



**Day 3:** Tuesday, June 2

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*The Rooms at Firecastle, Kildare*

Today we'll travel to Kildare, where Saint Brigid is buried. We will have a very special **Introduction to Celtic spirituality** with local expert Mary Meighan (if available).

We'll visit the **Flame of Saint Brigid** who was believed to have been a Druidic priestess who converted to Christianity. People who visit her holy well tell stories of divine inspiration and miraculous healings.



**Day 4:** Wednesday, June 3

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*Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast*



We'll depart early morning for the **Hill of Tara**. It is one of the most venerated sites in early Ireland. Legends state Tara is considered where ancient books are stored in the Etheric plane. It is even suggested one of the Emerald Tablets is buried on the grounds of Tara!

Once the ancient seat of power in Ireland where 142 kings are said to have reigned. In ancient Irish religion and mythology Tara was the sacred place of dwelling for the gods, and was the entrance to the otherworld. Saint Patrick is said to have come to Tara to confront the ancient religion of the pagans at its most powerful site.

Afterwards, we'll go **Newgrange** (pending approval by Newgrange). Newgrange is a prehistoric monument and is around 3200 BCE, making it older than Stonehenge and the Egyptian pyramids! This Neolithic passage tomb is aligned with the rising sun at the Winter Solstice. It's a place of spiritual, astrological and ceremonial importance.



**Day 5:** Thursday, June 4

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*Bayview Hotel, Bushmills*

We'll explore **Dunluce Castle** dating to the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century, one of the most picturesque and romantic castles. For those who watched "Game of Thrones" it served as the House of Greyjoy. Below the castle is a massive cave, named Mermaid's Cave.



We'll drive through the beautiful Irish countryside north to walk the **Giants Causeway**, known as the 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World. The causeway is a cluster of over 40,000 black basalt stone columns formed 6 million years ago with a beautiful legend attached.

**Day 6:** Friday, June 5

B, D *Radisson Blu Hotel and Spa, Sligo*

Then we'll drive through Ireland's bonnie countryside to **Sligo** where we'll enjoy our hotel. Time to write in your journal, or relax at the Spa (optional). They offer a Crystal Steam Room, Ice Fountain, Herb Sauna, Luxurious foot massage and more.



**Day 7:** Saturday, June 6

B, D *Hardiman Hotel, Galway*



Patricia will facilitate a group past life regression before departing for **Galway** where we'll enjoy an afternoon and evening exploring this wonderful, whimsical town located on Ireland's west coast.

**Day 8:** Sunday, June 7

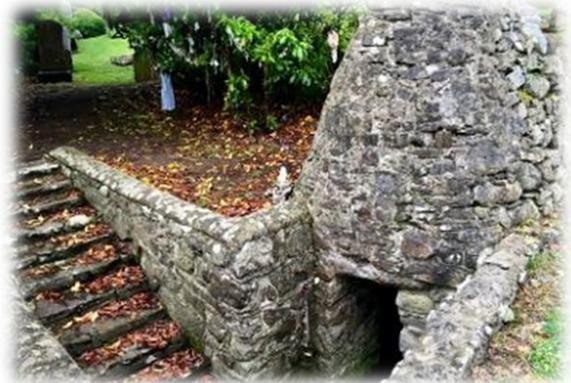
B, D *Strand Hotel, Limerick*

Today we depart Galway for **Poulnabrone Dolmen** which stands taller than a man and dates back between 2600-3800 BC. Buried beneath the dolmen are the remains of 22 people and looks like a door to another world.



We'll then visit the spectacularly beautiful **Cliffs of Moher**. You might recognize them from the movies *Harry Potter* or *the Princess Bride*.

Ireland is said to have 15 holy wells dedicated to Saint Brigid. Located in a grotto that serves as a gateway to an ancient cemetery of several mythical kings. **Saint Brigid's Well** is one of the oldest wells and legends say it has healing powers. We'll stop here on our way to Limerick.



**Day 9:** Monday, June 8

B, D *Montenotte Hotel, Cork*



Our morning begins at **Grange Stone Circle**, captivating and steeped in mythology and spirituality. The Grange circle itself is named after the sun goddess Grainne. It is the second largest in Ireland which has more upright standing stones than anywhere in the British Isles.

**Blarney Castle** has the only **poison garden** in Ireland and of course you can kiss the Blarney Stone if you choose! If you do, you're guaranteed to have the gift of gab- the ability to speak eloquently and fluently.



At the **Blarney Castle** we will experience its ancient Druid heritage and visit the **Wishing Steps** where it's said if you walk down backward with your eyes closed your wish will come true within the year.

Also at Blarney Castle is the **Rock Close**, a mystical site where you can get a feeling of magic as you explore it. It said to be on the site of an **ancient Druidic settlement**. We'll see the altar of the Druids and stand in their ancient circle.



**Day 10:** Tuesday, June 9

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*Glendalough Hotel, Glendalough*

Today we will see **Kindred Spirits**, a tribute to the Choctaw Indians who gave the Irish money during the potato famine.

This beautiful sculpture was built by the Irish people to honor the American Choctaw Indians as they were grateful when the Choctaw people sent money to Ireland in 1847 when they learned they were starving due to the potato famine. The Choctaw themselves were living in hardship and poverty having recently endured the Trail of Tears. The shape of the feather is intended to represent a bowl of food.

More recently, the Irish people sent money to the Choctaw during the pandemic.



We will then overnight in **Glendalough**, a Celtic spiritual site nestled in the Wicklow Mountains where we will stay in this beautiful, peaceful setting. This is indeed sacred ground. Many report feelings of joy, peace and love here.

Glendalough is a Celtic spiritual site rich with natural beauty that oozes peace. A place of awareness. Saint Kevin founded a monastic community here and it flourished into the 13<sup>th</sup> century becoming a center for learning. It's one of the most spiritual places you can experience and most certainly a "thin" place. We will have the afternoon and evening here to explore and enjoy the energy of this beautiful sacred site.

**Day 11:** Wednesday, June 10

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*Dublin airport hotel*

We'll enjoy Glendalough before the tourists arrive and then experience another **group past life regression**, and have our beautiful **Closing**. We'll witness the beauty of the **Wicklow Mountains** as we end our beautiful Irish journey.



**Day 12:** Thursday, June 11

**Departures**

Thank you for your flexibility. I may need to move our schedule around as needed, but know it is to enhance your experience. I may also need to change hotels, but it will be of the same high quality.

*Although our Sacred Ireland Journey is over, may you always carry it in your heart.*

*With love, Patti*

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