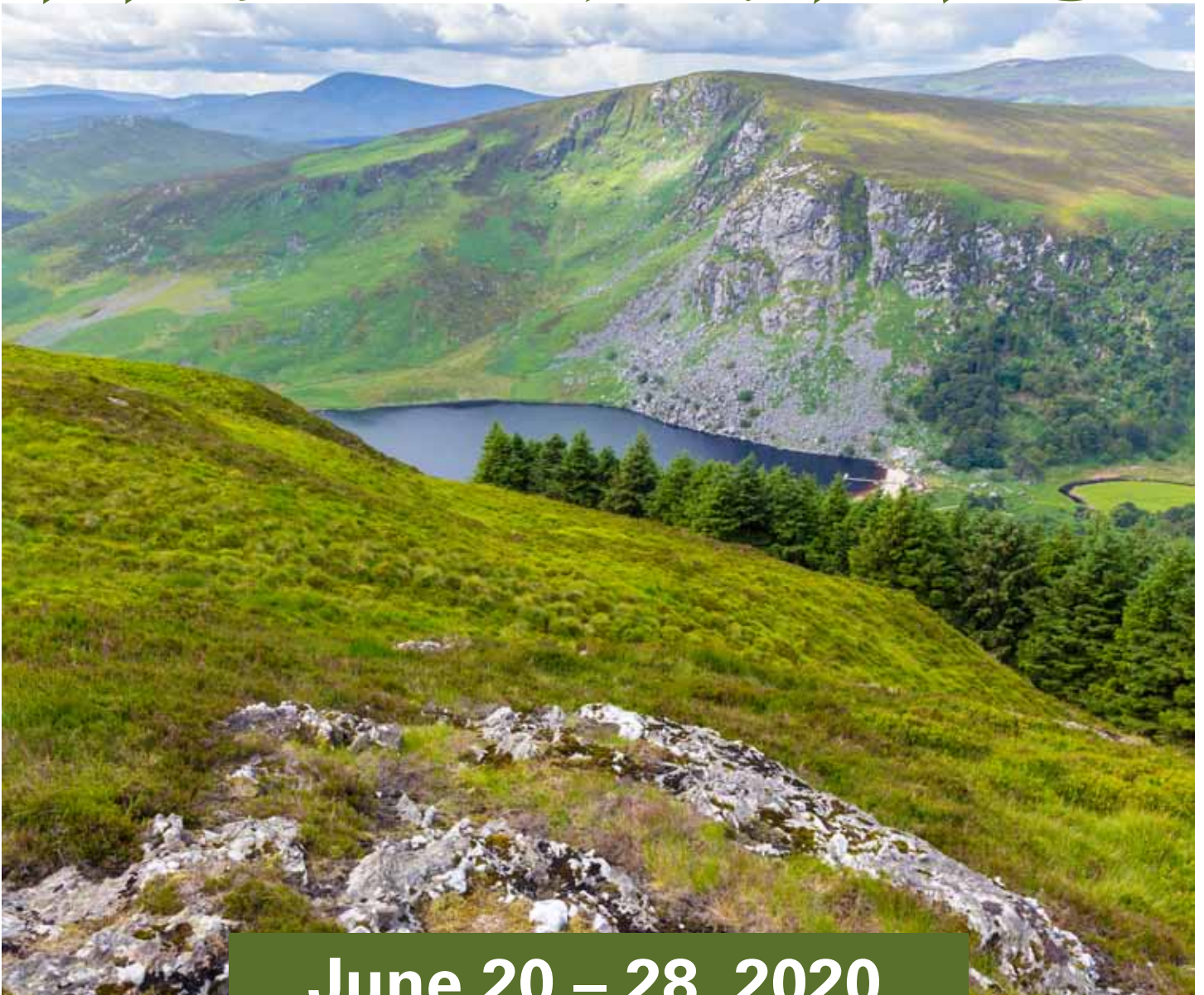




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SAT, JUNE 20

Depart, Chicago

Today is the day! We will meet at the Chicago O'Hare Airport for our overnight flights to Ireland. (D=in-flight)

SUN, 21

Arrive, Dublin > Newgrange > Castlewellsan > Belfast

Welcome to Ireland. Upon arrival, we will collect our luggage and meet our tour manager. We'll board the waiting motorcoach and, pending ticket availability, visit the Newgrange Tomb. We will have time to explore the prehistoric monument before continuing to Castlewellsan, where we will visit Forest Park and the Peace Maze. There will also be time for an independent lunch along the way. This evening we will arrive in Belfast, check into our hotel and enjoy dinner together as a group. (B=breakfast,D=dinner)

MON, 22

Belfast

This morning we will eat breakfast at the hotel before spending the day in Belfast. We will take a tour of the city as well as visit "Titanic Belfast," where we'll learn the story of the *RMS Titanic*—from its conception to its maiden (and only) voyage. This afternoon, enjoy time for independent exploration to enjoy the local restaurants, sites, and shopping. This evening, we will regather for dinner as a group. (B,D)

TUES, 23

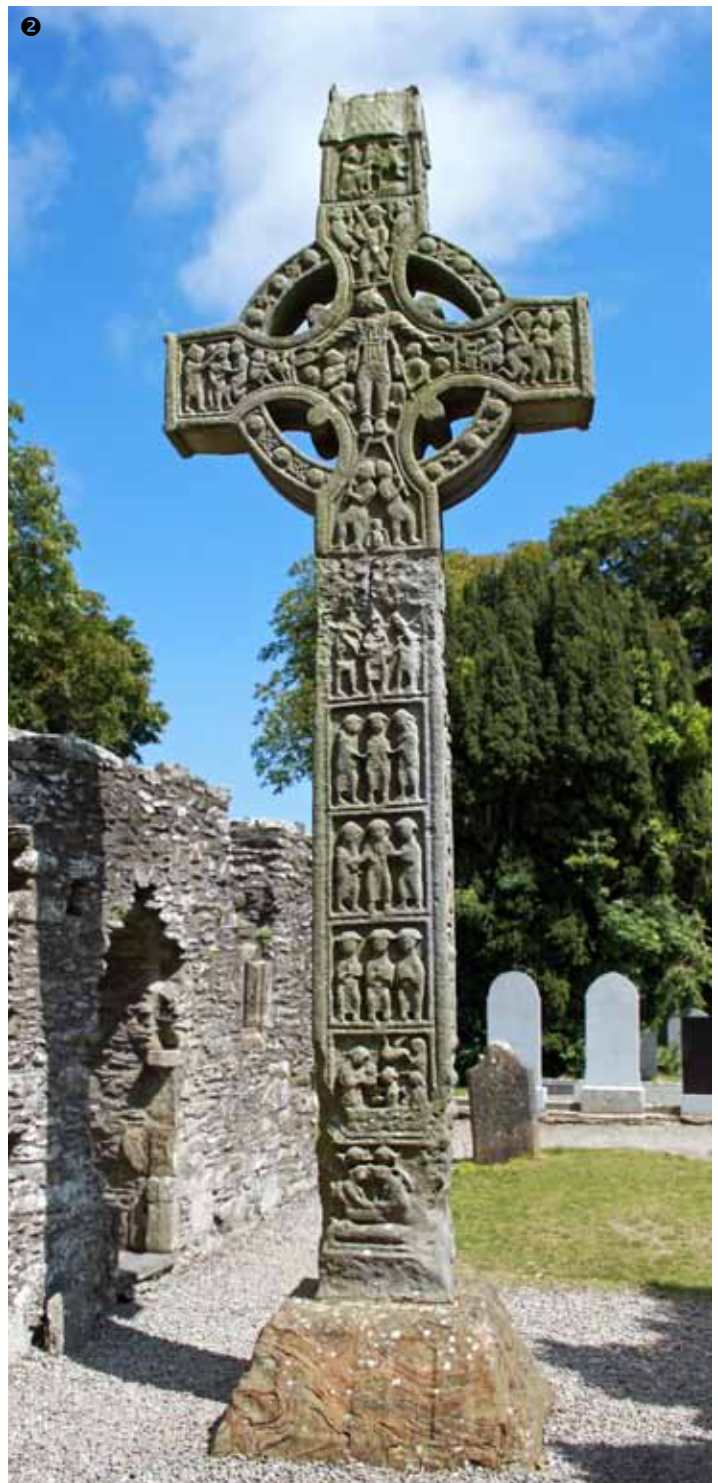
Belfast > Greyabbey > Mount Stewart > Belfast

Our first excursion this morning will be to Greyabbey. This classic example of Anglo-Norman Cistercian architecture consists of the church with the cloister and surrounding buildings. We'll take time to visit the abbey church and gardens before continuing to Mount Stewart. The Mount Stewart home and garden, which the National Trust claims to be one of the most unusual gardens in their ownership, reflects a rich tapestry of design and great planting artistry as well as the charm and elegance of all who have lived there. After these visits, we'll head back to Belfast for free time and dinner as a group. (B,D)

WED, 24

Belfast > Giant's Causeway > Dunluce > Bushmills > Belfast

After breakfast this morning, we'll head to the Northern Coast of Ireland for a visit to Giant's Causeway. Although Giant's Causeway is a result of a volcanic fissure, legend has it that the giants used these stepping stones to reach Scotland. There will be time to enjoy and explore this natural phenomenon before continuing to Dunluce and the Dunluce Castle. Following our time at the castle, we'll continue to Bushmills for time to explore or take a tour of the famous Bushmills Distillery. We'll return to Belfast for our last night in the city. Dinner will be as a group. (B,D)



THURS, 25

Belfast > Armagh > Monasterboice > Wicklow

Today we will depart Belfast and head back south toward Dublin. Our first stop will be in Armagh, known as the City of Saints and Scholars. We'll take a tour of the city, making sure to stop at St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral as well as the Roman Catholic Cathedral,

also dedicated to St. Patrick. From here we'll cross back into Ireland to visit the historic ruins of Monasterboice. We will have time to visit the old graveyard, the two churches, and the most well-known monument—the spectacular High Cross. We'll end the day in Wicklow, checking into our hotel and enjoying dinner as a group. (B,D)

① Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland

② West Highcross at Monasterboice, Ireland

③ Dunluce Castle, Northern Ireland

Cover: Wicklow Mountains, Ireland



FRI, 26

Wicklow > Glendalough > Wicklow

We'll have breakfast at the hotel this morning before heading to Glendalough. Known as one of Ireland's most beautiful visitors' destinations, we'll visit the Monastic City, where we will visit many of the churches as well as the round tower. After plenty of time to enjoy the sights, we'll transfer back to Wicklow for an afternoon at leisure to enjoy the hotel and surrounding area. Dinner tonight will be enjoyed as a group. (B,D)

SAT, 27

Wicklow > Dublin > Wicklow

Our last day in Ireland will be dedicated to the city of Dublin. Our tour will include sites such as Trinity College and the *Book of Kells* as well as St. Patrick's Cathedral. We'll also have time for a visit to Halfpenny Bridge, the Guinness Brewery and the Custom House. The rest of the day will be at leisure to make any last-minute visits or do last-minute shopping. Our farewell dinner tonight will be enjoyed as a group. (B,D)

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SUN, 28
Return

This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel before heading to the airport for our flights home. We hope you enjoyed your tour. (B)

- ① Custom House, Dublin
- ② Glendalough