

Choir Tour of Ireland

with Joseph Martorano
and Robert Hutmacher, OFM

10 Days
July 20-29, 2020



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WHAT'S THE COST?

Land and Air
\$3695.00

Land Only
\$2795.00

Solo Traveler
(additional cost)
\$795.00

Prices are valid only if the deposit of \$500.00 is received no later than March 31, 2020

Final payment due May 25, 2020



Cliffs of Moher

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day.

You need to be able to walk for 60 minutes

straight and on uneven surfaces.

Some stairs will be encountered.

ITINERARY

✦ Monday, July 20, Day 1: DEPART USA

Depart Chicago on an overnight flight to Dublin.

✦ Tuesday, July 21, Day 2: WELCOME TO IRELAND – DUBLIN

Welcome to Ireland! Discover Dublin's Fair City. While driving through the city we see, the famous "Doors of Dublin," the elegant Georgian Squares and Phoenix Park. We visit St. Patrick Cathedral and Christ Church and tour the Guinness Storehouse, to see how they make the famous Irish brew. Once the tour has finished, we visit the Gravity Bar to enjoy a pint of Guinness. Check into the hotel for a well deserved night of rest. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Dublin. (D)

✦ Wednesday, July 22, Day 3: GLENDALOUGH – KILKENNY

Our first stop is the monastic settlement of Glendalough established by St. Kevin in 6th. century, where we visit Glendalough Monastic Site and the Visitor Centre. This afternoon we have a workshop with Fr. Liam Lawton and celebrate Mass with Fr. Michael Rodgers, who runs the Center for Spirituality (TBC). Continue to Kilkenny and check in to our hotel. We have time to explore this charming town and see the magnificent Kilkenny Castle. Dinner and overnight in Kilkenny. (B, D)

✦ Thursday, July 23, Day 4: ROCK OF CASHEL AND HOLYCROSS ABBEY

Today we are amazed at the beauty of the Rock of Cashel, possibly the most photographed site in Ireland, where St. Patrick is said to have plucked a shamrock to explain the mystery of the Trinity giving a new emblem to Christian Ireland. We visit Holy Cross Abbey, celebrate Mass and are welcomed by the monks from the Abbey. Continue our journey through the heart of Ireland toward Killarney where we settle in for the night. (B, D)

✦ Friday, July 24, Day 5: MUCKROSS HOUSE CONCERT – RING OF KERRY – SKELLING EXPERIENCE

Set out on Ireland's most popular scenic drive – the Ring of Kerry – with plenty of stops for photo opportunities. Savor a light lunch and take a break in the colorful village of Sneem. Cross to Valentia Island by a bridge and tour the Skellig Experience, which explains the life of early Christian monks on Skellig Michael, a rocky offshore island, featured in the "Star Wars VII" movie. The choir will sing at the Killarney Cathedral at 4:00PM. Following dinner we have an 8:00P.M. Concert at Muckross House for Members in the Grand Dining Hall. Return to Killarney for the overnight. (B, L, D)

✦ Saturday, July 25, DAY 6: CLIFFS OF MOHER – BURREN – FARM VISIT – GALWAY

View the Cliffs of Moher, which rise almost 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic surf. Embark on a memorable ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary and drive through the Burren, a region of rounded limestone hills which has a unique lunar-like appearance. We stop at a local working farm to have a hand at making scones before arriving in Galway, "the City of Tribes," a lively city with cosmopolitan charm. Legend has it that Christopher Columbus prayed at the Church of St. Nicholas in Galway before setting off on his voyage to America. You have an opportunity to explore Galway on your own tonight, visit a local pub for to hear great Irish music and try some pub food on your own. Dinner at leisure. Overnight in Galway. (B)

✦ Sunday, JULY 26, Day 7: GALWAY – CONNEMARA

Following time for shopping, we journey through the Connemara Region, a land of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains. A land of small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken language and where little has changed since the beginning of time. It is, without a doubt, the wildest and the most romantic part of Ireland. We visit the stunning Kylemore Abbey to celebrate Mass in the morning and vespers at 3:00PM. Dinner and overnight at the Renvyle House Hotel. (B, D)



Joseph Martorano

Mr. Martorano, currently the Director of Music at St. Alphonsus Church in Lemont, Illinois, has held various music ministry positions throughout his music ministerial career. He received his Master of Music and Bachelor of Music from the University of Michigan. Post Graduate Opera Apprentice Programs in Italy and Austria allowed him to study with opera legends such as Tito Gobbi, Mignon Dunn, and George Shirley. Mr. Martorano was a twenty-five-year resident artist with Lyric Opera of Chicago, and four years with the Chicago Symphony Chorus. He has

performed throughout the Midwest with numerous regional orchestras. Mr. Martorano has been with the VanderCook College of Music since 2001. He currently teaches courses in Applied Voice, Vocal Techniques, Vocal Diction, Solo Vocal Repertoire, and Musical Theatre. He spent over 30 years teaching Applied Voice to high school students in three well known Chicago Area schools. Prior to Chicago, Mr Martorano taught at Mansfield State University, Pennsylvania, and in the All-State Voice Program at National Music Camp, Interlochen, Michigan. Mr. Martorano began his work for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1980. Under the mentoring of Richard Proulx, he served as a member of the Holy Name Cathedral Chamber Singers and a cantor soloist until 1985.



Robert M. Hutmacher, OFM

Robert M. Hutmacher, ofm has been a Franciscan friar since 1968 and was ordained a priest in 1979. Music has been his life since he was 4 and flowed through his education. He holds degrees in sociology, the M.Div. in theology and liturgy from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, and the MA in music and liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame. Music studies were also done at the University of Memphis, Quincy University, Northland College along with private study on harp and piano.

He has recorded 13 collections, the most recent being The Nature Suite, recorded in Italy in 2015 and released numerous compositions through five U.S. and Italian publishers. He was founder and artistic director of Chiesa Nuova for 17 years, a Franciscan ministry devoted to the performing arts; Chiesa Nuova presented over 530 artists since 1996 all over the U.S. and Europe. He has concertized throughout the U.S., Canada, Italy, Germany and Singapore. Friar Bob has been associated with St. Peter's in the Loop since 1993 and was Director of Worship there until 2012. A resident at St. Peter's he presently also serves at Ascension Parish, Oak Park, and continues to compose, inspire and bring people to God through liturgy, preaching, the arts and a great sense of humor.

✦ Monday, July 27, DAY 8: SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK

This morning we visit Knock Shrine. In 1879 the parish church of Knock was the scene of an apparition of the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph and St. John, the Evangelist. There were fifteen official witnesses to the apparition in which Our Lady wore a white cloak with a brilliant crown of roses on her head. In September of 1979, Pope John Paul II made a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, one of the few apparition sites approved by the Catholic Church. The choir will sing during the Mass at the Parish Church. We have time to visit the Apparition Chapel, the Folk Museum, pray the Stations of the Cross and join the Rosary Procession as well as the Anointing of the Sick at the Basilica. Overnight in the area. (B, D)

✦ Tuesday, July 28, Day 9: DUBLIN – IRISH FAREWELL DINNER

This morning we are on our way to Dublin. Enjoy time at leisure in Dublin, before tonight's festive and fun farewell dinner with music, dancing, good food and drink at the Merry Ploughboy's Irish Pub. Overnight in Dublin. (B, Special dinner)

✦ Wednesday, July 29, DAY 10: RETURN TO USA

Today transfer to Dublin Airport for your flight back home. (B)

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip airfare from Chicago to Dublin
- Airline surcharges, fuel and airport taxes are subject to change until the time of ticketing
- Accommodations in first-class hotels for nine nights
- Open hot buffet breakfast daily
- One lunch
- Tea and Scones
- Irish evening in Dublin with dinner
- Beverages are not included unless noted
- Private Air-conditioned motor coach
- English speaking tour manager
- All admission charges as per the itinerary
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person only included at the hotels
- Parking fees for motor coaches
- Local hotel taxes
- Whisper sets for groups of 30 or more participants
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Assistance with choir performance coordination

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged
- Medical insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver and hotel staff
- Church donations

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Any airline baggage charges.
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels more than one suitcase per person.
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges.

Deposits and final payment: A non-refundable **deposit of \$500.00** per person by check should accompany the enrollment form along with your optional travel protection payment, if purchasing, and a copy of your passport picture page by **March 27, 2020. Final payment is due by May 12 2020. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all registrations received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Susan Prendergast, 800-842-4842, susan@select-intl.com.**

Your passport must be valid through January 29, 2021. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices \$3,695.00 for the complete package; \$2,795.00 land only (air not included); \$795.00 solo travel, additional cost, (in room by yourself). Credit card payments are: \$3,880.00 for the complete package; \$2,935.00 for land only; \$835.00 solo travel, additional cost, (in room by yourself).

Solo Travel: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee room mates but will do our best to connect you with a possible share.

Land Only Option: Land only services start and end at the hotels, unless you are able to meet the group at the airport, and do not include airfare.

Tour Cancellation Policy: A **\$350.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if reservation is canceled more than 90 days prior to departure. 90-60 days before departure, a total of \$500.00 is non-refundable. Within 60 days of departure, all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued.** All cancellations must be in writing. We strongly encourage you to purchase **Travel Protection**. Call or visit our website for details on the cost per person for the Group Deluxe and Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) plans. CFAR is not available in N.Y. State. We encourage all travelers to purchase a plan at the time of initial deposit. This document contains highlights of the plans. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions. For travel protection information go to **www.selectinternationaltours.com**.

Baggage: Each participant is permitted to check (1) suitcase weighing no more than 50 lbs., and one small carry-on bag on the plane. Airline baggage fees are not included. Please check the specific baggage fees on the airline website.

Airline, seating and special requests: The seats are assigned by the airlines. We do not reserve specific seats. You may change your seat, provide mileage program information and passenger contact information directly with the airlines once the ticket numbers are received. (approximately three weeks prior to departure). All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Business class and premium coach seats are available upon request as are add-ons from your hometown airport. **Switching from air and land to land only within 90 days from departure will be charged a \$100 service fee and any airline charges.**

Pricing: Prices are based on a minimum of 30 passengers traveling & payment by cash or check. Fuel surcharge and taxes are subject to change at time of final invoicing.

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ENROLLMENT/CONSENT FORM:

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Cell/Home Phone: _____ Contact Cell for Airline While Traveling: _____
Email Address: _____ Land only : _____ ☐ Need help with flights from _____
(Starts/ends at hotel, no airfare)
Medical/Dietary Needs _____

Updates about your trip will be sent by email only. Please be sure that your settings allow for electronic communication originating from susan@select-intl.com

Room: (check one) Single (1 Bed) _____ Double (1 Bed, 2 People) _____ Twin (2 Beds, 2 People) _____ Triple (3 Beds) _____

Name of Roommate(s): _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ _____ for my initial deposit.

I am purchasing travel protection: _____ Yes _____ No, I decline. Enclosed is \$ _____

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