakfast included)

DAY TWO

Monday
May 10
2027

Tour of Kildare Town accompanied by Father O'Boyle, visiting Brigid's Well, the Cathedral and Round Tower, the Solas Bhríde Centre (The Light of St Brigid) and Heritage Centre run by the Brigidine Sisters.
Lunch: The Wicklow Heather (included)
After lunch, a short journey to Glendalough in County Wicklow. Glendalough (from Irish Gleann Da'Loch, (Valley of the Two Lakes) to the Monastery of St Kevin, a renowned 6th-century monastic settlement in a glacial valley in the Wicklow Mountains National Park. It features a 30-meter round tower, a 12th-century cathedral, and numerous hiking trails around the scenic Upper and Lower Lakes.
Return to Clane to rest and refresh.
Dinner: Kirby's at the Westgrove Hotel (breakfast and Dinner included)
Overnight: The Westgrove Hotel

DAY THREE

Tuesday
May 11
2027

Today the focus is on Kilkenny, a medieval jewel and the Heart of St. Canice. On the way, visit Stradbally, County Laois, to view and pray at the ancient Mass Rock, followed by morning tea in Stradbally town. In Kilkenny, explore almost 1,500 years of history at St Canice's Cathedral and Tower, the oldest medieval structures in the city and Ireland's only accessible medieval tower with thrilling views. Discover early Christian artefacts and further insights into the people and history of the 6th and 7th centuries before visiting the birthplace of former Sydney Archbishop, Cardinal Patrick Moran, in Leighlinbridge, County Carlow. This former Archbishop of Sydney consecrated St Canice's Church Rushcutters Bay. In the afternoon, explore Kilkenny Castle and the River Nore Walk.
Dinner: Evening Free
Overnight: Ormonde Hotel (breakfast included)

DAY FOUR

Wednesday
May 12
2027

Depart Kilkenny for Tralee in County Kerry to visit the tranquil village of Ardfert to tour the 13th-century St Brendan the Navigator's Cathedral before driving to one of the most westerly points of Europe – The Dingle Peninsula, otherwise known as Gaeltacht Corca Dhuibhne. This peninsula stretches 48 kms into the Atlantic and is celebrated for its deep-rooted language preservation, traditional culture and dramatic coastal landscapes. Stroll around Mount Brandon, one of the best and most fascinating mountain walks along the Wild Atlantic Way, and later visit Gallarus Church, a beautifully preserved dry-stone early Christian Church.
Dinner: Evening Free. Try the Bar in the hotel for casual dining in a traditional Irish setting
Overnight: Brandon Hotel (includes breakfast)

ITINERARY 2/2



DAY FIVE

Thursday
May 13
2027

Depart the hotel for a 20-minute ferry ride from Tarbert in County Kerry to Killimor and County Clare and Galway City in County Galway. Today, tour through the unique landscape of The Burren on Ireland's West Coast taking in the vast limestone pavements, rare Arid-Alpine and Mediterranean flora and over magnificent sea cliffs that stretch for 8km along the County Clare Coast and plunge 214 metres into the powerful Atlantic Ocean. While walking admire the three Aran Islands in Galway Bay and on a clear day see right across the Bay to the Twelve Pins and Church of St Nicholas that is lined to many pilgrimage routes and later wander this spirited, bohemian city celebrated for its Latin Quarter, colourful shop fronts, traditional live music and its status as a vibrant cultural capital.

Dinner: Evening free to explore Galway

Overnight: The Western Hotel Galway (includes breakfast)

DAY SIX

Friday
May 14
2027

Depart for the Aran Islands by ferry to Inis Mor (the big island) famous for its rugged limestone landscape and rich Irish speaking heritage. Inis Mor is one of three rugged windswept Aran islands at the mouth of Galway Bay. Known as the stronghold for traditional Irish culture, the islands are famously Gaeltacht meaning residents are bilingual and actively speak Irish (Gaelic). Visit Dun Aonghas, an iconic World Heritage listed prehistoric stone fort perilously perched on a stone cliff defiantly facing the Atlantic Ocean. In the afternoon we'll walk or travel by electric bikes along the island's stone paths or a Pilgrim's walk taking in more of the everlasting history and unique coastal landscapes. Return to Galway by ferry.

Dinner: Evening free to explore Galway.

Overnight: The Western Hotel, Galway (includes breakfast)

DAY SEVEN

Saturday
May 15
2027

Coach transfers and return flights to the mainland. Drive to Connemara to Croagh Patrick, Mayo (Ireland's highest mountain), for an optional climb or partial ascent of the pilgrimage route to Croagh Patrick. Alternatively, visit the nearby town of Westport. In the afternoon, visit Knock Shrine in County Mayo, an international place of prayer and pilgrimage dating back to 1879, when Our Lady appeared to 15 villagers. The shrine is situated on 100 acres of beautiful grounds and gardens dotted with sculptures depicting the area's Christian heritage

Dinner: The Knock House Hotel

Overnight: The Knock House Hotel (Dinner, Bed and Breakfast)

DAY EIGHT

Sunday
May 16
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Breakfast and departures. Return to Dublin by the tour coach or organise individual on-travel from Ireland West Airport (NOC), an 18 minutes drive from Knock with regular departures to Dublin, London and a range of European destinations.

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