



Botanizing Ireland's Burren

May 4-7, 2021

PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Thanks for your interest in joining the NARGS-sponsored tour of Ireland's Burren. The tour is immediately prior to the [Scottish Rock Garden Club's \(SRGC\) International Rock Garden Conference](#) in Perth, Scotland that starts on May 8. The tour itinerary is presented in a separate PDF file posted on the NARGS website. The tour is designed for a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 20.

You need to be a NARGS member to pre-register. If you need to renew your membership or to join the society, please do so via the NARGS website (www.nargs.org) or contact Bobby Ward at nargs@nc.rr.com if you have questions or need help. The annual NARGS membership fee is \$40 (all dollar references are in USD) if you reside in North America or \$45 if overseas. Your membership must be up to date before we can complete your registration.

To minimize the impact of banking fees and uncertainties in foreign exchange rates, the tour cost has been priced based in euro (the currency of Ireland). The cost for the tour is 750€ per person based on double occupancy room and 857€ for a single occupancy room. Based on a Euro-to-US dollar (USD) exchange rate of 1.12, these prices equate to \$840 per person based on double occupancy and \$960 for single occupancy. These prices include all tour guide and admission fees, transportation, 3 nights of lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and a welcome dinner on the evening of May 4. Arrangements for dinner on the other two nights will be made at local restaurants, but meal selection and payment will be the responsibility of each participant. Single participants may be asked to share room if necessary for all participants to stay at the same location. The tour price does not include transportation (e.g., international flights) prior to and after the tour.

A deposit of 25% of the tour cost is payable to NARGS at the time of pre-registration. To minimize currency exchange fees, the deposit will be paid in USD: \$210 based on double occupancy and \$240 for single occupancy. If the number of tour registrations is less than the minimum of 10 persons, NARGS will notify all registrants of the additional costs associated with conducting the tour with a smaller group. If any registrants chose to cancel the tour due to the additional costs, their deposits will be refunded in full.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration requests will be processed electronically via Google Forms. [Use this link to access the form.](#) If you have problems or questions related to the form, send an email to nargstours@gmail.com. Registration confirmation and final payment instructions will be sent via email unless you request otherwise

INFORMATION RELATED TO PAYMENT, CANCELLATION, AND INSURANCE

Pre-Registration Payments

The preferred payment method for pre-registration is through the PayPal link on the NARGS website (www.nargs.org). After logging onto the website, click on “\$ Donate” in the left column of the homepage. Then scroll down to the bottom of the next page and in the box labeled “In Memory of” type in *Burren Tour* and select *Educational trips* from the “Program” picklist. Fill in the pre-registration deposit amount in USD, then “Add to cart” and then “Check out.” On the next page, fill in customer and billing information, and chose the “Payment method” of either check or PayPal (even if you do not have a PayPal account). If you choose PayPal, you will be routed to the PayPal website where you can pay via either a PayPal account (if you have one) or select *Pay with Debit or Credit Card*. If you prefer to pay by check, make it payable to NARGS, list *Burren Tour* on the memo line of the check, and mail it to NARGS, POB 18604, Raleigh, NC 27619-8604. Check must be denominated in USD.

Final Payments

Final payment is due by December 31, 2020. The preferred method for final payment is by check denominated in USD. NARGS will send an invoice in November 2020 indicating the amount due based on the USD to Euro exchange rate at that time.

Cancellation

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to NARGS by the person making the reservation. Cancellations requests received by December 31, 2020 will be subject to a \$100 per person cancellation fee. Cancellations received after December 31, 2020 will be subject to a fee of 50% of the tour price if the request is received by March 31, 2021 and 100% if the request is after March 31, 2021. Fees for cancellations after December 31, 2020 will be reduced by \$250 if the cancelled spot is filled by another person.

Insurance and Liability

Each registrant is urged to obtain private insurance to cover any costs associated with cancellations, baggage loss, travel interruptions, or medical expenses. Participants will be required to sign a waiver that releases and holds NARGS harmless from any losses, liability, or claims associated with their participation in NARGS tours.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please send an email to nargstours@gmail.com.