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**Father O Connor
June 18 – June 27, 2025**

Day-by-day Itinerary

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
0	June 18	-	In-flight

Heading to the Emerald Isle

This evening you board your flight for an overnight transatlantic journey to Ireland. Your journey to the Emerald Isle awaits!

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
1	June 19	Trim City Hotel	Welcome Dinner

Arrive in Ireland

This morning, you will land at Dublin airport. Once you go through passport control, you will collect your bags and head out into the arrivals area where your very friendly Cara Group Travel representative will meet you. Your destination today is Trim City Hotel in Meath. Once you check into the hotel, you will meet with the rest of the group for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel restaurant.



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2	June 20	The Westport Coast	Breakfast & Dinner

Knock/Westport



This morning, after a leisurely breakfast, you'll begin your scenic drive to **Westport**, with a peaceful stop at **Knock Shrine** along the way. Known for its 1879 apparition of the *Virgin Mary*, the Shrine is one of Ireland's most significant pilgrimage sites. Here, you'll have time to explore the beautiful *Basilica*, the *Chapel of Reconciliation*, and the *Knock Museum*, all set in tranquil surroundings perfect for a moment of reflection. After your visit, continue your journey

to **Westport**, where you'll check into your hotel. Settle into your room, relax, and enjoy a delightful dinner at the hotel this evening.

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3	June 21	The Westport Coast	Breakfast

Achill Island

The following morning, after a hearty breakfast at your hotel in **Westport**, you'll embark on a scenic day trip to **Achill Island**. Known for its rugged beauty, stunning cliffs, and untouched landscapes, Achill Island offers a truly remarkable experience. After a day of exploration, return to *Westport* where you'll have the evening free to discover the town's vibrant dining scene.



Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
4	June 22	Renvyle House	Breakfast & Dinner

Westport House/Connemara



After a leisurely breakfast, you check out of the hotel and board the coach to visit **Westport House**, a stunning 18th-century mansion set in beautiful gardens. Explore the elegant rooms, filled with history and antiques, and enjoy a peaceful stroll by the lake. Afterward, continue your journey to **Renvyle House** in Connemara, where you'll check in and unwind in this charming, scenic retreat. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the hotel, featuring locally sourced ingredients, before a restful evening in this tranquil setting.

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5	June 23	Renvyle House	Breakfast & Dinner

Sky Road Drive & Connemara and Clifden Day Tour



Today after breakfast, you'll embark on a scenic **Clifden and Connemara Tour**, where you'll explore the wild beauty of this rugged region. Visit charming **Clifden**, known as the capital of Connemara, and take in its stunning surroundings, including the **Sky Road**. This scenic route offers breathtaking views of the coastline, mountains, and the *Atlantic Ocean*. After your tour, return to **Renvyle House** to

relax and enjoy a delicious dinner at the hotel.

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
6	June 24	Lakeside Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner

Galway City

After breakfast and check-out, you'll begin your journey to **Killaloe**, with a stop in **Galway City** along the way. Explore Galway's charming streets, filled with vibrant shops, historic sites, and lively pubs. After soaking in the atmosphere of this lively city, continue your drive to **Killaloe**, a picturesque town nestled on the shores of *Lough Derg*. Upon arrival, you will check in to the hotel and unwind, enjoying a delicious dinner at the hotel.



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7	June 25	Lakeside Hotel	Breakfast

Visit to Cliffs of Moher and Caherconnell Sheepdogs & Fort



After breakfast at your hotel, you'll set off for one of Ireland's most iconic landmarks, the **Cliffs of Moher**. Marvel at the cliffs rising over 700 feet above the *Atlantic Ocean*, offering breathtaking panoramic views. Afterward, head to **Caherconnell Stone Fort**, a beautifully preserved ancient fort dating back to the Iron Age. Experience the captivating *sheepdog demonstration*, as collies showcase their skills against the backdrop of the 1,000-year-old fort. Take a guided tour to learn about its fascinating history and the surrounding landscape, before experiencing the peaceful surroundings of the **Burren**. After your exploration, you will return to your hotel in **Killaloe**, where the evening is free for you to enjoy dinner at your leisure at one of the town's local restaurants or pubs.

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
8	June 26	Trinity City	Breakfast & Dinner

Father O'Connor Mass and Lunch

This morning, after your breakfast and hotel check-out, you'll travel to the hometown of your trip leader, **Father David O'Connor**. Here you'll attend a special **Mass** at his hometown church, followed by a **delicious lunch** in the area. Afterward, continue on to **Dublin**, where you'll check in to your hotel. Enjoy a relaxing dinner at the hotel, with time to unwind before your flight the next morning.



Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
9	June 27	USA	In-Flight

Homeward Bound

Pack your bags as we head for **Dublin Airport**, where we will board our flight home. Carry on your photos and memories and bring a bit of the Emerald Isle home with you. **'The Land of One Hundred Thousand Welcomes'** will be expecting you again!