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Itinerary #5, Edition #1

Date of this Proposal: August 26, 2024

DEPART FROM PHOENIX

Monday, May 12, 2025

Gather very early this morning at Phoenix International Airport. We check in for our 6:00am flight to Charlotte, then our overnight connecting flight to Dublin.

Meals: Dinner and entertainment provided on the overnight flight

DUBLIN / BOOK OF KELLS EXHIBITION

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

We arrive Dublin this morning at 5:00am. We meet our tour manager and load the luggage on the motorcoach. We drive to the seaside village of Howth, where we have a **Buffet Breakfast**, after which we have some time to explore and take pictures of this quaint village marina. At 9:00am we transfer in to **Trinity College** and the **Book of Kells** Exhibition in Trinity College Library. The Book of Kells is an illuminated Gospel manuscript in Latin, started by the Iona Abbey monks in Scotland in the 9th century and finished in Kells, Ireland. It is considered one of Europe's finest Medieval treasures. When leaving the exhibit area, we travel through the **Long Room of Trinity College Library**, itself a very interesting space. Lastly, we finish in the **Gift Shop**. Free time for lunch on **Grafton Street**. Mid-afternoon we rejoin the motorcoach for a **Guided Orientation Tour** this morning on our way to the hotel, check in and have dinner this evening. Welcome to Ireland!

Meals: Dinner provided

DUBLIN / TRANSFER TO GALWAY

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Check out of the hotel after a relaxed breakfast, loading the motorcoach (wearing your concert clothes) and arriving at the 11th century **Christ Church Cathedral** mid-morning. You will have some time to independently explore the Dublinna Viking Museum next door, or nearby St. Patrick's Cathedral, prior to our 11:00am **Acoustical Rehearsal** (Christ Church Cathedral). You will have time for a quick lunch or time to explore the crypt prior to our 1:00pm **Lunchtime Concert**. After the performance we return to the motorcoach, departing for Galway. We have a rest break en route, arriving into Galway in the late afternoon. Check into the hotel, with dinner independent this evening.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast

GALWAY / CONCERT / TRAD ON THE PROM

Thursday, May 15, 2025

We have a **Guided Walking Tour** after breakfast (90 minutes). We have an **Acoustical Rehearsal** prior to our **Lunchtime Concert** (St. Nicholas Collegiate Church tbc). The afternoon is free for you to explore Galway. We have **Dinner Together** prior to attending **Trad on the Prom**. This fantastic Irish Music Show features former musicians from *Riverdance*, and the current and former champions of Traditional Irish Dancing. This is unlike any other music or folklore show - simply amazing. Return to the hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast and Dinner provided

CONNEMARA / KYLEMORE ABBEY

Friday, May 16, 2025

We have an excursion today, beginning with a **Sheep Dog Demonstration**. We continue on to **Kylemore Abbey**, a former 19th century **Manor Home** which was until recently also **Private Girls School** run by Belgian Benedictine sisters. The grounds include the **Main House**, the **Chapel** (where we have an **Informal Concert** tbc) and an **English Walled Garden** - also a very nice **Gift Shop**. Free time for lunch at the abbey canteen. We continue our drive through the **Connemara Region**, whose most notable feature is **Bog**, which the Irish cut, stack and dry (and then burn it instead of wood or coal in their fireplaces). In fact, we are likely to see turf cutting and drying on the drive today. Since the road is laid on bogland, vehicles sort of “surf” the road, so we have to take our time. This area is very remote, but scenic. We take advantage of a small bog waterfall, stopping for a **Group Photo**. On our return we stop at a remarkable store, **Standun’s**. This is a remote, family run store located on the coast, and they offer top quality Irish clothing, crystal, jewelry, and gifts for reasonable prices. With a coffee shop in the back! Return to Galway with dinner independent this evening.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast provided

CLIFFS OF MOHER / COBH

Saturday, May 17, 2025

After breakfast we load the motorcoach and depart for the **Cliffs of Moher**, the most photographed site in Ireland. We have time here to wander, hike, take photos, explore the Visitor’s Centre and have a coffee or an early lunch. Depart for Cobh. We stop in Cork Harbor for an independent dinner at the **Cork Marina Market**, an indoor collection of food trucks and stalls with a wide variety of choices. Continue on to Cobh and check into the hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast provided

COBH / CONCERT

Sunday, May 18, 2025

We wake up in the port city of **Cobh** (an Irish language word which is pronounced like what it means - cove). We begin with a **Service Participation in St. Colman’s Cathedral**, with a Brief Concert after the service). The cathedral has the tallest spire in Ireland, constructed so that that last view of the immigrants departing for America would be the church, that they might not forget their faith in the New World. After an independent lunch we visit the **Titanic Experience**, an interactive museum of the epic disaster (the museum is not a disaster!). Back in 1913, the town was known as **Queenstown**, and it was the final stop for passengers and provisions for the flagship of White Star Lines. Later this afternoon we transfer to **Carrigaline**, where we have a **Joint Concert with the Carrigaline Choral Group** (tbc). Post-concert reception for both choirs after the performance. Return to the hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast and Post-Concert Reception provided

CORK / ROCK OF CASHEL / KILKENNY

Monday, May 19, 2025

After a leisurely breakfast we load the motorcoach and depart for Cork. After free time in the **English Market** (one of the best covered markets in Ireland) and the central shopping district, we have time for lunch in Cork. At 1:00pm we transfer to Cashel, where we visit the **Rock of Cashel**. This “Cathedral Fortress” has an important place in Irish history for many reasons. It is said that **St. Patrick** oversaw the conversion of faith of the Kind of Muenster here in the 5th century, and in the 12th century it was donated to the church. The buildings we see on the site today are from the 12th and 13th century. The grounds also feature a **Round Tower**, and numerous ancient **Celtic Crosses**. We have an **Informal Concert** in the Roofless Cathedral (tbc). We depart for **Kilkenny**, the only surviving example of a medieval Irish city. Kilkenny has narrow lanes and cobbled streets, plus a haunted coaching inn serving food since 971AD. Late-afternoon we check into the hotel and have a dinner together this evening.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast and Dinner provided

KILKENNY CASTLE / CONCERT

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Mid-morning we visit **Kilkenny Castle**, which was home to the Butler family for 7 centuries. The castle is one of the rare examples of a stone fortress which was successfully adapted to a modern manor home. When we finish the **Guided Tour**, we walk together to the Cathedral for an **Acoustical Rehearsal**. The remainder of the morning and the afternoon are free for you to explore Kilkenny. We have a **Joint Concert** this evening with the **Unity Singers** (St. Mary's Cathedral tbc), with a post-concert reception to follow.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast and Post-Concert Reception provided

RETURN FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Check out of the hotel this morning. Transfer to Dublin Airport and check in for our return flights to the USA. Welcome Home!

Land Tour Specifics:

8 nights accommodation in 3 and 4 star hotels, in double and twin rooms with private bath
Single Room Supplement of \$888 for Single Occupancy
Deluxe Private Motorcoach throughout the land portion of the itinerary
Buffet breakfast daily
3 group dinners included
2 Shared Post Concert Receptions (with finger food)
1 Sheep Dog Demonstration
Ticket included for Trad on the Prom
Paid entrances to the Kilkenny Castle, Rock of Cashel, Titanic Experience, the Cliffs of Moher, Kylemore Abbey, and the Book of Kells Exhibition
Orientation Tours in Galway and Dublin
One TRC Tour Manager per motorcoach throughout the land portion of the itinerary
Gratuities to bus drivers, tour manager, local guides are included
Registration and Payments collected through the secure online TRC Tour Portal
A Pre-Tour Zoom Meeting to review the itinerary and answer questions
Prices based on an exchange of US\$ 1 = € 0.88 (Euro)

Group Air Price and Schedule (per person):

AA American 702

Departing (PHX) Phoenix, AZ Mon May 12 at 06:00 AM
Arriving (CLT) Charlotte, NC Mon May 12 at 01:05 PM

AA American 724

Departing (CLT) Charlotte, NC Mon May 12 at 04:05 PM
Arriving (DUB) Dublin, Ireland Tue May 13 at 05:00 AM

AA American 725

Departing (DUB) Dublin, Ireland Wed May 21 at 11:45 AM
Arriving (CLT) Charlotte, NC Wed May 21 at 02:45 PM

AA American 1819

Departing (CLT) Charlotte, NC Wed May 21 at 04:53 PM
Arriving (PHX) Phoenix, AZ Wed May 21 at 06:15 PM

Base Airfare: \$635 Estimated Taxes: \$552 Est. Total: **\$ 1,187**

Tour Prices (per person):	<u>Land only</u>	<u>Group Air Price</u>	<u>Est. TOTAL</u>
With 30 participants:	\$ 3,215	\$ 1,187	\$4,406
With 35 participants:	\$ 3,080	\$ 1,187	\$4,267
With 40 participants:	\$ 2,979	\$ 1,187	\$4,166

Tour Payment Schedule:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
C	\$400 per Participant	On or before 25-Sep-24
First Installment for Tour Services	\$1000 per Double/Twin Participant	On or before 21-Oct-24
First Installment for Single Supplement Travelers Installment	\$1222	On or before 21-Oct-24
Second Installment for Tour Services	\$1000 per Double/Twin Participant	On or before 16-Dec-24
Second Installment for Single Supplement Travelers Installment	\$1222	On or before 16-Dec-24
Third Installment for Tour Services	\$1000 per Double/Twin Participant	On or before 26-Jan-25
Third Installment for Single Supplement Travelers Installment	\$1222	On or before 26-Jan-25
Payment of Final Invoice	TBD	On or before 05-Apr-25

Cancellation Fees and Refundability:**

Date Notice of Cancellation Received	Cancellation Fees (per person)
Cancellations after 25-Sep-24 and on or before 21-Oct-24	\$0
Cancellations after 21-Oct-24 and on or before 16-Dec-24	\$400*
Cancellations after 16-Dec-24 and on or before 26-Jan-25	\$1,000*
Cancellations after 26-Jan-25 and on or before 05-Apr-25	\$1,400*
Cancellations after 05-Apr-25	Minimum of \$1,800, but may be charged up to 100% of the total per person Tour Price, as determined by TRC in its sole discretion.

**Plus any airline cancellation fees which may apply.*

***Travel Insurance is recommended to protect your tour investment in the case of a covered cancellation.*