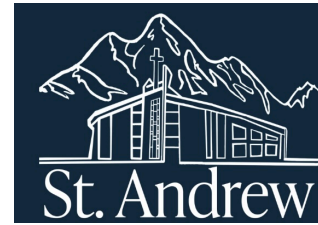




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## **Journeys to Justice: Ireland 2024** **August 14 - 22, 2024**

### **Itinerary**

#### **Day 0: Travel from Denver, CO - Wednesday, August 14**

*Afternoon/evening departure from Denver, CO, arriving in Dublin, Ireland in late morning/early afternoon.*

*Overnight: in flight*

#### **Day 1-2: Arrival & Belfast: Thursday - Friday, August 15-16**

*[One guide for one day; Two guides for one day, Transportation]*

Arrive in Dublin and transfer to Belfast. Spend the afternoon and the following day exploring Belfast highlights, history of conflict, and examples of reconciliation:

- **Titanic Belfast Museum**, exploring the shipwards and maritime industry that shaped the city; recall the influence of a growing suffragette movement in the UK and US
- **Barriers and Walls** that still divide post-conflict Belfast, including interpreting the Peace Wall graffiti and its meanings.
- **Good Friday Agreement** conversation about models for peacemaking and justice
- **Queens University** in Belfast for reflection on the Art of the Troubles

*Overnights: Hotel/guesthouse near Belfast*  
*[Breakfasts and one dinner included]*

#### **Day 3: Pilgrimage Downpatrick: Saturday, August 17**

*[One guide; Transportation]*

- **St. Patrick's Way** half day pilgrimage trail walk in Downpatrick, where the former slave built his first church in Ireland

- **Skainos Village** urban regeneration project and vision for a shared future
- **CS Lewis Square**, exploring the influences and legacy of a writer

*Overnight: Hotel/guesthouse near Belfast  
[Breakfast, lunch and dinner included]*

#### **Day 4: Corrymeela & Causeway: Sunday, August 18** *[No guide, Transportation]*

Workshop with the Corrymeela community in the morning\*, followed by self-guided visits to: Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge; Dunluce Castle; Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Distillery *(there may only be time for 2 of the 3 activities, depending on scheduling)*.

*\*If Corrymeela community is not available to host, Sunday morning worship will be scheduled with an historic congregation in the vicinity of Belfast.*

*Overnight: Hotel/guesthouse in Derry/Londonderry  
[Breakfast included]*

#### **Day 5: Derry/Londonderry: Monday, August 19** *[Two guides, transportation]*

Begin the day at the **Derry Walls**, exploring their complex history from different perspectives. Visit the **Siege Museum**, which features exhibits covering the Siege of Derry and the associated clubs of the Apprentice Boys of Derry. Continue to the **Museum of Free Derry** and stop at **Free Derry Corner and Bloody Sunday Memorial** to explore the messages and continued significance of its **murals**. Close the day with facilitated reflection on paths to reconciliation.

*Overnight: Hotel/guesthouse in Derry/Londonderry  
[Breakfast included]*

#### **Day 6: Road to Dublin: Tuesday, August 20** *[No guide, Transportation]*

Transfer to Dublin, making additional stops of spiritual significance at an abbey or monastery en route. Enjoy an evening at leisure upon arriving in Dublin.

*Overnight: Hotel/guesthouse in Dublin  
[Breakfast included]*

### **Day 7: The Republic: Wednesday, August 21**

*[One guide, Transportation]*

A tour recalling “Easter Rising” explores the armed insurrection of 1916 that gave rise to a state and continues to loom large in Irish collective memory. Later, visit Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the Gospels (*the campus visit may be led by students*). Gain further insight into Irish history at the **Kilmainham Gaol Museum** before heading to the **Glasnevin Cemetery** to hear stories of foundational figures in modern history. Enjoy a group dinner to wrap up your visit in Northern Ireland and Ireland.

*Overnight: Hotel/guesthouse in Dublin*

*[Breakfast and dinner included]*

### **Day 8: Departure: Thursday, August 22**

*[No guide or transportation]*

Transfer to the airport for your departing flights.

*Overnight: N/A*

*[Breakfast included]*

*Ask about possible extension including additional pilgrimage visits south of Dublin and/or around Galway and Connemara.*