

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

We're thrilled to invite you on a truly special journey—"The Footsteps of St. Patrick", a one-of-a-kind pilgrimage through Ireland taking place **June 8–18, 2026**.

As someone who's experienced the power and joy of pilgrimage with us before, you know how transformative these journeys can be—not just as travel experiences, but as opportunities for deep spiritual renewal and connection.

This tour is being thoughtfully organized by **Royal Irish Tours**, a proudly Canadian company celebrating **25 years** of crafting unforgettable travel experiences. Every detail of this pilgrimage has been carefully curated—from the centrally located **4-star hotels** (you'll love how comfortable and well-situated they are!) to the meaningful moments we'll share at Ireland's most iconic spiritual and cultural sites.

We'll walk in the literal and spiritual footsteps of **St. Patrick**, visiting places like his grave in Downpatrick, the stunning monastic ruins of **Glendalough**, the sacred **Shrine at Knock**, the **Book of Kells** at Trinity College, and the windswept beauty of the **Aran Islands**. Along the way, we'll also enjoy unforgettable cultural highlights like a **medieval banquet in a real Irish castle**, a **Titanic Experience tour in Belfast**, and even a visit to a working sheep farm complete with freshly baked scones!

We're also blessed to have **Father John Likozar** journeying with us once again as our spiritual guide, offering **daily Mass** and spiritual leadership that will enrich each step of our travels together.

The rate of **\$5,249 CAD per person + \$1,249 CAD for airfare** reflects the exceptional quality of this custom tour. It's not just another trip—it's a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, blending faith, fellowship, and the rich beauty of Ireland.

Spaces are limited for this exclusive tour, and given the strong interest we've already received, we encourage you to reserve your spot early. Whether you've travelled with us before or are considering your next spiritual journey, this is a rare opportunity to experience Ireland in a way that few ever do—through the lens of faith, history, and heartfelt connection.

To learn more or to secure your place, simply reply to this email or contact **Elaine Simpson at Algonquin Travel & Cruise at 613-748-3600 or by email (elaine@travelplus.at.ca)**. We would be happy to answer any questions and assist with your booking. Attached are further details on the itinerary, the flight schedule with Air Canada and details for the hotels that will be used on the tour.

As well, we are [having an Information Session for this Pilgrimage](#), to be held in the Algonquin Travel & Tour Center, 2530 Canotek Road, Unit 2, on Sunday, February 1st, 2026, at 2 pm. You can hear more about the pilgrimage, and enjoy some traditional Irish treats! We will be there to answer all your questions.

Please don't forget to RSVP to CustomerCare@travia.ca that you are coming to make sure we have enough Irish coffee and treats on hand for everyone in attendance.

We'd be honoured to have you join us on this unforgettable pilgrimage following **The Footsteps of St. Patrick**.



**With Irish blessings,
Elaine**

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