



*Glendalough, Ireland*

## ***Irish Eyes Are Smiling***

*Featuring Bunratty, Killarney,  
The Ring of Kerry, Blarney,  
Waterford, Glendalough & Dublin*

**Ohio Dominican University  
Alumni Group**

**Sept. 30 – Oct. 9, 2014**



*Blarney Castle*

### **Tuesday, Sept. 30**

### **Departure**

Meet your group at the Columbus Airport and depart on an **overnight trans-Atlantic flight to Shannon, Ireland.**

### **Wednesday, Oct. 1** **Bunratty & Medieval Banquet**

Arrive in Shannon, clear customs, claim your luggage and board your **motorcoach** for transfer to Bunratty. Check in to your hotel and have some time to rest and get settled. Later this evening, attend a **15th-century medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle** – a hearty four-course medieval feast complete with traditional entertainment, courtesy of your medieval servers! **Overnight in Bunratty.**

### **Thursday, Oct. 2**

### **Adare & Killarney**

After **breakfast**, check out of your hotel and transfer to Killarney. En route, **stop in the town of Adare, widely regarded as being Ireland's prettiest and most picturesque village.** Have some time to get lunch and explore the village, where world famous, ornate, thatched-roof cottages line the village's broad main street, punctuated with beautiful stone buildings, medieval monasteries and ruins. Continue on to the Killarney area and check in to your hotel. Have some time to rest, get settled and explore the area surrounding your hotel before **dinner with your group.** **Overnight in the Killarney/Dingle area.**

### **Friday, Oct. 3** **Killarney & Kate Kearney's Cottage**

After **breakfast**, depart on a **guided tour of Killarney and its surroundings**, featuring the Lakes of Killarney, Killarney National Park, Muckross Abbey, Torc Waterfall and Aghadoe and Innisfallen Island, the site of a ruined monastery. Your tour will also include a **visit to Ross Castle** – the ancestral home of the O'Donoghue clan, built in the late 1400s. Your afternoon is free time for individual sightseeing and shopping in Killarney. This evening, travel outside of the city to the Gap of Dunloe to **Kate Kearney's Cottage for dinner and traditional Irish entertainment** with popular songs and dances! **Overnight in the Killarney/Dingle area.**

### **Saturday, Oct. 4**

### **Ring of Kerry Tour**

After **breakfast**, depart on a **full day of guided sightseeing around the Ring of Kerry**, Ireland's most popular tourist route that features breathtaking mountain and coastal views, passing through Kenmare, Sneem,

### **Saturday, Oct. 4**

### **Continued**

Waterville, Cahersiveen and Killorglin. En route, stop to **visit a local Shepard and enjoy an interesting and entertaining sheepdog demonstration!** **Dinner and overnight with your group in Killarney/Dingle area.**

### **Sunday, Oct. 5**

### **Blarney Sightseeing**

After **breakfast**, check out and transfer to the picturesque village of Blarney for a **visit to Blarney Castle** where you will have the opportunity to kiss the famous **Blarney Stone!** Enjoy shopping at Blarney Woolen Mills before transferring to the town of Cobh for a **Titanic Walking Tour.** The famous liner made its last stop in Cobh. Have some free time this afternoon for individual sightseeing, shopping, and dinner on your own. **Overnight in Cobh.**

### **Monday, Oct. 6**

### **Waterford & Glendalough**

After **breakfast**, check out and transfer **the Waterford Glass Factory**, where master craftsman create the hand blown and hand cut world-famous Waterford Crystal. Have some time to shop and get lunch before continuing on to the beautiful town of Glendalough to **visit the ruins of a 6<sup>th</sup> century monastic settlement** in the Wicklow Mountains. Check into your Dublin hotel, and then drive to Rathfarnham this evening **for dinner and a lively Irish music show at Taylor's Three Rock.** **Overnight in Dublin.**

### **Tuesday, Oct. 7**

### **Dublin Tour & Trinity College**

After **breakfast**, depart on a **guided orientation tour of Dublin** featuring Dublin Castle, Merrion Square, the Four Courts, St. Stephen's Green, O'Connell Street and **visits to St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christ Church Cathedral.** Have some free time to shop and get lunch on Grafton Street, then enjoy a **visit to Trinity College to see the 9<sup>th</sup> century Book of Kells**, considered to be one of the greatest masterpieces of early Christian art. Dinner is on your own this evening. **Overnight in Dublin.**

### **Wednesday, Oct. 8**

### **Free Day & Farewell Dinner**

Enjoy a free day in Dublin to spend at your leisure. This evening, enjoy a **traditional dinner and rousing Irish music at the Abbey Tavern.** **Final overnight in Dublin.**

### **Thursday, Oct. 9**

### **Return**

Transfer to the Dublin Airport and depart on your return **trans-Atlantic flight and connecting flight** to Columbus.