

Lisieux, Saint-Malo & Mont Saint-Michel



SAINT COLUMBANUS
INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON JUNE 30th
JUNE 25TH – JULY 1ST

Tour organizers: Cultural Connections Ltd, T.A. 0776

7-DAY TRIP TO NORTHERN FRANCE

Attending the St Columbanus International Meeting on June 30th 2018

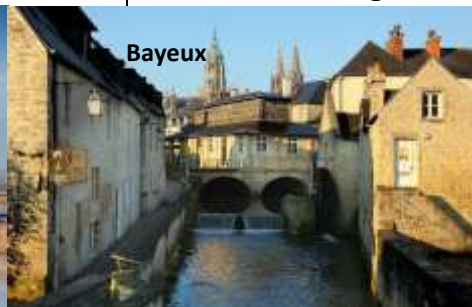
JUNE 25TH – JULY 1ST, 2018 **€895 p.p.s.**

- Outbound Belfast to Paris, return to Dublin
- Staying 3 nights in Lisieux on HB basis
- Staying 3 nights in Saint-Malo on HB basis
- All breakfasts and dinners included
- Attend the St Columbanus Int. Meeting
- Visit the places associated with St Therese
- Day trips include:
 - Mont Saint-Michel
 - Dinard
 - Saint-Malo, and more
- All coaching and tours included

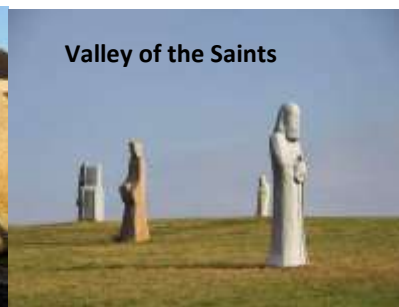
Mont Saint-Michel



Bayeux



Valley of the Saints



Basilica of St Therese, Lisieux



Saint-Malo



Dinard



Plage de Guesclin



7-day Trip to Northern France

June 25th – July 1st, 2018

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF 895 EURO p.p.s.

- Return flights (Belfast-Paris and Nantes-Dublin)
- 3 nights in Lisieux
- 3 nights in Saint-Malo
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Coaching for all excursions on the itinerary
- Trips to places associated with St Therese of Lisieux, Saint-Malo, Mont Saint-Michel, Dinard.
- All taxes (governmental and local)

EXTRA COSTS

- Single room supplement of €40 per night
- Checked luggage: 15kg at 40 euro and 20kg at 50 euro (Aer Lingus luggage fees may vary)

BOOKING CONTACT:

Cultural Connections Ltd.

Tel: 00353 57 93 55050

Email: info@culturalconnections.eu

1. Fill out your booking form having read the Terms & Conditions
2. Send a deposit of €300 per person (cheques made out to CULTURAL CONNECTIONS LTD.) and booking form to: Cultural Connections Ltd, Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly (deposits of £280 will be accepted, with the balance calculated in euro)

We can accept card payments over the phone.

Cards from Northern Ireland incur a 2% charge

DAY 1: Monday – ARRIVAL AND TRANSFER TO LISIEUX

Our flight departs Belfast International Airport for Paris with Easyjet at 2pm. Transfer to three star Grand Hotel de l'Esperance (or similar) in Lisieux (nearly three hours' drive). We will be staying here for three nights on a half-board basis. Check in and dinner.

Day 2: Tuesday – LISIEUX, ST THERESE

Breakfast at 8.30am. Gather at hotel entrance. Visit the Carmelite convent where the "Little Flower" spent her life as a nun. Venerate her tomb in the Basilica and celebration of Mass. Free time for lunch. Mid-afternoon visit to her childhood home at Les Buissonnets. Here we will be able to view some of her clothing and personal objects. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 3: Wednesday – BAYEUX, OMAHA BEACH

After breakfast we will take the coach to Bayeux. Mass in the neo-gothic Bayeux Cathedral, original home of the famous tapestry. View the tapestry (depicting events leading up to the Norman conquest of England) in the town museum. Free time for lunch. Continue to Omaha beach on the Normandy coast. This was one of the beaches used by the Allies on D-Day. Return to Lisieux in the late afternoon. Free time to revisit the Basilica of the Little Flower. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 4: Thursday – MONT SAINT-MICHEL, SAINT-MALO

After breakfast check out and transfer to Mont Saint-Michel. This island (accessible by bridge) has an important sanctuary dedicated to St Michael the Archangel. The 8th century monastery is a UNESCO world heritage site. Mass in the Abbey church. Tour of the principal monuments on the island. Free time for lunch. Continue to Hotel Kyriad Prestige in Saint-Malo, where we will stay three nights on a half board basis. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Friday – SAINT-MALO, DINARD

After breakfast, visit the centre of historic Saint-Malo. This walled city is the most visited place in Brittany. Mass in the medieval Cathedral, a national monument which contains the tomb of Jean de Châtillon, first bishop of the city. Free time for lunch. Afternoon visit to Dinard (45 minutes' drive), a popular seaside resort with beautiful villas and cafes. Return to Saint-Malo in the late afternoon. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 6: Saturday – ST COLUMBAN'S DAY EVENTS IN SAINT-COULOMB

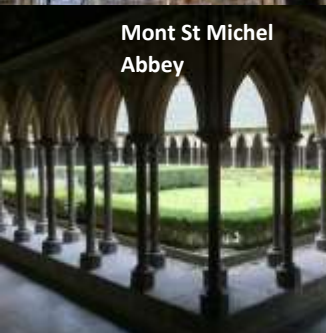
Today's programme will follow the St Columban's day events in Saint-Coulomb, the place where the Irish saint and his companions landed on the continent at the beginning of their epic missionary journey. More details to follow. The events will include lunch and dinner with other participants in the gathering. We will also visit the nearby Valley of the Saints which features almost 100 enormous statues of the Saints of Brittany, including St Columbanus.

Day 7: Sunday – RETURN FROM NANTES TO DUBLIN

Relaxed morning in Saint-Malo. Check out at 11.30 am and transfer to Nantes Airport (two hours' drive) for our 4pm Aer Lingus flight to Dublin.



Apse of Basilica of St Therese



Mont St Michel Abbey



Bayeux



Dinard



Church of Saint-Coulomb