

the Celtic way

with
Tsh & Kyle Oxenreider

an adventurous journey through

Ireland

July 15-25, 2023



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sláinte agus aoibhneas

(say "slaw-in-che ah-gus eve-ness")

This Celtic phrase means “health, body and soul!” and even though it's a phrase sometimes said with a drink in hand to give a hearty toast, its meaning goes deeper. Said together, these words convey a deep awareness of your physical and spiritual self working together in tandem. Yes, we're bodies, and yes, we're souls, and God gave us both for a reason — both matter. Travel reminds us of this truth: when we intentionally place our physical selves in a new-to-us spot on the globe, we allow God to speak to our souls in a way we may not hear at home in the familiar. Ireland invites you to hear from God, body and soul, by way of its green pastures, sacred spots, and time-worn traditions.

your guides:

KYLE & TSH OXENREIDER

Kyle and Tsh Oxenreider are explorers down to their bones, and ever since they met on a dirt road in war-torn Kosovo 20-plus years ago, travel has been in their family's DNA. They've lived in Kosovo and Turkey and traveled to well over thirty countries, and along the way they've learned a heckuva lot about *home*. Several years ago they took their three kids on a round-the-globe journey, spending a school year learning from the greatest textbook there is: the world.



Because of all this (not in spite of!), they love being home in their cozy small town north of Austin, Texas, where they spend their weekends renovating an old house and walking to coffee shops and the library. Kyle is a small business owner by day, podcast editor by night, and two mornings a week teaches woodworking to high schoolers.

Tsh is an experienced travel guide, high school literature teacher, and author of five books including *At Home in the World: Reflections on Belonging While Wandering the Globe*. She also writes for publications like *America Magazine*, *Public Discourse*, *Word on Fire*, and more. She is a long-time podcaster and currently co-hosts *A Drink With a Friend*, a show that explores what it means to see all of ordinary life through a sacramental lens.

Both of them are Catholic converts after spending most of their lives as devoted evangelicals, followed by Anglicans. They're beyond grateful for discovering where they belong after years of searching for where they could best find the presence of Jesus. There's little that gets them more encouraged than connecting ecumenically with brothers and sisters, wherever God has them, and sharing real-world experiences together.

Their favorite style of travel? Laid-back adventure. When you travel with them, you'll try new things and ask new questions about the world and your place in it, but not at the cost of unwise risk. We'll learn from locals, trod on old soil, and spend time each day unpacking what we've learned — often over a pint or a mug of something warm. We'd love you to join us.

itinerary

Saturday July 15 - Day 1: DEPART FOR DUBLIN, IRELAND

Depart Newark International Airport for an overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

(Add-on airfare from most major airports, as well as premium and business class upgrades, are available upon request.)

Sunday, July 16 - Day 2: WELCOME TO IRELAND! LAND OF SAINTS & SPIRITS

We arrive at Dublin airport, where we meet our local guide and then travel together via bus through the central plain of Ireland to the lovely town of Athlone for lunch. Our next stop is Kilbeggan Distillery, the oldest traditional Irish whiskey distillery in the world, dating back to 1757 and situated on the River Brosna. We learn the art of making authentic artisan Irish whiskey and sample a wee bit for ourselves. We then continue on to County Mayo for a well-deserved night of rest. *(meals included)*



Monday, July 17 - Day 3: LEISURE DAY IN WESTPORT or OUR LADY OF KNOCK



After enjoying a fantastic Irish breakfast at our hotel, our day is at leisure with two options. First, you might explore Westport, a lovely Georgian town with stone bridges, tree-lined promenades, and stories to tell. In the heart of the town you'll find Burrishoole Abbey and Rockfleet Castle, where you'll learn about Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen, as well as the famous Matt Malloy's (of The Chieftans) Pub, famous for its traditional Irish music. We're also able to partake in a scone-making class! Westport is easily explorable on foot, which means you'll also find plenty of shops, bakeries, pubs, and restaurants along the way.

Your other option for the day is Knock Ireland's National Marian Shrine. On August 21, 1879, Our Lady, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. Fifteen people, young and old, witnessed this apparition. Knock is an internationally recognized Marian Shrine, and the personal pilgrimage of Pope John Paul II inspired an even greater devotion and endorsed the indelible seal of Vatican approval. You'll explore Knock and celebrate private Mass at the Shrine. *(breakfast and dinner included with either option)*

Tuesday, July 18 - Day 4: CROAGH PATRICK HIKE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PATRICK



Following a delightful Irish breakfast, we drive to Croagh Patrick, the Holy Mountain which St. Patrick climbed and where he spent 40 days praying and fasting. We'll follow in his footsteps, hiking to the top of the mountain (bring good shoes!). Once there, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch packed by our hotel on the mountain's green slopes before heading back down. In the afternoon we'll head to Galway, the City of

Tribes and traditional music. Tonight we'll explore the town on our own, visit a pub or two for dinner, and meet some new friends. Overnight in Galway. *(breakfast and lunch included)*

Wednesday, July 19 - DAY 5: THE ARAN ISLANDS

We'll have a full-day trip to Inis Mor, the largest of the Aran Islands and famous for its sweaters. We'll hop on a ferry for island exploration, including a visit to the stone ruins of Dun Aonghasa Fort on the very western edge of Europe. Following lunch at the renowned Joe Watty's Pub, we'll have time to hike, pray, and wander through the beautiful landscape before returning to Galway. You're free for dinner this evening to enjoy a night of fun and music with friends. Overnight in Galway. *(breakfast and lunch included)*



Thursday, July 20 - DAY 6: FARM & CASTLE TRADITIONS

Our morning drive takes us through the beautiful Connemara region to Lough Na Fooney Lake for a farm visit and to meet the Joyce Country Sheepdogs, who keep a watchful eye on over 200 ewes. We'll wander through the Village of Cong (the setting for John Wayne's movie *The Quiet Man*) before making



our way to the historic Ashford Castle for their long-established tradition of Afternoon Tea. Wonderfully preserved since 1868, the tea includes finger sandwiches, homemade jam, and tasty pastries. It's the perfect way to spend a leisurely afternoon with kindred spirits. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Galway. *(breakfast, afternoon tea and dinner included)*

Friday, July 21 - DAY 7: MEET THE IRISH

The magnificent landscape of the Burren awaits us today. A local, Oliver Connell, welcomes us to his home for home-baked treats, poetry, storytelling, and, most importantly, live music in his family kitchen. Oliver's home is in the very heart of the Burren at Rockforest Tubber. We then visit the incredible famous Cliffs of Moher,



followed by an

Irish Coffee-

making demonstration and a lesson about the history of Irish coffee with an expert at the famous Durty Nellie's Pub — just the thing to warm us from the wind. We wrap up this full day at the Bunratty Medieval Dinner. Overnight in the area.

(breakfast and special dinner included)



Saturday, July 22 - DAY 8: CASTLES, KINGS, & SAINTS

We'll drive to see the magnificent Rock of Cashel, which was the seat of kings and bishops for 900 years and flourished until the early 17th century. After this we'll stop and celebrate



Mass at Glendalough, an ancient monastic site founded by St. Kevin. Famed for its beautiful scenery and historical monuments, Glendalough has been a center for pilgrims and visitors from the time of its founding by St. Kevin in the 6th Century. There are many legends about St. Kevin, and he's often likened as the Irish St. Francis

of Assisi. We'll learn about the history of the monastic community and the Golden Age of early Christian Ireland. We'll explore the site with a guided tour, which includes the Round Tower, the Cathedral's ruins, and "St. Kevin's Kitchen" surrounded by an old cemetery. Dinner and overnight in Dublin. *(breakfast and dinner included)*

Sunday, July 23 - DAY 9: THE FAIR CITY OF DUBLIN

After breakfast we'll drive to Mary's Pro-Cathedral for Mass, followed by a panoramic sightseeing tour of the storied city, including O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, Leinster House, and the famous Irish doors. Your afternoon will be at leisure — you may want to visit the Irish Emigration Museum to uncover the story of Irish emigrants and how they shaped the world, or perhaps the city's famous Trinity College. Dinner is at your leisure tonight for an opportunity to visit the Temple Bar area, known for its live music. Overnight in Dublin. *(breakfast included)*



Monday, July 24 - DAY 10: IRISH DRINK & DANCE

We'll celebrate Mass before heading to The Storehouse, originally built in 1904 to house the Guinness fermentation process. The tour takes us step by step through the brewing process, finishing at the Gravity Bar, where we'll taste a pint of Guinness while enjoying panoramic views over the city of



Dublin. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore the city on your own (do your best to stop at Brazen Head pub, the oldest in Dublin for another great Irish experience!). Our farewell dinner will be accompanied by music and dancing, an apropos way to end our pilgrimage together. Overnight in Dublin. *(breakfast and special dinner included)*

Tuesday, July 25 - DAY 11: SLÁN ABHAILE!

We'll have breakfast at the hotel, followed by a transfer to the airport where you'll clear customs before embarking on your flight home with your heart and soul full of lifelong memories. Slán Abhaile! *(breakfast included)*



COST

total trip:
\$4,595

land only: \$3,345

air: \$1,250*

solo traveler (add'l cost): \$895

**price based on a minimum 10-passenger group*

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than April 15, 2023

Final payment due May 23, 2023

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When not specified, beverages may be purchased at an additional price.

We recommend purchasing "cancel for any reason" insurance.

rates do not include:

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- Trip protection (optional yet highly recommended)
- 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 (please refer to the suggestions we'll make available)
- Church donations

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Your passport must be valid through January 25, 2024. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on payments by check.

Prices: \$3,345.00 land only (air not included); \$1,250 for group air; \$4,595.00 for land and air; additional \$895.00 solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself). For credit card payments add 4%.

Pilgrimage prices: Prices are based on minimum 20 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 20 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars. For European travel an exchange rate of US \$1.05 per Euro is assumed.

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

Land Only Option: Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

Tour Cancellation Policy: Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$350.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 90 days or more before departure. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. 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. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website.

Trip Cancellation Protection: We strongly encourage you to purchase a **Travel Protection Plan**, for the protection of your travel investment. Please consider purchasing this plan at the time of initial deposit in order to be covered for pre-existing conditions.

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Airline, seating and special requests: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we often utilize Group Air Reservations. These allow more predictable transfer and tour schedules.

However, when booking Group Air, the airline (not Select International Tours) controls seating assignments. If you require very specific seats, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options. You may communicate directly with the airline to request seating changes, provide mileage program information, or change passenger contact information once you receive ticket numbers—approximately three (3) weeks prior to departure. We work with instant purchase airline tickets and or group rates. If you switch from air and land to land only within 90 days from departure you will be charged a \$100 service fee in addition to any airline charges. 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 written request; as are add-ons from your hometown airport. If you require very specific airlines or schedules, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options.

Walking: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

Safety Procedures: Select International Tours has undertaken a reasonable inquiry, with all the suppliers (including airlines, hotels, bus companies and other service providers) used on our trips to ensure they have instigated the best available procedures regarding the pandemic- protective policies advised by local government and health authorities. The client understands and agrees that the supplier(s) may not apply those policies as diligently as the policies suggest. In addition even if the supplier makes a good faith effort to enforce its good practices, some travelers may simply refuse to cooperate. Therefore the client agrees not to hold Select International Tours or group leaders responsible should they or anyone on the trip contract COVID-19 or any other illness during or after the trip

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**Pilgrimage to Ireland
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Cell/Home Phone: _____ Contact Cell for Airline While Traveling _____

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

Name of Roommate(s): _____ If single: Match me with a roommate Solo (in room by myself)

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

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

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