

Long Beach High School Concert Choir

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American Celebration of Music in

Ireland

An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles



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The Republic of Ireland consists of over 80% of the “Emerald Isle”. This lush green island is full of thatched cottages, pubs, music, wit and poetry. The relaxed good humor of the people make Ireland a most welcoming place to visit and perform.

Ireland has seen more than its share of wars and disasters, culminating in the Great Famine of 1845-8. Since then, emigration has been part of the Irish way of life. In fact, more people of Irish descent live in the United States than in Ireland itself! This is certainly one reason that so many American groups are interested in visiting this country.

This is the homeland of literary giants such as James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, Jonathan Swift and Oscar Wilde. Music-wise, who has not heard the unmistakable lilt of an Irish tenor?

Ireland is the only country in the world to have a musical instrument – the harp – as its national emblem. In this land, famous for its love of music, modern forms such as country & western and rock flourish, but it is the traditional music that captures the essence of the country.

The American Celebration of Music is a special annual performance-tour program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert-series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues,

official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.

Whether you are listening to Gaelic love songs that date back to medieval times or 17th – and 18th-century folk songs with their English and Scottish influences, the music is unmistakably Irish. And dance is an equally important aspect of Irish culture.

Come to the land of St. Patrick to see Neolithic sites, kiss the Blarney Stone, listen for banshees, look for leprechauns, hear Gaelic spoken, and most of all, perform in historic settings to warm, appreciative audiences.



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With Round-trip Airfare from: New Orleans Airport, LA	Airfare Season*	45-47 Paying	40-44 Paying	35-39 Paying	30-34 Paying
TOUR #1A (DRIVER WITH SEPARATE TOUR MANAGER) (8 nights/10 days) KILLARNEY, CORK, DUBLIN	High	\$3,923	\$4,016	\$4,075	\$4,226
Land Only (self-arranged air)		\$2,417	\$2,510	\$2,569	\$2,720

*Travel season dates are generally as follows: Low (24Dec-31Mar, 01Apr-06Apr, 29Oct-14Dec, 24Dec-22Mar); Shoulder (16Dec-23Dec, 07Apr-11May, 20Aug-28Oct, 15Dec-23Dec, 23Mar-31Mar); High (12May-30Jun, 01Jul-19Aug); **Travel seasons are subject to change without notice from the airline.***

All prices are per person and are based on the number of paying participants in each 49-passenger motorcoach staying in double occupancy. Airline surcharges for weekend (Fri, Sat, or Sun) and holiday travel may apply.

The costs vary, depending upon the total number of paying participants sharing certain fixed overhead costs which include *chartered motorcoach, Tour Manager, guides, concert costs*, etc. Please consult the Cost Inclusions (located on the following page) which have been used as the basis for our offer. **These tours are subject to change, and represent a beginning point for further discussion and negotiation.**

These costs are based on having MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for each individual on tour. All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements herein are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) in effect at the date of this offer and are subject to change. Adjustments may be made if the exchange rate varies more than 5%.

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COST INCLUSIONS

- **AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier. Air fares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
 - Includes up to \$500 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees, and estimated fuel surcharge.
- **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local modern deluxe motorcoach transportation within Europe upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- **INSTRUMENT/EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTATION:** Additional instruments and/or equipment will be transported in the storage area underneath the motorcoach.
- **CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS:** All performance and workshops are professionally provided in superior venues with attention to technical details and effective publicity. All venues mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to confirmation.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations in superior tourist-class (3 & 4-star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. The price is based on double occupancy, all rooms with private facilities. All hotels mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to availability at group rates at the time of booking. This offer is based on staying at the following accommodations, or similar:

Killarney: [Killarney Court Hotel](#)

Cork: [Maldron](#)

Dublin: [Green Isle Hotel](#)

Limerick: [Limerick City Hotel](#)

- **MEALS:** Meals as noted in the Tour itinerary.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** The following Entrance fees are included:
 - **Tour 1** – Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Blarney Castle, Titanic Experience, National Museum of Ireland, Christchurch Cathedral, Glendalough, Jerpoint Park w/sheepdog demonstration
- **TOUR ITINERARIES:** Electronic versions of the tour itinerary are available listing hotel addresses, telephone and websites.
- **TOUR MANAGEMENT:** One full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be on each motorcoach through the entire tour. MCI's European office staff is easily available 24 hours daily (even on weekends) to render assistance whenever needed.
- **EXCURSIONS:** Conducted by licensed, professional guides as outlined in the day-by-day Tour itinerary.
- **GRATUITIES:** Tips to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. Tips to tour manager(s), licensed guides, and motorcoach driver(s) are not included.
- **INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTING:** These costs are based on having MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for each individual on tour.
- **EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:**
 - 1 Flight bag • 2 Luggage tags • 1 Souvenir Photo Video • 1 Souvenir T-shirt
- **TRAVEL NOTES:** Pre-departure Travel Notes are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** \$3M MCI Tour Liability Insurance coverage.
- **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Individual insurance coverage is included in all MCI programs with MCI arranged airline transportation.
Summary of coverage:
 - \$10,000 – Travel Accident
 - \$300 – Baggage Coverage
 - \$1,000 – Medical Expense
 - \$600 – Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay



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- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Tips to Tour Manager(s), city guides and motorcoach driver(s).
- Instrument / equipment rental & cartage, if needed.
- Concert programs, if needed.
- Transportation to and from departure airport.
- Drinks at dinners.
- Meals as noted in the Tour itinerary.
- Airline luggage fees, if applicable.
- Difference between current and actual costs for the airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.



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Custom Tour #1 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1 Thursday, June 4, 2020

Depart via scheduled air service to Dublin, Ireland

Day 2 Friday, June 5 Dublin / Cliffs of Moher / Killarney (D)

Arrive in Dublin

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach

Excursion to the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights.

On a clear day, the views are tremendous

Continue on to Killarney for late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner included, and overnight

Day 3 Saturday, June 6 Ring of Kerry / Killarney (B)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Today enjoy a tour of the Ring of Kerry Highlights including Molls Gap and Ladies View. Molls' Gap is a spectacular photographic viewing with a magnificent view of Death Valley. Close by is the famous Ladies View viewing point which gives a different perspective of the countryside, with the three Lakes of Killarney all surrounded by the Kerry Mountains

Lunch, on own

*Performance at St. Mary's Church of the Sloes in Killarney as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland**

Evening dinner on own, and overnight

Day 4 Sunday, June 7 Bunratty / Limerick / Cork (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning transfer to Cork via Bunratty Castle

Excursion to Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor. Also visit the Folk Park, a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Stroll from house to house or around the charming village street to experience village life in 19th century Ireland

Lunch, on own in Limerick

Continue on to Cork

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Cork is a liberal, youthful and cosmopolitan place with spruced-up streets, revitalized stretches of waterfront, and – seemingly – an artisan coffee bar on every corner. The best of the city is happily traditional – snug pubs with live-music sessions, restaurants dishing up top-quality local produce, and a genuinely proud welcome from the locals

Day 5 Monday, June 8 Blarney / Cork (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning panoramic tour of the Cork

Lunch, on own



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Transfer to Blarney where we will visit the Blarney Castle and Stone. The castle dates from 1446 and is built on solid limestone in beautiful grounds. The sacred stone is found at the top of the castle and when you catch a glimpse of it, you may well feel compelled to bend over backwards and kiss it!

*Performance at St. Fin Barres Cathedral in Cork as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland**

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 6 Tuesday, June 9 Cobh / Cork (B)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Day excursion to Cobh, a unique Irish port town situated on the Southern shore of the great island. Enjoy a visit to the Titanic Experience. Between 1848 and 1950, over 6 million adults and children emigrated from Ireland including over 2.5 million from Cobh, making it the single most important port of emigration in the country

Lunch, on own

Afternoon time at leisure in Cobh, followed by return to Cork

Evening dinner on own, and overnight

Day 7 Wednesday, June 10 Dublin (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning visit to Jerpoint Park for a sheepdog demonstration

Lunch, on own

Continue on to Dublin

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Dublin is Ireland's capital and its largest, most cosmopolitan city. It wasn't before the Viking raids of the 9th century that Dublin was fully established. The 'boom years' came in the 18th century and the city expanded across the river forming a new Dublin of stately squares, streets and Georgian mansions. Today, with its elegant Georgian streets, gregarious inhabitants and long history, it's little wonder Dublin is a city of writers

Day 8 Thursday, June 11 Dublin (B)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning visit to the National Museum of Ireland

Lunch, on own

*Lunchtime Recital at Christchurch Cathedral**

Afternoon time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing

Evening dinner on own, and overnight

Day 9 Friday, June 12 Glendalough / Dublin (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

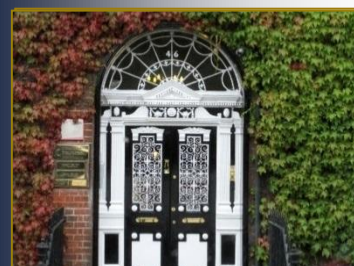
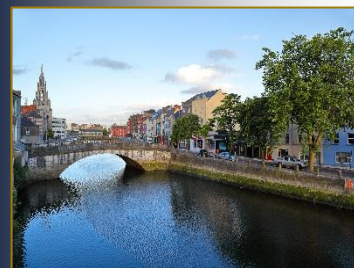
Excursion to Glendalough and the Wicklow Mountains. The steep wooded slopes of Glendalough the "valley of the two lakes" harbor one of Ireland's most atmospheric monastic sites — established in the 6th century. Here we see the Round Tower, Cathedral, St. Kevin's Cross, and Gatehouse

Lunch, on own

Return to Dublin

*Performance at St. Andrew's Church in Dublin as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland**

Evening Farewell Dinner included, and overnight



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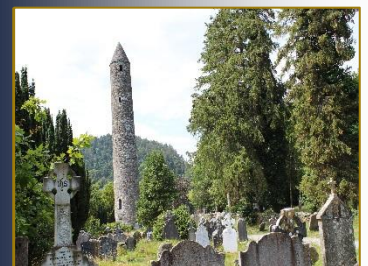
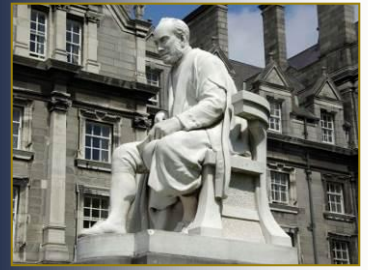
Day 10 Saturday, June 13 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to the Dublin Airport for return flight home

**Subject to confirmation*

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$1,500 group deposit (non-refundable)Due: April 15, 2019
\$200 per person (non-refundable)Due: May 15, 2019
15% per person, of total tour costsDue: September 15, 2019
20% per person, of total tour costsDue: November 15, 2019
25% per person, of total tour costsDue: February 15, 2020
Final Payment (remaining balance)Due: April 15, 2020

Amount paid is % of the total tour cost, not the balance owed.

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE

\$200 per person (non-refundable)Penalty Begins: May 15, 2019
10% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: October 15, 2019
25% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: December 15, 2019
50% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: March 1, 2020
100% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: April 20, 2020

*Amount penalized is % of the **total tour cost**, not % of what has already been paid.*

Please note that the above payment and cancellation schedule is based on the initial deposit date as well as subsequent on-time payments and can be modified with your input and feedback.

This schedule is subject to change should any payment dates be missed.

Group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for any individuals on tour, a 3% accounting fee will be assessed on the full group.